

THS, N-W, Ken-East among big winners

NFL dominates tourney

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Americans 1-2-4 in giant slalom

SARAJEVO, Yugoslavia (UPI) — Debbie Armstrong and Christin Cooper survived hair-raising second runs down Jahorina today, giving the United States a thundering success in the opening of the Olympic Alpine competition with gold and silver medals in the women's giant slalom.

Armstrong, in only her second year on the national team, was the best United States downhill in 1983, placing 19th in the World Cup standings. She was 33rd in the overall World Cup last year and is 22nd this year.

But Armstrong, now the most famous American with that name since Neil walked on the moon, hinted she could be in peak form by placing fifth in the giant slalom at St. Gervais, France, Jan. 29, the last race prior to the Olympics. Cooper was second in that race, 9-10ths of a second behind Erika Hess.

Armstrong was runnerup to McKinney in the U.S. Nationals giant slalom at Copper Mountain, Colo., after recovering from a broken leg in 1982. Cooper enjoyed a sensational campaign in 1982 when she placed third in the overall World Cup standings, at that time the best finish ever by an American woman. She also captured three medals at the World Championships, another high mark by the United States.

On Sunday night, the Carruthers put on a strong free skating performance to bring the United States its first medal after failure in 13 previous events. Elena Valova and Oleg Vassiliev of the Soviet Union won the gold medal in the pairs and two other Soviet skaters, Larissa Seleznova and Oleg Makorov, took the bronze.

"I've never been happier in my life," said Kitty. "I knew even before it started when I looked at Peter, it was going to be magic. It's the best we've ever skated. It's what we've worked for all our lives."

"It was like a clean run-through, only more exciting," added Peter, who was asked if he felt the electricity created by the performance. "Feel it, I almost got electrocuted."

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The Niagara Frontier League dominated the second annual NFL vs. Niagara-Orleans League Crossover Tournament at Niagara-Wheatfield High School Saturday.

NFL won six of the seven dual matches, based on regular season standings.

In the clash of unbeaten league front-runners, Tonawanda High School won its second big match in three days by rolling over Royalton-Hartland 44-9.

The second place match saw Niagara-Wheatfield whip Akron 44-12.

Rounding out the slate, Kenmore East beat Albion 28-27, Lewiston-Porter stopped Medina 31-27, Starpoint defeated Kenmore West 34-20, Lockport popped Newfane 49-15 and Grand Island blasted Wilson 45-23.

Since the N-O only has seven teams, the NFL had four teams remaining so they paired off. North Tonawanda beat Niagara Falls 40-23 while there was no report on the Nichols vs. LaSalle clash.

Warriors win big
Tonawanda, still high from last Thursday's win over Niagara-Wheatfield, pounded highly-regarded Roy-Hart. The Rams were unbeaten, with a 12-0 record overall, entering the match.

The Red Warriors were tied for 10th in the latest Western New York poll, conducted by The Wrestling News. But after Thursday's win over sixth-ranked N-W and the convincing conquest of eight-ranked Roy-Hart, Tonawanda will no doubt move up.

"I thought it was going to be difficult to prepare them after N-W," Tonawanda Coach Glenn Bateman said. "But they were so high, they wanted to wrestle another team (Saturday). It was like a big ball, it just kept rolling faster and faster."

Phil Munschauer (132), Rick Postula (177) and Rick Roe (215) had pins for the Red Warriors.

Mark Jurek (167) also won big for THS as he came up with a takedown with 10 seconds left to beat Willie Cunningham 9-8. Cunningham is considered one of the best 167-pounders in WNY.

"The entire team looked awesome," Bateman said. "I think they could have beat anybody in Section VI Saturday."

N-W rebounds
N-W bounced back from Thursday's loss to THS and hammered Akron in the clash of the runners-up.

The Falcons only had a 13-9 lead going into the 126-pound bout, but won seven straight matches to pull away.

Mike Gilliam (155), Rob Malvestuto (167) and Dom Cianchetti (177) all had pins for the Falcons while Jason Caprio (91), Wayne Schifert (112) and Bill Kopera (145) posted superior decisions.

Ken-East takes thriller
Bryan Krukowski decided Jeff Harding 12-6 at 215 as Ken-East took the battle of third by one point.

"I haven't been that excited in a long time, even though it was a non-league match," Ken-East Coach Skip Pine said. "We haven't had a close one like that in several years."

Krukowski put together seven points in the second period and held on for the win in the match-ending bout.

Mike Brandel made Krukowski's decisive win possible by gaining a major decision over Chuck Parson at 177.

Mike Tucker had the lone pin for Ken-East at 145.

Low-Port prevails
Todd Freischlag pinned Tim Bedford in 2:48 of the 167-pound bout to secure Low-Port's win over



SOMEWHERE in that tangle of Tonawanda's Brad Salmon (top) and Royalton-Hartland's Mark Fregale should be four arms and four legs. Salmon went on to win the 106-pound test between Niagara Frontier and Niagara-Orleans league rivals, 11-1 Saturday. (Photo by Joe Eberle)

Medina in the fourth place match up.

