Rallies With Strength in Heavy Weights —

Victor Wins Class B Wrestling Tournament

UNION SPRINGS — Strength in the heavy weight classes propelled the Victor Blue Devils to the team championship at the annual Wayne-Finger Lakes Class B wrestling league invitational tournament at Union Springs, Saturday.

The Devils trailed both Phelps and Union Springs going into the 165-pound clash, but John Mady pinned defending tourney champion Jack Drury of Phelps in 3:49 and Victor was on its way. The Devils won both the 180-pound match and the heavyweight battle to lock up the victory.

At 180, Bob Sheldon pinned Mike Calabrese of Phelps at 2:53 and unbeaten Dave Smith needed 3:27 to nail Clifton Springs' John Castle in the heavyweight duel.

If Saturday's results are any indication of things to come, the league should be more balanced than it was last year. Victor won with 71 points, while Phelps was a close second with 65 points. Union Springs, owner of a 33-match winning streak, was next with 61 points, followed by Dundee (54), Marion (40) and Clifton (17).

Last year, Phelps won the tourney with 80 points, 11 more than second place Victor and 16 higher than third place Dundee. Union Springs was fourth last year with 56 points, followed by Marion (26) and Clifton (18).

Phelps led the list with four champions, Saturday. Victor and Union Springs each had three champions and Dundee was represented by two winners, both two-time winners, the only repeaters from a year ago.

Last year's 95-pound champ, Malcolm Shaw, rolled over all opposition to cop the 112-pound chmapionship and teammate Les Miller moved up a notch from 127 to win the championship at 133 pounds.

Craig Powers of Union Springs emerged victorious at 95 pounds, and Phelps' Bill Nolder won a 7-0 decision over Matt Cassler of Union Springs and then needed only 59 seconds to pin Tom Pollack of Dundee to capture the 103-pound championship.

Phelps' Dan Ottley and Phil Powers of Union Springs battled to a 2-2 tie in regulation time of their 120-pound championship clash and then Ottley won, 5-0, in overtime.

Lee DeRuyter of Phelps, a finalist last year, didn't let the 127-pound crown get away this year. He racked up an 18-6 decision over Marion's Doug Copp.

Dick Cassler of Union Springs won the 138-pound prize and teammate Bob Coapman followed with another championship at 145. Dave Williamson of Phelps won at 154 pounds, before Victor's heavyweights ran off with the last three matches.

QUARTERFINALS

95 — Jim Russell (M) decisioned John Donk (P), 10-0; Tom Potter (D) pinned John Kepner (CS), 3:20.

103 —Tom Pollack (D) pinned Don Neill (M), :30.

112 — John Minnier (CS) decisioned Doug Holland (P), 8-4; Jim Leenhouts (M) pinned Don Graham (US), 3:02.

120 — Dan Ottley (P) decisioned Terry Cotton (V), 7-1; Phil Powers (US) decisioned Jack Walters (CS), 3-2.

127 — Marty Brake (V) decisioned Dave Warne (US) 7-4; Erv Groom (D) pinned Jim Love (M), 4:40.

133 — John Rodney (CS) decisioned Eric Holm (V), 9-1; Les Miller (D) pinned Mike Morris (P), 1:30.

138 — Bob Brouwer (CS) decisioned Chuck Hathaway (D), 5-2; Jim Power (V) decisioned Dennis Landschoot (P), 4-4, 2-0 (ot.)

145 — Jim Winkler (V) pinned Gary Castle (CS), 5:25; Bill White (M) pinned Mike Dickerson (D), 2:06.

154 — Steve Sheldon (V) decisioned Art Lee (M), 4-0; Bruce Dickerson (D) pinned Greg McPetridge (CS), :41.

165 — Jack Drury (P) decisioned Dale Dickerson (D), 6-5; John Mady (V) decisioned Steve Sabin (CS), 15-2.

180 — Bob Sheldon (V) pinned John Strub (CS), 3:37; Mike Calabrese (P) pinned Mike Loucks (M), 2:52.

Hwt. — Dave Smith (V) pinned Tom Wright (D), 1:52; John Castle (CS) pinned Paul Smith (US), :50.

SEMI-FINALS

95 — Fred Underhill (V) decisioned Russell (M), 2-1; Craig Powers (US) pinned Potter (D), 1:44.

103 — Bill Nolder (P) decisioned Matt Cassler (US), 7-0; Pollack (D) pinned Jerry Ivey (V), 3:37.

112 — Malcolm Shaw (D) pinned Minnier (CS), 0:36; Roy Reid (V) decisioned Leenhouts (M), 8-2.

120 — Ottley (P) decisioned Bill Miller (D), 8-0; Powers (US) decisioned Dave Marsh (M), 9-2.

127 — Brake (V) decisioned Jack Davis (CS), 10-0; Lee DeRuyter (P) decisioned Groom (D), 11-0.

133 —Doug Copp (M) pinned Rodney (CS), 5:20; Miller (D) pinned Dave Schenck (US), 4:31.

138 — Alvis Humphries (M) pinned Brouwer (CS), 1:04; Rich Casler (US) pinned Power (V), 5:38.

145 — Bob Coapman (US) pinned Winkler (V), 3:29; White (M) decisioned Jim Heffron (P), 6-1.

154 — Dave Williamson (P) decisioned Sheldon (V), 4-0; Dickerson (D) decisioned Ken White (US), 11-9.

165 — Drury (P) decisioned Don Brown (M), 9-0; Mady (V) decisioned Dave Ferguson (US), 4-0.

180 — Sheldon (V) pinned Herb Monagan (D), 0:47; Calabrese (P) pinned Roger Mills (US), 4:30.

Hwt. — Smith (V) decisioned Doug Coston (P), 3-1; Castle (CS) pinned Roy Godfrey (M), :39.

CONSOLATIONS

95 — Russell (M) decisioned Potter (D), 5-4.

103 — Cassler (US) decisioned Ivey (V), 6-0.

112 — Leenhouts (M) won by forfeit over Minnier (CS).

120 — Miller (D) decisioned Marsh (M), 8-2.

127 — Groom (D) decisioned Davis (CS), 5-0.

133 —Schenck (US) decisioned Rodney (CS), 9-0.

138 — Power (V) pinned Brouwer (CS), 1:42.

145 — Winkler (V) decisioned Heffron (P), 9-6.

154 — White (US) decisioned Sheldon (V), 6-0.

165 — Ferguson (US) decisioned Brown (M), 6-2.

180 — Mills (US) pinned Monagan (D), 5:35.

Hwt. — Coston (P) pinned Godfrey (M), 1:36.

FINALS

95 —Powers (US) decisioned Underhill (V), 8-1.

103 — Nolder (P) pinned Pollackk (D), :59.

112 — Shaw (D) decisioned Reid (V), 7-0.

120 — Ottley (P) decisioned Powers (US), 2-2, 5-0 (ot.)

127 — DeRuyter (P) decisioned Brake (V), 18-6.

133 — Miller (D) decisioned Copp (M), 13-0.

138 — Casler (US) decisioned Humphries (M), 5-0.

145 — Coapman (US) decisioned White (M), 8-2.

154 —Williamson (P) pinned Dickerson (D), 4:52.

165 — Mady (V) pinned Drury (P), 3:49.

180 — Sheldon (V) pinned Calabrese (P), 2:53.

Hwt. — Smith (V) pinned Castle (CS), 3:27.

Payoff for a Champ —

New Mexico Shot Down by State Rival —