

# Fulton Grapplers Capture Tourney

Fulton wrestling coach Wayne Bleau has finally turned the corner.

He worried about his team since the first practice and the young squad has produced surprise after surprise for the coach who was going to use this season to rebuild. Not only have the Red Raiders gone 5-0 in dual meets, but on Saturday Fulton gained the title of its own tournament as the squad defeated a talented field.

Fulton finished with 188 points while Jordan-Elbridge was runner up with 161. Defending champ Beaver River was third with 145 points while Southern Tier power Union Endicott was fourth with 134 points.

Rounding out Rounding out the field were Morrisville-Eaton 50, Rome Free 46, Franklin Academy (Malone) 43 and Athens, Pa. 39.

Bleau noted, "We had seven in the finals and every kid on the team placed in the top four of the double elimination tournament. They did a heck of a job for us."

Fulton sported individual champs as Ron LaBeef, Mike Heagerty, Mark Shortleeve, Wally Cummins and Leland Rogers all won crowns.

LaBeef out grappled Chris Grannis of UE 15-7 to win the 105 pound class. Grannis gained a quick 5-0 lead, but LaBeef scored the next 15 points to capture the win.

At 126 Mike Heagerty of Fulton decided Paul Ayers of Athens 10-0 as the Raider had a fine day.

Mark Shortleeve, despite wrestling cautiously in the final, gained the title at 132 as he took Marty Lynch of JE 8-5. The win pushed Shortleeve toward the 100 career win plateau and he should be reaching the mark during the next few weeks.

Leland Rogers scored a win over number one seed Chuck Miller at 177. The JE grappler was pinned by Rogers at 3:17 of the match. Bleau called the win "one of the biggest upsets of the tournament," as Rogers stretched his record to 8-0 with six pins on the year.

for the tenth grader.

In other action Fulton's Cummins was top seed and took Matt Zehr of Beaver River for the crown as Cummins scored a 10-0 win.

At 98 Mark Caza placed fourth after he injured his neck in the consolation battle and withdrew. Dave Darling of JE decided John Balog of RFA 5-0 for the title.

Barry Depersis of UE was named the most outstanding wrestler for his 9-0 win over the number one seed in the semis and a 9-1 verdict over Bruce Doucie of Malone at 112. Dave Sherman was a surprising fourth as he carried Fulton's colors.

At 119 Lou Chartrand of Beaver River pinned Scott

Dumas of Malone in 5:30 of the title match. Ed Shortleeve, seeded fifth, gained a third place finish.

Ken Lynch of JE beat Jack Zehr of Beaver River 6-4 in the 138 finals while Clem LaVoie of Fulton was fourth.

At 145 Mike Ramos of Beaver River, second in Section III a year ago, decided Don Borden of Fulton 6-2 in the finals.

Jerry Visconti wasn't

expected to do too much for the Raiders, but in one of the surprises of the day he finished second at 155 to Dave Becker of Beaver River. Visconti lost a 6-1 decision, but picked up valuable team points throughout the event.

At 167 the victory was Randy Strain of UE as he took Mike Warner from ME 3-0 while Barry Distin was third.

Greg Bailey took third for Fulton at 215 as Brian Ratliff

of JE pinned Dino Duchan of UE in 1:45 to capture the finals.

Fulton did not enter a competitor at 250 and the class was taken by Bill DeCarlos of RFA with a 5-3 decision over Mark Hills of Beaver River.

The Red Raiders will now be idle until Friday when the team will be seeking to stretch its record to 6-0 at Jamesville-DeWitt.

## Bucs Superior On Waterloo Mat

Oswego High wrestlers claimed four individual titles enroute to winning the Waterloo Tournament during the weekend.

The Bucs defeated runner up Skaneateles by four points as OHS rolled up 136 while Skaneateles scored 132. Waterloo gained third with 115 while Seneca Falls 114, Hornell 95, Trumansburg 67, Williamson 45, Union Springs 43, Watkins Glen 42 and Wayland 33 rounded out the field.

Marty Bellardini, Brian Akley, Chuck Kessler and Jim Matteson all won individual titles while Joel Clark was a runner up and third places went to Chris Purtell, Mike Howard and Tim Hammond.

