

# Ithaca High Has 3 Wrestling Champions in Windsor Meet; Franciamone's Streak Ends

By JERRY LANGDON

Ithaca High is still the dominant power in Section 4 wrestling. That's the overall picture following Friday's exciting Windsor Holiday Tournament.

The Little Red placed seven men in the finals, compared with three each for host Windsor and Section 3 defending champ Frankfort. Three Ithacans won titles in the "State" tournament which drew powerhouses from three sections.

Ithaca champions who triumphed were: Mike Turco, 95; Jim Dretzler, 133; and Steve Shippos, heavyweight. Runners-up were: Dale Benninger, 112; Frank Prudence, 120; Bob Franciamone, 138; and Herb Schutt, 145.

Ithaca didn't lose a semifinal bout.

Franciamone's 48-match winning streak came to an end when powerful Windsor senior Bob Williams beat him, 6-1, in the finals. Bob hadn't lost since his Frosh season, when Chuck Bush of Windsor defeated him in the finals of the Sectionals, 6-4.

Franciamone had a close call early in the day, too, in the opening round.

The 1960 Sectional 120-pound king drew Martin Cahill of Mont Pleasant, who came within 4 seconds of beating Bob. Cahill had 56 seconds riding time advantage after the regulation match ended, 4-4, not enough for one point. The two grapplers traded escapes in

the overtime, but Franciamone won a referee's decision for aggressiveness.

His semifinal tussle with Linton's 6-foot Roger Truesdale was also tough, but Bob won, 5-1. Meanwhile, Williams was disposing of rugged Mike Manore of Frankfort, 12-3, in the other semi. The power with which Williams won was a portent of things to come.

Williams took his match with Franciamone in stride. He took him down in the second and third periods. Franciamone got in close to Williams frequently for take-downs, but the Windsorite was too strong, and fought him off.

"You can't jump three weights in this competition," Windsor coach Jim Howard remarked afterwards. "Franciamone is a better wrestler, technique-wise. You can't beat strength, though, and that's what happened tonight."

Ithaca coach Harpo Turco, who noted that Franciamone weighed in at 129, said, "Bob has been doing this (wrestling at 138) for the good of the team." Ithaca High has several talented wrestlers in the lower weights.

Turco hinted, however, that several changes in the IHS alignment might be forthcoming in the future.

Harpo's nephew, Mike, scored three straight pins in copping the 95-pound title. He is now 7-for-7 in falls this season. Dretzler had two pins and two lopsided decisions in dominating the 133-pound class.

Shippos, who received medical clearance Thursday, had three quick pins before disposing of 290-pound Al Grannis of Vestal with a third period double leg dive takedown, 3-1.

Frank Prudence beat tourney favorite Bob Walker of Vestal, 5-4, in the semis with a takedown in the last four seconds. He was 3-3 with Greene's Neal Orr late in the second period when referee Ralph Lulkowski of Vestal penalized him one point for locking hands. Prudence lost, 7-4.

Benninger ran into fired-up Bill Bush of Windsor, who was close to perfection in winning, 5-0. Dale drove in for a double leg takedown in the early moments, but Bush countered magnificently, and took him down with a single leg drop. Bush thus won his fourth Windsor Holiday title, the only man to do it.

Schutt did well to reach the finals, but ran into a lateral drop pancake from Vestal's oft-beaten Vince Homer in the finals, and was pinned in 58 seconds.

Massena High's wrestlers stayed in Ithaca overnight Thursday and Friday. They bedded down at Ithaca College's Delta Kappa fraternity house.

Cornell coach Jimmy Miller was on hand. Among the champions yesterday said to be leaning "Far Above Cayuga's Waters" are: Eugene Mitch, 103, of Watertown; Bill Bush, 112, of Windsor; Neal Orr, 120, of Greene; Brian Jones, 127, of Frankfort; and Bob Williams, 138, of Windsor.

Frankfort, located near Utica, last year won the Section 3 team crown without a sectional cham-

pion. Jones won the sectionals last season, but at neighboring Ilion High School.

Chenango Forks' Jeff Stephens saw his streak of 25 straight wins go down the drain. He bowed on a referee's decision to Barty Biondillo of Watertown. Barty had riding time in the overtime periods, creating the second draw, and won by unanimous decision of three judges.

Orr's 8-3 victory over Watertown's Joe Knight in the semis was a tremendous achievement. Knight had an 85-5 record for four years prior to this loss. Watertown's Mitch, whose brother Anthony is a student at Cornell, won his 30th straight by crushing John Shiel of Windsor, 14-2.

Estimated 750 persons filled every nook and cranny in the Windsor Central School gym. The semifinals didn't start until a couple of hours late, but the finals were over before midnight. The crowd reaction was normal; either violently pro-Ithaca or violently anti-Ithaca.

Chenango Forks' tough 180-pound hombre, Jerry Everling, now owns the longest winning streak in Section 4. He has 29 straight, including three pins Friday.

