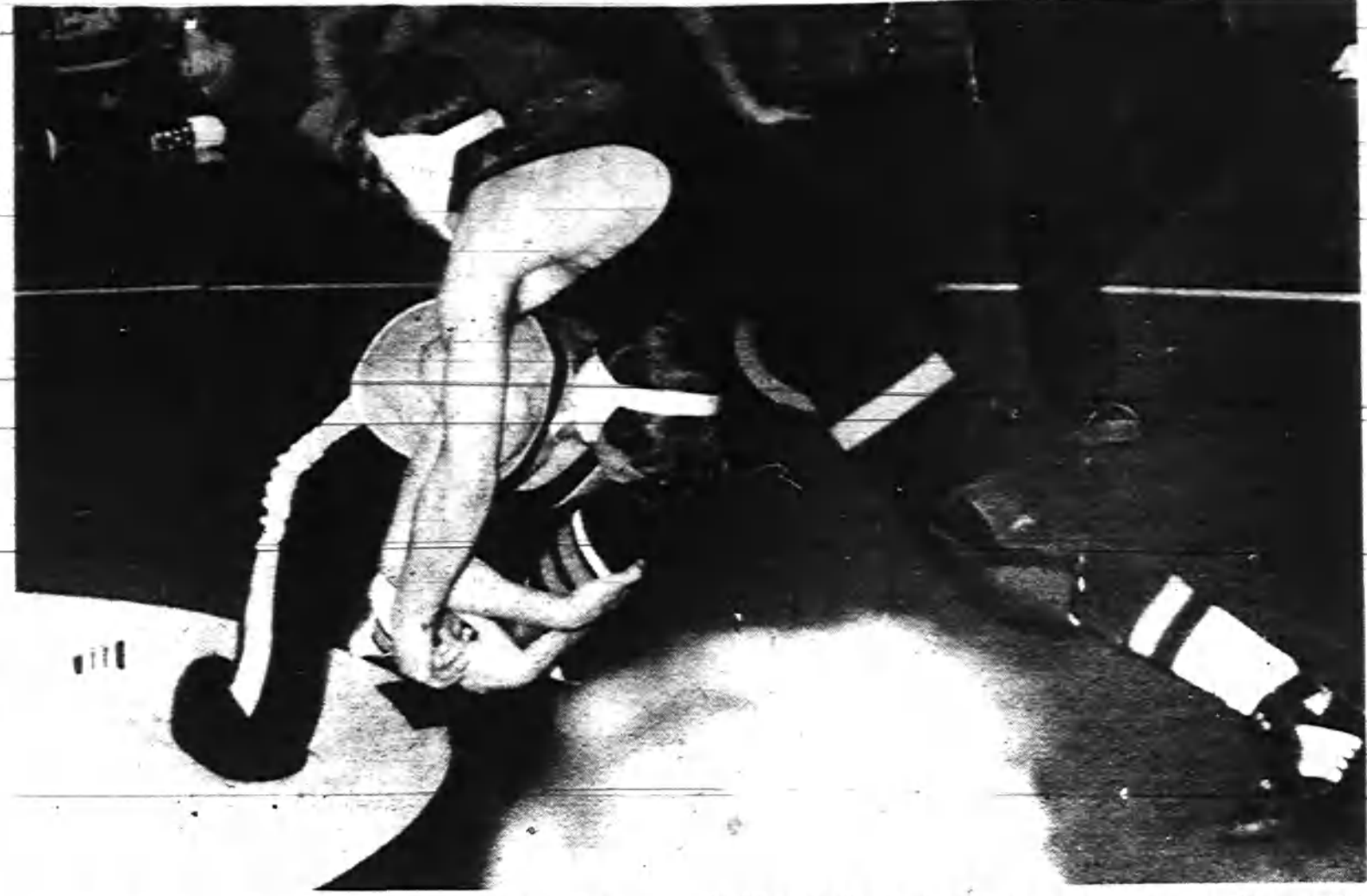




WAITING FOR THE START — Grouped with their teammates, wrestlers crowded on the mats waiting for the start of the sixth annual Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament Friday night as coaches went through some last minute changes in the line-ups for the tournament. A total of 221 wrestlers were on hand for the tournament and were joined by what turned out to be a capacity crowd with four mats in use throughout the night. (Press Staff Photo)



FIRST MATCH — After the wait came the action, and the first bout up with this 132 pound match between Warsaw's (Glenn Hackemer (right) and Falconer's George Seekings. Seekings shot a single leg almost immediately, but Hackemer effectively countered the move and turned it into a takedown of his own en route to scoring a 15-0 decision. The bout was one of seven held in the outside bracket. (Press Staff Photo)

Salamanca Invitational gets underway with 157 bouts

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For the most part, it went pretty much according to form as the 1976 Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament got underway Friday night.

