

# Sports

## Seven Wrestlers Qualify For Nationals

by Peter Merena

On Friday afternoon February 29, the Delhi Tech wrestling team sent 10 men to the 18th Annual Region III Wrestling Tournament. That night, seven of them, one freshman and six seniors had made it to the finals.

At 126, Dwayne Lobdell was seeded second. Mike Letcher wrestling at 134, was a favorite as was Jeff Iacovelli at 142. Freshman Phil Mattera was number one at 150. Second seeded Randy emo was near the top at 158. Dave LaFontaine was the man to beat at 177. Charlie Watkins was also top seed at 190.

Well, only three of the seven

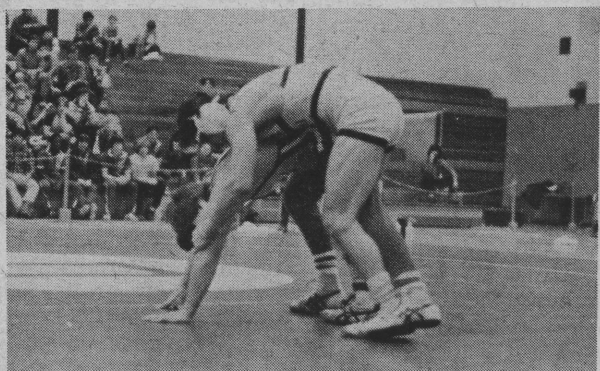
emerged as champions. Mike Letcher beat Joe Firsching of Mohawk Valley, 11-2, and Phil Mattera shutout Tom West of Alfred, 4-0. Senior Dave LaFontaine beat his opponent Charlie Hill of Monroe, 12-6.

By placing in the top three of their respective weight classes, each of these finalists qualified for the NJCAA Championships held in Worthington, Minnesota. The 3-day event will bring together the best junior college wrestlers in the nation. Their goal - to become an All-American.

For the members of Delhi's squad this goal may very well become a reality. All one has to do is finish in the top 6 among wrestlers at his weight. Is it all this easy? Let's wait and see.



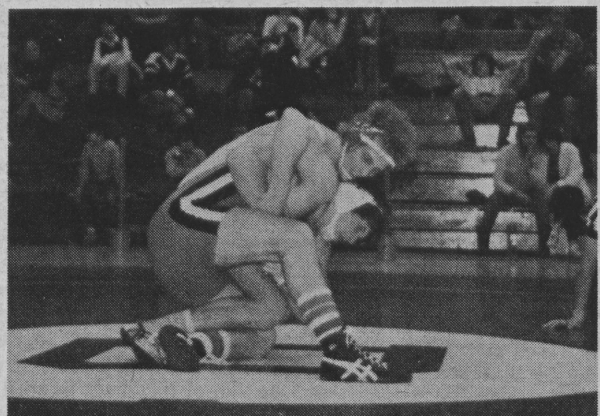
Dwayne Lobdell—126 lb. Runner-up



Phil Mattera—in command



Mike Letcher—champion at 134



At 177 lbs., returning place winner Dave LaFontaine was unbeatable

## 2nd Annual Delaware County Race Day Sunday March 30

by Peter Merena

One of Delhi's most classic road races, the 9-kilometer Spring Medals Race is once again on its way. In just three weeks, runners of all ages regardless of where they live or work will have yet another chance to set their feet upon the beautiful 5.6 mile course that begins on Back River Road in Delhi.

The course which is mostly flat has really no hills whatsoever to speak of. It starts just north of Kingston Street on Back River Road in the heart of town and is run for about 2.5 miles out to Fitch's covered Bridge. From here, runners will turn onto Route 10 for the trip

back into town.

Last year, over 100 athletes competed in the event which finished in front of the Village Square. Inscribed silver bowls were awarded to the first three overall finishers. And, medals to the top runners in each of the 18 age categories were handed out. Pretty much the same is expected this year but all of the finer details have not yet been completed.

However, the day's events have one unique feature. You don't have to be an experienced runner to compete. Not only is there a 5.6 mile race but there is also a 2 mile "Run-for-Fun". This event is not a race so no times are recorded. But, don't let that fool you. Last year's Run-for-Fun attracted over 200

entrants. People of all ages competed—some just out there to "limber up" and others who seemed very intent on giving it their best.

In addition to this, all entrants wear running numbers. All finishers receive certificates or ribbons. And, everyone is surely to have a spectacular time. So, get those legs in shape—the Second Annual Delaware County Race Day is on its way!

For further information with regards to registration and its deadline and exact starting times contact:

Ned Roessler  
President Delaware County Runners  
(607)746-6555  
or watch your campus and local newspaper.

