

Hamburg Matmen Win Section VI, Class AA Crowns

Hamburg High School won the Section VI overall and Class AA wrestling championships for the second straight season with a score of 53 points, last night at Williamsville. West Seneca followed in both the overall and Class AA classes with 45 points.

Amherst won the Class AAA crown with 16 points. Orchard Park was the top Class A school, with 35, followed by Depew, 34; Clarence, 14; Williamsville, 8; Cleveland Hill, 6; Gowanda, 3; and Lancaster, Maryvale and Falconer, 0.

The Royalton-Hartland School, of Middleport, won the Class B title with five points. Park School of Snyder tallied one point.

W. Howard Vanderhoof, Hamburg Superintendent of Schools, presented Section VI trophies to the winners.

Championship Matches

95—Bill Pierce (C) pinned Bill Brehm (H). 102—Phil Stutzman (H) decisioned Wayne Butt (W). 112—George Callahan (H) pinned Julian Capello (D). 120—Fred Lolocono (D) decisioned Chuck Adams (A). 127—Ken Meissner (WS) decisioned George Gallagher (OP). 133—Gene Kempf (H) decisioned Denny Deubel (WS). 138—Bob Sturress (A) decisioned Dale Eckl (OP). 145—Mike Gensford (WS) pinned Ed Kowaleczk (D). 154—Dale Minard (H) decisioned Frank Maciejewski (WS). 165—Dave Zychofski (OP) pinned Howard Luff (R-H). 175—Bob Abplanalp (OP) decisioned John Rehae (CH). Unlimited—Ray Davies (WS) decisioned Jim Duert (H).

Consolation Matches

95—Tom Prochnal (WS) decisioned Dick Hapeman (D). 102—Dick Zychofski (OP) decisioned Chet Weir (A). 112—Tom Blair (WS) decisioned Larry Sargeant (G). 120—Frank Reuter (H) decisioned Vern Hartloff (OP). 127—Bill Durrell (H) decisioned Paul Poole (C). 133—Walt Noah (C) decisioned Jerry Hapeman (D). 138—Ron Heyn (D) pinned Karm Stephens (G). 145—Burt Burger (H) decisioned Joe Vingeron. 154—Van Huffman (D) decisioned Steve Scheele (OP). 165—Doug Volgenau (A) decisioned Ed Murray (WS). 175—Denny Kohler (WS) decisioned Bob Larsen (H). Unlimited—Ron Dippold (D) pinned Dave McGivern (OP).

GESSFORD VOTED TOP WRESTLER IN JCB TOURNAMENT

Mike Gessford, one of the stars on West Seneca Central School's wrestling team Sunday was voted the outstanding contestant in the Jewish Center of Buffalo's fourth annual invitation tournament.

Gessford won the 157-pound title by decisioning Hamburg's Burt Burger. Hamburg defeated West Seneca, 24-21, for the team title.

The only title won by a Bufalonian went to the University of Buffalo's Bob Pearl who decisioned Gene Hiller of the Jewish Center in the 147-pound final.

PARK COMPLETES MOST SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Last Friday night Park School traveled to Batavia for a return game and won its 14th victory out of 18 games to climax its most successful basketball season. The Pioneers ran off with a 60-37 win as Dale Casto and Howie Maierhofer led the way with 16 and 14 points respectively. After a close first period ended with Park ahead 14-12, the team opened up its speed offense and raced to a 35-18 halftime lead to sew up the ballgame. Casto, Maierhofer, Zierk and Smith played their last game for the Orange and Brown and made it one of the best as the latter two controlled the boards. The JVS went down 50-24 despite a 12 point effort by Dave Colton.

On Wednesday, Park visited Nichols on their court and had their 9-game winning streak upended in a tight contest featured by the usual rough play of the restricted court. Despite the loss of Casto, Maierhofer and Wilson in the beginning of the last quarter, Park tied the score twice in the last period, and after some excellent foul shooting for the first 31 minutes of the ballgame, made only 2 out of 10 attempts in the last minute and lost out 59-55 to even the season's play between the two clubs. Ron Schmitt made his usual fine offensive efforts amount to 24 points aided by Walt Hoffman's 15 while Casto and Wilson split 32 points before leaving the contest for Park. The Nichols JVs won a 41-23 victory.

