

Wellsville: 5 Mat Winners --

Salamanca, Portville, Ridgway Pick Up Three Tourney Champs



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Salamanca and Portville came up with third place finishes in scholastic holiday wrestling tournaments over the weekend, Wellsville was second in tournament at Campbell, N.Y., while Pioneer Central School was fourth in the Oil City (Pa.) holiday event. Ridgway was winner of Greenville (Pa.) event.

The tournaments:

SALAMANCA: 3 CHAMPS

FALCONER — Salamanca Central School, with three winners, recorded 61 points in the 11-school Southern Tier Wrestling League tournament that ended two-day stand before a SRO turnout here Saturday night.

Maple Grove, with four champions, totaled 71 points to edge defending champion Southwestern Central's 68

CATTARAUGUS TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday, the eight-school Cattaraugus County League tournament (with Smethport entered) will be at Cattaraugus Central School. Portville has won the tournament the past six years.

Feb. 6 the Salamanca Central School Tournament is scheduled with six schools entered. Feb. 20, Portville is at Salamanca in non-league match that pairs schoolboy wrestling powerhouses.

points. Fourth was Randolph with 55 points. Southwestern finished with three champions while Randolph had one.

"It was our best finish ever in the tournament," noted Salamanca coach George Whitcher. The Salamanca tournament victors: Gary Milanowski (now 6-1 for season) won two decisions Saturday in

emerging as the 105 pound class champ, defeating Tom Rupczyk, of Westfield in the title match. It was Rupczyk, of Westfield in the title match. It was Rupczyk who pinned Milanowski several weeks for the Salamanca grappler's only loss.

Dave Jimmerson (5-2 record, won two decisions, the 7-2 decision over Ken Schroeder, of Randolph, in the 155 pound title match. Fred Boser (7-0 for the season and only a sophomore) pin his opponent in 177 pound semi-final match and won 3-0 decision over Tim Wefing, of Maple Grove in the title match.

Jeff Davis, in the heavyweight division lost 5-2 decision to Roy Holmes, of Maple Grove, in the title match and Jim Scherrer, in the 119 pound class, finished third while Regis Vail, in the 167 pound class, finished fourth.

Randolph's one winner was 145 pounder Jeff Schulz (now 6-0) and twice a winner in Section 6 championships before finishing second last season.

PORTVILLE: 3 WINNERS

NIAGARA FALLS — Portville, with Mark Hannon (132 pounds). Bob Reynolds (105 pounds) and Dick Payne (145 pounds) winning titles, finished third in the eight-school Niagara-Wheatfield Central School Tournament Saturday.

Host Niagara-Wheatfield won the team title with 89 points while Tonawanda was second with 62 and Portville third with 56. Other scores: Iroquois 45, Maryvale 39, Pittsfield 34, Lake Shore 28 and Williamsville 26.

It was conducted on a "no seed" basis and, unofficially, Portville was placed at a disadvantage with the pairings decided by the host team.

Hannon, Payne and Reynolds are undefeated for the season while Keith Miller, a second place finisher in the 128 pound class, dropped his first match. Schott Sherman, in the 112 pound class, finished third and Don Mallory, in the 177 pound class, finished fourth.

PIONEER: 1 CHAMPION

OIL CITY — Pioneer Central finished behind team winner Oil City, Reynolds and Kingston in two-day tournament that ended here Saturday night. George Schauss, in the 145 pound class,

was Pioneer's only winner, while two others finished second: Ken Bernatz in the 112 pound class, Ed Keenan, in the 120 pound class.

WELLSVILLE: 5 WINNERS

CAMPBELL — Wellsville Central finished behind Bath in annual Campbell Holiday Tournament Saturday and the Lions came up with five titlists: Glenn Mattison in the 112 pound class, sophomore Denny Hall in the 126 pound class, George Buchholz in the 67 pound class, Blair Buchholz in the 177 pound class, and John Moland in the heavyweight division.

Wellsville will host six-school tournament next Monday.

RIDGWAY: 3 CHAMPS

GREENVILLE, Pa. — Totalling 83 points and finishing with three champions, Ridgway High School won four-school Greenville Wrestling Tournament Saturday, Ridgway winners were Joe Fredko at 95 pounds, Jim Oknefski at 185 pounds and Kark Bjorkquist, heavyweight division. Four other Ridgway grapplers finished second.

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Warren Boy 5th In P-P-K Competition

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Warren (Pa.) 12-year-old youth, Joe Wozneak finished fifth in American Football Conference's Punt-Pass-Kick contest here Sunday. Wozneak represented the Buffalo Bills of the AFC. The winners in six age categories (8 through 13) will compete against winners from the National Football Conference on Jan. 24 at the Pro Bowl at Los Angeles.