

N-O League Crowns Wrestling Champs; Duffina Is MVP, Newfane Retains Title

WILSON - Six schools shared in capturing a total of 14 individual championships at the annual Niagara-Orleans All-League wrestling Tournament held here on Saturday as Newfane locked up a sixth straight team title.

Medina's Jamie Duffina, who captured the 119 lb. title, was named the tourney's Most Outstanding Wrestler.

Roy-Hart's Frank Palisano (132) and Newfane's Keith Jones (155) both became four-time N-O champions. Newfane's Dan Rafferty (177) also earned his third title while Albion's Tim Uderitz (91) and the Newfane duo of Mike Brown (105) and Chris Say (250) all became two-time winners.

In all Newfane had a total of seven individual champions crowned, a contingent that also includes Marc Brown (126), Mike Adinolfe (138) and Charley Henderson (215).

Rounding out the list of N-O champions were Mike Butler (98) and Chris Rebmann from Akron along with Matt O'Connor (112) and Ben Faery (167) from host Wilson.

Newfane captured the team tourney title by garnering a total of 214 points on the day, the first time in a decade that team scoring has been kept at the event. Akron was second with 115½ followed by Albion 110¼, Wilson 109, Roy-Hart 72, Medina 48 and Starpoint 40.

Newfane, which posted a 6-0 duel match record this season, thus claimed its sixth N-O championship in a row by earning a total of 18 points on the campaign. Akron finished in the runnerup spot with 15 points followed by Albion with 12, Wilson 9, Medina 5, Roy-Hart 4 and Starpoint 0.

Duffina decisioned Newfane's Andy Gillings 9-4 in the championship match. He opened with a 16-0 technical fall victory over Wilson's Steve Cobb and then pinned Akron's Jason Pequeen in 6:00 in the semifinals.

Palisano made it four title years in a row as he pinned Akron's Joe Caprio in 1:00 in the quarterfinals and Albion's B.J. Aina in 4:26 in the semis before decisioning Starpoint's Matt Stodolka 10-3 in the finals.

Uderitz successfully repeated as an N-O champion by pinning Newfane's Bill Jones in 2:46 in the title bout.

Jones locked up his fourth N-O



Roy-Hart's Frank Palisano, who became a four-time Niagara-Orleans League wrestling champion by capturing the 132 lb. title at Saturday's annual All-League meet held at Wilson, is flanked here by Albion's Tim Uderitz, left, who became a two-time league champion by taking the 91 lb. crown, and Medina's Jamie Duffina, right, who earned the 119 lb. title and was named the tourney's Most Outstanding Wrestler. (J-R Photo By Mike Wertman)

crown by scoring a 23-8 technical fall win over Starpoint's Dave Black in the semifinals and then pinning Wilson's Ian Wagoner in 50 seconds in the finals.

Rafferty earned his third straight title by decisioning Roy-Hart's Jared Ander 6-2 in the finals after pinning Albion's Andre Callicutt in 5:16 in the semis.

Roy-Hart had a trio of second place finishers in Tom Marchiole (105), Brock Menzel (112) and Ander (177) while Medina had one in Steve Miller (126) as did Albion

Orangemen Belt Hoyas

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — John Wallace has been Syracuse's go-to player all season, dominating games and drawing all the attention of fans and the media.

But when coach Jim Boeheim talks about his most indispensable player, it's not Wallace's name that is mentioned, but another senior starter, point guard Lazarus Sims.

Though Wallace had 25 points and 13 rebounds on Saturday, it was Sims who engineered No. 18 Syracuse's 85-64 rout of No. 8 Georgetown, matching his career high with 12 assists while committing just two turnovers against the Hoyas' pressure defense.

Sims can also play some defense, as Hoyas star Allen Iverson found out Saturday.

With Sims chasing him much of the game, a foul-plagued Iverson scored just 14 points — 10 below his Big East-leading average — on 4-of-12 shooting.

With its victory Saturday, Syracuse (18-6, 8-5 Big East) moved to within one game of Georgetown (19-5, 9-4) in the Big East 7 standings.

Otis Hill added 17 points for Syracuse, which got an emotional boost from a vocal crowd of 32,589, the largest in the Carrier Dome this season and 10th largest ever. Marius Janulis, Todd Burgan and Reafsnnyder added 10 points apiece for Syracuse.

Georgetown was within 55-47 with 12:14 to play when Syracuse went on a 13-3 run to push its lead to 18 points with seven minutes to play.

Jerome Williams had 24 points to lead Georgetown.

in Eric Banister (167).

Albion also had five third place finishers in Aina (132), Jonah Drisdorn (145), Callicutt (177), Jerome Kramer (215) and Matt Harrington (250).

Next up will be the Section VI Class meets this coming weekend with N-O grapplers competing at Falconer and Westfield.

Tourney Summary

91 lb.

Semifinals: Bill Jones (N) p. Ernest Wodrich (M) 1:19.

Finals: Tim Uderitz (Alb) p. Jones 2:46.

98 lb.

Semifinals: Brendan Monaco (S) p. Mike Crafts (N) 2:49.

Finals: Mike Butler (Ak) d. Monaco 14-0.

105 Lb.

Semifinals: Mike Brown (N) p. Paul Freeman (Ak) 1:44; Tom Marchiole (RH) d. Kevin Ellis (W) 7-0.

