

Mounties Cop Most Points in County Wrestling Event

Sol Gordon Trophy Won by Dusanenko

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Some 500 Rockland County wrestling enthusiasts packed the Nanuet High School gymnasium Saturday evening and watched the exciting final round of the annual County Wrestling Tournament.

Highlights of the action packed evening were the individual performance of Clarkstown's 178 lb. champion, Jerry Dusanenko, who copped the Sol Gordon Memorial trophy as the meet's outstanding wrestler, and the tremendous team depth of the Suffern Mounties which carried them to six individual championships and a team high total of 161 points, easily enough for the team trophy donated by the Rockland County Wrestling Officials Association.

In addition, trophies were awarded by meet director, Mike Longuil, to the first, second, and third place winners in each of the twelve weight classifications. Third place went to the winners of the consolation bouts, run off as a preliminary to the challenge round.

In the final point analysis, Clarkstown, with three individual champions, amassed 95 points to finish behind the powerful Mounties. Nyack took third with 81, two more than fourth place Nanuet. Spring Valley rang up 63, Haverstraw 37, and Pearl River 16. Nyack, Nanuet and Spring Valley all placed one champion.

Dusanenko was the unanimous choice of the seven school coaches voting on the Gordon award. The defending 178 lb. champion swept through three brackets, winning on each occasion via the pin route, two of them over opponents who had beaten him in the regular season. The Ram ace pinned Suffern's Paul Vilardi in 1:20 in the quarter finals, took Nyack's John Longuil, a recent conqueror, in 3:31 in the semis and capped his performance with a 2:25 pin of Nanuet's previously unbeaten Billy Hoffman in the finals.

Ten In Top Bracket

Coach George Fuge's Suffern club, PSAL champions for eleven consecutive years, and overwhelming favorites in Saturday's meet, placed ten men in the final bracket, saw six returned champions, and ran away with the team championship. Four Blue and White winners, Don Ward, Jack Canty, Lou Salzman, and Billy Kruckmeyer were

Berkman, 15-10, while Knapp had advanced via pins over Haverstraw's Lowandowski and Suffern's Pete Ackerson.

In the exciting 178 lb. go, Dusanenko and Hoffman wrestled to a standoff, the score being 0-0 after the first period. With "Dus" up, however, the Nanuet ace tried to roll out and in the process had the pin hold slapped on Hoffman who had decisioned his opponent twice during the season, had advanced by decisioning Suffern's Andy McCleod.

Russ Roefs, county shot put champ, and unbeaten in regular season competition, kept his slate clean in the unlimited bout by decisioning Clarkstown's Buddy Kwiecinski. Roefs pinned Bob Schelin of Nyack and Sam Feldman of Suffern in the process of advancement while Kwiecinski had beaten John Seifert of Haverstraw and Pete Sipperly of Suffern.

Consolation honors went to Wes Seeley of Spring Valley (98),



SOL GORDON AWARD. Jerry Dusanenko of the Clarkstown Rams is presented with the Gordon Memorial trophy Saturday night at the completion of the Rockland County P.S.A.L. wrestling tournament held at the Nanuet High School gym. Making the presentation is Mike Longuil, tournament chairman. — Staff Photo, Baker.



LIKE A WINDMILL. Bill Kruckmeyer of Suffern and Nyack's Alvin Askew go spinning around on the mat in the 136 pound finals of the county schoolboy wrestling tourney held at Nanuet High School. When the windmill finally stopped spinning, Kruckmeyer of Suffern had won the bout. — Staff Photo, Baker.

crowned for the third consecutive year. 141 lb. Terry Polevoy and Howard Peirano at 157 lbs. were initiated into the fold for the first time.

Of the eight defending champions in action, all but Suffern's John Wallach at 98 lbs, repeated. In addition to Dusanenko and the above mentioned Suffern quartet, Nyack's 148 lb. whiz, Sid Buxton and Clarkstown's 168 lb. Bob Knapp also defended their titles successfully.

In the 98 lb. final, Clarkstown's Vic DelRegno and Suffern's Eric Watts wrestled to a 3-3 deadlock with Del Regno getting a hair-line decision via riding time advantage. The Ram freshman was last year's junior high champion.

Nanuet's Billy Carron sprung a decisive upset in the 106 lb. scrap, decisioning Suffern's John Ackerson, 4-1.

Ward started a string of five Suffern victories with his 7-3 decision over sophomore Mel Cooper of Nyack. Ward is now unbeaten since a 2-1 setback in the early part of his freshman year. Canty followed with a 5-42 pin of teammate Pete Brennan in the 123 lb. final, his third in three tries in the meet. Salzman added to the string at 130 lb. with a 10-1 decision over young Richie Johnson also of the Mounties. Kruckmeyer made it four in a row at 136 as he decisioned Nyack's Al Askew, 2-0. Polevoy, taking a championship in his first year of varsity competition, escaped early from Haverstraw's Tom Human and hung on for his 1-0 victory.

