## 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 tournaments in past years, the victory still was second year Coach Steve Morgan's first in a athletic director at Skaneateles. for him and his forces.

Putting four individual champions on the pedestal, the East Syracuse-Minoa have hosts totaled 133 points for the day long activity to outdistance runnerup Christian Brothers Academy of Syracuse which had 108 1/2.

Staneateles was third with 98 and this trio was way out in

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numbers involved

counted at 18,054.

It is known that the borse

population is at its highest point

The enumeration of horses on

farms was dropped from the

According to a survey done by

the Morris Animal Foundation,

mid-1960s. Since all indicators

point to increases in the in-

dustry, the actual count, once

made might reveal shockingly

perhaps legislation which horse

owners feel is needed pertaining

to health research and funding

for educational facilities for

equine studies and tar

legislation would make more

sense to the nation's

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their foal's picture printed in

the column a few months later

**Finals today** 

lawmakers.

Once the numbers are known,

There are trick horses that as a rough estimate of the can count, but so far nobody has been able to count horses. The National Horse Industry Advisory Committee is urging in U.S. history, but nobody can that the U.S. Department of Agriculture take a horse cen-SUS,

According to a Dec. 15 federal census in 1960 when the bulletin from USDA, the number was listed as 3,069 committee urges the census as horses and mules, for a record a top priority and also urges a low in all counts since the change in the handling of tests census began in 1890, when the on horses for the fatal disease, mule and horse population was Equine Infections Anemia (EIA).

Though the Coggin's Test has proven an effective diagnostic there were about 6,380,000 in the tool, there is no cure and no prevention for the disease. A tiller, the disease can also be carried in a healthy horse and in a sick horse which is suffering huge figures. the disease in a latent form.

Transmitted by any agent which can be introduced into the bloodstream, such 85 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, foal contest is open to all perwherever horses gather, testing sons owning horses stabled in is usually required, partially the circulation area of the eliminating the threat. Race newspaper, which includes all tracks have required the tests of Cayuga and western Ononfor many years and local horse daga Counties. The first person show committees usually ask to report the birth of a foal born for proof of a negative Coggin's on or after Jan.1, 1976 will have Test.

New York State law requires only certain horses to be tested when spring arrives. Last and the Advisory Committee is year's winner was born at the urging that state's in which the end of January. Be sure to call disease has an incidence of as soon as possible after the under five per cent to require foaling. 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

Scotta-Glenville was next with ney, being named the Most 63, followed by Port Byrun with 58 Union Springs with 49, Mynderse Academy of Seneca Fails with 43 1/2 and Corning East with 12.

that time was Dick Jones, now 64. Since then such powers as Baldwinsville, Rush-Henrietta. Indian River, Sandy Creek and

taken turns withing crowns. The lournament 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 front in the team competition. individual honors in the tour-

Valuable Wrestler and sharing the quickest pin award with Auburn 98 nounder Mark Green who was defeated in the finals.

Hess was top seeded in his The last time an Auburn learn class, defeated Don Long of strong as in most of the 15 other won the local tournament was. Mynderse in a 12 second pin in 1965 and irunically the coach at his opening bout then rolled to an 18-1 decision over Pete VanDingstee of Skaneateles. In tourney and was tremendous His teams also won in 1962 and 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 5-0 freestyle mark on that tour and is now 4-0 this year.

He was top seeded, defeated Stu McLean of SCS 15-4 in the semis and then pinned John Dellonte of the host school in 4:27. He showed many moves in say how many horses there are. 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 bould 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 noigion, currung unto a mea pin in the final period for the decisive points. Sam Jocopella of CBA edged Al Gray of Staneateles 2-0 for third.

105-Milt 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 was behind 4-1 after the first 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 period. Jun Gabriel of CBA defeated Bob Ford of US for third 14-6.

125-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 Nettl, 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 +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 94. 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

period but grabbed the lead in the second two-munute 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

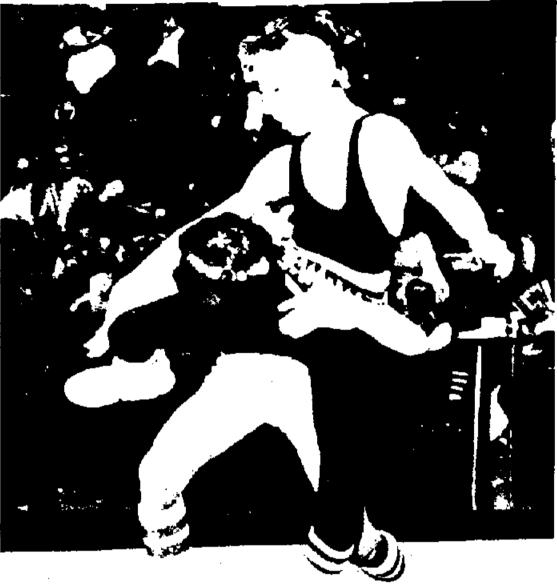
167-Ciarmello showed why he was top seeded and very ouckly. He got several pinning holds on Delionte but the Marcon was not giving up, fighting back but he had no match and was pinned in the third period. Steve Gleason got Corning's best finish when he edged McLean 2-1 for third.

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 Van-Dingstee 7-1.

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 ae overcame Tom Duane of S-G 14-2.

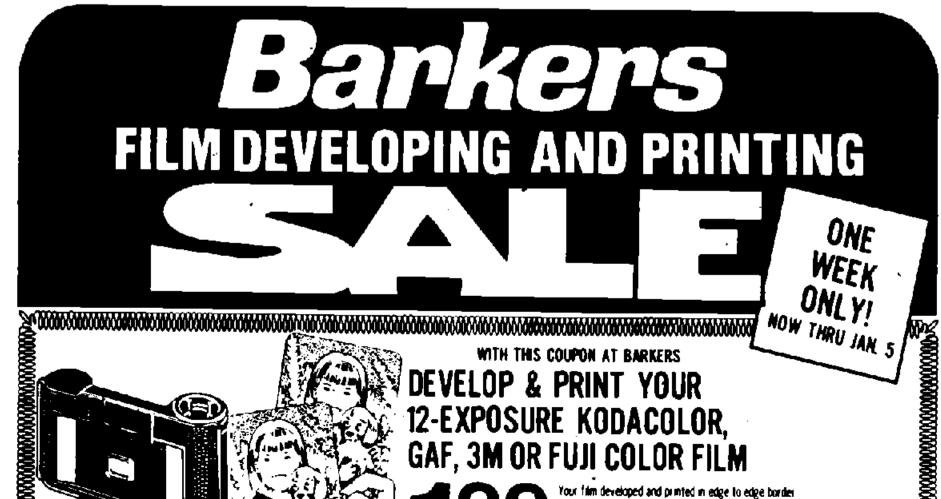
Unlimited—There were only two of the super heavyweights on hand-Toby Rosekrans of Auburn and Tony Paradise of Mynderse-so they went at each other for a title which did not count towards the team points. Rosekrans took an early lead but wound up being pinned in 3:13 by the Blue Devil.

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





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





## Auburn champ in action

John Petrosino, kneeling, of Auburn, won the 119-pound championship Saturday night in the Auburn Invitational Holinday 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.