Entry Blank  
"DELAWARE COUNTY RACE DAY"  
9 km ————— (\$4.00)  
Delhi 3-30  
2 mi ————— (\$1.00)  
Run-for-Fun

Please make checks payable to the Delaware County Runners. I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the DELAWARE COUNTY RUNNERS CLUB, any and all sponsors and/or hosts, the Town and Village of Delhi, any other towns and/or villages involved in the above running events, and/or any agents or representatives of the above-mentioned for any injuries or illnesses suffered by me during or as a result of these events. I further attest that I am in good health and in suitable condition to participate in the above-marked event.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's-Guardian's signature if under 18 \_\_\_\_\_

All entries and their corresponding fees should be sent to Delaware County Runners, 7 Division St., Delhi, NY 13753.

## Bronco Women Drop Season Finale

by Peter Valdini

The Delhi Tech women's basketball team concluded a disappointing second half of the season as they lost to unbeaten Herkimer County Community College, 62-36, in a game which Delhi never held the lead. It was all academic before the game even started, that the Broncos were to miss the playoffs and they were to lose their fifth game in a row to end the

learning season of first year coach Ed Shalkey with a record of 6-7. But since they had six seniors playing their last game for Delhi, they went out and gave it their all, but to no avail.

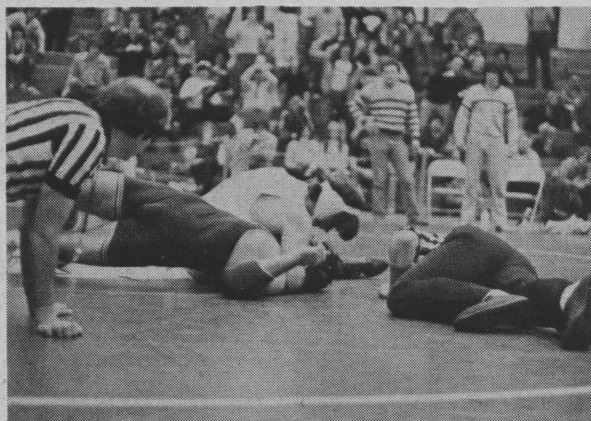
The first half of the game started out very slowly as the teams combined for only four points in the first three and a half minutes of play. With the score tied at 2-2, Herkimer went on a 10-0 spurt in just two

minutes as they capitalized on Delhi's turnovers against Herkimer's press. The Generals lead increased gradually and lead by as much as seventeen points by halftime as the half ended 32-15. The Broncos shot a dismal 17 per cent from the field on 4 for 24 shooting.

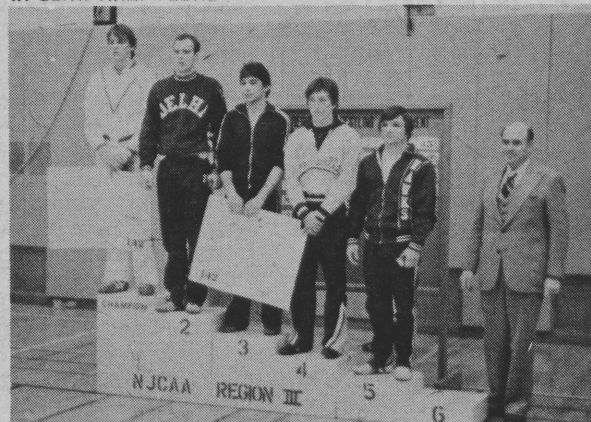
The second half started out like Delhi was going to make a move on Herkimer as Joy Bertram hit seven out of the games nine points to close the Broncos deficit to only twelve points with just over 14 minutes left to play in the game. But that was as close as the Broncos would get, as Herkimer, as they have done with so many other opponents, pulled away from Delhi in those last 14 minutes as they outscored them 27-14 the rest of the way to close out the game as well as Delhi's season.

Bertram scored all but six of her teams second half points as she netted 15 of her total 21 points. Leading the defense was Bertram with 7 rebounds and a season team high 6 steals for a game. Karen Bremser who had 7 rebounds to go along with 4 blocked shots and Liz Kelly, who contributed 5 rebounds. As a team there was only one bright spot on offense, that was the free throw shooting as they shot 12-18, or 67 per cent. Two surprising statistics on offense were that the Broncos committed 37 turnovers and only shot 25 per cent from the floor.

At this time I would like to wish all the seniors good luck next year, wherever they will be, and the freshmen, as well as coach Shalkey, good luck next season. Also, I would like to thank all the people who came out and supported the team this year, especially you Joan.



Senior Charlier Watkins puts finishing touches on pin in semi-final round



Jeff Iacovelli stands atop pedestal following awards in 142 lb. bout.