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## NYS Championships

Section 5 within half point of 2nd place

On March 4th, Section Five's contingent of experienced wrestlers came within one half point of second place. The overwhelming winner was Section 11 (Long Island Suffolk) with 199.5 points. Next was Section 1 with 162, followed by Section 5 with 161.5. In order, next was 2, 9, 3, 6, 8, 4, 10, 7, PSAL-NYC, and NYSCHSAA.

Outstanding Wrestler Honors went to Section 11's 177 pounder, Adam Mariano of Comsewogue High School. Mariano has dominated in-season and off-season opponents for the past two years. He was NYS champ last year and runnerup the year before (his last loss, a 4-2 decision at the hands of Dave Grabbenstatter of Amherst, Section 6). Last year he was 38-0 with 36 pins. At the states, he scored three pins and a 14-4 decision.

Adam is considered one of the best high school wrestlers in the nation, regardless of weight. He was named to the ASICS Tiger

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## Section 5 State Qualifier

On February 25th, thousands of sweating fans watched as twenty-eight athletes waged war for the honor of wearing the purple singlet in the State tournament the following week. And despite the upsets, this year's champs boasted one important qualification going into the state tournament: a lot of experience.

All but three titleists are seniors, and their combined season records are 458-31-5. That's a 92.7% winning percentage! Four wrestlers came out undefeated: Andy Antonucci, 119, John Brooks, 138, Jon Welch, 167, and Sean Pancoast, 250. Three others had only one loss, and three had two losses.

Little Alex Croog, Brighton, only a freshman, started the fireworks by squeaking out a 4-2 win over Hilton's Don Spaulding. Spaulding defeated Croog 8-5 in the finals of the Class A Sectionals one week earlier. And before that, they each won another match. Both wrestled at 98 pounds a lot

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## The Real Most Outstanding Wrestler

Andy Antonucci most deserving of award  
by Jim Berner

The expectation fulfilled, that Adam Mariano would pin his way to the finals, won him the honors of Most Outstanding Wrestler at the New York State High School Wrestling Tournament. The excitement provided by Hilton's Andy Antonucci, in fighting his way to the finals at 119 pounds, only to meet and defeat two-time state champ and heavily favored Troy Bouzakis, earned Andy the second ballot draw of the MOW vote.

To get to the finals, Andy defeated 1988 105 pound champ Doug Shaffer of Waverly, 6-4. The finals match between Antonucci and Bouzakis was indeed the match of the evening, if not the decade. A see-saw overtime battle was the most exciting match this writer has witnessed in ten years at the state competition. Not only in this

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## Better Late Than Never!

March's issue of RWN comes real late, and we apologize. First off, we moved, and things got really hectic. Our new address is:

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Another reason for our tardiness is the failure of coaches to send me information. I spoke to many of you about forwarding to me information about post-season results, but only a few responded. Guys, please make more of an effort to get in your information.

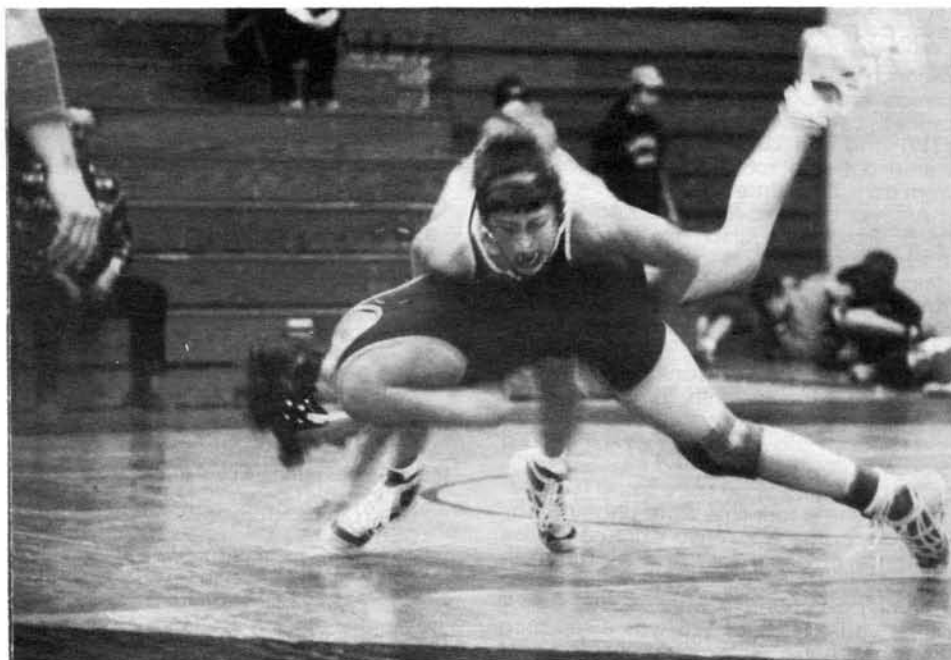
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- Mike

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Williamson's 132 pound Nate VanDeusen, top, takes his opponent to the mat during early round Class C Sectional competition. VanDeusen, a sophomore, won this match, but did not place in Class C. Photo by Nancy A. Kise.

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All American team after taking the national championship over the summer in Iowa. He has also placed in world events, competing in over 80 off-season matches.

Mariano has narrowed his choice of college to five - Penn State, Pittsburgh, Wisconsin, Lehigh, and Notre Dame. His potential is considered NCAA championship level, perhaps even Olympic level.

And while Mariano was busy winning his second title, Section 5's group of mostly seniors kept busy tying up a strong third place. Led by champs Andy Antonucci (119) and Joe LoPresti (126), the purple came out with some newly-won respect from across the state.

Antonucci won over Troy Bouzakis in the finals. Troy, only a junior, has two NYS titles, a third, and a second to his credit already. Prior to his finals loss, Bouzakis was 136-1. And in the semis, Antonucci beat Doug Shaffer, last year's 105 pound champ, who beat Andy last year.

Salem's 105 pound Frank Fronhofer became only the seventh three-time state champion when he beat Juan Carlos Garcia (Sleepy Hollow) 5-3. His win blocked a Sleepy Hollow 98-105 sweep.

It looks like it will be quite some time before we see a four-time state champ. Troy Bouzakis came within two extremely close matches of doing so. And he may become New York's eighth three-time champ next year.

This year's finals at 250 was a rematch from last year. Jeff Way of Peru won over Bill Friburger of William Floyd then. This year, Friburger turned it around with a 7-3 decision.

Seamus Lyman, 155, Watertown was im-

pressive in beating NY's winningst wrestler, JJ Stanbro of Johnson City. In four years, Stanbro had over 180 wins. Lyman is only a junior. He was runner-up at 145 last year.

### 91 1 Anthony Alberti-3, (Henrick-Hudson) 1) 17-3

2 Craig Conant-1 (Tully 3)  
3 Mike Buonaguria-3 (Connetqt 11) 5-2  
4 Alex Croog-1 (Brighton 5)  
5 Jason Warfingier-1 (Cheektow 6) forfeit  
6 Mike Russell-3 (Deposit 4)  
Alberti won by 15-2, 8-2, 3-2, and 17-3.

### 98 1 Carlos Jimenez-4 (Sleepy Hollow 1) 9-5

2 Tom Mangan-4 (Averill Park 2)  
3 Bob Jackson-4 (Sweet H 6) 7-2  
4 Ken Wojehowski-2 (Cornw 9)  
5 Tojo Poole-4 (Baldwins 3) default  
6 Barry Barklund-4 (Bloomfield 5)  
Jimenez won by pin 2:17, 10-2, and 9-5.

### 105 1 Frank Fronhofer-4 (Salem 2) 5-3

2 Juan Carlos Garcia-2 (Sleepy Hollow 1)  
3 Jeff Duque-2 (Valley Central 9) 5-3  
4 Shawn Knisely-4 (Waterloo 5)  
5 Joe Lopez-4 (Sachem 11) 7-2  
6 Joe Toner-2 (Johnson City 4)  
Fronhofer won by 6-0, 6-0, 1-0, and 5-3.

### 112 1 Tom Sinacore-4 (Bethpage 8) OT Crit

2 James Canty-4 (Suffern 1)  
3 Nick Rastelli-4 (Grand Island 6) 4-3  
4 David Brown-4 (Herman-DeKalb 10)  
5 Kurt Wagner-4 (Port Jefferson 11) 4-0  
6 Shawn Edwards-2 (Peru 7)  
Sinacore won by 18-5, 16-3, 8-5, OT Crit.

### 119 1 Andy Antonucci-4 (Hilton 5) 5-4 OT

2 Troy Bouzakis-3 (Pine Bush 9)  
3 Dan Diamond-4 (King Park 11) 5-4  
4 Doug Shaffer-3 (Waver, 1)  
5 Chad Sheldon-3 (Fulton 3) pin 2:57  
6 Lonnie Rivers-3 (Peru 7)

Antonucci won by pin 5:20, 6-1, 6-4, and 5-4 OT.

### 126 1 Joe LoPresti-4 (Spencerport 5) 5-4

2 Ed Moak-4 (Averill Park 2)  
3 Rob Kearney-4 (Williamsville No 6) 2-0  
4 Brandon MacNaught-3 (Walton 4)  
5 Matt Kenneally-4 (William Floyd 11) 6-5  
6 Sam Sicoli-4 (Pine Bush 9)  
LoPresti won by 7-3, 5-2, and 5-4.

### 132 1 John Bena-4 (Niskayuna 2) pin 1:48

2 Tom Shifflet-3 (Sweet Home 6)  
3 John Hill-4 (Brighton 5) OT Disq  
4 Offie Reed-4 (Copiague 11)  
5 Ryan DenHaese-4 (Cato-Meridian 3) pin 4:00  
6 Chris Baker-4 (Saranac 7)  
Bena won by 4-2, 9-7, 11-3, and pin 1:48.

### 138 1 Lou Ruggiello-4 (Valley Central 9) 7-1

2 Bill Terry-4 (Freeport 8)  
3 Mike Polo-4 (Northport 11) 3-1  
4 Corey Schroeder-4 (Averill Park 2)  
5 John Brooks-4 (North Rose Wolcott 5) 9-2  
6 Jeff Whitton-4 (Herman-DeKalb 10)  
Ruggiello won by 7-1, pin 3:43, and 7-1.

