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## P. S. A. L. WRESTLING WINNERS



The individual winners in the various weight classes flash their medals at the close of the P. S. A. L. wrestling tournament in Spring Valley.



# Suffern Wrestling Team is Winner In Valley Tourney

## Mounties Win P. S. A. L. Crown By Single Point Over Favored Nyack

Wrestling as a local winter sport broke onto the public consciousness last Thursday and Friday when the first Rockland County P. S. A. L. wrestling championships in local sports annals held their two-day competition at the Spring Valley high school gym.

This is only the second season that there has been any organized wrestling activity in the county, but most of it was sort of under-cover work. There weren't many people who knew about the teams, and the meets were held practically in private for the benefit of the players alone.

The Rockland county championships, however, was the best thing that could have happened to the sport, for the spectators responded and the crowds were very gratifying considering the newness and novelty of the sport. It is the opinion in this corner, however, that to build up greater interest in wrestling the fans will have to be taught the sport, for amateur wrestling is entirely a game of skill, and unless one understands the difference between a half-Nelson and a body press, most of the enjoyment is lost.

To Suffern went the honor of being the first county titleholder, as they nosed out Nyack after a great battle by one point, 31-30. Spring Valley, the only other county school with a team entered, was never in the running and were far in the rear, being able to total only 11 points.

At the end of the last Thursday's competition, when all the preliminaries were held, it was obvious that the title would be taken by either Suffern or Nyack. For these schools had placed eight and seven

schools had placed eight and seven men in the finals, respectively. The Valley was in the running for a possible second place at best.

After the first three finals were run off things were still at an even keel for each team manager to walk off with a gold medal. Each of the matches was close and all went to a decision.

The fans really perked up when Paul Pantuso of Suffern and Franco of Nyack went at it in the 125-pound class. For this match resulted in the only fall of the evening. After only 19 seconds of the last period, Pantuso had a half-Nelson and a crotch hold and pinned Franco.

That gave Suffern the lead, but Nyack pulled ahead quickly as Logiodice and McElroy disposed of their men with ease. It was in the heavy classes that Suffern had the edge and that eventually meant the match.

Here the spectators really came to life, for it was a case of strength plus skill. Dunnigan and Collins gave the Mounties the lead, but it was Taylor and Conace who put on the best match in the unlimited class.

At the end of the regulation three periods Taylor of Suffern had a 3-2 edge on points, but Conace had a time advantage and the match went into an overtime.

Here Taylor's superior strength told, for Conace tired very rapidly and twice Taylor nearly threw him. Conace managed to stave off a pinning, though he lost.

At the end of the first place matches, Suffern was comfortably ahead, 25-15, but here the better balance of the Nyack team came to the fore, and they took five of the consolation contests, worth three points each, and actually moved ahead of Suffern, 30-28, with only one match left. It was Owen of Suffern against Chase of Spring Valley, with Owen easily winning the decision for the three points that meant victory.

Short shots—Just about the shortest match in history took place in the 105-pound consolation, when Keesler of Nyack pinned Levine of Spring Valley in 18 seconds flat. . . . The cup, awarded to the winners, must be won three times for permanent possession.

### Summaries of the Matches (Figures indicate points)

#### 95-Pound Class

##### First Round

Pickford, Spring Valley, threw Nappo, Suffern, in 0:12 of the third period.

Renella, Nyack, defeated Wagenhoffer, Suffern.

##### Final Round

Pickford defeated Renella, Nyack, 5-3.

#### Consolation Round

Renella threw Nappo in 0:37 of the third period.

#### 105-pound Class

##### First Round

Keesler, Nyack, threw Dudyak, Spring Valley, in 1:41 of the second period.

Ketterer, Nyack, threw Levine, Spring Valley, in 0:14 of the second period.

##### Final Round

Ketterer defeated Keesler, 5-3.

#### Consolation Round

Keesler threw Levine in 0:18 of the first period.

