

HIGH SCHOOLS

Suffolk Wrestlers Reign Again

State team title, 3 individual champs; Nassau places 8th

By Gregg Sarra

Syracuse — Defending champion Suffolk County crowned three state champions to win its fourth state team title in five years at the New York State Wrestling Championships at the Onondaga War Memorial.

Port Jefferson's Jamie St. John (145) and Comsewogue's Adam Mariano (177) became two-time state titlists and Floyd's Bill Friburger (250) avenged his 2-1 loss in the finals last year to Peru's Jeff Way with a 7-3 victory over Way.

"It's a lot tougher to win it the second time," said St. John, who decideded Mexico's Don Duell, 8-5.

Suffolk placed 12 of its 14 wrestlers, including three who wrestled back for third place, and finished with 199.5 points, 37 ahead of runnerup Columbia.

A prime example of Suffolk's dominance in the wrestlebacks was 167-pounder Dean Morrison of Copiague, who won four times to place third.

"It was a total team effort," said Suffolk wrestling chairman Paul Brodmerkel. "We trailed at the end of the semifinals and the kids doing well in the wrestlebacks was crucial."

From a team standpoint, Nassau had a disappointing performance, finishing eighth with 89 points.

Bethpage senior Tom Sinacore, however, gave Nassau its first champion in two years when he took the 112-pound title with a 10-10 overtime win by referee's criteria over Suffern's James Canty. Sinacore produced four takedowns, including two fireman's-carry moves, to Canty's two takedowns.

"The fireman's carry is my big move," said Sinacore (39-0), Bethpage's first state titlist. "Before I wrestled in my

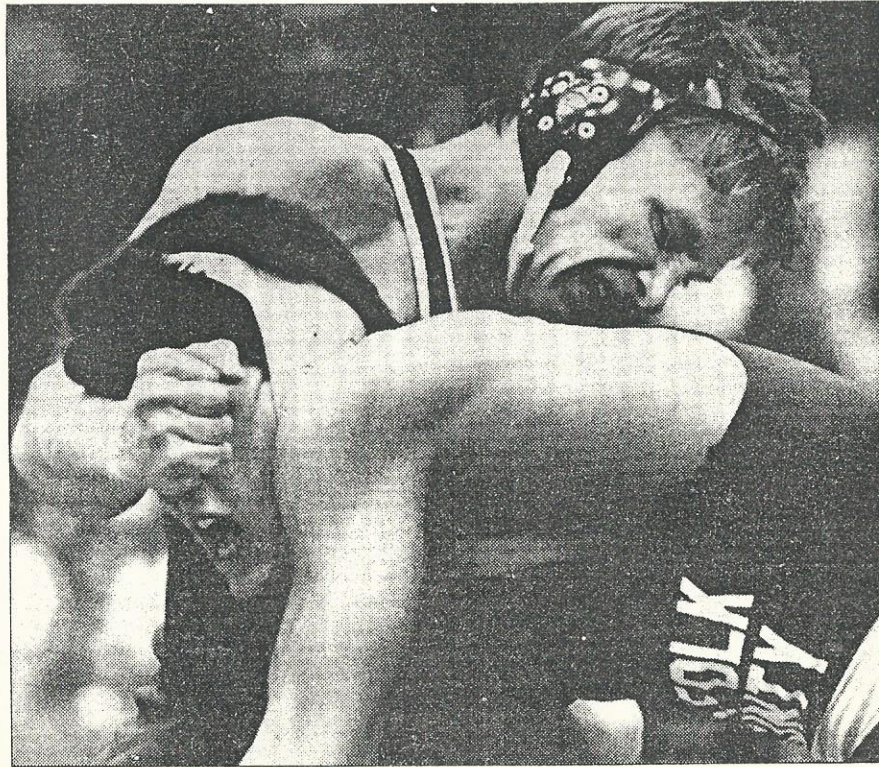


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Floyd 126-pounder William Kenneally has an arm in his face during semifinal match with Ed Moak of Averill Park. Kenneally lost decision, wound up fifth.

brother Ron taught me the move in my room. It's my favorite."

Freeport's Bill Terry (138) won an overtime semifinal match over Averill Park's Corey Schroeder, 11-10, but lost in the final to Lou Ruggirello of Valley Central, 7-1.

Finishing in third place for Suffolk were Connetquot's Mike Buonagurio

Northport's Mike Polo (138), and Morrison. Copiague's Offie Reid (132) placed fourth, Sachem's Joe Lopez (105), Port Jefferson's Kurt Wagner (112) and Floyd's Matt Kenneally (126) finished fifth. Junior heavyweight Billy Crawford of Wyandanch took sixth.

