

Victor has nine champions in West wrestling

By CHARLES HAYES
VICTOR — As expected, the Victor Blue Devils were too much for the rest of the members of the Wayne-Finger Lakes Wrestling league's Western Division, Saturday.

The unbeaten league champion Devils came close to making a clean sweep in the league tournament, which acts as a pre-quarterfinal of the Section 5, Class B tourney.

Victor had 10 wrestlers reach the 13 bout finals and nine came out as champions.

North Rose-Wolcott, the only team in the league to offer Victor much of a challenge, had seven finalists. Three came out on top. Dundee had one champion out of five finalists. Marion and Sodas placed two and one respectively in the finals.

Saturday's champs and runners-up in each weight class will meet the top two winners from the Genesee-Orleans Region in Section 5, Class B Quarterfinal round action, March 3, at Victor.

Victor wound up with 145 points while North Rose-Wolcott had 77½, followed by Dundee (75), Marion (58½), South Seneca (31), Whitman (28), Honeoye Falls-Lima (26½), Sodas (19) and Lyons (10½).

The only upset in the tourney was at the unlimited weight where Victor's Ken Faubel came up with a pin in 3:33 minutes over top seeded Ken Kellar of North Rose-Wolcott.

In the other matches, all the top seeded wrestlers went on to win championships in their respective classes.

There was almost an upset in the semi-finals however, in a match involving top seeded 155 pound John Toomey of Victor and fifth seeded Jeff Talcott of South Seneca. Toomey had to fight for his life to pull out a 2-1 overtime decision.

One of the best bouts of the night was between 126 pound finalist Jerry DeCausemaker of North Rose-Wolcott and Marion's Wayne Schapp.

With less than a minute left in the third period, Schapp had a 10-6 lead. But, DeCausemaker had a take down and a near fall to move in front, 11-10, and then before you could blink an eye, he pinned Schapp with just seven seconds left on the clock.

DeCausemaker, the defending league champion, was named as the tourney's outstanding wrestler.

At 98 pounds, Marion's Dennis Verkest ran his unbeaten record to 19-0 by coming up with a 6-0 decision in the finals over second seeded Mike Litteer of Dundee.

Victor's top seeded Mark Krug followed by posting a 9-2 decision over second seeded Jim Interlichia of North Rose-Wolcott.

In the 112 pound class, Victor's top seeded Rich Johnson and second seeded Sam Maruszak of Dundee fought their way to the finals where Johnson racked up a 9-2 win.

North Rose-Wolcott's Ron VanDeusen decided Victor's John Spittal, 5-0, at 119. VanDeusen was the top seed while Spittal was ranked second.

After DeCausemaker beat Schapp at 126 pounds, Victor's top seeded Dave Cotton registered a 6-3 decision over second ranked Gary Allen of North Rose-Wolcott at 132 pounds.

At 138, Victor's Mark Ferris, the number one seed, won by default over second seeded Harold Smith of Dundee.

Dave Cotton of Dundee pulled out a tough 2-0 decision over second seeded Brad Ahonen of Victor at 145 pounds while Toomey came up with a third period escape at 158 pounds to nip Jerry Garrett of North Rose-Wolcott, 7-6.

Victor's Bill Lloyd pinned third seeded Walter Scott of Marion in 3:42 minutes of the 167 pound final. Scott reached the finals by pinning second seeded Joe VanLare of North Rose-Wolcott in the semi-finals in 1:28 minutes.

Another third seeded wrestler, Ray Grover of Dundee, made it to the finals by pinning second ranked Barry Pemberton of South Seneca in 1:30 minutes of the semi-finals. Grover however, lost in the finals by a 14-0 decision to Victor's powerful Mike Guinan.

Victor's Ron Warner, the defending Section 5, Class B champ at 218 pounds, racked up his 23 straight wins without a loss this season when he nailed Sodas' George Martin in 1:40 minutes.

The day's long activities came to a close when Faubel pinned Kellar in the unlimited class.