The day started off on a fine note as Barry King pinned Bob Ward of Union Springs in the prelims.

In quarterfinal action Purtell pinned Wayland's Jeff Ames in 1:30 while Clark shouldered Jim Simmons of Skaneateles in 3:28. Bellardini started his march to the crown with a 5-2 verdict over Rick Staheli of Williamson while Dean Burridge lost 11-0 to John Augustin of Waterloo. Mike Whiting and Barry King each lost, but Akley pinned Gregg Williams of Skaneateles in 5:44 and Kessler decided Chuck Nasca of Hornell 4-1. Mike Germain lost via a decision while Howard shut out Gary Lorenz of Seneca Falls 10-0 and Matteson

the Bucs gained ground on Skaneateles as Purtell won a 7-0 decision over John Melvany of the Glen while Howard decided Jeff Wilkins 4-0 and Hammond took Williamsons Dave Hanson 14-7. The victories set the stage for an exciting race to the finish as the Bucs trailed in team points 124-118.

The finals started at 98 pounds and Clark couldn't score against Steve Siegfried of Seneca Falls and thus finished second.

Bellardini scored an 8-1 win over Brad Lowe of Trumansburg as the Buc built up a 6-0 lead before giving up an escape in the final period. He then scored a take down to win easily.

Akley, only a frosh, scored a takedown in the first, lost a reversal in the second and battled to a 4-4 tie with Doug Carver of Union Springs after two. In the final semi, Akley outscored his opponent 4-2 to gain an 8-6 win and the crown.

Kessler and Terry Kiniry of Skaneateles met in a key bout with "team" and individual honors at stake. Kessler lost a takedown in the first, but escaped in the late going to make the count 2-1. In the

second the Buc was in control and at 3:07 put Kiniry's shoulders to the mat for a pin and Oswego went into the lead by three and a half points.

In the next class Gordon McLean of Skaneateles won to pull the Lakers back to a half point team lead and the score remained stable until Matteson took to the mat for the 167 pound finals. He faced top seeded Herd Shields of Williamson and after a scoreless first Matteson gave up a reversal. He roared back to score seven points on a reversal and near fall. Two the score favored the 9-4. In the final session Matteson scored seven to win 16-5 and clinched the team title for Oswego.

After years of hosting their own tourney the Bucs traveled for the holiday tournament this season and came home with a title over a fine field of schools.

The young Bucs continue to improve meet to meet and seasons end could be a formidable foe for many teams in the Onondaga High School North, a league which has been touted by many as the toughest loop in the state.

## CBL Active On Weekend

The CBL weekend started off on Saturday evening on the Middle School hardwood and the Alcan Lakers scored a 38-28 victory over Couplamatic.

Larry DelBrocco helped boost Couplamatic to a 13-5 first quarter lead and by intermission Larry Narolis had helped raise the score to 18-13. Neither team could find the range consistently in the third period and in the final eight minutes Alcan received clutch efforts from John Galletta, Ernie Tressier and Neil Palmer to outscore the opposition 18-6 and gain victory.

Leading the winning team were Tressier with 14 and Galletta with 11 while Dan Conway and DelBrocco scored a half dozen apiece for the losing team.

Godfather Pizza broke away from a 28-28 tie to defeat Samson United 49-46.

The teams fought to an 8-8 deadlock after one and in the second a balanced scoring attack gave Samson's a 23-20 lead, but in the third Mark See and Dave Place found the range and Godfather went ahead 36-33. Down the stretch Godfather used foul shots to its advantage for the victory. See finished with 22 while

pacing the losing team were Rick Seeber and Tex Stuber with 11 each.

