Fuller triumphs

Hadsell wins sectionals

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The high school wrestling careers of Mike Fuller and Robert Hadsell read like charts in a hospital emergency room.

Fuller started the season off by putting his best foot forward — and shooting it accidentally with a .22-caliber rifle. Hadsell had a run-in with an even tougher opponent than a bullet. He was hit by a school bus three years ago.

Fuller, Warsaw's 116-pounder and Hadsell, Canandaigua's 136-pounder, overcame those obstacles to become champions. Both won their final matches yesterday in the Section 5 high school wrestling tournament.

A crowd of 2,187 at Brockport State saw Fuller beat Fairport's Dave Halladay, 11-8. It was the only loss of the season for Halladay, who has won 30 matches.

HADSELL was named the outstanding wrestler of the sectionals. He lifted his record to 36-0 by trouncing Chuck Partridge of Hilton, 19-4.

Two weeks before practice began, Fuller was hunting in the woods of Livingston County when he shot a raccoon. "It was a big 'coon and he was just wounded," he said. "The thing came at me and I panicked."

He said he's going to have the foot x-rayed when the season is over. But, first, like the other 13 champions yesterday, he will be competing in the state tournament next Friday and Saturday in Syracuse.

Hadsell, the only finalist from Canandaigua's powerhouse, the top-rated team in the sections, suffered head injuries when he was hit by a bus before his sophomore year.

After spending four days unconscious and a year on the sidelines, he recovered for a 28-3-1 season last year.

"It was Sept. 2, 1973," he recalls "my hat blew off in the road while I was on a pickup truck, and I went back to get it. The bus came around a cruve and hit me. I didn't even see it coming."

Among the other titlists Caledonia-Mumford senior Robin Parker, who failed to score a pin with his unbreakable cradle but was a big winner nonetheless. A state runner-up at 118 last year, he beat Spencerport's Jerry Sacchitella 10-4 at 123 pounds. Parker had won his three previous matches in the tournament by pins, all with a cradle hold.

"I hadn't used it all year until now, but it's working," he said.

Roy Lang of Wayne outlasted Wayne Taft of Webster Schroeder, 1-0, by scoring with an escape in the second overtime. "I've had overtime three times this year and won each time," said Lang (34-0).

The meet's final three match, all were decided by pins. Bath's Frank Kiff (171 pounds) beat Newark's Steve Roga (181) of Rush-Henrietta Sperry beat Hilton's Bob Clark at 3:03, and Webster Thomas' John Kinley (219) beat Rush-Henrietta Roth's Keith Piccirilli at 3:42.

Section 5

Wrestling Championships

Unl—Chris Shaffer (Waterloo) dec. Rick Boor (Livon), 4-3.

95—Rich Salamone (McQuaid) dec. Kevin Richard (Geneseo) 4-0

102—Don St James (Rush-Henrietta Sperry) dec Mike Hendrix (East), 6-4).

109—John Smallridge (McQuaid) dec. Alex Cole (Cuba) 13-2.

116—Mike Fuller (Warsaw) dec. Dave Halladay (Fairport), 11-6.

123—Robin Parker (Caledonia-Mumford) dec. Jerry Sacchitella (Spencerport), 10-4.

130—Greg Locke (Greece-Arcadia) dec. Pete Springer (McQuaid), 6-2.

136—Robert Hadsell (Canandaigua) dec. Chuck Partridge (Hilton), 19-4.

142—Gerry Savoie (Fairport) dec. Don O'Mara (Greece Arcadia), 7-2.

149—Dave Stulpin (Spencerport) dec. Bob Steinruck (East Rochester), 8-3.

159—Roy Lang (Wayne) dec. Wayne Tatt (Webster Schroeder), 1-0 (overtime)

171—Frank Kiff (Bath) pinned Larry Allerton (Newark), 27-0.

181—Steve Rosa (Rush-Henrietta Sperry) pinned Bob Clark (Hilton), 3:03.

219—John Kinley (Webster Thomas) pinned Keith Piccirilli (Rush-Henrietta Roth) 3:42.