The summary:

QUARTER-FINALS
 98 — Dennis Verkest (NR) pinned Ray Holmes (HF), 1:46. Steve Dalberth (M) decided John Collier (V), 13-2. Mike Litteer (D) decided Duncan Mayo (L), 5-0. Jack Hainsworth (W), bye.
 105 — Mark Krug (V) pinned Larry Nagelinger (D), 1:45. Dan Stevenson (SS) by Jerry Smith (W) pinned Junot (HF), 5:54. Jim Interlichia (NR) by.
 112 — Dick Johnson (V) pinned Rd Hutchinson (W), 4:2. Rick Ertel (M) decided Steve Junot (HF), 6:2. Tom Interlichia (NR) pinned Tom Martin (L), 3:00. Sam Maruszak (D) by.
 119 — Ron VanDeusen (NR) pinned Holmes (HF), 3:53. Scott Gage (W) pinned Charles Jessop (D), 3:02. Henry D'Amato (SS) pinned Carlton O'Marra (L), 3:38. John Spittal (V) pinned Orville Brooks (S), 4:4.
 126 — Jerry DeCausemaker (NR) decided Joe Mantagna (HF), 12:3. Bill Bowerman (V) decided Ron Hutchinson (W), 15:1. Carl Davidson (D) pinned Ertel (M) 4:47. Wayne Schapp (M) pinned Dave Leisenring (L), 2:54.
 132 — Dave Cotton (V) pinned Jeff Blackwell (L), 1:03. Ed Mathis (S) decided Tom Junot (HF), 9:0. Steve Carruthers (D) decided Don Bush (W), 8:0. Gary Allen (NR) decided John Stiles (SS), 5:0.
 138 — Mark Ferris (V) pinned Ed Bailey (L), 5:22. Jim Westervelt (SS) decided C.J. Hall (M), 5:3. Marty Fultz (W) pinned Bob Fitzgerald (NR), 1:29. Harold Smith (D) pinned Fuoco (HF), 1:46.

145 — Randy Cotton (D) pinned Ed Eaton (L), 20. Ralph Hartell (M) decided Tom Clough (HF), 14:1. Rowley (W), by Brad Ahonen (V) pinned John Gerlach (SS), 2:35.
 155 — John Toomey (V) pinned Jim Thomas (M), 4:2. Jeff Talcott (SS) decided Panipintoc (HF), 5:4. John VanHeusen (D) pinned Jay Bond (S), 1:17. Jerry Garrett (NR) pinned Dave Dandino (L), 1:42.
 165 — Bill Lloyd (V) pinned Jim VanLare (S), 30. Dave Poulson (SS) decided Rod Lake (L), 6:0. Walter Scott (M) pinned Don Brink (W), 2:3. Joe VanLier (NR) pinned Tripp (HF), 1:28.
 177 — Mike Guinan (V) by. Jaques Compton (M) decided Joe Rolison (S), 9:0. Ray Grover (D) by. Barry Pemberton (SS) by.
 Hwt. — Ron Warner (V) by. George Martin (S) by. Bill Lunney (L) by.
 Unl — Ken Kellar (NR) by. Doug Jones (M) by. Ken Faubel (V) by.

SEMI-FINALS
 98 — Verkest (NR) pinned Hainsworth (W), 4:2. Litteer (D) decided Dalberth (M), 13:2.
 105 — Krug (V) pinned Stevenson (SS), 2:17.
 J. Interlichia (NR) decided Smith (W), 9:6.
 112 — Johnson (V) decided Ertel (M), 16:4. Maruszak (D) pinned T. Interlichia (NR), 3:04.
 119 — VanDeusen (NR) decided Gage (W), 11:0. Spittal (V) decided H. D'Amato (SS), 6:5.
 126 — DeCausemaker (NR) decided Bowerman (V), 15:1. Schapp (M) decided Davidson (D), 10:4.
 132 — Cotton (V) decided Mathis (S), 6:1. Allen (NR) decided Carruthers (D), 4:0.
 138 — Ferris (V) decided Westervelt (SS), 7:1. Smith (D) pinned Fultz (W), 3:49.
 145 — Cotton (D) pinned Hartell (M), 4:18. Ahonen (V) decided Rowley (W), 9:0.
 155 — Toomey (V) decided Talcott (SS), 2:1. Garrett (NR) pinned VanHeusen (D), 3:20.
 167 — Lloyd (V) pinned Poulson (SS), 3:50. Scott (M) decided VanLier (NR), 7:6.
 177 — Guinan (V) pinned Compton (M), 1:43. Grover (D) pinned Pemberton (SS), 1:30.
 218 — Warner (V) by. Martin (S) pinned Lunney (L), 3:43.
 Unl — Kellar (NR) by. Faubel (V) pinned Jones (M).

