

# Fulton Pulls Mat Surprise

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FULTON - We're number one...we're number one!

The Irondequoit matmen stalked into the Bodley Gym Saturday night for the final match of the quad wrestling meet hosted by Fulton. The Section Five power had decimated New Hartford (0-1) earlier in the day 40-22 in their season debut. They stood stout, almost arrogant, during the introduction. Prior to their strut into the gym they had let everybody in on a big secret. The season's first high school poll (NYS S.W.A.), due to be released on Tuesday, had named them to the number one spot in the state.

Across the way Fulton had other concerns. They just came from behind to get by always tough East Rochester 32-20 and lost a key man to injury in the process. There were growing fears that the three gaping holes left behind by graduation were far from being patched. Now with the loss of Clem Lavole (145-bad ankle sprain) the real worry was how to stall off a potential route. All thoughts of a upset were just a passing fancy in the minds of Fulton hopefuls.

After talented 98-pounder Wally Cummins lit up the board first for Fulton with a 6-1 decision any harboring thoughts of victory by Fulton

were quickly dashed as the Indians set out to prove the pollsters right. One after another the Raiders tell to the might of Irondequoit. By the time the match moved on to 138-pounders Fulton was trailing badly 20-3. The emotionally drenched crowd sat near quiet as Ed Short-sleeve hooked up with two time Section 5 runnerup Brett Simpson.

Shortsleeve had an uncommon task to fill the shoes of his graduated brother. Mark Shortsleeve has moved on to one of the nation's leading collegiate wrestling teams, Nebraska, as a freshman starter on the varsity. As if that weren't enough Ed had to wrestle up two weight classes as well. In his debut vs. Sec. 5 runnerup Joe Walczyk (E. Roch.) he was mauled in a listless losing effort 8-4. It was no wonder that they gym was silenced as the partisan crowd tried to duck the knockout punch.

It would not be. Shortsleeve pumped new life into the Raider camp with a sensational upset. The 3-pointer was an aggressive piece of wrestling as he buckled Simpson with a 12-6 decision that was whispers away from a fall. The rebirth was short lived, however, as Mike Narewski struggled to a 2-2 tie. Though Narewski fought feverishly his gallant effort in the long and short of it did nothing in the way of

improving Fulton's comeback.

Fulton needed a prayer. "We need a prayer now," said one observer as Fulton still trailed 22-8. With that the skies parted. As Tom Beeman (155) was hard at work in the second period building a 7-3 lead Fulton mentor Wayne Bleau apparently got onto a flaw in Brian Nudd's wrestling. He was stalling and was just nailed for it by the ref. Bleau shouted to his gladiator to shoot at the limp Irondequoit matman. He did. Nudd backed out of the circle and was quickly whistled for doing so. Bleau instructed Beeman to do it again. Again he did. Again a penalty. It was all happening too quickly for anyone to realize the effect of the mounting penalties. As if he had to, Bleau continued to command Beeman to repeat the same ploy. Beeman had caught on a long time ago, Nudd didn't. He moved out of the circle for the third time. This time the ref reached for Beeman's right hand and raised it to the air. He won the match by disqualification and six points trickled up on the scoreboard. The crowd rose to their feet realizing what had taken place. They would not sit down again. Fulton had received the break they desperately needed and what's more they had played right into their strong suit...the upperweights.

## Upperweights pin

During the whole match Fulton's upper weights paced the sidelines. They wanted just one shot. Bleau's teams have produced some great uppers in the past years but he had claimed at the start of this season that this year's upperweights far surpass anything he has had in his eight years at Fulton. Now Fulton had a shot. They trailed 22-14. Barry Distin (167) had crumbled E. Rochester's Herman Schojan in the first match with a fall at 1:35. He faced George Morgan. The crowd was frantic sensing a real feeling of upset. PIN. There was chaos as Fulton went on top 22-20. Next Leland Rogers, who put away Dave Bellinger to sew up the first victory 00:49, faced Dallhart Payne. PIN. Irondequoit could not understand the sudden turn of events. Heavyweight Frank Redden stormed onto the mat and refused to shake the hand of Fulton's Greg Bailey. Immediately the referee signaled unsportsmanlike conduct and a team point was deducted from the Indian score. The crowd responded with a roaring chant. Bailey...Bailey. PIN.

Irondequoit only hours earlier had peeked at the

upcoming statewide poll and before they had one night to savor the lofty honor bestowed upon them Fulton had decked them 32-21.

"I don't know where we are in the polls," said a happy Bleau. "If we're in there at all. What I do know is we wrestled super, the kids hung in there and sucked it up," he said. For a fleeting moment a broad smile creased Bleau's face at the thought of his team being number one with two noteworthy victories but just as quickly he dismissed it. "That number one spot is the kiss of death," he cautioned.

