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Optimism Prevails As Spartans Set To Open Wrestling Practice

By HOWARD SMITH

The 1968-'69 version of coach Beryle Cohen's wrestling squad will be missing such standouts as Ray Fochler and Kit Buckingham, but noretheless the coach is Optimistic over the Spartans' chances with the return of 10 lettermen. The Spartans this year hope to reclaim the team wrestling title which last year escaped them.

Of the 10 returning lettermen, only one-Richard Meister, had a winning record last season. Meister finished second county-wide behind High Point's DeCarlo, who also returns in the 120 pound weight class. Meister ended with a 7-3 state last year but lost the close final match to DeCarlo.

Barry McMannus, 3-3 last year, is expected to be competing with Tom Hurst, a transfer, for supremacy in the 95 pound class. McMannus holds the edge in experience.

In the 103 pound class, devoid of lettermen, Mike Whittek, Who has shown a bit of promise, will be fighting it out with John Faltyski and John Balducci to represent the Spartans at that weight.

Bruce Marshall, who wrestled his way to a 3-3 record last year in the 95- and 103-pound classes, is expected to move up to the 112s to represent that class. Possibly others will be going at that weight but coach Cohen is as yet undecided as to whom they might be.

Senior Sidney Zook, 3-6 last year, heads the 127-pounders at this moment. He will be strongly challenged by Frank Cuppels (0-3) and Everett Hicks, a first year wrestler. Zook could possibly see some action at 133 where Frank Stetka now is set at first in the depth charts. Stetka went 0-5 at 112 pounds last year. Rookie Courtney Palmer will challenge Stetka at 133.

Brendan Nuzback, 3-4 last season at 138 pounds is the only man listed at that weight so far. Coach Cohen says there could be others to offer Nuzback a challenge.

Gene Dannels, third behind Fields of Surrattsville in the county last year at 138, returns for another shot but has moved up one class to 145.

The 154 pound class is open at the moment with the move of Danny Hanlon to the 165s. Mark O'Dell (1-5), at 165 last year, advances to 175.

Pushing O'Dell at 175 will be senior John Casey (1-6), Bob McCall, and Charles Caldwell, a transfer from Pennsylvania. Caldwell has had some wrestling experience at the junior varsity level.

There are no returnees to fill the heavyweight class and



Coach Beryle Cohen

the Spartans will be experimenting to find a starter. John Bunn and Warren Tucker are listed as two possibles. Coach Cohen expects to draw perhaps 10 more men from the football squad but their actual practice time after the close of the grid season will be just seven days. It might prove an early hinderance.

"We should be strong in the light and medium weights," said Cohen, "but may be lacking in the heavies."

There may also be a weight problem with Marshall, Meister, Hanlon and O'Dell. All may have to wrestle in a higher class until they can bring their weight down.

Even though the Spartans will be facing a tough schedule of "A" and "AA" competition, Cohen "expects to be right in there with the contenders." "We don't have the big star like Fochler or Buckingham," Cohen added, "but they weren't stars until they had some experience under their belt.

"We really expect a big job from McMannus, Meister, Marshall, Hanlon and O'Dell. I think we should have a pretty good team. Even though the records of the returnees were, for the most part, had their experience





Balance Should Be Grapplers' Strong Point

"We're not as far along at this point as I'd like," said Laurel Spartan wrestling coach Beryle Cohen last week in assessing his squad's readiness to face Central in the season opener this Friday at 3:30 p.m. "With as many boys as we have returning we should be a little further advanced than we are, but I can't quite put my finger on the problem."

Cohen indicated that weights would not be much of a problem although there is a big gap in the 154 pound class. Either Frank Stetka or Gene Dannels will fill the gap in the first match against Central, Dannels control the 100 and 100 pound class last year while Stetka went at 112.

Barry McMannus is uncontested in the 95 pound category but has had some early difficulty keeping his weight down to stay at 95. Last year McMannus had a problem trying to gain weight. Three wrestlers are involved in a hotly contested battle for the right to represent the Spartansin at 103 pounds against Central. They will be involved in elimination matches for that right.

First year wrestler Everett Hicks, who was late reporting for practice due to the duration of the football season, has put on a strong showing in the 112 weight class and apparently will be ready for the opening match.

Richard Meister, the only returnee who had a winning record last year, probably will go at 120 while at 127 there are three possibles including Jeff Phillips, a transfer from Bowie High.

Sidney Zook's experience will in all probability win him a starting berth over Courtney Palmer in the 133 weights in the season opener. Coach Cohen reports however, that Palmer has come along pretty well.

Brendan Nuzback and Doug Galloway are battling it out in the 138 class with Nuzback apparently holding the upper hand at the moment. Stetka and Dannels are both listed at 145 but one will go at that weight while the other will move up to 154 for the Central opener. Danny Hanlon is uncontested at 165 and Mark O'Dell holds





THAT MOVE BACKFIRED SOMEMEWHERE-seems to be the thinking of Suitland's Shawn Hayes. Hayes found himself tied up in knots by Laurel's Danny Hanlon, who went on to win the 167-pound match, 6-0 last Friday afternoon.

Spartan Matmen Brush Aside Central To Gain Straight Victory, 45-3

Four men registered pins, the 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd of the season for Laurel, and the Spartan grapplers immediately continued undefeated by routing host Central 45-3 last Tuesday. It was the second straight match in which the Spartans, winners in all five starts this season, held an opponent to only three points. Only one team, Oxon Hill, has been able to hit double figures against the Spartans. They managed 11 and did so by catching Laurel during an off day.

The issue was never in doubt and Central failed to gain a single point until Paul Mueller, wrestling in the tenth match of the afternoon, put the first mark on the previously spotless record of Laurel's Danny Hanlon by registering a 4-2 win. Hanlon had rolled up personal record of 4-0 before meeting Mueller, one of two men who have scored nearly all of Central's points this

Hanlon takedown early in the first period but almost Mueller countered with a reverse to tie the match at 2-2. The 167-pound Mueller gained his margin of victory in the third period by again scoring a reverse against Hanlon.

Richard Meister, Laurel's good 122-pounder, had his string of four straight pins snapped by T. Lewis in the fourth match of the afternoon but nonetheless registered a 4-0 decision on a reverse and two points for riding time. Meister was decisioned last year by Lewis for one of his three defeats.

Heavy weight Warren Tucker continued tied for the lead in team points for Laurel by scoring an 8-4 decision over Central's Mike Mattla, an all-league guard on the Falcons football team. Tucker and Meister have accounted for 23 points each for the Spartans this year. The Laurel heavyweight was named the bout's outstanding wrestler for registering his win over Mattia, who along with Mueller are Central's best grapplers.

Tucker, prior to the encounter with Mattia, had scored a maximum number of points for the Spartans by recording threee pins and taking a forfeit win.

Barry McMannus, who recently lost his first match after moving up to 105 pounds, did not get a chance to show coaches if the move and the long layoff due to illness and a weight problem are, still hampering him. Central, unable to come up with a 105-pounder, forfelted the match to McMannus. Brendan Nuzback, at 142. also gained a forfeit win for Laurel.

Tom Hirsch, who gained his second pin in three starts Everett Hicks, with his thire pin in five bouts; Sidney Zook, back in action after a one-match layoff; and (Continued to Page 1/19)



(Continued from Page A-18) Jeff transfer undefeated Phillips, with his second pin in five matches; accounted for 20 of Laurel's 45 points in the first six bouts of the afternoon and from there on in it was smooth sailing for the winners.

In addition to Meister's shutout win, three other Spartans blanked Central opponents. Gene Dannels, wrestling at 156 in the place of Mark O'Dell, scored a 4-0 decision over P. Hauchan; Frank Stetka, filling the void created by the upward move of Dannels, decisioned C. Smith, 4-0; and 177-pounder John Casey overwhelmed P. Constintina. 10.0.

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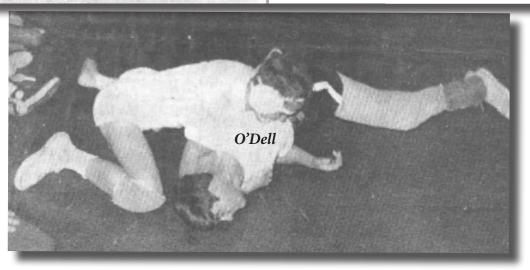
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Season Highlights

P.G. County Champion

• Richard Meister (120)



Spartan Wrestlers

Friday afternoon with a stunning minute match. mat exhibition as they overpowered Northwestern High School 49-2 at Laurel.

The Spartans were in command all the way with the Wildcats eeking out their only score late in the match when Raynard Johnson and Laurel's in the 154-pound class.

humiliating defeat of the season Rich Minor in a match that in as many tries. They were thrashed last week by the defending county champions 103-pound class. from Surrattsville High School. The final score in that contest was 40-6.

roar with approval.

From the outset, it was obvious Northwestern was outclassed by

McManus' victory was the first in a series of six consecutive falls scored by Laurel that helped vault them to a 36-0 lead before Northwestern was able to get on the scoreboard. For McManus, wrestling in the 95-pound category, it was his first try at Mark O'Dell wrestled to a draw varsity wrestling competition.

