

STAC Gridders by Leaps and Bounds--on the Mats



JEFF IACOVELLI
King as a 13-year-old



KURT KAMINSKY
Heading for a Broome high?



DAN HUNT



RICH LUBELL
A pair of titular three-timers

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WINDSOR — Bob Avery, Jim Fruscella and Bill Selsmeyer . . . not only would they make an awesome football backfield to expose your line to, but they make an awesome wrestling windup punch to expose your back to.

The three, who finished 1-3-4 in Southern Tier Athletic Conference rushing last fall, wrapped up the 167, 177 and heavyweight crowns so convincingly last night that STAC wrestling came out of the 17th annual Windsor Christmas Tournament with just as much glory as the Long Island team which again won the team title.

It was Selsmeyer, dreadnaught fullback on the 1973 Vestal team which finished No. 1 in the most-quoted state rankings, whose second-period pin gave Vestal the Windsor runnerup berth by a half-point over surprising Binghamton North.

Bellmore's John F. Kennedy High, however, spreadeagled the field with a 74½-point total. Vestal had 49½, thanks to the bonus point from Selsmeyer, North 48½ — enough to make North coach Bill Layton wish he had Tim Thomas (No. 2 STAC rusher last fall) in the ranks.

Selsmeyer, wearing a shiner over his right eye from practice, was the only wrestler to register four straight pins, and the 3:05 he needed to finish Howie Hyde of Chenango Forks in the final was easily the longest he spent on the mat all tourney.

Oneonta High's Fruscella had three, however, including semifinals dispatch of top-seeded Ed Jones of Homer, before "slumping" into a mere 11-2 finals decision. And Homer's Avery, he of the fantastic 196.6-a-game yardage last fall, was so disturbed by a stalling penalty that turned his semis' bout with a JFK footballer into a cliff-hanger, that he shot for takedowns almost from start to finish of his final — racking up six in the six minutes.

Avery, his face constantly contorted by a toothy squint, and Selsmeyer have different ideas about doubling up in college, however.

"I had to pull weight to make this 167-pound class, and I want to put on 30 pounds for football next year — this is going to be it (his senior season for Homer) as far as wrestling, I just don't want to go through that kind of ups and downs," says Avery, who has trips to Penn State and Syracuse planned between January duals — as a start.

Selsmeyer, who's already visited Syracuse and Rutgers, but unlike Avery is open to bids from beyond the East, is down 8 or 10 pounds from his football weight (209) by his own choice, but would like to compete in both sports in college if the opportunity is there.

STAC schools grabbed half of the 14 individual titles — actually only 12 classes count

★ Windsor ★ Wrap-Up

Team scores: Bellmore JFK 74½, Vestal 49½, North 48, Homer 43½, Chenango Forks 47, Canandaigua and West Genesee 36½ each, Windsor 33½, Whitney Point 32½, Irondequoit 29½, Ithaca 27, Sidney 25, Oneonta 22, Horseheads 21½, Walton 4, Deposit 3½.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

91 — Jeff Iacovelli (Ith) pinned Bob Kovach (Norw), 4-51.
98 — Mark Iacovelli (Ith) dec. Brad Farnham (CFKs), 5-4.
105 — Mark Mysnyk (Ves) dec. Steve Cavayero (JFK), 3-0.

112 — Mike Grecco (JFK) dec. Don Schmidt (CFKs), 4-3.

119 — Dan Hunt (WGen) pinned Gene Palmer (Hhds), 5-21.

126 — Kurt Kaminsky (North) dec. Dennis Jones (Canan), 4-2.

132 — Rich Lubell (JFK) dec. Forest Ingerson (WGen), 12-7.

138 — Pete Kundin (Ironde) dec. Jim Gorman, 2-1 in overtime (2-2 regulation).

145 — Dan Lubell (JFK) dec. Kevin Harvey (North), 9-6.

155 — Rick Armstrong (WPI) dec. Larry Weth e (Homer), 8-2.

167 — Bob Avery (Homer) dec. Jim Babcock (Ironde), 13-5.