CONSOLATION
 98 — Dalberth (M) pinned Hainsworth (W), 2:07. 105 — Smith (W) decided Stevenson (SS), 11:4. 112 — Ertel (M) decided T. Interlichia (NR), 5:3. 119 — Gage (W) decided H. D'Amato (SS), 9:8. 126 — Davidson (D) decided Bowerman (V), 7:2. 132 — Mathis (S) decided Carruthers (D), 5:0. 138 — Fultz (W) decided Westervelt (SS), 7:2. 145 — Hartell (M) decided Rowley (W), 6:1. 155 — VanHeusen (D) decided Talcott (SS) (Referee's decision). 167 — VanLier (NR) pinned Poulson (SS), 3:40. 177 — Compton (M) decided Pemberton (SS), 9:3. 218 — Lunney (L) won by forfeit. Hwt. — Jones (M) won by forfeit.

FINALS
 (Season record in parenthesis)
 98 — Dennis Verkest (19-0, North Rose-Wolcott) decided Mike Litteer (21-2, Dundee), 6:0.
 105 — Mark Krug (19-2, Victor) decided Jim Interlichia (11-7, North Rose-Wolcott), 9:2.
 112 — Rich Johnson (21-3, Victor) decided Sam Maruszak (20-6, Dundee), 9:2.
 119 — Ron VanDeusen (17-0, North Rose-Wolcott) decided John Spittal (14-8, Victor), 5:0.
 126 — Jerry DeCausemaker (18-1, North Rose-Wolcott) pinned Wayne Schapp (15-3, Marion), 5:53.
 132 — Dave Cotton (13-3, Victor) decided Gary Allen (17-2, North Rose-Wolcott), 6:3.
 138 — Mark Ferris (12-3, Victor) won by default over Harold Smith (19-4-2, Dundee).
 145 — Randy Cotton (22-3, Dundee) decided Brad Ahonen (19-6, Victor), 2:0.
 155 — John Toomey (20-4-1, Victor) decided Jerry Garrett (13-5, North Rose-Wolcott), 7:6.
 167 — Bill Lloyd (23-2, Victor) pinned Walter Scott (12-7, Marion), 3:42.
 177 — Mike Guinan (18-3, Victor) decided Ray Grover (8-11, Dundee), 1:40.
 218 — Ron Warner (23-0, Victor) pinned George Martin (10-6, Sodas), 1:40.
 Unl — Ken Faubel (4-2, Victor) pinned Ken Kellar (5-1, North Rose-Wolcott), 3:28.



Class B wrestling champions

Here they are, the wrestling champions of the Class B, Wayne-Finger Lakes league's Western Division. Bottom row, left to right, Dave Cotton (Victor), Jerry DeCausemaker (North Rose-Wolcott), Ron VanDeusen (North Rose-Wolcott), Rich Johnson (Victor), Mike Krug (Victor) and Dennis Verkest (North Rose-Wolcott). Back row, left to right, John Toomey (Victor), Ken Faubel (Victor), Ron Warner (Victor), Mike Guinan (Victor), Bill Lloyd (Victor) and Mark Ferris (Victor). (Times photo)

Reds take second in Class B swim meet

ROCHESTER — The Newark Reds placed second and the Canandaigua Braves, fourth, in the 15 team Class B, Section 5 swimming meet, Saturday, but the big news has to be North Rose-Wolcott's Ed Walrath.

Walrath, competing in the Class C meet, kept his unbeaten record going in both the 200 yard individual medley and the 100 yard backstroke.

The sensational junior, with only this season of experience behind him, posted

the best time of anybody in Class B and C in the backstroke, swimming it in 2:17.5. He also captured the individual medley in 2:19 minutes.

Newark, which placed behind champion Spencerport in Class B, had three second places, three thirds, three fourths and a sixth.

Canandaigua came up with three first places but only one second and one third.

Tom Gillam set a school and league record in winning the 110 yard

breaststroke in 1:05.5 for the Braves.