Spartan Mike Wittig boosted It was Northwestern's second Laurel's lead to 10-0 as he pinned lasted but two minutes and 20 seconds. Wittig wrestled in the

In the third bout of the afternoon, 112-pound Everrett Hicks of Laurel posted the For Laurel, it was the kind of speediest victory of the day by season opener that made the pinning Northwestern's Dan capacity crowd at Laurel High Divver after 55 seconds of the first period. Laurel's third straight fall made it 15-0.

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In the seventh and eighth matches on the card, the Spartans continued to claim victory by winning decisions in the 138 and 145-pound classes.

Brendan Nuzback of Laurel easily defeated Northwestern's Pete Ralston 13-4 and continued to add on to the Spartan margin, 33-0. In a closer contest, Laurel's Gene Daniels, playing with an injured left arm, narrowly outpointed Wildcat Sam Salamy, 7-6. Last season, Salamy was rated number two in the county in his weight range.

With a comfortable 36-0 lead, Laurel's Mark O'Dell fought Northwestern's Raynard Johnson to a draw in the 154pound match and the Wildcats were at last on the scoreboard,

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Spartan Matmen Pin 49-2 Defeat On Northwester

Laurel Gains Seven Pins In 12 Matches

Lauret's matmen got off to an impressive start for the 1968-60 wrestling season by pinning an overwhelming 49-2 defeat on fleeging Northwestern last Friday at home. In all the Spartans registered seven pins in 12 matches. Northwestern, which was taught a mat lesson by the Spartans, narrowly seerted a shutout when Johnson wrestled to a draw with Lauret's Mark. O'Dell in the 154-pound eless.

The Spartans left little doubt as to the outcome of the meeting when the first six matches ended in victory by pins for Laurel's grapplers.

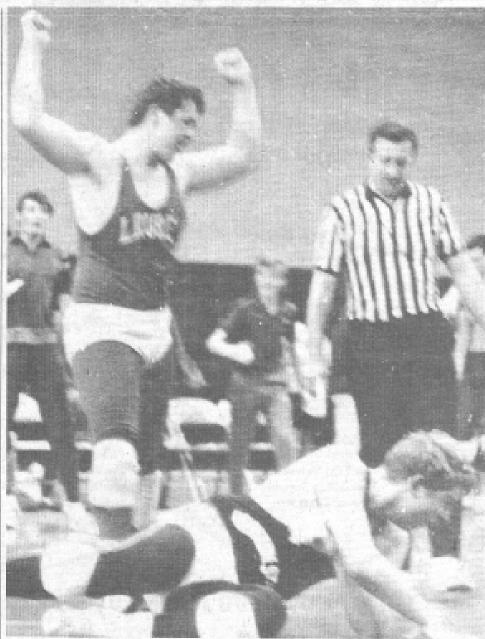
Barry McMannus started things off when he planed Oring of Northwestern 5:14 into the first match. After veteran 95-pounder McMannus set the course of school, first year men, Mile Whitteh and Everett Hicks followed suit to boost Laurel into a 15-0 lead after three matches. Hicks pinned his opponent only :55 into the 112-pound match.

Hickard Metater, the leading returned from last year's Spartan squad, Sidney Zook, and transfer Jeff Phillips upped the margin to 30-0 as all registered pins, none of which required more than 3:54.

Brendan Nuchack was unable to continue the steek but nonetheless registered a 13-4 decision to set the stage for the most exciting match of the day between Gene Dannels of Laurel and Salamy of Northwestern.

Dannels, trailing 4-1 in the final :30 of the 145 pound moteh surprised his Northwestern opponent by scoring an escape, a take down and a near full to register a 7-6 win and keep the Spartans from losing a single match for the day.

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Heavyweight weestler Warren Tucker of the Laurel Spartans holds hands over his head in the classic victor's stance after registering a pin over a dazed Morraity of Northwestern. Tucker's pin was the seventh of the afternoon for the Spartans, who breezed to a 49.2 win.

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Heavy weight Warren. Tucker ended the meeting the same way it had begun-with a pin. Tucker required 5:35 to pin Morraity in the final match of the afternoon.

Coach Beryle Cohen indicated he was pleased with the outcome but cautioned against over-optimism because Northwestern is a young team and not in the class with some other schools.

the Spartans will face this season. "I was especially phased with our new mea, two of which recorded pins," he said.

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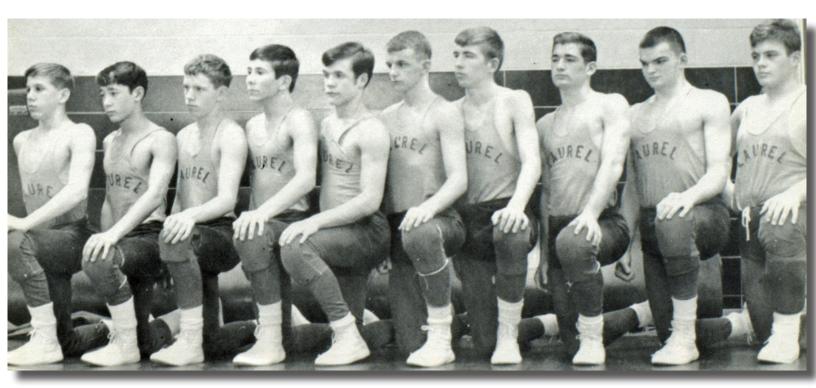
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Tucker Toppled From Unbeaten Ranks ByBurton

By Howard Smith

Suitland rallied from an 8-3 deficit to pull within three points of host Laurel when John Boertleon surprised Sidney Zook with a pin :42 into the 129-pound match, but that was as close as the Rams came all afternoon and the Spartans went on to win their sixth straight wrestling encounter, 29-13.

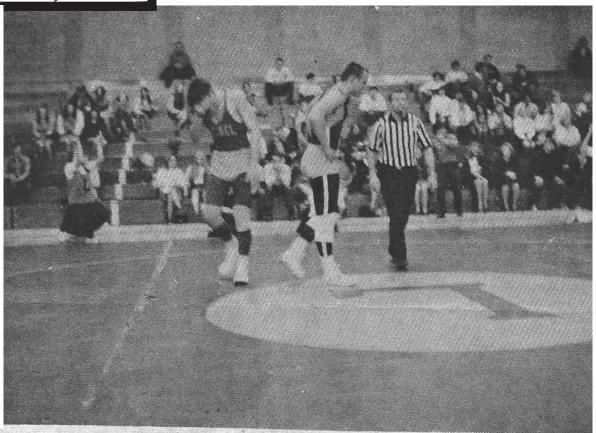
Laurel won it without registering a single pin in the match but clearly showed their team superiority over the visitors. Suitland, in turn, accounted for 10 of their 13 points in the encounter by pins. In the final match of the afternoon, Laurel's Warren Tucker had his undefeated string broken by Charles Burton of the Rams, who also match entered the undefeated. Tucker. apparently in full control with a 12-7 lead late in the third period, seemed to get careless and in attempting to maneuver his man into a back-trip, suddenly found himself flat on his back. Seconds later Burton, who has failed to register a pin in only one of his four matches this season, disposed of Tucker by the five-point route. Tucker tried in vain to prevent the pin which came with only :15 left in the The Laurel match. heavyweight had, until Friday, pinned each of the opponents he had faced.

According to Tucker, Burton said afterward that he had won the match by a fluke and felt that the Laurel heavyweight should have won. "I tried to back-trip him," said Tucker, "something I wouldn't normally do even in practice."

Danny Homan, at 114-pounds, provided the Rams with their only other points of the afternoon when he scored an 11-3 decision over an aggressive, but outclassed first-year man, Everett Hicks. All theother Spartans scored relatively easy three-point wins over Suitland opnoments.



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Heavyweight wrestler John Casey of Laurel (hand to head) walks away from his opponent Tim Pizza after gaining a 3-1 decision from the Bladensburg visitor. Casey complained of dizziness during the match but Pizza couldn't take advantage of the situation. Bladensburg was overwhelmed 40-3, becoming the fourth straight victim of the Spartans.



Meister Records Fourth Straight Pin For Undefeated Laurel Crew

By Howard Smith

Back-to-back pins by Richard Meister, his fourth in as many bouts, and Frank Cuppels, who substituted for the ailing Sidney Zook, broke open a 6-3 match and Laurel's wrestlers coasted to a over visiting win 40-3 Friday last Bladensburg afternoon. It was their fourth win in as many starts.

Bladensburg stayed close to the Spartans only through the first three matches and did it on Rusty Maske's 3-1 Barry decision over McMannus, McMannus. wrestling at 103 for the first time this season, clearly was affected by his long layoff due to illness and battling with a weight problem. He had missed the last two matches and had not been involved in a match since before the Christmas break. McMannus was penalized one point for locking hands in the second period but managed to tie it in the final period when he scored an escape. He saw a draw go by the wayside late in the match when Maske scored a takedown with only :41 remaining. It was the only loss of the afternoon for the Spartans.

Mike Whittek got the Spartans off to a good start by completely outclassing his 95-pound opponent, Jim Milstead, 14-0. First year man Everett Hicks broke a 3-3 tie with a 9-1 win over Tim Matters of Bladensburg and from there on out it was clear sailing for the victorious Spartans.

