



### Wrestling honors presented

East Syracuse-Minoa wrestling coach Jack Griffin, second from left, is flanked by co-captains Doug Goodfellow and Bill Crysler as they proudly hold the team championship trophy for capturing the 14th annual Auburn Invitational

Wrestling Tournament Thursday. Tim Clifford of Auburn, who gained the fastest pin in the tournament, and Steve McCormick of the Maroons, who was the outstanding wrestler in the tournament look on.



### Picture of champions

The individual crown bearers of the 14th annual Auburn Invitational Wrestling Tournament pose after awards were presented Thursday at the AHS gym. Pictured in the front row, with their school and weight, left to right, are: Dave Catalano, Auburn, 98; Tim Nellis, Sandy Creek, 105; Doug Goodfellow, ES-M, 112; Tim Bayer, McQuaid, 121. Second

row, l. to r.: Tim Hathaway, Sandy Creek, 126; Vince Gerace, ES-M, 132; Kevin Dowd, McQuaid, 138; Lynn Chmley, Mynderse, 145; third row, l. to r.: Bill Crysler, ES-M, 155; Steve McCormick, AHS, 167; Ed Whalen, ES-M, 177; and, Tim Clifford, AHS, heavyweight.

# ES-M captures Auburn wrestling tourney

East Syracuse-Minoa's balanced wrestling team sent six men into the finals of the 14th annual Auburn Invitational Wrestling Tournament Thursday night at the Auburn High gymnasium and came away with four individual champions plus the overall team championship.

Coach Jack Griffin of the Spartans had only eight men get by the first round but seven of them won in the semi-finals to post additional points on the board. This type of advance aided the Onondaga High School League power to accumulate 74½ points in the team race.

This far outdistanced runnerup McQuaid Jesuit High of Rochester which had 59 points. Sandy Creek, which was third last year, finished in the same spot with 58 and host Auburn was fourth with 50½ points. Mynderse Academy had 39½, Newark 30, Baldwinsville 29 and Corning East 11.

It was an impressive showing for the young Maroons as they came up with three individual champions plus sweeping the most valuable wrestler award with Steve McCormick and the fastest pin trophy by Tim Clifford. Dave Catalano, the 98-pound AHS representative, came through with a big win in the finals then was followed to the championship spotlight by McCormick and Clifford at 167 and heavyweight respectively.

Each of the eight schools in the field was represented in the finals which took place before a sparse crowd.

In addition to ES-M's four champs and Auburn's three, McQuaid and Sandy Creek had two each and Mynderse had one.

Auburn Coach Dan Halstead was pleased with the performance of his boys, noting they gained valuable experience. AHS had three juniors, three sophomores and one freshman competing in the tournament.

Catalano is one of the sophs while classmate Tony Petrosino captured third spot in the 126-pound division. The other Maroon to finish in the top four was 145-pounder Mark Prentice, a senior, was defeated in the finals by rugged Mynderse Academy representative Lynn Chuley.

Auburn also has three fifth place finishers, those who lost in the first round but captured their next two bouts. Sophomore Dave DeLorenzo did this at 138 while juniors Chris DePalma and Bob Landis did likewise at 132 and 154 respectively.

In the 98-pound bracket, Catalano reigned

supreme as the second seeded matman drew a first round bye then defeated Jim Medina of Baldwinsville in the semis 7-3 before disposing of top seeded John Hunkins of Sandy Creek 8-1 in the finals. Hunkins scored a pin and a lopsided decision in gaining the finals. John Smalridge of McQuaid was third, downing Medina in the semis.

Tim Nellis added his second straight Auburn title to his list by capturing the 106-pound class, downing Bill Chermak of Newark in the finals 9-2. Chermak was only seventh seeded so did a fine job advancing to the finals. Nellis drew a first round bye then downed Tim Richardson of Mynderse 4-1 in the semis before taking Chermak. Richardson was third, defeating Don Meyer of B'ville in the consi.

Doug Goodfellow, who captured the 112-pound class last year, did it again this year but needed a riding time edge over Harold Saxbury of Corning East in the finals for a 3-2 decision. It was an excellent match with neither grappler getting an edge. Goodfellow scored decisive 9-0 and 15-4 decisions over Brian Williamson of Newark and Bob Cerio of Baldwinsville respectively to reach the finals. Cerio downed Jeff Converse of Mynderse for third.

McQuaid's Tim Bayer upheld his top seed in the 121-pound division by taking the title in a 7-3 decision over Doug Paige of B'ville. Bayer pinned Marc Hylwa in 3:06 of the first round then decisioned Steve Jones of Sandy Creek 11-6 in the semis. Tim Celso of Newark defeated Jones for third spot.

Marc Scott tried to make it two straight for the Rochester team but was downed by top seeded Tim Hathaway of Sandy Creek at 126 with a 10-7 decision. Scott first beat Bill Caraher of Mynderse 5-0 then edged Petrosino 7-3 in the final seconds. Hathaway scored two pins enroute to the finals. Petrosino handled Mike Cerio of B'ville for third by a 5-0 count.

