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N-O Loop Crowns Mat Champs

NEWFANE — Regular season kingpin Roy-Hart captured five individual championships here Saturday to lead the parade to the winners circle at the annual Niagara-Orleans All-League Wrestling Tournament.

The three-time defending league champion Ramis, who posted a perfect 6-0 duel match record during the regular season, had the quintet of Nelson Colley (91), Lou Rosselli (98), Jim Johnson (132), Ken Copella (145) and Willie Cunningham (167) earn N-O titles. It marked a school record fourth straight N-O title for Cunningham, a third for Copella and a second for both Johnson and Rosselli.

Starpoint had four league title holders and Albion three while Medina and Akron each claimed one spot on the All-League squad.

Tourney MVP Joe Finley (126) headed Starpoint's victorious quartet, which also included Kevin Gfroerer (138), Mark Lubs (215) and Frank Silvernail (250) who is also a repeat champion.

Rawn Mitchell (119), who like Cunningham became a four-time league champion, led Albion's delegation which also includes three time champ Todd Spencer (112) and Jeff Harding (177).

Medina is represented by promising freshman Brian Southcott

(105) while Akron's Seth Darling (155) rounds out the list of champions.

Improving his season record to an outstanding 24-4, Southcott claimed his initial N-O crown by scoring consecutive victories over Albion's Mark Farone (pin 1:55), Wilson's Carl Wollaber (technical fall) and Roy-Hart's Dave Lyndaker (7-3).

A runnerup last year, Colley earned top honors this time around by blanking Akron's Kevin Regan in the finals 4-0 to go to 24-6 on the season.

Last year's Section VI 91 lb. champ and a third place finisher at the state meet, Rosselli repeated as an N-O champ with a lightning quick 20 second pin over Medina's Terry Fearby. Now 29-0 on the season, he routed Wilson's Bob Zauner 18-2 in the semis.

Johnson likewise retained his league title by edging Starpoint's Jim Taber 5-2 in the finals. Now 29-2-1 on the campaign, he advanced to the finals via a pin and a technical fall victory.

Copella made it three league titles in a row by registering three straight pins. He stopped Starpoint's Mike Barone in just 38 seconds in the finals to up his season record to 27-3.

Going to 30-0 on the season, Cunningham used two quick pins to

register his fourth straight league championship. In the title match he stopped Albion's Dave Slocum in 1:08.

Joining Cunningham as a four-time N-O champion, Mitchell decided Roy-Hart's Mark Baehr in the finals. Now 25-1 on the season he advanced to the finals via a pair of first period pins.

Spencer posted a technical fall 19-4 decision over Newfane's Dan Winchell to earn his third league title. Now at 18-1 on the season, he notched pin victories in his preliminary round matches.

Completing the Albion title trio, Harding downed Akron's Mike Regan in the finals to go to 19-5 on the season.

Finley, after two lopsided technical fall victories, edged out Medina's Wes Askew 4-2 for the 126 lb. title. Askew is now at 23-3 while Finley is at 27-4.

The league champions and second place finishers will now advance to the Section VI state qualifier meet which will be held this coming weekend at Williamsville North.

Here's a summary of the tourney action.

91 lb. Semifinals

Kevin Regan (Akron) p. Matt Dawson (Newfane) :29.
Nelson Colley (Roy-Hart) p. Eli Shirley (Wilson) :26.

Consolation
Shirley p. Dawson :52.

Finals
Colley d. Reagan 4-0.

98 lb. Quarterfinals
Bob Zauner (Wilson) d. Paul Bakeman (Albion) 14-2.

Semifinals
Lou Rosselli (Roy-Hart) d. Zauner 18-2.

Terry Fearby (Medina) p. Bob Bearfield (Starpoint) 3:15.

Consolation
Zauner p. Bearfield :42.

Finals
Rosselli p. Fearby :20.

105 lb. Quarterfinals
Brian Southcott (Medina) p. Mark Farone (Albion) 1:55.

Carl Wollaber (Wilson) d. Chris Case (Starpoint).

Dave Lyndaker (Roy-Hart) d. Dave Winchell (Newfane) 8-0.

Semifinals
Southcott d. Wollaber 12-2.

Lyndaker d. Mark Modica (Akron) 3-2.

Consolation
Wollaber d. Modica 4-1.

Finals
Southcott d. Lyndaker 7-3.

112 lb. Quarterfinals
Todd Spencer (Albion) p. Brian Grocki (Wilson) 1:25.

Dave Popielski (Akron) p. Kevin Caprenter (Medina) 3:16.

Semifinals
Spencer p. Scott Cantlon (Starpoint) 3:20.

Dan Winchell (Newfane) d. Popielski 7-4.

Consolation
Popielski d. Cantlon 9-3.

Finals
Spencer d. Winchell 19-4.

119 lb. Quarterfinals
Rawn Mitchell (Albion) p. Jim Knott (Newfane) 1:05.

Phil Attea (Akron) d. Alan Showers (Medina) 14-0.

Tony Pulli (Wilson) d. Jerry Farnham (Starpoint) 17-4.

Semifinals
Mitchell p. Attea 1:15.

