



MAT TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS—The 13 champs who were crowned last night at the eighth annual Auburn Invitational Wrestling Tournament at ACO gym are shown above with their trophies. Left to right, front row, Dan Monroe, West Genesee (85); Doug LaPietra (123) and Jim Tortorici (114), both of East Rochester; Pete Obitt (130), WG; Lee Furchim (129), Myndersee; Dick Beachline (125), Auburn. Back row, Stan Rogers (140), AHS; Paul Stratton (147), Steve Ritter (154), Doug Worth (165), all of Myndersee; Bill Sroka (122), AHS; John Simmonds (heavyweight), AHS, and Pairy DeVellis (unlimited class), Geneva.



OUTSTANDING MATMAN — Hank Vetter, Auburn High athletic director, congratulates Steve Ritter of Mynderse Academy, Seneca Falls, after being voted the outstanding wrestler in the AIT yesterday at AOC gym.

E. Rochester Cops Mat Title; Auburn Finishes in Third, Wins Four Championships

The East Rochester Grapplers won the 8th Annual Auburn Invitational Wrestling Tournament last night at Auburn Community College gym.

The winners scored 65 points to edge a strong Mynderse Academy to edge a strong Mynderse Academy team who tallied 60 points.

The host Auburn team finished third with 51 points.

The East Rochester team piled up a big lead during the day and had 59 points going into the finals with six wrestlers in the finals while Mynderse had 48 points and four wrestlers and Auburn had 39 points and four wrestlers.

Auburn and Mynderse won four championships and East Rochester had only two.

The Bombers lead proved too much to overcome. West Genesee had the other two champions and finished in a tie for fourth place with 46 points.

Top Matmen

The Outstanding Wrestler Award went to Steve Ritter of Mynderse, 154 lb. champion, while Doug Werth also of Mynderse copped the quick pin trophy with a 58 second fall in his first match.

Dan Monroe of West Genesee won the 97 lb. class as he defeated Steve Russell of Rome, 11-2 in the finals. Monroe defeated Al Calabro of Seneca Falls and Tony Sabatino of Geneva to advance to the finals.

In a rematch of last years 97 lb. class finals, Doug LaPietra of East Rochester edged Larry Biernet of Geneva 3-2 to gain the title. LaPietra defeated Dave Hill of Oneida to reach the finals after a first round bye.

Jim Tortorici of East Rochester copped the 114 lb. class as he outpointed Rush-Henrietta's Hugh Reynolds 6-1 to gain his second straight Auburn title.

West Genesee copped its second title as Pete Obit beat Jay Potter of East Rochester on a decision.

Obit beat Kevin Moher of Oneida in his 1st match and then edged Auburn's Dave DiFazio in a close 1 point decision in the semi finals.

In the last eight matches the titles all went to Auburn and Mynderse.

Best Bout

Lee Burchin of Mynderse edged Steve Achilles of Geneva for the 127 lb. title in one of the most exciting matches of the night.

In the semi-finals Burchin edged Auburn's Bob Simmonds by a 6-5 score to hand the local matman his first defeat of the year.

Auburn got its first championship as Dick Beauchine won a 135 lb. with a fine 6-2 win over Dennis LoComba of East Rochester. Beauchine had beaten Terry Gates of Rush-Henrietta and Ralph Byrne of Mynderse to reach the finals.

Stan Rogers won at 140 lbs. and it was again a East Rochester grappler that he defeated with a win over Tom Kostেকে. Rogers decisoned Rob Holloway of Rush-Henrietta and Bill Riegel of Mynderse in early matches.

Mynderse copped the next 3 matches in a row with Paul Stratton winning at 147 lbs. for his second Auburn title in two years beating Don Leeger of East Rochester.

Steve Ritter won at 156 lbs. West Genesee to cop the title and also the Outstanding Wrestler award. Ritter beat John Evans of Rome and Auburn's Dave Walsh in earlier matches.

At the 167 lb. class Doug Werth of Mynderse edged Rush-

Henrietta's Butch Bloom by one point.

Broke Unbeaten

Bill Sroka of Auburn copped the 182 lb class as the local grappler remained undefeated with a 4-1 win over Ron Bianchi of West Genesee. Sroka decisoned Charles Chatfield of Rush-Henrietta and Joe Galanti of East Rochester in earlier bouts.

John Simmonds, ended the evening on a winning note for the Maroons with a fine win over Gary Gephart of Rush-Henrietta. Simmonds had a bye in the first round and defeated Bill Simson of Mynderse in the Semi-Finals.

Team Score

East Rochester, 65; Mynderse, 60; Auburn, 51; West Genesee, 46; Rush-Henrietta, 46; Rome, 27; Geneva, 27; Oneida, 22.

A crowd of about 400 watched the finals which got underway about 8 p.m.

Following the matches, Hank Vetter, Auburn athletic director and also tournament director, awarded trophies to the winning teams and individuals.

Cornell Skaters To Face Harvard In Tournament

BOSTON (AP) — Cornell and Boston University, the East's top-ranked powers with 10-0 records, swap opponents tonight while heading for a showdown in the annual Christmas hockey tournament at the Arena.

Cornell scored a pair of goals in the third period to defeat stubborn Northeastern 4-2 while BU rallied to edge Harvard 7-5 in opening games Wednesday night before a crowd of 3,500.