Finals: Brown d. Marchiole 7-2.

112 lb.

Quarterfinals: Jim Quarantillo (N) p. Mike Matsulavage (S) 1:55.

Semifinals: Brock Menzel (RH) d. Richard Files (Ak) 4-2; Matt O'Connor (W) d. Quarantillo 11-3.

Consolation: Files d. Quarantillo 7-0.

Finals: O'Connor d. Menzel 3-2.

119 Lb

Quarterfinals: Jamie Duffina (M) d. Steve Cobb (W) 16-0.

Semifinals: Andy Gillings (N) d. Eric Flugel (Alb) 2-0; Duffina p. Jason Pequeen (Ak) 6:00.

Finals: Duffina d. Gillings 9-4.

126 lb.

Quarterfinals: Derrick Hildreth (Alb) p. Eric Coleman (S) 1:42; Steve Miller (M) p. Jeff Massaro (RH) 3:01; Marc Brown (N) d. Eric Hoover (W) 23-8.

Semifinals: Miller d. Hildreth 7-6; Brown d. Al Garlock (Ak) 8-5.

Consolation: Garlock d. Hoover 19-3.

Finals: Brown d. Miller 14-6.

132 lb.

Quarterfinals: Frank Palisano (RH) p. Joe Caprio (Ak) 1:00; B.J. Aina (Alb) d. Matt Caldwell (M) 15-0; Mike Rann (N) d. Mitch Sherman (W) 17-2.

Semifinals: Palisano p. Aina 4:26; Matt Stodolka (S) d. Rann 13-11.

Consolation: Aina d. Rann 8-4.

Finals: Palisano d. Stodolka 10-3.

138 lb.

Quarterfinals: Mike Adinolfe (N) p. Tim Brown (S) :20; Bob Dysard (Alb) p. Joel Spencer (W) 3:04.

Semifinals: Adinolfe d. Dan Root (M) 19-4; Jim Parzych (Ak) p. Dysard 5:54.

Consolation: Spencer p. Dysard 1:55.

Finals: Adinolfe p. Parzych 5:07.

145 lb.

Quarterfinals: Chris Rebmann (Ak) d.

Chris Spearin (M) 5-4; Mike Jennings (N) p. Mike Bavaro (RH) 1:53.

Semifinals: Rebmann p. Jonah Drisdorn (Alb) 5:32; Ken Redmond (Ak) d. Jennings 15-11.

Consolation: Drisdorn d. Jennings 6-1.

Finals: Rebmann d. Redmond 10-2.

155 lb.

Semifinals: Keith Jones (N) d. Dave Black (S) 23-8; Ian Wagoner (W) d. Steve Schumaker (A).

Consolation: Black p. Schumaker 4:03.

Finals: Jones p. Wagoner :50.

167 lb.

Quarterfinals: Matt Lingle (N) d. Justin Rooney (Ak) 6-4; Bill Barnard (RH) p. Ben Britton (S) 1:18.

Semifinals: Ben Faery (W) d. Lingle 11-3; Eric Banister (Alb) d. Barnard.

Consolation: Rooney p. Lingle 4:33.

Finals: Faery p. Banister 1:00.

177 lb.

Quarterfinals: Dan Rafferty (N) p. Jeremiah Durham (W) :32.

Semifinals: Rafferty p. Andre Callicutt (Alb) 5:16; Jared Ander (RH) d. Phil Roberto (Ak) 22-7.

Consolation: Callicutt p. Roberto 3:36.

Finals: Rafferty d. Ander 6-2.

215 lb.

Quarterfinals: Charley Henderson (N) p. Matt Kasprzyk (W) 1:35.

Semifinals: Henderson p. Jerome Kramer (Alb) 3:39; Lucas Schrock (AK) d. Van Morgott (M) 10-5.

Consolation: Kramer p. Morgott 1:27.

Finals: Henderson p. Schrock 5:16.

250 lb.

Semifinals: Chris Say (N) p. Matt Harrington (Alb) 1:15; Jeff Durham (W) p. Brian Sage (RH) 3:15.

Consolation: Harrington p. Sage 2:43.

Finals: Say p. Durham :52.



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N—O MAT KINGS - Six schools shared in capturing a total of 14 individual eight class championships at the annual Niagara-Orleans All-League Wrestling Tournament held at Wilson on Saturday. The competition also saw Newfane take top team honors to claim a sixth straight N-O crown. The individual weight class champions are shown here. In front, from left, are Tim Uderitz (Albion, 91 lb.), Mike Butler (Akron, 98 lb.), Mike Brown (Newfane, 105 lb.) and Matt O'Connor (Wilson, 112 lb.). In the middle row are Jamie Duffina (Medina, 119 lb.), Marc Brown (Newfane, 126 lb.), Frank Palisano (Roy-Hart, 132 lb.), Mike Adinolfi (Newfane, 138 lb.) and Chris Rebmann (Akron, 145 lb.). In the back row are Keith Jones (Newfane, 155 lb.), Ben Faery (Wilson, 167 lb.), Dan Rafferty (Newfane, 177 lb.), Charley Henderson (Newfane, 215 lb.) and Chris Say (Newfane, 250 lb.). (J-R Photo By Mike Wertman)