



## Zariczny Named O.W. in Sectionals

There were few surprises at the Section VI Championship Tournament this weekend at Sweet Home as 10 of the 14 top seeds won their weight classes in convincing ways.

Dave Zariczny, of Salamanca, topped the very balanced 132 pound weight class and was voted the Outstanding Wrestler of the Tournament. The top seed, Zariczny breezed to 3 wins before decisioning Fran Williams (Portville) 6-3 in the finals.

Zariczny rambled past Keith Twomey (Lockport) 12-3, won by default against Len Testa (Will. South) after building up a large lead, and pinned Orchard Park's Tom Orbachta after hitting the prettiest move of the tournament, a front headlock fireman's carry.

In the finals, the score was tied at 2-2 going into the 3rd period when Williams stood against Zariczny to try to escape, but the Warrior senior slapped a cradle on and scored an important 2 near fall points that Williams was not able to recover from. It was Zariczny's 101st career win and his 5th tournament title of the season.

Five wrestlers, Maple Grove's Mark Hetrick, Iroquois' Todd Slade, Hamburg's Ron Smolinski, Pioneer's Ron Dabolt and Falconer's Rob Waddington all finished the season undefeated and as Section representatives.

Hetrick pinned Tonawanda's Scott Allen in the 112 finals with a half-nelson after building a 10-3 lead. He also pinned Terry Fye (Jamestown) and won 30-5 and 13-4 in the earlier rounds. In that weight class, Falconer's Dan Baglia was involved in a pair of very close bouts and placed 4th. He lost to Allen by criteria in the semis, which means the score of that match was tied after 3 overtime periods; and then he lost 2-1 to Frank Verdi (Kenmore East) who was saved by his high neck bridge at the end of the bout which failed to yield any back points on Baglia's attempted tilt.

Slade raised his career record to 135-9 by pinning his way into the finals against Dan Lindquist (Falconer) which the Iroquois senior won 10-2. Slade received a scare in the opening seconds of his semifinal bout against Corwin Jackson (Niagara Falls), when Jackson "head and armed" him to his back from the neutral position. It seemed to make Slade angry, because he immediately fought off his back, scored a reversal and pinned Jackson with a half. Jackson had earlier defeated 2 very good wrestlers, John Snell of Albion and Steve Penhollow of Cassadaga Valley, by major decisions.

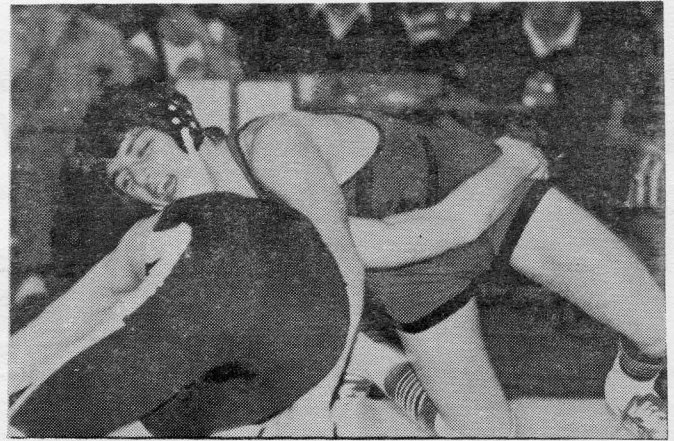
Aarni Mattson, Pioneer's unseeded 177 pounder, pinned Joe Nye (Starpoint), Chuck Overturf (Falc) and Dom Cianchetti (Niagara Wheatfield) to reach the finals against Smolinski, but the Hamburg senior claimed his 6th tournament of the year when he took Mattson down and pinned him in 1:52.

Dabolt met 3rd seed Jeremy Hepburn (North Tonawanda) in the 155 finals after recording 2 falls and a 7-0 win in the first round over Ron Jones (Ken East). The Pioneer senior pinned Hepburn in the 2nd period of the finals to earn himself a second consecutive trip to Syracuse. Last year, Dabolt finished 5th in the state.