Mark Baehr (Roy-Hart) p. Pulli 2:43.

Consolation
Pulli d. Attea 12-5.

Finals
Mitchell d. Baehr 9-3.

126 lb. Quarterfinals
Joe Finley (Starpoint) d. Lorne Budde (Wilson) 17-0.

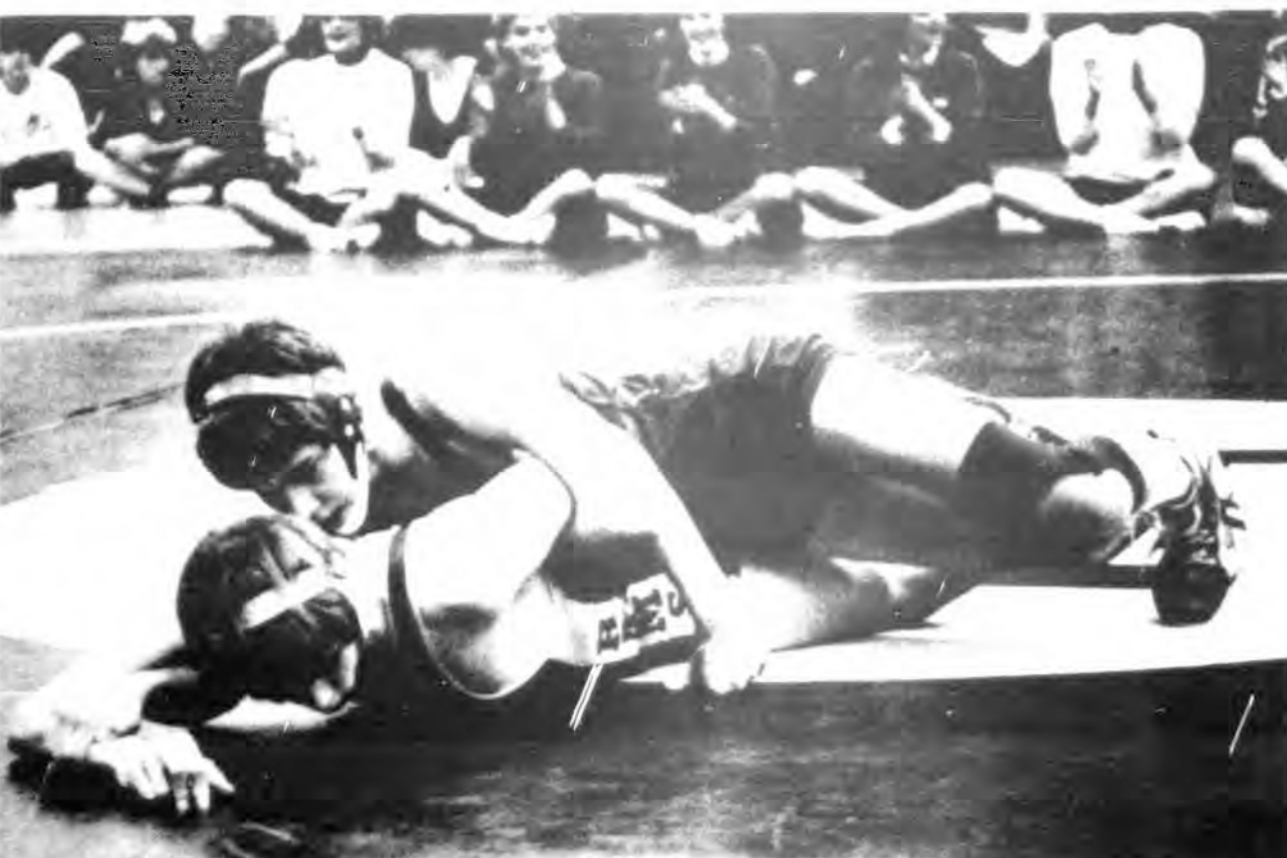
Dave Pahuta (Albion) d. Mark Fragale (R-H) 7-1.

Tom Smith (Akron) p. Reed Murphy (Newfane) 3:25.

Semifinals
Finley d. Pahuta 17-2.

Wes Askew (Medina) d. Smith 8-6.

Consolation
Smith d. Pahuta 15-1.



Freshman Brian Southcott captured Medina's lone individual championship in Saturday's competition with this decision victory over Roy-Hart's Dave Lyndaker.

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Finals
Finley d. Askew 4-2.

132 lb. Quarterfinals
Jim Johnson (Roy-Hart) p. Bill Huntzinger (Akron) 2:43.

Willie Moss (Albion) d. Mike Singh (Wilson) 13-4.

Scott Schickling (Medina) d. Roger Julias (Newfane) 17-1.

Semifinals
Johnson d. Moss 17-1.

Jim Taber (Starpoint) p. Schickling 1:57.

Consolation
Moss d. Schickling 15-4.

Finals
Johnson d. Taber 5-2.

138 lb. Quarterfinals
Brian Cummings (Akron) d. Mike Dunham (Medina) 7-2.

Brian Hale (Roy-Hart) p. Dave Branch (Wilson) 1:23.