G.C. Giannini (138) had the other pin for the Lancers while Mike Durham (119) and Jon Rizzo (177) had falls for Medina.

Starpoint bags lone win
Starpoint was the lone N-O victor, beating Kenmore West in the clash of fifth place teams.

The Spartans came out smoking in this one and built a 20-0 lead before breezing to the win.

Joe Finley (98), Jim Tabor (112) and Jerry Farnham (126) had decisions in the early Starpoint uprising while Geno Barone (105) had a superior decision and Eric Moertes (119) won by default.

Starpoint also picked up 12 easy points down the stretch as Bob Hildebrand (155) and Dan Rigby (215) each won by forfeit.

Jim O'Mara (132) and Jeff Campanella (177) stood out in the defeat with pins.

Lockport wins sixth
Lockport was the winner in the sixth place match, easily handling Newfane.

Tony Rosati (119), Steve Gross (132), Jim Darroch (145), Chris Ralyea (177) and Mike Esposito (215) all had falls in the Lions' pin parade.

GI tags Wilson
Grand Island's Vikings took the encounter of seventh place finishers by rolling over Wilson.

Joel Guagliano (112) and Todd Broad (145) had six-point pins for the winners were aided by four forfeits.

NT downs Power Cats
North Tonawanda came up with four pins and beat Niagara Falls in the clash of the NFL's eighth and ninth finishers.

Joe Ricchiazzi (105), Paul Derme (145), Bill Woods (155) and Eric Elenfeldt (215) had the falls for the Lumberjacks. Elenfeldt's was the quickest, coming in just 28 seconds.

TONAWANDA 44 ROY-HART 9
96: Rob Fire (T) d. Chris Luce 8-3. 106: Brad Salmon (T) d. Mark Fragale 11-1. 112: Craig Allen (T) d. Jim Johnston 13-3. 119: Scott Regalla (T) d. Mark Copella 9-0. 126: Phil Munschauer (T) pinned Dave Edmister 1:30. 138: Doug Caylor (T) d. Don Quackenbush 14-4. 145: Mike Lang (R) d. Dennis Caylor 8-2. 155: Marty Schillinger (R) pinned Mike Frelewicz 3:04. 167: Mark Jurek (T) d. Willie Cunningham 9-4. 177: Rick Postula (T) pinned Dan Huntington 2:52. 215: Rick Roe (T) pinned Brian Howes 2:47.

N-W 45 AKRON 12
91: Jason Caprio (N-W) d. Joe Horn 13-1. 98: Tom Smith (A) d. Steve Wolanyak 6-2. 105: Scott Thomas (N-W) d. Mike Bergman 4-1. 112: Wayne Schifert (N-W) d. Kevin Gay

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KEN-EAST 28 ALBION 27
96: Anthony Verdi (KE) d. Bob Rice 4-2. 105: Mike Conn (A) pinned Rob Pitruzzella 2:53. 112: Darrin Hillman (A) pinned Steve Kibler :45. 119: Rawn Mitchell (A) d. Mark Dickerson 7-0. 126: Mike Finnerty (KE) d. Joe Christopher 9-0. 132: John Pitruzzella (KE) d. Ed Van Degenachte 20-2. 138: Dan Finnerty (KE) d. Eric Johnston 4-1. 145: Mike Tucker (KE) pinned Carmine Calabria 1:41. 155: Joe Sacco (A) pinned Brian Farrell 1:47. 167: John Pahuta (A) pinned Mike Sidorski 3:22. 177: Mike Brandel (KE) d. Chuck Parson 8-0. 215: Bryan Krukowski (KE) d. Jeff Harding 12-6.

LEW-PORT 31 MEDINA 27
96: Randi Lombardo (L-P) won by forfeit. 105: Steve Puglisi (L-P) d. Westley Askew 5-2. 112: Marc Giannini (L-P) d. Scott Schilking 9-0. 119: Mike Durham (M) pinned Dave Oejeo 5-01. 126: Joe Oejeo (L-P) d. Chris Fuller 7-2. 132: Tony Lucas (M) d. Stuart Pryce 6-1. 138: G.C. Giannini (L-P) pinned Paul Gruber 2:38. 145: Sean Rotella (L-P) d. Randy George 9-4. 155: Bill Draper (M) won by forfeit. 167: Todd Freischlag (L-P) pinned Tim Bedford 2:48. 177: Jon Rizzo (M) pinned Brian Spizzirri 4:42. 215: Bob Geiger (M) won by forfeit.