For tournament director George Whitcher, it was a masterpiece of organization and efficiency, with only a minimum number of foul-ups and a surprisingly fast pace.

A record 157 bouts were wrestled Friday, the most ever wrestled in opening day action at the tournament, but it was a case of necessity, and the time factor, which threatened to be a problem early in the tournament, was never too much of a problem.

Scheduled for a 5 p. start, the tourney was delayed a precious 20 minutes as some last minute changes were made due to changes in rosters. Once rolling, however, the action moved along at a rapid pace, and Friday's schedule, which called for the completion of the preliminary and quarterfinal rounds, as well as the outside brackets, was complete at 11:30.

Wrestlebacks were scheduled to have started at 10:45 a.m. this morning with action through the semifinals of the championship bracket and the consolation round of the wrestleback bracket, the matches for fifth place slated to have been finished by 4:30 p.m.

The tournament consolation rounds, for third place, are scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. tonight, with the championship bouts set for 8 p.m.

Only one top-seeded wrestler was knocked out of the tournament, with that loss due to injury rather than defeat.

Maple Grove's Tim Prince, the number one seed at 155 pounds, sustained a back injury in his bout with Southwestern's Bruce Janowsky. Although Prince managed to complete the bout, winning by a 7-1 score, he had to be assisted from the mat at the buzzer.

A preliminary diagnosis of the injury was a severe muscle spasm, but Maple Grove coach Dick Errico reported that Prince had had back problems last year. Whether Prince, who was 16-0 coming into the competition, will be back this season is still not known, but his loss dealt a severe blow to Maple Grove hopes for a strong finish in the competition.

This year's tournament was Prince's second appearance in the Salamanca Invitational. He finished third at 145 pounds last year.

While Prince was the only casualty among the top seeds, two second seeded wrestlers were knocked off, but both lost in the quarterfinal round.

At 145 pounds, Williamsville North's Brian O'Connor lost a 12-1 decision to Falconer's Mike Garvey, while at 177,

Portville's Mike Haberberger was upended by Medina's Pat Holman.

Wrestlers losing in the quarterfinal round, or wrestlers who lost in the first round to wrestlers who won in the quarterfinals, have the opportunity to come back to finish as high as third place in the wrestlebacks.

In the first two rounds of action, there were a total of 61 pins, meaning nearly 40 percent of the matches were decided by fall. Of that total, ten wrestlers accounted for two pins apiece.

Double pinners Friday included Maple Grove's Bari Hallberg at 91 pounds, Olean's Eric Simpson at 105, Frontier's Dave Tundo at 119, Pioneer's Kyle Grunwald at 126, Iroquois' Mark Malay at 126, Olean's Chris, Leichtweis at 132, Falconer's John Ognigene at 138, Cattaraugus' Bob Stone at 155, Portville's Dave Nease at heavyweight, and Warsaw's Jim Burns at heavyweight.

The quickest pin in the first round came at 98 pounds, where Lake Shore's Bill Guher pinned Warsaw's Paul Schell in 30 seconds. Ray Brown, Cattaraugus, was a close second as he came up with a pin over Lake Shore's Dave Waddell at 105 pounds in outside bracket competition in 33 seconds.

In addition to the pins, there were a total of 20 major or superior decisions recorded Friday. A major decision is a decision by a margin of 8-11 points, with a superior decision by a margin of 12 or more points.

But while there were a number of one-sided matches, matches ending in either pin or big decision, there were also a number of close matches, including a record five overtime bouts in the preliminary and quarterfinal rounds.

Salamanca's wrestlers were all out of the championship bracket by the end of the quarterfinal round, but the team made it almost intact into the wrestlebacks, with only two wrestlers failing to drop down to the consolation bracket.

At the upper end of the line-up, the Warriors had solid success in the first round. Tom Ciolek, at 138 pounds, pinned Cattaraugus' Jerry Case in the opening round, rolling up an 8-0 lead before recording the fall late in the second period. In the quarterfinals, however, he lost a 7-1 decision to Olean's Bruce Meyers, last year's outstanding wrestler at the Salamanca tournament.

Ciolek's success in the first round was matched by Jim O'Rourke at 167 pounds as he came up with a surprise decision over Jim Lange, Cattaraugus. The win, a 6-5 decision, was O'Rourke's first victory of the season. Trailing 5-0 going into the third period, O'Rourke escaped, then pancaked for the takedown and three point near fall late in the bout. O'Rourke lost to

top seeded Vern Price in the quarters.

