Braves have new challenger, still win mat title

BY CHARLES HAYES

For a change, someone other than Geneva and Mynderse were able to give the Canandaigua Braves a run for their money in the Wayne-Finger Lakes Wrestling league's Eastern Division Tournament.

Saturday night, for the third straight year, Coach Weldon Canough's Braves came out ahead of the other eight teams in the league. But, for the first time in at least a decade, neither Geneva nor Mynderse were in a stiff battle with Canandaigua for the tourney championship.

This time, it was the Wayne Central Eagles who chased the Braves.

Canandaigua compiled 87 points, while Wayne finished with 711/2, followed by Penn Yan (51), Waterloo (49), Newark (401/2), Mynderse (34), Geneva Macedon (221/2).

Both Canandaigua and Wayne had six wrestlers reach the finals. Four of the Wayne wrestlers came out as champions while Canandaigua came up with

Canandaigua compiled most of its points in early rounds, as it sent 10 boys wrestlers in the semi-finals and all six reached the finals.

. After Friday night's pre-quarter and quarterfinal round action, Canandaigua 'led the pack with 371/2 points while Penn - Yan, with seven wrestlers reaching the semi-finals, was second with 26 points. Wayne was third with 201/2.

funner-up after the semi-finals. While Wayne's six wrestlers all won semi-final rounds, only two of the Mustang's semifinalists managed to survive.

Probably the best match of the entire fourney came in the 112 pound semifinals where Wayne's third seeded Ted Hararther nipped Canandaigua's second seeded Gene Gigliotti, 8-7. In a dual meet during the regular season, Gigliotti had edged Hargarther.

. Hargarther went on to decision first seeded Tom Pedersen of Midlakes in the finals and was later named the tour-

nament's outstanding wrestler.

The 155 pound class appeared to be wide open at the start of the tourney, with Geneva's defending champion Walt Russ, unbeaten in the league, given the

best chance to come out on top. As things turned out, it was seventh seeded Rick Helfer of Palmyra-Macedon, who captured the title, beating Russ in the finals, 4-3, on a third period take down. Helfer reached the finals by beating Tom Heathcoat of Penn Yan, 3-0, in the semi-finals. Russ got past Mynderse's Tim Bentley, 8-3, to reach the finals.

A couple of other low seeded wrestlers battled their way into the finals but lost. Waterloo's Pete Sperlazza, ranked fifth at 119 pounds, upset Penn Yan's top seed, Jim Swarthout, in the semi-finals but lost to Canandaigua's Jim White, (331/2), Midlakes (311/2) and Palmyra- ranked third, in the finals, being pinned in 2:18 minutes.

At 167 pounds, Penn Yan's John Brewster, sixth seeded, decisioned Mynderse's second ranked Dave Coville, 9-5, to reach the finals, only to lose to top seeded Pat Catalano of Wayne, 11-6.

In the remaining eight matches, four into the semi-finals. Wayne put six of the top seeded wrestlers came out on

Geneva's John Zello decisioned Wayne's Ron Fisher at 98 pounds. Fisher, third seeded, beat second seeded Jeff Gelines, 5-0, in the semi-finals, while Zello edged fourth ranked Ralph Day of Midlakes, 3-2, in the semi-finals. Jim Vanaman, last year's runner up . The Eagles replaced Penn Yan as at 105 pounds, captured that weight class this year when he decisioned Wayne's Larry Bamford, 3-0, in the finals. Vanaman had missed most of the season and was seeded ninth with his 1-1 league record, while Bamford was third

> Canandaigua's 126 pounder, Dennis Jones upped his career record to 76-15-1 with an 11-2 decision over Newark's Brian Willemsen in the finals. It marked the second straight year in which Jones has won the 126 pound title. Two years ago he reached the finals, but lost to Geneva's Bill Welsh at 119 pounds.

Jones' career record is the best mark

ever posted by a Canandaigua wrestler. The 132-pound title went to Newark's Harry Allerton, who beat Mark Hylwa of Mynderse in the finals, 5-1.

Wayne's Rick Lang posted his 25th straight win of the season against no losses and upped his career mark to 53-10 with a pin over Dan Allerton of Newark in the finals of the 138 pound

Roy Lang, Rick's brother wasn't about to be outdone and at 145 pounds he captured the championship with a referees' decision over top ranked Ralph Burgess of Canandaigua.