177 — Jim Fruscella (Oneonta) dec. Bill Bartosch (Canan), 11-2.

215 — Bill Selsmeyer (Ves) pinned Howie Hyde (CFKs), 3:05.

250 — Mike Ruff (Sidney) pinned George Payton (Ith), 1:00.

CONSOLATIONS (3rd Place)

91 — Dave Wolferman (Ves) pinned Paul Rossolo (Canan), 4:10; 98 — Craig Riesen (Sid) pinned Jeff Gelinas (Canan), 2:37; 105 — Rod Popple (Sid) dec. Larry Swartz (Wind), 11-6; 112 — Gene Gillotti (Canan) dec. Mike Goodison (Wind), 5-4; 119 — Rick Wolfson (JFK) dec. Warren Vail (Homer), 4-2; 126 — Rick Wade (WPI) won by forfeit over Guy Gambino (JFK); 132 — Bryan Pratt (CFKs) dec. Karl Ehntholt (Ves), 4-3; 138 — Dan Turner (Hhds) dec. Mark Folmar (Ves), 10-9; 145 — Tom Yarosh (Wind) dec. Tim McLain (Ves), 3-2; 155 — Tim Thoren (Ith) dec. Larry Ungerer (WGen), 9-5; 167 — Mike Carra (JFK) dec. Rick Marsh (WPI), 9-1; 177 — Ed Jones (Homer) pinned Dan Foley (North), 3:20; 215 — Jeff Jordan (Ith) dec. Mark Dolan (Hhds), 7-1; 250 — Blaine Dopko (North) dec. Mike May (Oneonta), 4-2 in overtime (3-3 regulation).

SEMIFINALS

93 — Kovach dec. Rossolo, 4-0; J. Iacovelli pinned Wolferman, 5-31.

98 — M. Iacovelli dec. Riesen, 7-4; Farnham dec. Gelinas, 6-2.

105 — Mysnyk dec. Popple, 4-2; Cavayero pinned Swartz, 5-30.

112 — Schmidt pinned Gillotti, 5-58; Grecco dec. Goodison, 14-8.

119 — Hunt dec. Wolfson, 7-1; Palmer dec. Vail, 3-0.

126 — Jones pinned Wade, 5-25; Kaminsky won by default over Gambino, Gambino injured knee, third period, trailing 2-1.

132 — R. Lubell pinned Pratt, 0:54; Ingerson dec. Ehntholt, 4-0.

138 — Gorman dec. Folmar, 6-4; Kundin dec. Turner, 5-2.

145 — D. Lubell dec. Yarosh, 5-2; Harvey dec. McLain, 9-6.

155 — Armstrong dec. Ungerer, 8-2; Weth e dec. Thoren, 6-4.

167 — Avery dec. Cerra, 5-4; Babcock dec. Marsh, 11-2.

177 — Fruscella pinned Jones, 3-53; Bartosch dec. Foley, 5-3.

215 — Selsmeyer pinned Dolan, 1:23; Hyde dec. Jordan, 5-2.

250 — Pantone dec. May, 7-0; Ruff pinned Dopko, 2:55.

in team scoring, a coach having to select, pre-tourney, if he is counting his 91-pounder or his 98, likewise his heavy (215) or super-heavy (250)—and were the big difference for a much stronger Section 4 showing in four years. The Susquenango won only at 155, Whitney Point's towering Rick Armstrong there, and Sidney soph Mike Ruff posing as a super-heavy though barely 215, though it had one-point heartbreaks, and accompanying objections, at three weights.

JFK had three titles, including a repeat for the Lubell twins, Rich and Dan. In four years at Windsor, they show five firsts, two seconds and a fourth. Older brother Eric also won a 1970 crown, but the last of the clan, is only a fifth-grader.

Exit the Lubells for the moment anyway, but enter a new wave of Ithaca Iacovellis. Eighth-grader Jeff Iacovelli, a 13-year-old approved for varsity competition under this state's new selective-classification program, pinned North soph Bob Kovach in the final after Kovach had shut out the top seed. Then 14-year-old brother Mark I., showed top-seed poise at 98 by coming back from a 4-1 first-period deficit to shade his man on a third-period predicament.