Kevin Gfroerer (Starpoint) p. Dave Coville (Albion) 3:53.

Semifinals
Cummings d. Hale 13-1.

Gfroerer p. Chris Riccio (Newfane) 3:58.

Consolation
Coville p. Dunham 2:51.

Finals
Gfroerer d. Cummings 19-3.

145 lb. Quarterfinals
Ken Copella (Roy-Hart) p. Earl Schmidt (Akron) 3:02.

John Davis (Albion) p. Richard Harris (Wilson) 3:09.

Ted Murphy (Newfane) d. Jeremy McCauley (Medina) 5-0.

Semifinals
Cummings d. Davis 17-9.

Finals
Cunningham p. Slocum 1:08.

177 lb. Quarterfinals
Leo Fournier (Wilson) d. Todd

Semifinals
Copella p. Davis :27.

Mike Barone (Starpoint) d. Murphy 6-5.

Consolation
Davis d. Murphy.

Finals
Copella p. Barone :38.

155 lb. Quarterfinals
Seth Darling (Akron) p. Pat Boland (Albion) 2:47.

Tom Fenton (Medina) p. Jeff Richards (Wilson) 3:11.

Martin Haas (Starpoint) d. C. G. Hale (Roy-Hart) 4-2.

Semifinals
Darling p. Kirk Kingsbury (Newfane) 2:38.

Haas p. Fenton 3:53.

Consolation
Kingsbury d. Boland 11-7.

Finals
Darling d. Haas 10-1.

167 lb. Semifinals
Willie Cunningham (Roy-Hart) p. Henry Banks (Medina) 2:38.

Dave Slocum (Albion) p. Steve Cummings (Akron) 3:52.

Consolation
Cummings d. Banks 17-9.

Finals
Cunningham p. Slocum 1:08.

177 lb. Quarterfinals
Leo Fournier (Wilson) d. Todd

Preisch (Starpoint) 16-7.

Mike Reagan (Akron) d. Matt Ketch (Newfane) 16-1.

Semifinals
Jeff Harding (Albion) won by default over Fournier.

Reagan d. E. J. Reese (Medina) 13-6.

Consolation
Preisch d. Ketch 15-0.

Finals
Harding d. Reagan 6-2.

215 lb. Quarterfinals
Rodney Dean (Akron) p. Bob Kilmer (Wilson) :54.

Kent Schwab (Roy-Hart) p. Shannon McPherson (Medina) 1:41.

Semifinals
Mark Lubs (Starpoint) p. Dean 2:56.

Schwab d. Chuck Nesbitt (Albion) 15-0.

Consolation
Dean d. Kilmer 7-6.

Finals
Lubs d. Schwab 5-0.

250 lb. Semifinals
Frank Silvernail (Starpoint) p. Alven Bailey (R-H) 1:55.

Ken Michalak (Akron) d. John Zauner (Wilson) 15-0.

Consolation
Zauner p. Bailey 4:41.


Finals
Silvernail d. Michalak 9-3.



Albion's Rawn Mitchell works towards his fourth straight league title.

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LEAGUE CHAMPS — Capping off a day long competition Saturday at Newfane, the Niagara-Orleans League crowned champions in a total of 14 weight classes. Half of the champions were repeat winners including Lou Rosselli (98), Jim Johnson (132), Ken Copella (145) and Willie Cunningham (167) all from Roy-Hart as well as Rawn Mitchell (119) and Todd Spencer (112) both of Albion and Frank Silvernail (250) of Starpoint. Cunningham and Mitchell are both four time league

champions while Copella and Spencer are two-time winners. Freshman Brian Southcott (105) was Medina's lone champion. Standing from left are Nelson Colley (Roy-Hart), Rosselli, Southcott, Spencer, Mitchell, Joe Finley (Starpoint) and Johnson. Kneeling from left are Kevin Gfroerer (Starpoint), Copella, Seth Darling (Akron), Cunningham, Jeff Harding (Albion), Mark Lubs (Starpoint) and Silvernail.

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MAT KINGS — The Niagara-Orleans League crowned champions in a total of 14 weight classes in competition at Newfane Saturday. Among the champions crowned were Medina High freshman Brian Southcott, left, and a quintet of Roy-Hart grapplers, right. The Ram matmen include, seated from left, Willie Cunningham, Jim Johnson and Ken Copella. Stan-

ding are Lou Rosselli, left, and Nelson Colley. The title was a school record fourth for Cunningham while Copella has now won three straight and Johnson two in a row. Cunningham is now 30-0 on the season while Rosselli is at 29-0, Johnson 29-2-1, Copella 27-3, Colley 24-6 and Southcott 24-4.



MORE LEAGUE CHAMPS — A trio of Albion High senior wrestlers also joined in the victory parade Saturday. From left are Rawn Mitchell, Jeff Harding and Todd Spencer. Now 25-1 on the season, Mitchell earned his fourth straight league title while Spencer claimed this third.

Spencer is now at 18-1 on the campaign and Harding 19-5. The first and second place finishers will now take part in the Section VI state qualifier meet this weekend at Williamsville North.

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