

Geneva Defends Wrestling Title With Six Championships

Bows to Albany State —

Hobart Is 'Going All Out' To Keep U of R on Skids

"We're going all out for this one," Hobart Coach Spike Garnish said this morning as he turned his attention from Saturday's 67-57 loss to Albany State to Wednesday night's game with the University of Rochester.

This is the game that can make or break the season for both teams. The game, to be played in DeSales gym, pits the Statesmen who have lost eight in a row against the Yellowjackets who have lost 10 in a row.

Hobart, however, has one consolation, they have won twice, taking

two of their first three games for an overall record of 2-9.

That may be about the only advantage Hobart has going into the game.

Coach Garnish confirmed today that Capt. Bob Wetzel is through for the season. Wetzel, who suffered a torn ligament in his knee, Dec. 12, tried to make a comeback last week but on Thursday, while coming down with a rebound, re-injured the knee. "His leg just won't hold up," Garnish said.

The loss of Wetzel coupled with the loss of Roger Kitzman, on probation, gives the Statesmen quite a handicap to overcome.

John Adams, former Naples star, however, may have given the Statesmen some encouragement Saturday night. The freshman cager "played a fine game" and tallied 15 points for the Statesmen, winding up second in Hobart's scoring column to Jim Upper who poked in 20 points.

For Wednesday night's battle, Garnish will bank on six players primarily. His big men will be Ron Blaessig, 6-3; Pete Chamberlain, 6-3½, and Chris Christie, 6-3. The little men are acting Capt. Tom Kotas, 5-9; Adams, 5-10, and Upper, 6-0.

Although Rochester hasn't won a game this season, the Yellowjackets "have a strong team," according to Garnish. "They've played tough clubs and held them to one or two point victories."

In Saturday night's game, a former teammate came back to haunt the Statesmen. Paul Howard, who left the Statesmen after flunking out, is making good with Albany and his 12 points were the difference for the winners Saturday.

Hobart got off to a 5-0 lead, but Albany State rebounded to take the lead for the first and final time at 10-9. The visitors were never able to ice the game until the end, but they were never seriously threatened.

Hobart trailed 36-25 late in the first half but rallied to trail, 36-31 at intermission. Albany gradually pulled away in the second half.

Gary Holway, a 6-3 pivotman, paced the winners with 25 points. Most of his damage was done inside and he was a big man to compete with under the boards.

The win was the 10th in 14 games for the visitors.

The box score:

ALBANY (67)	HOBART (57)
Holway 11 3 35	Kotas 5 2 12
Blaessig 2 4 8	Blaessig 2 1 5
Chamberlain 1 2 4	Chamberlain 2 1 5
Cohen 5 0 10	Upper 7 8 20
Howard 5 2 12	Adams 7 15
Bearden 2 0 4	Schneiderman 0 0 0
Thompson 1 0 2	Masteller 0 0 0
Bowen 1 0 2	Nella 0 0 0
	Boite 0 0 0
	Christie 0 0 0
	Milner 0 0 0

TOTALS 38 11 67 TOTALS 29 11 57
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Frost Score: Manlius 61, Hobart 45.



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Chuck Wilkison, Geneva 133 pounds

Dave Moracco, Geneva 138 pounds

Chuck Wuertenberger, GHS 145 pounds



Dick Rosenthal, Geneva 154 pounds

Bill Crough, Mynderse 165 pounds

Bill Willis, Mynderse 175 pounds

Rich Morrin, Waterloo heavyweight

Five Territories — South Seneca Plans Little Loop

A non-chartered "Little League" program is being proposed in South Seneca County for four towns and Seneca Ordinance.

In a meeting held at the John D. Covert Store, Ovid, Saturday night, 16 representatives from Ovid, Romulus, Lodi, Interlaken and the Ordinance, met to talk over formation of such league.

Thomas Boyes, Interlaken, was appointed temporary chairman of the group which voted to call itself the "South Seneca Little League."

Monthly meetings will be held until May 1 and among the first order of business will be the appointing of a league commissioner and a recording secretary.

Among the initial problems will be setting town boundaries from which players may be drawn.

Present plans call for the establishment of a six or eight team league. Each town will be invited to enter one team and one town will be allowed two teams. If, however, one town is unable to enter a team, the four remaining territories may be asked to establish two teams each, creating an eight team loop.

A nominating committee was formed to submit names for the offices of league commissioner and recording secretary. Serving on the committee which will report at the March 7 meeting will be Glenn Corcoran, Ovid, James B. VanNostrand, Interlaken; Richard Farr, Lodi; Milard Gambee, Seneca Ordinance, and Duane Rekenmeyer, Romulus.

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In Brief U.S. Trackmen Are Too Soft, Elliott Claims

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Herb Elliott, the 20-year-old Australian who holds the world mile record, says American trackmen are too soft. "A lot of chaps can run the first half in two minutes," Elliott said, "but running the second half constitutes the real test. They (U.S. runners) can't do it, because the body wants to stop."

