

★ Lamson, Siegfried, Seitz Sectional Champs

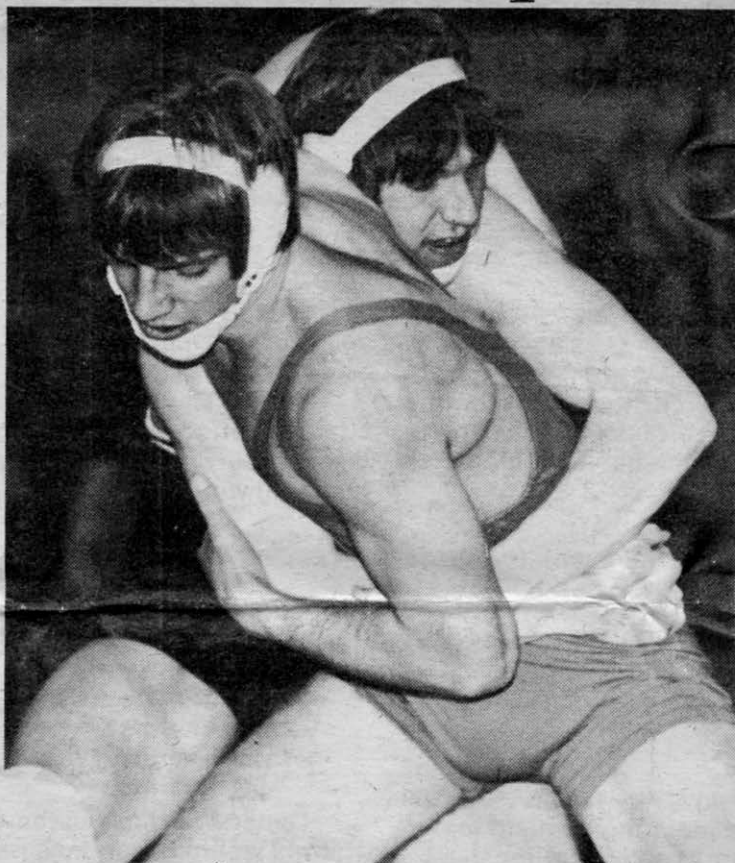
Seneca Falls senior Steve Siegfried seemed to sum up the story of the Section V tourney held in Geneva last Saturday. After decisioning Webster-Schroder's highly touted 105 pound Ted Pettinaro 8-4 to win the Class B crown, Siegfried ran off the mat and threw himself into the arms of Mynderse Coach Dan Caraher, fists raised in victory.

Although somewhat less demonstrative about it, Waterloo's Joel Lamson and Marty Seitz felt pretty much the same way after winning their events for Class B titles. The three wrestlers will travel to Fairport this weekend to compete in the state-qualifying meet. They will be joined by Blue Devil matman Vic Baldassari who took third in the unlimited weight class by pinning Penn Yan's Harry Swarhout in 1:04 in the consolation round.

The first winner for the local teams was Lamson who outwrestled Roger Reyes from Wayne 6-2 in the 98-pound bout. "It was pretty tough out there," said the Waterloo freshman. "He (Reyes) is a pretty good wrestler." Lamson will be a returning participant to the state-qualifier, having won the 91 pound title last year.

Seitz had less trouble in his 167 division title match as he dominated Batavia's Ray Waters for a 12-1 major decision.

The big story of the day however was Siegfried. With a lifetime record of 125-13-1, he has yet to compete at the state meet. Four times he has been to



JUST BECAUSE Marty Seitz, front, 177-pounder from Waterloo, seems enwrappt by Ray Waters of Batavia doesn't mean he's in any real trouble, as he continues to the weight class crown in the Section 5 tournament. Photo By Kevin Colton.

the state-qualifying tourney only to be eliminated, twice by wrestlers who became the Section V representative to the state finals.

This is his last shot at it, and he started the process in fine style by beating Pettinaro, last year's 98 pound Section V representative and an Empire State Games contender. This was Siegfried's second victory over Pettinaro in three meetings this season, but the first in a major tourney.

"I've beaten kids who have gone on to the state's before," said Siegfried, "but never in a big final like this. Beating the kid who was the 98-pound Section V state representative makes this extra special."

His coach was almost as happy for him as he was. "He really wanted it," said Caraher. "He's had so much pressure on him because of the 125 wins. This is my fifth year with Steve. He's just a great kid."