

# King wins second title; Lamphier, Hibbard again 2nd

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SYRACUSE — As a team, many people said Canandaigua wasn't as strong this year as it has been in the past.

Nobody who witnessed this weekend's state wrestling tournament, however, will buy that argument.

This weekend in Syracuse's Onondaga County War Memorial, the Braves led Section 5 to the New York State Intersectional Tournament title by placing a record five wrestlers in the top five slots in five separate weight classes. 3-5-84

Marty King was Canandaigua's only individual champion and one of three from Section 5. King, who won the title last year at 119, took the 126-pound crown, while Spencerport's John Suhr won at 145 and Brighton's Brian Kurlander triumphed at 155.

Canandaigua advanced three wrestlers to the final, the most of any team in the tournament. Paul Lamphier (105) and Butch Hibbard (98) also made the finals. Fifth-place finishes by Joe Hibbard and Mike Lacognato gave Canandaigua the best finish of any individual team at the meet.

Hibbard advanced to the final round with a 10-5 decision over Vincent Tabano of Section 4's Mount Pleasant High School, but was outmuscled in the championship by Gene McNeil of Huntington (Section 2), 7-0.

For most of the match, Hibbard stayed close to what appeared to be a much stronger opponent. The score was 4-0 until the last few seconds of the match when McNeil picked up three back points.

Hibbard felt he had a letdown in the final round. "I didn't wrestle my best," Hibbard said. "I wasn't following through with my moves the way I should have. Also, I had to cut (lose) more weight this year and my body wasn't functioning that well."

Canandaigua coach Larry Reynolds spotted some mistakes by Hibbard, but also had praise for McNeil.

"McNeil was quicker (than Hibbard) but I think Butch made a few errors. He had his legs but couldn't take him down. He (McNeil) is a strong kid."

Lamphier lost a 7-1 decision to North Rockland's (Section 3) Phil Consiglio at 105. In the semifinals, Lamphier beat last year's champion Brett Penrith in a draining 6-4 decision. Lamphier finished runner-up to Penrith last year and lost to him earlier this year at the Windsor Tournament. It was a huge win for Lamphier, but may have hurt him in the final. 3-5-84

"I think I was so pleased to get past Penrith that I may have overlooked my final match," Lamphier said. "I had my sights set too high."

Reynolds agreed. "Paul's big match in the semis may have broken his concentration in the final."

King captured his second state title by beating Darrin Cummings of Section 4's East Smithtown, but for much of the match it looked as if Canandaigua may come out of the final round without a champion.

King, judging by fan reaction, was clearly the most popular wrestler in the tournament, and, as a defending champion and favorite in his weight class, the pressure on the undefeated (37-0) senior was enormous.

Cummings coasted through the early rounds, posting a pin, a 25-3 major decision in the quarterfinal and a 10-2 decision in the semifinal. He came into the championship match with a 32-0 record.

King scored a takedown about 30 seconds into the match and led 2-1 after the first period. The match had to be stopped a number of times to treat King's bloody nose, which hindered his breathing. King said later that the bleeding had started before the match.

King picked up two more points in the second period and led 4-2 going into the third.

Cummings tied the match at the 5:04 mark escaping, then picking up a point when King was penalized for locking his hands. King was able to score another two-point takedown with 12 seconds remaining, however, to make the final score 6-4.

King felt he wasn't at his best in the championship match, but gave Cummings the highest praise when he said it had been the "toughest match of my career."

"You have your good matches and your bad matches, this was a bad one," said the champion. "I knew he had some throws that I had to watch out for. He's a tough kid."

Reynolds agreed that Cummings was a tough opponent but felt that King was in control for most of the match.

"He was an outstanding kid (Cummings) but Marty did what he had to do to win," said Reynolds. "He had some problems breathing, the blood was draining down his throat, and he still took him down three times."

Section 5 avenged last year's defeat at the hands of Section 11 by winning this year's title with 207 points.

## SUMMARY

### Championship Round

91 — Brzozinski (West Islip) dec. Lafreddo (Baldwinsville), 5-4.

98 — McNeil (Huntington) dec. Hibbard (Canandaigua), 7-0.

105 — Consiglio (N. Rockland) dec. Lamphier (Canandaigua), 7-1.

112 — Clark (Voorheesville) dec. Melfi (Connetquot), 8-6.

119 — Erny (Maine-Endwell) dec. Warren (Freeport), 4-2.

126 — King (Canandaigua) dec. Cummings (Smithtown E.), 6-4.

132 — Plante (Brentwood) dec. Quinn (East Rochester), 5-0.

138 — Arena (Mephram) dec. Becker (Beaver River), 12-3.

145 — Suhr (Spencerport) dec. Barrett (Peru), 3-2.