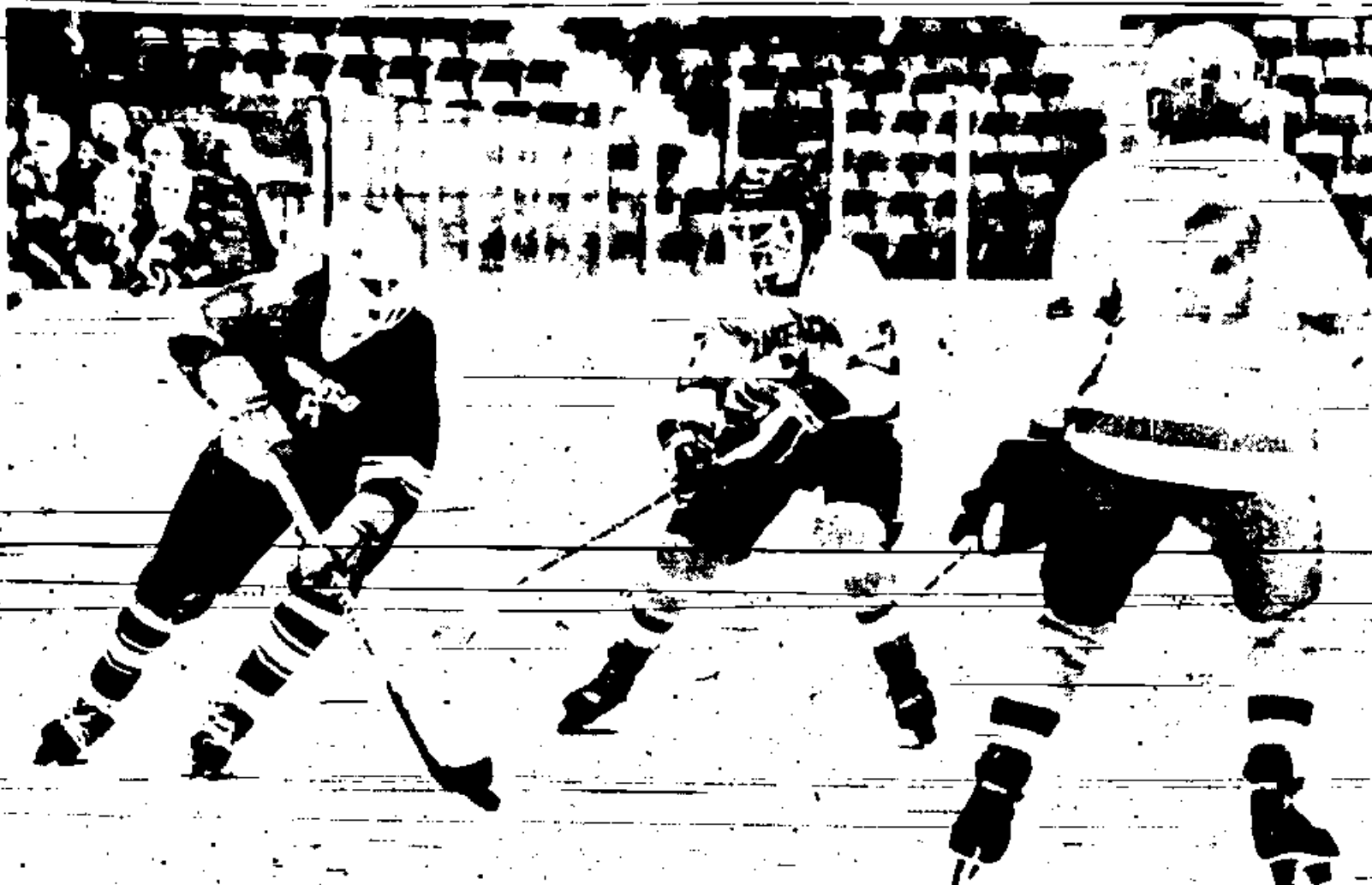
Jazz and Palmer's TV fought to a one point spread after three as the Jazz held a 39-38 advantage, but in the final eight minutes Bill Carney, Stan Nello, Dan Hofer and Kevin Lyons were deadly and nailed the final nail in the Palmer coffin as Jazz went on to win 42-41.

Through the early going the lead went back and forth with neither team able to gain much of an advantage. In the last eight minutes it was all Jazz as the team gained the Class II win.

Jim Dorval scored 16 of his 18 points in the first half while Lyons tossed in 15. Hofer and Nello 10 apiece. Leading the losing team were Mike Porter with 17 and Gavriel Oldenburg's 14.

