

Another Tundo named MVP, Pioneer wins four championships, but—

Olean breaks Pioneer stranglehold on Salamanca title

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Sooner or later, it had to happen, and on Saturday night it finally did.

The up-and-coming Olean Huskies finally broke Pioneer's stranglehold on the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament championship as they edged the Panthers by ten and a half points in the final team standings, polishing things off by winning the individual titles at 169 and 179 pounds.

Olean's victory snapped a four year string for Pioneer, and after two years of playing the role of bride's maid, finally put the Huskies, one of the eight original teams in the first Salamanca tournament, in first place.

Pioneer, after tying for the title with Portville in 1972, the first appearance for Pioneer in the tournament, walked away with the tournament crown in 1973, 1974 and 1975.

Olean, meanwhile, had finished fourth in 1971, the first Salamanca Invitational, then sixth in 1972 and eighth in 1973 before logging back-to-back runner-up finishes in 1974 and 1975, both, however well off the Pioneer pace.

Individually, however, a tradition of a different kind was carried on.

Frontier's Dave Tundo, who scored a 6-4 decision over previously unbeaten Steve Tripodi of Olean in the 121 pound cham-

Four to be honored at Boston baseball dinner

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Manager Sparky Anderson of Cincinnati's world champions, Pete Rose of the Reds and Luis Tiant and Carlton Fisk of the Boston Red Sox will be honored tonight at the Union Leader Charity fund's 28th annual Baseball dinner at the state armory.

Other guests of honor include General Manager Dick O'Connell and slugger Jim Rice of the Red Sox, George Scott of the Milwaukee Brewers, Willie Horton of the Detroit Tigers, former New York Yankee star Bobby Richardson, Red Sox press steward Tommy McCarthy, and Billy Sullivan, president of pro football's New England Patriots. Red Sox publicist Bill Crowley will serve as toastmaster. A packed crowd of 2,450 is assured, marking the 23rd consecutive year the dinner has drawn more than 2,000 sports fans.

WNY ski report

HOLIDAY VALLEY — 1 inch new, making snow, packed powder, all slopes excellent, 9, 30-4, 30.

BLUEMONT — Packed powder, all slopes good, 5, 10, 30.

COCKAIGNE — 2 inches new, powder, all slopes excellent, 10, 10.

PEEK'N PEAK — 1 inch new, powder, novice and intermediate excellent, expert good, 9, 30-4, 45.

BRISTOL MOUNTAIN — Packed powder, all slopes good, 10, 11.

KISSING BRIDGE — 1 inch new, making snow, packed powder, all slopes good, 9, 30-11.

pionship bout, was voted the winner of the 1976 Outstanding Wrestler award by the coaches.

The championship was the third won by a Tundo and the second time an outstanding wrestler award has gone to a Tundo.

In 1972, the second tournament, Vince Tundo won the 114 pound title, and after deciding Portville's Neal Payne in the finals, was awarded the outstanding wrestler trophy.

Last year, Gene Tundo decided Portville's Terry Miller in the finals to win the 140 pound championship.

Final team standings for the 1976 Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament:

1. Olean	179 1/2 points
2. Pioneer	169
3. Warsaw	113 1/2
4. Maple Grove	93 1/2
5. Portville	92 1/2
6. Williamsville North	89
7. Falconer	79
8. Sweet Home	74
9. Cattaraugus	73
10. Iroquois	65 1/2
11. Medina	49
12. Southwestern	44 1/2
13. Frontier	36
14. Salamanca	31 1/2
15. Lake Shore	23
16. Dunkirk	10
17. Allegany	5 1/2

Ironically, both Vince and Gene went on to compete in the state tournament and both finished second there. Vince, who won the National Junior College championship and the men's National AAU title, is currently wrestling at Montclair State as a senior while Gene is a freshman at the University of Buffalo, where he is a member of the varsity.