Canandaigua's Mark Rivers set a Canandaigua school record by capturing the 200 yard freestyle in 1:57.7 and he also placed second in the 400 yard freestyle.

Canandaigua's other first place finish came in the 200 yard medley relay. The team, consisting of Dave Joseph, Jeff Shaddock, Gillam and Steve Shelansky, swam the event in a school and league record time of 1:51.9. Shaddock placed third in the 100 yard

butterfly.

For Newark, Tom Luerssen placed second in the 200 yard individual medley with a time of 2:17.5, setting a Newark record; Peter Brill finished second in the 100 yard backstroke and Dave Brumm swam to a second place finish in the 100 yard freestyle.

Luerssen also set a Newark record in the 400 yard freestyle, placing third with a clocking of 4:25.

Newark diver Stan Shields set a school record when he registered 297 points for a third place finish.

Brumm picked up another third for Newark in the 200 yard freestyle while a fourth place individual finisher was Gary Arend in the 100 yard butterfly. The Reds placed fourth in both the 200 yard medley relay and 400 yard freestyle relay.

Swimming on the medley relay were Brill, Arend, Jeff Seely and Jack Hutchinson. Members of the 400 yard freestyle relay were Hutchinson, Rick Fagner, Dave Brumm and Steve Brumm.

Spencerport took the Class B title with 68 points, followed by Newark (43), Hornell (40), Canandaigua (37), Haverling (21), Attica (21), East Rochester (20), Jefferson (16), Batavia (12) Hilton (5) and Dansville (5).

In the Class C event, North Rose-Wolcott wound up placing sixth out of 18 teams, in this, the Cougar's first year of competition in the sport.

Wheatland-Chile won the title with 90 points followed by Naples (42), Addison (34), Oakfield - Alabama (23), Barker (20), North Rose-Wolcott (18), Letchworth (17), Wayland (14), Honeoye Falls-Lima (10), Alexander (10), Avon (5) and Canisteo (3).

Murri Decker placed sixth in the 50 yard freestyle and fifth in the 100 yard freestyle for the Cougars.

Steve DeMass finished sixth in the 100 yard breaststroke while Mark Sharp made it to the semi-finals in diving, finishing 10th out of the 18 divers.

National Hockey League — Playoff scramble grows frantic

(The Associated Press)
 As the games dwindle down to a

precious few, the scramble for National Hockey League playoff berths becomes more frantic.

Detroit and Buffalo, both angling for the fourth and final slot in the East Division, came up with important victories Sunday at the expense of St. Louis and Pittsburgh, who are engaged in a six-way tug of war in the West.

Detroit used Denis DeJordy's first NHL shutout in three years to stop St. Louis 5-0 in the nationally televised game and Buffalo kept pace by nipping Pittsburgh 2-1 to remain four points ahead of the Red Wings.

Elsewhere in the NHL Sunday, the New York Rangers outlasted Minnesota 6-5, Chicago downed Atlanta 4-2 and Philadelphia whacked California 7-0.

In Sunday's World Hockey Association games, New York ripped Cleveland 9-5, Los Angeles downed Quebec 4-2, Ottawa edged Alberta 3-2, Winnipeg defeated Philadelphia 5-3 and Houston took Minnesota 4-1.

In the NHL Saturday, Boston downed Los Angeles 7-5. Montreal whacked Vancouver 7-3, Toronto trimmed St. Louis 4-2, Minnesota took Buffalo 4-2, the New York Islanders defeated Detroit 4-2 and Pittsburgh shut out Chicago 2-0.

In the WHA Saturday, it was Chicago 5, Cleveland 2; and Quebec 5, Los

Angeles 3.

Detroit ended a five-game winless streak by knocking off St. Louis as Marcel Dionne scored his 33rd and 34th goal of the season. DeJordy blocked 24 shots for the shutout that kept the Red Wings hot on Buffalo's trail.

But the Sabres weren't surrendering any ground. They used Gil Perreault's 23rd goal of the season to break a third period tie and defeat Pittsburgh.

"I don't think there was any added pressure on us because Detroit won this afternoon," said Joe Crozier, Buffalo's coach. "There's pressure on us every game from now on. We just go out knowing we have to work and win."

The Sabres have 15 games to play, one less than Detroit, and are four points up on the Red Wings.