STARPOINT 34 KEN-WEST 20
96: Joe Finley (S) d. Chris Ochs 10-8. 105: Geno Barone (S) d. Mark Barboro 14-2. 112: Jim Tabor (S) d. Mark Wing 8-3. 119: Eric Moertes (S) won by default over Mark Popovich. 126: Jerry Farnham (S) d. Jim Donovan 9-4. 132: Jim O'Mara (KW) pinned Dave Finley 1:49. 138: Derwin Terrance d.

LOCKPORT 49 NEWFANE 15
96: Keith Smith (N) pinned Dave Herl 3:46. 105: Don Singleton (L) won by forfeit. 112: Israel Martinez (L) won by forfeit. 119: Joe Rosati (L) d. Scott Posey 13-5. 126: Tony Rosati (L) pinned Rich Updegrave 3:09. 132: Steve Gross (L) pinned Mike Fedkiw 2:55. 138: Jaime Felius (N) d. Todd Lynch 6-0. 145: Jim Darroch (L) pinned Ron Fedkiw 3:10. 155: Clayton Stopa (L) d. Steve Gerhardt 6-3. 167: Bill Ketch (N) pinned Steve Kidney :55. 177: Chris Ralyea (L) pinned Jeff Roberson 1:38. 215: Mike Esposito (L) pinned Bob Stabler 1:58.

O'Hara ties St. Mary's

John Baldwin's victory at 138 pounds was a big one for the Cardinal O'Hara High School wrestling team Saturday.

It lifted the Hawks to a 27-27 deadlock with homestanding St. Mary's of Lancaster.

Baldwin picked up an escape and takedown in the final minute of his match with St. Mary's Vinnie Prospero to break a 5-5 tie and grab an 8-5 decision.

Going into this Msgr. Martin Athletic Association season, the Hawks had collected only one tie in the previous three years. They wound up with two this season, finishing their regular season schedule with a 2-8-2 record.

The Hawks will be competing in the annual All-Catholic Tournament Saturday at St. Francis of Athol Springs.

A big bright spot for the Hawks against St. Mary's was that two of their grapplers remained unbeaten at their regular weight classes.

Senior 155-pounder Tim

Steve Hill 9-4. 145: Chris Incardona (KW) d. Tim Kenney 13-11. 155: Bob Hildebrand (S) won by forfeit. 167: Doug Barney (S) and Darryl Giambra drew 11-11. 177: Jeff Campanella (KW) pinned Mike Scheeler 1:19. 215: Dan Bright (S) won by forfeit.

GI 45 WILSON 23
96: Robbie Gavel (GI) won by forfeit. 105: Tony Pulli (W) d. John Heidel 17-1. 112: Joe Guagliano (GI) pinned Loren Binned 1:24. 119: Daryl Austin (W) pinned Shawn Edwards 2:15. 126: Paul Rabideau (GI) won by forfeit. 132: Kyle Lorence (GI) won by default over Leo Founier. 138: Jamie Bessel (GI) won by forfeit. 145: Todd Broad (GI) pinned Brian Thompson 1:04. 155: Dan Landen (GI) d. Steve Pasquarette 7-2. 167: Gary Claffey (GI) won by forfeit. 177: Ron Hillman (W) won by forfeit. 215: Steve Skorik (W) won by forfeit.

NT 40 NIAGARA FALLS 23
96: Fred Johnson (NF) won by forfeit. 105: Joe Ricchiazzi (NT) pinned Joe Kinney 2:37. 112: Tony Scalise (NT) won by forfeit. 119: Al Dexter (NF) won by forfeit. 126: John Newton (NF) d. Mike Gworek 12-2. 132: Tim Peters (NT) d. Jerry Hunt 19-6. 138: Jack Smith (NT) d. Dana Dolson 11-8. 145: Paul Derme (NT) pinned Mike Harris 1:28. 155: Bill Woods (NT) pinned John DeWysocay 2:33. 167: Mark McCreey (NF) d. Sean Gray 24-3. 177: Chris Drew (NT) and Robert Wasmund drew 5-5. 215: Eric Elenfeldt (NT) pinned Fred Gabriel :28.

O'HARA 27 ST. MARY'S 27
145: Bill Skowron (SM) d. Mike Kiganka 7-6. 155: Tim Schwab (O) d. Erin Myers 9-4. 167: Chris Gelose (O) d. Matt Herdlein 11-7. 177: Jim Szrama (SM) pinned John Shaughnessy 1:28. 215: Paul Gilbert (O) pinned Pat Callini 1:40. 98: Double forfeit. 105: Biagio Maculoso (O) won by forfeit. 112: Ben Judge (O) won by forfeit. 119: Mark Frank (SM) won by forfeit. 126: Paul Nazarett (SM) won by forfeit. 132: Sean Myers (SM) pinned Hugh Wolf :35. 138: John Baldwin (O) d. Vinnie Prospero 8-5.

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Gilbert pinned Pat Callini in the first period of their match while Gelose took a tough 11-7 decision from Matt Herdlein. Gilbert finishes the year with a fine 9-1 record.

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