For Dave, carrying on the family tradition will be a difficult task, but his performance in the tournament gave every indication that he will continue to do so. In the first round, he pinned Portville's Randy Williams, then pinned Kevin Keenan, Medina, in the second round before scoring an 8-2 decision over Maple Grove's Dan Woodfield in the semifinals.

As a junior last year, Tundo finished second at 114 pounds.

Last year's outstanding wrestler, meanwhile, Olean's Bruce Meyers, wound up having to settle for a runner-up spot as he lost an 8-6 decision to Maple Grove's Greg Wefing in the finals at 140 pounds.

The team battle was a close one all the way, and ultimately the difference came little more than a splitting of hairs.

Pioneer, again, for the third straight year, had the edge in championships as four of the Panther wrestlers claimed championships, eighth grader Steve Arnold at 93 pounds, junior Doug Keenen at 107, junior Kyle Grunwald at 126, and senior Doug Tingue at 134.

Olean had two champs, Ray Pikulski at 169 and Dave Simon at 179.

The Huskies, however, advanced seven wrestlers to the finals while Pioneer advanced five. Overall, going down

through sixth place, Olean finished with a one point edge, getting 90 points on the two firsts, five seconds and three thirds, a total of ten wrestlers placing in the tourney.

Pioneer, after four championships, had one second, four third place finishers, one fifth place finisher and one sixth place finisher.

With the advancement points awards, Olean picked up four more points, and the remaining difference, six and a half points, came on pins and major and superior decisions in individual bouts.

While Olean and Pioneer provided all the excitement in the race for the championship, the rest of the competition was just as close, making the tournament the tightest since the 1972 tourney, which saw a tie for the title and five teams within ten points of each other at the top.

Warsaw, from Section V, came in a strong third with 113 1/2 points and three weight class titles while Maple Grove edged Portville, 93 1/2-92 1/2, for fourth place. Williamsville North was sixth with 89 points.

Four more teams, rounding out the top ten, were also closely grouped, led by seventh place Falconer with 79 points, Sweet Home, with 74, Cattaraugus, with 73, and Iroquois, with 65 1/2.

Rounding out the standings were Medina with 49, Southwestern, with 44 1/2, Frontier, with 36, Salamanca, with 31 1/2, Lake Shore, with 23, Dunkirk, with ten, and Allegany, with five and a half.

The championship round of the tournament also saw the first overtime bout since 1973 and only the third in tournament history as Warsaw's Warren Bush pinned Portville's Miller for the 147 pound title, leaving Miller a runner-up for the second straight year.

Bush and Miller battled to a 4-4 deadlock in regulation, with Miller scoring on the initial takedown for a 2-0 first period lead. Bush reversed off the bottom to make it 2-2 early in the second period, but Miller reversed to make it 4-2. Then, late in the period, Bush came back with another reversal and wound up riding Miller out in the third period to send the bout into overtime.

Bush scored on a takedown and reversal for a 4-0 lead in the first two periods of overtime, and with time running out, Miller tried to swing out with an inside switch in a desperation move. Bush merely stepped over and stretched out to get the fall with only nine seconds left in the overtime.

The last overtime bout in the tourney finals came in 1973, when Pioneer's Mike Arnold decided Southwestern's Bob Moberg, 3-1, for the 107 pound title. In 1972, Peril's Don Duprey was awarded a referee's decision over Pioneer's Jim Langenfelder after the two battled to a 2-2 score in regulation and 1-1 in overtime in their bout for the 169 pound championship.

Joining Bush as champion from Warsaw

were Mike Fuller, who decided Dave Crean, Olean, 5-2, for the 114 pound title, and John Patt, who scored an 8-0 decision over Rich Pavlock, Falconer, for the unlimited crown.

Other winners were Williamsville North's Jim Bender, at 100 pounds, Bob Stone, Cattaraugus, at 157 pounds, and Portville's Dave Nease, at heavyweight.

Two winners, Keenen and Tingue, each picked up their second titles, with Keenen having the opportunity to become the third wrestler to win three Salamanca titles.

