

Auburn wins own wrestling tourney

By DAVE DeLORENZO

It was a long dry spell but the Auburn High wrestling team finally won its fourth Auburn Invitational Christmas Tournament Saturday.

Although the field was not as strong as in most of the 15 other tournaments in past years, the victory still was second year Coach Steve Morgan's first in a tourney and was tremendous for him and his forces.

Putting four individual champions on the pedestal, the hosts totaled 133 points for the day long activity to outdistance runnerup Christian Brothers Academy of Syracuse which had 106 1/2.

Skaneateles was third with 98 and this trio was way out in front in the team competition.

Stable Thinking

Advisors urge horse census

By KAREN B. CASTELLI

There are trick horses that can count, but so far nobody has been able to count horses. The National Horse Industry Advisory Committee is urging that the U.S. Department of Agriculture take a horse census.

According to a Dec. 15 bulletin from USDA, the committee urges the census as a top priority and also urges a change in the handling of tests on horses for the fatal disease, Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA).

Though the Coggin's Test has proven an effective diagnostic tool, there is no cure and no prevention for the disease. A killer, the disease can also be carried in a healthy horse and in a sick horse which is suffering the disease in a latent form.

Transmitted by any agent which can be introduced into the bloodstream, such as hypodermic needles, hoof picks, farrier's knives, biting insects, and endless quantity of other ways, the disease causes horses to become weak and thin and usually results in death.

The economic losses possible are very great, however, wherever horses gather, testing is usually required, partially eliminating the threat. Race tracks have required the tests for many years and local horse show committees usually ask for proof of a negative Coggin's Test.

New York State law requires only certain horses to be tested and the Advisory Committee is urging that state's in which the disease has an incidence of under five per cent to require the test every 12 months and states where the frequency is more than five per cent to test for EIA every six months.

Any horse to be sold or given away in New York State must be tested for EIA.

Scotia-Glenville was next with 63, followed by Port Byron with 58, Union Springs with 49, Mynderse Academy of Seneca Falls with 43 1/2 and Corning East with 12.

The last time an Auburn team won the local tournament was 1965 and ironically the coach at that time was Dick Jones, now athletic director at Skaneateles. His teams also won in 1962 and '64. Since then such powers as Baldwinsville, Rush-Henrietta, Indian River, Sandy Creek and East Syracuse-Minoa have taken turns winning crowns.

The tournament was not conducted last year but this was the 16th renewal of the event.

Leo Hess, the Port Byron strongman who wrestles at 177 pounds, took home a pair of individual honors in the tour-

ney, being named the Most Valuable Wrestler and sharing the quickest pin award with Auburn 98 pounder Mark Green who was defeated in the finals. Hess was top seeded in his class, defeated Don Long of Mynderse in a 12 second pin in his opening bout then rolled to an 18-1 decision over Pete VanDingstee of Skaneateles. In the final, he outmuscled Auburn's Scott Clifford repeatedly before pinning him in 3:01.

Green got his 12 second pin in the second round by topping Terry Wormuth of PB. He then lost to Tab Wilde of Union Springs in the finals, the latter making a courageous comeback, being behind 4-0 going into the final period then scoring nine points in the final two minutes for a 9-6 victory.

Perhaps the best "pure wrestler" in the field was Mike Ciarmello of Scotia-Glenville. The Section II Class A champ a year ago when he had a 32-3 record. He went on a trip to East Germany during the summer, had a 3-0 freestyle mark on that tour and is now 4-0 this year.

He was top seeded, defeated Stu McLean of SCS 13-4 in the semis and then pinned John Dellonte of the host school in 4:27. He showed many moves in building up a 24-1 lead over Dellonte before scoring the pin.

Auburn's individual champions were Andy Giannone at 91, John Petrosino at 119, Bob Granato at 145 and heavyweight Jim Dunster.

Placing eight men in the finals, the Maroons had things pretty much sewed up at that time as CBA was 20 points behind and had just five men in the finals.

Port Byron, Union Springs and Mynderse had two individual winners each while Skaneateles, Scotia-Glenville and CBA wound up with one each. Corning did not even have a finalist.

The results of the championship matches and consolation bouts were:

91 pounds — Giannone, a soph, finally took the lead over Matt Cooligan of CBA in the second period and built the margin for a 7-3 advantage. Peter Ruscitto of S-G pinned Jerry Scibona of Mynderse in 4:50 for third.