Their dad, Larry, who was in the corner, is one of four brothers who won a total of eight Section 4 titles for Ithaca — Red, Jim, Larry and Londo. Then Red's son, Paul Jr., won one to start the 1970s and here comes Larry's brood, with Larry Jr., a promising sixth-grader who can be activated next year if Big Brothers will please gain a few ounces.

Right now, they're in contention to join the elite four-time Windsor champs — Randy Payne and the late Bill Bush. Rich Lubell would have had a shot if last year he hadn't happened into the same weight class as Dan Hunt, the magnificent 119-pounder from West Genesee who in addition to a third Windsor crown is odds-on for a third straight state-intersectional title. (He beat a frosh first-rounder at Windsor, to whom nobody seems sure, but since then lost only the 1971 state final.)

Armstrong and Selsmeyer joined two earlier Broome County winners, Mighty-mite Mark Mysnyk, of Vestal, up a weight from his state 98 title of last March, held JFK soph Steve Cavayero in a near-pin for most of the second period and that was it: 3-0.

Then came North junior Kurt Kaminsky, who like Lubell has wisely found a weight class other than Hunt's this year. Second-seeded to defending champ Dennis Jones of Canandaigua, he rode his man with a figure-4 through the second period, then hit him with a quick reverse and 2-point near-fall in the third.

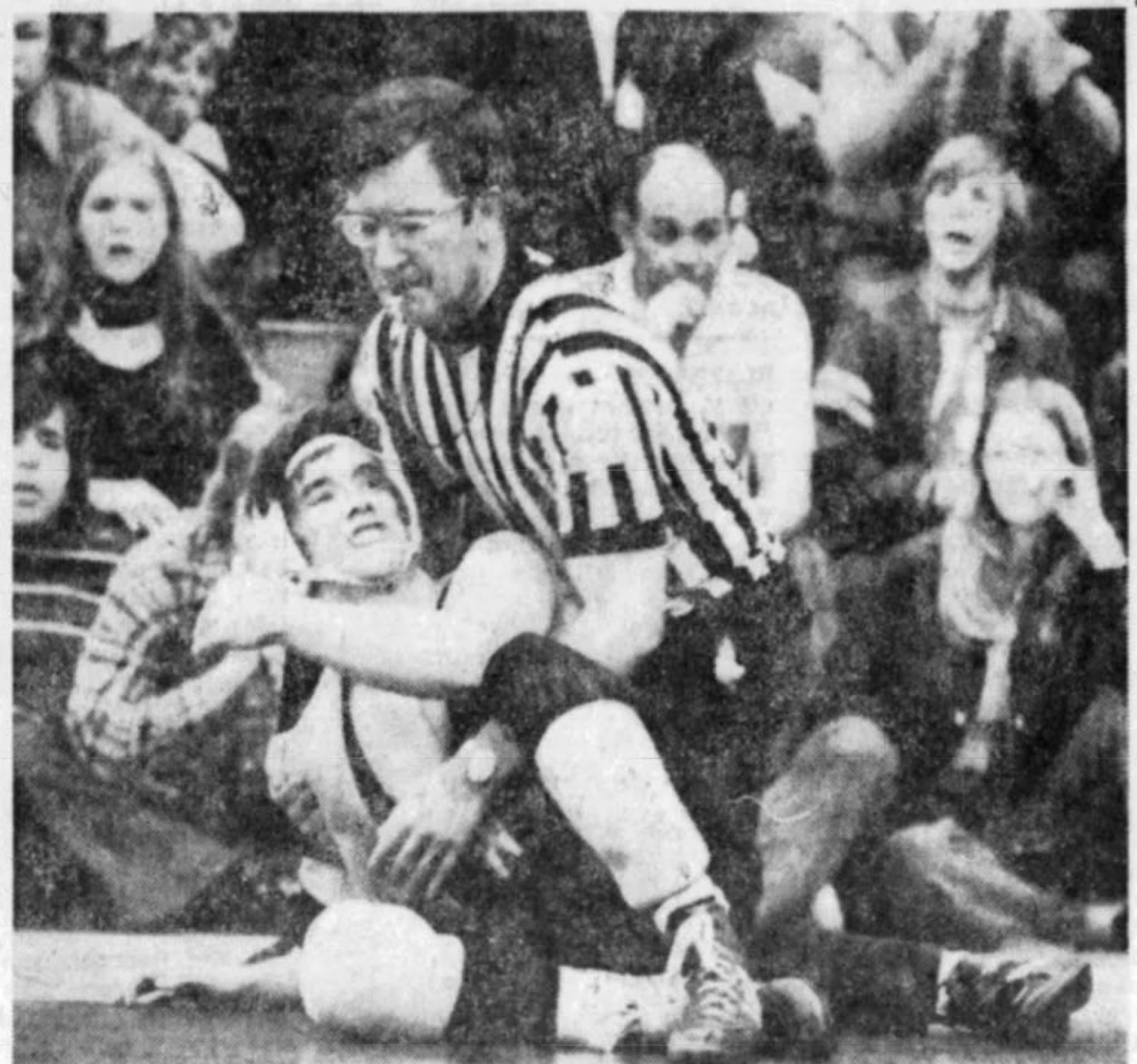
Jones got two points back, but no more, and slugged the canvas in frustration. He's not alone: Bill Layton's pride-and-joy is now 52-4-1 with more than 1½ seasons to go. Kaminsky cannot equal 1960 Windsor grad Chuck Bush's percentage (84-and-0) but he might become the county's winningest wrestler in history.