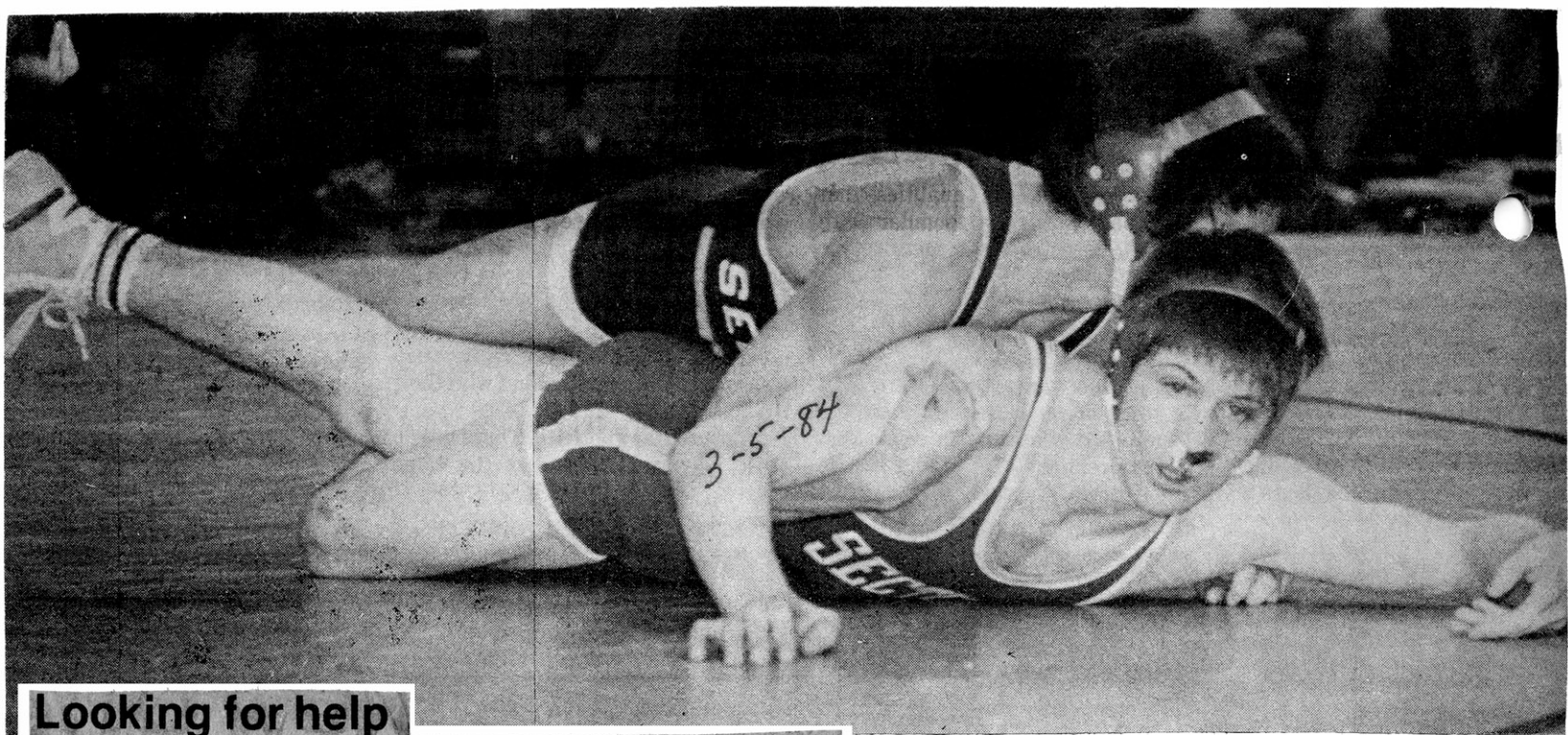
155 — Kurlander (Brighton) dec. LaSorsa (Bayshore), 4-2.

167 — Morris (Burnt Hills) pin, Zakowski (Pittsford), 5-5.

177 — Hines (Queensbury), dec. Schojan (East Rochester), 6-3.

215 — Ellis (Clarence) pin, Altebrando (Newfield), 5-3.