Laurel, in addition to pins by Meister and Cuppels, received one from Gene Dannels at 145. Heavyweight Warren Tucker had his string of pins snapped when Bladensburg forfeited the final match of the afternoon. He nonetheless retained his tie with Meister for the lead in team points with 20.

Meister perhaps had the most impressive pin when he scored a takedown of Baldensburg's Jeff Garrett: 04 into the match and followed with a pin over a stunned Garrett with: 18 left.

Nuzback, named the outstanding wrestler of the day, followed with a 6-4 win.

Mark O'Dell, wrestling at 154, did not have a good match but nonetheless managed to win a 10-5 decision. Danny Hanlon shutout his opponent 6-0 and John Casey, although not impressive, decisioned Tim Pizza 3-1 thanks to a reverse and one point for riding time. Casey complained of dizziness during the match.

"We wrestled better than we did against Oxon Hill," said Cohen, "but we still have a way to go if we are to beat teams like High Point, Bowie and Surrattsville." The usually cool and calm Cohen was penalized during the match between Nuzback and Ron Francis when he stepped on the mat in an attempt to get the referee's attention concerning an unclear call. One point was deducted from Laurel's total team points as a result of the penalty. The penalty point made little difference in the outcome of the match as the Spartan express continued to roll toward latter season meetings with powerful Surrattsville and Bowie, a team which earlier posted a 42-0 defeat on Bladensburg.

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Spartan grapplers overwhelm Suitland

maintained its undefeated record Laurel an 11-3 margin. by trouncing Suitland High Friday.

the Rams breathing room as very long, however. they won the match without ever decision for three points.

The card was scheduled to open with a bout in the 97-pound class, Spartans to an early 5-0 lead.

Laurel's Barry McManus won out most of the way. over Bob Lopez with a 4-0 decision that put Laurel in front Everett Hicks to a 9-3 decision give LHS a comfortable 17-8 lead. and put Suitland a bit closer, 8-3. Homan and Hicks competed in The next match saw two assure the Spartan victory, 29-13. the 114-pound range.

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> The Spartans kept up their winning streak by making the score 23-8 when Mark O'Dell downed John Goodbread in an 8-7 decision in the 156-pound range.

Moving into he heavier weights, Danny Hanlon scored an easy 6-0 victory over Shawn In the 135-pound class, Laurel's Hayes, putting Laurel even farther ahead, 26-8. The LHS

> Only in the last bout of the day, in the heavyweight division, did Suitland manage more points. Charles Burton pinned Laurel's undefeated Andy Tucker with just 15 seconds left in the match to end the team scoring and

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Suitland-

(Continued from Page A-18) grasp of Thomas and rode out his man in the final frame to pick up the margin of victory.

Mark O'Dell, back in action after a one-match layoff, also found himself in a close match with Suitland's John Goodbred, but rallied in the third period to score a reverse and tuck away an 8-7 win. Goodbred was one of only two Suitland men awarded riding time in their matches.

Four of Laurel's grapplers scored shutout wins against Suitland. Brendan Nuzback, at 140, and 177-pound John Casey both registered 7-0 decisions; and Danny Hanlon, who lost his only decision of the year against Central last Tuesday, and 105-pound Barry McMannus blanked their opponents, 6-0.

The Spartans began the match with a 5-0 advantage when Suitland failed to enter a man to wrestle against 97-pound Tom Hirsch.

Coach Ken Lima, whose Suitland charges have now compiled a 2-4 record against the County's top teams, said after the match that Laurel probably would be right in there for the championship fight. "It may just be decided in the heavyweight ranks," he commented.

The Spartans next turn their attention to High Point in what is expected to their toughest match to d

Undefeated Gene Dannels outstandin named the wrestler, stunned previously undefeated Tex Williams, 8-4 in the only other battle of th undefeateds. Dannels rolleto a 5-01 lead in the firs period by scoring a takedow and a near fall but the table were turned in the seconwhen Williams reversed hi Laurel opponent then picke up two more points on Dannels, b predicament. virtue of an escape and penalty point, upped hi margin to 7-4 then wa awarded one point for ridin time for a final 8-4 decisior

Richard Meister, Laurel undefeated 122-pounder failed, for the second straigh match, to register a pin but wice in his match wit Wayne Stacy scored near fall and romped to an 8-2 wir Meister, by virtue of his will and the loss by Tucke gained sole possession of the lead in team points for the Spartans. Meister now has given Laurel 26 points in simulaters.

Jeff Phillips also remaine undefeated for Laurel b registering a 5-4 win in one c the closest matches of th afternoon. Phillips, who ha gained a 3-0 lead in th period of h second 135-pound match with Tor Thomas, suddenly foun himself reversed and in predicament with Thom: holding a 4-3 lead. With onl :03 left in the second peric Phillips escaped from th

The 2:00 p.m. Thursday January 24 match at Hig Point should give th Spartansfurther indications at to how they stack up overal 97-pound — Tom Hirsch (Lwon by forfeit.

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122-pound — Richard Meiste
(L) dec. Wayne Stacy (S), 8-2.

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(L) dec. Tex Williams (S), 8-4.

156-pound — Mark O'Dell (L
dec. John Goodbred (S), 8-7.

167-pound — Danny Hanlo (L) dec. Shawn Hayes (S), 6-0. 177-pound — John Casey (L dec. Tom Hudson (S), 7-0.

Heavyweight — Charles Burto (S) pinned Warren Tucker (L) 5:45.



High Point Snaps Laurel Win Streak At 6 In 20-19 Thriller Decided In Final Bout

By Howard Smith

Price Gielen scored an with only :55 escape remaining in the final match of the afternoon to supply High Point with their margin of victory in a 20-19 thriller with the visiting Laurel Spartans last Thursday. Gielen's three point victory came at the expense of Laurel's Warren Tucker and nullified a gallant come-from-behind effort by the Spartans, who led 19-17 entering the final match. The loss snapped Laurel's string of six straight victories but gave an indication that both the County and District tourneys should be one of the most evenly matched Powerhouses DuVal Surrattsville earlier claimed three and two point victories, respectively, over the Eagles in nip-and-tuck affairs.

The final, match-deciding bout was set up when Mark O'Dell, at 156, scored an impressive pin over Gary Gallo of High Point to pull the Spartans to within 15-14 of the Braves, who had led since the third bout of the afternoon. O'Dell's pin came with 1:06 left in the first period after he had scored a takedown only 24 seconds earlier. It was the only pin of the afternoon for either squad.

Following on the heels of O'Dell's best performance to



TIED UP IN KNOTS-is the situation High Point's 167-pound Pat Shuster found himself in last Thursday in his match with Laurel's Danny Hanlon. Hanlon went on to claim an 8-3 decision to give Laurel their first lead of the afternoon. The lead, however, proved very fragile and Laurel lost a 20-19 squeaker on the Eagles' mat.

his escape, Gielen managed to successfully avoid the takedown charge of Tucker and preserve his big win. The loss was Tucker's second in a row.

Laurel moved out to an early lead when Tom Hirsch, who has stepped in at 97 pounds and done a good job, fought back from an 2-0 Laurel's Richard Melster, the team point leader. Friday, also undefeated going into the 122-pound match, quickly showed his superiority by registering a takedown then followed in the second period by scoring predicament and near fall points for a 7-0 lead before Meister could get on the

scoreboard with a reverse. An escape and an amazing four points riding time for Friday gave him a 12-2 win.

Steve Dever boosted the margin to 12-3 by upsetting Laurel's Sidney Zook 4-1. Dever held a slim 2-1 lead with less than :35 seconds remaining in the third period (Continued to Page A-18)

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Laurel, in addition to pin by Meister and Cuppels received one from Gene Dannels at 145. Heavyweight Warren Tucker had his string of pins snapped when Bladensburg forfeited the final match of the afternoon. He nonetheless retained his tie with Meister for the lead in team points with 20.

Meister perhaps had the most impressive pin when he scored a takedown of Baldensburg's Jeff Garrett:04 into the match and followed with a pin over a stunned Garrett with:18 left.

in the first period.

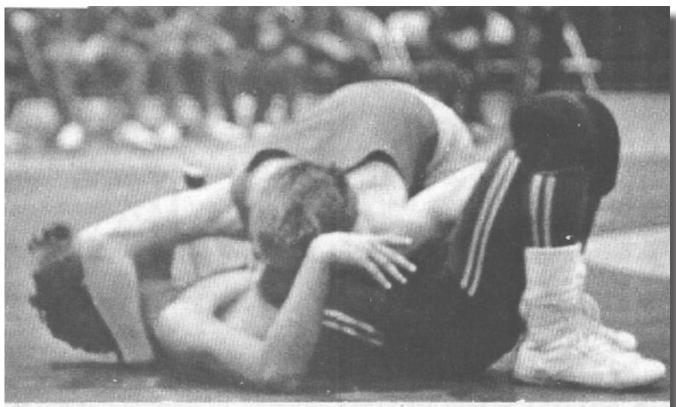
An aggressive Cuppels had built up a 9-2 lead in the second period of his match with 127-pound Mark Cannon then registered a pin in 3:17.

