

# Rome's Vincent Matt Wins Grappling Crown

★ The lightest boy in the field, 95-pound Vincent Matt gave Rome Free Academy its only individual champion as the two-day Section 3 scholastic wrestling tournament came to a close at the Laurel St. School here Saturday night.

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Matt won the championship on a decision over Higgins of Auburn after a victory in the semi-finals Saturday over Graves of Oneida. His other victim, in Friday's opening match, was Jerry Hyney of Van Hornesville.

Two teammates of Matt, Dave Bailey and Mike Urtz, missed titles after earlier victories. Bailey lost in the finals to Norman Plourde of Sauquoit after a decision over DeJohn of Ilion and Urtz dropped his semi-final match to Charles Bruce of Richfield Springs who later won the 112 pound title. Bailey wrestled at 103 pounds.

Richfield Springs captured two other individual championships Saturday and finished in a first-place tie with Watertown High School, the defending team champion. Each had 29 points.

Richfield Springs title winners included Bruce, 112, Ed Mower, 138 and Tom Wilson, unlimited. Watertown crowned two champions, Dick Stetson, 120 and Dom Doldo, 133.

Norwich was third in the team standings with 26, followed by Sauquoit with 21 and Canastota with 20.

RFA, with 18 points, placed seventh behind Lowville with 19. Trailing the Turin Streeters were Auburn 17, Mohawk 16, Van Hornesville 14, Brownville 13, Oneida 13, Baldwinsville 11, VVS 8, Ilion 8, Little Falls 7, Whitesboro 4 and Chittenango 1.

Canastota's Dick De Veronica, 127 pounds, was selected by officials as the tournament's outstanding performer.

Other individual champions were Plourde of Sauquoit, 103; Cal Feron, Oneida, 145; Joh Siber, Brownville, 154; John Luppino, Mohawk, ville, 175.

The Saturday summary:

95 pound class — Higgins (Aub.) pinned Verne (Wat.); Matt (Rome) decisioned Graves (Oneida); Matt decisioned Higgins for title.

103 — Plourde (Sauquoit) pinned Zeman (Low.); Bailey (Rome) decisioned De John (Ilion); Plourde decisioned Bailey for title.

112—Camione (Wat.) pinned Berrilli (Norwich); Bruce (R. Spa.) decisioned Urtz (Rome); Bruce decisioned Camione for title.

120 — De Veronica (Can.) decisioned Scully (Norwich); Stetson (Wat.) decisioned De Piazzi (LF); Stetson defeated De Veronica for title.

127 — McCarthy (Auburn) decisioned Lewis (Watertown); De Veronica (Can) pinned Van Buickert (Brownsville); De Veronica pinned McCarthy for title.

133 — Doldo (Wat.) decisioned Froesh (Ilion); Doldo defeated Kane (Norwich in finals).

138 — Ammersi (Nor.) pinned Finch (VVS); Mower (R. Spa.) pinned Hoke (Nor.); Mower decisioned Ammersi for title.

145 — Reinhardt (Moh.) pinned Lyndaker (Low.); Feron (O) decisioned Witkowski (VH); Feron decisioned Reinhardt for title.

154 — Silver (Brownsville) decisioned Yerina; Rice (N) decisioned Hitchings (VVS); Silver defeated Rice for title.

165 — Bennett (VH) decisioned Kalk (Brownsville); Luppina (M) decisioned Loveless (Brownsville); Luppino decisioned Bennett for title.

175 — Matuszczak (Low.) decisioned Eisenberg (Auburn); Tiller (O) decisioned Maur (Wat.); Matuszczak decisioned Tiller for title.

Unlimited — Wilson (R. Spa.) pinned Wetmore (Low.); La Barge (Sauquoit) pinned Vallake (Nor.); Wilson defeated La Barge for title.

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