Tingue's victory in the finals was a rematch of last year's championship round as he decided Olean's Chris Leichtweis 3-2. Last year, Tingue decided Leichtweis 14-4 for the title at the same weight class.

Two defending champions, Maple Grove's Seth Becker and Medina's Tim Feltz, failed to defend them, with Becker getting eliminated early in the tourney while Feltz, 90 pound champ last season, finished fifth at 107 pounds.

In addition to Tundo, Patt, unlimited champ, was also a runner-up last season, while Tripodi, as well as Miller and Leichtweis, came in second for the second time.

Salamanca's only place winner was senior Tom Colek, who finished fifth at 140 pounds. Colek, after pinning Cattaraugus' Jerry Case in the first round, dropped to the quarter-finals. There he decided Portville's Jerry Newburg, 5-0, pinned Williamsville North's Dave Heim, then lost to Southwestern's Jon Swan before placing by deciding Lake Shore's Bill Caldwell.

All 17 teams in the tournament had at least once place winner, with an amazing 11 teams represented in the finals.

Championship Round

93: Steve Arnold, Pioneer, decided Bari Hallberg, Maple Grove, 5-0.

100: Jim Bender, Williamsville North, decided Dan Mason, Pioneer, 13-0.

107: Doug Keenen, Pioneer, decided Eric Simpson, Olean, 7-2.

114: Mike Fuller, Warsaw, decided Dave Crean, Olean, 5-2.

121: Dave Tundo, Frontier, decided Steve Tripodi, Olean, 6-4.

128: Kyle Grunwald, Pioneer, decided Mark Malay, Iroquois, 2-0.

134: Doug Tingue, Pioneer, decided Chris Leichtweis, Olean, 3-2.

140: Greg Wefing, Maple Grove, decided Bruce Meyers, Olean, 8-6.

147: Warren Bush, Warsaw, pinned Terry Miller, Portville, 2-51 in overtime after the two had finished in a 4-4 tie in regulation time.

157: Bob Stone, Cattaraugus, decided Brian Eccles, Falconer, 2-1.

169: Ray Pikulski, Olean, decided Vern Price, Warsaw, 2-1.

179: Dave Simon, Olean, decided Pat Holman, Medina, 4-3.

Hwt: Dave Nease, Portville, decided Jim Burns, Warsaw, 6-4.

Unl: John Patt, Warsaw, decided Rich Pavlock, Falconer, 8-0.

Consolation Rounds

93: Clar Anderson, Olean, won by forfeit over John McHugh, Sweet Home, for third place. Al Suberski, Iroquois, decided Jerry Shirling, Williamsville North, 4-2, for fifth place.

100: Ricky Gould, Olean, decided Ron Nelson, Southwestern, 4-0 in overtime, for third place. Dan Dahlbeck, Maple Grove, decided Steve Martello, Portville, 14-8, for fifth place.

107: Clete Caskey, Maple Grove, won by forfeit over Jerry Christopher, Portville, for third place. Tim Feltz, Medina, decided Bob Betts, Falconer, 3-2 for fifth place.

114: Keith Floyd, Pioneer, decided Bill Gallagher, Sweet Home, 14-1, for third place. John Hannah, Iroquois, decided Dave Burstein, Williamsville North, 9-3, for fifth place.

121: Tom Bennett, Pioneer, decided Dan Woodfield, Maple Grove, 10-2, for third place. Steve Moore, Falconer, won by forfeit over Jay Schwartz, Sweet Home, for fifth place.

128: Tom Bushnell, Olean, decided Steve Shirling, Williamsville North, 5-2, for third place. Paul Reed, Sweet Home, pinned Jerry Nugent, Lake Shore, 2-35, for fifth place.

134: Keith Miller, Cattaraugus, decided Larry Slakter, Williamsville North, 8-7, for third place. Glenn Hackemer, Warsaw, decided Eric Huer, Sweet Home, 4-2, for fifth place.