His performance prompted coach Beryle Cohen to say that he had never seen Cuppels wrestle better.

One of the very pleasant surprises on this year's Spartan squad, Jeff Phillips, a transfer from Arundel, gave Laurel a 19-3 lead when he scored a 9-5 decision over 3 kip Casey. Brenden

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IT LOOKS LIKE THE END-for Roland Proctor of Crossland as 105-pound Mike Whittek of Laurel applies the pressurwhich ultimately resulted in a pin. Whittek required only 3:36 to record Laurel's second pin of the night as they routed prossland, 49-5. (LHS Photo by George Uhl).



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Undefeated Surrattsville Halts Rally To Hand Laurel Second Mat Setback, 22-19

Phillips Registers Pin To Stay Unbeaten And Gain Point Lead

Laurel, failing to get a decision in the first five matches, began a rally when Jeff Phillips undefeated pinned Mike McMahan with only :02 left in the second period, but the rally was cut short and the Spartans fell to their second defeat of the campaign at the hands of undefeated Surrattsville, 22-19. It proved to be one of the very few instances where comparative scores told the exact story. Surrattsville, once-defeated in the last three years, claimed a 22-20 win from High Point while the Spartans were dropping a 20-19 decision to the same

With Laurel trailing 16-2, Jeff Phillips, now 9-0 on the season, roared out to score a takedown of McMahan only :07 into the sixth match but a strong McMahan came back to score a reverse to knot the count at the end of the first period, then take a 5-2 lead in the second frame with an escape and another reverse Phillips finally before regained his composure to register Laurel's only pin of the afternoon, 3:58 into the

Phillip's win started a rally which was interrupted twice when Vince Antonioli and Pat McCall of Surrattsville continued their undefeated ways by decisioning Laurel's Brendan Nuzback and Mike

	Charting	The		Spartan		Wrestlers		
					WonBy	WonBy	Pins	Team
Wrestler	Wt.	W	L	T	Forfeit:	Disqual.	30 30	Points
Jeff Phillips	135	9	0	0	0	0	3	33
Richard Meister	122	7	2	0	0	0	5	31
Andy Tucker	Heavy	6	2	0	1	0	2	31
Gene Dannels	147		-1	0	0	0	2	28
Danny Hanlon	167	8	1	0	0	0	1	28
Bredan Nuzback	140	6	2	0	1	0	1	25
Tom Hirseh	97	4	. 0	1	0	0	3	25
Mark O'Deil	156	6	0	1	0	0	2	24
John Casey	177	5	1	2	0	1	0	21
Mike Whitlek	105	4	2	1	0	0	2	18
Everett Hicks	114	4	5	0	0	0	3	18
Sidney Zook	129	4	4	0	0	0	2	16
Barry McMannus		2	2	1	1 1	0	1	15
Frank Cuppels	129	1	0	0	0	0	1 1 1 1	5
Frank Stetka	156	1	1	0	0	0	0	3

reversed by Farris, but quickly registered an escape, a takedown and a near fall to pull back out to a comfortable margin at 12-5. Farris, in the up position in the last period, picked up one point for riding time for the final margin.

Dannels, who for the second time in the last four matches, has been named outstanding wrestler, boosted his record to 8-1 and is tied with Danny Hanlon for third place in team points with 28.

Mark O'Dell, showing the

same aggressiveness he has shown for the past three matches, but the Surrattsville lead to 19-13 when he decisioned Bob Brigham 10-7. O'Dell built up an 8-3 lead late in the second period before Brigham rallied with a reverse and a predicament to trim the lead to 8-7 as the middle frame came to a close. The Laurel 156-pounder held the up position in the third period and maintained control of Brigham to pick up two points in riding time for the final margin.

Laurel's good 167-pounder Danny Hanlon had his opponent, Danny Dewey, in pin position for most of the six-minute match and three times scored via the near fall route inregistering an overwhelming 15-1 decision. So outclassed was Dewey that the only way he could score was when Hanlon, in a referee's decision. penalized 1 point on a charge of cutting off his opponent's

It was the pivotal match

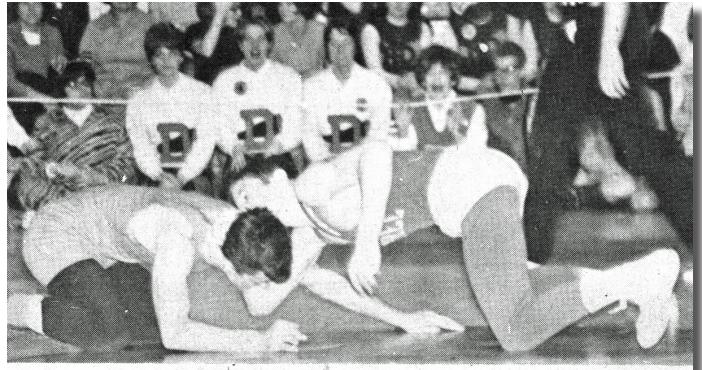
After Phillips had cut the big Surrattsville margin to 16-7, Antonioli once more boosted the margin by taming Nuzback, 4-0. The Surrattsville 140-pounder was unable to score from the mat until:13 into the third period when he reversed Nuzback. That was all the scoring he needed as he picked up two points for riding time and forged out a 4-0 decision to remain undefeated.

Four matches later McCall, who had, until last Thursday, pinned each opponent he had faced, hammered out a 5-0 win over John Casey of Laurel at 177. McCall balanced his scoring throughout the match by registering a reverse, an escape and a takedown, but Casey refused to be awed by the enviable record of the Surrattsville star and held on to prevent the fall and break McCall's string of successive pins. "In every move McCall makes," said one spectator, 'he's looking for a pin," Nothing, however, worked on Casey.

Laurel began a string of hree straight victories after Nuzback had lost, and closed the margin to 19-16 before McCall put a victory out of reach for the Spartans.

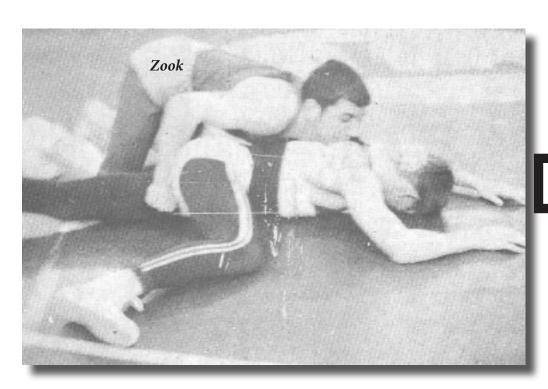
Gene Dannels, blood pouring from a cut in his mouth, ripped out to score three reverses in the first period alone inposting a 12-6 win over Jerry Farris. He was named Laurel's most outstanding wrestler of the day. Dannels saw his lead dwindle to 6-5 early in the second period when he was





COUNTY CHAMP-Richard Meister is seemingly in control using only one hand on DuVal's Jerry Thomas. Meister, the 127-pound County champ pinned Thomas in 5:55.

From the Richard Meister Collection



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Bowie, trailing 18-13 after Laurel's outstanding wrestler of the day, Gene Dannels, pinned Dennis Collins 148-pounds, rebounded win the last four matches and post a 27-18 win over the Spartans, who, like the Braves, ended the regular season with a 7-3 record.

match was much The closer than the final score would indicate. The Spartans still had a shot at it when heavyweights Andy Tucker of Laurel and Lou Kritzer of Bowie squared off in the final bout of the afternoon.

Trailing 22-18 and needing a pin to pull out the victory. Laurel had its hopes boosted when Andy Tucker ripped out in the first period to score a takedown and a near fall. He continued his mastery over Kritzer early in the second period by scoring a reverse for a 7-0 lead after only 10 seconds of the middle frame had elapsed. Twenty-two seconds later, however, Kritzer surprised Tucker with a quick reverse and a pin and left the crowd in stunned silence.

There were several other surprises during the course of the afternoon, perhaps the biggest of which was Scott Bugette's 9-6 decision over Laurel's previously undefeated 136-pounder Jeff Phillips, Who had

won nine in a row and was the team's point leader, fell behind 4-0 in the early going but trimmed the margin to 4-3 on a reverse and a penalty point. That was as close as he was to come and in the third period Bugette scored an escape and a takedown for a 7-3 lead before the men traded reverses. Phillips trimmed the final margin to 9-6 when he escaped late in the third period.

Two other undefeated

Spartans also fell by the wayside against Bowie, Mark O'Dell, who took a 6-0-1 record into his match with Bowie's Bob Johnson, was reversed 1:05 into the second

A very pleasant surprise for the Spartans was the performance of Barry McMannus, filling in for the injured Mike Whittek 106-pounds. McMannus, in a battle of wits, scored an escape with :38 left in the second period and held off Bowie's second half of the Springmans, 1-0. pinning McMannus, an escape artist. made his specialty pay off and gave Laurel a 3-3 tie after the second match. The teams were also tied at 8, 11 and 13 before Bowie took command.