### 145 1 Jamie St John-4 (Port Jefferson) 8-5

2 Don Duell-4 (Mexico 3)  
3 Steve Taylor-3 (Brockport 5) forfeit  
4 Chris Bell-4 (Minisink Valley 9)  
5 Matt Marciniak-2 (Watkins Glen 4) 4-2  
6 Wayne Morrow-4 (Gouverneur 10)  
St John won by 10-1, 11-0, 9-3, and 8-5.

### 155 1 Seamus Lyman-3 (Watertown 3) 3-1

2 JJ Stanbro-4 (Johnson City 4)  
3 Emilio Collins-3 (Tappan Zee 1) 5-2  
4 Dion Visconti-2 (Chaminade C)  
5 Chip Foster-3 (Guilfordland 2) 5-3  
6 Paul Whitton-4 (Herman-DeKalb 10)  
Lyman won by 6-0, 8-5 OT, 3-1, and 3-1.

### 167 1 Chris Balducci-4 (Ivrylinton 1) 7-0

2 Jon Welch-4 (Canandaigua 5)  
3 Dean Morrison-4 (Copiague 11) 8-5  
4 Jason Rocker-4 (Saratoga 2)  
5 Mike Kotin-4 (Farmingdale 8) 8-5  
6 Mark Whitford-4 (Tottenville P)

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Balducci won by pins of 3:42, 3:37, 13-3, and 7-0.

### 177 1 Adam Mariano-4 (Comsewogue 11) 14-4

2 John Penhollow-3 (Cassadaga Valley 6)  
3 Mike Buccci-3 (Red Hook 9) 6-1  
4 Chris Knazik-4 (Walter panas 1)  
5 Aaron Brown-2 (Farmingdale 8) pin 2:21  
6 Shane Smith-4 (So Glens Falls 2)  
Mariano won by pins of 1:00, 1:46, 2:37, and 14-4.

### 215 1 Ron Vitullo-4 (New Hartford 3) pin 2:57

2 Earl Gardner-4 (Stuyvesant P)  
3 Charles Davis-4 (Long Beach 8) 5-3  
4 Alex Biolski-4 (Monroe-Woodbury 9)  
5 Kevin Brinkworth-2 (St Joseph's C) 9-6  
6 Bill Crawford-3 (Wyandanch 11)  
Vitullo won by pins of 1:03, 1:14, 5-0 and pin 2:57.

### 250 1 Bill Friburger-4 (William Floyd 11) 7-3

2 Jeff Way-4 (Peru 7)  
3 Rob Bandish-4 (Sweet Home 6) 3-1  
4 Mark Pasquariello-4 (Niskayuna 2)  
5 Sean Pancoast-4 (Victor 5) pin 2:45  
6 Marvin Garvey-4 (Herman-DeKalb 10)  
Friburger won by 12-2, pin 3:14, and 7-3.

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## State Qualifiers, cont from page 1

during the season. In the qualifiers, it was a last period takedown and a tough ride that clinched it for Croog.

The 98 pound match was a hair-raiser, as Bloomfield's Barry Barklund buzzed to a 9-5 overtime win over a rangy Roy Frey, East Rochester. In regulation, Frey almost escaped several times in the third period, but a tenacious Barklund held on. In OT, it was all Barry as he employed a reversal, an escape, and three takedowns to win. The last TD was after he let Frey out with seconds left, back-peddled, then stepped in for a quickie at the buzzer. Barklund appeared strong, sharp, aggressive, and ready for Syracuse. After the match, his teammate Bill Opett was one of the first to congratulate him. Opett, last year's 91 pound champ and state fifth placer, bowed out, 5-1, to Shawn Knisely, in the 105 semifinals.

Speaking of which, Knisely, Waterloo, had an impressive tournament, handily beating all comers to make it to the finals against Spencerport's TD ace, Jon Raines. In a close-fought match, Knisely took it 3-1 in overtime. He scored on an escape and a reversal; Raines scored only on a stalling point - understandable, since he was wrestling a guy who looked nearly six feet tall! After the victory, Waterloo coach Abe Meyers leaped for joy. This was perhaps the most competitive class. Besides Opett, East Rochester's Rich O'Lena also stayed home - the victim of a last second pancake by Raines. At the time, O'Lena was leading 1-0. The score of that quarterfinal match wound up 5-1.

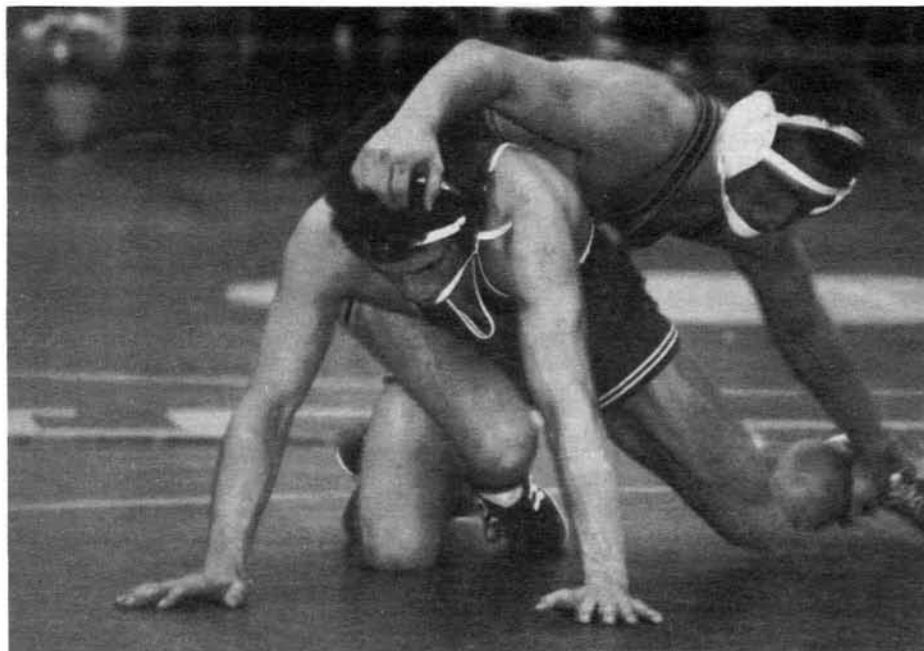
Canandaigua's Kerry Foster, 112, appeared tentative and defensive in his match with surprise finalist Dan Shirley, LeRoy. Shirley wrestled gamely and nearly scored a first period TD, but Kerry warily slipped out. In the second, Shirley did score a TD to Foster's escape and stalling point.

In the third, Foster released his opponent, falling behind 3-2. Then the big move: as Shirley had Foster's leg off the mat, Foster rolled through and locked up a cradle in mid-air - a four point move for 6-3 lead! In the final 40 seconds, Dan scored an escape and stalling point to make it 6-5, Foster. While not overly impressive, Kerry called upon his vast experience to win.

A much-anticipated war at 119 turned out to be fairly one-sided. Spencerport's rugged Chris Bannister had lost a couple of times to Gates Chili's Joe Giglio, and once to Andy Antonucci. But all of these matches were very close, and many thought Bannister had a good shot at an upset. In the match, Antonucci scored quickly on a low single leg TD, then applied a punishing ride.

Whenever Bannister made it to his feet, Antonucci would lift him up and slam him to the mat. In the second, Bannister finally escaped to make it 2-1. Off the bottom in the final period, Andy exploded out for the escape and immediately ankle-picked Bannister for a 5-1 lead. With 43 seconds left, Chris escaped. At the close of the match, Antonucci nearly scored on a duck-under. Final score: 5-2. Last year, Antonucci came back from the dead to beat Bobby Pollino, Geneva, in overtime.

For the second week in a row, Joe LoPresti, Spencerport, 126, frustrated Brockport's Scott Daly. The week prior, it was 4-2, LoPresti, with Daly nearly reversing at the end. This time, it was LoPresti 3-0 in a lackluster match that left Daly pounding the mat in anguish afterwards. It was LoPresti's



Rush Henrietta senior Scott Reddick, top, applies a tight leg ride on Brockport junior Steve Taylor. Both wrestlers had super-successful seasons this year, despite being relatively unknowns last year. For both, huge improvements occurred as a result in off-season wrestling. Both wrestled 50 matches each in spring/summer competition. Reddick won two of three meetings, with Taylor winning the last and most important match - the finals of the State Qualifiers. Photo by Thomas Reddick.

second Super Sectional title after a close match. While not scoring tons of points, Joe did score when he had to and prevented his opponent from scoring.

At 132, Brighton's John Hill peaked at the right time, defeating Steve LaFountain, Hilton, 7-2. Hill placed second in the counties and third in the Class A Sectionals. LaFountain was third in the counties and first in the A's. Most fans favored LaFountain to win. And he might have, if not for the pancake he ran into in the second period. LaFountain was ahead 2-1 when it came, and behind 6-1 afterwards. In the final period, LaFountain released Hill in a futile attempt to score a TD. Final score: 7-2. Hill has lost four close matches this year, three of them to Joe LoPresti.

Pat White, 138, Hilton, almost pulled a surprise against NRW's John Brooks. His mat sense, defensive skills, and elongated body made for a difficult opponent for Brooks. Brooks prevailed, 3-1, on the strength of a second period single leg TD and a third period escape. Pat is the A champ, while Brooks is a two-time Class B champ.

The match at 145 was a real shocker. Undeclared senior Scott Reddick of Rush Henrietta faced Brockport junior Steve Taylor, an opponent he beat twice before by margins of 5 and 3 points. Taylor drew first blood on a single leg TD. Reddick amazingly squirmed out a reversal half a minute later. A lot of switches and re-switches were flying in the second period. On one of these, Taylor converted it for a two-point near fall. Reddick escaped seconds later, the score 4-3, Taylor. In the third, they traded reversals for a final score of 6-5, Taylor. Several times it appeared both men were close to scoring more points, both their defensive skills prevented these.