The Fulton Jayvees displayed a powerful debut as they took apart Irondequoit 35-19 and blasted E. Roch. 51-9. E. Roch. thumped New Hartford 32-23 in the other varsity match.

Earlier in the week Bleau had alerted his men to a possible adversity (route). He schooled them against the snowball effect of giving up when the team is bending. He wanted them to just put forth all they had individually to prevent a letdown. "This match was a great example of overcoming a hardship," said Bleau. "When we were down 20-3 we could have just as easily folded," he pointed out. "but we pulled together. What can you say about Shortsleeve? His match, along with Narewski's was the big turning point. I knew we had 18 points ready to come!"

Fulton needed Distin's pin in the first match to tie the score with E. Roch. (1-1) before Casa's Mike (177) forfeit and Roger's rapid fall at heavyweight sealed the victory. Other key victories were from sensational Cummins (98) over Joe Taverite as he smoked to the quickest fall of the day in 0:45. Dave Sherman nipped Frank Argento 7-6 (126) and Pete Arcadi (132) scored a close 11-10 win over Miki McIntosh. Perhaps the biggest bright spot of the day came in the 119 where newcomer Ron LaBeef put in a commendable performance. LaBeef took complete control of the match against Scot McIntosh who was the runnerup in Sec. 5 a year ago and time ran out as the match finished in a draw 6-6. LaBeef was moments away from winning the decision as time expired. In his next match LaBeef was pitted against Sec. 5 champ and third place finisher in the state Tony Cotroneo and again wrestled spirited losing 9-1. But LaBeef was sturdy at the 112 post despite losing both decisions.

Whatever the outcome the next time the polls are taken statewide one thing rang true at the Bodley Gym Saturday

night. We gatcha! The Indians will long remember that the Red Raiders live on the shores of Lake Neahtah-wanta.

## Fulton (32)

E. Roch. (20)  
98-Cummins pinned  
Taverite 0:45  
105-Rosati (E.R.) dec. Caza 5-4  
112-Walczyk (E.R.) d.d.  
Pawlewicz 13-6  
119-McIntosh (E.R.) tie  
LaBeef  
126-Sherman (E.R.) dec. Argento 7-6  
132-Arcadi (F.) tie  
McIntosh 11-10  
138-Walczyk (E.R.) tie  
Shortsleeve 8-4  
145-Doreen (E.R.) default  
Lavole  
155-Vanette (E.R.) dec  
Beeman 7-5  
167-Distin (F.) pinned  
Schojan 1:35  
177-Casa (F.) forfeit  
Hvy-Rogers (F.) pinned  
Bellinger 0:49

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Irondequoit (21)  
98-Cummins (F.) tie  
Ventura 6-1  
105-Gentner (D.) dec. Caza 12-7  
112-Catroneo (D.) tie  
Pawlewicz 11-0  
119-Cotroneo (D.) dec.  
LaBeef 9-1  
126-Lehmann (H.) pinned  
Sherman 3-35  
132-Locke (D.) dec. Arcadi 7-2  
138-Shortsleeve (F.) dec.  
Simpson 12-6  
145-Narewski (F.) tie Stahl 2-2  
155-Beeman (F.) disqual.  
Nudd  
167-Distin (F.) pin Morgan, 5:21  
177-Rogers (F.) pin Payne, 1:30  
Hvy-Bailey (F.) pin Redden, 2:40

## Czechoslovakia

### Wins Davis Cup

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP) - The Davis Cup, for the first time in its 80-year history, was in the hands of an Eastern European and communist nation after Czechoslovakia's 4-1 triumph over Italy in the final of the year-long multi-nation competition.

The stormy three-day competition which ended Sunday is expected to result in further changes in the Cup rules aimed at reducing disputes on line calls that marred the play here, sources in the International Lawn Tennis Federation (ILTF) said.

The most likely and immediate innovation was expected to be the naming of international chair umpires to run the matches.

## Area Sports

National and International

## Oswego Matmen Lose Opener

BALDWINVILLE - Opening the High School Wrestling season at Baldwinville is akin to opening the college basketball season at Kentucky as Oswego High wrestling coach Chuck Ackley found out.

The three time state dual wrestling champion Boes beat Ackley's Buccaneers in the mat opener 33-18 but even before the match had gotten under way Ackley felt his club couldn't win.

"We can't win here tonight," Ackley admitted. The Boes have won 58 straight dual matches and

Ackley at 138, Chuck Kessler at 145, Mike Howard at 155 despite losing and Jim Matteson at 177.

Clark registered Oswego's first individual match win of the young season as he beat Baldwinville's Dan Allen 9-8 hanging onto the victory in the waning seconds of the match. Clark's win cut the Boes lead to 16-3 at the time. The Boes didn't score again until Irwin rallied from behind in the third period to earn a 5-5 draw with Tim Ward at 132 pounds. Irwin was behind 4-1 heading into the final two minutes.