Laurel, which can usually depend on its heavies, was weakened in the latter classes John Casey, who when normally goes at 178, was

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sidelined with a kidney infection, and Danny Hanlon, at 168, was slowed by glandular problems. Hanlon, 8-1 entering the match with Steve Wiley of Bowie, was visibly effected by his ailment and suffered a 4-0 shutout with the aid of two points riding time.

Charles Caldwell, subbing for Casey, was simply outclassed by Keith Bird of Bowie and dropped a 6-0 decision to set the stage for the match-deciding

heavy weight bout.

Laurel, which in both other losses, had dropped behind after the lightweight bouts, this time reversed the tables and took three of the first six, drew in one, and won the eighth bout to claim an 18-13 lead. It was the heavies who succumbed to the pressure against Bowie.

Richard Meister, who fell to second in team points after the Surrattsville match, regained the lead with a pin of Bowie's Tim Olson.

Meister, held to 0-0 in the first period, came on strong in the second and scored a reverse and a near fall before putting away his man with only :05 left in the middle frame.

The pin by Meister gave him 36 points for the regular season, three ahead of Jeff The Laurel Leader February 20, 1969 (Continued)



Bowie beats Laurel 27-18 in wrestling

showing a burst of late steam. hundred Laurel High School its third wrestling defeat of the season Friday by beating the Spartans 27-16 at Laurel.

It was a nip and tuck battle for supremacy until the final three matches of the card when Bowle began to pull ahead.

The afternoon started off ominously for Laurel.

Tom Hirsch dropped an 8-2 decision to Bowle's Jim Springman in the 98-pound class to put the Buildons in the lead, 3-

Laurel came back quickly in the 106-pound category as Barry. McManus edged a 1-0 decision over Bowie's other wrestling Springman, Don.

With the score fied 3-3, Bowle scored the first pin when Dave

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The Bowie High Bulldogs, Cusack held Everett Bicks at just | In the 141-qmund bracket, under four minutes into the bout. Laurel's Brenden Nuzbock and Cusack's victory gave Bowie an blike DeMaid kept the suspense 8-3 margin.

> Once again, though, the the two teams tied at 13-13. Spartans managed a comeback to the it up.

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Spartans were able to take the lead for the first time as they led the Bulldogs began to take over

short-lived, however, as the Laurel's Danny Hanlon with a 44 Buildogs' Scott Bugette won a 9-6 decision among the 168-pound decision over Jeff Phillips and knotted the proceedings at 11-all. They competed in the 136-pound

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The Sportans jumped briefly into the driver's seat again when Richard Meister, wrestling in underrated Gene Dannels pinned

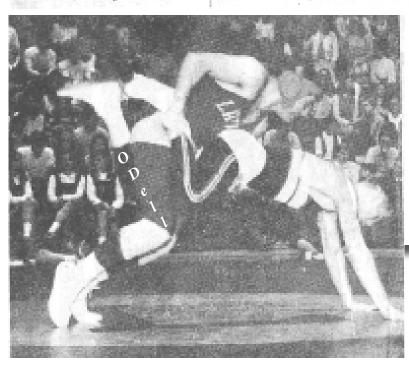
Bowie's 157-pounder, Bob Thanks to Sid Zook's narrow 7-6 Johnson, swept a clean 4-4 victory over Steve Clarkson in decision over Mark O'Dell of the 130-pound category, the Laurel and cut the Spartans advantage to 18-16. From here,

Steve Wiley duplicated his Their success was terminal and teamate's effort by wiping out matmen. Wiley's win put Bowie ahead again 19-13.

> Keith Bird, the Bulldogs muscular 178-pound competitor, took an impressive 6-0 win over Charles Caldwell and aided Bowie in widening its margin to

> Bowie's heavywieght, Louis Critzer, capped the scoring by pinning Laurel's Andy Tucker in little over 2% minutes to polish off the 27-48 win.

> Both teams will be participating in the county-with tournament this Thursday Friday and Saturday at Parkland High School.



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Into County Wrestling Tournament

Laurel seeded nine wrestlers in a late Monday night meeting of Prince George's County wrestling coaches, who met to lay plans for the upcoming County Wrestling Tournament, scheduled to get underway this Thursday night, at 6 p.m. and continue through Saturday, February 22. The County Tournament, which for the first time has an entry from St. Mary's County, is to

be held at Parkdale Senior High School. Those matmen who win their opening round matches Thursday night, will advance to the quarter-finals at 6:30 p.m. on Friday. The semi-finals and finals are set for 6:30 and 8:00 p.m., respectively, on Saturday.

Coaches decided to permit Chopticon, the only wrestling school in St. Mary's County, to enter the tourney rather than advancing untested to the District Tourney, to be held next week.

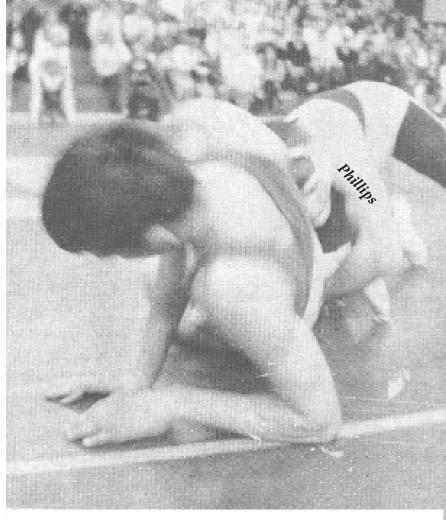
Of the nine Laurel men seeded. only one-Jeff Phillips-was seeded number one. Phillips, undefeated until his final match against Bowie, finished the season with a 9-1 slate and will Chopticon's Tyer (3-0) in the opening round 136-pounders. If Phillips advances, he will meet, in all probability, Jones of DuVal.

Gene Dannels, seeded second with an 8-1 record. drew a bye in the first round just as did four others from Laurel. In addition to Dannels, Tom Hirsch drew a bye at 98-pounds; Barry McMannus will advance uncontested into the quarter-finals; and Everett Hicks and Mark O'Dell also will bypass the first round. The five byes could hurt Laurel's overall chances since no advancement points can be obtained by the five who drew by es.

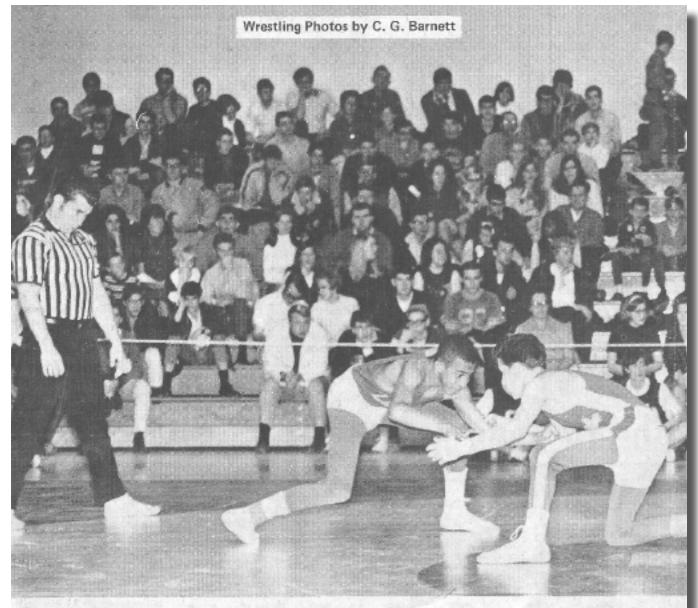
John Casey, at 178 pounds; Richard Meister, at 123; and Danny Hanlon, at 168; were seeded number three for the meet.

Casey, 6-1-2 on the season, will meet Herdson of Suitland in the opening round. Should he advance as anticipated, his probable quarter-final opponent will be Bladensburg's Hammer.

Meister, 8-2 for the regular season, will be paired against Schwarz of Oxon Hill in the first round and could meet Wayne Stacey of Suitland in







Laurel's Barry McMannus and Surrattsville's Gary Funkhouser search for a hold that will bring the other down. Funkhouser eventually succeeded and took a 4-0 win in the quarter-final round of the PG County Wrestling Tournament.



Second-seeded DuVal claimed four individual champions in annexing the Sixth Annual Prince George's County Wrestling Tournament, held last weekend at Parkdale. The Tigers ended the tourney 70 points Surrattsville. favored successfully defend 1968 title, finished in second with 61 points and High Point wrapped up third with 60 points. High Point's bid for second place was denied when their 120-pounder, Chuck Friday, top-seeded in the event, was pinned in 2:50 of the final match by DuVal's Jeff Galemore in one of the tourney's most stunning upsets.

Laurel, leader of the pack entering the semi-final round with 37 points, faltered as seven of the eight men in the semis were defeated, and finished in fourth place with 53 points. The Spartans, according to regular season records, were figured to take fifth place. Richard Meister, wrestling one class above his normal weight, was the only County champion Laurel could claim.

Surprising Suitland edged out Bowie for fifth place in the team standings mainly in the strength of the showings of 112-pound Dan Homan, 120-pound Wayne Stacey, 127-pound Jim Boertline 154-pound and Charles Goodbred, who each walked away with third place honors. Suitland finished the tourney with 45 points, one more than Bowie, which had second-place and one third place finisher.

Parkdale, Northwestern, Bladensburg and Chopticon rounded out the first ten spots ahead of Oxon Hill, Crossland and Central.