At the end of three periods, the two were tied at 1-1. After three one minute overtime periods, the two were still deadlocked. Lang was awarded the decision mainly because Burgess was warned twice about stalling.

Mynderse's Eric Rosenkrans who decisioned Penn Yan's Dan Beardsley in the semi-finals, won the 177 pound title when top ranked Bill Bartosch forfeited. Bartosch, the defending champion, hurt his knee in the semi-finals when he pinned Pal-Mac's Rick VanHoute in 3:32. Instead of risking further injury, which perhaps could hurt his chances in the Section 5 Tournament next week, Canough decided to have Bartosch

At 215 pounds, Waterloo's John Marino upped his record to 24-0 when he pinned Ken Hilfiker of Midlakes in the

Chris Shaffer of Waterloo pinned Canandaigua's Dave Zimmerman to cop the unlimited title.

Marino posted three pins during the. tourney and received a trophy for having the most pins in the least amount of time. It took him just 20 seconds to dispose of Pal-Mac's Chuck DeGroat in the quarter-finals. He then pinned Bill Dils of Canandaigua in 3: 43 in the semifinals, before polishing off Hilfiker in 2:45 in the finals.

The summary:

Semi-Finals - John Zello (G) decisioned Ralph Day (ML), 3-2. Ron Fisher (Way) decisioned Jeff Gelines, (C), 5-0. 105 - Jim Vanaman (PY) decisioned Scott

Laise (G), 10-0. Larry Bamford (Way) decisioned Doug Lynn. 112 - Tom Pedersen (ML) decisioned Bob decisioned Gene Gigliotti (C), 8-7.

119 — Pete Sperlazza (Wat) decisioned Jim Swarthout (PY), 4-0. Jim White (C) decisioned Gerry Buckert (N), 6-4. 126 - Dennis Jones (C) pinned Barry Ketchum, 3:39. Brian Willemsen (N)

decisioned Gary Reynolds (Wat), 6-3. 132 - Harry Alterton (N) pinned Ben Rozelle (G), 3:30. Mark Hylwa (My) decisioned Tom Burgess (C), 4-2. 138 - Rick Lang (Way) pinned Dave Fox (PY), 4:54. Dan Allerton (N) decisioned Mark

Buonanno (C), 19-4. 145 - Ralph Burgess (C) decisioned Dan Williams (PY), 6-3. Roy Lang (Way) decisioned Fred Salone (W), 17-8.

155 - Walt Russ (G) decisioned Tim Bentley (My), 7-5. Rick Helfer (PM) decisioned Tom Heathcoat (N), 3-0. 167 - Pat Catalano (Wa) pinned Rick

Amidon (W), 5:40. John Brewster (PY) decisioned Dave Coville (My), 9-5. 177 - Bill Bartosch (C) pinned Rick VanHoute (P-M), 3:32. Eric Rosenkrans (My) decisioned Dan Beardsley (PY), 11-6. 215 - John Marino (Wat) pinned Bill Dils

Moracco (G), 12-5. Unl. - Dave Zimmerman (C) bye. Chris Shaffer (Wat) pinned Dave Burchim (ML),

(C), 3:43. Ken Hilfiker (ML) decisioned Dan

Consolation 98 - Gelines (C) decisioned Day (ML), 9-6. 105 — Lynn (C) decisioned Laise (G), 9-2. 112 Gigliotti (C) decisioned Jensen (PY).119 -Swarthout (PY) decisioned Buckert (N), 6-1. 126 - Ketchum (PM) decisioned Reynolds (Wat), 4-2. 132 — T. Burgess (C). decisioned Rozelle (G), 7-1.

138 - Fox (PY) decisioned Buonanno (C), 7-2. 145 - Williams (PY) decisioned Salone (Wat), 12-2. 155 - Bentley (My) pinned Heathcoat (N), 1:58. 167 — Amidon (Wat) decisioned Coville (My), 4-2. 177 — Beardsley (PY) decisioned VanHoute (PM), 215 Moracco (G) decisioned Dils (C), 3-2, 250 Burchim (ML) decisioned Fosmier (PM). FINALS

(Season records in parenthesis) - Zello (19-4-1, Geneva) decisioned Fisher (Wayne), 9-4. 105 - Vanaman (6-2, Penn Yan) decisioned

Bamford (14-7, Wayne), 3-0.

