

Matmen in stormy tourney win over Stota

The varsity wrestling team turned in its top performance of the 1984-85 season Saturday at the Sherburne-Earlville Wrestling Tournament, defeating 15 other teams and edging powerful Canastota, 217½ to 214.

The Bees led by 5½ points going into the final two bouts of the evening. Canastota had a finalist at 215 lbs. and the Bees' Pat Halpin at 250 lbs. Either Canastota had to lose or just win by a decision in their 215-lb. bout or the Bees had to win their crown at 250 lbs. to ensure a Baldwinsville victory.

Each wrestler in the finals had an opportunity to win four team points with a victory and an additional two team points of the win was by a pin.

Canastota's Steve Malbouf rallied and pinned his opponent in 5:13 and put Canastota ahead by one-half point. The large Canastota crowd went wild with excitement and the Bees' Halpin was battling big Joe Loverdi of Rochester's McQuaid High School. Winning 7-6, Halpin was called for stalling with three seconds to go and penalized one point; and ending the match in a 7-7 tie. After a 1-minute rest the overtime of three 1-minute periods started and after trading 1-point escapes, the overtime ended in a tie.

The crowd for the most part left the stands and circled the mat, watching and cheering the two athletes on.

The referee was forced to go to the rulebook to decide who should be awarded the victory by criteria set up to break ties. The referee hastily read the rules and decided that Loverdi had more escape points and therefore should be declared the victory. He marched out on to the mat and raised the Rochester boy's hand and the Canastota crowd went wild again with joy over winning the team title.

However, Bees Coach Len Johnson and Bill Halpin questioned the referee's decision and asked to see which criteria he used. After re-reading the rulebook and checking the official score sheet, the referee went out and raised Halpin's hand giving B'ville the 250 pt. title and the team victory. The decision was based on the fact that Halpin had scored a reversal in the second period of regulation time and reversals come before escapes in tie-breaking criteria.

Canastota's fans reportedly became unruly and threatened the referee, the B'ville coaches, and the host school's tournament officials. It took 20 minutes to clear the gym and award the trophies.

On the brighter side the Bees put together a solid performance, placing 13 out of 14 men in the top six. The Bees had three champions in Chuck DeMott at 98 lbs., Shawn Halpin at 132 lbs., and Pat Halpin.

Demott won his second Sherburne title with a 20-1 posting of Mark Foster of Sherburne. The talented junior appears to be the top wrestler in Section 3 at 98 lbs. and may have a shot at the state title in March.

Co-captain Shawn Halpin wrestled real well, pinning two opponents and scoring a superior decision, 15-3. Halpin picked up six valuable points in the finals when he pinned Todd Tribunella of Fairport in 3:27. Brother Pat, a sophomore 216-pounder, also won three bouts enroute to his tournament crown.

The Bees also had three runner-up, second-place finishers in Chip Pettitt who lost 6-5 to Bob Duffy of Canastota at 105 lbs.; Mike Bart who lost 4-3 to Canastota's Dave Klein at 112 lbs.; and Doug Marker who lost 5-0 in the finals of the 126-lb. championship bout to Tom Gleason, also of Canastota.

Steve LePorte and Tom Rogers placed third at 119 and 167, respectively. Each won three bouts on the day and lost in the semi-finals. Both also won by slim 1-point margins in the consolation finals. LePorte over Canastota's Bob Tornatore and Rogers over Tom Bleich of Hanover, Pa.

Cedric Oakes picked up a fourth place at 177 lbs. as did teammate Mike Wojnovich at 138 lbs. Wojnovich received a standing ovation in the semi-finals as he lost 4-2 in an exciting, hard-fought match to the No. 1 seed Jim Mosley of Union Springs.

Chris Coleman was 3-1 on the day and placed fifth at 155 lbs. Coleman piled up valuable team points as all three of his wins were by pins. Art Bittle also scored a fifth place for the Bees at 215 lbs. with his 18-3 win over Paul Gotte of Sauquoit.

Don Cerio won two matches for the Bees at 145 lbs. and took a sixth place. Brian

Johnson picked up four points on his first-round pin win at 91 lbs. and then was eliminated in the next round.

The win marks the 10th year that Baldwinsville won the team title at the Sherburne-Earlville Tournament.

This week the Bees meet Central Square at Central Square today (Wednesday).

The jay vee's will start at 6:30. The JV and varsity travel to Hornell on Saturday for a 1 p.m. non-league clash.

Next Tuesday the Bees open up their first home dual of the 1984-85 season as Fowler comes to the Baker High School gym for a 6:30 p.m. JV start.

In holiday action, the powerful Bees, with eight finalists and three champions, easily topped the Burnet Hills Christmas tourney at Schenectady, rolling up 211½ points to 164½ for two-time defending champion Ballston Spa. Local champs were Demott, Pettit and Bart.

Jayvees win Tri-Valley

The junior varsity wrestlers outdistanced the 12-team field by over 60 points at the Tri-Valley Tournament on Saturday.

Baldwinsville earned 216 points followed by powerful Canastota with 152½ and Rome 145½, followed by Phoenix 86½, Mohawk 82, V.V.S. 64, Chittenango 54, Mexico 42, Camden 36, North Syracuse 27, Holland Patent 22, and Oneida 18½.

Baldwinsville sent 11 men to the finals in the 13 weight classes. The Bees crowned five champions.

At 91 lbs., Tom Ryan pinned his way to the finals but lost an 11-2 major decision to McConnel of Canastota. At 98 lbs., John Loffredo suffered the same fate. John pinned his first man in the first period, and in the semis won a 16-0 superior decision. John lost 7-5 in the finals to Smith of Canastota.

At the 105-lb. weight class, B'ville crowned its first champion. Bob Fritcher pinned his foe in the quarters, won a 17-5 superior decision in the semis, and pinned his man in the finals.

Jeff Johnson at 112 lbs. pinned his first opponent and dropped the next two bouts to settle for a fourth-place finish.

Phil Elliott had a super day. He pinned his first two adversaries to reach the 119-lb. finals, then demolished his foe with a 20-1 superior decision. Phil was also voted the most outstanding wrestler of the tournament.

Bill Silvia, 126 lbs., pinned his man in the quarters and semis. In the final, Bill dropped a 15-10 decision and had to settle for the runner-up spot.

Mark Mills, 132 lbs., pinned



Bill Silvia dumps an opponent at the junior varsity Tri-Valley Tournament. B'ville won the tourney. Photo by Buz Fowler.

ed and won by default in the semis. Mark won 11-5 in the final to be crowned a Tri-Valley champion for the third straight year.

Trent Moffet pinned his way to the finals and dropped an 11-4 decision to his Rome opponent.

Chris Fouler, 145 lbs., lost a 4-3 decision in the quarters and won his consolation bout in the wrestle-backs.

Jeff Russett, 155 lbs., won 4-2 and 5-0 decisions to reach the finals and was edged out 10-9 for the championship.

At 167 lbs. Joe Fletcher won 18-3 in the quarters and pinned in the semis to reach

the finals. There he pinned his foe from Canastota.

Kevin Wener, 177 lbs., pinned and won 10-8 to work his way to the finals where he lost an 11-1 decision.

Heavy weight Scott Wojnovich recorded first-period pins in the quarters and semis to reach the finals. Scott pinned in the finals and also received the aggregate fall award for the most pins in the least amount of time.

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Icemen lose to CBA, tourney tilts

In a busy week of hockey action, Baker High lost to Christian Brothers Academy