At 177, Joe Roosa rolled to an 11-0 decision over Cattaraugus' Dave Rupp in the first round, then lost a tough 1-0 decision to Olean's Dave Simon in the second round, giving up a second period escape for the decisive points.

Eighth grader Marty Redeye also came up with a first win as he pinned Maple Grove's Mark Wannenwetsch in 1:23 before losing to Nease in the second round. The pin was Redeye's first this season.

Two other Warrior wrestlers came up with wins, but both were in the outside bracket. Jay Weitzel scored a pin at 145, but he lost his next match to Maple Grove's Bill Hoch, and when Hoch lost to Warsaw's Warren Bush in the quarterfinals, Weitzel was eliminated.

In another outside bracket, Jeff Zolner scored a 5-0 at 119 pounds, but lost to Pioneer's Tom Bennett in the next bout, 8-2. Bennett won his quarterfinal match, however, to keep Zolner alive in the wrestlebacks.

Also headed for the wrestlebacks were 91 pounder Bob Earley, 98 pounder Randy Dry, 112 pounder Doug Haines, Lance Oaks at 126, Dan Dry at 132, Todd Flinchbaugh at 155, and Pete Lee, at unlimited.

Portville adds another win to string, 97-41

CATTARAUGUS — The Portville Panthers returned to the Cattaraugus County C League as they have three times in the past this season to raise havoc among the teams. This time, they turned their guns to Cattaraugus and blazed away at Big Red, leaving with a 97-41 romp here Friday night in a non-league game.

The smallest margin by which the Panthers have won by against a C League team was 30 points, that in their game against Limestone, which came out to a 74-44 victory.

The largest point spread that the Panthers won by against the C League was 66, coming in a 104-38 romp over Ellipticville.

So far, this season the Panthers have cracked the 90-point plateau three times and have hit 80 or better four times.

The 97 points the Panthers scored in Friday's game was their second best total this season, their best the 104 points scored against Ellipticville.

Portville, playing their usual brand of fast break basketball, pulled into a 24-12 first quarter lead.

The Panthers showed their strong defensive play in the second quarter, holding Big Red to six points while scoring another 24 bringing the score at half time to 48-18.

In the third period, Portville continued to devastate Big Red, outscoring them by 18 points, 27-9, making it a 75-27 ball game.

Pumping in 22 more points in the final quarter, the Panthers still were not letting up on their defensive play as they held Big Red to 14 points in the period, upping the total to 97-41.

The major portion of the Panthers scoring 62 of the 97 points was carried by Jeff Nix and Tom Yanetsko, each of whom scored 31 points. Nix hit on eight field goals and 15 free throws while Yanetsko had 12 field goals and seven free throws.

Larry Ellis was high for Cattaraugus with 19 points Ray Bradley was next in line with 12.

Cattaraugus will be the only C League team to play a league game on Tuesday, as they play host to Little Valley. Portville, now 13-0 on the season, will be at Salamanca Tuesday.

Cattaraugus	G	F	T	Portville	G	F	T
Bradley	5	2	12	Nix	8	15	31
Ellis	8	3	19	Auman	2	1	5
Johnson	1	2	4	Y'isko	12	7	31
T. Bradley	1	0	2	Crocker	1	0	2
Busekoff	1	0	2	T. Y'sko	3	0	6
Botsford	1	0	2	Rasey	1	0	2
Wulf	0	0	0	Thomas	0	0	0
Cruwell	0	0	0	Cava	1	1	3
Kickbush	0	0	0	Larson	2	0	4
				Cugnan	0	0	0
				Hinman	4	1	9
				Plycher	2	0	4
				S'earl	0	0	0
				S. Nix	—	—	—
					17	7	41
					24	22	22
					12	6	14

Portville
Cattaraugus
Officials: Bradley, Colby



WELCOME — Noticed, but not fully appreciated are the Salamanca cheerleaders, who in addition to cheering for the Salamanca wrestlers, are serving as hostesses, runners, chart keepers, tourney clerks and typists, as well as part-time custodians in helping to clean up after the competition. Here, Jill Hager (left) and Tami Newark give a smile of welcome to fans coming to the tourney in front of the welcoming bulletin board. (Press Staff Photo)

Fredonia survives scare in pulling out 57-54 victory

OLEAN — The Fredonia Hilltoppers maintained their hold on first place in the Chautauque-Cattaraugus Interscholastic Athletic Conference as they edged the Olean Huskies here Friday night, 57-54.

