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Rick Pawlewicz of Fulton, on the bottom, lost in the 105-pound state finals match to Waverly's Doug Schaefer.

Section 3 wrestlers shut out

5 area champs lose in finals; Section 11 takes team title

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Mike Froot stood beside the wrestling mat at the Onondaga County War Memorial Saturday night in complete shock.

Shock at what he had just seen in the 167-pound title match between his wrestler, Jordan-Elbridge's Rory Thorpe, and Iroquois' Ethan Bosch. Shock at what had happened to Section Three wrestlers in the matches preceding.

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A Section Three team which had sent five wrestlers into Saturday night's finals of the New York State Intersectional Wrestling Tournament came away — again — with no champions. And the fifth and final defeat came when Bosch got a hold of the previously unbeaten Thorpe and pinned him in just 43 seconds.

"I thought we'd get two or three (champions), to tell you the truth," said Froot, the Jordan-Elbridge and Section Three team coach. "I'm really disappointed that we didn't have a state champion. It's like anything. You're going to have peaks and valleys. We had a great day Friday and today we went a little down as a team."

The five title losses left the section without a state champion for the third straight year, but it still had 11 of its 14 wrestlers place in the top six. It also managed to place third in the team standings with 173 points.

Section Eleven, which had three state champions, finished first with 220 points, and Section Four finished second with 197.5 on the strength of four state champions.

Thorpe, a senior, came into his title match with a 37-0 record this season. But he was no match for Bosch, who was named the tourna-

ment's most outstanding wrestler.

"He just overpowered me," Thorpe said. "He just crushed me."

"We knew he was explosive," Froot said. "I told Rory if he's not careful (Bosch) could put him on his back and stick him. He's a pinner."

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Section Three's night had taken a turn for the worse long before Thorpe stepped onto the mat. The trouble began in the second title match of the night.

This state tournament was supposed to be the one that Madison's Lenny Combs finally got the title he wanted so badly. Combs reached the state finals last year before losing to Frank Fronhofer of Salem High School. But he beat Fronhofer shortly thereafter and went on to beat him a few

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more times last summer.

That's why Combs, a senior, was confident when he advanced to the 98-pound title match Saturday night, where he again faced Fronhofer. But again, Fronhofer managed to beat the Madison wrestler when it counted most, scoring the lone point of the match on an escape in the second period.

Combs, who finished his season at 37-2, was too disappointed to talk after the match. **3-6-88**

"His big goal this year was to win the states," Madison coach George Peavey said. "When you don't, when you don't meet your expectations, it's hard. You have to feel let down."

"Fronhofer wrestled a smart match. He took away what Lenny can do. Lenny kept attacking, attacking and (Fronhofer) kept blocking."

Two matches after Combs, Fulton senior Rick Pawlewicz saw his final chance at a state title ruined by a wrestler he had defeated earlier this season.

Pawlewicz had faced and beaten Doug Shaffer of Waverly at the Union-Endicott Dual Meet Tournament. But he fell behind early in the 105-pound title match and never recovered. Shaffer ended up with a 9-3 victory and the state title.

South Jefferson's Paul Creighton and Watertown's Seamus Lyman also lost in the finals.

Besides Fronhofer, Sidney's Tony Ferrara (132) and Hilton's Rick Sadwick (155) also won state titles for the second straight year. Other winners were Burnt Hills' Scott Hughes (91), Royalton-Hartland's Lou Rosselli (112), Nyack's Marcel Cooper (126), Port Jefferson's Jamie St. John (138), Comsewogue's Adam Mariano (177), Chenango Forks' Jim Shear (215) and Peru's Jeff Way (250).

Lowville's Mike Aubel, who lost in the second round on Friday night, rebounded through the consolation bracket on Saturday and reached the consolation final at 155 pounds. Aubel then beat Chris Drimak of Johnson City, 6-5, to take third place. **3-6-88**

David Palmer of Canastota also wrestled back after a second-round loss to place third, beating Vestal's Ron Pickett at 215 pounds in the consolation final.