Billy Bush aims to build himself up this summer with a strenuous weight-lifting program. Why? He doesn't intend to battle older brother Chuck for a starting position in the Cornell lineup. He'll try to go one weight higher.

Other Ithacans did this way: Jim Chester, 103, was pinned in the opening round by Mitch in 0:49; Tony Leonardo, 127, was defeated by Watertown's Dave Schofield, 8-6; Robin Knuutila, 154, was beaten by Jerome LiCari of Frankfort, 14-3, after pinned Nick Pomato of Linton in 3:46; Pete Brann, 165, was blanked by Vestal's Ron Hadsell, 5-0; and John Fanning, 180, lost in overtime to Sidney's Wally Scott, 1-0, after drawing a first round bye.



—Len Yoblonski

**HANDS FULL OF LOOT:** Carmon Molino (left) Groton school teacher, is burdened down with trophies after winning 'Outstanding Wrestler' recognition in the Wilkes Open tournament Thursday evening in Wilkes-Barre. Chuck Bush (center), a Cornell freshman from Windsor, won the 115-pound title. George Ralston (right), dean of students at Wilkes College, presented the trophies.

#### The summaries:

Teams: Binghamton North, Chenango Forks, Chenango Valley, Cortland, Greene, Hornell, Linton, Ithaca, Massena, Mont Pleasant, Sherburne, Sidney, Vestal, Watertown, Windsor, Frankfort.

95—Champion, **MIKE TURCO**, Ithaca. Semis: Turco pinned Mahon, V, in 1:45; Favat, Frankfort, defeated Evans, CF, 9-3. Consolation: Mahon pinned Evans in 1:43. Final: Turco pinned Favat in 3:38.

103—Champion, **EUGENE MITCH**, Watertown. Semis: Mitch pinned Sportello, Frankfort, in 3:38; Shiel, W, defeated Beers, North, 3-1. Consolation: Beers won by forfeit. Final: Mitch defeated Shiel, 14-2.

112—Champion, **BILL BUSH**, Windsor. Semis: Bush pinned Thoms, Watertown, in 1:30; Benninger, Ithaca, pinned Haskell, CF, in 0:32. Consolation: Haskell defeated Thoms, 4-3. Final: Bush defeated Benninger, 5-0.

120—Champion, **NEAL ORR**, Greene. Semis: Orr defeated Knight, Watertown, 8-3; Prudence, Ithaca, defeated Walker, 5-4. Consolation: Knight defeated Walker, 6-4. Final: Orr defeated Prudence, 7-4.

127—Champion, **BRIAN JONES**, Frankfort. Semis: Jones pinned Adams, Massena, in 3:17; Mortini, MP, defeated George, Sidney, 6-2. Consolation: Adams defeated George, 8-5. Final: Jones defeated Mortini, 8-1.

133—Champion, **JIM DREITZLER**, Ithaca. Semis: Dretzler defeated Austin, W, 11-1; Casterline, Cortland, defeated Blaisdell, Sidney, 7-6. Consolation: Austin defeated Blaisdell, 6-1. Final: Dretzler pinned Casterline in 3:15.

138—Champion, **BOB WILLIAMS**, Windsor. Semis: Williams defeated Manore, Frankfort, 12-3; Franciamone, Ithaca, defeated Truesdale, Linton, 5-1. Consolation: Manore defeated Truesdale, 3-0. Final: Williams defeated Franciamone, 6-1.

145—Champion, **VINCE HOMER**, Vestal. Semis: Homer defeated Gustainis, W, 1-0; Schutt, Ithaca, defeated R. Stone, Sidney, 8-6. Consolation: Gustainis defeated Stone, 11-6. Final: Homer pinned Schutt in 0:58.

154—Champion, **BARTY BIONDILLO**, Watertown. Semis: Biondillo defeated M. Smith, Massena, 3-2; Stephens, CF, pinned LiCari, Frankfort, in 2:47. Consolation: Smith defeated LiCari, 12-7. Final: Biondillo defeated Stephens, referee's decision.

165—Champion, **GEORGE GRIZZUTO**, Frankfort. Semis: Grizzuto defeated Hodges, Sidney, 6-2 (OT); Beach, G, defeated Raymo, Massena, 7-2. Consolation: Raymo won by forfeit. Final: Grizzuto defeated Beach, 11-6.

180—Champion, **JERRY EVERLING**, Chenango Forks. Semis: Everling pinned McCarger, Watertown, in 2:50; Kirkey, Massena, defeated Scott, Sidney, 3-2. Consolation: Scott, Sidney, pinned McCarger in 2:51. Final: Everling pinned Kirkey in 5:26.

Heavyweight—Champion, **STEVE SHIPPOS**, Ithaca. Semis: Shippos pinned Warner, CV, in 2:48; Grannis, Vestal, defeated Barrows, W, 3-2. Consolation: Barrows pinned Warner in 3:23. Final: Shippos defeated Grannis, 3-1.