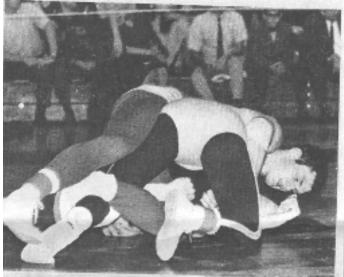
The champions sent five men into the semis and all five advanced to the finals. Only 180-pound John constrong failed to capture an individual title among the



NEAR FALL-Parkdale's Mike Darling (legs in air) succumbs to pressure by Laurel's Gene Dannels but the Spartan 145-pounder never could get the fall. He nonetheless outclassed Darling, 14-3.



IT WON'T BE LONG NOW-Laurel's Everett Hicks puts Surrattsville's Don Large on his back just before recording a pin, 1:32 into the match. Hicks left no doubt of the outcome of the match from the beginning.



OUCH, THAT SMARTS-Danny Hanlon, seemingly in a ad fix here, finally gained control of Bladensburg's Pat egarty and coasted to an 8-2 decision last Friday night S n in individual title among the live that the Tigers sent into the finals. He was outclassed, 5-0, by Surrattsville's good Pat McCall, who in regular season pinned eight straight opponents.

Top-seeded 95-pounder David Wells got DuVal off to a good start in the final round by decisioning Bowie's Jim Springham, 4-1. Wells had advanced to the finals by decisioning Parkdale's Chuck Kaletti, 15-5 in the semis. He recorded only one pin enroute and that came in the first round.

Jeff Galemore, at 120-pounds, really gave DuVal the impetus that shot them into the team title when he scored his stunning upset over top-seeded Chuck Friday of High Point.

The Tigers got their third individual championship three bouts later when favored Kenny Rogers, at 138, squeezed out a narrow 1-0 decision over Vince bad fix here, finany gamed control of Biadensburg's Pat Hegarty and coasted to an 8-2 decision last Friday night.

Antonioli of Surratsville and the issue was no more in doubt.

If DuVal needed assurances, Ed (Brother) Rupard, definitely the class of the 165-pounders, certainly supplied it by wading through Bowie's Steve Wiley, 9.0. Rupard waltzed through the 165-pounders like they were merely child's play and must be considered the favorite to wrap up a District II title this weekend at High Point.

Surrattsville, in second place entering the final round, two points behind Du Val. claimed individual championships. In addition to McCall, Gary Funkhouser, top-seeded 103-pounder and champion of the 95-pounders in 1968, outclassed Bladensburg's Rusty Maske, 5-2, in the final round after disposing Oxon Hill's Warren Averill in the semi-finals and Laurel's Barry McMannus, in quarter-finals. He won his first-round match with a 3:30

Bowie, which sent three men into the finals, managed to get one man through all the way. Bob Johnson, at 154, decisioned Surrattsville's Mike Dickerson, 4-2, in the finals after having reached that plateau by turning back Charles Goodbred of Suitland and Bryan Hall of Bladensburg. Goodbred the provided stiffest opposition to Johnson, falling by a referee's decision in overtime.

High Point, probably knocked out of second-place finish when Chuck Friday was upset, also sent three men into the finals but only one emerged as the County champ. Top-seeded Steve DiCarlo, 103-pound champion for 1968, moved up to 112-pounds this year and won that class by decisioning Crossland's Chuck Stone, 8-3. DiCarlo failed to pin an opponent in the tourney but held wide leads in all his wins.

Both Laurel and High Point sent eight men into the semi-final round but neither fared too well at that plateau. Laurel, leading High Point, 37-35, at the end of Friday night's round, managed to get only 127-pound Richard Meister through as all the others, including top-seeded Jeff Phillips bit the dust. The Spartans managed to hang on to their fourth place finish as three of the seven who lost in the semis, carried off third place honors. Gene Dannels, who lost out to Tex Williams of Suitland in the semis, came back in the consolation round early Saturday night to pin Eric Davis of Duval in 3:30. Brendan Nuzback also carried off a third place for Laurel when he took the measure of Sam Salamy of Northwestern. 3-1, John Casey shutout High Point's Warren Swetnam, 4-0, for the Spartan's only other third place finisher.

Parkdale, which sent two men into the final round, had one champion in Steve Wolfe at 133. Wolfe, hung on to decision High narrowly Point's Dave Strauss, 3-2, to help boost the Panthers into a seventh place finish, very good for a first year wrestling school. Laurel's Richard Meister prevented Parkdale from claiming another championship by turning aside 127-pound Bob Rose, 4-2, in the final round.

Northwestern also had one champion enroute to their eighth place finish. Raynard Johnson, at 145, stopped Suitland's Tex Williams, 4-1, after disposing of Eric Davis, 6-4, in the semis.

Chopticon, entered in the PG County Tourney for the first time this year, also had one individual champion in heavy weight Dave Dicob. The big boy from the St. Mary's County school found little difficulty in wading through any and all the Prince George's schools had to offer. Dicob, who drew a bye in the first round, put away Bowie's Lou Kritzer by a 2:56 fall in the quarter-finals, decisioned Surrattsville's Wayne Field, 11-4, in the semis, then pinned Suitland's Charles Burton in 5:20 of the finals. Chopticon finished tourney in 10th place with 15

It's now on to High Point (Continued to Page A-18)







Meister Takes Only Crown For Spartans

Coach Beryle Cohen's Laurel Spartans, figured to finish fifth in the PG County Wrestling Tournament and looking like champions after the quarter-finals, saw their narrow, 2-point lead wiped out in the Saturday afternoon semi-final round when seven of their eight semi-finalists were knocked off, and fell back to fourth place at the close of the final round Saturday night.

The Spartans pushed through one individual champion in Richard Meister. Meister, who throughout the season has wrestled at 120-pounds, was moved up to replace an ailing Sidney Zook, who could not compete at 127. Coach Cohen, in a strategy move, decided to advance Meister one weight class, feeling that the Spartan's team point leader could handle the task. Meister had little difficulty in goingall the way by taking two pins, one of which came at the expense of DuVal's Jerry Thomas in quarter-finals. and decisions. Meister met his stiffest competition in the final match when he met and finally subdued Parkdale's Bob Rose, 4-2, in a bout hotly disputed by Parkdale fans.

The Spartans also got three third-place finishers in Gene Dannels, the outstanding wrestler of the year for Laurel and second-seeded 145-pounder in the tourney, Brendan Nuzback, fourth-seeded 138-pounder, and John Casey, third-seeded 180-pounder.

Dannels, who advanced to the quarter-finals with a bye, completely outclassed Mike Darling of Parkdale, 14-3, then fell 11-5 to Suitland's Tex Williams before rebounding to take third place by pinning Eric Davis of DuVal in 3:30.

Nuzback pinned Mike Hall of Central in the opening round then routed Mike Demaio, 13-4, in the quarter finals before losing 6-2 to Surrattsville's Vince







Rupard Gets MVP Selection

By Steve Hines Sentinel Reporter

DuVal, with four first place winners, captured the Prince Goerge's County Wrestling Tournament with 70 points, nine more than its nearest rival Surrattsville.

The Tigers' win climaxed the three day tournament held last weekend at Parkdale High School.

The top four winners in each weight classification now move to the District Two meet this Friday and Saturday at High Point High.

Dave Wells of DuVal won the 95 pounds class downing the numbered one seeded Jim Springmann of Bowie 4-1. Charles Keleti of Parkdale finished third outlasting Tom Hirsh of Laurel 9-7.

First seeded Garry
Funkhouser of Surrattsville took
Rusty Maske of Bladensburg 5-2
to win the 103 pound
classification. Bruce McConkey
of High Point, who lost to
Maske 2-1 in the semi-finals,
shutout Warren Averill of Oxon
Hill 6-0 to take the consolation
match.

Steve DiCarlo from High Point, at 112, easily defeated Pat Stone of Crossland. In the battle for third place, Dan Holman of Suitland was victorious over DuVal's Everett Hicks 3-2.

In a major upset, Mark Galemore pinned Chuck Friday of High Point in 2:50 to win the 120 pounds title. Wayne Stacy of Suitland, one of the most agressive wrestlers in the tournment, decisioned Jeff Garrett of Bladensburg 6-2 for third.

Rick Meister of Laurel, who wasn't seeded at 127 pounds scored two points in the final seconds of his match to edge Bob Rose of Parkdale 4-2. Meister was scheduled to participate in the 120 pounds class but arminary to Sid Zook forced him to move up one classification. In the consolation John Boertlein of Suitland defeated Steve Dever of High Point.



Antonioli. Nuzback rebounded to trip up Northwestern's Sam Salamy in the consolation bracket Saturday night for third place. Nuzback, fourth-seeded among 138-pounders, was especially impressive in disposing of Damaio, with whom he had tied in the last regular-season match here.

John Casey, third-seeded 180-pounder, made seeding committee look good by finishing third. Casey took 3-0 and 1-0 shutout victories before being pinnned by the eventual champion, Pat McCall of Surrattsville, in the semis. The Spartans' 180-pounder rebounded from the 2:40 pin Saturday afternoon to record his third shutout win of the meet in the consolation. . Warren Swetnam of High Point was the 4-0 victim.

