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KING-SIZED DOZEN—Here are the 12 champions crowned early today in the marathon Windsor Holiday Wrestling Tournament. Left to right: Mike Turco, Ithaca; Gene Mitch, Watertown; Bill Bush, Wind-

sor; Neil Orr, Greene; Brian Jones, Frankfort; Jim Dreitzler, Ithaca; Bob Williams, Windsor; Vince Homer, Vestal; Barty Biondillo, Watertown; George Grizzuto, Frankfort; Jerry Everling, Chenango Forks; Steve Shippos, Ithaca.

Mat Festival a Streak-Buster

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Chuck a Calm PA Man —Until Billy Hit the Mat

Windsor—Chuck Bush never had such a gruelling day at the Windsor Holiday Tournament when he was merely a competitor.

Yesterday, the Cornell frosh, who won all his 84 Windsor schoolboy bouts, acted as PA man for 12 solid hours—after winning the Wilkes Open 115-pound title late Thursday and getting what he termed "a full hour's sleep."

Only during brother Billy's match with Dale Benninger did

Chuck junk his mike voice for his rooster's reverberating.

"Oh, you Billy kid, you're doing great, really kill him—the big punk . . ." etc., etc.

DAGGERS TO SHAKES

Twice Benninger paused before resuming action to look daggers. And when the match ended, a 6-0 Bush shutout win, a disappointed Dale slung an elastic ankle band at the PA man. To his credit, however, he counteracted the display a few minutes later by leaving the Ithaca section and with considerable control shaking the hand of both Bushes.

At one point, Ithaca Journal reporter Jerry Langdon hopefully theorized that Billy was now set up for a pin.

"Pin him, hell, Langdon," chortled Chuckie, "he's reversing him." And, seconds later Bill did just that. "Sorry, Jerry," Chuck then whispered, "but that's m' brother."

Chuck and two other frosh wrestlers are among four students rooming at the home of Prof. Duncan Sells, supervisor of all scholarships at Cornell. Next year, Bill will join him.

CROWD AT CORNELL

So what happens when Chuck's a junior, Bill's a soph and only one 123-pound slot is open? Bill, the lighter now but rangier, plans intensive weight work to beef up to 130. Bob Williams, Windsor senior president, is also Cornell-bound. Ditto Neil Orr and Bob Franciamone. Jim Miller would like to reorganize collegiate wrestling into eight classes, all between 115 and 135. Except that Steve Shippos is coming, too.

Gene Mitch's brother is a Cornell junior but at 4-feet-9, it's doubtful (even though "I like it down here. . . I can get at the legs quicker") if he can make a college wrestler despite but one loss in high school.

Grapple Sums

KEY: CF—Chenango Forks, CV—Chenango Valley, C—Cortland, F—Frankfort, G—Greene, I—Ithaca, L—Linton, M—Massena, MP—Mont Pleasant, S—Sidney, V—Vestal, Wt—Watertown, Wi—Windsor, (Hornell and Sherburne had no men reach semis.)

FINALS

95 pounds—Mike Turco (I) pinned Joe Favat (F), 3:38, doublearm tie-up.
103—Gene Mitch (Wt.) dec. John Shiel (Wi.), 14-2.
112—Bill Bush (Wi.) dec. Dale Benninger (I), 5-0.
120—Neil Orr (G) dec. Frank Prudence (I), 7-4.
127—Brian Jones (F) dec. John Mortini (MP), 8-1.
133—Jim Dreitzler (I) pinned John Casterline (C), 3:15, double arm tie-up.
138—Bob Williams (Wi.) dec. Bob Franciamone (I), 6-1.
145—Vince Homer (V) pinned Herb Schutt (I), 0:58, pancake.
154—Barty Biondillo (Wt.), won referees' decision over Jeff Stephens (CF). Match ended 1-1, overtime periods ended 3-3.
165—George Grizzuto (F) dec. Roy Beach (G), 11-6.
180—Jerry Everling (CF) pinned Dave Kirkley (M), 5:28, body press.
Unlimited—Steve Shippos (I) dec. Al Grannis (V), 3-1.

CONSOLATIONS

95—Mahon (V) pinned Evans (CF), 4:13; 103—Beers (N) won by forfeit over Sportello (F); 112—Haskell (CF) dec. Thoms (Wt.), 4-3; 120—Knight (Wt.) dec. Walker (V), 6-4; 127—Adams (M) dec. George (S), 8-5; 133—Austin (Wi.) dec. Blaisdell (S), 6-1; 138—Manore (F) dec. Truesdale (L), 3-0; 145—Gustainis (Wi.) dec. Stone (S), 11-6; 154—Smith (M) dec. LiCarl (F), 12-7; 165—Raym (M) won by forfeit over Hodges (S); 180—Scott (S) pinned McCarger (Wt.) 2:21; unlimited—Barrows (Wi.) pinned Warner (CV).