Section Three had four other place-winners. Madison 91-pounder Kurt Peavey, who qualified for the semifinals, lost two matches during the day but managed to place fifth. Indian River's Roger Howard also placed fifth after wrestling back through the consolation bracket.

New Hartford's Ron Vitullo had a difficult day. He reached the

morning semifinals and lost by only a point Al Wooten of Niagara Falls, 3-2. He then lost two more matches Saturday to place sixth.

Another Section Three wrestler, Sauquoit Valley's Ralph Howard, reached the semifinals, lost in overtime, then faded to sixth place.

New York State Intersectional Wrestling At Onondaga War Memorial

Team Standings

Section Eleven 220, Section Four 197.5, Section Three 173, Section Two 161.5, Section Six 154, Section Five 123, Section Nine 99, Section Eight 84.5, Section One 80.5, Section Seven 42.5, Section Ten 28, PSAL 14, CHSAA 13.

3-6-88 Finals

91 pounds — Hughes (Burnt Hills-2) dec. Burrell (Bayport-11) 11-4.

98 — Fronhofer (Salem-2) dec. Combs (Madison-3) 1-0.

105 — Shaffer (Waverly-4) dec. Pawlewicz (Fulton-3) 9-3.

112 — Rosselli (Royalton-Hartland-6) dec. K. Matsui (Shoreham-Wading River-11) 5-1.

119 — Banfi (Sachem-11) dec. Creighton (South Jefferson-3) 5-3.

126 — Cooper (Nyack-1) dec. Sparacio (North Babylon-11) 7-5.

132 — Ferrara (Sidney-4) dec. LoPresti (Spencerport-5) 8-0.

138 — St. John (Port Jefferson-11) dec. Jo. Duque (Valley Central-9) 8-3.

145 — Kingston (Waverly-4) dec. Lyman (Watertown-3) 12-3.

155 — Sadwick (Hilton-5) dec. Lassen (Connetquot-11) 4-4, 3-1 (OT).

167 — Bosch (Iroquois-6) pinned Thorpe (Jordan-Elbridge-3) 4:3.

177 — Mariano (Comsewogue-11) won by injury default over Wright (Burnt Hills-2).

215 — Shear (Chenango Forks-4) dec. Wooten (Niagara Falls-6) 3-0.

250 — Way (Peru-7) dec. Friburger (William Floyd-11) 4-1.

Most Outstanding Wrestler: Ethan Bosch (Iroquois-6).

Semifinals

91 pounds — Burrell (Bayport-11) dec. Opett (Bloomfield-5) 2-2, 5-1 (OT); Hughes (Burnt Hills-2) dec. Peavey (Madison-3) 2-0.

98 — Combs (Madison-3) dec. J. Duque (Valley Central-9) 12-3; Fronhofer (Salem-2) dec. Ogborn (Sherburne-Earlville-4) 5-1.

105 — Shaffer (Waverly-4) dec. Antonucci (Hilton-5) 6-5; Pawlewicz (Fulton-3) dec. Y. Matsui (Shoreham-Wading River-11) 10-7.

112 — K. Matsui (Shoreham-Wading River-11) dec. MacNaught (Walton-2) 8-5; Rosselli (Royalton-Hartland-6) dec. Martinez (Tottenville-CHSAA) 11-2.

119 — Creighton (South Jefferson-3) dec. Amuso (Fox Lane-1) 11-6; Banfi (Sachem-11) dec. Colley (Royalton-Hartland-6) 6-3.

126 — Cooper (Nyack-1) dec. Stachtliaris (Plainview-8) 5-4; Sparacio (North Babylon-11) dec. Lewis (Valley Central-PSAL) 6-5.

132 — LoPresti (Spencerport-5) dec. R. Howard (Sauquoit Valley-3) 7-7, 4-2 (OT); Ferrara (Sidney-4) dec. Dobler (Half Hollow Hills-11) 7-5.

138 — J. Duque (Valley Central-9) dec. Whitton (Herman-DeKalb-10) 7-3; St. John (Port Jefferson-11) dec. Graves (Owego-4) 3-2.

