

FALCONS DOMINATE FIELD OF 31

The Falconer Falcons continued to be the dominant team wherever they appear as they claimed 5 individual titles en route to a convincing team victory at the 4th Annual Manufacturers Hanover Wrestling Tournament at St. Bonaventure University in Olean, Saturday.

The Falcons' lightweights once again carried the team to a win as Troy Lefford (91), Joe Sopak (98), Rob Waddington (105) and Jeff Waddington (119) claimed 4 of the first 5 weight classes for coach Bill Davenport.

The tournament saw 31 teams compete from all over Section VI, as well as a number of Pennsylvania and Section V squads. Salamanca surprised many spectators with a second place finish in the team standings, while Sweet Home, Maple Grove and Kane (Pa.) placed 3rd, 4th and 5th respectively.

Most coaches and competitors agreed that the competition in Olean last weekend was as good as, if not better than, the competition at the Section VI Qualifier. "There are more good kids here (at the Olean tournament) than there are at Qualifiers," stated Davenport, 177 pound champion Dom Cianchetti, from Niagara-Wheatfield said it was the

hardest tournament he had ever wrestled in.

"I think the competition at Olean is about the same as we see at Sections, but the Pennsylvania teams make you work harder," believed Todd Slade of Iroquois who won the very tough 138 weight class and was named Outstanding Wrestler.

Slade defeated defending champion Dave Zariczny of Salamanca in the finals. Todd's twin brother Timm also defeated a defending champ in the finals when he decisioned Olean's Lee Anzivine at 155. Iroquois finished 8th as a team without the services of lightweight and defending 98 champion Mike Monile who has been out the entire season so far with an injured arm.

Maple Grove's Mark Hetrick won at 112 after taking the 105 title a year ago in the same tournament. He decisioned Todd Hulings of Kane 5-2 in the finals after 3 matches against foes from out of the Section in the earlier rounds. Hetrick is now 14-0 on the year and has a lifetime record of 112-21-0.

Jeff Waddington has won the Olean 3 times at 3 different weight classes. He also won a 5-2 deci-

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NICHOLS
O'HARA
MARYVALE
KENMORE WEST
LEWISTON-PORTER
NIAGARA WHEATFIELD
BISHOP TURNER
WEST SENECA WEST
STARPOINT
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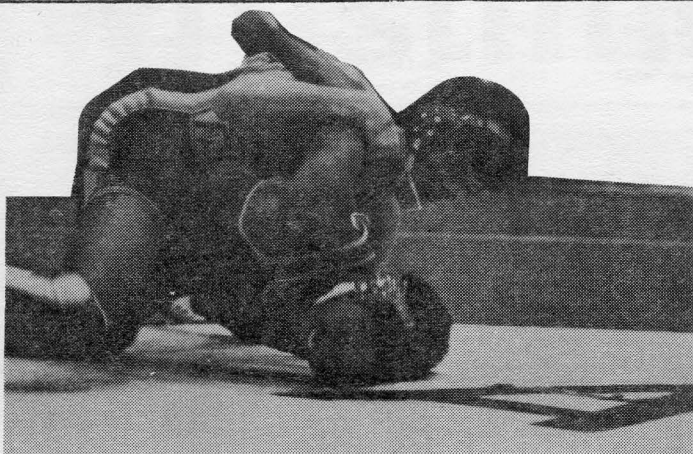
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sion in the finals to keep him unbeaten in Waddington defeated Sweet Home's Safwat Shaheed in the semi-finals before beating Ridgway's (Pa.) Brad Prechtel in the showcase round.

Portville senior Fran Williams won at 132 by shutting out Wellsville's Mervin Lehman 5-0 in the finals.

Jim Schwab, a Falconer junior, beat another junior at 145 when he topped Salamanca's Todd Titus 6-3 in the finals.



Three time Olean Tournament Champion Jeff Waddington (top) tries to turn Sweet Home's Safwat Shaheed in a 119 semi-finals bout.

