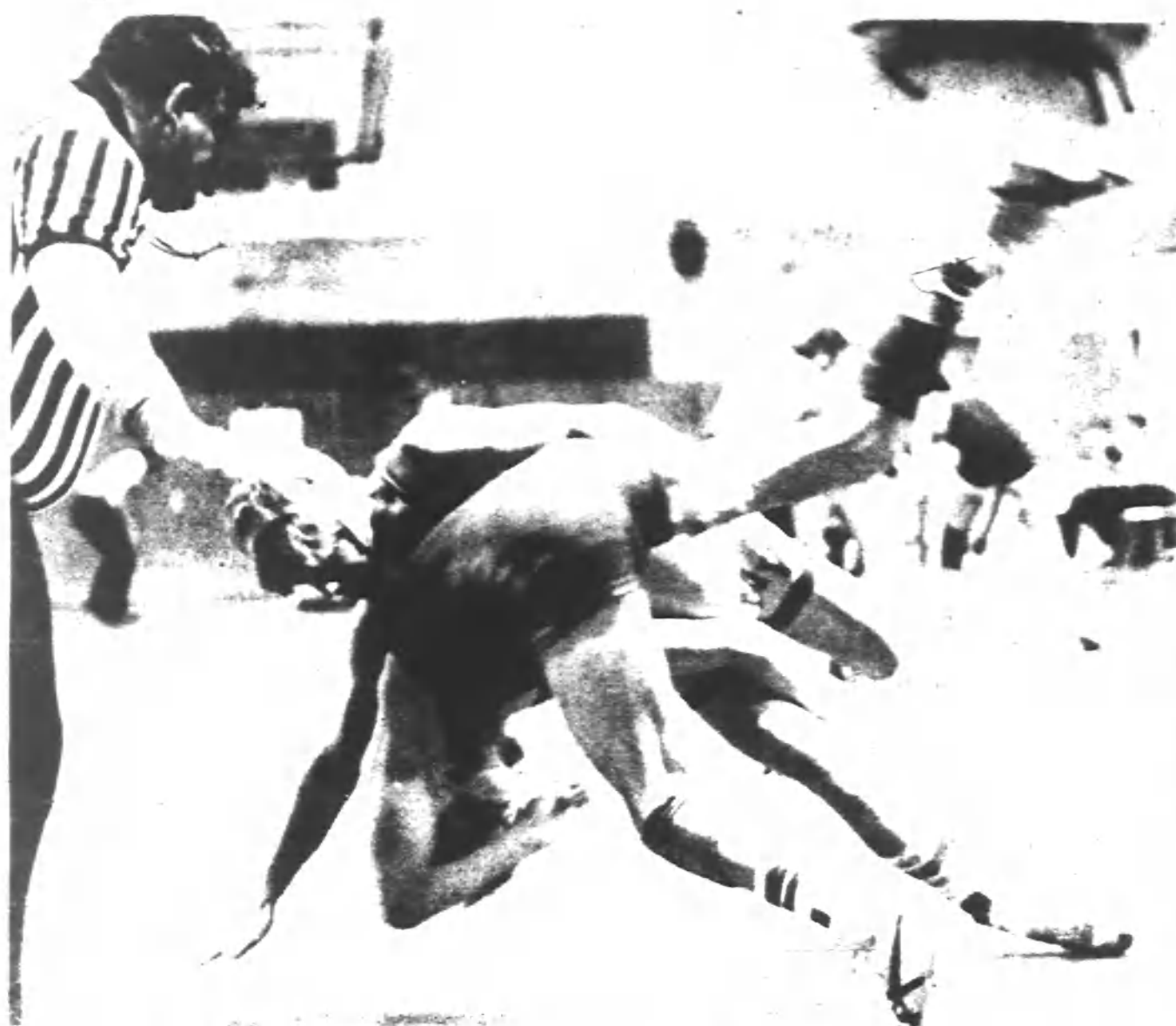


# SPORTS



In a first-round bout, above, Penn Yan's Steve Payne is thrown out of bounds by Marcus Whitman's Randy Galens, facing camera. Galens won this preliminary bout at 119 and finished fourth in the tournament. Below, Elmira Notre Dame's Darryl Paige, on knees, shoots in to grab a leg during the finals against Penn Yan's Tom Thompson. Paige, the defending state champion at 98 pounds, beat Thompson in the title bout 6-1. (Photos by Dan Sheridan)



## Four titlists, but PY edged out for crown

By DAN SHERIDAN

PENN YAN — In the end, the team winner of the first ever Kiwanis Invitational Wrestling Tournament, sponsored by the Penn Yan Kiwanis Club, came down to who had the most wrestlers in the final round.