Laurel, which will send eight men into the District II Tourney this weekend, also had four, fourth-place finishers.

Hirsch, at Tom 95-pounds, advanced to the quarter-finals by virtue of a bye then stunned Surrattsville's Jim Smith, 3-2, in the quarter-finals before bowing in the semis to Bowie's Jim Springman, 4-2. It was the second time Springman had beaten Hirsch. Chuck Kalletti of Parkdale assured Hirsch of a fourth place finish by taking a decision in the consolation round Saturday night.

Everett Hicks, at also provided 112-pounds. some surprises of his own by claiming a fourth place in the event. Hicks, unseeded entering the tourney, drew a bye in the first round then out to roared Surrattsville's Don Large in 1:32 of the quarter finals. It was the fastest pin time recorded by any Spartan during the meet. Hicks then Chuck Stone met Crossland and was pinned in 3:24 of the semis, then was edged 3-2 by Suitland's Dan third place Homan for honors.

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Eight Spartans Advance To District II Tournament This Weekend At High Poin

Laurel's grapplers, fresh off a fourth-place finish in the Prince George's County Wrestling Tournament, now must turn their attention to this weekend's District II Tournament, to be held at High Point High School in

Beltsvillean

The Spartans, who will send eight men into the District/how a tough row to hoe if they are to capture any lourels at the meet. Four of the eight who will go to High Point must face Montgomery County's top men in the first

Tom Hirsch, at pounds, will meet Mickey Cooperman of Springbrook. Montgomery County's 95-pound champ. Cooperman is one of four individual champs from Sprinbrook, the Montgomery County team champion. Laurel's 112-pounder, Everett Hicks will be paleed against Dick Curtin, also of Springbrook in the first round. Jeff Phillips, at 183, will meet Larry Curtis of Galthersburg, Montgomery County's 133 pound champ, and Danny Hanlon, Laurel's 165-pounder, will square off against Scott Libbey of Springhrook,

If Hirsch advances pest the first round then he would meet the winner of the match. between Dan Homan of Suitland and Steve Weiler of Walter Johnson, Jeff Phillips, If successful in his flest round match, will meet the winner of the maich between Carroll Dorsey of Sherwood and Scott Burgett of Bowie. Hanlon, should he pass his first test, will meet the winner of the bout



COUNTY CHAMP-Richard Meister is seemingly in control using only one hand on DuVal's Jerry Thomas, Meister, the 127-pound County champ pinned Thomas in 5:55.

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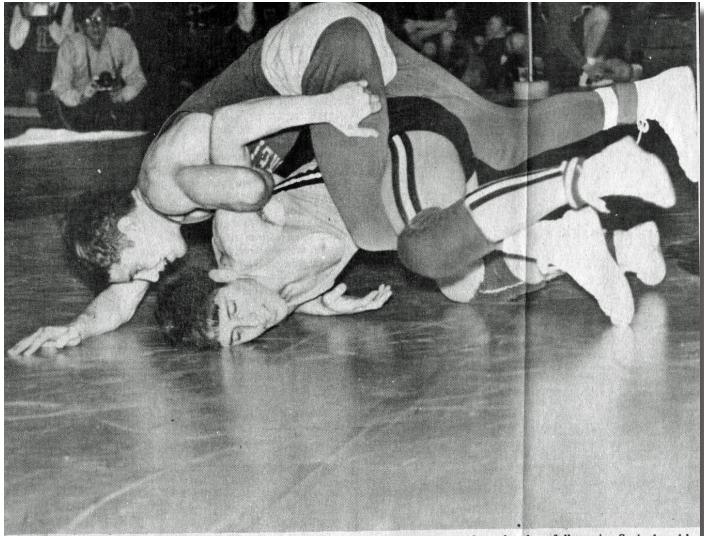
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WAKE UP AND TAKE YOUR MEDICINE-Laurel's Richard Meister appears to be rather forcefully urging Springbrook's Lee Cooperman to rise from his apparent sleep and take some disliked medicine. Meister spooned out medicine in the form of a 9-4 defeat of Cooperman in the opening round of the District II Wrestling Tournament last weekend. Photo by C.G.

From the Richard Meister Collection

Tigers Finish With One-Point Surrattsville Third Margin:

By Howard Smith

Prince George's County Wrestling Champ, added the District II title to its laurels last weekend at High Point High School in Beltsville, but had to have the help of undefeated Surrattaville's 175-pounder Pat McCall to accomplish the feet.

Du Val, leading Springbrook, the Montgomery team champ. 46-42, after Ed (Brother) Rupperd had waltzed to a 10-2 decision over Rick Klog of Wheaton, found its lead in grave jeopardy entering the final two mistches of the night with Springbrook having a man in both bouts while the Tigers had none. That's where Surrattsville's Pat McCall came into play.

McCall, undefeated since last year's County towney, gave DuVal the boost it needed in the next-to-last match of the night when he pounded out a 4-1 decision over Springbrook's County champ to put the eventual champs firmly in the driver's seat with Springbrook needing a pin by heavyweight. Phil Waters to gain even a tie for the championship. A pin by Waters, too, was next to an impossibility because he to face Richard Montgomery's own version of gigantus in the form of one Ray Wethington, a monster in his own right. Waters, though he did win the match over Wethington, failed to get the pin and Springbrook fell one point shy of DuVal with the final evening's activities.

Each County claimed six individual champions with DuVal, Springbrook, Surrattsville and Sherwood (1-2-3-4 in that order) landing two each while Bowie, Parkdale, Walter Johnson and

The tourney saw three of four Montgomery County champion of Montgomery 120-pounds and this year,

In a tournament filled County ran is consecutive win with stunning upsets, DuVal, string to 14 before bowing 7-0 to David Strauss of High Point in the semi-final round Saturday afternoon, Scott Libbey of Springbrook, the Montgomery County 165-pound champ also saw his streak anapped when he succumbed to a nin by Rick King of Wheaton in the semis. Klag finished third in the Montgomery tourney the previous weekend.

> Mark Galemore of DuVal. who won the PG County title at 120 pounds, moved all the way into the finals before bowing to Kevin Spaner of Walt Whitman, Spaner, who pinned Galemore in 3:48 of the final match, was named to share the District II Outstanding Wrestler Award DuVal's with: Brother Ruppard. Some observers felt, however, that Rupperd could have wonths award outright if he had looked more impressive in his final prostock.

Raynard Johnson, Prince 175-pound Montgomery George's County's 145-pound champ from Northwestern, fell in the opening round Priday night to Alex Milano, a substitute for the ailing Jim Hensel of Gaithersburg. Milano, from Sherwood, finished fifth in the Montgomery County Championships.

> Steve DiCarlo, general felt to be the best of the 112-pounders, suffered a slight concussion in the semifinals but nonetheless insisted on wrestling in the finals and was bested, 9-0, by Richard Curtin, Montgomery champ from Springbrook.

Tim Garner, winner of 25 consecutive matches entering the District II meet, can that string to 28 and captured the 127-pound championship in the process. Garner, from Sherwood, didn't have a Walt Whitman each claimed single point scored against him in his three matches. He has been scored upon only PG's six unbeaten men fall by once all year. In the last two the wayside while two of the years. Garner has defeated Laurel men fee the unbeatens failed to go all the championship. Last year it Curtis of was Kit Buckingham who fell Gaithersburg, the 133-pound to the Sherwood star at

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127-pounds Garner. 100 shutout Richard Meister. Laurel's only wrestler to reach the final round. Meister was the PG champ at 127-pounds.

Larry Rollins of Sherwood. Montgomery County's 138-pound champ, continued his unbeaten skein by rolling over Sam Salamy Northwestern,

Antonioli of Surrattaville and Ken Rogers of DuVal for the District II title.

Gary Funkhouser Surrattsville, PG champ at 103 pounds, kept his record unblemished by decisioning Guy Semmes of Churchill, Bruce McConkey of High Point and Russel Maske of II was Hladensburg. Funkhouser's second straight



win over Maske, as the 103-pound championship was a repeat performance of the previous week's PG championship.

Brother Ruppard, definitely the class of all the 165-pounders, waded through any and all tests to continue undefeated and capture the District II title. Ruppard, from DuVal, twice pinned opponents during the tourney failing only in his final match.

Pat McCall also registered two pins in three matches in the enroute to capturing the 175-pound title. undefeated Surrattsville man only to pin Springbrook's Tom Wise in the final bout. He was almost as popular with DuVal fans on Saturday evening as was Ruppard, McCall was the defending District 165-pound champ. Curtis, David Wells and Tim Garner were also defending champs and only Curtis fell by the wayside.

Wells defeated Jim Williams of Sherwood, Chuck Kaleti of Parkdale, and Jim Springman of Bowle enroute to taking the 95-pound championship. Springman carried the DuVal 95-pounder into the final period before being reversed and losing the match.

Larry Curtin Springbrook ripped through Don Large of Surrattsville Fermon Jones of Wheaton and Steve DiCarlo of High Point enroute to becoming the District II 112-pounc champ. Curtin had captured the Montgomery County championship one prior. Spanner, in addition to pinning Galemore in the final match for 120-pounders. registered a 5-0 win over Chuck Friday of High Point, who finished third in PG County, and pinned Jeff Garrett of Bladensburg.