The Falconer victory at 98 by Sopak was the closest match of the finals. Williamsville North's Ken Weintraub led in that match 8-5 with a minute left when he shot a single leg attempt which Sopak turned into a 4-point head and arm.

Weintraub was able to escape to tie the score but Sopak managed to take him down just before the buzzer sounded to end the bout.

"I knew I had to get moving when the third period began," said Sopak. "He (Weintraub) seemed like he was going to roll through and out of my grasp when I hit the head and arm, and I was going to let go of him but I held on and it turned out well for me."

Schwab said it was the first time he had ever been in the finals of a tournament and the win is definitely the highlight of his wrestling career. Schwab's record this year goes to 8-1 with the win after a 25-7 season last year. His individual title was the 5th of the night for Falconer and coach Davenport was very pleased with that turn of events calling it a total team effort. "13 of the 14 boys we entered scored points for us," he said.

Davenport maintained that Falconer had not made any radical changes in their practices to prepare for the tournament. "We did work a bit more on our feet, because takedowns are so important in a tournament like this, and we did practice moves that would score a lot of points in a hurry, in case we really needed it at the end of a match."



Todd Slade of Iroquois (right), fights off the takedown attempt of Johnsonburg's Nick Chery in the semis at 138. Slade won the match and the weight class.

Manufacturers Hanover tournament- Jan. 7-8, Olean, N.Y.

TEAM SCORES-Falconer 255.5, Salamanca 165.5, Sweet Home 152, Maple Grove 151.5, Kane 135, McQuaid 121.5, Ridgway 115.5, Iroquois 115, Youngsville 110.5, Wellsville 105.5, Southwestern 95, Olean 92, Portville 86, Johnsonburg 83, Niagara Wheatfield 83, Smethport 72, Dunkirk 68, Williamsville North 46, Oswayo Valley 45.5, Lewiston-Porter 45, Kenmore East 44, Franklinville 36.5, Cattaraugus 35.5, Bolivar 29, Bradford 26, Pine Valley 26, Cassadaga Valley 25.5, Churchville-Chili 25, Bishop Walsh 13, Warsaw 11.5, Allegany 4.

91-Troy Lefford, Falc.; Seth Bloomquist, Kane; Tim Shifflet, Sweet Home, K. Doane, Wells.

98-Joe Sopak, Falc.; Ken Weintraub, Will. North; B. Zoecke McQuaid; Duane Blackenship, Kane.

105-Rob Waddington, Falc.; Brian Kane, Yville; Jack Bell, Kane; Ken Trimmer, SW.

112-Mark Hetrick, Maple Grove.; Todd Hulings, Kane; Kevin Court, C_Chili; Dan Baglia, Falc.

119-Jeff Waddington, Falc.; Brad Prechtel, Ridg; Safwat Shaheed, SH; Ted Leder, Sala.

126-Ron Leder, Sala.; Tyler Northrup, SW; Steve Valenti, - Smth; Mike Scott, McQ.

132-Fran Williams, Portville.; Merv Lehman, Wells; Frank Conti, Falc; Jeff Gabler, Olean.

138-Todd Slade, Iroq.; Dave Zariczny, Sala; Dana Lindquist, Falc; Darryl Brownell, Wells.

145-Jim Schwab, Falc.; Todd Titus, Sala; Kevin Bos, SH; Nearing, Ridg.

155-Timm Slade, Iroq.; Lee Anzivine, Olean; Tim Geyer, Ridg; Tim Emely, Port.

167-Dave Lanzatella, McQuaid.; Rick Wright, NW; S. Geer, Jnsnburg; D. Doty, Port.

177-Dom Cianchetti, NW.; Chuck Overturf, Falc; Greg Voyzey, L_P; J. Dunn, Yville.

215-Jeff Hyslip, Wells.; Ted Toy, MG; Lee Lodestro, Falc; Ted Wilkinson, SH.

250-Andy Horn, Yville.; John Helgren, MG; S. Popsin, Ridg; S. Schrub, Kane.