Another top seed, Vince Gerace of ES-M, won out at 132 as he defeated Rick Healey of Newark in the finals, pinning him in 1:59. Healey was seventh seeded and defeated second seeded Ron Shirley of SC in the first round. Gerace pinned Al Heissen of Mynderse in the first match in 1:30 then decisioned Steve Wu of McQuaid 10-1 in the semis. Wu won the consi bout over Gary Osborne of B'ville.

The third McQuaid title was won by Kevin Dowd at 138 as he defeated Rusty Godlewski

of ES-M 11-3 in the finals. Dowd scored two shutout decisions going to the championship, defeating Dave Allenton of Newark 4-0 and Phil Valois of Mynderse 8-0. Taking third was Lyman Robbins of SC who downed Valois 9-0 in the consi.

The Chuley-Prentice match was hectic for the 145-pound title with the well built Blue Devil gaining the edge in the final period and taking an 8-4 decision. Chuley scored a 38 second pin over Mark Stanton of Corning in the opener before downing George Todd of McQuaid. Prentice had to survive a 3-1 overtime decision over Halph Shaw of ES-M in the semis before gaining the finals. Shaw won the consi in another overtime, this time defeating Todd.

Jim Crysler of ES-M was only fourth seeded entering the meet but won the 154-pound title by downing second seeded Kevin Clerkan of SC 8-1 in the finals. In the semis, Crysler did a great job in downing top seeded John Van Lare of Newark 6-2. Van Lare won the third spot over John Walther of McQuaid.

McCormick had little trouble getting through the 167-pound division as he pinned Rick Tommaro of Corning East in 1:40 in the first round then routed Al Hamilton of ES-M 18-3 in the semis. In the finals he pinned Tim Joss of SCC in 3:20 in an impressive performance. Tom Bently of Mynderse gained third with a win over Hamilton.

At 177 it was top seeded Ed Whalen who went all the way but he had to gain a 2-0 overtime decision over Steve O'Hara of Mynderse. The two battled on even terms throughout the match with Whalen earning the two overtime points. Marv Kahler of Newark decisioned Chet Bonoro of Corning East for third spot. Bonoro was the semifinal victim of Whalen.

The Clifford final was a rough match as Steve Hamilton of ES-M was not ready to back off. Clifford broke a scoreless deadlock at the end of the first period then went on to take an 11-1 decision. Dave Coville of Mynderse took third by pinning Al Wolvik of B'ville. Clifford's fastest pin came in the opener when he decked Mark Santelli of Newark in 30 seconds. He pinned Coville in the semis in 5:43.

MAT MURMERS — Referees Jim Carnfield, Al Emmi, Austin Leahy and Nelson Johnson did a great job handling the approximately 125 bouts during the day. The sparse crowd could spell the end of the oldest wrestling tournament in Upstate New

York. There were several delays during the day for cuts and bloody noses. Tom Butcher and Dick Jones of the AHS staff handled the public address system throughout the day. Thanks to the cooperation received from Bob Hunter, the grapplers and everyone who wished had hot meals in the AHS cafeteria. The AHS freshman wrestlers helped considerably throughout the day. The trophies were handed out minus figurines which had not been received yet and the medals for third place finishers also were missing. ES-M finished fourth last year and Griffin has been bringing a team for several years.

The balance of the tournament was obvious as the scoring indicated. After one round McQuaid had a narrow edge but after the semis ES-M had jumped ahead as did Sandy Creek. It was the first time in many years all teams showed up with full squads, the only byes being due to some boys not making weight. The overall strength of the Baldwinsville program was apparent as the Bees entered their junior varsity team but still had seven boys advance to the semifinals. The varsity team competed in the Iliion tournament. Hank Vetter did an outstanding job as tournament director.

The trophy presentation was handled by Dave DeLorenzo and Nick Guerrero. Goodfellow is a senior but has not really grown since the eighth grade.

- 98 lb. — Catalano (A) dec. Hunkins (S-C), 8-1
- 105 lb. — Nellis (S-C) dec. Chermak (N), 9-2
- 112 lb. — Goodfellow (ESM) dec. Saxbury (C-E), 3-2
- 119 lb. — Bayer (MC) dec. Paige (B'ville), 7-3
- 126 lb. — Scott (MC) dec. Hathaway (S-C), 10-7
- 132 lb. — Gerace (ESM) pin Healy (N), 1:59
- 138 lb. — Dowd (MC) dec. Godlewski (ESM), 11-3
- 145 lb. — Chuley (MY) dec. Prentice (A), 8-4
- 155 lb. — Crysler (ESM) dec. Clerhan (S-C), 8-1
- 167 lb. — McCormick (A) pinned Joss (S-C), 3:20
- 177 lb. — Whalen (ESM) dec. O'Hara (MC), 2-0 over time
- HWT. — Clifford (A) dec. Hamilton (ESM), 11-1



'Spanky' I love you

Steve 'Spanky' McCormick, Auburn High's fine 167-pound wrestling star, is shown receiving one of his awards, a big kiss from his niece Stacy, after capturing the championship in his class in the Auburn Invitational Tournament Thursday at the AHS gym. Later McCormick was named the outstanding wrestler in the tournament for two pins and a lopsided decision.

Coach returns home—

## McGrath J-D five to meet Skaneateles for cage title

Jim "Duke" McGrath, head cage coach at game in addition to scoring 20 points in by