At 155, Terry Lucero, Bloomfield junior, decked surprise finalist Brian Gray of Wells-ville in the first period. Lucero scored on a two-point Greco toss, then followed up 80 seconds later with a pin at 1:48. Lucero, the only other junior on the state team, was

elated afterwards as he jumped into the arms of coach Gene Wild.

Jon Welch at 167 next won a methodical 11-5 decision over Marion's Jerry Newby. Newby, who has terrorized Wayne County opponents for years, appeared outclassed as Welch scored four slick takedowns and three escapes to Newby's takedown, reversal, and escape. Considering his foe, Newby did an admirable job.

The 177 pound class was this year's Cinderella story. Tony Ricci, Olympia senior, injured his shoulder on February 6th. The injury prevented him from competing in the Sectionals and qualifying for the State Qualifiers. However, Coach Bill Brooks applied for an exceptional entry based on Ricci's 23-2 record. The rule is that the athlete has to have at least a 92% winning percentage. Ricci's was 92% on the nose.

Back Door Tony was allowed into the tournament and despite his impressive record, he had to still be considered a long shot - he had not done any live wrestling or conditioning work to speak of in three weeks.

Ricci surprised most fans by making it to the finals via two pins and two decisions, 11-6 and 3-2. In the finals, he faced Newark junior Corey Comer.

Ricci came out firing against Comer, almost pinning him with a first period headlock. Corey later reversed, with Ricci escaping to end the period at 6-2. In the second, Comer picked up an escape and stalling point. Ricci's lack of conditioning was starting to affect the match. In the third, Comer scored a takedown with Ricci escaping. Another point was awarded to Comer for Ricci stalling. As the match ended, Comer was close to scoring the winning takedown. However, Ricci prevailed 8-7. The crowd, seeing Comer come back from near death, booed the final decision. It appeared many felt Ricci should have been penalized another stalling point.

At heavyweight, Fairport's Jerry Pelusio

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upset top-seeded Rob Kessler of Webster, 3-1. Kessler had beaten Pelusio three times this season, and this loss was his only one of the season. In the Class A Sectionals, Kessler won 9-2.

Sean Pancoast of Victor upped his record to 27-0-1 by winning a close 2-1 match over Newark's Pablo Rojas. Rojas was runner-up to Pancoast in the Class B Sectionals the week before by the score of 1-0.

This year's team has an abundance of experience. Seven of the champs have well over 100 career wins, and five of them have previous state experience (Knisely, Foster, Antonucci, LoPresti, and Welch).

The harsh reality of the State Qualifiers is that very often, excellent wrestlers are left behind. This year, there were several:

Jeff Lessord, 91, Williamson; Don Spaulding, 91, Hilton; Roy Frey, 98, East Rochester; Rich O'Lena, 105, East Rochester; Bill O'pett, 105, Bloomfield; Jon Raines, 105, Spencerport; Chris Bannister, 119, Spencerport; Scott Daly, 126, Brockport; Steve LaFountain, 132, Hilton; Tom Foos, 132, Spencerport; Pat White, 138, Hilton; Scott Reddick, 145, Rush Henrietta; Jeff Wittman, 177, Gates Chili (knee injury in finals of Class A's); Reb Kessler, 215, Webster, and others

The one disappointment of the tournament was sitting packed like sardines at Webster Schroeder's gym. What's wrong with the Rochester War Memorial? Is it so much to ask of the basketball-crazy officials to give up its use for one day? Years ago, the qualifiers were held in the War Memorial, and it added a little mystique and dignity to the event. It might have even helped prepare our representatives better for the Syracuse War Memorial. Well, maybe next year...?

## The Real MOW, cont from page 1

writer's opinion, but in many of the minds of the unbiased crowd, Andy deserved the vote for MOW.

With the ultimate respect to Adam Mariano, he accomplished just what was expected of him. He tore his way to the finals where his opponent was obviously conservative and almost was disqualified by that approach. The greatest return threat to Mariano in the 177 pound class was 1988's sixth place finisher, Mike Bucci, who lost in the semis and never faced Adam. Even 1988's fourth place finisher dropped a weight class to win the 167 title.

My salute to Adam Mariano...a great athlete...however, my biased feelings are with Section Five's Andy Antonucci, who provided us with a feeling of adventure and excitement.

Notes: Finishing third by only one half point was an excellent showing for Section Five. Placing 10 of 14 weight classes with many pins in the early rounds contributed to this.

Joe LoPresti and Andy Antonucci were champions followed by Jon Welch with a second, John Hill and Steve Taylor with thirds, Alex Croog and Shawn Knisely with fourths, John Brooks and Sean Pancoast with fifths, and Barry Barklund with a sixth.

Joe LoPresti had a great tournament, drawing a bye in the first round, winning matches of 7-3 and 5-2 to advance to the finals. Against Ed Moak, he won an exciting 5-4 match.

Next year's tournament may bring Section Five to the forefront once again as this year's state qualifier was very competitive with lots of young talent and three of the fourteen state team returning next year.

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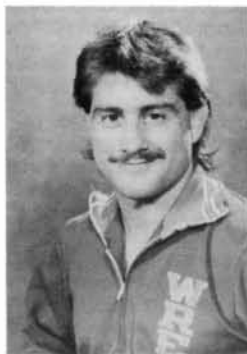
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## Section 5 Profile

**91 Alex Croog, Brighton freshman.** Never-say-die Croog wrestled most of the year at 98 pounds. It wasn't until the Class A Sectionals that he dropped to 91. He finished the season at 37-12. Surprisingly, his Section 5 title was only his second of the year. He won the LeRoy Invitational, then placed fourth at the Tri Valley Invitational, second at the Hilton Tournament, fourth in the Monroe Counties, and second in the Class A's. He wrestled Don Spaulding, Hilton, four times this year, winning two of those meetings.

At the states, Croog lost 7-0 to Mike Buonagurio, a junior from Long Island. In wrestling-backs, he decked Richard Ruck, Tully, won 2-1 over Peter Smith, St Anthony's, won by injury default over Mike Russell, Deposit, and lost to Buonagurio again, 5-2. He placed fourth, and will have three more chances to return.

**98: Barry Barklund, Bloomfield senior.** Hyperactive Barry was second to go to the states last year, and this year was in overdrive all season. His aggressive, nonstop style earned him a 37-2-1 record. His only Section Five loss was at the hands of ER's 105 pound Rich O'Lena, 8-0. Barklund employs a wide variety of freestyle and Greco moves. He is a six-minute wrestler who is exciting to watch.

In Syracuse, Barklund pinned Brett Gould, Calhoun, and shut out Tojo Poole, Baldwinsville, 7-0. In the semis against a tough Tom Mangan, Averill Park, he hurt himself. He lost by fall, and injury defaulted to sixth place. Not a bad showing considering his injury. Mangan defeated last year's 91 pound champ Scott Hughes of Burnt Hills to make it to the states. He eventually lost a 9-5 decision in the finals.

**105: Shawn Knisely, Waterloo senior.** Towering Knisely finished his career with a record of 136-14-2. He won eleven tournaments, including the Class B title four times. He placed fifth in the states as a sophomore, and fourth this year. He is a defensively tough and stingy wrestler.

In Syracuse, Shawn lost in the first round, 7-6 to tough Jeff Duque, Valley Central. Then he won three matches, 4-0 over Robert Donnino, Chaminade, 2-1 over Chris Kumrow, Williamsville South, and 8-2 over Joe Toner, Johnson City. His last match was a loss to Duque again, 5-3. He placed fourth in a very competitive weight class.

According to Waterloo coach Abe Meyers, Shawn is a good student and wants to go into teaching. He is very dedicated to wrestling, and has been accepted to Clarion, Lock Haven, Ithaca, and Cortland. "He has done a fantastic job for us, and will be greatly missed," says Meyers.

**112: Kerry Foster, Canandaigua senior.** Like Knisely, Foster also went to the states as a sophomore. He entered the states at 129-20-1. Of all Section 5 champs, only Knisely had more career wins (133). For the season, he finished at 33-4-1.

In Syracuse, Foster ran into the eventual winner, Tom Sinacore of Bethpage, in the first round. Sinacore won 16-3, not giving Kerry an opportunity to score much. In wrestling-backs, he lost to Shawn Edwards of Peru, 4-1 and did not place.

Despite not placing, Foster finished off a sparkling high school career, winning sever-

al tournaments, including two Section 5 titles. He is a four-time 30-match winner four-time All Finger Lakes East Team, and four time Windsor Tournament Champion.

Foster is a year-round wrestler, competing in many freestyle and Greco Roman tournaments. He is very experienced, and has a lot of mat savvy. Towards the latter part of the season, he appeared to slump slightly, winning a close match to go to the states, and then not placing at the states. Had he been at his best, he most likely would have placed high. Kerry will take his considerable talents to either Brockport, Alfred Tech, or another college.

**119: Andy Antonucci, Hilton senior.** Last year, Andy lost 6-5 in the semifinals to eventual champ Doug Shaffer of Waverly (Section 4). This year it was Antonucci 6-4 over Shaffer. Prior to the semis, he pinned Lonnie Rivers of Peru (Section 7) and beat Steve Felt of Salamanca (Section 6) 6-1. Most competitors would have been satisfied just making it to the finals and beating a state champ en route. Not Antonucci.

His opponent was Troy Bouzakis, a junior from Pine Bush (Section 9). Bouzakis won the state title at 91 and 105 in 1986 and 87. Last year, he lost a controversial match in the semifinals and took third place. He entered this year's tournament with an awesome record of 136-1.

Says Hilton coach Al Krotz, "We figured Andy had a chance against Bouzakis if he didn't make any mistakes. If he could just forget who he was and concentrate on moves, he might pull it off."

That is exactly what Antonucci did. It took him six periods to do it, (5-4 OT), but he finally won. It came down to him riding out Troy the entire last period. And Bouzakis nearly escaped several times. Each time, Antonucci lifted him and slapped him to the mat. With 11 seconds left, Bouzakis seemed spent and resigned to second place. And when the buzzer went off, the crowd roared its approval of a new state champ. In what many felt was the most exciting finals match in years, Antonucci carved himself a spot in state history.