Windsor's top seed, 138-pound scrapper Jim Gorman, lost a 2-1 overtimer so hectic that the crowd of nearly 1,000 seemed silent the rest of the night. Infuriated by Irondequoit foe Pete Kundin's sideline throw-down near the end of the second period, he escaped, then drew blood from Kundin's mouth as bedlam drowned out the buzzer.

Kaminsky had received an early break when the two mat-side referees overruled the match ref's mat-edge take-down ruling; Gorman's match seemed like just one such veto after another of ref Bob Bagnall by Carmon Molino and Tom Hurley, but on the final cards a second-overtime escape by the Rochester banturooster was what made the difference.

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FINE TREATMENT FOR A HOST! — Referee Bob Bagnall tries to break the fall of Windsor 138-pounder Jim Gorman as he lands off the mat on a throw-down by Irondequoit's Pete Kundin in Windsor Tournament finals. Gorman's expression denotes his distaste for his foe's move but though he came up battling, he was upset in a controversial overtimer.

U-E Wrestles With Power --Norwich With Heartache

Union-Endicott wrestlers accounted for 10 champions — and, oh, how Norwich would have appreciated just one!

While U-E was making a wipe-out of three rivals in the one-day tourney at Syracuse's Christian Brothers Academy, Norwich came within a hair of the team title in the two-day, 15-school Sherburne Invitational even though it didn't take a single individual crown.

Watertown held onto the edge, 56½-55½, with Mount Vernon another point back and another two at 51 and 49½, though Johnson City faded back to a sixth-place tie at 38½.

After losing a one-pointer and a two-pointer in the wind-up of wrestle-backs for third-place, two of Norwich's three finalists — Darryl Fiorina and Rick Caputo — also lost by 1 and by 2. The third, Dick Smith, ran into the winner of the tourney's Outstanding Wrestler award, Jim Amioika of Mount Vernon.

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U-E also had an award-winner at 177. Bob Veruto won the "heavyweight" half of the CBA tourney's Outstanding awards, while teammate Scott Depersis won among "lightweights." DePersis, Tom Krmenek and Mark Palombo all scored three straight pins, while Veruto had one in 0:33 and other bouts that were 18-3 and 17-3 runaways.

JV wrestlers from the four schools also competed in the 8-man brackets and did not count in team scoring, though in one case an Endicott JV (Tim Murphy) finished second only to varsity teammate John Ciotoli, and that after a 7-6 battle. Krmenek, Polombo, Ciotoli, Jim Nasoni and Mike Koob are now 7-0, Larry Taggart 5-0-1.

