

# Lowville Repeats As Section III Mat King; Norwich's Alger Wins

## SECTION III CHAMPIONS:

98 pounds — Jerry Jacobson (Fulton).  
105 — Sal Frank (Rome Free Academy).  
112 — Dan Hunt (West Genesee).  
119 — Lloyd Wiegel (Chittenango).  
126 — Roger Voorhis (Indian River).  
132 — Rich Alger (Norwich).  
138 — Stu Gillette (Indian River).  
145 — Dale Porter (South Jefferson).  
155 — Bruce Jantzi (Lowville).  
167 — Dave Remick (Whitesboro).  
177 — Eric Bratt (Westhill).  
215 — Jim Rosecrans (West Genesee).  
250 — Scott Fairclough (Cicero).

By BURKE M. GILLESPIE

SYRACUSE — Norwich senior Rich Alger scored a reversal with 20 seconds to go and nipped Watertown's Tom Capone, 6-5, for the 132-pound title in Section III wrestling finals Saturday night.

Lowville repeated as Section III team champion, scoring 70 points. Another Class B school, Fulton, was second with 58. West Genesee (A) scored 54. Sandy Creek (D) 51 and Westhill (C) 50.

Alger's triumph was the lone success by Iroquois league matmen. Addie Caputo, Norwich 11-pounder, took third and fourth places went to Herkimer's Mike Stagliano at 132 and Tom Marriott at 138 and to Iliion's Bob Lane at 215.

Contrast this showing to the singular success of Iroquois league wrestlers last year. Little Falls' Andy Little won at 98, Iliion's Pete Keddell at 130 and Frankfort's Ken Brown at 175. Mohawk's Ed Treen was second at 123, Norwich's Ward Monroe second at 175 and Mohican John Snyder second at 130. Section III's team (individual champions in each of the 13 weights) also lacks the great balance of the 1970 lineup which won the intersectionals. There is also no standout leader like Cooperstown Mike Phillips, who led the 1970 Section III team and was the state's MVP winner.

### Weight Problems

The Thursday-Friday storm still managed to keep a few teams away from Syracuse Saturday and caused a number of other boys, including Iliion's Charlie Leitz at 112, to forfeit because they failed to make weight. Lack of practice for two days made the weight situation a real problem.

Intersectionals will be next Friday and Saturday at Onondaga War Memorial. First round starts at 7:30 p.m. Friday. There will be a Saturday afternoon round and consolation and finals in the evening.

Outstanding wrestler in Saturday's Section III finals was South Jefferson's Dale Porter, the 145-pound champion, who is now 26-0 for the season. Porter finished second in Section III finals last year at 137, losing to Karl Swerdoski of Lowville, the eventual state runner-up.

### Swerdoski Upset Victim

Swerdoski was the upset victim Saturday night. The Lowville senior had pinned Herkimer's Tom Marriott in the semifinals after trailing, 4-1. In the finals against Indian River's Stu Gillette, a junior, Swerdoski's defensive lapses caught up with him.

Trailing 7-5 going into the last 30 seconds, Gillette scored an escape and then hit the Lowville star for a takedown in the last 15 seconds to win it.

Swerdoski, whose offensive moves are a flow of motion, simply made a mistake too late to overcome it. He stood up while leading 7-6 and immediately gave up a double leg take-

down to Gillette. And that was the match.

Swerdoski was 24-0 going into Saturday night's finals. Whitesboro's Jim Cox, 26-0, was also an upset victim at 177. He lost a 4-2 decision to Eric Bratt of Westhill.

### Stagliano Loses 2-1

Herkimer's Mike Stagliano lost two hairline decisions after nipping Doug Wingerath of Thousand Islands, 4-3, in the 132 quarter-finals Saturday morning. Stagliano dropped a 2-1 match to Watertown soph Tom Capone in the semis Saturday afternoon and then lost 1-0 on an escape in overtime to Ed Gerace of East Syracuse-Minoa. It was 3-3 at the end of the regulation periods, Stag picking up the tying point on riding time.

Tom Marriott had a 5-4 squeaker over Fred Pinney of Sherburne in his quarter-final match at 138 and then lost to Swerdoski in the afternoon.

Marriott got two takedowns in early going against Swerdoski and then was flipped on his back for a pin at 3:21. Tom couldn't do a thing with tall Mel Cooper of Watertown in the consolation match until the last few seconds.

Cooper opened a 6-1 lead and was in complete command until Marriott struck for a takedown and predicament with 15 seconds left. That made it 6-5, but Cooper added two points riding time for an 8-5 win.

### Five For Class A

Individually, Class A matmen took five of the 13 championships, Class B four and Class C four.