Penn Yan finished with the same number of first places, but was second to Horseheads in team standings, 166 1-2 to 164.

The Mustangs were well represented, however, with Ted Thompson, Matt Cramer, Mike Payne, and Dan Shoots all taking home first place trophies.

Jeff Peacock, Tom Thompson, and David Hathaway were second in the tourney while Dave Shoots and Jim French were third. Roger Sands was fourth.

Horseheads boasted four winners with four second places and two thirds.

Thompson, the champion at 105 pounds, started his trek to the finals, a 4-0 victory over Hans Sholley of Horseheads, with a bye in the opening round.

He then pinned Eric Domm of Eastridge in the second round to get to the finals.

Cramer, at 126, also received a first round bye but scored a victory over Mike Callahan of Elmira Notre Dame in the second round before going on to the finals.

In the championship bout, Cramer, leading 4-2 in the first period, won when Bloomfield's Rob Opet suffered a knee injury that sent him to the hospital for treatment. That was at 1:12 of the period.

Payne was given a first-round bye at 167 before knocking off Notre Dame's Mike Sax in round two.

Payne took on Horseheads' Chris Sullivan in the title bout and recorded a 17-6 victory.

Shoots had a bye in the first round at heavyweight and then beat Jesse Phelps 16-0 in the second. In the finals, Shoots posted a pin just 1:11 into the bout over Notre Dame's Ady Zurlush.

Peacock was one of only three wrestlers in the 91 pound class and was beaten in the finals.

Tom Thompson lost in the finals to defending New York State champion Darryl Paige of Notre Dame at 98, but it was a close 6-1 decision. Paige remained undefeated this year with an 11-0 record.

Thompson and Paige both received byes in the first round, then in the second round Thompson beat Aaron Goodenow of Marcus Whitman to get

to the finals.

Hathaway started the tourney with a bye then defeated Scott Arnold of Horseheads in the second round.

In the title matchup, Hathaway was pinned 55 seconds into the third period by Dale Chapin of Campbell.

Dave Shoots, at 132, posted a victory over Jay Ferreri of Eastridge in the opening round and came right back in the second round, but lost a 14-0 decision to Rob Korzen of Horseheads, sending Shoots to the loser's bracket.

There, Shoots beat Brent Nardone of Livonia then went on to defeat Brian Voak of Marcus Whitman in the consolation round for third place.

Jim French started with a victory over Scott Rose of Bloomfield at 155 but lost in the second round to Cale Paul of Campbell.

In the loser's bracket, French beat Chuck McClure of Marcus Whitman 13-3 then defeated Jim Smith of Notre Dame in the consolation round.

Roger Sands, at 138, beat Mike Taft of Campbell in the opening round but was beaten in turn by Notre Dame's Scott Hamilton in round two.

Sands then lost to Taft in the consolation round for fourth place.

Other winners in the finals included Fritz Zegorski of Notre Dame at 112, an 11-5 winner over Joe Guiles of Campbell. Zegorski was also named the outstanding wrestler in the tournament by the coaches.

Korzen defeated Rick Cole of Campbell in the 132 finals, scoring a technical fall, 18-2.

At 138, Doug Roemer of

Horseheads pinned Hamilton at 1:49 of the second period for the win.

Bob Mills of Campbell and Ed Bower of Horseheads had what turned out to be the most exciting bout of the evening.

Mills had control of the bout throughout the match with an 8-3 lead. Bower came back, and with seconds left in the bout, scored five points on a two and three-point near fall.

That sent the match into three one-minute overtime periods where Mills finally pulled out a 6-2 victory.

Marty Sullivan, at 155, topped Paul at 1:11 of the third period with a technical fall giving Horseheads its fourth finals victory.

Marcus Whitman's Aron Makitra beat Terry Decker of Horseheads 11-4 in the finals at 177.

Tim Wilson of Campbell defeated Mike Sax of Notre Dame at 167 for third and Notre Dame's Curt Dix topped Mike Witchatowski of Eastridge for third place honors at 177.

Taking home the trophy for the most pins was Chapin of Campbell.

