THE SECTION 10 WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP went to Gouverneur after the team completed the season undefeated. First row from left are Eric Peck (manager), Dan Horton, Joel Baer, Tom Soto, Dan Parshley, Ray Holcomb, and Corey Denesha, manager. Second row, Coach Hall, Eugene Fuller, Chad Fenton, Craig McIntyre, Chad Burns, Pat Steele, Brady Wood, Nate Hopper, Coach Randy Morrison, and Shawn Cummings. Absent: Cory Sipher.

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GOUVERNEUR SENIOR BASKETBALL players and cheerleaders exchanged gifts Feb. 15 at parents night. The cheerleaders gave the boys basketballs, while the basketball players gave the cheerleaders flowers. The cheerleaders also received flowers from their coach. First row, from left are Joanna Simmons, Hedi Johnson, and Veronica Swem. Second row, Chris August, Toney Phillips, and John George.

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Wildcats dominate Sectionals

Five champions crowned; Baer outstanding wrestler

By Dick Sterling

It was more than even wrestling coach Bill Hall predicted last week, when the finals of the Section 10 wrestling tournament rolled around at St. Lawrence University. Gouverneur had no less than 10 wrestlers in the finals and all four wrestlers who didn't reach the finals, Chad Finton, Cory Sipher, Brady Wood and Craig McIntyre, finished third in their weight divisions. By the time the last wrestlers had finished, the Wildcats would earn the opportunity to send five champions to the state championships in Syracuse, this Friday and Saturday, and the team outdistanced their nearest opponent by 125 points.

Before the finals began All Northern Awards were presented to the best overall wrestlers during the regular season. Eight Gouverneur wrestlers received All Northern status including: Pat Steele, at 105 pounds; Joel Baer, at 119; Chad Burns, at 132; Brady Wood, at 138; Nate Hopper, at 145; Eugene Fuller, at 155; Tom Soto, at 167; and Dan Parshley at heavyweight.

The finals began with seventh grader Ricky Hall of Malone pinning his Canton opponent, Arno, in just 1:11. Hall is undefeated, at 15-0, for the year.

Gouverneur's first wrestler to appear in the finals was Dan Horton, who had to wrestle top seed Paul Pfaff, of Malone, in the 98-pound division. Pfaff, who improved his record to 13-1-1, pinned Horton in 2:22. In the 105-pound weight class Wildcat Pat Steele dominated his Malone opponent, Tavernige, and led 6-0 before pinning his opponent in 4:30. Steele, who improved to 19-8 on the year, will move on to the state competition for the second straight year.

Gouverneur claimed its second consecutive weight class as 112-pounder Shawn Cummings matched Malone's Hall with a pin in 1:11, the quickest pin of the finals, as he dominated Dan Butler of Canton. Cummings improved his career record to 45-4 and heads to Syracuse for the second consecutive year.

The best match of the night followed as top seed Wade Eaton, of Canton, battled Joel Baer, of Gouverneur. Eaton entered the match with a 31-4 record. Baer was 22-7. Neither wrestler would give an inch as the two remained scoreless through the first period. Eaton earned a point on an escape in the second period and led 1-0 heading to the third two-minute period. Starting in the down position, Baer turned a two-point reversal on his opponent and led 2-1. Eaton then gained another escape within about 2 seconds but quickly broke the score at 2-2. Both wrestlers held each other off for the remainder of the period and after a much deserved one-minute break the two would face off in three one-minute overtime periods.

An escape and the first take-down of the match by Baer gave the Wildcat wrestler a 5-2 lead. Eaton managed a late escape but Baer held off his Golden Bear opponent for the final few seconds and won the exciting match by a final score of 5-3 in overtime. At the conclusion of the finals, Baer was awarded the trophy as the most outstanding wrestler of the sectionals.

The 126-pound match also featured some outstanding wrestling as two returning section title holders, Clifton-Fine's T.J. Sellers and Malone's Willie Dumas, battled tough for three periods with Sellers claiming the top prize with a 5-4 decision. The Clifton-Fine standout improved his season record to 26-2. In the 132-pound division, Wildcat senior Chad Burns battled Canton's Bob Butler. After falling behind 4-0 Burns scored on a third period take-down and appeared to be in control, but time ran out and Butler improved to 30-3 on the year with a 4-2 decision. Another one of Canton's finest, 138-pound Jason Crosby, improved his season record to 33-2 with a 5-0 decision over Hermon-DeKalb's Nathan Young.

One of Section 10's best chances at doing well in the state championships wrestled in the 145-pound division as Canton's Mitch Clark wrestled Wildcat Eugene Fuller. Clark, who is just a sophomore, improved his season record to 34-0 and his career mark to 100-19, with a 6-0 decision over a scrappy Fuller.

