

O'Hara bags 3rd in All-Catholic wrestling event

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The O'Hara Hawks went into Saturday's tenth annual All-Catholic wrestling tournament with high hopes of winning. Erratic officiating and stiff competition kept the Hawks from placing any higher than third in the team standings behind the champion Bishop Neumann Dragons and runnerup St. Francis of Athol Springs, the hosts of the tourney.

"We have only the officials to thank for third place stated O'Hara mat mentor Bob Baron, mockingly holding the third place trophy aloft.

Many of the other coaches were also disturbed with the referees. "I have never seen so many bad calls in my long career of coaching" said Pat Sullivan coach of Notre Dame.

The match which angered Hawk coach Baron the most was the consolation bout of the 129 weight class. Midway through the contest between O'Hara's Jerry Tarasek and Neumann's Mat O'Connor, Tarasek was leading 4-2. O'Connor moved for a takedown, but lost his balance and toppled to the mat with the O'Hara wrestler on top of him. O'Connor injured his right shoulder and the referee declared him the winner by disqualifying Tarasek for "throwing" him. The fans and coach Baron just couldn't believe it. If Tarasek had gone on to win the match, O'Hara would have secured second place.

The final match at 91 was between Neumann's Mark Giles and John Hanel from Notre Dame. Giles had registered two pins en route to the finals and was the favorite. Hanel proved to be just too much for him though, winning the championship by a 7-5 count. O'Hara's Dan Duggan took the battle for third by pinning Neumann's Steve Jones.

After drawing an opening round bye and decisioning top seed Dave Costello from DeSales, O'Hara's Joe Randle hooked up with Kevin Kimball from Neumann, losing a tough 4-1 decision. Costello topped Tim Carlin of Canisius to take third at 101 pounds.

At 108 top seed Dan Lesinski of Turner pinned

John Holler from DeSales and Canisius' Joe Bona before losing the championship to host St. Francis' Phil Desmone 7-6 on a disputed takedown at the buzzer. Hawk Tom Murray won third by downing Bona in the consolation bout.

Number one seed Pat Sullivan had an easy time en route to his 115 championship, registering pins in all three of his bouts. DeSales John Tolli was the victim in the finals. St. Francis' Mark Desmone took Dougherty's Dan Callari for third.

O'Hara's Tom McArdle gave Hawk fans something to cheer about by winning the championship at 122. Leading 7-4 at the time Tom pinned Tommy Pfentner of Neumann. Mac is following in the foot steps of older brother Tim, a state champion. Tony Butera took third by pinning Mike Kozera of Canisius.

At 129 heavily-favored Henry Grenda of St. Francis had little or no trouble taking the crown from Marty Taglialegami of Canisius. Mat O'Connor was declared the winner by disqualification over Jerry Tarasek in that disputed bout to take third.

Wearing a facemask resembling that of a hockey goaltender to protect a broken nose, Canisius' Bud Figliola took a hard-fought 6-5 decision from top-seeded Len Zaccagnino of Neumann. Notre Dame's Tony Marchese bested O'Hara's John Neumeister for third place honors.

Tim Giles of DeSales won the 141 crown by pinning Hawk Tom LoVullo in the finals. Mark Weber of Neumann topped Dave Lukacko of Notre Dame for third.

At 148 DeSales' John Breschue worked his way through the competition to gain the title over Dale Lagree of Neumann. Top seed Gary Bazinet of H'Hara had to settle for third, beating George Gahr from Notre Dame.

Heavily favored John Mastrantoni of St. Francis lost his bid for the title at 158 to Neumann's Frank Cirillo. Cirillo was named Most Valuable Wrestler of the tourney. John Curletta of Canisius finished third.

Top seeded Paul Nowak of St. Mary's took 170 honors over St. Francis' Pat Reimondo 8-2, as Neumann's Dan Bavisotto took third place from Mike Hassler of O'Hara.

At 180 home town favorite Dave Courier topped top ranked Turner's Bill Urbanski 7-2 for the championship. N.D.'s Kenny Darch bested Dan Sullivan of Dougherty to gain third.

In the battle of the big men, the heavyweights, John Nietopski of St. Mary's outsmarted the stronger Paul Judd of N.D. Mark Molenda topped the Hawks' Don Schieve in the consolation bout to close out the evening.

Final team standings Neumann 82½, St. Francis 77, O'Hara 76, DeSales 69½, Notre Dame 60½, Canisius 43, Turner 35, St. Mary's 30½, and Dougherty 6½.

91: Consolation — Dan Duggan (O) pin Steve Jones (N). Championship—Mark Giles (DeS) dec. by John Hanel (ND) 7-5. **101:** Consolation — Dave Costello (DeS) dec. Tim Carlin (C) 9-7. Championship—Kevin Kimball (N) dec. Joe Randle (O) 4-1. **108:** Consolation — Tom Murray (O) pin Joe Bona (C). Championship—Phil Desmone (StF) dec. Dan Lesinski (T) 7-6. **115:** Consolation — Mark Desmone (StF) dec. Dan Callari (D) 4-0. Championship — Pat Sullivan (ND) pin John Tolli (DeS). **122:** Consolation — Tony Butera (StF) pin Mike Kozera (C). Championship — Tom McArdle (O) pin Tom Pfentner (N). **129:** Consolation — Mat O'Connor (N) by disq. Jerry Tarasek (O). Championship — Henry Grenda (StF) dec. Marty Taglialegami (C) 4-1. **135:** Consolation — Tony Marchese (ND) dec. John Neumeister (O) 10-5. Championship — Bud Figliola (C) dec. Len Zaccagnino (N) 6-5. **141:** Consolation — Mark Weber (N) pin Dan Lukacko (ND). Championship — Tim Giles (DeS) pin Tom LoVullo (O). **148:** Consolation — Gary Bazinet (O) dec. George Gahr (ND) 4-3. Championship — John Breschue (DeS) dec. Dale Lagree (N) 6-2. **158:** Consolation — John Curletta (C) pin Joe Bruno (T). Championship — Frank Cirillo (N) dec. John Mastrantoni (StF) 5-4. **170:** Consolation — Dan Bavisotto (N) dec. Mike Hassler (O) 9-0. Championship — Paul Nowak (StM) dec. Pat Reimondo (StF) 8-2. **180:** Consolation — Ken Darch (ND) dec. Jim Sullivan (D) 5-0. Championship — Dave Courier (StF) dec. Bill Urbanski (T) 7-2. **218:** Consolation — Mark Molenda (T) dec. Don Schieve (O) 8-5. Championship — John Nietopski (StM) dec. Paul Judd (ND) 7-3.