After Horseheads and Penn Yan, the rest of the teams, in order of finish, were Campbell (117), Elmira Notre Dame (102.5), Marcus Whitman (70), Bloomfield (54), Eastridge (31.5), and Livonia (28). "The kids wrestled well," remarked Penn Yan Coach Keith Bartlett of the entire tournament and all of the participants. "Horseheads wrestled very well, Penn Yan did a good job, what more can I say."

The Mustangs will be at home in a dual match against Canandaigua on Wednesday, Jan. 8 with a 5:30 start in its next competition.

## Scots place 3rd in Campbell tourney

By MIKE HIBBARD

CAMPBELL - Placing eighth out of an 11-team field, the Dundee High wrestling team had two matmen take fourth-place finishes in a recent tournament, while the Scots standout performer took second place in his weight division after being narrowly defeated.

On Saturday, Dec. 21, the Scotsmen took part in the Campbell Tournament, an event which Dundee has entered for the last few years. This year, teams from Hammondsport (the eventual champion), Red Creek, Addison, Dansville, Williamson (Pa.), Alfred-Almond, Savona, Mt. Morris, Archbishop Walsh, and the host school joined Dundee in the tourney.

Capturing fourth-place spots for the Scotsmen were Chris Clary in the 177-pound category, and Jason Cady, wrestling at 155.

However, the Scots most exciting moment in the tournament came in the championship match at 138 pounds. Dundee's Rodney Ovenshire, last season's Class D sectional champ at 126 pounds, and undefeated in league meets this season, was pitted against Chris Rubnish of Red Creek, who won tournament titles in this event in two preceding tries, according to Dundee Coach Dave Larmouth.

In an almost even match-up, Rubnish pulled ahead of Ovenshire and managed to hang on, winning a 2-0 decision.

"It wasn't an exciting match," said Larmouth, although he noted it was a good one. "They were pretty evenly matched, and neither could dominate the other." The win gave Rubnish his third consecutive title in the tourney.

As a team, the Scots placed 8th out of 11, compiling 60 team points. Hammondsport, with 173 team points, captured the team title, followed by host Campbell finishing second with 153; Red Creek with 132 took third, while Addison, with 129 team tallies, took fourth; Dansville, with 96, Williamson, which totaled 81, and Alfred-Almond with 78 points rounded out the top seven.

Dundee place one-half point ahead of Savona, which tallied 59 1-2 team points. Mt. Morris, with 49, and Archbishop Walsh with 23 brought up the rest of the field.

Larmouth added that he was disappointed at Dundee's showing in the tournament.

"I'm pleased, the kids are wrestling the best they can," he said. "We hope to improve during the year."

The Scots will wrestle in another event on Jan. 3 and 4, when they take part in the Genesee Tournament, which Larmouth calls a "big one."

Twenty-two teams in all will compete in this two-day (Friday and Saturday) tournament, with some teams being familiar to Dundee. Dansville, Mt. Morris, and Sodus are among the teams participating.

Other teams entering the tourney, according to Larmouth, are a strong Marion squad, Alexander, Kendall, Avoca, North Rose-Wolcott, Lindonville, Letchworth, York, Livonia, Avon, and the host school, Genesee. Larmouth expects the teams from

Avon, Livonia, Kendall, and Marion to contend for the team title.

In previous league action, the Scots narrowly missed their first victory of the year, dropped two matches and fell to an 0-3 overall record.

Hammondsport 51, Dundee 18 On Wednesday, Dec. 18, the Scots traveled to Hammondsport for a non-league match. The host school participates in the Steuben County League.

After swapping forfeit victories at 98 and 105 pounds, the teams got down to battle, with the Lakers piling up three pins and one default before Dundee could break the ice. Dundee's Mike Arcangeli was pinned by Carl Stone in the 112-pound match; Tom Tucker of the Scots lost by default at 119; Tom Fiorilla was pinned by Sean Hamilton of Hammondsport in their 126-pound match; and Tom Grady suffered the same fate against the Lakers' Rick Pierson.

Rodney Ovenshire, Dundee's standout wrestler, won his 138-pound match after pinning Travis Berry in just 52 seconds, that time being the fastest pin of the match. That made the score 30-12, with Dundee to slip further behind later.

Dundee's John Morrison was decided, 15-2, in the 145 match, but Jason Cady of the Scots bounced back for Dundee, pinning his opponent in 3:44.