Canton, known for its dominance in the middle weight divisions, crowned its fourth consecutive champion in the 155-pound weight class as cousins Jeremy Fillitrault, of Canton, and Nate Hopper, of Gouverneur, battled. Fillitrault dominated the match, improving his season record to 34-1, with a 16-2 decision over his Wildcat opponent. The victory improved Fillitrault's career record to 105-21-1.

Gouverneur earned another victory in the 167-pound weight division as defending champion, Wildcat Tom Soto, outscored Malone's Evan Pfaff, 14-5. Soto, who improved to 24-5 on the year, scored all his points on take-downs and then let his opponent up for a one-point escape, only to take him down again.

In the 177-pound weight division top seed Nathan Harvey, of Malone, battled last year's section champ Chris Law of Hermon-DeKalb. The match was close throughout and Law finally gained the upper hand in the third period, earning a hard-fought 5-2 decision to improve his season record to 21-4.

In the heavyweight (or 215-pound) division, Gouverneur's Dan Parshley dominated Malone opponent Brian Debyah and earned his second straight sectional crown with an 11-1 decision. Parshley improved to 23-4-1 on the season. The super heavyweights, or 250-pound division, pitted Wildcat Raymond Holcomb against Massena's Greg Lavigne. Holcomb, who was unbeaten on the year, battled Lavigne tough for two periods but became winded in the final period and eventually lost the decision, 8-0.

In the team standings, Gouverneur finished with 281 1/2 points. Canton was a distant second with 156 1/2, followed by Malone with 143, Massena with 102, Clifton-Fine, 70, Hermon-DeKalb, 55, and O.F.A., 21.

The Wildcats finished the season with a perfect 12-0 league record. The team has won 26 consecutive league dual meets, dating back to the 1988-89 season. And with the Varsity "B" team also going undefeated in league play this year, the future looks bright for Wildcat wrestling.

JOEL BAER, right, receives a plaque and a handshake from Canton wrestling coach Neil Riggs, who was representing Section 10 at Saturdays Sectionals. The Gouverneur wrestler was named the tournaments most outstanding wrestler.

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Williamson happy with JV Ladycats' season

By Dick Sterling

This year's girls junior varsity basketball team started the season with very little experience, due to the loss of four of last year's starters to the varsity. Strong defensively—four of the Ladycats' seven losses were by five points or less—the JVs gave up an average of just 29 points a game while scoring 35 themselves.

Ninth graders Dawn Currier and Sandy McIntosh led the offense with Currier having the hot shooting hand; the leading scorer tallied over 13 points per game. McIntosh showed impressive all-around talents, leading in foul shooting with a 57 percent accuracy rate, rebounding with 7.5 per game, and blocked shots. She finished second in scoring, with eight points per game. Clara Pistolesi was the third leading scorer and assist leader with aggressive defense being her strong point. Patti Weldon finished the season second in assists and, according to JV coach Terry Williamson, "ran the offense like a seasoned veteran. Patti was often assigned to guard the opposition's leading scorer and always excelled." Erica Derrigo's quickness resulted in her being the leader in steals, pilfering 60 for the season.

Williamson said that with Pistolesi, Weldon, and Derrigo moving to the varsity next year "coach Douglass will be blessed with three of the most coachable, and truly nice girls with whom I've had the pleasure of working."

Subs Karen Bowhall and Teresa Young showed strong improvement over the season with Bowhall developing a strong shooting touch and Young ashowing the most improvement on the team in all facets of the game.

Rounding out the squad were Darleen Besaw, Ruby Clark, Connie Stowell and Irene Ong.

In singling out the girls' best game of the year Williamson said "perhaps the heart-breaking loss, at the buzzer to an undefeated Massena team, was the best game the girls played all season."

Coach Williamson concluded by saying that "for three years I've been coaching I've always been fortunate to have nice cooperative girls to work with. This year just continued the trend."

JON SPENCER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jan Spencer, Harrisville, has been selected as a Southwest Tech Student of the Month. Jon is a senior in the building trades program. Congratulating him on his achievement is Eldon Conklin, chamber president, left, and Joseph Laurenza, Southwest Tech principal.

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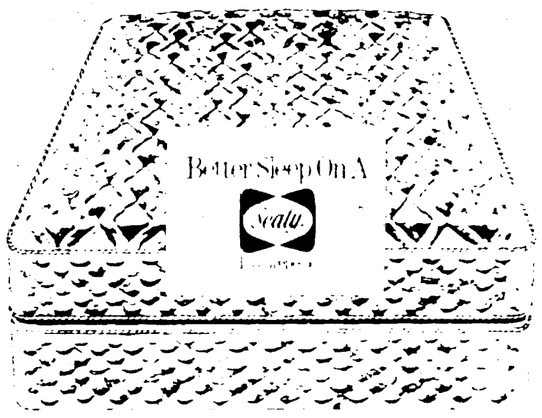

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