"If the Americans want to run, they'll have to deny themselves of what the body wants, like chocolates, for instance."

Elliott and tennis queen Althea Gibson of New York will receive trophies tonight as the Male and Female Athlete-of-the-Year for 1958.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles will present the awards at a banquet. The Eagles base their award on the annual Associated Press poll.

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—The Chicago Bears will sign Richie Petitbon, star Tulane junior quarterback, next summer, the Times-Picayune said today.

Petitbon, No. 2 Bear draft choice, will give up his final year of eligibility in college football by signing a pro football contract.

Petitbon, 20, will delay signing the contract so he can compete this spring with the Tulane track team.

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP)—An American record that stood 32 years was bettered twice Sunday.

Gary Heinrich of San Leandro, Calif., and Hal Coulston of Fresno, Calif., swam the senior men's 200-yard freestyle in 2:00.1 and 2:01.0 respectively at the Alameda Naval Air Station AAU meet.

The old record of 2:01.2 was set in 1927 by Johnny Weismuller at Detroit.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The San Francisco Giants have signed a 17-year-old high school bonus player who was being pursued by 14 other major league clubs.

Giant Scout Walter (Dutch) Ruether announced the signing Sunday of Mike Lee, a 6-foot 5-inch, 220-pound pitcher from Bell, Calif., High School.

Although Ruether did not disclose the bonus given Lee, he said, "it was a lot of money."

Panthers to Host Section 5 Quarterfinals on Feb. 21

Five Genevans Still Unbeaten This Season; Mynderse Wins Three Titles, Takes Second

By Norm Jollow

SENECA FALLS — Area wrestling attention will focus on Geneva and Waterloo as the Section 5 wrestling tournaments move into the quarterfinals.

Geneva will host the next Class A match which will pit the champions of the Finger Lakes against the champions from a meet matching Brockport, Batavia, Webster and Newark. The match is set for 7 p.m., Feb. 21 at the Junior School. Waterloo will be the site of the Class B eliminations Saturday in a match with Odesa. Winners here go to the quarterfinals against Wayne Central, Feb. 19.

In the Class A schedule, following the Geneva meet, the winners will move to Webster for the semi-finals against Southern Tier champions on Feb. 28 and from there, the survivors move on to the finals, March 7, at Corning Free Academy.

In the Class B tourney, semi-finals will be held at Wayne Central, Feb. 26, and the final will take place at Perry, March 6.

In Saturday's Finger Lakes conference tournament, Geneva dominated things as expected, repeating last season's work with six individual champions as well as copping the team trophy.

The Panthers, behind champions Bill Brooks, Phil Choffin, Chuck Wilkison, Dave Moracco, Chuck Wuertenberger and Dick Rosenthal, racked up 82 points in successfully defending its conference title.

Mynderse Academy, with three champions, Jack Civitts, Bill Crough and Bill Willis, finished second in the team race with 60 points.

Penn Yan, with the Marchionda Brothers, Larry and Gordon, winning championships, placed third with 40 points, one more than Waterloo which had Rich Morrin as a champion. Canandaigua, with no finalists in the meet, had two points.

The meet, one of the finest ever held, was marred when Jerry Davis, Penn Yan's 138-pounder, suffered a broken collar bone when he was the victim of Dave Moracco in the semi-finals.

Davis, who was pinned in a Finger Lakes record of 10 seconds, apparently was injured when he landed on the bone just right. Coach Dave Currier agreed that the injury was not because of the way Moracco wrestled. "Davis didn't land hard, Currier said.

The 10 second pin is the fastest on record for a Finger Lakes wrestler. It beats the old mark set by Bob Pollino of Geneva also in tournament wrestling.

There were two mild upsets. Civitts' 5-4 win over Mike Bertino and Gordon Marchionda's 4-2 win over defending champion Ron DeMillo of Waterloo were the surprises.

Civitts won his match on riding time. At the end of the three two minute periods, the score was tied at 4-4. But Civitts had dominated the clock.

The two upsets were termed mild since in neither case had the opponents faced each other during the season.

Geneva's "Big Five" unbeaten wrestlers maintained their unblemished records. Brooks took the 112 pound title, Choffin won at 120, Wilkison (still unscored upon) copped the 133 pound title; Moracco topped the 138 pound class and Rosenthal came through at 154.

Wuertenberger's victory was mildly surprising in a division that had no heavy favorite. Wuertenberger, who wasn't ex-

pected to wrestle after being sidelined last week by an ear infection, recovered in time to beat out Dick Atkinson for the right to enter the meet and took Earl Kotkas of Mynderse in a tough match in the finals.

Of the six defending titlists, five were repeaters. Only DeMillo failed to make the grade. Larry Marchionda, Choffin, Moracco, Wilkison and Crough were successful.

Since Waterloo's Morrin will be competing in the Class B tournament, a wrestle-off between Maloy, beaten by Morrin in the finals, and Lee Amidon of Mynderse, beaten by Morrin in the semi-finals, will be held sometime this week to determine the Class A heavyweight contender for the Finger Lakes.