112 - Hargarther (20-4, Wayne) decisioned

138 - Lang (25-0, Wayne) pinned Allerton 119 - White (19.5-1, Canandaigua) pinned (13-4, Newark), 4:26. 145 - Lang (23-2, Wayne) won on referees'

decision over Burgess (19-3, Canandaigua) 155 — Helfer (12-2-3, Palmyra-Macedon) decisioned Russ (16-5-2, Geneva), 4-3. 167 — Catalano (20-4, Wayne) decisioned

The champions in the Wayne-Finger Lakes Wrestling league's Eastern Division are, bottom row, left

177 - Rosenkrans (17-3, Mynderse) won by

215 - Marino (24-0, Waterloo) pinned

Unl. - Shaffer (12-0, Waterloo) pinned

forfeit over Bartosch (21-5, Canandaigua).

Zimmerman (3-5-1, Canandaigua), 5:50.

Hilfiker (16-2, Midlakes), 4:45.

Wayne-Finger Lakes East Champs

to right; John Zello (Geneva); Jim Vanaman (Penn Yan); Ted Hargarther (Wayne); Jim White (Canandaigua); Dennis Jones (Canandaigua); and Harry Allerton (Newark). Back row, Rick Lang (Wayne); Roy Lang (Wayne); Rick Helfer (Palmyra-Macedon); Pat Catalano (Wayne); Eric Rosenkrans (Mynderse); John Marino (Waterloo); Chris Shaffer (Waterloo). (Times photo) Brewster (9-6-2, Penn Yan), 11-6. Pedersen (16-2, Midlakes), 4-1.

Speriazza (11-6-1, Waterloo), 2:18.

126 - Jones (23-2, Canandaigua) decisioned 132 - Allerton (14-2-1, Newark) decisioned

HOUGHTON - Ron Mather, a 6-4

senior from Interlaken had a great night

on the boards and that pretty much

made the difference Saturday night as

the Eisenhower College Generals

It was the Generals' seventh

basketball win of the season against 13

defeats and it was their first Private

College Athletic Conference win of the

campaign, Earlier in the season,

Mather hauled down 25 rebounds,

tying a single game rebound record,

which he had originally set last season

in a game with Berkshire College. He

With Mather's rebounding, the

Generals had a huge 62-40 margin on the

Houghton beat the Generals, 85-77.

also tallied 21 points.

downed Houghton College, 90-81.

Willemsen (13-4, Newark), 11-2. Hylwa (10-9, Mynderse), -5-1.

Mather in control for Generals second half. Eisenhower managed to

> of the way. Neil Kromer chipped in with 15 points for the Generals while Tom Rainbow added 10 points and grabbed 12 rebounds.

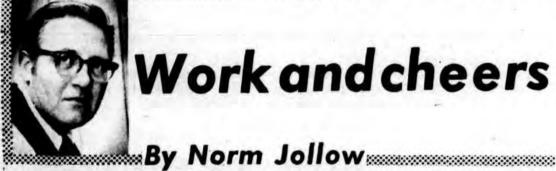
stay in front by five to 10 points the rest

The Generals connected on 31 of 81 field goal attempts and sank 28 of 40 free throws. Houghton had a better per-

centage from the field than Eisenhower, hitting on 33 of 72 attempts. Houghton's Harold Spooner led all

scorers, hitting 35 points. The Generals have three games remaining on the season. They'll be at Binghamton, Wednesday night and then return home to finish out against RIT on Friday night and Albany Pharmacy on Saturday night.

Press Box Patter



Canandaigua won its third straight Wayne-Finger Lakes East Division wrestling championship with a lot of hard work.

Wayne Central finished second, quite possibly with no less work, but the Eagles also were "cheered on."

Canandaigua Coach Weldon Canough shouldn't have to work so hard next year to win a fourth championship.

But when you look at what Wayne Coach Dawson Raymo has going for him, it just might be that Canough has another long season ahead of him if he hopes for a fourth straight title.

Of the 12 regulars that Canough has, five will graduate. Three of the five finalists for the Braves are seniors. But Canough should have last year's 98pound Section 5 champion, Bobby Hadsell back.

With that, it is easy to see why Canandaigua is going to be the team to be reckoned with next season.

