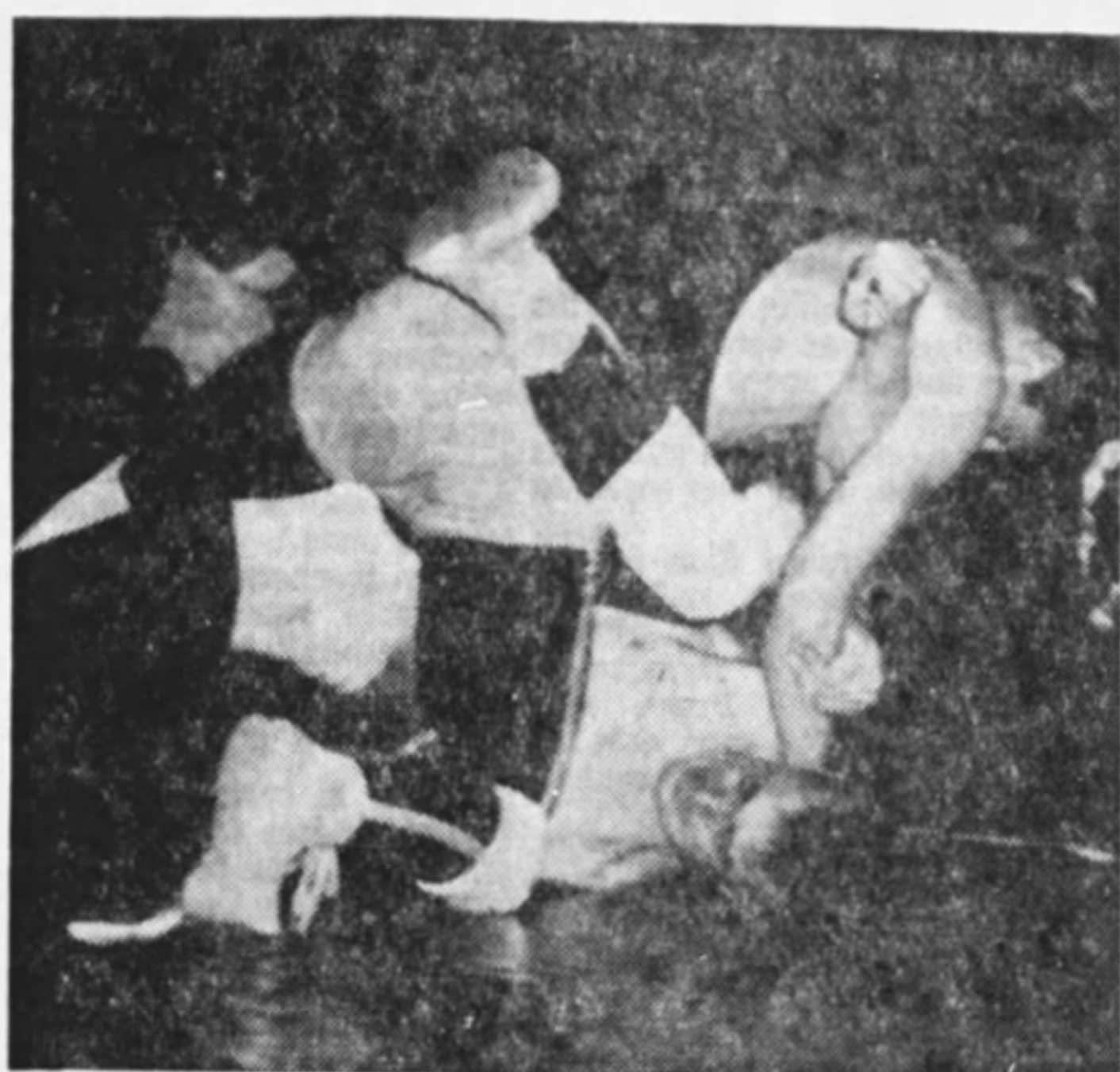


# Franciamone, Iacovelli, Michael Win Windsor Wrestling Crowns



—Ken Jones

**POWER:** That was the keynote of Tuesday's 138-pound struggle between Windsor's Norm Kohlback (top) and Ithaca's George Blye in the finals. Kohlback won with a late rally, 6-4.

By JERRY LANGDON

"He ranks with the best wrestlers I've ever seen come out of Ithaca. He's up in the same class, I'd say, with Frank Bettucci, Dave Auble, and Orlando Iacovelli. That's pretty fair company, too."