SEMIFINALS

95—Turco pinned Mahon, 1:45; Favat dec. Evans, 4-3.
103—Mitch pinned Sportello, 3:38; Shiel dec. Beers, 3-1.
112—Bush pinned Thoms, 1:30; Benninger pinned Haskell, 0:52.
120—Prudence dec. Walker, 5-4; Orr dec. Knight, 8-3.
127—Jones pinned Adams, 3:17; Mortini dec. George, 6-2.
133—Dreitzler dec. Austin, 11-1; Casterline dec. Blaisdell, 7-5.
138—Franciamone dec. Truesdale, 5-1; Williams dec. Manore, 12-3.
145—Homer dec. Gustainis, 1-0; Schutt dec. Stone, 8-6.
154—Stephens pinned LiCarl, 2:47; Biondillo dec. Smith, 3-2.
165—Beach dec. Raymo, 7-2; Grizzuto dec. Hodges, 6-2, in overtime after 10-10 regulation draw.
180—Everling pinned McCarger, 2:50; Kirkley dec. Scott, 3-2.
Unlimited—Shippos pinned Warner, 2:48; Grannis dec. Barrows, 3-2.
REFEREES—Phil Persley, Vestal; Ralph Lulkowski, Vestal; Lou Tudi, Ithaca.

Abundance of Stars But Few Strings Left

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Windsor—This guy Bobby Williams surely is an agile cuss.

Just as the old transistor radio reported him tying up Bill Sparlin at Broome Tech last night, what

did he do but put the handcuffs on Bob Franciamone down here.

There's a rumor that one must be an impersonator, but who's to identify which is THE Bobby Williams. Up at Broome they gave THEIR Bobby an MVP trophy, but if Windsor's homecourt partisans had had their way, or an Outstanding Performer cup, this-here-Bobby would have been their man.

For one thing, Windsor didn't win by 30 points, so Williams' 6-1 victory over an opponent who'd won 50 consecutive matches had a little more suspense value to it than the Broome Sweep.

It's a wise idea, however, that no Outstanding Wrestler award is made at the Windsor Holiday Tournament. There were too many legitimate candidates in the fourth, biggest and best of coach Jim Howard's annual Christmas-week matfests.

And it would have made even longer a night which, even with hardly a station break or commercial separating semis, consolations and finals, was five minutes shy of being New Years Eve when Ithaca's Steve Shippos had his hand raised and the 296 pounds of Vestal's Tiny Grannis collapsed dizzily and consolately to the mat. Howard puts on a wonderful show but Ben Hur is a short subject by comparison and Howard is investigating possibilities of a wider screen next year. Somehow, room was found for 700 in Windsor's unspacious gym.

Shippos was the third Ithaca champion, tops in the select 16-school field, and the seven Ithaca finalists were more than any other two schools combined could muster.

But this certainly was not an Ithaca night to swagger home. The old order may not have changeth, but it tilteth.

Between soph 95-pounder Mike Turco's seventh straight pin and belated heavyweight entry Shippos' continued mastery of Grannis, there wasn't much rejoicing by Bill Layton, Harpo Turco and their Friday evening quarterbacks. Jim Dreitzler ripped through a sub-par 133-pound group but Franciamone crashed to earth, sectional champ Dale Benninger got even more flagrant come-uppance and high Ithaca hopes for Frankie Prudence and Herbie Schutt also were splintered.

Windsor didn't fill its cup to overflowing, either, with sectional champ John Shiel completely outclassed by 4-foot-9 Gene Mitch and top-seeded Tom Gustainis shut out in the semifinals. But Williams and Billy Bush gave about as much satisfaction as two representatives could, although to say either deserved an Outstanding Wrestler nod over Turco or Mitch or Jerry Everling would require immediate earplugs.

Bush is now, however, the first and only four-time winner in the 4-year-old tourney. Last year he shut out Benninger, just as he'd done in the '59 sectionals. But this March, Benninger was his 7-4 master in the sectional wind-up, and Dale may have understandably strutted a little over ending Bill's 42 straight wins.

Both were straining at the bit for the rematch, Benninger despite a 10-day-old rib injury. Billy's longest match in three prelims lasted 90 seconds. Only one of Dale's went 55 seconds. After his semi, Benninger thrust a finger at Bush, just finishing on the adjoining mat: "You're next!"

"Dale was ready," Cornell coach Jim Miller analyzed later, "but Billy did all the hitting." He also did all the riding.

Like Bush, Williams was tensing up so much that he inhaled himself right into a severe nosebleed.

But Franciamone appears over his head, up from last

year's 120 class to 138, though at the finish last night he could produce only 125 pounds on the scales. He had a referee's decision escape in his first-round, a bruising match in his semi. Short-legged Williams, who didn't even make the sectional semis last year, drew first blood when Francy got too gay with an unprotected leg, and then got out in front but good by stealing the longhaired Ithacan's own pet move, a throwdown.

Windsorites savored this one almost as much as Benninger's scalp. After last year's sectional win, Franciamone had thumbed his nose from center-stage at Chuck Bush, last man to beat him.

Now the "long man" in section 4 is Chenango Forks friendly ox, Jerry Everling, who pinned all comers yesterday to reach the 29-straight mark. Next is Dreitzler with a mere 12, with the defeats of Shiel (after 15) and another sectional champ, Everling's Forks teammate, Jeff Stephens, whose gallant reversal in the last 17 seconds of overtime failed to conquer Watertown's Barty Biondillo. Bart got a tying point on 64 seconds' riding advantage and was the refs' unanimous choice for superior time in control.

Greene's Neil Orr, given No. 2 seed in a last-minute switch that sent Prudence tumbling to No. 4, justified it with a last-period win in which illegal arm-locking was the Ithacan's stumbling block. Schutt's stumbling block was Vestalite Vince Homer; the Ithacan charged out as if to put Homer over the fence, and found the lights in his face instead.

The first three top-seeds won; after that it was only 1-for-7 until Everling and Shippos.