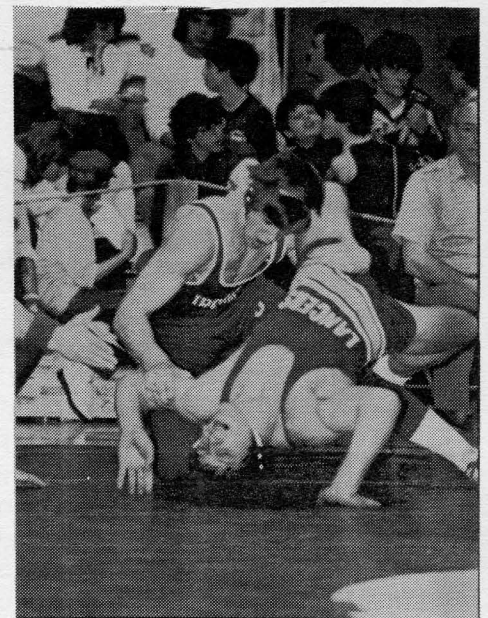
Waddington defeated Al Dexter (NF) 6-2 in the semis to set up a meeting in the finals with Clarence's Mike Rotundo, who edged Southwestern's Ken Trimmer 5-4 in the semis.

Waddington came out smoking in the 105 finals, took Rotundo down quickly with a single leg and

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Maple Grove senior Mark Hetrick remained unbeaten at 112 when he decisioned Scott Allen (Tonawanda) in the finals.



Timm Slade of Iroquois turns Lew-Port's Todd Freischlg in the 145 finals.

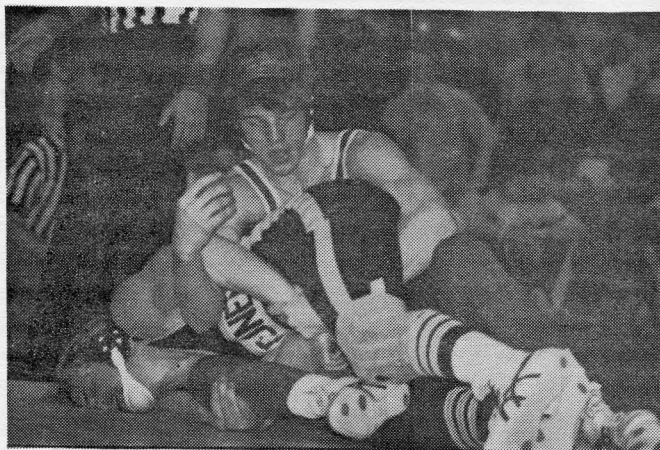
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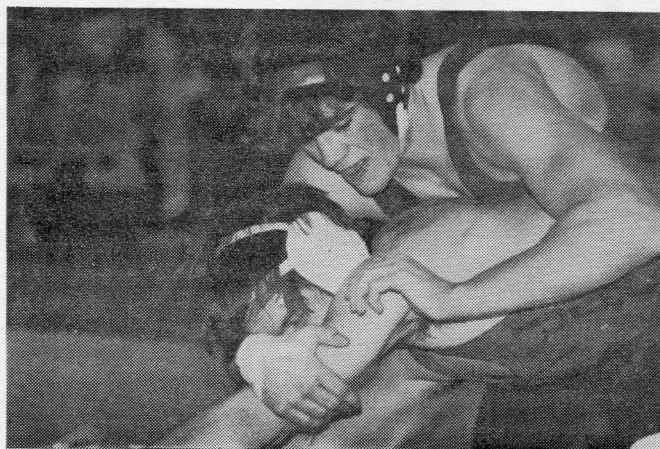
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Todd Slade (top) prepares to pin Falconer's Dan Lindquist in the 138 finals.



Ron Dabolt crossfaces Jeremy Hepburn in the first period of the 155 finals.

began to turn the Clarence senior with a navy ride when Rotundo seperated his shoulder and was forced to default.

Waddington's senior brother, Jeff. will make his 3rd trip to Syracuse as he defeated Ted Leder 5-1 in the finals at 119. Early in the 3rd period of that match, Leder was riding Waddington near the out-of-bounds, although trailing 3-1, when Waddington reversed him for the decisive points and a 5-1 lead. Waddington will enter the state tournament with a 135-19-1 lifetime record. The biggest suprise of the first round came in the 119 weight class when Lockport's Oliver Kimmons upset 4th seed Safwat Shaheed (Sweet Home) 3-2 in overtime. Hamburg's John Ayre lost in overtime to Leder in the semifinals and took 3rd place.

Ron Leder, a Salamanca junior took the 126 title by defeating Hamburg's Chuck Dencke 10-3 in the finals, a bout which entered its final period with a 2-2 score. It was Leder's 6th tourney title of the season and he raised his overall record to 93-16-1 and his season record to 37-1-1 with the victory.