Windsor coach Jim Howard paid these compliments to Ithaca High's brilliant 120-pounder, Capt. Bob Franciamone shortly after Franciamone had won his second straight Windsor Holiday Tournament title yesterday.

Franciamone's 12-1 rout of Binghamton North's talented senior Pat O'Reilly was one of the highlights in the 13-hour wrestling program at Windsor Central School. Last year his margin over Pat was 4-1.

Ithaca didn't dominate the proceedings as in the previous two tournaments, when it took six individual crowns each time, but the Little Red did manage three firsts, four seconds and two thirds. Windsor had three firsts, one second, two thirds, and four fourths.

The difficulties encountered by Windsor's "Triumphant Trio" of William Bush, Chuck Bush and Norm Kohlback before winning crowns in their weight classes, an auspicious "debut" by Ithaca's Ed Michael and a most remarkable 127-pound final were other features of the wrestling extravaganza.

Ithaca winners were Franciamone, 120, Ralph Iacovelli, 154, and Michael, 180. Little Red runnersup were Mike Turco, 95, Dale Benninger, 103, Jim Dreitzler, 127, and George Blye, 138. Frank Prudence, 112, and Tom Jones, 133, won third place honors.

Franciamone's win over O'Reilly was a masterpiece. He threw him down in the first period and added a predicament point with leg and bar-arm for a 3-0 lead. After O'Reilly escaped in the second stanza, Franciamone piled it on.

O'Reilly charged in, Franciamone merely lowered himself and took Pat down with a double leg dive. An escape, throwdown, near fall (on a leg and bar arm) and time advantage in the third period boosted Bob's final margin to 12-1.

Iacovelli took Green's Rich Harrington down in the first 12 seconds, but Harrington rallied for an escape and takedown to lead, 3-2, at the end of the opening period. Fuzzy rode Harrington the second stanza and escaped and executed a takedown in the third for a 5-3 triumph.

Michael, who won the Windsor Holiday crown two years ago, made an auspicious return to the wrestling wars after a year's absence by sweeping to victory in the 180-pound class. He's been out for practice about three weeks.

Mike Minnich of Vestal was his first opponent. Michael slammed him down in about 7 seconds, and proceeded to show him the lights in 19 seconds, fastest fall of the tournament. He tired in his semi match with Windsor's Don Whitney, but won, 8-5.

In the finals, Michael completely dominated Cortland's previously unbeaten Dan Anderson, 11-3.

Dreitzler suffered his first loss of the campaign in a dramatic struggle with unbeaten Gary Wilcox of Vestal in the finals, bowing by one point in overtime.

Wilcox took him down in the first period and applied a double arm-bar, and later a grapevine, to Dreitzler for about 1:25 as the partisan crowd screamed for a pin call. Dreitzler finally moved out of danger, but trailed, 5-0, at the end of the first period.

Dreitzler rode Wilcox the second period, but still trailed, 5-0. In the third, he escaped and quickly took Wilcox down to close the gap to 5-3. He then proceeded to let Wilcox escape, and quickly pounced on him for a takedown to make it, 6-5. He also had time advantage.

In the first overtime session, however, after Dreitzler escaped, he was taken down. Jim rode Wilcox the second period, but couldn't turn him over for any points, losing, 2-1.

Chuck Bush, undefeated in all high school wrestling competition for 4 years, needed riding time in the third period to beat Vestal's 112-pound Bob Walker, 3-2. The two wrestlers traded reversals in the second period.

Bill Bush, a junior and undefeated since his Frosh year, ran into an inspired performance from Ithaca's Dale Benninger at 103, but executed a reversal in the third period, plus riding time advantage, for a 3-0 win.

George Blye had the Ithaca contingent in a frenzy during both his semifinal and championship round matches at 138. He pinned Massena's Tim Sulley with a half-nelson and crotch in 1:45 of the semifinals. Sulley, previously unbeaten, had downed George, 5-3, in a dual meet recently.

Blye proceeded to give Windsor's heralded Norm Kohlback the scare of his life in the finals. George led, 4-2, in the third period, but

Kohlback escaped and got a take-down with 45 seconds left to win. Riding time advantage made the score, 6-4.

Windsor coach Howard made an observation afterwards: "Kohlback shouldn't have tried to out-muscle Blye. It can't be done." To which various Ithaca wrestlers in Blye's weight area may say: "Amen."

"I've never seen Kohlback so tired after a match. He usually looks as if he just stepped out of a shower," a Windsor fan remarked afterwards.

