

— Avoids Pin Against Moore —

140-Pound Freshman Saves Day as 21-21 Tie Gives Mynderse W-FL Mat Title

SENECA FALLS—A 140 pound freshman last night gave Mynderse Academy its first wrestling championship last night even though he lost his match.

With about 300 of the solidly packed crowd in Mynderse gym hanging on the edge of the mat, this comparative lightweight accomplished an almost impossible feat and made it possible for Mynderse to gain a 21-21 tie with defending champion Geneva.

DelPapa looked like a lamb being led to slaughter when he was sent out on the mat to face Geneva's 207 pound sophomore, Dick Moore, who had won all of his matches by pinning his opponents.

The score stood Mynderse 21, Geneva 18, as the match started. It seemed almost certain that Moore would pin DelPapa and thus give Geneva the victory, 23-21, handing the Blue Devils their first loss of the season and thus creating a tie for the Wayne-Finger Lakes conference championship.

But for six minutes, DelPapa scrambled away from Moore and held the Genevan to a 6-0 decision. That gave the Panthers three points to tie the match but not enough to win.

Said a delighted Mynderse coach, Pete DeBottis, "I had to send him out there. I didn't have anyone else to use after I had dropped my regular heavyweight down a weight class.

Those two moves by DeBottis saved the day since Bob Buch-

wald scored an 8-2 decision over Geneva's Jay Covert in the 180 pound class.

The match, described by DeBottis as "a honey—everyone got their money's worth," was full of surprises.

Mynderse, expected to build up an early lead and hope it was enough to hold off against Geneva's big men, trailed 13-2 after the first four matches as Geneva's young lightweights surprised the Mynderse club with a pin, two decisions and a draw.

Two of those matches were heartbreakers for DeBottis.

John Swan led, 3-2 going into the final 15 seconds of the match when Chuck Principio scored a reversal and pulled out a 4-3 win.

In the match match, the 103, Joe Zona held a 7-4 lead over Dick Collins with about 20 second to go when Collins scored a reversal and a predicament to gain a 7-7 draw.

Nick Zona had Geneva's Nick DeYulio in trouble when the Panther ended the match abruptly with a pin at 3:08.

And in the top match of the evening, Pete Blum and Floyd Siegfried, two of the best light-middleweights in the league, tangled with Blum coming off with a 7-4 win, handing Siegfried his first loss of the season.

In the next five events, the best Geneva could do was gain a draw when Chuck Notar and Dick Scibona battled to a 4-4 tie. Mynderse picked up 16 points to Geneva's two to give the Devils

an 18-15 lead as the match moved into the Panthers' power.

Geneva's Dick Post tied it up when he decided Mynderse's part-time heavyweight, Irv Dunham, 12-4, and it still looked good for Geneva even though Bob Buchwald beat Jay Covert, 8-2.

In the latter match, Buchwald won it early when he nearly pinned Covert in the first period and sapped about all of the Genevan's strength in making the escape.

Then DelPapa, the mighty-mite, kept Moore from a pin, giving Mynderse a tie and the championship.

Both DeBottis and Geneva's Elmer Leach will spend a lot of time thinking about the one point they didn't get. Both were disappointed with the outcome though both professed extreme pride in their teams.

One critical match, as it turned out, came in the 154 pound class when Dick Atkinson of Geneva tried to break a 1-1 tie in the final 20 seconds with a take down against Heiti Kotkas. But Atkinson missed his lunge and found Kotkas on his back for a 4-1 decision that gave Mynderse the lead for the first time that night. As it turned out, a tie would have been all Geneva needed to win.

DeBottis could find a point in the 138 pound match in which Dick Scibona and Chuck Notar battled to a 4-4 tie. Scibona had a 4-3 lead when he received a warning for stalling. Just 15 seconds remained in the match. Scibona failed to change

tactics and Notar got a penalty point to tie it up.

Geneva's final standing in the league will be decided tonight when Waterloo tangles with the Braves at Canandaigua. The Panthers, with a 6-1-1 record, will finish second if Canandaigua (5-2) beats Waterloo (6-1). If Waterloo wins, the Panthers drop to third place.

The Genevans will tune up for the Wayne-Finger Lakes conference tournament that starts Wednesday with a non-league test against Auburn at Geneva High, Monday at 2 p.m.

Mynderse will host the Eastern Division semi-finals of the W-FL tourney on Wednesday night with Waterloo, Union Springs and Wayne Central joining the competition. Thursday, Geneva, Penn Yan, Canandaigua and Newark will join host Phelps in the Western Division semi-finals. Division champs and runners up will wrestle off Saturday at Mynderse.

The summary:

95 pounds — Chuck Principio (G) decisioned John Swan, 4-3.
 103 pounds — Joe Zona (M) and Dick Collins, (G), drew, 7-7.
 112 pounds — Nick DeYulio (G) pinned Nick Zona, 3-08.
 120 pounds — Pete Blum (G) decisioned Floyd Siegfried, 7-4.
 127 pounds — Ron Hooper (M) decisioned Don Haslett, 6-2.
 123 pounds — Bill Jackson (M) decisioned Mike Davis, 6-2.
 138 pounds — Dick Scibona (M) and Chuck Notar, drew, 4-4.
 145 pounds — Nick Barbi (M) pinned Lee Sacer, 3:47.
 154 pounds — Heiti Kotkas (M) decisioned Dick Atkinson, 4-1.
 165 pounds — Dick Post (G) decisioned Irv Dunham, 12-4.
 180 pounds — Bob Buchwald (M) decisioned Jay Covert, 8-2.
 Unlimited — Dick Moore (G) decisioned Rocco DelPapa, 6-0.