Timm Slade took the 145 title for Iroquois with 4 decisions: 11-4 over Todd Titus (Sala), 17-1 over Mike Difiglia (West Seneca East), 13-8 over Lee Anzivine (Olean) and 11-0 over Todd Freischlag (Lew-Port) in the finals. To reach the finals, Freischlag won by default against Falconer's Jim Schwab who was injured on one of his own takedown attempts. Schwab hit a nice duckunder and high crotch single on Freischlag, lifted him into the air; but when he brought him back to the mat, Freischlag was able to plant and post his right leg to change the direction of the force and send Schwab to his back.

The 10th and last top seed to win his weight class was Maple Grove heavyweight John Helgren who also won the Section title last year at that weight. Helgren escaped and took down Clarence's Bill Laczakowski in the second period of the finals and added 4 stalling points to claim a 9-3 decision after a pair of pins in the earlier rounds. Helgren is 20-1 this season and he has also won 3 tournaments besides the Sectionals.

Four weight classes ended differently than expected. Clarence's Rodney Duttweiler wrestled a solid tournament at 167 beating 4 talented wrestlers to the trophy. First he defeated Doug Doty (Port.) and Pat Furey (OP) by 7 points each, then he handed NF senior James Dolson his only loss of the season, a 11-7 setback in the semis. In the finals, Duttweiler defeated a weary Rick Wright (Nia. Wheatfield) 2-1. Duttweiler used a duckunder to gain a single leg and he eventually scored the 1st period takedown that would have Wright fighting back the rest of the way. Wright may have been a little tired out from the 2 overtime matches he won in the day's first two rounds, yet he nearly tied the match twice in the 3rd period with switches. Duttweiler came into the tournament as the 3rd seed.

Dolson was the 2nd seed and Pioneer's John Hoffman was expected to win it all, like he did last season. Hoffman hit a beautiful double leg takedown against Wright in the semis, and was leading 4-2 in the final period. Wright was awarded a stalling point to make it 3-2, and escaped with just 8 seconds left to send it into overtime. Wright kept going strong in the extra 3 periods and Hoffman ran out of gas. Wright won by a fall.

The biggest suprise of the tournament was supplied by one of its smallest wrestlers. Clarence 91-pound sophomore Tony Rotundo pinned P.J. Romesser (Pioneer) in 21 seconds of the quarterfinals. Romesser was the 4th seed, but an even bigger victory for Rotundo came in the next round against top seed Troy Lefford (Falconer) who had not lost to anyone in the Section

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before meeting Rotundo. Rotundo took a commanding lead in the opening period when he threw Lefford to his back and held him there for most of the period. Lefford was able to score enough points to make it very close, but Rotundo held on to win 7-6. In the finals, Rotundo's luck ran out against long-time rival Tim Shifflet of Sweet Home. Shifflet had beaten the 2nd seed (Albion's Todd Spencer) in the semis, and he took Rotundo down in the first period of the last 91 bout, added 3 points in the 2nd, and won the title with a 5-1 victory over Rotundo.

A Bob Breidenstein fireman's carry in the semifinal round was instrumental in his victory over top seed Joe Sopak of Falconer. The Orchard Park junior's 8-6 win set up a 98 finals bout with Jamestown's Dana Manno, who had beaten Breidenstein 8-1 just a week earlier in the ECIC South Division finals. Manno defeated the tournament's 2nd seed (Williamsville North's Ken Weintraub) 10-4 in the semis to give himself a 25-3 season record going into the finals.

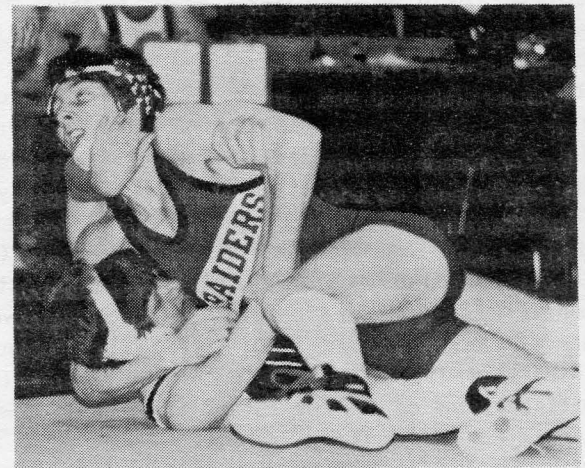
Once again Manno came out on top to win the Section crown, but this week it was a lot closer. Manno came out of the final's 1st period with a 2-0 lead. It was a very exciting period with about 20 points worth of action that was neutralized by good counters. Manno was riding in the 2nd period when Breidenstein escaped near the edge to come to within a point, but a Manno duckunder gave the Jamestown senior a 4-1 lead going into the final period. Manno escaped right away to start the 3rd, but gave up 2 points on a Breidenstein takedown. The only other point scored in the match was a stalling point to Breidenstein, and the final score read: Manno 5, Breidenstein 4.