The win left the Hilltoppers unbeaten in league play, pushing their record to 6-0. Dunkirk, meanwhile, stayed on contention with an easy 67-49 win over Falconer, with Southwestern pulling ahead of Salamanca in the standings via 64-50 victory.

Fredonia's win enabled the Hilltoppers to maintain their half game edge over Dunkirk, a margin that can be pushed to a full game with a win over Olean when the two teams meet in a make-up contest on Tuesday.

Olean, by losing, slipped a half game behind Southwestern, with Salamanca a half game behind Olean and Falconer at the bottom of the standings.

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	W	L	Pct
Fredonia	6	0	1.000
Dunkirk	6	1	.857 1/2
Southwestern	3	4	.429 3/4
Olean	2	4	.333 4
Salamanca	2	5	.286 4 1/2
Falconer	1	6	.143 5 1/2

Olean travels to Fredonia Tuesday in a make-up for a game showed out in December, with regular league action resuming next Friday as Fredonia hosts Salamanca, Olean travels to Falconer and Southwestern hosts Dunkirk.

Tuesday's Game			
	G	F	T
Olean at Fredonia	22	10	54
Friday's Games			
Salamanca at Fredonia	21	17	4
Olean at Falconer	17	14	9-54
Dunkirk at Southwestern	67	49	

Defense was the name of the game for the Huskies and it almost resulted in an upset, but costly foul trouble in the fourth quarter stopped the bid short.

Down 38-31 at the end of the first half, the Huskies allowed Fredonia only six shots in the third quarter, only two of which went in, and Olean surged into the lead by outscoring the visiting Hilltoppers 14-4 to take a 45-42 lead.

In the final frame, however, starting guards Randy Wetherby and Bob Elmore both fouled out, as did Mike Carr, and the Hilltoppers began cashing in from the line.

Fredonia's Jim Edgerton, the league's leading scorer, was held to just 16 points in

the contest, four of which came from the foul line, well below his 20-plus points per game average. Part of the slack, however, was taken up by Tim Saeli, who also picked up 16 points, and by some crucial foul shooting, with Ken Greene setting the pace by dropping in four of four in the fourth quarter.

Olean managed to come back to within a point after Fredonia regained the lead in the final frame, 55-54, but a Fredonia shot with just two seconds left iced the game.

Olean's Jeff Anastasia claimed game honors with 17 points while Carr bucketed 14 to round out double figure scoring.

Dunkirk 67, Falconer 49

Outscoring the Falcons 15-7 in the first period, the Dunkirk Marauders were in control all the way, stretching their lead in each of the next three periods en route to winding up with a 18-point final margin.

Dunkirk's height played a major role in the game as the Marauders totally dominated the boards, with Randy Sysol leading the attack by pulling down 15 rebounds.

Dunkirk's entire 11-man squad saw action in the game and all 11 players scored, with three finishing in double figures, Sysol took top honors with 14 points while Sam Moreland chipped in 12 and Chuck Carter 11.

For Falconer, Kelly Kilmartin scored 17 for game honors, with Dave Josephson and Joe Mistretta each adding 11.

Olean				Fredonia			
	G	F	T		G	F	T
A'sia	7	3	17	Edgerton	6	4	16
Elmore	1	0	2	Nowak	2	0	4
Prusak	2	3	7	DeJeo	2	0	4
Carr	6	2	14	Greene	0	4	4
Wetherby	3	1	7	Leone	2	3	7
Bowen	1	0	2	Burrows	3	0	4
Jacovine	2	0	4	Saeli	6	4	16
	22	10	54		21	17	4

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SPORTS

WNY ski report

Allagany State Park — Bova slopes open today and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; packed powder, conditions good.

Bluemont — Packed powder, novice and in intermediate, excellent; expert, good; 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. today and Sunday.

Bristol Mountain — Making snow, packed powder, all slopes good; 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday.

Cockaigne — Making snow, packed powder, all slopes excellent; 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. today and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

Holiday Valley — Making snow, packed powder, novice and expert, excellent; in intermediate, good; 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. today and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

Kissing Bridge — Making snow, packed powder, novice, good; intermediate and expert, excellent; 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. today and Sunday.

