



Clarion's Charlie Heller, left, maintains control of Iowa's Ed Banach during the

NCAA finals Saturday night in Princeton, N. J. Banach won by a pin.

(Daily Item — John Huckaby)

Schooley admitted the two "are evenly matched. He knows my style and I know his. I hope we meet in the finals next week."

Rudy said he could have won in the second period in regulation time when Schooley "tried a roll. I countered with a

Fowles of Columbia-Montour 10-12, 14-3. After an early takedown and near fall, Donahoe continued to pile it on with a pair of back points, another takedown and a reversal.

Sullivan didn't have an easy time of it in defeating Brian Stamm of Danville.

ment, Warrior Run heavyweight Doug Crawford, saw his hopes come to an end when he was defeated by Mowery on a criteria decision in the semifinals, then lost in the consolations.

The top four wrestlers in each weight qualified for states.

# Iowa's Banach pins Heller

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PRINCETON, N. J. — It wasn't a very good night for Charlie Heller. He ran into one of the Big Bad Banach Brothers. Bad, as in mean, strong. Not bad as in terrible, inefficient.

And Iowa's Ed Banach lived up to his pre-match clippings as he pinned Heller, the Clarion State junior from Milton, in the 177-pound finals of the NCAA wrestling tournament in Princeton's Jadwin gym.

The pin came at 4:15 and Banach was leading Heller 7-0 at the time of the fall.

Banach is a sophomore and it was his second NCAA title. And the Port Jervis, N. Y. strongboy says he's going to win two more titles.

Ed Banach wasn't the only Banach to star as the finals unfolded before about 10,000 wrestling fans. Ed's twin, Lou, a 212-pound specimen, pinned the top seed at heavyweight, Indiana State's Bruce Baumgartner.

But let's get back to Heller, who finished fourth in the nation in last year's tournament.

Heller didn't offer any excuses after receiving his medal Saturday. "I just didn't wrestle too good tonight."

The first period was somewhat of a

standoff as the two grapplers sparred until Banach got a takedown with six seconds remaining.

Heller started on the top in second period and rode for nearly a minute. But Banach reversed and put the former two-time state champ on his back. Heller managed to forestall the pin this time but Banach kept working and turned Heller for the count.

What about the rest of the tournament? There were some usual happenings and some unusual happenings.

First the usual items.

— Iowa won for the fourth straight year.

— Syracuse's Gene Mills won a second 118-pound championship and pinned four of the five men he met in the tourney (he beat the other guy 28-4). Mills was named the outstanding wrestler.

Now the unusual.

— Iowa State's Jim Gibbons reversed an earlier 16-6 loss to Lehigh's Darryl Burley at 134. Gibbons had four takedowns in beating the Engineer.

— Mark Schultz of Oklahoma won a championship at 167; his older brother, Dave, lost in the finals at 158. Dave Schultz, an experience international style wrestler, was rated pretty much of a shoo-in in the tourney. But defending champ Rickey Stewart of Oklahoma State didn't think so and decked him.

— Mark Schultz, a sophomore, was rated to lose to Iowa's Mike DeAnna. But it was Schultz who controlled the bout and won easily.

One former Pennsylvania high school wrestler did come up with an NCAA title. Nate Carr, who wrestled at Erie Tech, scored a 10-5 decision over Scott Trizzino of Iowa at 150 pounds. Carr, a sophomore at Iowa State, had three takedowns.

Other champions were Dan Cuestas of California State at Bakersfield at 126; Andre Metzger of Oklahoma at 142; and Tom Martucci of Trenton State at 190.

Notes: — Penn State finished sixth in the team race and had three placemen. John Hanrahan was third at 167; Steve Seftor was sixth at heavyweight; and Bernie Fritz was sixth at 142. It was Penn State's best finish since 1971.

Oklahoma was second in the team race followed by Iowa State, Oklahoma, and Lehigh.

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