215 was a very competitive one with 14 good heavyweights battling through the weekend. The top 3 seeds (Lew-Port's Greg Voyzey, Pioneer's Jim George and Clarence's Bob Gibson all made it to the semis along with unseeded Steve Skorik of Wilson. Skorik had defeated Amherst's Don Braun 10-6 the night before and had pinned Ed Eberle of Salamanca in the first period of their quarterfinal bout. George beat Gibson 5-3 to set up a finals confrontation with the the tourney's top seed, Voyzey. George took Voyzey down in the first period and was ahead 3-2 after 2 lackluster periods. From the bottom position, George hit a crucial move which gave him 2 reversal points as well as 2 near fall points. That was all he needed and he eventually won the bout 8-4 to take the Section VI title.

The 14 winners of Saturday's Sectional Tournament will wrestle in the State championships this weekend in Syracuse's Onondaga Memorial Auditorium against the winners from New York's other 10 Sections as well as a representative from the Parochial schools. St. Francis' Carl Michalewski will represent the Catholics this weekend by virtue of his 5-2 decision over Joe Nigro in the NYS Catholic High School Athletic Association wrestling championships last week.

**Preliminary Round (rat tails):** **119-** Dan Finnerty (KE) dec Bill Earle (Akron) 7-0; Joe Martinez (Dun) dec Mike Hillman (Barker) 11-2; Jim Michael (WS) p. Pat DeMarco (James.). **167-**Todd Rose (Lock) dec Noel Ames (CV) 16-12. **177-** Doug Fratt (Iro) dec Kevin Smith (SW) 9-3.

**First Round:** **91-**Troy Lefford (Fal) dec John Cipolla (Lan) 8-6; Kelsey Granville (WS) dec Jeff Prescott (Olean) 11-4; Tony Rotundo (Clar) dec Chris Ochs (KW) 8-4; P.J. Romesser (Pio) dec Geno Barone (Star) 13-0; Tim Shifflet (SH) dec Kevin Davis (LS) 9-2; Dave Givens (Sala) p. Shawn Booth (Catt) 1:25; Jim Nalbene (MG) dec Brad Salmon (Tona) 11-3; Todd Spencer (Alb) dec Craig Swanson (SW) 6-4. **98-** Joe Sopak (Fal) p. Dave Benson (Ran) 2:45; Dave Simons (Pio) p. Al Muhlbauer (MG) 4:23; Bob Breidenstein (OP) p. Joe Kostusiak (KW) 2:35; Chito Fred (Dun) dec Brenden Martin (Por) 4-0; Darryl Gattuso (Dep) dec Norm Stoelting (NW) 9-3; Ken Weintraub (WN) dec Matt Haberl (MV) 5-1; Dana Manno (James) bye; Mike Conn (Alb) bye. **105-**Rob Waddington (Fal) p. Mike Kasprzyk (LS) 3:57; Steve Irving (Ol) dec Phil Gaulin (WN) 2-1; Al Dexter (NF) dec Troy Almeter (Pio) 21-9; Darrin Hillman (Alb) dec Brian McInnis (SH) 9-4; Craig Allen (Ton) p. Jim Tabor (Star) 3:15; Ken Trimmer (SW) dec Gary Emley (Por) 7-6; Dave Ferreri (OP) bye; Mike Rotundo (Clar) bye. **112-**Mark Hetrick (MG) dec Gary Wurst (Mv) 30-5; Terry Fye (James) dec Gary Achtziger (NT) 12-7; Rawn Mitchell (Alb) dec Eric Romesser (Pio) 9-4; Frank Verdi (KE) dec Mark McInnis (SH) 12-4; Marty Wallace (Iro) dec Dave Smyth (LS) 11-6; Dan Baglia (Fal) dec Paul Bryant (Catt) 14-1; Jeff Grimes (Wil) dec Gus Posey (Newf) 6-3; Scott Allen (Ton) dec Marty Nichols (CV) 11-5. **119-**Jeff Waddington (Fal) p. Finnerty :59; John Hanson (MG) dec John Richardson (WN) 6-2; Stan Krolick (Pio) d. Dennis Latten (Por) 6-2; Rich Coseglia (NW) p. Martinez 4:43; Oliver Kimmons (Lock)



Jamestown's Dana Manno has Bob Breidenstein (OP) in trouble during the 98 finals.



