



## Gasp in grasp

*D&C photo by Brad Bliss*

East's Mike Hendricks winces during a 3-2 loss to Caladonia-Mumford's Fran Rapone in Section 5 finals.

# DeAngelis defends crown

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It was like an instant replay of last year's Section 5 Wrestling Tournament for Spencerport's Frank DeAngelis.

The defending state champion walloped Warsaw's Warren Bush, 17-4, last night to win his third straight sectional title and his second straight, by the identical score, over Bush, before a paid crowd of 1,788 at the Community War Memorial.

"It was just like last year. It's funny, but I was sitting there thinking before the match that it was a lot like last year," said DeAngelis, who has lost only one match in his high school career.

"This year, though, I think I had a little more control in the match. He's a tough kid and, only a junior, too. He was the toughest competition I had in the tournament."

In terms of longevity, it was. DeAngelis' three victories in yesterday's preliminary matches were all pins and each took less than three minutes.

DeAngelis started the day by pinning Bob McKeown of Pavilion in one minute, 46 seconds. He then pinned Dan Swearinger of York in 2:30 and Frank Kiff of Bath in 2:42.

He welcomed the full six-minute match against Bush. In his 28 matches this season, DeAngelis has registered 22 pins.

"Of course I went into the match with the intention that I would pin him," he said. "But I look at it this way. The fact that I didn't pin him gives me mat experience that I haven't received all year. I'll especially need that in the states next week."

The New York State Intersectional Wrestling Tournament is Friday and Saturday in Syracuse.

After his match, a bloodied mouth made DeAngelis appear more like the vanquished than the victor. The match was stopped twice because of the bleeding.

"It wasn't the toughest match of the year for me, but physically it was. I took a beating," he said. "I really got beat on. I was elbowed twice when he was coming back from the referee's position."

There were few upsets in last night's other bouts, although Steve Rosa of Rush-Henrietta surprised heavily-favored Jason Sweet of Fairport, 32, at 177 pounds. Three of Rosa's four losses were to Sweet (27-2).

"Everytime he beat me I kept on saying that there was always another chance and everytime I lost," said Rosa, (26-4-1). But tonight I got that other chance when it counted."

Individually, the victories of City-Catholic League representatives Larry Durham of Edison Tech and Tom Kennard of East were surprises, but collectively they were.

It was the first time since 1971 that two City-Catholic wrestlers won sectional titles. Durham overpowered Tony Oliveri of Irondequoit, 7-1, at 112 pounds, and Kennard defeated Spencerport's Mike Wilmart, 7-4, at 250 pounds.

Dezi Alvarez of Rush-Henrietta recorded the final's only pin, beating Spencerport's Dave Stulpin in 3:21, at 132 pounds.

Mike Geer of Webster Thomas edged Leon Becoats of Spencerport, 1-0, at 167 pounds, on a third period escape.

## Section 5 Wrestling

98 pounds—Fran Rapone (Caledonia-Mumford) dec. Mike Hendrick (East) 3-2; 105—Doug Atwell (Dansville) dec. John Zello (Geneva) 7-4; 112—Larry Dunham (Emdison) dec. Tony Oliveri (Irondequoit) 7-1; 119—Robin Scott (Caledonia-Mumford) dec. Clark Barnard (Irondequoit) 3-2; 126—Kevin Murray (Spencerport) dec. Jim Battaglia (Penfield) 3-1; 132—Desi Alvarez (Rush-Henrietta) pinned Dave Stulpin (Spencerport) 3:29; 138—Frank DeAngelis (Spencerport) dec. Warren Bush (Warsaw) 17-4; 145—Dave Juergens (Hilton) dec. Rich Brown (Cal-Mum) 7-6; 155—Rory Morris (Spencerport) dec. Pete Felker (Fairport) 7-4; 167—Mike Geer (Webster Thomas) dec. Leon Becoats (Spencerport) 1-0; 179—Steve Rosa (Rush-Henrietta) dec. Jason Sweet (Fairport) 3-2; 215—Mike Pochalski (Irondequoit) dec. Roland Rehnisch (Perry) 15-4; Uni—Tom Kennard (East) dec. Mike Wilmart (Spencerport) 7-4.