Nyack Verdict

Buxton brought the Suffern express to a temporary halt in the 148 lb. bout, decisioning Nick Lucas of Haverstraw, 4-0. Lucas gained the finals in one of the best match's of the meet, decisioning John Decker of the Rams 4-3, with a last second reversal. Buxton had consecutive pins through the final.

The Mounties Peirano came back, however, to take a 4-3 riding time, decision over tough Billy Hampton of Clarkstown in one of the final round's best and closest matches. Peirano had a semi final decision over Nanuet's Pete Weishaar while Hampton had pinned Nyack's John Harvey.

Knapp, moving up from 156 where he had been Champ two years in a row, added the 168 lb. title with his 13-5 decision over Spring Valley's rugged Rod Cluse. Cluse was forced to the limit in the semis before decisioning Pearl River's Chuck

Ralph Sherry of Clarkstown (106), Howard McMillan of Suffern (115), Gary Meyers, Clarkstown (123); Jimmy Pratt, Nanuet (130); John Van Housen, Nanuet (136); and Roger Newell, Suffern, (141). Also John Decker, Clarkstown (148); John Harvey, Nyack (157); Chuck Berkman, Pearl River (168); and John Longuil, Nyack, (UNI).

Much of the success of the meet was due to the efficiency of Referees John Swetlock, Dick Spicak, and Frank Bennet. In addition Bill Sywitz helped out during the preliminaries run on Friday afternoon.

RESULTS: SEMI-FINALS

98 lb. — DelRegno (CL) dec. Seeley (SV) 5-4; Watts (S) dec. Funcheon (H) 7-0.
106 lb. — Carron (NA) pin Sherry (CL) 1-43; Ackerson (S) dec. Ketchum (H) 9-0.
115 lb. — Ward (S) pin Miller (H) 3-35; Cooper (NY) dec. McMillan (S) 3-2.
123 lb. — Canty (S) pin Hibbard (CL) 1-25; Brennan (S) dec. Meyers (CL) 12-7.
130 lb. — Salzman (S) pin Carpenter (NA) 3-0; Johnson (S) dec. Pratt (NA) 2-1.
136 lb. — Kruckmeyer (S) pin Perez (SV) 1-07; Askew (NY) dec. VanHousen, C (NA) 8-4.
141 lb. — Polevoy (S) dec. Kidd (CL) 3-0; Human (H) dec. Newell (S) 2-1.
148 lb. — Buxton (NY) pin McDade (SV) 5-38; Lucas (H) dec. Decker (CL) 4-3.
157 lb. — Hampton (CL) pin Harvey (NY) 2-51; Peirano (S) dec. Weishaar (NA) 5-1.
168 lb. — Knapp (CL) pin Ackerson, P (S) 3-16; Cluse (SV) dec. Berkman (PR) 15-10.
178 lb. Hoffman (NA) dec. McCleod (S) 4-0; Dusanenko (CL) pin Longuil (NY) 3-31.
Unlim. — Roefs (SV) pin Feldman (S) 2-23; Kwiecinski (CL) dec. Sipperly (S) 4-0.

RESULTS: FINAL ROUND:
98 lb. — DelRegno (CL) dec. Watts (S) 4-3 (ref. dec.)
106 lb. — Carron (NA) dec. Ackerson, J. (S) 4-1.
115 lb. — Ward (S) dec. Cooper (NY) 7-3.
123 lb. — Canty (S) pin Brennan (S) 5-42.
130 lb. — Salzman (S) dec. Johnson (S) 10-1.
136 lb. — Kruckmeyer (S) dec. Askew (NY) 2-0.
141 lb. — Polevoy (S) dec. Human (H) 1-0.
148 lb. — Buxton (NY) dec. Lucas (H) 4-0.
157 lb. — Peirano (S) dec. Hampton (CL) 4-3 (ref. dec.)
168 lb. — Knapp (CL) dec. Cluse (SV) 13-5.
178 lb. — Dusanenko (CL) pin Hoffman (NA) 2-25.
Unl. — Roefs (SV) dec. Kwiecinski (CL) 3-0.

Results: Consolation Round
98 lb. — Seeley (SV) dec. Funcheon (H) 4-0.
106 lb. — Sherry (CL) dec. Ketchum (H) 5-0.
115 lb. — McMillan (S) pin Miller (H) 2-30.
123 lb. — Meyers (CL) pin Hibbard (CL) 5-30.
130 lb. — Pratt (NA) dec. Carpenter (NA) 3-0.
136 lb. — Van Housen (NA) dec. Perez (SV) 6-0.
141 lb. — Newell (S) dec. Kidd (CL) 4-2.
148 lb. — Decker (CL) dec. McDade (SV) 4-0.
157 lb. — Harvey (NY) dec. Weishaar (NA) 2-1.
168 lb. — Berkman (PR) dec. Ackerson, P. (S) 3-1.
178 lb. — Longuil (NY) dec. McCleod (S) (Ref. dec.)