The loss kept fifth place Pittsburgh three points back of fourth place St. Louis in the West and a single point up on Atlanta, which lost to Chicago.

The Black Hawks, ending a four-game losing streak, got a pair of goals by Dennis Hull to sink Atlanta. The loss kept the Flames just one point ahead of seventh place Los Angeles in the tightly packed West.

After the game, Chicago announced the trade of left wing Dan Maloney to LA for veteran center Ralph Backstrom.

Notes 'n Quotes

Genevans get their first look at the first manager of the Geneva Twins of the New York-Penn baseball league. Fred Waters, pictured in the photo at the right, is slated to skipper the local club. He won't be arriving in Geneva until just before the season opens, June 23, since the Twins will have spring training at the minor league training base in Florida.

The Cincinnati Swords set a new American Hockey league record of 21 road victories this season with a 3-1 decision over the Rhode Island Reds. The Rochester Americans topped Springfield, 5-3, to virtually clinch a playoff spot, while in other games, Nova Scotia beat Richmond, 5-2, Jacksonville topped Virginia, 3-0, and Baltimore tied New Haven, 2-2.

Canadian Hans Gehrige drove to the North American four-man bobsled championship at Mt. VanHoevenburg, beating up Air Force T-Sgt. Jim Hicke of Keene Valley.

Adult tickets for the Geneva at Waterloo basketball game, Friday night, will go on sale at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the Bonesteel gym at Geneva High.

Navy had five champions and a record 69 point performance in their first team victory in the 26 year history of the Cornell University indoor Heptagonal games. Penn was second with 48 points with Harvard third, followed by Cornell, Army, Princeton, Dartmouth, Yale, Brown and Columbia.

"I just told myself, 'Sweetie, this is it, and I did it,'" said Billie Jean King, whose victory over Margaret Court pushed her into today's championship match in the \$25,000 Indianapolis Women's Professional Tennis tournament.

Hobart College varsity fencing awards have been made to Bill Goldberg, Eric Holzwarth, Charles Kelley, Capt. Jose Rivera, Larry Roth, Mark Thomases and Alfredo Torres.

"I've only been a tennis pro for one year and I couldn't think of a better time to be one," declared Jimmy Connors,



Fred Waters

who won the National Indoor Open to his list of titles at the age of 20. "The prize money is getting bigger and bigger and in a couple of years, the winner of a tournament probably will get \$20,000 or \$25,000."

Former Olympic competitor Dennis Donahue, 27, of Worcester, Vt., walked away with two honors this weekend. He skied and shot his way to the National Biathlon championship and earned the right to a spot on the U.S. team in the World meet in Lake Placid, March 1-4.

George (Punch) Imlach, general manager of the Buffalo Sabres of the NHL, has denied published charges that he made his players perform when they were hurting when he coached the Toronto Maple Leafs. "It was just the opposite," said Imlach. "We have fined players who didn't report injuries." His policy is the same with the Sabres, he said. "A player who is injured reports to the trainer and doctor and doesn't play until he gets their okay."

Sports in brief

HORSE RACING
HIALEAH, Fla. — Gleaming, \$5.60, became the first horse in the 43 year history of the race to win the Turf Cup two years in a row, outracing Life Cycle by half a length in the \$136,200 contest at Hialeah.



I can't see him, but . . .

Ron Langdon, Canandaigua's 105 pound champion has a good grip on Penn Yan's Jim Vanaman, but he might be having a little trouble seeing his victim with a shock of hair in front of his eyes. (Times photo).

Brockport wins state mat crown

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — For the second consecutive time, Brockport State won the New York State Invitational Wrestling Tournament. Brockport amassed 95½ points and won three of 10 weight categories Saturday in the fourth annual tourney.

Oswego State, with 77 points, was second, followed by Potsdam State with 69½ and Buffalo at 60.

Buffalo's Doug Rutter, the 126-pound champion, pinned three of his four opponents and won the "outstanding wrestler" award at the two-day contest on the Rochester Tech campus.

Union was fifth at 49 points, followed by Cortland State with 38½, Binghamton State 34, Albany State 33, Rochester Tech 32, Genesee State 18, Oneonta State 15, Rochester 10, Buffalo State 8, Ithaca 7, Rensselaer Polytechnic 2, Clarkson 0