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dec Safwat Shaheed (SH) 3-2 OT; Ted Leder (Sal) p. Jamie Felvus (Newf) 3:45; Darrin Heppner (LS) d. John Milliman (Ran) 11-4; John Ayre (Ham) d. Michael 5-0. **126-** Ron Leder (Sal) d. John Wolf (Lack) 12-3; Luis Fred (Dun) p. Dan Nicoloff (OP) 3:48; Rick Wiltse (Wil) d. Fred Nutt (James) 13-9; Bill Routt (SH) d. Doug Caylor (Ton) 5-4; Chuck Denecke (Ham) d. Andy Ewers (Am) 9-3; Tyler Northrup (SW) d. Matt Clarke (Fran) 22-4; George Holton (MG) p. Larry Kopacz (Ak) 1:52; Joe Schopper (Iro) d. Tim Smith (NW) 6-5. **132-** Dave Zariczny (Sal) d. Keith Twomey (Lock) 12-3; Len Testa (WS) d. Ray Keller (Med) 24-4; Jeff Owczarczak (Ch) d. Bill Swan (Alb) 3-2; Tom Obrachta (OP) d. Tim Connelly (Ham) 7-2; Mike Tucker (KE) d. Frank Conti (Fal) 10-5; Bill Sharp (James) d. Mike Lang (R-H) 7-3; Jeff Gabler (Ol) d. Dave Clark (WE) 11-5; Fran Williams (Por) d. Mike Galioto (Pio) 8-2. **138-** Todd Slade (Iro) p. Ed Foy (Ham) 1:35; Dennis Ryan (OP) d. Tim Walker (WS) 6-5; Corwin Jackson (NF) d. John Snell (Alb) 11-3; Steve Penhollow (CV) d. Kevin Booth (Catt) 6-4; Dan Lindquist (Fal) d. Matt Bye (Newf) 16-6; Kevin Bos (SH) d. Chris Morino (Ton) 7-4; Jim Haggerty (Pio) d. Mike Molenda (Ol) 4-3; Joe Kosowski (Gow) bye. **145-** Timm Slade (Iro) d. Todd Titus (Sal) 11-4; Mike Difiglia (WSE) d. Gary McLouth (WS) 16-3; Lee Anzivine (Ol) d. Mike Green (Med) 10-0; Steve Bielecki (Fran) d. Slater Claudel (NF) 6-5; Todd Freischlag (LP) p. Joe Walls (Alb) 3:40; Brad Roberts (SH) d. John Stajduhar (Lack) 13-6; Jeff Johnson (Pan) p. Randy Kromer (NW) 1:57; Jim Schwab (Fal) p. Dave Lang (OP) 3:53, **155-** Ron Dabolt (Pio) d. Ron Jones (KE) 7-0; Mike McCreary (NF) d. Fred Whiteman (Sal) 11-0; Shawn Kelly (SH) d. Kip Gross (PV) 11-2; Jeremy Hepburn (NT) d. Clint Carlson (SW) 13-0; John Sacco (Alb) d. John Rozeski (OP) 13-0; Mike Gilliam (NW) d. Scott Phelan (Ch) 6-5; Darren Caparaso (Dep) d. Brad Brainard (Fal) 8-2. **167-** John Hoffman (Pio) p. Rose 2:58; Tim Thompson (Wil) d. Jim Leamon (Dun) criteria; Mark Grazen (Lan) d. Carl Muzi (Sala) 7-0; Rick Wright (NW) d. Tim Hebdon (Fran) 11-5; Rod Duttweiler (Clar) d. Doug Doty (Port) 14-7; Pat Furey (OP) d. Willie Cunningham (RH) 14-2; Brian Schoenle (WS) d. Roger Tellinghuisen (MG) 9-2; James Dolson (NF) p. Pat Brown (Star) 3:08. **177-** Ron Smolinski (Ham) p. Fratt 1:37; Chris Osmanski (WSE) p. Eric Elenfeldt (NT) 3:59; Steve Freeman (Wf) p. Steve Friedrich (Fran) 5:30; Jeff Ellis (Clar) d. Eric Knaak (Alb) 11-6; Chuck Overturf (Fal) d. Mike Betz (SH) 6-0; Aarni Mattson (Pio) p. Joe Nye (Star) 3:19; Todd Lowry (OP) d. Steve Schulz (LP) 14-2; Dom Cianchetti (NW) d. Brian Errico (MG) 6-0. **215-** Greg Voyzey (LP) p. Mark Hudak (OP) 3:47; Steve Skorik (Wil) d. Don Braun (Am) 10-6; Ed Eberle (Sal) d. Andy Skrypczyk (WSE) 11-7; Bob Gibson (Clar) d. Jeff Smith (SW) 11-1; Lee Lodestro (Fal) d. Rob Malvestuto (NW) 17-10; Jim George (Pio) p. Damon Walter (Ch) 2:52; Ted Toy (MG) bye; Mike Bogardus (Catt) bye. **250-** John Howe (OP) p. Bob Ozga (Dun) :54.

