

Academy Wrestlers Gain Two Championships In W-FL Meet

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CA wrestlers wound up a successful season in Wayne-Finger Lakes Conference competition Saturday night when they placed two of three entrants as champions. In the finals, held at Mynderse Academy, John Scammell became the new 138-pound champion and Bob Donn successfully defended his crown in the 145-pound class.

Gary Carpenter, the other finalist for CA, did remarkably well against Dom Tantalio of Waterloo, last year's champion. To wind up in second place in this conference in his freshman year, takes a lot of doing, and Gary was in there all the way. Tantalio finally got a 1-0 decision over Gary to retain his championship.

Scammell was championship-born from the first whistle. His opponent, Walt Snyder, had held John to a 1-0 decision two weeks ago in a match here. John never let Snyder get set, getting a reversal and a predicament in the second period, and riding time and a near fall in the third for a 7-0 decision and the new crown. The difference between the two boys this time was wanting the championship real bad.

Bob Donn and Nick Barbi started their match right off in whirlwind fashion. Barbi of Mynderse gave Bob quite a time of it in the first period and was ahead of Bob 3-4 at the end of that time. From then on, Bob held the upper hand over Barbi, getting a reversal, predicament and riding time to gain a hard-earned and well-deserved 5-5 decision. Barbi was a tough customer and Bob proved his championship ability by defeating him.

In the consolation round held earlier in the evening, Greg Thomas a 95-pounder, got a well-earned 6-0 decision over Dave Burlew of Mynderse for a third place in the tournament. This is a real job for a freshman. Greg has a bright future in wrestling.

Charlie Marsh, looking for a win in the 127-pound class, was disappointed, when Jim Bolton of Wayne Central had to forfeit because of sickness. This gave Charlie a third place in the tournament.

CA's other entrant in the consolation round was Bob Morrice. Bob fought it out with Heiti Kotkas of Mynderse in the 134-pound class. Kotkas was a little too much for Bob getting a 5-0 decision this gave Bob fourth place in the round.

When one considers all the wrestlers from the different schools who wrestled-off in each of these weight classes, it is a high honor to place in the final tournament. The boys from CA certainly earned their share of the glory this year.



WRESTLING CHAMPS — Bob Donn, left and John Scammell, right, the Wayne-Finger Lakes wrestling champions in their respective weight classes at Saturday night's tournament at Mynderse Academy, Seneca Falls. (Daily Messenger Photo)

Coaches Pat Augustine and Robert Blaine were very happy with the results of the tournament. Waterloo went into this tournament with seven entries, Geneva six, Mynderse five, Penn Yan and CA each three and Wayne Central one.

When the smoke of the tournament had cleared away, CA fared as well as any. Waterloo managed just three of seven, Geneva three of six, Mynderse two of four, while CA and Penn Yan each got two of three. These averages indicate that CA and Penn Yan did the real job in the tourney.

In the race for the coveted team trophy, Waterloo had built up such a lead in the semi-finals that it

was impossible to catch them. The team with the largest number of finalists has the best chance of finishing on top. The final standings for the team championship were:

Waterloo	75
Mynderse	65
Geneva	64
Canandaigua	45
Penn Yan	42
Wayne Central	12
Newark	12
Phelps	10
Union Spa.	0

Thus with three men in the finals CA did well to place fourth in the tournament. Section 5 wrestling-offs will start this Saturday.