U-E, sweeping everything in sight for a natural for the Windsor Tournament in its own backyard, but coach Frank Sorochinsky has reiterated no desire to return there because of an incident in the past. Because of a death in his immediate family, he withdrew his team on short notice one year, then says the next year was told there was no vacancy.

Team Scores: Watertown 56½, Norwich 55½, Mount Vernon 54½, Mohawk 51, Peru 49½, Whitesboro and Johnson City 38½ each, Webster 36½, Ilion 35, New Hartford 34, Union Springs 32, Newark 15, Proctor 13½, Sherburne-Earlville 10, Groton 9.

CHAMPIONSHIPS
91 — Dave Carpenter (S-E) dec. Judson Keene (NH), 13-5.

98 — Bill Reisel (Moh) dec. Carson Armstrong (JC), 8-6.

105 — Bruce Fisher (US) dec. Mark Rock (Peru), 7-4.

112 — Rich Reisel (Moh) dec. Darryl Fiorina (Norw), 2-1.

119 — Rich Numa (MIV) dec. Gary Kraft (Web), 16-8.

126 — James Amioika (MIV) dec. Dick Smith (Norw), 8-0.

132 — Jay Clemons (Pro) dec. Rick Caputo (Norw), 6-4.

138 — Joe Dare (IProc) dec. Bob Hubbard (Moh), 6-2.

145 — Pat Bruce (JC) Sal Stokes (NH), 0-42.

115 — Harold Christianson (Wh) dec. Mike Geer (Web), 8-4.

167 — Anthony Crawford (MIV) dec. Craig Chapman (NH), Chapman disqualified for stalling while leading in overtime.

177 — Paul Head (Wh) pinned Jim Gydesen (Il), 1:06.

215 — Frank DeStefano (Web) dec. Sal Zumpano (NH), 3-2.

250 — Don Sutton (MIV) dec. Mike Crompton (JC), 5-2.

CONSOLATIONS

91 — Gary Gadoway (Peru) dec. Dawes Dunaham (Il), 8-0; 98 — Greg Ely (Wat) dec. Frank Przewit (Norw), 4-2; 105 — Dave Beckwith (Norw) dec. Marly Tynda (Moh), 7-2; 112 — Kevin Marra (Wat) dec. Scott Phillips (MIV), 2-0 overtime; 119 — Jim Prue (Peru) dec. Jerry Buckert (Newark), 9-3; 132 — Tyler Thorigal (Wat) dec. Grafton Robinson (US) by default; 138 — Dan Booth (Moh) dec. Dan Allerton (Newark), 3-1; 145 — Steve Hyer (Il) dec. Dave Taylor (Wat), 3-1; 155 — Mike Conner (Grot) dec. Kevin Lundy (Wat), 3-2; 167 — Randy Cassavaah (Peru) dec. Rich Knox (Nor), 1-0; 177 — Dan Forbes (Moh) dec. Horace Perry (MIV), 4-0; 215 — Bob Gentile (Wh) dec. Dave Miller (Il), 7-0; 250 — Steve Fuhrer (Il) winner by default.

Team scores: Union-Endicott 145½, CBA 75½, Newark Valley 56½, Nottingham 62½.

WINNERS (runnerup also listed if from U-E or Newark Valley):

91 — David Michael (U-E); 98 — Kevin Sharp (NV); Keith Sharp (NV); 105 — Larry Taggart (U-E); Doug Howland (NV); 112 — John Ciotoli (U-E); Tim Murphy (U-E); 119 — Mike Koob (U-E); 126 — Scott Depersis (U-E); Meade (NV); 132 — Rubin Rangle (U-E); 138 — Jim Nasoni (U-E); 145 — Tom Krmenek (U-E); 155 — Mark Palombo (U-E); 167 — Steve Elliott (CBA); 177 — Bob Veruto (U-E); Bill Jansen (NV); 215 — Joe Ranieri (CBA); Mike Rotunda (NV); 250 — Mike Fabrizio (U-E).