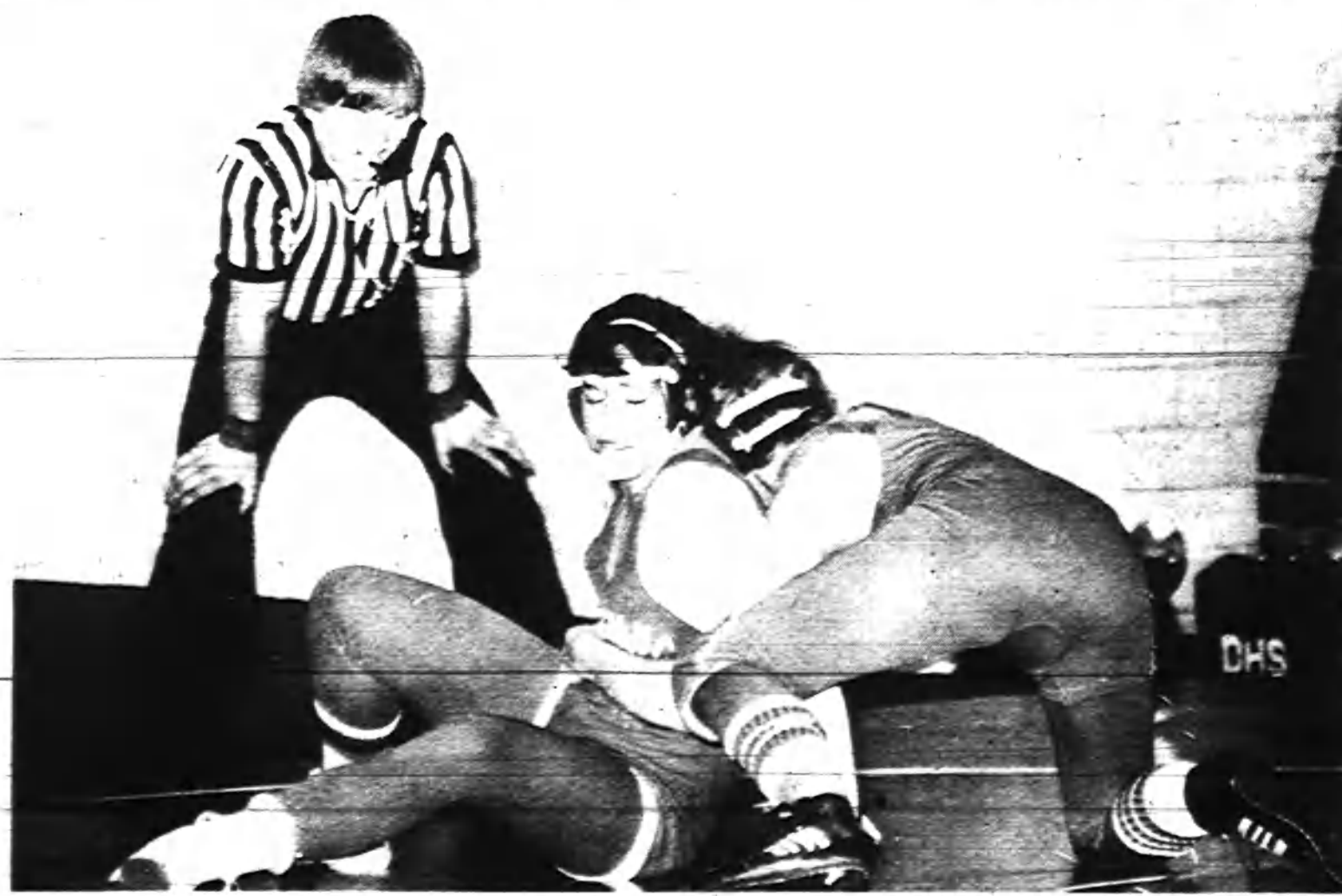
Peak 'n Mountain — Making snow, loose granular, all slopes good; 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. today and 9:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Sunday.

Peak 'n Peak — Making snow, packed powder, novice and intermediate, excellent; expert, good; 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. today and 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Sunday.

Ski Wing — Packed powder, all slopes excellent; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. today and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

Snow Mountain — 1 inch new, powder, all slopes excellent; 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. today and Sunday.

Swain — Making snow, packed powder, novice and intermediate, excellent; expert, good; 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday.



SIT OUT — Salamanca's Joe Roosa starts to reach for a leg while sitting out in the second period of his first round match with Cattaraugus' Dave Rupp at 177 pounds. Roosa, one of four Warrior wrestlers to win in the first round, scored an 11-0 decision before losing a tough 1-0 decision in the quarterfinals to Olean's Dave Simon. Referee is Tim Miller. All but two members of the Salamanca team went to the wrestlebacks, which were slated to begin this morning. (Press Staff Photo)