But hold on a minute. Wayne had six finalists in the 1974 tournament held at Geneva High

And of those six, five will be back next year when the tournament goes to Palmyra-Macedon. And Raymo has another plus. He has the only group of wrestling cheerleaders in the league. And Raymo is one who feels that cheerleaders at a wrestling match are a decided plus.

Ten young ladies in their gold and blue outfits cheered, squeezed and cried as "their boys" wrestled on the mat. And they got the band of Wayne faithful yelling and cheering right along with them.

There was one incongruity. It somehow seemed out of place when they gave the cheer "S-C-O-R-E" even though wrestling bouts and matches are scored for points. But they also have another cheer more in tune with the sport. With their man in the down position, they give out with an "up . . . now," cheer.

"We take them everywhere," said Raymo, a situation that non-plused Geneva High Athletic Director Guy Spader a little when the young ladies appeared in the gym, Friday night.

They came dressed in "civilian" clothes and that left Spader questioning that they were cheerleaders, which you don't usually find at wrestling matches.

To the best of our knowledge, Wayne is the only school with wrestling cheerleaders. And these aren't the basketball cheerleaders that take in the wrestling matches. They cheer strictly for wrestling and "anyway, they are prettier than the basketball cheerleaders," says Raymo, who had better be prepared to "wrestle" after that statement.

"They get the crowd excited," says Raymo, who notes that wrestling crowds aren't always big and it sometimes gets guiet. But not when the

Wayne girls get going. And Raymo figures that having a few pretty girls around doesn't hurt the attendance. "When you have girls

around, the boys will come around to watch the girls."

But with at least seven wrestlers back from this year's team that lost only to Canandaigua, Raymo isn't too bad off, with or without cheerleaders.

Meanwhile, Canough is hoping that next year won't be as difficult as this

It should have been a pretty easy year. "I never held more than an hour and a half practice," said Canough.

And he had not planned for more than that this year until: Bobby Hadsell was hit by a school bus in September and wasn't cleared

for phys-ed and sports until a couple of weeks ago; One wrestler quit;

Another got in trouble and left the Jim Giglioffi tore a cartilage in his

knee in soccer and didn't get back until the last match of the season; Two members of last year's junior

varsity, expected to move up this year, moved away from Canandaigua. Then the Braves opened the season and lost to Victor, which by itself is not

an embarrassment. But after that match, "we began holding three-hour practices every day. There were no Saturday's off," said

It became the hardest working year for Canough since his first couple of seasons when he was getting the* program laid out the way he wanted it one that would turn out strong teams year after year.

"We suddenly had a lot of kids on the varsity this year who weren't ready for it, but they were by the end of the year." said Canough, who led his team to another undefeated league season and to only two non-league losses throughout

"We had three sophomores and one freshman in the semi-finals," noted Canough, adding that the team this season generally included five sophomores, one freshman and one junior.

"A lot of these kids figured to be my JV squad this season," said Canough, admitting that "this was a hard year of coaching for me and a hard year of working for the kids to win it this time." In fact, said Canough, "it was 10 times

as hard this year. So, Canough, who in the last eight years has seen his team win 60 league bouts while losing two and tying two, figures next year shouldn't be so hard "if everybody stays healthy and stays in

Canandaigua." And the team's record of four outright championships and ties for two others in that eight-year span, quite possibly will go up to five titles.

But just to be on the safe side, maybe Canough should investigate the idea of wrestling cheerleaders.

After all, last year, Wayne was next to last in the W-FL tournament. This year, they are next to first.

boards over the Highlanders. "He really controlled the boards for us and did quite a job," said Eisenhower Coach Fred Bleiler. "Being able to control the boards made the difference," he added. ketball Saturday. Steve Lesperance was the big scoring "It was a personal revenge I had with gun for the Generals. Lesperance, Billy Knight (the Pitt star)," said having his best shooting night of the season, according to Bleiler, pumped in 31 points to lead the Eisenhower scoring winning streak. attack. Steve hit on 12 of 20 shots from

"He (Lesperance) shot as well as could be expected from anybody," related Bleiler.

the floor, mosly from outside.

