

With 7-8 Schools

# Salamanca Mat Classic Now A One-Day Affair

## Olean Matmen 32-0; Wellsville A Winner

Making its record 32-0 over a three-season period, Olean High School lost but two bouts in recording a 47-9 win over Allegany Central Thursday night and in the process the victor's unbeaten Dave Simon handed Bruce Faulkner his first loss in 17 bouts.

Wellsville was 28-22 winner over Wellsboro, making its record 8-4 in another match involving New York State schools in the Big 30 area while Franklinville — winning the final three bouts — was the 30-28 victor over Sherman. Win made the Frankees 5-6.

The summaries:

**At Wellsville**  
98: Campbell (WB) dec. 17-5 Rifer  
105: Clark (WB) pin 1:09 Monroe  
112: Barnett (WV) dec. 3-0 Worthington  
119: Green (WV) pin 3:35 Boyce  
126: Mott (WV) dec. 7-2 Gibson  
132: C. Foote (WV) dec. 4-0 Harris  
138: A. Foote (WV) dec. 3-2 Stadler  
145: Vettel (WB) dec. 10-7 Johnson  
155: Hall (WV) pin 3:05 Murphy  
168: Blaisdell (WV) dec. 16-8 Dewey  
177: Radochi (WB) dec. 9-7 Mott

**Hvy: Gobble (WB) pin 2:55 Cole At Franklinville**  
98: R. Smith (F) pin :27 Koesel  
105: Kelsey (F) forfeit win  
112: Appleby (S) pin 1:23 Rea  
119: Secrist (F) dec. 14-7 T. Roberts  
126: Wassink (S) pin 5:59 Wilber  
132: Forward (F) draw 5-5 A. Roberts  
138: Hopkins (S) pin 2:47 D. Smith  
145: Moiser (S) dec. 9-6 Pfeiffer  
155: Hadley (S) dec. 19-6 Kellner  
167: Gunner (F) dec. 14-3 Whitehead  
177: Decker (F) pin :21 Glover  
Hvy: Kottwitz (F) dec. 9-8 Peterson

**At Olean**  
98: Anderson (O) pin 1:05 Sacchi 1:05  
105: Taylor (O) forfeit win  
112: Pancio (O) dec. 9-5 E. Nannen  
119: Simpson (O) pin 3:24 Nannen  
126: Forrest (O) dec. 11-5 T. Nannen  
132: Bliss (O) dec. 7-0 Kelly  
138: Thomas (O) dec. 11-2 L. Crisafulli  
145: Leichweis (O) dec. 14-0 Lennon  
155: J. Crisafulli (A) dec. 6-0 Stephens  
167: Waxel (A) pin 2:30 Hill  
177: Simon (O) dec. 14-0 Faulkner  
Hvy: Morton (O) pin :18 Robertson

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SALAMANCA — This is a crazy, mixed-up period on the high school sports scene in this area of the New York - Pennsylvania territory that is the Big 30 area.

Mr. Weatherman — with all of his trimmings — has applied the KO punch to the sports picture that has not been known in the memory of the oldest of the old-timers.

A victim of the arctic blasts — compounded by the cutback in heating, etc. — is the Salamanca Central School Wrestling

### GAMES POSTPONED

The entire Big 30 high school basketball schedule was wiped out by the blizzard and forced closing of the schools due to the fuel crisis. When the games will be rescheduled is not known; several games that were previously postponed have been set for Monday, but those too are now in doubt.

Classic but, old battler that he is, George Whitcher — the fellow who has a year's work set to go down the drain — is still in there battling, and his last gasp could be today and tonight.

The 21-school wrestling classic that was set to open Friday night, was wiped out but, fighter that he is, Whitcher, refused to give up without going down with all flags flying.

He says he'll go with "seven or eight schools, or even less, today and tonight." It means he has several schools bottled up in motels in the Salamanca area and they, as it is with him, are ready, willing and able to conduct "something, any kind of a tournament, just so we don't have one of these lost weekends."

IT'S AN amazing setup, this Salamanca Wrestling Classic of Whitcher's, as of this morning.

On hand for the action is the Xavier of Brooklyn squad High and Pioneer Central School teams, a pair of powerhouses who, for one to permit the weather KO their efforts to compete over the weekend.

A number of the Buffalo and Chautauqua areas as well as the Rochester area schools that were entered in the Classic had to bow out when the frigid weather leveled its haymaker. Walt Thorneau, the Southwestern Central School coach, told Whitcher, "George,

you know we'd be there if there was even the slightest way of making it. But, this thing has simply closed in on us to the point where we can't make even the slightest of a move."

WHITCHER, early Friday had cancelled out the event, figuring he wouldn't be able to keep even the schools that had arrived in Salamanca. But, after talks with Olean's Mike Foster as well as Pioneer's Dick Post — coaches of the two teams that rate among the top five in New York State — and with the Xavier of Brooklyn people, Whitcher, said, "OK, let's put on a one-day affair, and let's start it at 11 a.m. Saturday."

So, as of now, the finals in the make-shift Salamanca Classic will be at approximately 7:30 tonight and it could be one of those rare things that was not in the books — an Olean High vs Pioneer matchup. "This is surprising, for the two schools were not scheduled for a dual meet this year. This could be the big matchup of the two finest wrestling squads in upstate New York," said Whitcher.

For Whitcher — something of a master organizer when it comes to wrestling, this has to be a most disheartening weekend, it's the knockout punch of the work that he started last March, when he pieced together the plans for the tournament he started seven years ago.

It's a costly venture, as well. The cost of trophies and medals — some 25 of them — as well as expenditures for the event will exceed almost \$1,000. That doesn't include the labor of love by Whitcher and his wife, as well as faculty members at Salamanca.

"Certainly, this is costly, but it's something that we have worked for the year around, and for a number of years," Whitcher explained. "The thing I like, though, is the way these schools (Olean, Pioneer, Xavier of Brooklyn) are so enthused and ready to do anything we want, just so we can give the people a wrestling show. This, to me, is a tribute, to the wrestling people in these parts."

Southwestern will be replaced by Portville, according to Whitcher, "if they can find transportation for only part of the team."