Ithaca heavyweight Steve Shippos didn't wrestle because of a back injury. He suffered the injury originally in the football season, and the back muscles kicked up in recent practice sessions. Coach Orlando Turco hopes to have him back in harness soon.

The summaries:

Teams: Albany, Binghamton North, Chenango Forks, Cortland, Deposit, Greene, Hornell, Ithaca, Linton, Massena, Sayre, Mont Pleasant, Sidney, Vestal, Windsor.

120—1st Round: Adams, M. defeated Slick, V. 7-4; Yanni, MP, pinned Lawrence in 1:47; O'Shea, C, pinned Lounsbury in 5:20; Franciamone, I, pinned Davern, CF, in 2:19; Orr, G, pinned Hughes in 2:50; Nabinger, W, defeated Lippiello, L. 5-0; O'Reilly, BN, pinned Haggerty, Sa, in 0:48. 2nd Round: Adams pinned Yanni in 3:20; Franciamone pinned O'Shea in 1:42; Orr pinned Nabinger in 3:18; O'Reilly defeated George, S. 4-0. 3rd Round: Franciamone pinned Adams in 4:32; O'Reilly defeated Orr, 11-3. Consolation: Adams won by forfeit. Final: Franciamone defeated O'Reilly, 12-1.

127—1st Round: Shiel, W, pinned Horan, US, in 1:53; Robbins, G, defeated Holder, CF, 8-0; Wilcox, V, pinned Johnson in 2:28; Dreitzler, I, pinned Dobies, MP, in 2:34; Schmidt, C, defeated Lontrato, L. 6-2; Blaisdell, S, defeated Beyea, H. 7-2. 2nd Round: Robbins defeated Shiel, 3-2; Wilcox pinned Merrick, A, in 1:23; Dreitzler pinned Schmidt in 3:56; Stocker defeated Blaisdell, 8-0. 3rd Round: Wilcox defeated Robbins, 5-0; Dreitzler defeated Stocker, 7-3. Consolation: Stocker won by referee's decision. Final: Wilcox won in overtime, 2-1. Regulation score, 6-6.

95—1st Round: Haskell, CF, pinned Louvenelli, L, in 0:49; Williamson, V, pinned LaVerde, H, in 1:17; Glasner, SI, pinned Coward, MP, in 4:36. 2nd Round: Haskell defeated Sherwood, G, 6-0; Williamson pinned Smith, C, in 3:11; Shiel, W, pinned Glasner in 2:33; Turco, I, pinned Miller, Sa, in 3:45. 3rd Round: Williamson pinned Haskell in 3:33; Turco defeated Shiel, 6-0. Consolation: Haskell defeated Shiel, 4-3. Final: Williamson defeated Turco, 4-2.

103—1st Round: Beers, BN, pinned Clark, US, in 1:20; Benninger, I, pinned Irons, Sa, in 3:42. 2nd Round: Faucher, M, defeated Beers, 5-0; W. Bush, W, defeated Meldrim, C, 4-0; Benninger, I, defeated Tobbe, V. 6-0; Sabine, CF, pinned Duke in 3:51. 3rd Round: Bush defeated Faucher, 9-0; Benninger defeated Sabine, 8-0. Consolation: Faucher defeated Sabine, 6-0. Final: Bush defeated Benninger, 3-0.

112—1st Round: Harwood, H, pinned Talada, Sa, in 5:30; Siddon, M, defeated Calcogni, A. 4-2; C. Bush, W, pinned Zerrillo, C, in 1:47; Walker, V, pinned Adams, CF, in 3:56; Crow, L, pinned Ferrana, S, in 5:53; Prudence, I, pinned Jennings in 0:45. 2nd Round: Cain pinned Harwood in 1:31; Bush pinned Siddon in 2:26; Walker defeated Crow, 8-1; Prudence defeated Frear, 11-0. 3rd Round: Walker defeated Prudence, 2-0; Bush pinned Cain in 1:42. Consolation: Prudence defeated Cain, 8-3. Final: Bush defeated Walker 3-2.

133—1st Round: Capra, G, pinned Bunnell, US, in 2:10; Jones, I, defeated Mathewson, S. 10-1; Casterline, C, pinned Heath, CF, in 2:26; Fay, M, pinned Wood, BN, in 5:18; Cavalletti, H, defeated Monaco, MP, 4-3; Williams, W, defeated Truesdale, L. 3-0; Soprano, A, pinned Klein, A, in 3:55. 2nd Round: Jones defeated Capra, 3-2; Fay defeated Casterline, 5-0; Williams pinned Cavalletti in 3:53; Williamson defeated Soprano, 9-2. 3rd Round: Fay defeated Jones, 3-1; Williams defeated Williamson, 7-0. Consolation: Jones won by referee's decision. Final: Fay defeated Williams, 3-0.