140: John Ognibene, Falconer, decided Jon Swan, Southwestern, 4-1, for third place. Tom Colek, Salamanca, decided Bill Caldwell, Lake Shore, 8-7, for fifth place.

147: Scott Adams, Iroquois, decided Mike Garvey, Falconer, 1-0, for third place. Tim Stevens, Southwestern, decided Randy Miller, Cattaraugus, 10-0 in overtime, for fifth place.

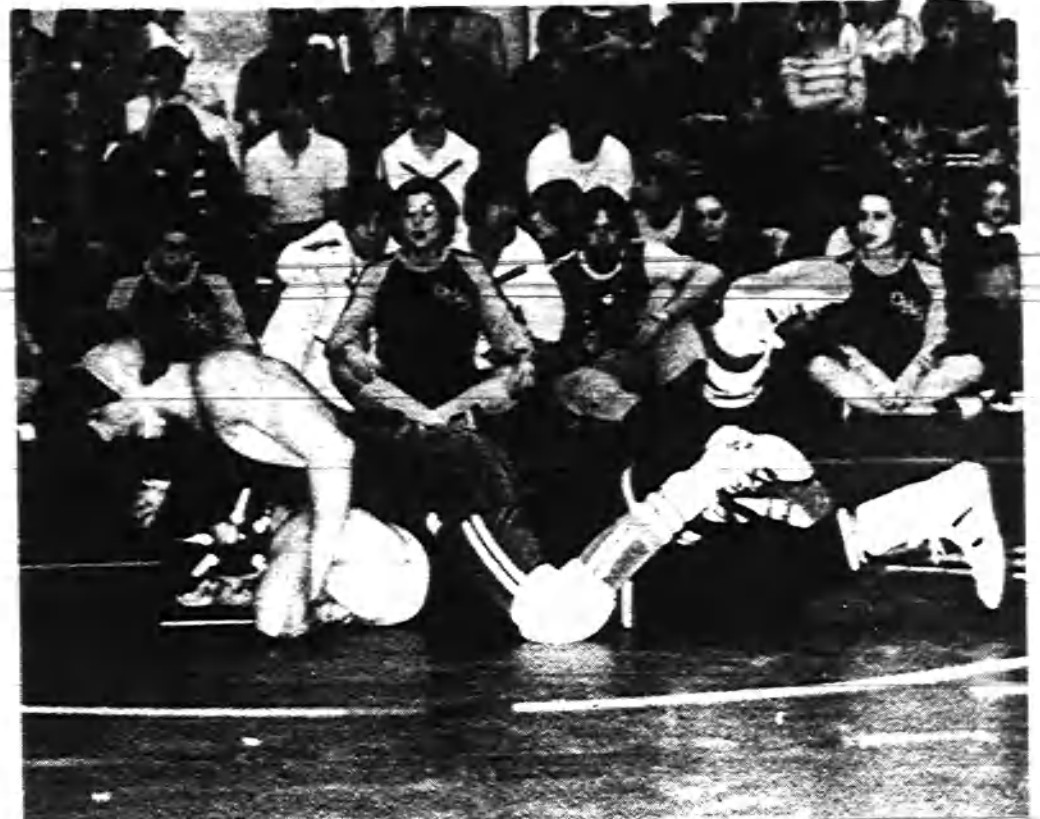
157: Greg D'Alba, Williamsville North, decided Tom Sutter, Portville, 2-2, for third place. Eric Bartholomew, Olean, won by forfeit over Bob Vogel, Sweet Home, for fifth place.

169: Dennis Marler, Frontier, decided Bill Nice, Medina, 5-3, for third place. Mark Teresi, Sweet Home, decided Bill Glasgow, Pioneer, 2-0, for fifth place.

179: Mike Haberberger, Portville, decided Mark Patrick, Williamsville North, 8-5, for third place. Ron Climenhaga, Iroquois, decided Bruce Faulkner, Allegany, 2-1, for fifth place.