Antonucci finished his career at 133-16-2. This year he posted an awesome 40-0-1 mark, best in Section Five. He seemed to

be in overdrive the past few weeks, peaking at the right times. His decisive win over Chris Bannister in the qualifiers was satisfying to him. After a close win and a tie, many fans felt an upset was in the making. "I didn't want to leave on a bad note," says Andy. "I wanted to win our last meeting so there would be no doubts." And against Bouzakis: "I felt for sure I could beat him. I really felt I would win." His confidence and aggressiveness fueled him to one of the winningest records in Section 5 history.

Antonucci's state title makes it four individual state titles in four years for Hilton. Dave Pitoni won the 112 title in 1986, with Rick Sadwick dominating the 155 pound slot in 1987 and 1988. When asked to compare these athletes, Krotz replies that he can't. "They're all so vastly different in their methods and personalities. Their only commonalities are that they hate to lose, they work hard, and they are fierce competitors. Rick could beat you without hurting you. Andy is all brawn. He'll hurt you."

In fact, Antonucci is so tough on sparring partners, that Krotz has to be careful who goes against him. "Andy works out with guys 20 and 30 pounds heavier than him. Of these kids, only Pat White, 138, is able to stay with Andy. The first couple of times he worked out with Steve LaFountain, 132, he demoralized Steve. Andy was too fast. It's helped LaFountain overall, though." It has helped, and if not for a five point move, LaFountain would have also competed in the states.

Antonucci likes wrestling because "it is aggressive and pain can be inflicted." He uses a lot of takedowns - double legs, duck unders, ankle picks, etc. "I like to get my opponents in the air", he says.

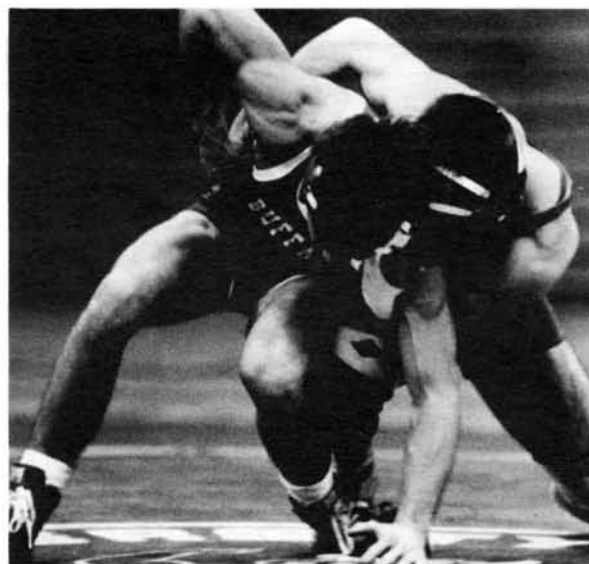
Andy definitely plans on competing in college next season, yet is not sure of which school he'll be attending. Among those he is considering are Syracuse, Buffalo, Lehigh, and Penn State. His plans for the spring and summer are to relax and enjoy. He might compete in the Empire Games, but does not think he will be in any other tournaments. Antonucci was runner-up in Most Outstanding balloting at the state; for more information, see article entitled "The Real Most Outstanding Wrestler".

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1988 University of Buffalo grad Dean Salvaggio, left, formerly of Cardinal Mooney, in action last year.

Salvaggio, 142 pounds, placed fifth in the Nationals in 1987. Last year, he was NCAA runner-up to now three-time champ Shawn Smith of Delaware Valley. Dean also won the RIT Invitational (outstanding wrestler award), the NYS Championships, and the SUNY Conference.

This year, Smith defeated Ithaca's Ron Gross to claim his third NCAA crown. The only year he did not win was when he placed second to Montclair's Karl Monaco, also a three-timer and Division I two-time All American (third and second places).



**126: Joe LoPresti, Spencerport senior.** Coach Bill Jacoutot had this to say about Joe: "It's difficult to assess Joey. Some matches are closer than they should be. He's felt pressure all year, with both brothers doing so well before him. And kids circled him a lot all year. It affected him. He only opened up twice all year. He didn't outscore kids by a lot. But when he really needed to score, he did. And that is the measure of a great wrestler. He scored when he had to. And he won, no matter what."

In Syracuse, Joe beat Toby Prenoveau, Peru 7-3. His foe in the semis was Rob Kearney, a senior from Williamsville North (Section 6) with 153 wins. Kearney beat Joe back in December, with Joe avenging the loss a month later. LoPresti won the rubber match 5-2.

In the finals, he beat Ed Moak of Averill Park (Section 2) 5-4. Says Jacoutot: "Joey was slowed down with water on the knee. He needed to take some timeouts. With 45 seconds left in the match, Joey needed a takedown and got it. It took 30 seconds to get - he had to work at it, re-lifting and pulling the guy in bounds. He spent 30 seconds on the leg, and finally got it with 15 seconds left."

As if in relief, Joe did not celebrate after his victory. He looked just like he does after a dual win. His state title was the highlight of a brilliant career. His record this year: 41-1.

LoPresti is uncertain of which college he'll compete at. For now, he wants to relax. His win makes it two state titles and a second place finish for his family.

**132: John Hill, Brighton senior.** Here's a guy not many people felt would even go to the states, yet alone place third. He finished with an impressive 38-5 record, yet was not as well known as other 132 pounders. During the year, he won two tournaments (LeRoy and Tri Valley). At the Hilton tourney, he took third. At the Counties, he placed second. And at the Class A Sectionals, he took third.

Three of his losses were to eventual state champ Joe LoPresti. Another loss was to Pittsford's Brian LaPrade, a guy he beat before and after the loss. All were extremely

close matches. Hill's final loss was in the first round of the states, 11-10 to highly regarded Ryan Denhaese of Cato-Meridian (Section 3). Afterwards, Hill changed gears and raced to four straight wins, 13-9 OT, 3-2, 4-1, and 9-3 OT.

The mark of a tough wrestler is if he can win the close wins, especially in wrestlebacks. John Hill really made an impression, winning four close ones in a row. Had he won his first match, he may have even taken first!

Hill competed on the JV squad as a freshman. As a sophomore, he was 20-9-1. The following year, he took the counties and third place in the A Sectionals behind a 24-10 record. And this year, he really excelled, placing in the top three of every tournament, pinning 13 opponents, and placing third in the states. John's philosophy is simple: "Hard work can lead to success." He works out three times a day during the season - at 6:30 am and 3:00 pm with the team, and 8:00 pm on his own.

John is considering several colleges - Ithaca, Oswego, Binghamton, Albany, and Buffalo. He plans on majoring in Business Administration or Accounting. In the off-season, he competes in baseball, cross country, and lacrosse.

**138: John Brooks, North Rose-Wolcott senior.** John entered the states with a record of 37-0-1 (120-20-2 career). He looked awesome all year as he dominated most of his competition. In the finals of the qualifiers, he had some trouble with Hilton's rangy Pat White, but came out on top 3-1.

In Syracuse, John lost in the first round. He then pinned Travis Nocci of Waverly (Section 4), beat Kareem Johnson of Niagara Falls (Section 6) 6-6 OT, and lost to Corey Schroeder of Averill Park (Section 2), 5-3. He came back impressively to claim fifth place by beating Jeff Whitton of Hermon-Dekalb (Section 10), 9-1. Brooks finished the season at an impressive 41-2-1.

**145: Steve Taylor, Brockport junior.** Steve was one of the surprise winners of the state qualifiers. In fact, last year, Taylor was only about a .500 wrestler. He won less than half his matches (11-10-2). But what a difference a summer makes! Taylor wrestled

## Section Five State Results and Records

- 91 Alex Croog, Brighton. Fourth place**  
Season 34-10-0 Career 51-18-0
- 98 Barry Barklund, Bloomfield. Sixth place**  
Season 37-3-1 Career 125-14-2
- 105 Shawn Knisely, Waterloo. Fourth place**  
Season 39-3-0 Career 136-14-2
- 112 Kerry Foster, Canandaigua. Didn't place**  
Season 33-4-0 Career 129-20-1
- 119 Andy Antonucci, Hilton. Champion**  
Season 40-0-1 Career 132-15-2
- 126 Joe LoPresti, Spencerport. Champion**  
Season 41-1-0 Career 127-33-1
- 132 John Hill, Brighton. Third**  
Season 38-5-0 Career 82-24-1
- 138 John Brooks, NRW. Fifth**  
Season 41-2-1 Career 124-22-2
- 145 Steve Taylor, Brockport. Third**  
Season 31-6-0 Career 42-15-2
- 155 Terry Lucero, Bloomfield. Did not place**  
Season 36-4-1 Career 98-10-2
- 167 Jon Welch, Canandaigua. Second**  
Season 37-1-0 Career 113-18-2
- 177 Tony Ricci, Greece Olympia. Did not place**  
Season 28-4-0 Career 67-18-2
- 215 Jerry Pelusio, Fairport. Did not place**  
Season 30-7-0 Career 66-20
- 250 Sean Pancoast, Victor. Fifth**  
Season 30-2-1 Career 44-11-1

all year. He logged 50 matches in the off-season, all over upstate New York. He also went to summer camp at East Stroudsburg. Slowly, he improved, and as he did, his confidence grew.

In the state qualifiers, he used a two point nearfall, takedown, reversal, and great defense to defeat previously unbeaten Scott Reddick, RH, 6-5. Taylor had already lost twice to Reddick.

At the start of the season, Steve felt he could do pretty well - and that he could beat anyone. At 31-6, Taylor's record pales in comparison to some of the other Section 5 reps. But records mean little when you're in the middle of a tough match. And the Brockport junior impressed many folks at Syracuse, so much so, that many felt he would be the clear favorite to win next year.

