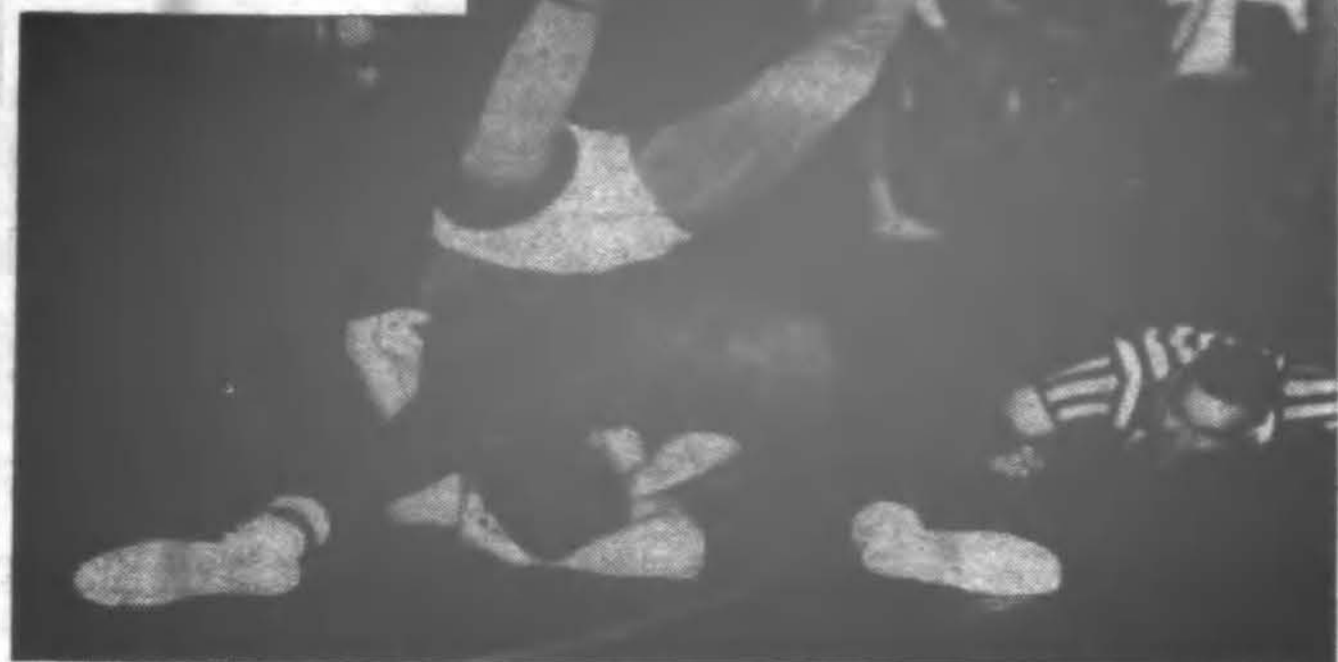


START COUNTIN' REF —
Southwestern's Mike Coon maneuvers high-kicking Bob White of Grand Island into position for a pin in the Section VI, Class A Wrestling Tournament. Coon ended this 157-pound match at the 2:55 mark in last night's opening round at Southwestern.
—Post-Journal Stafffoto by Ron Waite—



Starpoint Sports Edge Going Into Mat Finals

By BOB BRINK

Defending champion Starpoint sported a bigger lead prior to today's scheduled resumption of the Section VI, Class A Wrestling Tournament than it finished with in winning the title last year.

The Up-Staters came out of the opening round yesterday with 10 points, four better than Northern Tier colleague Grand Island. Southwestern and Gowanda were the Southern Tier's leading representatives with five points each.

Starpoint edged Southwestern 75-72 to take home the title a year ago.

The second round was slated

Class A Sectionals First Round

Starpoint	10
Grand Island	6
Southwestern	5
Gowanda	5
Alden	4
Cheektowaga	3
Falconer	2
Salamanca	2
Depew	2
Akron	1
Eden	1
Roy-Hartland	0
Springville	0

for 1 p.m. today, consolations and finals beginning 7 o'clock tonight.

Jack Nobbs of the host school worked the fastest first-round pin, nailing Springville's Tom Bentley in 22 seconds of their 168-pound match.