However, that was to be Dundee's last win, as Pat Gavigan, the Scots entry at 167, was decided. Chris Clary, at 177, was pinned by Hammondsport's Ron Kennedy, and the Lakers won the heavyweight division by forfeit.

Williamson 34, Dundee 27 Forfeits and close losses proved costly for Larmouth's squad as it hosted Williamson on Thursday, Dec. 19 and lost narrowly.

After no match in the 91-pound category, Dundee's Joe Cleveland picked up a forfeit at 98 pounds. However, Williamson's Pat Kutter evened things up by pinning Joe Dombroski at 3:11 at 105 pounds.

After Mike Arcangeli lost by technical fall at 112, the Scots suffered a costly forfeit at 119 pounds, with Williamson taking an 18-6 lead teamwise. Dundee's Tom Grady, wrestling at 126, made up for that in part by deciding his opponent 11-10.

At 132, Darren Osborne suffered a 9-1 loss, making the score 22-9 in favor of the visitors, but Rodney Ovenshire of the Scots quickly answered by recording a 38-second pin over Fred Manuel at 138.

In a big match at 145, Williamson prevailed as Todd Vulston decided Dundee's John Morrison, 9-8. At 155, Jason Cady pinned his opponent in 1:30, and Pat Gavigan's pin over Bill Gates of Williamson at 5:40 of their match gave Dundee a slim 27-25 lead.

However, Williamson won what proved to be the clinching match, as Ken Johnson defeated Dundee's Chris Clary in a close contest, 12-10. That win gave Williamson a 28-27 team lead, and a forfeit by Dundee at 215 closed out the match.

## MW grapplers split matches

By MIKE HIBBARD

RUSHVILLE - After suffering losses to tough non-league opponents, the Marcus Whitman wrestling team was glad to return to league competition, and celebrated by defeating its opponent. In addition, the Wildcat grapplers also participated in the Kiwanis Invitational in Penn Yan, and had five matmen finish in fourth place or better.

Newark 42, Whitman 10

On Tuesday, Dec. 17, the Wildcats traveled to Newark for their second consecutive non-league match, and came away with their second loss in as many tries. Earlier, the Whitman grapplers were defeated by another Finger Lakes East team, Mynderse.

Aaron Goodenow, wrestling at 98 pounds, got Whitman on the board first with a forfeit victory. After no match was wrestled at 105, the Wildcats Eric Voak won by major decision over Tom Salerno, giving Whitman a 10-0 team lead.

However, those were to be Whitman's last points on the night, as Newark wrestlers won the next nine matches, one by forfeit, to collect the team victory.

The onslaught started when Whitman's Randy Galens was decided by Greg Priebe, 15-2. The superior decision count at 119 pounds saw Newark trail by only five points. At 126, Mike Briggs of Newark decided Scott Briggs of Whitman, 6-1. Shortly after, Newark took the lead when Scott Bush won by superior decision over the Wildcats 132 entry, Brian

Voak. The 13-10 lead Newark gained by the win gave the team a lead it never relinquished.

At 138, Newark continued to roll as Mike Steingass, in a high-scoring match, decided Shawn Briggs of Whitman, 14-7. Chris Webster, wrestling at 145 for Whitman, then suffered a 10-0 defeat, making the team score 21-10 Newark.

Ray Durgan of Newark helped his team pile up the points, as he pinned Bobby Rushman at 3:52 of their match, and at 167 pounds, Aron Makitra of Whitman, who had been undefeated until then, dropped a tough 6-4 decision to Ed DeWolf.

Whitman Coach Frank Lamana noted that Makitra was ahead 4-2 after two periods in that match, but tired out at the end.

At 177, Whitman's Joey Raley suffered a pin at 5:47 of his match against Jason Rizzo, and the scoring ended when the Wildcats forfeited in the heavyweight division.

Lamana pointed out that Newark had a physical squad, and that the team's league competition in the FL East helped it for this match.

"There was some pretty hard wrestling out there," he said. "Overall, they were too physical for us. Toward the second and third periods, they wore us down, and that is when they racked up the points."

Whitman 49, Bloomfield 15

The Wildcats returned to league competition on Thursday, Dec. 19, as they hosted Bloomfield and handled the team easily.