Parkdale's Steve Wolfe, PG's 133-pound champ, became the District II champ by downing Ken Ross of Walt Whitman, 10-7; Carroll Dorsey of Sherwood, 4-3; and David Strauss of High Point, 4-2 in the final.

Nelson Wiegman of Walter Johnson turned the tables on Craig Beacraft of Churchill to become the 145-pound District II champ. Wiegman, who bowed to Beacraft in the Montgomery finals, registered a 7-5 decision in the District II finals to become champ. He defeated Bruce Reid of High Point and Alex Milano of Sherwood to earn the right to meet Beacraft again.

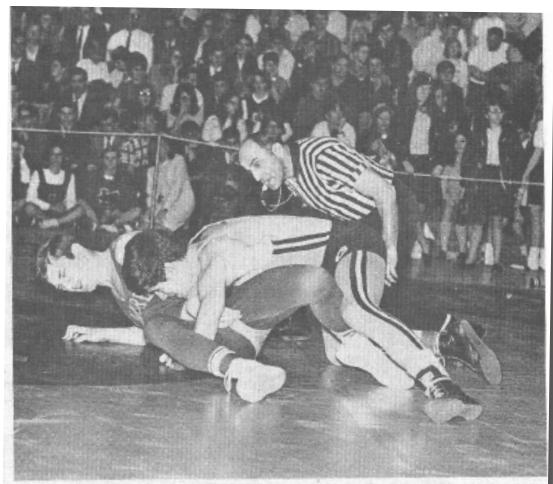
Bob Johnson gave Bowie their only individual champ when he tripped Dickerson of Surrattsville. 4-2, in the finals, Johnson earned the final plateau by downing John Goodbred of Suitland and Sam Vudix of Springbrook. An all PG semi-final and final round in the 145-pound class was set up when, in one of the tournev's most shocking upsets, Gary Gallo of High Point, registered an 8-6 win Rick OWER Furgeson Wheaton. Furgeson was the Montgomery champ.

The exact opposite of the 145-pound class occurred in the heavyweight bracket when all the PG-St. Mary's heavies were knocked off in the opening round to set up an all Montgomery County semi-final and final round. Three of the PG heavies fell by a pin with only Dave Dicob of Chopticon able to avoid a pin. Dicob, who waltzed through PG heavies with ease in the previous week's tourney, lost in the

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BRAND X HEADACHE NUMBER 247-how to get out of a painful hold. Laurel's Danny Hanlon is the one registering pain in attempting to free himself of the hold administered by Springbrook's Scott Libbey. Libbey won the match but not before Hanlon gave him a scare. Photo by C.G. Barnett

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The Laurel Spartans, who had originally qualified eight men for the District II Tournament last weekend. their chances almost had completely destroyed when four of the eight were not able to make it due to injuries or illnesses. Three of the four--Brendan Nuzback, Gene Dannels and John Casey-finished third in the PG Tournament the previous The fourth week. man. Hicks, Everett finished fourth.

The Spartans managed to pick up nine points in the District II tourney and did it wholly on the efforts of Richard Meister, 127-pound PG champ who went all the way to the finals last weekend before bowing 6-0 to Sherwood's Tim 28 Garner, unbeaten in

straight matches.

Meister, who decisioned Parkdale's Bob Rose for the PG title, twice registered near falls in his opening match with Springbrook's Lee Cooperman and gained a 9-4 decision. Suitland's John Boertline provided the semi-final opposition to Meister but sophomore brushed him aside, 4-0, for the right to meet Garner.

Tom Hirsch, who was doubtful until late in the week, recuperated enough to the Montgomery meet 95-pound champ Mickey Cooperman of Springbrook. Hirsch, who finished fourth in the PG tourney, gave a good account of himself before bowing, 7-4, in the opening round last weekend.

Jeff Phillips, who finished fourth in PG County became the 14th straight victim of Gaithersburg's Larry Curtis in

the opening round of the District II 133-pound match. Curtis pound out a 6-1 verdict over Laurel's Phillips, who was once-defeated during regular season.

Danny Hanlon, at 165, provided Laurel fans with moments of hope in his match with Scott Libbey, the Montgomery champ from

Springbrook.

Hanlon, trailing 4-0 late in the third period, suddenly reversed Libbey and registered a near fall to claim a 5-4 lead with only seconds showing on the clock. The upset was not to be however, as Libbey quickly registered an escape to knot the count, then scored a takedown with only :13 left to win the match, 7-5.

There is no doubt but what the services of Gene Dannels, Casey and Nuzback were missed. Dannels, who would have met the eventual 145-pound Nelson Wiegman, has certainly looked as good if not better than any one in the 145-pound field on Nuzback occasions. could have possibly picked one or twoadvancement points for Laurel the Spartans and Casey could have added another before meeting the eventual champ, Pat McCall, in the 175-pound class.

> The Spartans finished in a tie for 12th place with Richard Montgomery and Bladensburg and never were really a factor in the outcome of the tourney. They are, however, a young team, and show a great deal of promise for next year.

By KELLY GILBERT City Editor

DuVal won its first Maryland District II wrestling title Saturday night by one point over

> Team scoring — DuVal 46, Springbrook 45, Surrattsville 40, Sherwood 34, High Point 32, Bowie 27, Walter Johnson 23, Walt Whitman 20, Parkdale 15, Wheaton 14, Suitland and Kennedy 11, Bladensburg, Churchill, Laurel and Richard Montgomery 9, Gaithersburg 8, Northwood 3.

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County News March 6, ,1969 Springbrook on the depth of its grapplers and a Surrattsville individual victory.

The Tigers led Springbrook by one point after the consolation round, and had four qualifiers to Springbrook's three. On paper, the Tigers had won, but tournament pressure took its toll.

David Wells, the DuVal junior defending 95-pound champion, struggled to a 7-5 win over archrival Jim Springmann of Bowie, to lengthen the Tiger lead to four points.

Springmann, who placed second to Wells in the country tournament the previous weekend, scored a 4-1 upset over Montgomery County champ Mickey Cooperman of Springbrook to gain his final berth.

The two-team battle again came into play in the 112-pound bout, as Richard Curtin of Springbrook scooted to a 7-0 decision over Steve DiCarlo of High Point. The four-point DuVal lead dwindled to one again.

Then Kevin Spaner, Walt Whitman's county champ, pinned DuVal's Mark Galemore in 3:48 of an action-packed bout. That loss put pressure on Kenny Rodgers and Ed "brother" Rupard to stretch the one-point mark with victories.

Larry Collins of Sherwood then put a crimp in the DuVal effort by blanking Rodgers, 7-0.

Rupard, however, kept the Tiger hopes alive with a burst of adrenalin strength that resulted in a 9-2 victory over Rick Klag, to move the lead back to four points.

All Kuharik and his team could do at that point was hope Springbrook needed to win the last two bouts for the six points which would jump the team past DuVal to the title. Tom Wise, Springbrook's Iontgomery County champ, ran t Surrattsville's defending biounty titlist Pat McCall, and the natch was on. The two tumbled or nearly all the first period efore McCall scored a akedown. Wise, up in the second eriod, kept McCall broken down intil the scrappy Hornet finally proke free with 33 seconds left.

McCall then tactically rode out he third period for a 3-1 victory, as DuVal's rooters nearly took he roof off High Point's gym theering him.

Tim Garner of Sherwood continued his two-year reign as District II champion in the 127bound class with a 4-0 decision over Laurel's Richard Meister.

Bob Johnson became Bowie's only champion with a 4-2 win against Surrattsville's Mike Dickerson. The victory was the rubber match in a series of three which dates back to the regular season. The pair finished 1-2 in the county meet.

Steve Wolfe of Parkdale had the distinction of becoming the meet's only sophomore champion, with a 4-2 victory over High Point's David Strauss. Wolfe, the county champ in his first year of competition, won the match on riding time.

FINAL RESULTS

95 — David Wells, DuVal, dec. Jim Springmann, Bowie, 2-0.

103 — Gary Funkhouser, Surrattsville, dec. Russell Maske, Bladensburg, 10-3

112 — Richard Curtin, Springbrook, dec. Steve DiCarlo, High Point, 7-0.

120 — Kevin Spaner, Walt Whitman, pinned Mark Galemore, DV, 3:48.

127 — Tim Garner, Sherwood, dec. Richard Meister, Laurel, 4-0. 133 — Steve Wolfe, Parkdale, dec. David Strauss, HP, 4-2.

138 — Larry Rollins, SH, dec. Kenny Rodgers, DV, 7-0.

145 — Nelson Wiegman, Walter Johnson, dec. Craig Becraft, Churchill, 7-5.

154 — Bob Johnson, Bowie, dec. Mike Dickerson, Sur., 4-2.

165 — Ed Rupard, DV, dec. Rick Klag, Wheaton, 9-2.

175 — Pat McCall, Sur., dec. Tom Wise, Sp., 3-1.

Heavyweight — Phil Waters, Sp., dec. Ray Wethington, Richard Montgomery, 8-4.