The Big Red face Ivy League rival Harvard and BU takes on Northeastern tonight. Cornell and the Terriers meet in the tournament windup Friday night.

Cornell's Bob Ferguson broke a 2-2 tie against Northeastern with a 15-foot shot at 11:17 of the third period. Murray Death scored at 19:41 after the Huskies pulled their goalie.

Canadiens Still In Bad Slump

By United Press International
With the National Hockey League season approaching its midway point, the riddle of the Montreal Canadiens becomes more puzzling.

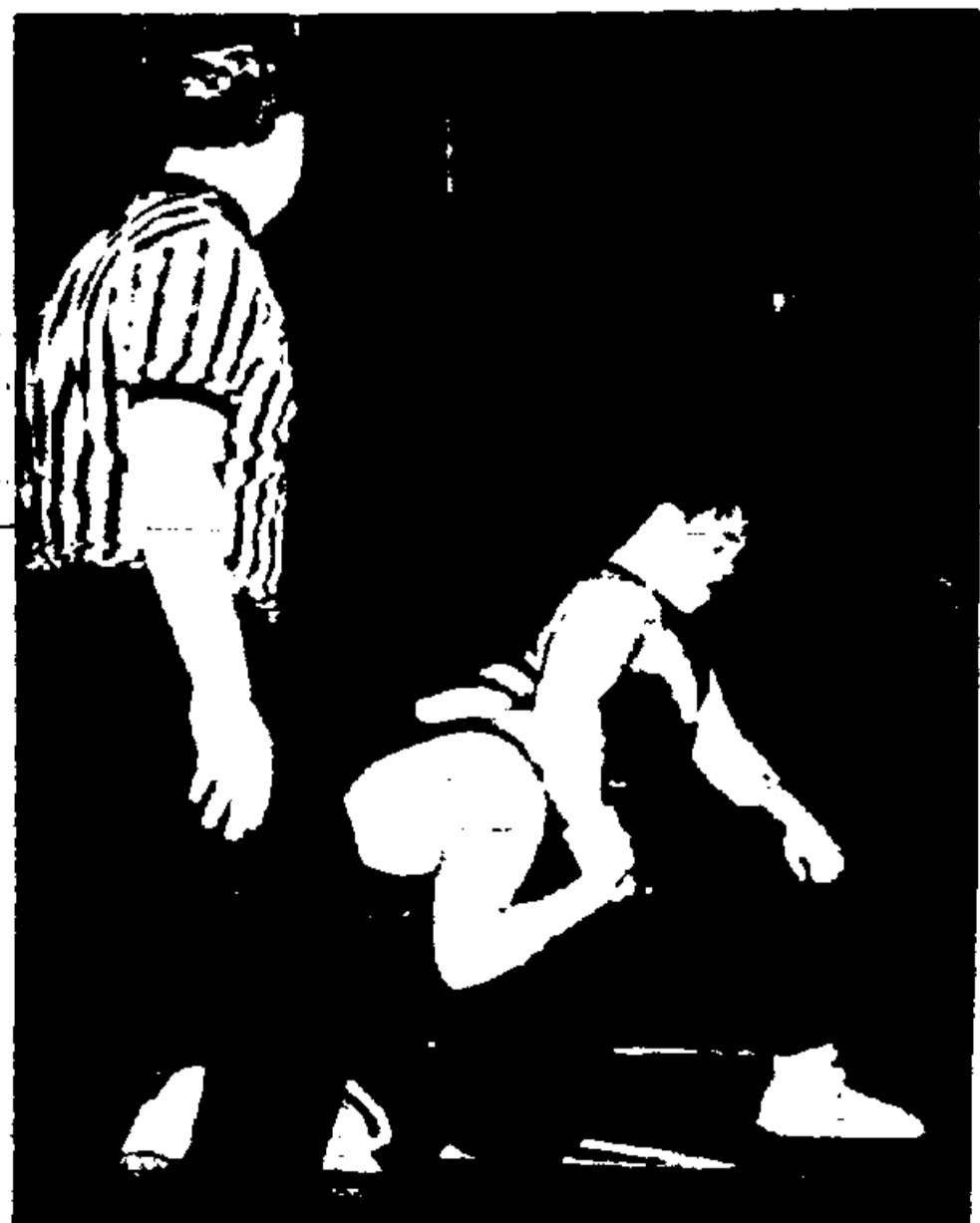
The Canadiens, who haven't finished lower than third place since 1947-48, are unable to get on track this season and are struggling to escape from fourth place.

Typical of their troubles was Wednesday night's game against Boston, usually a clay pigeon for the Canadiens in their home forum. But the bird got away again as the Bruins scored in the final minutes of the game to gain a 1-1 tie.

Wayne Connelly scored the equalizer at 17:37 of the session after Jim Roberts had given Montreal a 1-0 edge at 12:37 of the second period. As a result of Connelly's goal, the Canadiens picked up only one point in the standings and still trail third-place Toronto by four points.

No other games were scheduled.

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AUBURN WINNER — John Simmonds of Auburn appears to be in trouble in the above shot as Gary Gephart of Rush-Henrietta has him in a head lock. However, the Maroon matman escaped and decisoned his foe to win the heavyweight division of the Auburn Invitational Wrestling Tournament yesterday at A.C.C.