

Auburn Wins Wrestling Tournament by 27 Points



INDIVIDUAL WRESTLINGS CHAMPS — Auburn High captured its own Invitational Wrestling Tournament held yesterday at Auburn Community College and also walked off with four individual championships. Auburn was the first team to repeat in the four-year old tourney, having won it in 1960. Pictured above are the individual champions. Left to right (front row): Bill Stan-

ton (85) Waterloo; Larry Plunkett (163) Rome; Terry Litterbrant (112) Baldwinville; Joe Capone (150) Waterloo; second row—Bill Bergan (137) Auburn; Joe DeFelice (123) E. Rochester; Bill Pestell (138) Auburn; Nick Barth (145) Blydenese; third row—Kurt Kupfanger (154) Auburn; Frank Perrino (165) Rome; Dave Baetach (180) Auburn and Dick Moore (unlimited) Geneva.



OUTSTANDING WRESTLER — Joe DeFelice of East Rochester was voted the outstanding wrestler in the Auburn Invitational Tournament held yesterday at ACC. DeFelice, 135-pound champion, scored two pins in three matches and also won the trophy for registering the fastest pin. Kurt Beyer, left, Auburn athletic director, is presenting young DeFelice with his trophies.

Pestell, Bergan, Kuppinger Ruetsch Individual Champs

★The Auburn grapplers, coached by Dick Jones, scored a decisive tournament win by accumulating 86 points and a 27 point victory margin over second place Rome Free Academy at Auburn Community College gymnasium yesterday. The splendid Auburn team effort made a one-sided race out of what appeared to be an extremely closely contested tournament.

Defending champion East Rochester dropped to fifth place with 44 points. Baldwinville finished third with 52, Geneva fourth with 50, while neighboring Waterloo scored 37 and Mynderse Academy recorded 30 points, Oneida failed to score.

The largest crowd to view a local wrestling match was on hand as the finals began. More than 500 spectators viewed the individual championships in which Auburn proved its ability by winning four of the 12 championships.

Bill Bergan (127), Bill Pestell (138), Kurt Kuppinger (154) and Dave Ruetsch (180) were the successful Auburn grapplers, each having to turn back tough challenges by their respective opponents to score their wins.

Second place winners for Auburn were Dave Olikier (95), Jack Hilbert (133) and Steve Sawyer (145). Sawyer suffered a probable muscle injury in his bout which was defaulted to Mynderse Academy's Section 5 wrestling champion, Nick Barbi, who won the 145 lb. championship.

Outstanding wrestler of the tournament, as selected by vote of the coaches, was Joe DeFelice of defending champion East Rochester. The Bomber star won two of his three matches by pins and won the tournament trophy for the fastest fall in the semi-finals and finals by his pin of Auburn's Jack Hilbert in 1:48 seconds in the championship matches. He was the lone Bomber to win a championship.

Waterloo and Rome each won two championships, with Bill Stanton winning a referee's decision over Dave Olikier in a very closely wrestled and interesting 95 pound match. Joe Capone, Auburn champion in 1961, again won a championship, this time in the 120 lb. class with a fine 6-2 victory over rugged Gary Schojan of East Rochester.

Rome winners were both very outstanding matmen as Larry Plunkett, defending Auburn and Section 3 champion, won his 103 lb. class championship with a 6-1 decision over Jim Cali of Baldwinville while Frank Perrino won the 165 lb. championship for a second Auburn tournament win. Perrino scored a decisive 10-3 win over Don Maycumber of Baldwinville for his championship.

Terry Litterbrant, the "Mighty Mite" from Baldwinville, again won the 112 lb. championship, with a convincing 8-2 victory over Rocco Lulierre of Rome. A fine wrestler the Baldwinville ace won both preliminary matches by falls, the first in 1:17 and the second in 1:52.

Heavyweight Dick Moore of Geneva, wrestling aggressively in winning his weight class as the 320 pound football tackle defeated Rome's Tom Myssinski in the (finals 3-0. Moore also advanced to the finals by scoring two pins in the preliminary wrestling.

Auburn's Bob Carris wrestled under the handicap of a bad arm and lost out in the semi-finals, after winning a referee's decision over Ken Brown of Waterloo in the opening round.

Hoble Romig, Auburn's 165 pound wrestler, won third place with a referee's decision over Pat Cummings of Mynderse Academy. Hoble gave champion Frank Perrino a flur match in the semi-final bout before losing 6-0. Tom Parker lost a close 7-6 decision to Jim Dunham of Baldwinville, scoring 3 points for the Auburn team score in his fourth place win.

Herb Waters, Auburn's 103 class man, lost in the first round but went to the finals of the consolation bracket before losing 4-3 to Rom Zimmarino of East Rochester. Ron Ross (112) won fourth place in his class for additional Auburn points.

One hundred and twenty-six bouts were conducted in the day long tournament. Boys losing in the first round wrestled in the consolation series with Dave Buda (Oneida) winning 9-6; Zimmarino 10-3; George Lamson (Waterloo) copping 11-2; Ron Valerio (Oneida) 12-0; Pat Trophla (Rome) 12-7; Bob Cooper (Baldwinville) 13-3; John Kristian (E. Rochester) 13-8; Louis Ray (Geneva) 14-5; Rocco DePapa (Mynderse) 15-4; Bob Hill (E. Rochester) 16-5; John DeBella (Rome) 18-0; and Gene Buyea (Oneida) — unlimited.

Third place matches resulted in Larry Principio (Geneva) defeating Al Hurd of Mynderse (95) 5-0; Charles Principio (G) winning over Tom Utcone (My.) with a fall in 24 seconds; Joe Zona (My.) over Ron Ross (Auburn) 13-7; Dunham (B'ville) over Parker (A) 7-6; Jim Johnston (E. Rochester) over Dan Jones (Waterloo) 1-0; Dave Jensen (Waterloo) over Rich. Collins (Geneva) 8-1; Don Wentworth (Rome) over Tom Clarence (B'ville), a fall in 19 seconds; Barry Quinn (E. Rochester) over Don Woodruff (Rome) 4-1; Dave Van Gordon (G) over Jim Consaul (E. Rochester) 12-3; Hoble Romig (A) over Pat Cummings (My.); Dave Loveless (B) over Jim Poormont (Waterloo), a fall in 3:18. Scott Forsythe of B'ville won third place by default in the unlimited class.

Championship Matches

95—Bill Stanton (Waterloo) over Dave Olikier (A), referee's decision.

103—Larry Plunkett (R) over Jim Cali (B'ville) 6-1.

112—Terry Litterbrant (B'ville) over Rocco Lulierre (RFA) 8-2.

120—Joe Capone (Waterloo) over Gary Schojan (E. Rochester) 6-2.

127—Bill Bergan (A) over Pete Teichner (Geneva) 8-6.

133—Joe DeFelice (E. Rochester) over Jack Hilbert (A), fall 1:48.

138—Bill Pestell (A) over Ted Glass (G) 3-2.

145—Nick Barbi (Mynderse) over Steve Sawyer (A), default.

154—Kurt Kuppinger (A) over Jeff Allen (Rome) 6-4.

165—Frank Perrino (Rome) over Don Maycumber (B'ville) 10-3.

180—Dave Ruetsch (A) over Joe LoCastro AE. Rochester) 5-3.

Unlimited—Dick Moore (Geneva) over Tom Myssinski (Rome) 3-0.