



Tourney winners

Champions of the 12 weight classes in the Auburn Invitational Wrestling Tournament pose for the C-A photographer Tuesday after the matches. Pictured from the bottom left up and then back down the right row are: Jim Welsh, Geneva, 100; John Sakolnick, Geneva, 107; Bill Welsh, Geneva, 114; Herb Slink, East Syracuse-Minoa, 121; Ken Courtrance, East Rochester, 128; Ted Gerace, East Syracuse-Minoa, 134; Steve McCormick, Auburn, 140; Joe Shick, East Rochester, 147; Bob Whitcomb, 147; Bob Whitcomb, East Rochester, 157; Dick O'Leary, East Rochester, 167; Tom Korn, Rush-Henrietta, 179; and, Willie Henry Humphrey, Auburn, heavyweight.



Take top mat honors

Henry Vetter, athletic director for Auburn High, presents the team championship trophy for the Auburn Invitational Wrestling Tournament to Dick O'Lena, captain of the East Rochester squad which amassed 77 points. O'Lena, who won the 167 pound class, accepted for coach Don Quinn.

Pictured in the center is John Sakolnik of Geneva who scored the fastest pin of the tournament finals in 50 seconds while on the right is Norb Sitnik of East Syracuse-Minoa who was named the outstanding wrestler.

E. Rochester repeats as mat champion

★ McCormick, Humphrey win for Auburn

East Rochester successfully defended its championship of the Auburn Invitational Wrestling Tournament Tuesday by outclassing seven other schools at the new comprehensive high school.

The Bombers of Coach Don Quirn mounted up 77 points with their well-balanced squad and outdistanced Rush-Henrietta, one of their regular rivals, by 18 points.

Norb Sitnik of East Syracuse-Minoa, the 221 pound champion, was adjudged the most valuable wrestler of the entire tournament by scoring three pins. He was given a good race by a pair of Auburn High representatives who earned crowns, Scott McCormick at 140 pounds and heavyweight Willie Henry Humphrey. Both scored a pair of pins enroute to their crowns.

In the team race, Geneva finished third with 88 points while AHS and ES-M tied for fourth with 42 points each. Mynderse Academy had 24, Scotia-Glenville finished with 20 points and Corning East rounded out the field with 15 points.

The trophy for the fastest pin went to John Sakolink of Geneva who scored a pin in 50 seconds over Karl Nielson of R-H in the finals. Sakolink was the MVW of the tournament last year and also scored the fastest pin then. He was one of four repeat winners. Others were Humphrey in the heavyweight class, Jim Welsh of Geneva in the 98 lb. class and Dick O'Lena of East Rochester who won the 155 lb. title last year and stepped up to 165 pounds this year.

East Rochester was in the lead all the way but only held a six point edge over R-H going into the finals. The Bombers had five men in the finals and R-H had six. However, ER wound up with four individual champions and R-H only one to make the difference.

For the Bombers it was their fourth win in the Auburn tournament, having been victorious in 1961, 1966 and last year.

About 800 fans watched the finals and the coaches felt this was the strongest all around tournament ever as all eight teams had strong personnel.

Scoring was given for the following: First round—two points for a pin and one for a decision; Second Round—eight points for a pin and seven for a decision; Consolation round—five points for a pin and four for a decision with two for the loser; Championship — four points for a pin and three for a decision.

No points were awarded for a bye or in the matches pitting first round losers.

Geneva won the first three championships but that was it for the night for the Panthers. ES-M had two winners as did Auburn and Rush-Henrietta had one.

In the 100-lb. weight class, Auburn Joe Alberti advanced to the finals but was defeated by Welsh of Geneva by an 8-0 count. The champ defeated Stu O'Lena of East Rochester 10-0 in the semifinals and pinned Fred Lavco of ES-M in the first round in 1:22.

The winner of the 107 lb. class was Sakolink who defeated Jim Nielson of R-H via a pin in 50 seconds of the finals. He drew a bye in the first round then earned a tough 5-4 decision over Bob Maurice of Corning East in the second round.

Jack Welsh won the third Geneva title in the 114 pound division by taking a hard

fought 2-0 decision over John Pudney of ES-M in the finals. On his way to the crown he pinned Larry Seely of S-G and Jim Trotter of ER in 1:30 and 3:27 respectively.

Sitnik pinned Al Marianiti of ER in the finals. He pinned Mark Guerrero of AHS in the opener then Harry Clancy of G-S in the semifinals.

Bob Cotroneo emerged as the victor in the 128 lb. division by pinning Jim Lorenz of Mynderse in 1:30 in the finals. Jim Deegan of ES-M and Ted Boglione of Auburn were his earlier victims, both by shutouts.

Ted Gerace of ES-M fought his way to the 134 lb. title by defeating John Stumpf of R-H with a 2-0 decision. He scored victories over Tim O'Leary of Corning East and Danny Duffy of ER before the finals.

Auburn's sophomore sensation, McCormick, racked up the 140 lb. weight class with a convincing 8-0 decision over John Cucci of R-H in the finals. He pinned Bob Chuley of Mynderse and Tony Calabrese of ER prior to the final bout.

Joe "Bull" Shick of the Bombers won the 147 lb. class by beating Jim Haring of Corning East 9-2 in the finals. Easy 11-1 and 11-0 victories over Glen McCormick of G-S and Warren Wells of ER respectively

preceded the champ's final match.