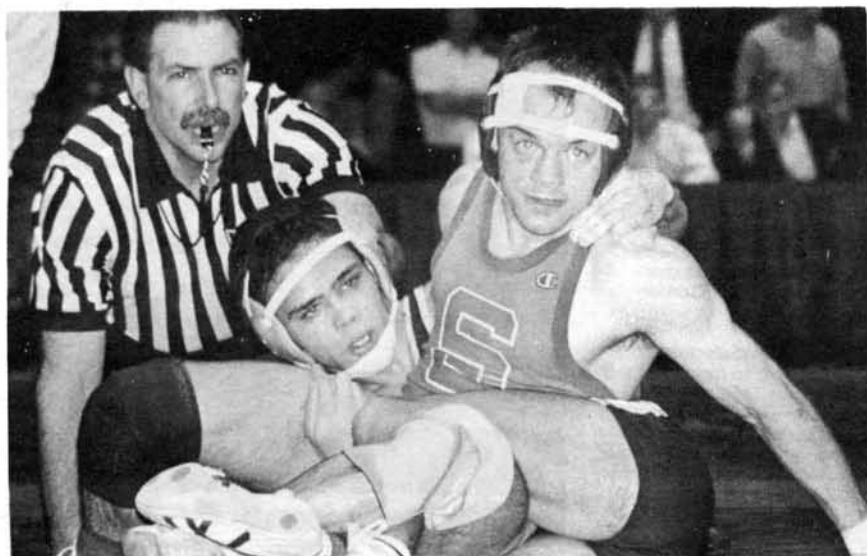
There, he first pinned Jon McMorrow, Xaverian, then squeaked past Brian Sampson, Yorktown, 5-4. In the semis, he lost a tight 2-1 match to Don Duell, Mexico. Duell used a controversial stall point to win the match. In wrestlebacks, Taylor beat Wayne Morrow, Gouverneur, 7-1 and won by injury default over Chris Bell, Port Jeff.

The winner of the weight was fireplug Jamie St. John of Port Jefferson (Section 11), who also won last year. A Taylor win in the semis would have set up an interesting finals match.

Taylor is now working out with the Rochester Wrestling Club. He plans on wrestling as much as he did last year. And next year, he wants to win the state title.

**155: Terry Lucero, Bloomfield senior.** Lu

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Syracuse University 118 pound star Jim Fussell in action earlier this year. Fussell placed second in the EIW's, losing a close 7-5 decision to NCAA champ Jack Cuvo of East Stroudsburg. It was Cuvo's closest match of the year thus far.



cero dropped to 155 after spending most of the season at 167. At the higher weight, he did very well, losing only to Jon Welch of Canandaigua. He made it to the states on a stunning first period pin over Brian Gray of Wellsville.

In Syracuse, Terry decked Andrew Canning of Saranac in 1:32. Then he lost a 7-6 decision to New York's winningest wrestler, Johnson City's JJ Stanbro. Stanbro went on to place second to junior Seamus Lyman. In wrestlebacks, Lucero lost 8-2 to Billy "The Amityville Horror" Maisel of Amityville. Terry did not place; however, next year looks to be a great one for Terry. He finished the season at 36-4-1.

Lucero does a great deal of off-season wrestling. He is especially fond of Greco Roman, and won the NYS Cadet title at 182 pounds this summer. He also placed fourth in the NYS Junior Championships, third in the Empire State Games, and qualified for the National Cadet Championships. Look for him to do a lot of winning this summer and next year.

**167: Jon Welch, Canandaigua senior.** The sad irony of Jon's season is that many fans were disappointed by the final chapter. Jon lost 7-0 to talented Chris Balducci of Irvington (Section 1) in the finals. Winning a state title is extremely difficult to do, no matter how good you are. There are so many things that can go wrong along the way. And at that level, everyone is good - and capable of beating the top seed.

So, there should be no disappointment in Jon Welch. He finished with a record of 37-1 (113-18-2), winning everything except the state title. His record is reminiscent of Chris LoPresti last year, who was undefeated until an 8-0 shutout in the finals against Tony Ferraro of Sidney.

Welch won this year's John Ordiway Award as the Most Outstanding Wrestler in Section Five. He has won a host of tournaments throughout his career.

And Jon is still being recruited by several Division I schools. He will continue his sparkling career, and is considering Edinboro, Clarion, Bloomsburg, Buffalo, Lock Haven, and Ohio State.

**177: Anthony Ricci, Greece Olympia senior.** A February 6th shoulder injury prevented Tony Ricci from competing in the Sectionals. At that point, he was 23-2, losing only to Gates Chili's Jeff Whitman and Churchville's Matt DePoint (whom he later defeated). Based on his record, he was afforded an exceptional entry into the state qualifier tournament.

Most fans felt he would not do well because he was not in good condition. His injury prevented him from doing any live wrestling or conditioning work. Despite that, Tony surprised everyone, maybe even himself, by taking the tournament by defeating five opponents. He had two pins and decisions of 11-6, 3-2, and 8-7.

The final win was against courageous Corey Comer, a junior from Newark. At the whistle, Comer charged into Ricci, who responded with a perfect front headlock for five points. Comer fought off his back and then dominated the match by scoring 7 points to Ricci's 3. At the end, he was clearly more aggressive and close to scoring the winning move. It was finally Ricci, 8-7, though. Ricci was spent by that time, giving up two stalling points.

The win was largely unpopular with the crowd, who saw an underdog nearly

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come back to win against an opponent who gained an early lead, then stalled. But considering his injury, we now know that it was also Ricci who was courageous.

This marks (we think!) only the second time in recent history when an exceptional entry won the qualifiers. The other was Fairport's Mike Stuver in 1977. Suffering from a severe case of the flu, he missed the Sectionals, yet was granted an exceptional entry into the tourney. He made it to the finals against takedown ace PJ Cosmano of Spencerport. Although Cosmano dominated their previous meeting, it was all Stuver this time. The robotic Stuver mechanically pounded out a decision over his opponent, then coached by Walt Teike.

Back to Ricci - in Syracuse, he came within 17 seconds of winning his first match.

While ahead, 5-4, he was caught in a front headlock by Chris Knazik of Walter Panas (Section 1). Final score was 9-5. In the wrestlebacks, Ricci never got started and lost 12-1 against an aggressive Shane Smith, Glens Falls (Section 2).

If Tony had more time to get into condition, he may have done better. But who knows? Coach Bill Brooks believes the injury may have even helped Ricci, who usually peaks too soon. The injury, says Brooks, prevented Tony from peaking too early. However, it had an adverse affect on his stamina.

Tony finished the season at 28-4-1. He is looking at several schools, including Buffalo and Alfred State. He may even play football in college, depending on where he decides to go.

**215: Jerry Pelusio, Fairport senior.** This guy lost a couple of times to Webster's tough Rob Kessler. In the state qualifiers, though, he scored a 3-1 upset to make it to Syracuse. An avid freestyle and Greco Roman competitor, he has a freestyle victory over Kessler as well. Pelusio credits his cousin, Fritz Zagorski, for teaching him freestyle and Greco.

Jerry's three year varsity record is 66-20. This past season he was 30-5. He has placed in Empire State Games competitions, and will continue his off-season wrestling.

On Tuesday before the states, Jerry injured his ankle. Coach Pete Logan didn't think Pelusio would be able to walk, let alone compete in Syracuse. But he did compete.

In his first match, Pelusio faced eventual champ Ron Vitullo, New Hartford. The Fairport senior's ankle gave out, and he lost by pin in 1:03. Vitullo pinned his next opponent, then scored a 5-0 shutout before his finals pin.

In wrestlebacks, Pelusio was forced to default due to his ankle injury. Despite his performance, Pelusio had a fine season. He would like to go to college and major in Communications. To date, he is undecided on his college choice. Jerry also had an outstanding football season, earning All Greater Rochester, Super 22, and Lineman of the Year honors.

**250: Sean Pancoast, Victor senior.** A painful back injury prevented Sean from wrestling last year. To make up for lost honors, Sean turned up the juice this year. He was undefeated in Section Five, winning the qualifiers with a 2-1 win over Pablo Rojas, Newark.

Despite his impressive record, the muscular Pancoast did not garner a lot of publicity. Perhaps this was due to his coming from a small school, Victor.

Sean is looking at junior colleges, where he hopes to major in engineering or science. In addition to opponents, he also throws the shot put and discus in the spring.

He enjoys wrestling because of its individuality. "When you're on the mat, there's only you to blame or credit for your mistakes or successes," says Pancoast.

In Syracuse, Sean first won a 6-2 decision over Mark Lewis, Madison. He then decked Richard Cyriaque of Kellenberg in 3:43 to make it to the semis. There, he was pinned in 1:59 by last year's champ, Jeff Way of Peru. Way went on to place second to last year's runner-up, Bill Friburger of William Floyd.

In wrestlebacks, Pancoast lost by fall to Bob Bandish of Sweet Home before bouncing back to pin Marvin Garvey of Herman Dekalb in 2:45. In so doing, he claimed fifth place to cap off an excellent season. Pancoast finished with a season mark of 30-3.

## Brighton TD Tournament

Kendall's Fry, Marriott win  
back-to-back titles

A recent RWN article described Kendall High School as "not exactly a hotbed of wrestling". Well, a couple of Kendall lightweights recently caused us to change our opinion. Darren Fry, 136 pounds, and Wade Marriott, 145 pounds, won back-to-back titles in the Brighton Takedown tournament March 11th at Brighton High School. If they are any indication of what's to come, expect some surprises from tiny Kendall next season.

Darren Fry first beat Eric Gross, Medina, by technical fall. Then he dumped Yancee Fritz, Brighton 11-3. Next he pinned teammate Eric Fountain in 1:15 to set up his finals shutout (3-0) over Rusty Grant of Brighton.

Wade Marriott was equally impressive as he cranked out a 9-2 first round win over Mark Neu, Gates Chili, followed by a 6-0 win over Tom Doud, Marion. In the semifinals, Wade rolled 15-4 over Ben Clarke of Brighton. To claim first place, he won a 2-1 squeaker over Todd Miller, Marion.

Kendall may be one of Section 5's best kept secrets. Who knows what other hidden talents are bouncing around on their mats? Well, no one will, unless someone out there gets going and sends us some information!!! Come on, folks, let's hear something from Kendall.

