

# Started With Loss, Then Success for Canisteo Wrestlers

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CANISTEO—First came a loss to Ithaca's perennial champions, and then nothing but success for Clarence Campbell's 1957-58 Canisteo Central School wrestling squad.

The Redskin matmen climaxed their greatest season in history last Saturday when they annexed an unprecedented eight Section 5 titles in Class B finals. Appropriately enough, the outstanding achievement was witnessed by the largest crowd ever to gather for a mat exhibition in the local school, an estimated 600 persons.

They saw Dick Stewart, Larry Travis, Bernard Drake, Dave Stewart, Curt Crandall, Edgar Russell, Ron Cook and Bob Preston produce a perfect 8-for-8 score in the tournament. And they saw Campbell lifted on the shoulders of two of the boys in tribute to a fine coaching job.

This was a Canisteo squad that lost 37-7 to Ithaca in its opener and then was undefeated in its remaining 10 dual meets. Outside of the Ithaca defeat, biggest disappointment during the season was the cancellation of a scheduled match with Corning Free Academy.

Snow storms and sectional tournaments combined to keep the two schools from tangling in

a meet that was expected to provide CFA's two-year winning streak with its stiffest bout.

Best individual record compiled by a Redskin wrestler this season was Cook's perfect 14-0 mark. He won all 10 dual meet matches (including Canisteo's only victory over Ithaca) and then took four more bouts on his way to a Sectional title.

Preston dropped a close 4-3 decision against Ithaca, but won his next nine matches and four more in tourney competition to finish with a 13-1 record. Russell's only defeat also was in the Ithaca scrap as he wound up with a 12-1 mark.

Drake (11-2-1) and Travis (13-1) were Canisteo boys who won their second straight Section 5 crowns. Travis' lone setback was to Ithaca. One of Drake's two losses was to Jerry Barlow of Letchworth and the Redskin grappler made up for this in the Sectionals when he pinned Barlow to qualify for the finals.

Other records of Canisteo's Sectional champs include Dick Stewart (6-1-1); Dave Stewart (7-3), and Crandall (7-2).

David Burns, county champ in the heavyweight division, ended with a 6-1 dual meet record and broke even in four tourney bouts.