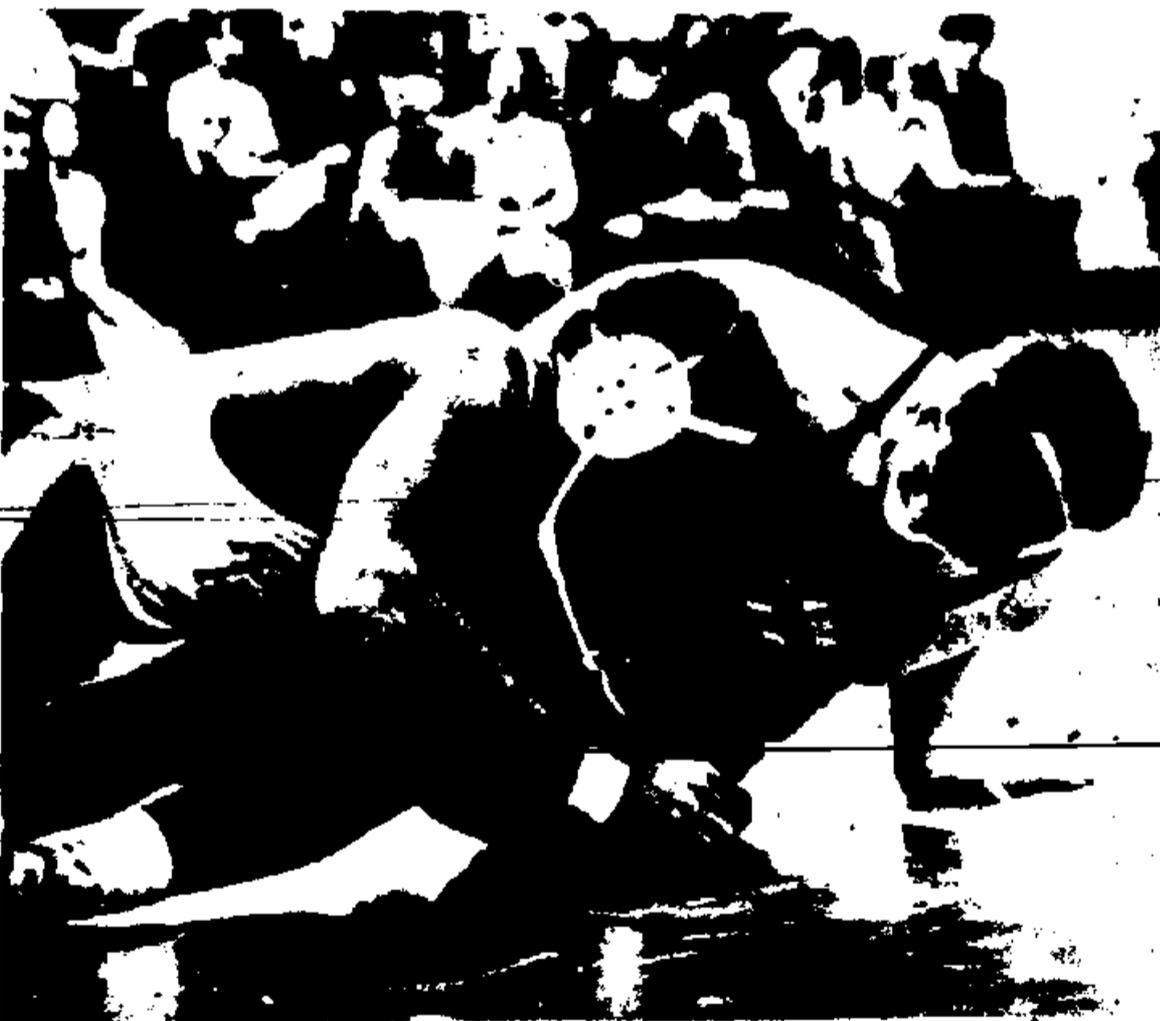
In a real good match Bob Whitcomb of ER earned a hard fought 6-3 win over Ted Maralank of Geneva in the finals. Bill Bellinger of AHS was a semifinal victim of Whitcomb 9-1 and Bart Barto of Mynderse was a first round casualty 10-0.

The 167 lb. class was won by Dick O'Lena of East Rochester who made it two in a row by pinning Jim Gordon of R-H in 4:41. He pinned Bill Babcock of Corning in 2:38 of the semis and won a 13-0 decision over Brian Patrick of Geneva in the first round.

Jim Korn won Rush-Henrietta's lone title when he scored a narrow 4-3 decision over Rick Hannon of Mynderse in the 170 lb. Class. Prior to the finals, the champ decisioned Bill Marion of ER 7-3 and pinned John Jones of G-S in 1:57.

Humphrey kept his unbeaten record intact by reversing Jerry Wells of Rush-Henrietta. Wells had Humphrey in a predicament but the AHS captain rolled him over and pinned him in 3:22. In his other bouts, Willie whipped George Capacci of Mynderse 12-0 in the semis and pinned Tom Bullock of Geneva in 2:24.

Henry Vetter, director of health and physical education for Auburn High, presented the awards to the champions following the match.



Humphrey pins foe

Willie Henry Humphrey, left, powerful Auburn High wrestler, is on top of Jerry Wells of Rush-Henrietta just prior to pinning his heavyweight opponent in the championship match of the AHS annual Holiday invitational Wrestling Tournament staged yesterday at the new school gym. Humphrey and Scott McCormick won championships for the Maroons. East Rochester repeated as team champion.

Peach Bowl game tonight

ATLANTA (AP) — Undefeated Arizona State, the nation's No. 8 power, and ball control-minded North Carolina collide

tonight in the third annual Peach Bowl football game, a postseason event that has been plagued by rain the last two years. A day-long rain Tuesday soaked Georgia