98—Green had an early advantage over Wilde but could not hold on, turning into a near pin in the final period for the decisive points. Sam Jaccopella of CBA edged Al Gray of Skaneateles 2-0 for third.

106—Mill Casey of PB took an early lead over Mark O'Sullivan of Mynderse but the latter dominated the second and third periods for an 8-2 win. Joe Borsuk of SCS gained third with a pin over Frank Petrosino of AHS in 4:04.

112—Mark Kincaid, the PB transfer from Cato-Meridian and winner of the OHSL tourney

a year ago, showed his class early and earned an easy 8-2 win over Ralph Gabriel of CBA. Bill Rasso of S-G defeated Dennis Dye of SCS 4-0 for third.

112—John Petrosino got Auburn's second win and an extra team point with an 11-0 victory over Jeff Dunster of S-G, really pulling away in the last two periods. Jim Gabriel of CBA defeated Bob Ford of US for third 14-6.

126—Steve Groce, one of the best in the OHSL with a 21-1 mark last year and 5-0 this year, blanked Auburn's Steve Netti, just a soph, 10-0, showing his ability all the way. George Jennings of PB earned third with a pin of Dennis Dwyer of CBA in 4:35.

132—Bruce Fisher of the Springs picked up a 4-0 lead in the first period then just held on against Joe Cooligan of CBA to earn the title with a 4-3 decision. For third, Bruce Hanke of S-G toppled Jeff Palmer of SCS 3-0.

138—In a real tight match, Gary Bullis of Mynderse took this championship 3-2 over Bob Parascandola of S-G. The latter took a 2-0 lead early with a takedown but Bullis tied it up in the second period then gained a final period escape for a win. Craig Coleman got a third for Skaneateles when he topped Tom Egan of CBA 4-1.

145—Granato was a surprise winner as he was seeded only fifth but scored three upsets, the last over Mike Hammer of CBA with a 5-0 decision. He first beat Dave Maley of S-G 7-2 then second seeded Al Sheppard of SCS 9-4. For third, Ken Seamans of Mynderse outscored Tony Lauderdale of US 7-1.

155—Matt Bersani of CBA spotted Scott Godbout of Skaneateles an early lead and

was behind 4-1 after the first period but grabbed the lead in the second two-minute span and won 9-6 Auburn's Jesse Clay got his team's only third with an 8-4 decision over Mark Scouten of Corning.

167—Ciarmello showed why he was top seeded and very quickly. He got several pinning holds on Dellonte but the Maroon was not giving up, fighting back but he had no match and was pinned in the third period. Steve Gleason got Corning's best finish when he edged McLean 2-1 for third.

177—Strength was the key in the finals with Hess just having too much muscle for Clifford, building up a strong 7-1 lead in the first period and being ahead 12-2 at the time of the pin in the finals. For third, Rod Taylor of the Springs overcame VanDingstee 7-4.

Heavyweight—Dunster was matched against Skaneateles neighbor Matt Babbles in the finals and the two battled through a scoreless first period. Dunster got it going in the second period, building a 8-1 lead then adding more in the last two minutes for a 9-1 win. Third went to Steve Schoen of CBA when he overcame Tom Duane of S-G 14-2.

Unlimited—There were only two of the super heavyweights on hand—Toby Rosekrans of Auburn and Tony Paradise of Mynderse—so they went at each other for a title which did not count towards the team points. Rosekrans took an early lead but wound up being pinned in 3:13 by the Blue Devil.

Despite the fact there were five area teams in the tourney, attendance was not what was expected although better than in other years.



98 pounders in close match

Tab Wilde of Union Springs in the Auburn High Invitational has his arm around Mark Green Wrestling Tournament last night. Wilde rallied to edge the Maroon of Auburn and also grabs his leg in the finals of the 98-pound division matman 9-6.

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Auburn champ in action

John Petrosino, kneeling, of Auburn, won the 119-pound championship Saturday night in the Auburn Invitational Holiday Wrestling Tournament at the AHS gym. In the above shot, Petrosino is

about to bring Jeff Dunster of Scotia-Glenville to the mat. He won the bout 11-0. Johnny was one of four Auburn champs as the Maroons captured the tournament.