

WRESTLERS WIN 3RD CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday night Caledonia wrapped up its third consecutive Livingston County championship in York. The scores for the first three teams were Caledonia 76; Warsaw 42; Avon 33. Caledonia dominated the tournament by having five county champions.

The 98 lb. class was won by Webster of Livonia; second went to Rapone of Caledonia; third to Close of Avon.

The 107 lb. class was dominated by Andy Strano of Caledonia. Andy won the championship by defeating Muio of LeRoy by a score of 9-2. Stevens of Avon took third.

Acomb of Dansville finished first in the 115 lb. class; Billings of Perry finished 2nd, and Coon of Kesheque finished 3rd.

Greg Buckley pinned all three of his opponents in the 123 lb. class to win the championship in his class. Hulme of Warsaw finished 2nd and Craig of Perry finished 3rd.

Jeff Cohen wrestled three very impressive matches to win the 130 lb. championship. Jeff beat his own record for pinning time. Jeff's first match was against Jim Fusco of Avon. Jeff pinned him in 18 seconds. The second match saw Jeff beat his 18 second record by pinning Roodenburg of Geneseo in 13 seconds. In the finals, Jeff wrestled Durkee of Livonia. He won by a decision, 8-0. Jeff found himself chasing Durkee, who didn't want to stay on the mat. Roodenburg of Geneseo finished third.

The 137 lb. class championship was won by Ray Ruliffson of Geneseo. Hill of Livonia finished 2nd and Wing of Dansville finished 3rd. McCreedy of Caledonia finished 4th.

Mike Miller of Caledonia won the 145 lb. class. Mike beat Hauck of Avon by a pin with a spread eagle in his first match. Pragle of Dansville was Miller's second victim by a score of 19-2. Mike won the championship by beating Flint of Letchworth by a score of 12-0. Lottes of Geneseo finished 3rd.

At 155 Turner of Geneseo finished first. Redding of LeRoy finished 2nd, and Bartz of Avon finished third. Fili of Caledonia finished 4th.

Henry Cobb won his first two matches by pins and defeated Hodgdon of Warsaw by a score of 8-5 to win the 165 lb. class for Caledonia. Hodgdon finished 2nd and Biscaro of Letchworth finished 3rd.

The 175 lb. class was won by Curt Wright of Keshequa, Godfrey of Livonia finished 2nd, and Range of Caledonia finished 3rd.

Wilsea of Warsaw won the 185 lb. class, Perry of LeRoy finished 2nd and Kreutter of Perry finished third.

Wilcox of Warsaw pinned Driscoll of Avon to win the HWT class, Rowe of Dansville finished 3rd.

Strano, Buckley, Cohen, Miller, and Cobb all won first place in the tournament. Rapone finished 2nd and Range finished third. Fili and McCreedy finished fourth.

The first and second place finishers of the tournament will wrestle in the Class B sectionals at Geneseo State.

Several wrestlers of the Caledonia team received recognition in the Rochester paper by Ray Buck. Ray commented on several interviews of local coaches - "He's like a sponge," says Caledonia's Coach Joe Gustainis. "You think you have him . . . then he moves somewhere else." "If we ever get a state champion in this league, it'll be Jeff Cohen," says York's Coach, Larry Bonacquisti.

Jeff is one of Caledonia's five undefeated wrestlers. Rapone Strano, Buckley, Miller, and Cohen have all enjoyed undefeated seasons, in duo meets.

Cohen's defensive wrestling is not to be out done by his offense, Jeff has had only four points scored against him all year.

Congratulations to the team and its coach Joe Gustainis for their successful defence of the county championship. Good luck to the six wrestlers, Rapone, Strano, Buckley, Cohen, Miller, and Cobb from the Caledonia team, to represent the league in the Section 5, Class B tournament.

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