Sunday Games  
Furnightly Club scored a 57-41 decision over Gibson Construction.

Joe Lazarski and Fred Ensworth did the first period damage as Furnightly gained an 18-8 lead. Paul DeRitter and Dick Tohin hit consistently in the second for a 33-16 halftime bulge. In the third neither team scored with any outstanding ability, but in the final eight minutes DeRitter and Lazarski



MIKE JOHNSON (R) tries to get around a pair of Lake Placid players in the opening

round of Oswego High in the holiday tournament last week. The Bucs lost the first

game, but did manage to comeback and gain third place with a victory over

Saranac Lake. (Photo by Pete Morrison)

## Raiders, Crusaders Blanked

Most local hockey fans felt this was going to be the weekend Fulton won its first game of the season, but the Red Raiders will have to wait until Wednesday night and hope to start to new year with a victory.

On Saturday night the Raiders headed to Clinton for a league game against New Hartford and lost a 4-0 decision.

Fulton's Paul Phillips stopped 32 shots between the pipes as he turned in another fine game. Once again the opponent took advantage of the youthful blue line corps.

Coach Don Unger noted, "We never go going. We seemed flat tonight and at times were intimidated by the excessive whistles and close calls. We will be on the road for two games this week and the team is looking forward to starting a five game homestand against Ludden next week."

Fulton has been a road team for most of the season and the lone home appearance came against unbeaten CBA in which the Raiders nearly stunned the Brothers before succumbing 3-1.

This weekend New Hartford scored two quick goals in the opening period as Jim Sellers put the puck in front of the net to Frank Tartaglia who fired it over Phillip's left leg. Just over one minute

into the second period and the team closed out the scoring as Jim Martyniak passed front the blue line to Jim Reilly who was camped at the left post.

Fulton has still not tasted victory, but Unger predicted at the beginning of the season his squad would surprise many the second time around.

Only time will tell if the Raiders will finally break into the winning column.

It was a hockey tournament which BCHS coach Mark

Mirabito and the Crusaders team, but fans had a feeling that it was going to be difficult after the first night in which the Rome Catholic skaters scored a fluke goal with just one second remaining in regulation to win by a 4-3 count.

On Saturday the Crusaders, who bussed home late Friday night from Rome, headed back to the same JFK Arena for an early afternoon game against a well rested opponent. Ludden had lost to CBA early in the week and three days rest entering the

game. BCHS, playing with little rest and still stunned by the last second defeat, had difficulty pulling anything together and lost a 9-0 verdict in the third place contest of the Bishop Harrison Tournament.

The Crusaders got down 2-0 in the first and Ludden matched the opening period output in the second and then added five in the last 15 minutes as the Knights bombed Mark Van Buren and Mike Cali.

BC also was hit with 13 penalties thus giving Ludden even more chances to score. Coach Mirabito noted, "I believe it or not there was some improvement out there as the defense, when playing even was good. Ludden scored six or seven on power plays and it really hurt us."

Continuing he noted, "Van Buren stopped some tough shots and is showing improvement. All in all I can be satisfied with the game, but we have rebounded in the past and I feel we'll recover from this one. Another thing is we never gave up and despite the score the guys kept playing and plugging away."

On Friday Cazenovia will invade for a 4 p.m. game at Fort Ontario and the Crusaders will be hoping to start the new year off with win number two.

## Black Hawks Get Physical

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It isn't often that you push around the Boston Bruins but the Chicago Black Hawks used that tactic to advantage Sunday night.

The result was a 5-3 National Hockey League victory for the Smythe Division leading Black Hawks over the Bruins. The most critical shove of all came on Chicago's third goal, scored by Reg Kerr at seven minutes of the third period to

Nordiques 2, Oilers 1. Quebec remained unbeaten on Sunday night thanks to goals by Marc Tardif and Curt Brackenbury — who scored on a breakaway — and stellar goaltending by Ron Low. Playing his first full game since being recalled from Syracuse of the American League, Low stopped 27 shots and thwarted Edmonton on three power plays in the final period.

The Nordiques are now 10-0-1 on Sundays.