Dale Casto continued to rewrite the record book. He broke the single game scoring record when he caged 34 points at Pebble Hill. His season record of 303 broke the record he made last season and his final career mark reached 814 points for his 4 years at Park. Howie Maierhofer also broke last season's mark as he made 295 points in 17 games for the best average on the squad as well as setting a 14.5 average per game for his career. His total of 495 placed him second in the career scoring list. Tom Zierk moved into 5th place while Bob Wilson, with a year to go, has moved into tenth place. The team established a single game scoring record of 108 points, a 9 game winning streak as well as 14 victories, to set new Park standards. They also gained the Cornell Cup championship in the CUPS league.

Newest Foul-Shooting Rule Passes Its First WNY Test

Basketball's newest foul-shot rule—two if you make it and one if you don't—got its first test in Western New York Friday night.

Most of the players, coaches, officials and the spectators seemed to think it's a good rule, placing, as it does, a premium on accuracy from the foul line.

Scene of the test was the second annual Silver Hoops charity basketball doubleheader in the St. Joseph Collegiate Institute's Kenmore Ave. gym. The players were selected All-High, All-Catholic and suburban high school stars.

In the feature game, Jim Cunningham of Canisius scored 17 points to pace the All-Catholic team to an 89-67 conquest of the Junior Globetrotters, a team of basketball magicians lined up by Emerson's All-High star, Sam Austin.

Krol Scores 22 Points

The Junior Trotters had the capacity crowd of 1500 roaring with laughter as they did a take-off on the comedy routine made famous by the Harlem Globetrotters.

In the other game Friday, an Orange team of private and public high school stars defeated a similar Maroon lineup, 78-54. Ryan High's Hank Krol was the

top scorer with 22 points. Bennett's Tony Cippola netted 18. Park School's Howie Maierhofer had 13 and Dale Castro netted 11.

The new foul-shot ruling gives a player fouled when not in the act of shooting one free throw. If he makes the foul shot, he gets another. If he misses, the ball goes into play.

Under the old rule—the one used all this season—a player was permitted one free throw when fouled when not in the act of shooting. He got an extra shot if he missed his first free throw.

Mohls Likes Rule

The new rule was explained several times over the loud-speaker system. Apparently the fans liked the idea—both the explanation and the new rule. Here are some comments:

Herb Mohls, Park School coach who directed the Orange squad, thinks the new rule is a step in the right direction. From a player's viewpoint, Sam Austin of the Globetrotters believes it is a good rule too.

"It cuts down roughness," says Sam. "Makes the players a little more careful."

John Kubiszyn, the All-Catholic team star from Fallon, likes the change a lot: "It makes for higher scoring, and perhaps, better individual averages."

Steve Paar, veteran area referee, said: "It brings the foul shooter into focus for greater recognition."

On the lighter side, the antics of Ty Cobb, Bill Handy and Bobby Robinson for the Junior Trotters won the laughs and applause of the crowd. Cobb's flair for showmanship includes juggling the ball and some uncanny dribbling. Robinson also showed deftness as a dribbler and Handy provided some comedy relief.

The doubleheader will provide a fund of approximately \$400 for the Rev. Michael Szekelsky of Casadaga. He is the chaplain at St. Joe.

All-Catholic Stars Beat Junior Trotters, 89-67

A team composed of members of the Courier-Express All-Catholic team defeated the Buffalo Junior Globetrotters, 89-67, last night in the annual Silver Hoops Charity game at St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute.

Jim Cunningham, Canisius High School's fine all around ace, led the winners' scoring with 27 points. Rugged Sam Austin, of Emerson, tallied 23 for the Junior Globetrotters.

The game was fairly tight until the start of the final period when the Globetrotters went into a comedy routine that was thoroughly enjoyed by the capacity crowd of 1,500.

In a preliminary game between two teams composed of area scholastic stars, the "Orange" quintet beat the "Maroons", 78-54. Tony Cippola, a C-E All-High choice from Bennett, and Howie Maierhofer, of Park School, led the winners with 18 and 13, respectively. Hank Krol, Ryan High, paced the Maroons with 22.