138—1st Round: Parisi, MP, defeated Osman, Sa, 7-3; Hanning pinned Smith, H, in 1:21; Kohlback, W, pinned Eggleston, G, in 1:41; Salley, M, defeated Broderick, A. 6-0; Colasurdo, C, defeated Dinsmore, L. 7-3; Blye, I, defeated Simmons, US, 11-2. 2nd Round: Barry, V, defeated Parisi, 5-0; Kohlback pinned Hanning in 0:40; Salley pinned Colasurdo in 5:36; Blye defeated Stone, S. 4-0. 3rd Round: Kohlback defeated Barry, 12-0; Blye pinned Salley in 1:45. Consolation: Barry defeated Salley, 8-3. Final: Kohlback defeated Blye, 6-4.

145—1st Round: Sweetay, W, pinned Crow in 4:56; Minturn, US, pinned Rhinebold in 3:12; Dimeo, MP, pinned Hager, SI, in 2:35; Halliday, M, defeated Hart, BN, 4-0; Beach, I, pinned Grenfell in 2:39; Whittaker, G, defeated Homer, V. 10-2. 2nd Round: Sweetay pinned Craver, CF, in 1:43; Dimeo defeated Minturn, 6-0; Halliday defeated Beach, 3-0; Whittaker pinned Hull, C, in 3:28. 3rd Round: Dimeo defeated Sweetay, 8-2; Whittaker defeated Halliday, 7-4. Consolation: Sweetay pinned Halliday in 3:07. Final: Whittaker defeated Dimeo, 4-3.

154—1st Round: Stephens, L, defeated Hadsell, V. 4-0; Love, M, pinned Call, C, in 1:13; Iacovelli, I, pinned Rich, A, in 1:04; Kuczynski, W, pinned Giardinelli, MP, in 5:42; Smith, H, pinned Derrick, SI, in 1:11; Harrington, G, defeated DeKay, Sa. 4-0. 2nd Round: Stephens defeated Butkus, BN, 7-2; Iacovelli defeated Love, 9-1; Kuczynski defeated Smith, 3-2; Harrington defeated Walters, US, 3-0. 3rd Round: Iacovelli defeated Stephens, 4-2; Harrington defeated Kuczynski, 3-1. Consolation: Stephens defeated Kuczynski, 2-0. Final: Iacovelli defeated Harrington, 5-3.

165—1st Round: Beach, G, pinned Lytle, US, in 4:43; Ferro, C, defeated Scott, SI, 5-4; Everling, CF, pinned Means, BN, in 3:21; Dutcher, W, pinned Corwaldt, A, in 1:50; Knuutila, I, defeated Northrup, Sa. 5-4; Perry, M, pinned Rakvica, MP, in 1:24. 2nd Round: Oyer, H, defeated Beach, 2-1; Everling defeated Ferro, 5-2; Dutcher defeated Knuutila, 7-5; Perry defeated Peters, V. 3-1. 3rd Round: Everling defeated Oyer, 4-0; Perry defeated Dutcher, 5-2. Consolation: Oyer pinned Dutcher in 3:45. Final: Everling pinned Perry in 5:45.

180—1st Round: Winterstein, BN, pinned Downing, US, in 0:56; Packer, CF, defeated Harrington, G. 6-0. 2nd Round: Whitney, W, defeated Winterstein, 2-0; Michael, I, pinned Minnich, V, in 0:19; Anderson, C, pinned Packer in 5:23; Raymo, M, defeated Diehl, Sa. 5-4. 3rd Round: Michael defeated Whitney, 8-5; Anderson defeated Raymo, 10-0. Consolation: Whitney defeated Raymo 9-0. Final: Michael defeated Anderson, 11-3.

Hvy—1st Round: Grannis, V, won by default; DeFillippo, L, pinned Healy, US, in 5:15; Sherwood, G, pinned Smith, M, in 2:10. 2nd Round: Grannis pinned Bly, H, in 5:10; Male, MP, pinned DeFillippo in 3:06; Barrows, W, pinned Beardsley, I, in 5:15; Tesori, C, pinned Sherwood, in 5:33. 3rd Round: Grannis defeated Male on referee's decision; Tesori defeated Barrows, 5-0. Consolation: Male defeated Barrows, 6-0. Final: Tesori defeated Grannis, 8-3.