**Quarterfinals:** **91-** Lefford d. Granville 8-2; Rotundo p. Romesser :21; Shifflet d. Givens; Spencer d. Nalbone 7-6. **98-** Sopak p. Simons; Breidenstein p. Conn; Manno d. Fred 10-1; Weintraub d. Gattuso 8-4. **105-** Waddington d. Irving 5-1; Dexter d. Hillman 7-6; Trimmer d. Allen 10-4 OT; Rotundo d. Ferreri 12-3. **112-** Hetrick p. Fye; Verdi p. Mitchell; Baglia d. Wallace 15-1; Allen d. Grimes. **119-** Waddington d. Hanson 8-2; Krolick d. Coseglia 12-5; Leder d. Kimmons 9-4; Ayre d. Heppner 16-0. **126-** Leder d. Fred; Wiltse d. Routt 9-8; Denecke d. Northrup 6-3; Holton d.

Schopper. **132-** Zariczny WB default Testa; Obrachta d. Owczarczak 5-2; Tucker d. Sharp 13-7; Williams d. Gabler 3-0. **138-** Slade p. Ryan; Jackson d. Penhollow 12-2; Lindquist p. Bos; Haggerty d. Kosowski 9-2. **145-** Slade d. Difiglia 17-1; Anzivine p. Bielecki; Freischlag d. Roberts; Schwab d. Johnson 10-6. **155-** Dabolt p. McCreary; Kelly d. Bob Kohler (Fran) 6-5; Hepburn d. Sacco 10-7; Gilliam d. Caparaso 7-3 OT. **167-** Hoffman d. Thompson 6-3; Wright d. Grazen 4-0 OT; Duttweiler d. Furey 8-1; Dolson d. Schoenle 12-6. **177-** Smolinski d. Osmanski; Ellis d. Freeman 8-6; Mattson p. Overturf; Cianchetti d. Lowry. **215-** Voyzey d. Toy; Skorik p. Eberle; Gibson d. Bogardus; George p. Lodestro. **250-** John Helgren (MG) p. Tony Milliner (Fal); Jim Hosie (NW) p. Howe; Gary Haimerl (Newf) p. Mike McClune (Sal); Bill Laczakowski (Clar) p. Burt Zeitz (Lock).

**Semifinals:** **91-** Rotundo d. Lefford 7-6; Shifflet d. Spencer 6-1. **98-** Breidenstein d. Sopak 8-6; Manno d. Weintraub 10-4; **105-** Waddington d. Dexter 6-2; Rotundo d. Trimmer 5-4. **112-** Hetrick d. Verdi 13-4; Allen d. Baglia criteria. **119-** Waddington d. Krolick 19-0; Leder d. Ayre 9-0 OT. **126-** Leder p. Wiltse 2:30; Denecke d. Holton 10-6 **132-** Zariczny p. Obrachta 2:56; Williams d. Tucker 5-4. **138-** Slade p. Jackson 1:50; Lindquist d. Haggerty 3-2; **145-** Slade d. Anzivine 13-8; Freischlag p. Schwab 1:14 **155-** Dabolt p. Kelly 3:44; Hepburn d. Gilliam 8-7. **167-** Wright p. Hoffman OT; Duttweiler d. Dolson 11-7; **177-** Smolinski d. Ellis 5-2; Mattson p. Cianchetti 2:37. **215-** Voyzey d. Skorik 17-1; George d. Gibson 5-3. **250-** Helgren p. Hosie 3:40; Laczakowski p. Haimerl 1:46.

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