And for that matter, let's hear from some of you other schools that have been quiet all year: Edison, Churchville, Brockport, Pittsford, Penfield, Franklin, McQuaid, Geneva, Livonia, Victor, Eastridge, Wellsville, Haverling, South Seneca Romulus, Penn Yan, Attica, Hornell, Dansville, Elba Oakfield Alabama, Honeoye Falls-Lima, LeRoy, Addison, Perry, Sodus, Byron Bergen, Warsaw, Wayland, Lyons, Alexander, Letchworth, York, Holley, Cal-Mum, Avon, Canisatego, Alfred Almond, Jasper Troupsburg, Northstar, Avoca, Lyndonville, Red Creek, Dundee, Keshequa, Bolivar, Campbell, Hammondsport, Savona, Fillmore, and Red Jacket.

Really, guys, we don't mean to pick on you, but we know your wrestlers are doing good things, and we want to recognize them. And for anyone who knows folks from these schools - please, please send them this article and tell them to get going!!! Thanks!!

And, oh, by the way, where were we? Oh, yeah, the Brighton Takedown Tournament! Why weren't you there? RWN told you about it last issue, so you have no excuse.

Here are the results from the tourney:

### 100 1 Pietro Furguella, ER 7-0

- 2 Jeff Bowman, Penfield
- 3 Mark Voci, McQuaid 8-5
- 4 Matt Fisher, Fairport
- 5 Eric Ball, Livonia
- 5 Dan Henner, Red Creek

Furguella won by 6-0 (Ball), 11-8 (Fisher), and 7-0

### 111 1 Roy Frey, ER 1-0

- 2 George Roesch, Irondequoit
- 3 Ty Geake, Akron pin :13
- 4 Dan Hinrich, Pavilion
- 5 Derek LaRock, Pal-Mac
- 5 Joe Smallidge, Gates

Frey won by 12-4 (Geake), tech fall (Small-

idge), and 1-0.

### 120 1 Brian Pintagro, Irondequoit 4-1

- 2 Chris Terrigino, Iron
- 3 Tim Herman, Byron Bergen 4-2
- 4 Jeff Mohr, Gates
- 5 Dave Murphy, NRW
- 5 Rob Farnsworth, Newark

Pintagro won by tech fall ((Luis Martinez, Franklin), crit dec (Herman), 9-1 (Jeff Mohr, Gates), and 4-1 over his teammate.

### 124 1 Rich O'Lena, ER 9-4

- 2 Steve Trimble, ER
- 3 Brian Jeary, Olympia 12-1
- 4 Aaron Weiner, Brighton
- 5 John Pixley, Penfield
- 5 Dan Pipitone, Iron

O'Lena won by tech fall (Bryan Flood, Penn Yan), 11-0 (Jeary), and 9-4.

### 130 1 Bryant Ranger, Midlakes 6-1

- 2 Dean Goodison, Athena
- 3 Russ Davis, Brighton 3-2
- 4 Jason Knisely, Waterloo
- 5 Matt Ranger, Midlakes
- 5 Todd Bumbarger, Churchville

Ranger won by 13-4 (Bumbarger), 12-1 (Brian Sciarabba, Fairport), 9-0 (J Knisely), and 6-1.

### 136 1 Darren Fry, Kendall 3-0

- 2 Rusty Grant, Brighton
- 3 Yancee Fritz, Brighton 15-2
- 4 Mike McIntyre, Red Creek

### 145 1 Wade Marriott, Kendall 2-1

- 2 Todd Miller, Marion
- 3 Mark Neu, Gates 8-0
- 4 Mike O'Lena, ER

### 154 1 John Griffin, Penfield forfeit

- 2 Pat Yengo, Webster
- 3 Chris Jamison, ER crit dec
- 4 Shad McDuff, Pal-Mac

Griffin won by 13-0 (Bill Hazelton, Webster), 12-2 (Craig Gross, Medina), and forfeit.

### 165 1 Jamie Koon, Keshequa 3-2

- 2 Jason Bovenzi, Athena
- 3 Brian Gray, Wellsville 10-4
- 4 Frank Trigg, McQuaid

Koon won by tech fall (Scott Feary, Alexander), default (Dan Payne, Victor), crit dec (Scott Reddick, RH), and 3-2. Note: Brian Gray, Section 5 runnerup lost by fall to Scott Reddick, also a section 5 runnerup. And Jason Bovenzi was Reddick's only tie this past season. Reddick later forfeited to Trigg. What a loaded weight class!! We don't know much about Jamie Coon. Anyone knowing anything about him, please let us know...

### 176 1 Tony Iannucci, Edison 7-0

- 2 Terry Lucero, Bloomfield
- 3 Matt Minich, Iron 1-0
- 4 Casey Lamb, Victor

Iannucci won by 11-0 (Chris Francis, Pal-Mac), 7-0 (Aaron Mohr, Bloomfield), and 7-0. This was an upset win, as Iannucci placed fourth in the A Sectionals behind Berg, Goldstein, and Bovenzi. And Lucero won the state qualifiers over all four.

### 188 1 Matt DePoint, Churchville, forfeit

- 2 Anthony Ricci, Olympia
- 3 Curt Synder, Spencerport 10-1
- 4 Larry Shuffs, Churchville

DePoint won by technical fall (Glenn Hecko, Oakfield), 3-0 (Scott Helfrick, Pittsford), and forfeit.

### 204 1 Jeff Robinson, Victor pin 1:15

- 2 Steve Cronmiller, Edison
- 3 Kevin Johnson, RH 13-0
- 4 William Kessay, Canandaigua

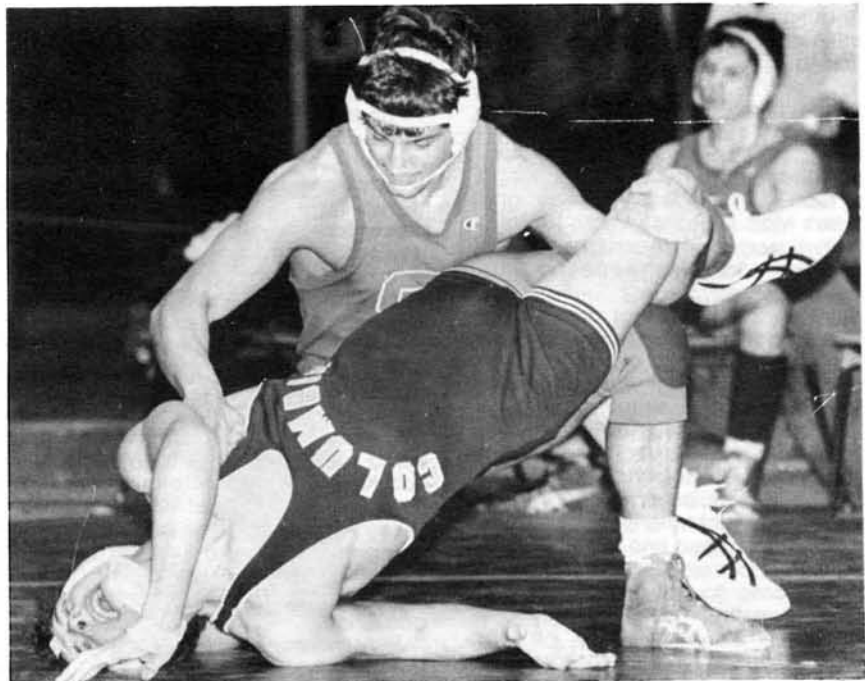
Robinson won by 15-0 (Johnson), and pin in 1:15.

### Hwt 1 Otha Davidson, Brighton tech fall

- 2 Dave Woodard, Churchville
- 3 Mike O'Connor, Churchville

Davidson won by tech fall over both opponents.

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Syracuse's Tom Ryan, 150 pounds, in action earlier this year.



## Brighton TD Tourn, cont

### Junior High Division

#### 90 1 Keuyetta DeCosta, Brighton

2 Mike Zwas, Brighton  
3 Mark Moon, Penn Yan  
DeCosta won by 12-0 (Moon) and 15-0 (Zwas).

#### 96 1 Brian Aparo, Victor pin 3:33

2 Jason Sudol, Brighton  
3 Chuan Wen Chen, Brighton 13-0  
4 Rick Zayas, Franklin  
Aparo won by pin 1:25 (Matt Fero, Brighton), 12-0 (Zayas), and pin 3:33.

#### 105 1 Greg Roberts, Pal-Mac 5-0

2 Scott Gurslin, Hilton  
3 Scott Drewnd, Penn Yan pin 2:10  
4 Mark Acton, Churchville  
Roberts won by 5-3 (Drewnd) and 5-0.

#### 108 1 Matt Ricci, ER, ref dec

2 Rick Farfaglia, Fulton  
3 Max Lubahn, Brighton pin 2:55  
4 Brandon Race, Penn Yan  
Ricci won by 4-2 (Lubahn) and ref dec.

#### 120 1 William Trigg, Rochester 11-0

2 Cory Kalvass, Pal-Mac  
3 David Martin, Penfield pin  
4 Darin Scherer, Canandaigua  
Trigg won by pin 2:40 (James Spencer, Pal-Mac), 14-4 (Mike Harrington, Iron), 4-1 (Scherer), and 11-0.

#### 132 1 Robert Hoy, Canandaigua pin 3:30

2 Swung Lee, Pal-Mac  
3 Brian Laus, Pal-Mac 1-0  
4 Jimmy Chou, Brighton  
Hoy won by pin (Seth Payne, Victor), 5-2 (Laus), and pin 3:30.

#### 140 1 Jason Lewis, Pal-Mac 7-4

2 Kwesi Edwards, Brighton  
3 Jeff Yastremski, Penn Yan 5-4  
4 Eric White, Penfield  
Lewis won by pin (Serge Tsvasman, Brighton), 4-2 (White), and 7-4.

#### 150 1 Tim Hausen, Pen Yan pin :57

2 Matt Peglow, Canandaigua  
3 Jack Gaudio, ER 10-0  
4 Tom Burchardt, Alexander  
Hausen won by 6-0 (Andrew Basar, McQuaid), pin 2:32 (Gaudio), and pin :57.

#### 160 1 Bob Tambe, Iron 10-4

2 Colin Scantlin, Iron  
3 Chris Vogt, Albion tech fall  
4 Mark Kasmowski, Alexander  
Tambe won by 8-0 (Vogt) and 10-4.