Geneva led in every department. The Panthers had the most finalists, eight, with Pete Blum and Tom DeFazio bowing in their final matches. The Panthers also scored the most pins, eight.

Mynderse was second in most final matches with seven while Penn Yan was second with most pins, six.

A second injury, believed serious at the moment, was later diagnosed as a pulled neck muscle. Geneva's Louis Paul, victim of Penn Yan's Maloy, probably will be ready for Thursday's Central Western Conference match against Newark, Coach Elmer Leach said.

In one of the most exciting matches of the day, Choffin nearly had his crown lifted in the finals by Penn Yan's Dick Jepsen. Jepsen appeared to have Choffin pinned but unfortunately for Jepsen, Choffin was off the mat at the time.

Another match that excited considerable interest was the final bout between Wilkison and Rusty Wheeler of Mynderse. Wilkison, with a 6-0 lead in the third period, barely managed to maintain his season's record of being unscored upon as Wheeler battled desperately to escape and thus have the distinction of scoring the first point against the red-headed Genevan.

Geneva might have had seven titles if Larry Marchionda hadn't been overweight. Penn Yan's bantam was scheduled to go in the 95 pound class but he was one pound overweight and was moved up to 103 at the last minute where he beat Blum in the finals.

Larry's being overweight, however, gave brother Dick a shot at the tournament. But after Dick had pinned Geneva's Nick DeFazio in the elimination round, he lost to Bertino in the semi-finals.

Two other pins were recorded in less than a minute. In the 175 pound class, John Carmel of Canandaigua pinned Larry Morse of Penn Yan in 29 seconds and Rosenthal got to Bill Andrews of Mynderse in 42 seconds. Carmel's quick win came in the eliminations while Rosenthal scored his in the semi-finals.

The summary:

155 pounds — Eliminations: Dick Marchionda (PY) pinned Nick DeFazio (G) 3:05. Semi-finals: Mike Bertino (W) defeated Marchionda, 3-0; Jack Civitts (M) pinned DeFazio (G) 1:28. Finals: Civitts defeated Bertino, 5-4.

140 pounds — Semi-finals: Larry Marchionda (PY) pinned Tom Blum (W) 1:40; Pete Blum (G) defeated Taylor Opper (C) 1:28. Finals: Marchionda pinned Blum, 3-5.

120 pounds — Semi-finals: Bill Brooks (G) pinned Tony Albanese (C) 1:42; Floyd Stegfield (M) defeated Keith Lafter (PY) 4-1. Finals: Brooks pinned Stegfield, 4-20.

103 pounds — Eliminations: Charles March (C) defeated Walter Snyder (W) 6-2. Semi-finals: Phil Choffin (G) pinned March, 1:50; Dick Jensen (PY) defeated Ron Hooper (M) 12-2. Finals: Choffin defeated Jensen, 6-2.

127 pounds — Eliminations: Bob Pocht (M) defeated John Scammel (C) 8-4. Semi-finals: Ron DeMillo (W) defeated Pocht, 7-2; Gordon Marchionda (PY) pinned Bob Parrish (G) 1:31. Finals: Choffin defeated DeMillo, 4-2.

133 pounds — Eliminations: George Smith (C) pinned Berlen Hobart (PY) 3:42. Semi-finals: Chuck Wilkison (G) pinned Smith, 1:31; Rusty Wheeler (M) defeated Tom Keen (W) 6-2. Finals: Wilkison defeated Wheeler, 8-0.

138 pounds — Eliminations: Jerry Davis (PY) pinned Lee Fletcher (C) 3:12. Semi-finals: Dave Moracco (G) pinned Davis, 0:10 (new record); Ray Tom (M) defeated Bob Lynch (W) 2-0. Finals: Moracco pinned Tom, 2-26.

145 pounds — Eliminations: Heiti Kotkas (M) defeated Bob Domm (C) 5-0. Semi-finals: Kotkas (M) defeated Dan Jensen (PY) 2-0; Chuck Wuertenberger (G) defeated Stan Wade (W) 6-1. Finals: Wuertenberger defeated Kotkas, 5-0.

154 pounds — Semi-finals: Dick Rosenthal (G) pinned John Tennity (C) 3:25. Semi-finals: Tom DeFazio (G) defeated Lemieux (W) 4-0; Bill Crough (M) defeated Ron Dean (PY) 3-4. Finals: Rosenthal defeated DeFazio, 4-2.

175 pounds — Eliminations: Roger Carmel (C) pinned Larry Morse (PY) 0:29. Semi-finals: Bill Willis (M) pinned Carmel, 1:32; Charles Green (W) defeated Dick Atkinson (G) 6-4. Finals: Willis defeated Green, 2-0.

Heavyweight — Eliminations: Lee Amidon (M) defeated Jim Canli (C) 12-4. Semi-finals: Rich Morrin (W) defeated Amidon, 7-6; Ken Maloy (PY) defeated Louie Paul (G) 3:58. Final — Morrin defeated Maloy, 7-2.



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