The Generals held a 46-45 lead at the half but then blew to a 10-pound bulge after five minutes had elapsed in the

The box score:

Houghton (81)				Eisenhower (90)				
	G	F	T			G	F	T
Spooner	13	9	35	Kroner		5	5	15
Clark	6	0	12	Lesperance	1	2	7	31
Robinson	8	0	16	Mather		7	7	21
Norton	3	0	6	Rainbow		3	4	10
Morris	0	0	0	Berkley		1	2	4
Raff	0	0	0	Fox		3	0	6
Pettit	2	2	6	Coon		0	0	0
Beilewier	1	4	6	Cannon	0	00	0	0
				Riccione		0	3	3
Totals	33	15	81	Totals	31	2	8	90

Penn State trips Pitt (The Associated Press)

Ron Brown wanted to beat Pitt - for revenge. John Bach wanted to beat Pitt for recognition.

Although for different reasons, both player and coach got what they wanted after Penn State upset the seventhranked Panthers 66-64 in college bas-

Brown after his shot at the end stopped the Panthers' marvelous, 22-game Brown played Knight one-on-one and overshadowed his opponent, scoring 32

points, including his dramatic game-winner at the buzzer. Brown connected on 14 of 20 shots from the floor while Knight could only

manage 5 of 16 and 12 points. "They said Knight had a bruised shoulder, but he didn't do anything out there today," said Brown.

If Brown exulted in the victory, so did Bach. He's been trying to put Penn State in the spotlight ever since he left Fordham several years ago.

"In all my 24 years of coaching, I can't remember anything which has meant more to a team than this," said a happy Bach, whose club has a modest 14-10 record this year.

Pitt wasn't the only one in the Top Ten

who lost. Vanderbilt, the nation's No. 4

feam, was upset by Tennessee, 59-53. Top-ranked North Carolina State, meanwhile, beat Clemson 80-75; No. 2 Notre Dame blasted West Virginia 108-80; No. 3 UCLA ripped Washington 99-65; fifth-ranked Maryland trimmed Duke 64-61; No. 6 North Carolina turned back Virginia 94-61; No. 8 Alabama

beat Detroit 61-53 and 10th-rated Indiana defeated Minnesota 73-55. In the Second Ten, 12th-rated Southern California defeated Washington State 86-59; No. 13 Long Beach State beat UC-Santa Barbara 98-61; Hawaii upset No. 15 Creighton 61-60; 18thranked Kansas State trimmed Oklahoma 90-67; 19th-rated Michigan crushed Purdue 111-84 and No. 20

toppled Kentucky 94-71; No. 9 Marquette

In a game Sunday, 14th-ranked South Carolina defeated Duquesne 67-57.

Louisville outscored St. Louis 93-85.

North Carolina State had to put down a spirited performance by Clemson before collecting its 22nd victory in 23 games this season. David Thompson scored 35 points for the Wolfpack.

Adrian Dantley scored 41 points to lead Notre Dame to an easy victory over outmanned West Virginia.

UCLA beat Washington behind a 31-

point performance by Keith Wilkes. It

was the Bruins' final home game of the season and their 65th straight victory Ernie Grunfeld scored 32 points in Tennessee's upset of Vanderbilt. The loss was only the Commodores' second

in 23 games this year and stalled their

drive toward the Southeastern Conference championship. Len Elmore fired in 22 points and collected 17 rebounds to pace Maryland over Duke. Bobby Jones scored 18 points and sparked a tough defense to pull

North Carolina past Virginia. With Charles Cleveland scoring 24 points, Alabama handed Kentucky its worst defeat in 24 years at home.

Sports menu

MONDAY Basketball College

Hilbert vs. CCFL at Canandalgua Sr.

Palmieri's vs. Luzzi's, 7 p.m. Tiara vs. Johnnies, 8:15 p.m. Girls

Wayne-Finger Lakes Honeoye at Honeoye Falls Lima, 4

Red Jacket at Dundee, 4 p.m. Victor at Bloomfield, 4 p.m. Naples at South Seneca, 4 p.m. Wayne

Williamson at Palmyra - Macedon, 4 North Rose-Wolcott at Sodus, 4 p.m. Clyde-Savannah at Lyons, 4 p.m.

Wayne at Marion, 4 p.m. AUTO RACING RICHMOND, Va. - Bobby Allison

ended Richard Petty's domination of the Fairgrounds Raceway with a threesecond victory in the Richmond 500.



Wayne cheerleaders find moment of happiness. (Times photo).