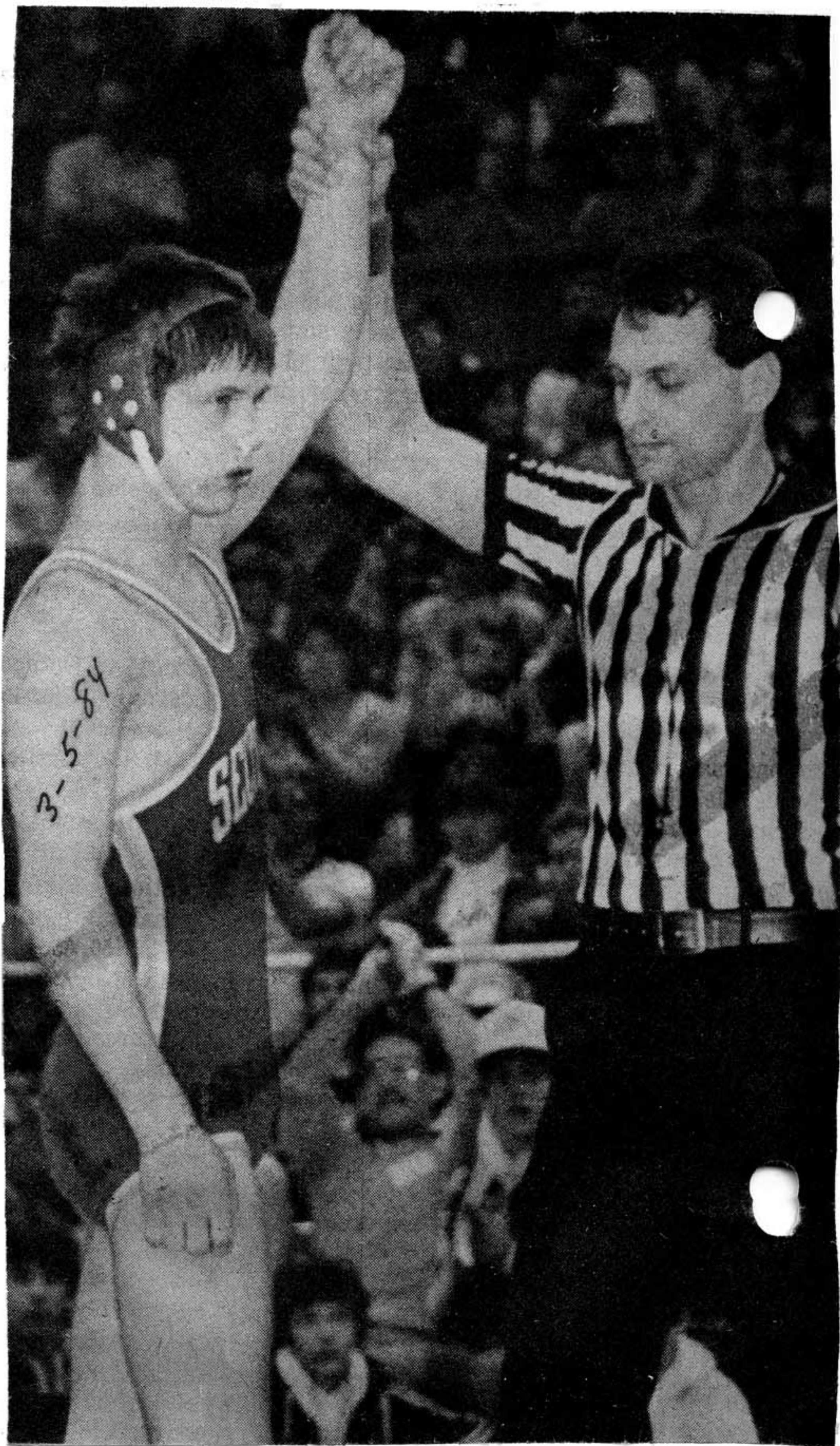
230 — Morrison (Lowville) pin, Simons (Island Trees), 5-45.



## Looking for help

Canandaigua's Marty King, both sides of his nose plugged to stop the bleeding, looks for help against Darrin Cummings of

East Smithtown. King won, 6-4, capturing his second straight New York state title.



## The champ

The referee raises Marty King's hand to signify King's victory over Darrin Cummings of East Smithtown in the 126-pound final Saturday at the Onondaga War Memorial. King won by a 6-4 score.

# Blood and guts

By **ED VALENTINE**

SYRACUSE — When it was over and he had captured his second straight New York state wrestling title, Marty King sat next to teammate Mike Lacognato, head bowed, a grim look on his face.

King did not manage a smile until Canandaigua coach Larry Reynolds came over to say something to him. It was a smile that came more from relief than exhilaration.

That's because King had just been through a match he termed as possibly the "toughest of my high school career."

In one set of pre-tournament predictions, the 126-pound class was termed the "Marty King show." But King's final-round opponent, Darrin Cummings of Smithtown had other ideas.

King's confrontation with the previously unbeaten (32-0) Cummings turned out to be much more than just a closely contested match between two superb wrestlers.

It turned out to be a bloody, physical war which required King to call on all the skill and courage which have made him New York state's winningest wrestler ever with a 168-11-1 career record.

By the time the match, which King won with a takedown with only 11 seconds left, ended, it had been

stopped approximately a half-dozen times to wipe the blood which was gushing from both sides of King's nose. Cummings also had blood trickling from one nostril.

King said his nose had begun bleeding before the match.

"Before I even walked out there it started bleeding," he said. "When I started wrestling it just gushed."

King was upset with himself, feeling he hadn't wrestled well. Few of those who were at the Onondaga War Memorial, however, would be inclined to agree.

The King-Cummings match was probably the night's most entertaining battle, a tactical affair which saw Cummings rally from a 4-1 deficit to tie with 52 seconds left when an escape and locked hands violation on King gave him two points.

After one final timeout to wipe the blood from his nose, however, King reached inside himself and took Cummings down to win the match.

It was a match only a wrestler of championship caliber could have won. King has certainly proven himself a worthy champion.



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