More Pins

Three other members of the Southern Tier Conference championship unit had pins also. Lee Christenson stopped Springville's Tim Widrig at 3:38 in a 106-lb. encounter, Tom Todaro ended his 130-lb. clash with Dick Miller of Falconer at 3:30, and Mike Coon pinned Grand Island's Bob White in 2:55 of their 157-lb. fray.

Christenson was one of several in the lighter weight brackets who saw action twice. The pin came after his decision over Daryl Gillman of Salamanca.

Other double-winners were Gowanda's Loren Stafford, Marshall Sombers and Marty Seitz of Salamanca, Mark Case and Jim Ellis of Starpoint, Bob Edwards of Grand Island, and Cheektowaga's Fravata.

Case pinned Dennis Murphy of Alden and then got the nod over Falconer's Rex Knapp who received a left-elbow injury and couldn't continue. Once the 98-lb. candidate had been attended to, Falconer Coach Lucian Lodestro related that the elbow was "just bruised."

Brothers Win

The Crawford brothers both came through for Falconer, Paul decisioning Salamanca's Walt Milanowski in the 123-lb. class and Steve winning his 157-lb. match by a pin.

Dave Miller bested Akron's Bob Kelly in a 130-lb. encounter, Chuck Cannon won his 141-lb. go on points, Dave Eaker (148) decisioned Ted Sands of Royalton-Hartland, and Ray Kiendl (183) outpointed Bill Frost of Akron.

Gowanda's Stafford (98) won a pair by decision, eliminating SW's Ed Sanderson in his first bout. Howard Parish of the Panthers won by a pin in the 130-lb. class, Wayne Hall (141) decisioned Chris Lundgren of SW, Joe Gernatt (157) pinned Springville's Larry Wiedemann, and Paul Phillips (106) also won by a pin.

Seitz is one of five Salamanca boys who were recently bitten by the flu bug. Chuck Fluent, another, couldn't make the trip.

SECTIONAL WRESTLING:

Duckett, JHS, Moves Into AAA Semifinals

LOCKPORT—Tom Duckett of Jamestown advanced to today's Section VI, Triple A wrestling tournament semi-finals with a victory in last night's initial round.

Jamestown wound up with just four points in the round, Maryvale finishing with 20 to lead the 14-team field.

The Raiders' undefeated entry in the 98-pound division pinned LaSalle's Tom Swaha in 1:23 after drawing a bye in the first pairings. Duckett has now won 14 matches this season, including three in the Holiday Tournament at Girard, Pa., in December.

Other members of Coach Norm Thomas' squad didn't fare so well. Previously undefeated Bob Pollino lost a 5-3 decision to 280-lb. Pete Jehrio of North Tonawanda in their unlimited match.

Pat Duckett, Tom's brother, won his first bout (15-0 over Art

Duckwitz of Maryvale) but was later decisioned by Harold Bluestein of Williamsville. Tom Todaro lost an overtime 6-4 verdict to North Tonawanda's Marty Yates in the 115-lb. class.

In the 157-lb. division, Dave Johnson was beaten by the brother of the boy who last year bested Jonas Johnson, Dave's brother. Maryvale's Glen Bateman pinned Dave in 4:26.

Neal Bateman, victor over Jonas, also won last night. He pinned George Spitalo in a 183-lb. match.

Maryvale's Jack Zoller, top seed in the 123-lb. division, decisioned Jamestown's Doug Anderson, 7-3. Greg Richardson was outpointed 18-8 by Scott Miles of Amherst.

Dave Sims defeated LaSalle's Joe Perry, 8-3, only to lose his second bout to Tom Reidhammer, 7-1. Reidhammer of West Seneca is seeded first in the 141-lb. bracket.

Greg Britton was pinned by Tom Buntich, Frontier, at 1:35 of their 148-lb. encounter, Tom Nyman (168-lb.) was ousted by Bob Rust of Kenmore East, and heavyweight Bob Leone lost, 14-7, to Stan Kasprcak of Niagara Falls.

Tom Duckett was scheduled to meet Jim Janczarek of West Seneca this afternoon. A win would send him into tonight's finals.

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Tiger Blames Opponent For Quick Finish

DORTMUND, Germany, (UPI) — World middleweight boxing champion Dick Tiger of