None of the MVP winners in the class tourneys won a Section III title. They included Capone of Watertown and Cox of Whitesboro in Class A, Keith Lyndaker of Lowville in Class B, Charles Siefert of Sherburne in Class C and Rick Miller of Sandy Creek in Class D.

### The Results:

98 pounds — Jerry Jacobson (Fulton) won by forfeit from Kendell Carr (Henninger); Ted Jamieson (South Jefferson) dec John Gee (Watertown), 5-0; Mike Beva (Westhill) dec Kevin Shuck (Norwich), 11-0; Mike Garvin (Copenhagen) dec Tim Ellis (Sandy Creek), 6-2; Jacobson dec Jamieson, 4-0; consolation: Garvin pinned Beva, 1-50; Beva dec Jamieson, 2-2 (referee's decision); final: Jacobson dec Garvin, 8-0.

105 — Dale Bowers (Cazenovia) dec Charles Stewart (Lowville), 12-4; John Janiak (North Syracuse) dec Dale Diehl (Sandy Creek), 9-2; Sal Frank (RFA) dec Jack Romagnoli (Canastota), 10-3; Guy Dugas (Watertown) won by forfeit from Randy Gillette (LaFargeville); Bowers dec Janiak, 2-1; Frank dec Dugas, 11-7; consolation: Dugas dec Janiak, 5-3; final: Frank dec Bowers, 5-4.

112 — Charles Siefert (Sherburne) won by forfeit from David Blumestock (Cooperstown); Dan Hunt (West Genesee) won by forfeit from Charles Leitz (Iliion); Brian Arnold (Fulton) dec David Cole (Baldwinsville), 2-1, overtime; Rod Buttry (Indian River) won by forfeit from David Petroff (Morrisville); Hunt dec Siefert, 9-6; Arnold dec Buttry, 8-6; consolation: Buttry dec Siefert, 11-5; final: Hunt dec Arnold, 5-1.

119 — Norb Sitnik (West Syracuse - Minoa) pinned Jack Barron (Skaneateles), 5-26; Ed Caputo (Norwich) dec Bob Thompson (Tully), 12-5; Lou Rosati (Liverpool) dec Ken Bagley (Little Falls), 7-4; Lloyd Wiegel (Chittenango) pinned Dave Roff (Thousand Islands), 2-35; Sitnik dec Caputo, 10-1; Wiegel dec Rosati, 12-2; consolation: Caputo dec Rosati,

9-2; final: Wiegel dec Sitnik, 7-4.

126 — Roger Voorhis (Indian River) dec Mike Amiden (LaFayette), 6-5; Mark McAnally (Fayetteville - Manlius) dec Tom Keen (New Hartford), 9-4; Pat Greene (Cicero) dec Fran Wadsworth (Norwich), 6-2; Mel Fitchette (LaFargeville) dec Jim Vander Bogart (Cazenovia), 5-0; Voorhis dec McAnally, 4-1; Greene dec Fitchette, 6-2; consolation: McAnally dec Fitchette, 11-1; final: Voorhis dec Greene, 5-1.

132 — Rich Alger (Norwich) dec Mike Costello (Cazenovia), 9-1; Ed Gerace (East Syracuse) won by forfeit from Mike Brunschmid (Sherburne); Mike Stagliano (Herkimer) dec Doug Wingerath (Thousand Islands), 4-3; Tom Capone (Watertown) dec Vern Nellis (Sandy Creek), 14-0; Alger dec Gerace, 6-2; Capone dec Stagliano, 2-1; consolation: Grace dec Stagliano, 1-0, overtime; final: Alger dec Capone, 6-5.

138 — Karl Swerdoski (Lowville) pinned Bob Meeks (Thousand Islands), 3-04; Tom Marriott (Herkimer) dec Fred Pinney (Sherburne), 5-4; Stu Gillette (Indian River) dec Steve McCormick (Auburn), 15-0; Mel Cooper (Watertown) won from Dan Murphy (Mohawk) by forfeit; Swerdoski pinned Marriott, 3-21; Gillette dec Cooper, 7-4; consolation: Cooper dec Marriott, 8-5; final: Gillette dec Swerdoski, 8-7.

145 — Dale Porter (South Jefferson) pinned Dan Seamon (Richfield Springs), 3-48; Don Petrocci (Jordon - Elbridge) dec Tom Rotella (West Genesee), 14-6; Nick Porillo (North Syracuse) dec Dean Bernard (Whitesboro), 11-1; Keith Lyndaker (Lowville) dec Fred Wingerath (Thousand Islands), 4-1; Porter dec Petrocci, 8-2; Porillo dec Lyndaker, 10-4; consolation: Lyndaker dec Petrocci, 7-1; final: Porter dec Porillo, 12-1.