#### 170 1 John Fingler, Fairport pin

2 Mustafa Serbeci, Eastridge

## Wrestling on TV April 15th

On tax day, WTBS will televise the World Cup of Freestyle Wrestling at 6:05 pm eastern time. The World Cup is the world continental wrestling championships, and was held on April 1-2. The teams included the USA, Russia, and others. Many Olympians competed, and it should make for interesting viewing. Get out your VCR's! Then you can replay World Cup wrestling during those long, boring NBA games...

## Ithaca's Ron Gross National Runnerup

Former Wayne Central Star takes second to three-time NCAA champ by Scott Justice

One big reason Ithaca College won the NCAA Division III Team Title on March 4th was 142 pound Ron Gross. Gross is a junior from Ontario, NY who wrestled for Wayne Central under Coach Chris Bourne. While in high school, Ron placed second in the states to a two-time state champ.

The son of Bill and Dianna Gross has started for three years for Coach John Murray's Bombers. In all three seasons, Ron has won the 142 pound weight class in the Northeast Regionals (the qualifying tournament for the nationals).

As a freshman, Gross popped a 22-13 record and was on the All New York State team, placing eighth in the state tournament. The next year Ron led the Bombers in pins and takedowns, was All NYS (third in states), Cornell Open and Ithaca Invitational Champ. He was 28-9 that year.

This season Ron again led Ithaca in pins as he flattened 14 opponents. He repeated as Northeast Regional Champ and was runnerup in the Division III Nationals, held at John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio. Gross helped Ithaca College capture its first ever team title.

Prior to the NCAA tournament, Gross was seeded number two. Number one seed belonged to Shaun Smith of Delaware Valley. Smith had won two NCAA titles previously, in addition to a second place finish behind Karl Monaco of Montclair. He is a fifth-year senior with a lot of experience and talent.

In the tournament, Gross pinned his first two opponents (the last one was Jim O'Neil of Oswego, MCC, Irondequoit, and Bishop Kearney). Next he beat the seventh seed 14-5, and the sixth seed 15-4 to set up his finals match against Smith. Smith was even

more dominant, winning by 22-8, 20-4, and technical fall.

The finals match was hard-fought, yet controlled by Smith. He won 13-5, his closest match in a long time. Gross, a junior, will be back next year to hopefully win the title. Smith went on to compete in the Division I NCAA's.

The success story of Ron Gross began in second grade with Pee Wee wrestling at Wayne Central. In high school, he was the team's MVP four straight years. He won the Penfield Tournament and Class B Sectionals four years in a row. As a senior he was a state runnerup at 126 pounds.

Between his junior and senior years, Gross took a silver medal in freestyle and a bronze medal in Greco Roman at the Empire State Games. Last summer, he walked off with the gold medal in Greco at 149.5 pounds.

Ron is optimistic about Ithaca repeating as national champs next year. The tournament will be held at Ithaca, and he will be looking to win it at home.

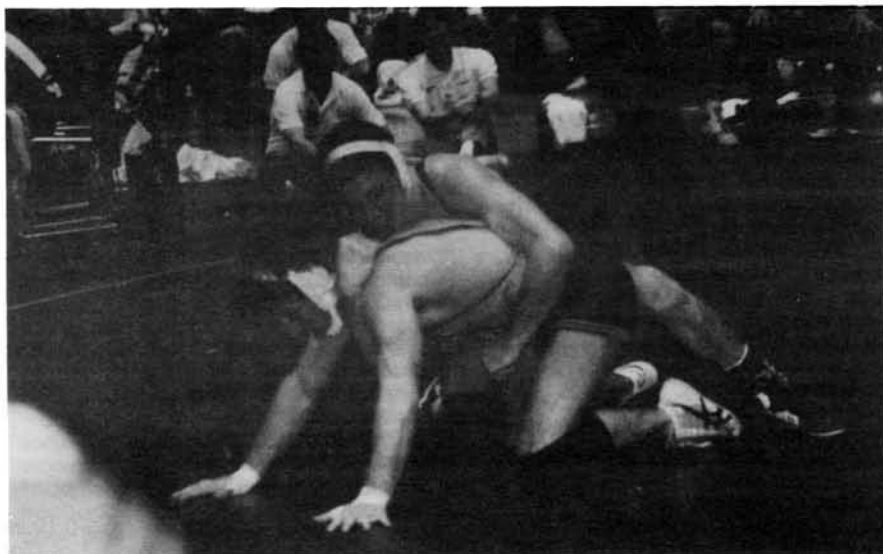
After college, Gross plans on teaching and coaching. He is a Social Studies major.

Ron credits much of his accomplishments in wrestling to his parents, his older brother Bryon, and his high school coach, Chris Bourne.

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Ithaca College 142 pound Ron Gross applies a tough ride to Delaware Valley's Shawn Smith in the finals of the Division III Nationals. Gross, a junior from Wayne Central, lost 13-5, giving Smith his toughest battle. Smith, a three-time national champ, otherwise manhandled the competition. Gross is also active in freestyle and Greco Roman during the off season. Look for him (and Ithaca College) to cap a national title next year.

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## Collegiate NYS Championship Results

On January 20 - 21, all the college teams in New York State gathered at the Coast Guard Academy to battle it out for the honor of being a state champ. Results are as follows.

Syracuse 164.5, Army 149.75, Columbia 80.75, Cornell 77.25, Ithaca 68.5, Hofstra 51.75, Cortland 48.5, Oswego 43.5, Buffalo 41.75, Oneonta 38.75, St Lawrence 37.25, Wagner 36.75, Brockport 33.5, Albany 28.5, Hunter 15.5, NYU 9.5, USMMA 8.75, Potsdam 8.5, RIT 7, Binghamton 6, Manhattan 0, Brooklyn 0.

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- 1 Jim Fussell, SU 7-4
- 2 Brian Darling, Osw
- 3 Adam Condo, Col 7-1
- 4 Gary Kozlowski, Cor
- 5 Jeff Anderson, Army 7-5
- 6 Marat Lempert, One
- 7 Adam Goldstein, Wag 1-0
- 8 Matt McClenahan, NYU

Fussell won by pin (Ken Plouffe, Brockport), tf 20-5 (Marat Lempert), 7-5 (Adam Condo), and 7-4.

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- 1 Joel Lamson, Ithaca 5-3
- 2 Todd Johnson, Col
- 3 Rich Santana, SU 5-4
- 4 Dave Regina, One
- 5 Chris Labatte, Corn 12-4
- 6 Kevin Henry, Wag
- 7 John Nobak, Army 5-2
- 8 John Bawley, Pots

Lamson won by 5-1 (Dan Presburg, NYU), 4-2 (Dan Rascoll, Albany), 3-1 (Tim Merriitt, Cort), 9-4 (Labatte), and 5-3.

134

- 1 Kevin Bishop, SLU 3-2
- 2 Dan Bertges, Corn

- 3 Mike Ferrari, Army 5-1 ot
- 4 Mike Yankanich, Col
- 5 Pat Greenlee, Hof 3-1
- 6 Frank Pellegrino, SU
- 7 Steve Irving, UB
- 8 Bob Pelton, Cort

Bishop won by pin (Jeff Shade, Osw), 10-3 (Pellegrino), 8-2 (Yankawich), and 3-2.

142

- 1 Nick Garone, SU 5-2
- 2 Brian Bartos, Army
- 3 Ron Gross, Ith 7-5
- 4 Brian Reed, SLU
- 5 Tom Green, Cort ot ref dec
- 6 Brian Mirabella, Hun
- 7 Mark Crays, UB def
- 8 Dan Hollohan, Hof

Garone won by pin (Nelson Colley, Brock), pin (Mirabella), 23-6 (Reed), and 5-2

150

- 1 Joe Sabol, Hof 2-1
- 2 Tom Ryan, SU
- 3 Jeff Butler, Army 6-1
- 4 Dave Zariczny, Cort
- 5 Toby Johnson, Col 6-0
- 6 Nick Zupan, SLU
- 7 Marty Nichols, Ith 4-2
- 8 Mike Wade, Osw

Sabol won by 18-7 (Dan Sabol, Cor), 13-4 (Todd Paglia, Bing), 4-3 (Zariczny), and 2-1.

158

- 1 Eric Zeeman, Army 3-2
- 2 John Gautreau, SU
- 3 Tim Habecker, Ith 3-1
- 4 Ken Copella, Brock
- 5 Chris Zogby, Alb forf
- 6 Dennis Markou, Hun
- 7 Joe Guciardo, Corn def
- 8 Sean Yengo, Cort

Zeeman won by 4-1 (Copella), 3-0 (Rubin Phillips (USMMA), 9-6 (Yengo), 3-2 ot (Zogby), and 3-2.

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- 1 John Rippley, Army 5-4
- 2 Jason Morris, SU

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- 3 Mike Yanosik, Cort 7-2
- 4 Jim Capone, UB
- 5 Greg Jones, Alb forf
- 6 Mitch Barcasky, Corn
- 7 John Lamar, Hof 15-4
- 8 Kevin Kennedy, Hun

Rippley won by pin (Adam Marciniak, Brock), tf 20-5 (Bob Sauer, One), 5-0 (Yanosik), and 5-4.

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- 1 Darrin Farrell, SU pin 6:10
- 2 Wayne Ebanks, One
- 3 Bill Barrow, Army 3-0
- 4 Bill Stanbro, UB
- 5 Sean O'Neill, Corn 7-5
- 6 Dan Bieller, Ith
- 7 John Saber, Brock 6-3
- 8 Ernie Orsini, Cort

Farrell won by def (Owen Welch, Col), def (Andy Ventura, Bing), 9-0 (Stanbro), and pin.

190

- 1 Steve Hasenfus, Col 8-7
- 2 Mark Kerr, SU
- 3 Matt Gallagher, Wag pin 5:51
- 4 Tom Szwec, Army
- 5 Mike Fusilli, Ith 10-4
- 6 Brian Quick, Brock
- 7 Grant Gabel, USMMA def
- 8 John Conti, Osw

Hasenfus won by tf 5:25 (Tom Lynch, Alb), pin (Quick), 3-2 (Gallagher), and 8-7.