After forfeiting the match at 91 pounds, Whitman evened things up when Aaron Goodenow won by technical fall over Todd Hine at 3:03 of their match. After no match at 105 pounds, Whitman's Eric Voak gave his team the lead by pinning his opponent in 3:04. The Wildcats rolled from there.

Randy Galens received a forfeit at 119 to make the score 18-6 for Whitman, and Scott Briggs added onto that with a major decision win. Brian Voak, with a pin at 132 pounds, made Whitman's lead 28-6, and almost insurmountable.

At 138, Shawn Briggs of Whitman decided his opponent, 8-1, but Bloomfield won the 145-pound match, as Adam Eycabroat defeated the Wildcats Chris Webster in a close match, 3-2.

However, Whitman answered back as Brad Landess, wrestling in his first varsity match this year, scored a pin at 5:12 of his match. The next three bouts were forfeits, as Whitman's Aron Makitra, at 167, and Tom Sullivan at 177 picked up forfeit wins. Bloomfield's heavyweight wrestler, Dale Ferguson, won by forfeit.

The win gave Whitman a 3-2 overall record, but more importantly improved its league mark to 2-0. However, Lamana knows Whitman must prove itself later.

"We have yet to meet the toughest teams in the league," he said. "When we do, then we will find out how well we can place in the

league."

On the Bloomfield match, Lamana was pleased with the way his team wrestled, noting that Whitman only lost one match to Bloomfield, and that one was close.

"We only lost that one, and that was on a penalty point," Lamana said of Webster's match at 145, where he was decided 3-2. "He got penalized in the last period, and it cost him."

On Saturday, Dec. 28, the Whitman grapplers fared well in the Kiwanis Tournament, placing five wrestlers at fourth place or better, and finishing fifth out of eight teams.

Totalling 70 team points, the Wildcats finished in fifth place teamwise in the tourney. Horseheads, with 166.5 points, won the team title, while the host school, Penn Yan, finished second with 164. Taking third place was Campbell, with 117, while Elmira Notre Dame finished fourth with 102.5.

After Whitman, Bloomfield took sixth, totaling 54 points. Eastridge, with 31.5 team tallies, and Livonia with 28 rounded out the field.

Individually, the Wildcats were led by Aron Makitra, who won the 177-pound championship with an 11-4 decision win over Terry Decker of Horseheads. Makitra, who normally wrestles at 167 pounds, proved to be Whitman's only champion on the day. In addition, no Wildcat wrestler took second place in the tourney.

At 105 pounds, Whitman's Eric Voak took home a third-place trophy, defeating Eric Domm of Eastridge. Voak won two matches and suffered a loss on the road to third place.

Three Wildcats took fourth place in the tourney. Aaron Goodenow at 98 lost to Barry Barklund of Bloomfield, Randy Galens, wrestling at 119, lost to a Horseheads opponent, and Brian Voak at 132 lost to Dave Shoots of Penn Yan. However, all three took home trophies for their efforts.

The Wildcats return to dual-meet action on Tuesday, Jan. 7, when they host North Rose-Wolcott at 7 p.m. Continuing a busy week, the Whitman grapplers travel to Red Creek on Jan. 9, then participate in yet another tournament, the Midlakes Tournament, on Saturday, Jan. 11.

## Penn Yan JVs roll to 6-0 wrestling record

PENN YAN — Penn Yan's junior varsity wrestling team moved to 6-0 for the season with a 45-9 victory over Wayne on Wednesday, Dec. 18.

The Mustangs got off to a poor start, having to forfeit the 98 pound class because Jeff Peacock moved up to the varsity.

A loss later in the match was the only one that Penn Yan suffered, however.

John Kiser scored a pin for the first Mustang points at 119 then Jim

Waugh pinned his man at 126 for a 12-9 lead.

Pat Cougevan continued to build the Penn Yan advantage with a decision at 132 and Rob Green, in his first bout on the jayvees, won via the pin for a 21-9 edge.

That went to 27-9 as John McClain pinned his opponent at 145 and Mike Manahan scored 6 more on a forfeit at 155.

A pin by Chris Breitting at 177 and

a forfeit to Glenn Thompson at heavyweight gave Penn Yan the remainder of its point total.

In exhibition bouts, Todd Corey won a decision at 105 and Mike Eighmy scored a pin at 119.

John Nelson won by a decision at 126 and Bill Thompson posted a pin at 132.

Penn Yan will participate in the Hilton Jayvee Tournament in Hilton on Jan. 3 in its next match.