155 — Mike Bartiss (West Genesee) dec Richard Schepard (Sandy Creek), 1-0; Rick Clark (Canastota) dec Cliff Wilson (Jordon - Elbridge), 8-2; Brice Jantzi (Lowville) dec Ozell Bembry (Proctor), 4-1; Doug Hurd (New Hartford) dec Ken Rogers (Thousand Islands), 9-5; Clark dec Bartiss, 10-5; Jantzi dec Hurd, 2-0 overtime; consolation: Hurd dec Bartiss, 9-8; final: Jantzi dec Clark, 8-5.

167 — Dave Remick (Whitesboro) dec Monty Seamon (Richfield Springs), 8-0; Tom McCue (Lowville) dec Bob Coon (Westhill), 6-0; John Fauro (West Genesee) dec Gary Marshall (Camden), 6-4; Bill Miller (Sandy Creek) pinned Jerry McCall (North Syracuse), 1-04; Remick dec McCue, 2-1; Miller dec Fasulo, 5-4; consolation: McCue dec Fasulo, 1-1, referee's decision; final: Remick dec Miller, 2-1 (riding time).

177 — Jim Cox (Whitesboro) pinned John Casey (Fabius), 5-46; Bob Teater (Liverpool) won by forfeit from Tim Talbot (Carthage); Fergus Murphy (Fulton) pinned Rick Miller (Sandy Creek), 5-58; Eric Bratt (Westhill) pinned Doug Bensley (Sherburne), 2-50; Cox pinned Teater, 3-35; Bratt pinned Murphy, 5-23; consolation: Murphy dec Teater, 11-3; final: Bratt dec Cox, 4-2.

215 — Jim Rosecrans (West Genesee) pinned Larry Mattott (Sherburne), 1-35; Bob Lane (Iliion) won by forfeit from John Phillips (Cooperstown); Doug Primrose (Jordon - Elbridge) won by default from Jack Winterton (VVS); Willie Humphrey (Auburn) dec Charles Frank (Tully), 7-4; Rosecrans dec Lane, 12-2; Humphrey dec Primrose, 6-5; consolation: Primrose dec Lane, 7-3; final: Rosecrans dec Humphrey, 3-1.



MUHAMMED ALI (top) is an 11-8 favorite in British betting on tonight's fight at Madison Square Garden. Joe Frazier (lower photo) is a 6-5 favorite in Las Vegas wagering. Each fighter will draw \$2.5 million.

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## He's Learning Switch - Hitting

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bill Russell is learning the art of switch-hitting in the Los Angeles Dodgers' spring training camp.

His hands are steadily improving—but there's nothing wrong with his feet, either.

Russell slugged hits from both sides of the plate and capped his day's work with a steal of home as the Dodgers turned back Atlanta 10-2 in a rain-shortened exhibition baseball Sunday.

The outfielder, a natural right-handed hitter, belted a home run righthanded and a double from the left side, driving in a run with each. Russell also walked in the sixth inning and later stole home as the Dodgers' completed a double steal off Atlanta pitcher Dick Grant and finished the rout with a four-run inning before the rains came.

Elsewhere in the Grapefruit League, Minnesota defeated Detroit 4-3; the St. Louis Cardinals downed the New York Mets 5-2; Pittsburgh nipped Philadelphia 3-2; Montreal stopped Washington 1-0; a squad composed of several teams topped Kansas City 5-1; Boston beat Houston 8-7; the Chicago White Sox ripped Cincinnati 5-1; Baltimore toppled the New York Yankees 4-3 and

Milwaukee slugged Oakland 3-2.

In the Cactus League, it was Cleveland 7, San Francisco 3; San Diego 5, Tokyo 3 and the Chicago Cubs 7, California 5.

### First Home Run

Hank Aaron hit his first home run of the spring for Atlanta, but it wasn't enough to overcome the Los Angeles' firepower. In addition to Russell, Bill Grabarkewitz hit a bases-loaded double in the fourth inning. The Dodgers just rolled it up after that, scoring three runs in the fifth and fourth in the sixth.

Al Downing, making his bow as a Dodger, got the victory with two innings of three-hit relief pitching. Richie Allen, another new Dodger acquisition, played left field, made a fine running catch and doubled.

Rookie Paul Powell knocked in two runs with a double and a single to lead Minnesota past Detroit. Powell's single knocked in the deciding run in the seventh inning. Pete Hamm was credited with the victory.

Lou Brock started a two-run fifth inning with a homer and St. Louis held off New York. Bob Gibson, St. Louis' two-time Cy Young winner, was tapped for two Met homers in three innings, but the Cardinals got fine relief pitching from George Brunet and Moe Grabowsky.

Rookie catcher Charlie Sands slammed a two-run homer to pace Philadelphia over Pittsburgh. The 23-year-old Sands hit the round-tripper off Ken Reynolds, who was called in to relieve starter Jim Bunning.

## Fordham vs. Furman