HWT

- 1 EJ Pasteur, Army 2-1 ot
- 2 John Buhner, Osw
- 3 Jeff Farrow, Corn pin 5:08
- 4 Pat Versage, Wag
- 5 Rob Cole, SU 5-0
- 6 Derrick Magwood, Hof
- 7 Wade Kirkpatrick, Col 3-2
- 8 Andre Dunlap, Brock

Pasteur won byn 3-0 ot (Kirkpatrick), pin (Dunlap), 8-3 (Cole), and 2-1 ot.



## Univ of Buffalo Update

Ontario's Jeff Howard runner-up  
in Div II Nationals; qualifier for Div I's

Junior Jeff Howard and senior Jim Capone took different directions, but ended up at their respective goals as both earned All American honors during the 27th annual NCAA Division II Wrestling Tournament March 4-5 at California Institute of Pennsylvania.

Howard earned a wild-card berth into the Division I Championships that were held March 9-11 in Oklahoma City, OK. He took second at the Division I tournament and was voted into the Division I journey by coaches. Capone took sixth.

UB placed 17th as a team out of 35 schools competing. First place went to Portland State of Oregon.

A weight problem and some deep thinking resulting in the honors for both Capone and Howard. Prior to the season and through its beginning, Coach Ed Michael had hoped Capone would wrestle at 158 pounds, the same weight he earned Division III All American honors in last year. But Capone had trouble making the weight and after defeating Howard in a wrestle-off at 167, it was decided to keep Capone at 167.

But what to do with Howard? "Jeff didn't want to sit the bench so he had to make a decision," said Michael. "Either move down to 158 or watch. It was difficult for him because he wrestled at 167 the past two years. Now Jim, probably our best wrestler, was there instead of at 158 where he was last year."

Howard, a native of Ontario, NY, made the decision to make the 158 weight class. It turned out to be the right decision. "It was the best move he's ever made," said Michael. "It's great seeing Jeff come through. I mean, the kid was in tears after losing that wrestle-off to Jimmy. He made the decision to move down and he's become a more competitive wrestler."

With Capone and Howard in the fold as All Americans, Ed Michael has now coached 35 All Americans since coming to UB as its wrestling coach in 1970.

RWN will feature Jeff Howard in next month's issue. We will have more details on exactly how Jeff Howard earned second place, and how he fared in Division I.

Notes: Admission to UB is selective. More than 60% of the regularly admitted freshmen for fall 1987 had SAT verbal scores above 500, and more than half had SAT math scores above 600, much higher than state and national norms.

More than one-third of 1987 freshmen had at least a 90 (A-) average in high school. Admissions decisions are based on high school grade average, rank in class, and SAT or ACT scores. Applicants for fall freshman admission are encouraged to submit applications as early as possible in their senior year of high school.

A full complement of scholarships, tuition grants, work-study opportunities, and federal and state loans are available to qualified students to help offset the costs of education. A special program is available for those both educationally and financially disadvantaged. For more information, contact the Office of Admissions by calling (716) 831-2111. Or write: Admissions, Hayes A, SUNY Buffalo, Buffalo, NY 14214.

## USA Women's International Wrestling Tournament

June 24, 1989

San Francisco State University

Freestyle wrestling is now open to women in the United States. This tournament is open to all women and girls holding current USA Wrestling membership cards. Registration for non-members will be available at the tournament. Training camp precedes tournament.

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For information about World Championships for Women, contact any of the above.

## Scott Reddick Out from the Shadows

One of the shockers of the state qualifiers came at 145 pounds. Scott Reddick, Rush Henrietta, undefeated at 37-0, lost a back-and-forth 6-5 battle to junior Steve Taylor of Brockport. For Taylor, it set up a remarkable turn-around season. He went on to a strong third place state finish, despite not winning half his matches last year. For Reddick, it was the end of a fantasy season. Last year, Rush Henrietta's Scott Reddick was mostly confined to a back-up role. With excellent seniors at 145, 155, and 167, he mostly wrestled 177 pounds, way over his own weight. And despite giving up so much weight, he managed a respectable 19-11 record.

This year, he all but owned the 145 pound spot. Not only at Sperry, but all over Section Five. He finished the year at 37-1-1, winning several tournaments - Pal-Mac, Geneseo, Monroe County (Outstanding Wrestler), Class A Sectionals, and State Qualifiers. His lone loss was against Taylor, whom he beat twice before.

How come such a vast improvement from his junior to senior year? The weight, first of all. He's a natural 145 pounder. Second, he did a lot of freestyling over the spring and summer - nearly 50 matches in all. And finally, his confidence level is approaching arrogance. He thinks he's the best, and he's not afraid to tell you that.

Says Scott "At the beginning of the season, I felt that no one should beat me. I've worked hard enough in good company - Todd Burchard, Jason Hewlett, Ralph Quatrocci, Don Reardon, Andy Camp, Jeremy Wolk, Scott Evans, and others. I've taken my bumps and bruises, and this season was my turn to win.

And that's exactly what he's done this season. He's beaten most opponents soundly "I use little tricks, movements that I try to hide from the competition. I don't

want to give anyone the opportunity to scout me."

Unfortunately, Taylor had ample opportunity for scouting during their two matches. He used his knowledge to come up with the 6-5 win.

Although his season ended on a sour note, Reddick continues wrestling. He competed in the recent Brighton Take-down Tournament, and was seen working out (with Taylor) at the Rochester Wrestling Club. In June, his family will be moving to Michigan. He will attend Eastern Michigan University in the fall.

## RWN Music Survey

Ever notice how many wrestlers listen to walkmans as they warm up for their matches? Ever wonder what kind of music they listen to? Fill out and mail this survey, and let us know what gets you psyched.

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We'll tabulate and print the results in a future issue.

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**Sat April 15**  
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Vandergrift, PA  
Freestyle  
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**Sat April 15**  
Ellenville Freestyle Tourn  
Ellenville, NY  
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**Sat April 15**  
Oakka Valley Old Folks Tourn  
Warsaw High School  
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**Sun April 16**  
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Liverpool High  
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**Sat April 22**  
Kids/Cadet Freestyle  
Alexander High School  
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**Sat April 22**  
US Kids West District Tourn  
Edinboro University  
Edinboro, PA  
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**Sat April 29**  
Kids/Cadet Freestyle  
Irondequoit High School  
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or (716) 436-3068

**Sat April 29**  
Jr/Open Freestyle Tournament  
Baldwinsville High  
High School (grades 9-12)  
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Open (college or adult)  
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home  
(315) 638-8837 work

**May 5 - 7**  
Kids NYS Championships  
Marriott Fieldhouse - Syracuse Univ

13/14 yr old Greco  
15/16 yr old Cadet Greco  
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(315) 633-9362 or 633-5300

**Sat May 6**  
USWF Freestyle Qualifier  
Wilkes College  
Wilkes Barre, PA  
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**Fri-Sat May 19-20**  
Northeast Kids/Cadet  
Schoneclady, NY  
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**Sat May 20**  
Junior / Open Freestyle  
Brighton High School  
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**May 13**  
Freestyle Qualifier  
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Evart, PA  
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**Fri-Sun May 26-28**  
NYS Championships  
Junior Freestyle / Greco  
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**Sat June 17**  
Scholastic Freestyle  
Empire State Games trials  
Clean Rec Center 8:00 am

**Sat June 17**  
Open Greco Roman  
Empire State Games trials  
Clean Rec Center 8:00 am

**Sun June 18**  
Scholastic Greco  
Empire State Games trials  
Clean Rec Center 8:00 am

**Sun June 18**  
Open Freestyle  
Empire State Games trials  
Clean Rec Center 8:00 am

**June 29-July 2**  
Cadet Nationals  
Warrensburg, MO  
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**July 16-22**  
Junior Nationals - Call Mike Smalldige for  
more information. He also has information  
on other events...

### Syracuse University EIWA Results

Led by 118 pound star, Jim Fussell, Syracuse won the 1989 Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA) Championships in Bethlehem, PA. It was the first team title for the Orangemen since 1981.

Coach Ed Carlin was also named Coach of the Year and 134 pound Richard Santana was named Freshman of the Year. Santana, Long Beach, Long Island, is a former high school state champ. His award was the first individual honor for an SU grappler since 1981 when Gene Mills was selected Most Outstanding Wrestler.

SU was dealt a severe blow the week prior, when sophomore 142 pound state champ Nick Garone, Patchogue, suffered a season-ending knee injury.

Six wrestlers qualified for the Division I tournament:

- 118 Jim Fussell, 36-2 record
- 134 Rich Santana, 27-12
- 150 Tom Ryan, 23-6
- 167 Jason Morris, 13-4
- 190 Mark Kerr, 21-3
- HWT Rob Cole, 26-8

Fussell placed second in the EIWA's, Santana third, Morris third, Kerr first, and Cole placed third.

Fussell appears to have the best chance of placing in Division I. He is ranked in the top six nationally.

### Next Issue:

NCAA results: Division I, II, and III. Also junior college.

### Offseason tourney results

### Women's Wrestling from CA!

Feature article on UB's Jeff Howard,

...and much more!!!

## Rochester Wrestling Club

The Rochester Wrestling Club (formerly Gates WC) has been conducting practices since March 15th at RIT's wrestling room. All wrestlers are welcome. Practices are on Wednesdays, 5:15 to 6:45 pm. For info, contact Mike Smalldige, 5 Rocklea Dr, Rochester, NY 14624 (716) 247-7782.

Since practice started, over 55 grapplers have been showing up. The club is headed by Mike Smalldige; the teaching staff include John Leone, Fritz Zagorski, and Ray Porteous. Some notables who have been working out with the RWC are Steve Taylor, Brockport, Bryan Knauss, McQuaid, Sean Greiner, Athena, Jason Bovenzi, Athena, Bill Miller, Letchworth, Alex Croog, Brighton, Darren Fry, Kendall, Brian and Matt Ranger, Midlakes, Corey Comer, Newark, Jim Barba-to, Gates, Scott Reddick, RH, Joe Smalldige, Gates, and several others. Many area coaches also attend.

The club concentrates on freestyle and Greco Roman. Typical practices include drilling, instruction, live wrestling, conditioning, and viewing films.

Please contact Mike Smalldige for information. He will have to add your name to the club's list, so that you can gain entry to RIT's athletic facilities.

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