#### 115-pound Class

##### First Round

D'Avanzo, Suffern, threw Strack, Spring Valley, in 0:51 of the first period.

Renella, Nyack, threw Hamilton, Spring Valley, in 0:27 of the third period.

Pat Pantuso, Suffern, threw Gallo, Nyack, in 1:47 of the second period.

##### Semi-final Round

D'Avanzo defeated Renella.

Pat Pantuso, bye.

##### Final Round

Pat Pantuso defeated D'Avanzo, 6-3.

#### Consolation Round

D'Avanzo won from Gallo by default.

#### 125-pound Class

##### First Round

Franco, Nyack, defeated Green, Spring Valley.

Fred Faist, Spring Valley, threw Mayer, Nyack, in 1:59½ of the first period.

Paul Pantuso, Suffern, bye.

##### Semi-final Round

Paul Pantuso threw Fred Faist in 1:44 of the second period.

Franco, bye.

##### Final Round

Paul Pantuso threw Franco in 0:19 of the third period.

#### Consolation Round

injury to Manager Bill McKechnie and the Cincinnati manager, who has been greatly impressed by the Nanueter, told Aleno to take it easy until his knee was completely better.

"Keep your eye on that Aleno", a New York City newspaper story on the manager McKechnie as well as Aleno. "If anything happens to you, you can't do for great things from Aleno."

Bud Fisher and Charlie McGill

Franco defeated Fred Faist.

#### 135-pound Class

##### First Round

Pappas, Nyack, defeated McCintin, Suffern.

McElroy, Nyack, defeated Doyle, Suffern.

Frank Faist, Spring Valley, bye.

##### Semi-final Round

Frank Faist defeated Pappas, McElroy, bye.

##### Final Round

McElroy defeated Frank Faist, 6-2.

#### Consolation Round

Frank Faist won from Doyle by default.

#### 145-pound Class

##### First Round

Picci, Suffern, threw Perruna, Spring Valley, in 1:03 of the third period.

Carlson, Nyack, threw Plariman, Suffern, in 0:33 of the third round.

Logiodice, Nyack, bye.

##### Semi-final Round

Logiodice defeated Picci, Carlson, bye.

##### Final Round

Logiodice defeated Carlson, 5-3.

#### Consolation Round

Carlson defeated Picci.

#### 155-pound Class

##### First Round

Dunnigan, Suffern, defeated Chase, Spring Valley.

Owen, Suffern, defeated Ogden, Nyack.

##### Final Round

Dunnigan, Suffern, defeated Chase, Spring Valley.

Owen, Suffern, defeated Ogden, Nyack.

##### Final Round

Dunnigan defeated Owen, 10-7.

#### Consolation Round

Owen defeated Chase.

#### 165-pound Class

##### First Round

Willis, Spring Valley, threw

On another occasion Charlie was smacking the ball hard, far and wide in batting practice and McKechnie exclaimed, "Those will be homers in Cincinnati".

Aleno himself writes, "I made a good impression as soon as I got here, I'm hitting the ball hard and am fielding O. K. I've also taken off a lot of weight."

The Nanueter went up the hard way, via DeLand, Florida; Muskogee, Oklahoma; Durham, North Carolina; and Birmingham, Alabama, after playing for Pearl River high school and various Rockland county sandlot teams. He worked out with the Reds in Florida for two weeks last year and then was assigned to Birmingham, where he had an exceptionally good season.

Charlie's brother Artie went south with him this year. Hearing of a shortage of catchers, brother Artie reported to DeLand of the Florida State Class D League, the same time Charlie started with back in 1937, and according to reports Artie is expected to stay with DeLand as second string receiver.

Gluckin, Suffern, in 0:20 of the second round.

Collins, Suffern, bye.

##### Final Round

Collins defeated Willis, 4-1.

#### Consolation Round

Willis won by forfeit.

#### 185-pound Class

##### Final Round

Taylor, Suffern, defeated Conace, Nyack, 11-3.

#### Consolation Round

Conace won by forfeit.

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