Hwt: Marc Eaton, Pioneer, decided Jeff Roselle, Cattaraugus, 12-4, for third place. Cedric Hinton, Sweet Home, won by forfeit over Mike Steffan, Dunkirk, for fifth place.

Unl: Jim Bieher, Pioneer, decided Herb Stenander, Southwestern, 14-2, for third place. Pete Lee, Salamanca, finished fifth as only other wrestler in weight class.



MVP IN ACTION — Frontier's Dave Tundo (on top) tries to work a combination on Olean's Steve Tripodi while remaining in complete control in the championship round of the Salamanca Invitational Tournament for the 121 pound title. Tundo won a 6-4 decision, but totally dominated the previously unbeaten Tripodi, with the win helping him secure the outstanding wrestler award for the tourney. Tundo was the third Tundo brother to win the Salamanca tourney, following Vince, a 1972 winner, and Gene, a 1975 winner, and the second to be named the outstanding wrestler as Vince won the award in 1972. (Press Staff Photo)



STONE WINS TITLE — Cattaraugus' Bob Stone became the first Big Red wrestler to win a Salamanca Invitational title as he scored a 2-1 decision over Falconer's Brian Eccles in the 157 pound championship bout. Here Stone sits through while attempting to turn Eccles over, but the attempt failed to result in back points. Cattaraugus posted a strong ninth place finish in the tourney, which was won by Olean. Pioneer finished second and Warsaw third. (Press Staff Photo)

Sports in brief

TENNIS
CHICAGO — Third-seeded Evonne Goolagong defeated Virginia Wade 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 to win the \$75,000 Women's Pro Tennis Tournament.

PHILADELPHIA — Jimmy Connors defeated Bjorn Borg 7-6, 6-4, 6-0 in the finals of the \$115,000 U.S. Indoor Pro Tennis Tournament.

BOWLING
KANSAS CITY — George Pappas defeated top-seeded Earl Anthony 223-219 to win the first prize on the Professional Bowlers' tournament circuit.

AUTO RACING
DAYTONA BEACH — Peter Gregg and Brian Redman won the 15th annual 24 Hours of Daytona by a margin of 15 laps over John O'Steen, John Graves and Dave Helmick.



PACKED HOUSE — The Salamanca cheerleaders perform a pom-pom routine for a standing-room-only crowd prior to the start of the finals of the 1976 Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament. From left, they include Julie Colek, Donna Colvin, Jill Hager, Leslie Flint and Tami Newark. A crowd of over 2,000 was packed into the high school gym for the championship round of the tournament, the biggest crowd on hand for the tourney finals since 1972. (Press Staff Photo)



TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS — Individual winners in the 1976 Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament were, front row (l-r): Doug Tingue, Pioneer, 134 pound champ, Kyle Grunwald, Pioneer, 128 pound champ, Dave Tundo, Frontier, 121 pound champ and the tournament's outstanding wrestler, Mike Fuller, Warsaw, 114 pound champ, Doug Keenen, Pioneer, 107 pound champ, Steve Arnold, Pioneer, 93 pound champ. Back row: John Patt, Warsaw, unlimited champ, Dave Nease, Portville, heavyweight champ, Dave Simon, Olean, 179 pound champ, Ray Pikulski, Olean, 169 pound champ, Bob Stone, Cattaraugus, 157 pound champ, Warren Bush, Warsaw, 147 pound champ, Greg Wefing, Maple Grove, 140 pound champ, Williamsville North's Jim Bender, 100 pound champ, was not present. (Press Staff Photo)



MEYERS UNSEATED — Olean's Bruce Meyers (standing) struggles to free himself from a bar arm and leg combination thrown by Maple Grove's Greg Wefing in their bout for the 140 pound title. Meyers hit a stand-up coming off the bottom, but was pulled back to the mat. The outstanding wrestler in the 1975 Salamanca Tournament as a junior, Meyers lost a tough 8-6 decision to Wefing in the match. (Press Staff Photo)