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# East Rochester Team Captures Wrestling Tourney



**WRESTLING CHAMPS IN AHS TOURNNEY**—The 19 champions in the third annual Auburn High Invitational Wrestling Tournament pose for the photographer after last night's final matches at Auburn Community College gymnasium. Front row (left to right) are: Tom Vergo, E. Rochester (unlimited class); Dick Poul, Geneva (180); Al Pratt, Rome (165); second row: Frank Ferraro, Rome (154); Kurt Kupplinger, Auburn (145); Fred Wampler, Rome (138); third row: Bill Bower, W. Genesee (128); John Bower, W. Genesee (127); Frank Mcgale, E. Rochester (120); fourth row: Terry Litterbrant, Baldwinsville (112); Joe Capone, Watertown (103); Larry Plunkett, Rome (95).



**COUPLE OF HUSKY GUYS**—Although outweighed by at least 50 pounds, Bob Carris of Auburn (on top) gave Tom Vergo of East Rochester a tough tussle in the finals of the unlimited division. The giant Vergo finally pinned Bob in 5:14.

# Kuppinger Lone AHS Champ; Maroons Finish in Fifth Place

An East Rochester team, that scored heavily in the quarter and semi-final matches, stood off a fine threat by Rome Free Academy in the final bouts to win the team championship in the Auburn Invitational Wrestling Tournament at Auburn C.C. last night.

The Bombers scored 88 points to Rome's 77, with West Genesee, defending champion, finishing third with 57, Baldwinville 56, Auburn 40, Waterloo 31 and Geneva 20 completed the scoring.

Rome captured four of the individual championships to lead in this department.

Kurt Kuppinger was the lone local contender to win a championship as he defeated Jim Ransco of East Rochester in a closely fought final match after pinning his two earlier opponents to reach the final round. The victory of the popular Kuppinger was greeted with thunderous applause by the partisan crowd which numbered approximately 500 persons.

Bob Carris, in the unlimited division, and Steve Sawyer, in the 133 pound class, were other Auburn wrestlers to appear in the finals but both lost. Tom Vergo of East Rochester pinned Bob Carris in 5:14 after Bob had carried the fight to him in the early going. Vergo had a 50 pound advantage over Carris in this bout.

Steve Sawyer's final match was against Bill Bower, of West Genesee, who has been undefeated for two years and was voted the trophy as the "outstanding wrestler" in the local tournament last night by coaches present.

Dr. Barney Atwater presented trophies to each individual champion following the final events and presented Coach Don Quinn with the team trophy for his East Rochester team which displayed splendid wrestling skills throughout the day and also were an extremely well conditioned group, capable of competing in the three matches during the day—required of nearly all championship contenders.

The Monroe County school is one of the strongest wrestling schools in Section 5 despite the fact they are only in their third year of inter-school wrestling competition.

The trophy for the fastest pin in the meet was awarded to Bill Cole of West Genesee who won his first round match by a pin in 13 seconds. The previous record had been held by Dick Post of Geneva who scored in 22 seconds last year.

More than 100 bouts were conducted in the tournament as some

90 boys participated in a full day of wrestling. Larry Plunket started Rome off in the 95 lb. class by pinning Dave Lavale of Baldwinville in 3:36. Joe Capone of Waterloo won the 103 lb. championship by defeating Section 5 Champion Sam Siriano of East Rochester in 2:26 in a fast and close match despite the quick finish.

## Muscle Man

Terry Litterbrent, the blonde muscle man from Baldwinville, edged out a one point decision over Charles Sutton of West Genesee in a match that was decided by the time advantage gained in the competition. Frank Megiale gave East Rochester its first tournament championship with a 9-3 decision over Louis Reese of Rome in the 120 pound class.

John Bowers, Section 3 champion who lost but once in two years, defended his Auburn tournament championship successfully by defeating Jim Concaul of East Rochester 5-0 in a match which saw in control most of the match. Fred Wampfler gave Rome a second champion as he pinned Cole of West Genesee in one of the feature bouts of the finals. Cole had previously eliminated Capt. Bob Kubarek in the semi-finals in a bout that saw Kubarek's last finish nearly pull an upset win. Bob injured his shoulder in this match and was forced to withdraw from the match for third place.

## RFA Winner

Frank Peraco carried Rome's colors to the championship in the 154 lb. class as he defeated John Ventura of East Rochester 7-0 in a good match. Al Pratt of Rome also won in the 165 lb. class, scoring a fall over finalist Dennis Gurecki of East Rochester to give the Bombers another set back in their quest for individual championships. Dick Post, of Geneva, defended his Auburn tournament championship with a pin over Jim Simiele of Rome in the 180 pound class while Tom Vergo gave East Rochester its second and final individual championship by his win over Bob Carris in the Unlimited Division.

Other Auburn wrestlers were Steve Weldon, who placed fourth in the 95 lb. class; Don Ross, who lost to John Borne of West Genesee in the consolation finals; Tom Parker in 112 lb. class lost in the consolation finals while Randy Randall lost in the consolation finals in the 120 lb. class with Pete Corso of West Genesee the winner.

Jack Hilbert, Auburn's 127 lb. contender, lost successive bouts to Pete Teichner of Geneva and Bob Peters of Baldwinville while Dave Higgins lost his match for third place in the 154 lb. class to Mike Messere of West Genesee when he was pinned in 3:34.

Dave Ruetsch drew the champion in his first round match and lost 9-2 and then went on to the consolation championship with a fall in the final round. Bill Carbury, Auburn's 180 lb. competitor, also drew the champion in his first round match and lost to Dick Post by a fall in 1:30 and also lost out in his consolation bout.

## Top Official

The meet was well officiated by Pete DeBottis of Seneca Falls, Jack Williams of Syracuse and Al Ennall of Auburn.

Kurt Beyer of Auburn was meet director and the meet was announced by Jim Cranfield who was assisted by brother Mark.

This was the third annual Auburn Invitational Tournament at ACC with past champions Auburn in 1959 and West Genesee in 1960 welcoming East Rochester as the 1961 team winner.

# Cantrell's 297 Paces Cayuga Rifle Squad

The Cayuga Rifles team paced by Bill Cantrell with a 297 out of a possible 300 score defeated the Clyde gunners by a 1470-1452 score Thursday night in a Western New York Rifle League match fired at Clyde. H. Youngs had the top score for Clyde with 293. This was one of the top team totals in the history of the Cayuga team.

## Cayuga—(1470)

|            | P.  | S.  | S. | T.  |
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| D. Derby   | 99  | 97  | 83 | 279 |
| L. Bunn    | 99  | 98  | 86 | 282 |
| H. Dickman | 95  | 93  | 86 | 274 |
| A. Higgs   | 96  | 91  | 74 | 261 |
| H. Brown   | 99  | 92  | 77 | 274 |
| C. Lewis   | 96  | 78  | 84 | 258 |
| O. Ide     | 100 | 100 | 96 | 296 |
| J. Beland  | 96  | 99  | 92 | 287 |
| F. Mack    | 95  | 77  | 73 | 245 |
| R. Johnson | 100 | 99  | 91 | 290 |
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