145 — Kingston (Waverly-4) dec. Teran (Long Beach-8) 9-5; Lyman (Watertown-3) dec. Ryan (Allegany-6) 8-5.

155 — Lassen (Connetquot-11) dec. Pavlin (Catskill-2) 9-4; Sadwick (Hilton-5) dec. Green (Jamestown-6) 8-2.

167 — Bosch (Iroquois-6) pinned McCarthy (Bayport-11) 3:34; Thorpe (Jordan-Elbridge-3) dec. Welch (Canandaigua-5) 8-5.

177 — Mariano (Comsewogue-11) dec. Balducci (Irvington-1) 20-5; Wright (Burnt Hills-2) dec. Farr (Johnson City-4) 8-3.

215 — Wooten (Niagara Falls-6) dec. Vitullo (New Hartford-3) 3-2; Shear (Chenango Forks-4) dec. Woodring (Victor-5) 4-2.

250 — Way (Peru-7) pinned Meyers (Southwestern-6) 3:33; Friburger (William Floyd-11) dec. Fisher (Massapequa-8) 7-5.



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3-6-88 Consolations for 3rd-place

91 — Livingston (Sherburne-Earlville) dec. Yerkes (Levittown Division-8), 2-0; 98 — Ogborn (Sherburne-Earlville-4) dec. O'Lena (East Rochester-5), 4-2; 105 — Rastelli (Grand Island-6) dec. Y. Matsui (Shoreham-Wading River-11), 6-1 (OT); 112 — Epifanio (Queensbury-2) dec. Martinez (Tottenville-PSAL), 6-4; 119 — Bouzakis (Pine Bush-9) dec. Stuart (Freeport-8), 5-0; 126 — Lewis (Valley Central-PSAL) dec. Stachtliaris (Plainview-8), 3-2; 132 — Ruggirello (Valley Central-9) dec. Saba (Bethlehem-2), 4-3; 138 — Graves (Owego-4) dec. Whitton (Herman-DeKalb-10), 10-2; 145 — Hubert (Queensbury-2) dec. Morse (Rondout Valley-9), 6-4; 155 — Aubel (Lowville) dec. Drimak (Johnson City-4), 6-5; 167 — McCarthy (Bayport-11) dec. Smith (R.C. Ketchum-1), 12-5; 177 — Franz (Island Trees-8) dec. Balducci (Irvington-1), 5-2; 215 — Strovink (Shoreham-Wading River-11) pinned Baranska (Ravena-2), 1:49; 250 — Palmer (Canastota-3) dec. Pickett (Vestal-4), 9-1.

for 5th-place 3-6-88

91 pounds — Peavey (Madison-3) pinned Opett (Bloomfield-5), :28; 98 — Jackson (Sweet Home-6) won by default over J. Duque (Valley Central-9); 105 — Antonucci (Hilton-5) dec. Cocozzo (Saratoga-2), 9-1; 112 — MacNaught (Walton-4) won by default over Marinello (Massapequa-8); 119 — Colley (Royalton-Hartland-6) dec. Amuso (Fox Lane-1), 12-6; 126 — Sobol (Brighton-5) won by technical fall over Terry (Whitehall-2), 4:38; 132 — Dobler (Half Hollow Hills-11) dec. Ra. Howard (Sauquoit Valley-3), 5-0; 138 — Ro. Howard (Indian River-3) dec. Toal (Byron-Bergen-5), 9-0; 145 — Ryan (Allegany-6) dec. Teran (Long Beach-8), 7-5; 155 — Green (Jamestown-6) dec. Pavlin (Catskill-2), 6-4; 167 — Welch (Canandaigua-5) dec. Mosley (Bethlehem-2), 2-1; 177 — Farr (Johnson City-4) dec. Bucci (Red Hook-9), 4-1; 215 — Woodring (Victor-5) dec. Vitullo (New Hartford-3), 3-1 (OT); 250 — Fisher (Massapequa-8) won by default over Meyers (Southwestern-6).

