All-Catholic Tourney

Canisius Matmen Edge ND for Title

Canisius, on the strength of two pin victories by Al O'Donnell and heavyweight Tony Leone, won its first All-Catholic Wrestling Tournament championship by totaling 76 points Saturday night at Turner High.

The Crusaders won the third annual tourney by a point over Notre Dame of Batavia, the defending champion who took last year's tourney by one point. Canisius and Notre Dame were regular season co-champions.

Turner had the most valuable wrestler in 136-pound Greg Miller.

It was an extremely close battle throughout with Canisius totaling 76 points, Notre Dame 75, St. Mary's of Lancaster 73 and Neumann 60. Completing the nine-school field were DeSales of Lockport 52, Turner 47, Walsh of Olean 34, O'Hara 14 and Dougherty 0.

Jay Brothers Win

Canisius and Notre Dame each came up with four champions. Two were Canisius' Jay brothers, Mark and Marty. Mark took the 98-pound crown with a 3-0 decision over Turner's Mark Wagner. Marty gained the 141-pound title by decisioning St. Mary's Ken Walter, 8-5.

Canisius needed two pin triumphs in the late going to gain the team title. O'Donnell got one with a fall over St. Mary's Jim Konieczny in 2:15. In the next match, Leone clinched the Crusader victory by pinning Al Guenther, another St. Mary's performer, in 4:54.

Notre Dame's most notable victor was Tony Cinquino, who completed four years of varsity competition unbeaten by successfully defending his 130-pound title with a 5-2 decision over Canisius' Tom Przylucki. Cinquino finished the regular season with 61 straight dual meet victories.

Neumann Has 2 Champs

Other ND All-Catholics are 106-pound Don Kelly, Dan O'Connor at 168 pounds and Bruce Briggs, who pinned St. Mary's Steve Grecula in 1:47 for the unlimited title.

Tony Cinquino
. . . finishes unbeaten

Neumann came up with two All-Catholics. Chris Kennedy won the 115-pound crown and Paul Fopeano was the 148-pound victor.

Turner had only one All-Catholic, but he proved to be the tourney's most valuable. Miller decisioned St. Mary's John Schmitt in overtime, 12-10. Pete Rao, president of the Western New York Wrestling Officials Assn., presented a trophy to Miller.

St. Mary's had five wrestlers beaten in the finals, but had one All-Catholic: 123-pound Eric Nichter. DeSales' 157-pound Dave Fay was the other All-Catholic.

Canisius	76	Turner	47
Notre Dame	75	Walsh	34
St. Mary's	73	O'Hara	14
Neumann	60	Dougherty	0
DeSales	52		

98 pounds—Mark Jay (C) d. Mark Wagner (T) 3-0. 106—Don Kelly (ND) d. George Ettinger (N) 14-5. 115—Chris Kennedy (N) d. Tim Ostrye (W) 7-5. 123—Eric Nichter (SM) d. Paul Friedman (C) 6-2. 130—Tony Cinquino (ND) d. Tom Przylucki (C) 5-2. 136—Greg Miller (T) d. John Schmitt (SM) 12-10 (overtime). 141—Marty Jay (C) d. Ken Walter (SM) 8-5. 148—Paul Fopeano (N) d. Jerry Flynn (W) 4-0. 157—Dave Fay DeS d. Dave Jamalkowski (ND) 6-2. 168—Dan O'Connor (ND) d. Jerry Cusimano (N) 6-0. 178—Al O'Donnell (C) p. Jim Konieczny (SM) 2:15. Heavy—Tony Leone (C) p. Al Guenther (SM) 4:54. Unlimited—Bruce Briggs (ND) p. Steve Grecula (SM) 1:47.