For Nassau, Farmingdale's Mike Kotin (167) and Aaron Brown (177) fin-

Nassau representative in the wrestlebacks was Long Beach heavyweight Charlie Davis. He recorded the fastest pin of the tournament with a 38-second fall over Joe Vredenburg of Chenango Forks. Davis took third place.

STATE WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS
At Onondaga War Memorial, Syracuse

Finals
91 — Anthony Alberti (Hendrik Hudson, I) dec. Craig Conant (Tully, III), 17-3. 98 — Carlos Jimenez (Sleepy Hollow, I) dec. Tom Mangan (Averill Park, II), 9-5. 105 — Frank Fronhofer (Salem, II) dec. Juan Carlos Garcia (Sleepy Hollow, I), 5-3. 112 — Sinacore (Bethpage, VII) dec. James Canty (Suffern, I), 10-10, in overtime on referee's criteria. 119 — Andy Antonucci (Hilton, V) dec. Bouzakis (Pine Bush, IX), 5-4 in overtime. 126 — Lopresti (Spencerport, V) dec. Ed Moak (Averill Park, II), 5-4. 132 — John Bena (Niskayuna, II) pinned Tom Shifflet (Sweet Home, VI), 1:48. 138 — Lou Ruggirello (Valley Central, IX) dec. Bill Terry (Freeport, VIII), 7-1. 145 — Jamie St. John (Port Jefferson, XI) dec. Don Duell (Mexico, III), 8-5. 155 — Seamus Lyman (Watertown, III) dec. J.J. Stanbro (Johnson City, IV), 3-1. 167 — Chris Balducci (Irvington, I) dec. John Welch (Canandaigua, VI), 7-0. 177 — Adam Mariano (Comsewogue, XI) dec. John Penhollow (Cassadaga Valley, VI), 14-4. Hvy — Ron Vitullo (New Hartford, III) pinned Earl Gardner (Stuyvesant, PSAL), 2:57. 250 — Bill Friburger (Floyd, XI) dec. Jeff Way (Peru, VII), 7-3. Team Scores: Suffolk (XI) 199.5; Westchester (I) 162; Rochester area (V) 161.5; Albany area (II) 156; Sullivan (IX) 138; Syracuse area (III) 130; Buffalo area (VI) 130; Nassau (VIII) 89; Binghamton area (IV) 80; St. Lawrence area (X) 54; Champlain (VII) 51; PSAL 31; CHSAA 30.

Semifinals
91 — Conant (Tully, III) dec. Russell Deposit, IV, 5-0. Alberti (Hendrik Hudson, I) dec. Buonagurio (Connetquot, XI), 3-2. 98 — Jimenez (Sleepy Hollow, VI) dec. Jack-off (Sweet Home, VI), 10-0; Mangan (Averill Park, II) pinned Barklund (Bloomfield, VI), 3:30. 105 — Fronhofer (Salem, II) dec. Duque (Valley Central, IX), 1:40; Garcia (Sleepy Hollow, I) dec. Toner (Johnson City, IV), 13-5. 112 — Canty (Suffern, I) dec. Wagner (Port Jefferson, XI), 6-3; Sinacore (Bethpage VIII) dec. Rastelli (Grand Island, VI), 8-5. 119 — Antonucci (Hilton, V) dec. Shaffer (Waverly, IV), 6-5; Bouzakis (Pine Bush, IX) dec. Diamond (Kings Park, XI), 5-1. 126 — Lopresti (Spencerport, V) dec. Kourney (Williamsville North, VI), 5-2; Moak (Averill Park, II) dec. Kenneally (Floyd, XI), 4-2. 132 — Bena (Niskayuna, II) dec. Baker (Saranac, VII), 7-3; Shifflet (Sweet Home, VI) dec. Denhaese (Cato-Meridian, III), 21-8. 138 — Ruggirello (Valley Central, IX) pinned Polo (Northport, XI), 3:43; Terry (Freeport, VIII) dec. Schroeder (Averill Park, II), 11-10 in overtime. 145 — Duell (Mexico, III) dec. Taylor (Brookport, VI), 2-1; St. John (Port Jefferson, XI), 9-3. 155 — Lyman (Watertown, III) dec. Foster (Guilderland, II), 3-1; Stanbro (Johnson City, IV) dec. Visconti (Chaminade, CHSAA), 13-5. 167 — Balducci (Irvington, I) dec. Kotin (Farmingdale, VIII), 13-3; Welch (Canandaigua, VI) dec. Whitford (Tottenville, PSAL), 5-0. 177 — Mariano (Comsewogue, XI) pinned Knazick (Walter Panas, I), 2:37; Penhollow (Cassadaga Valley, VI) dec. Bucci (Red Hook, IX), 5-1; Hvy — Vitullo (New Hartford, III) dec. Crawford (Wyandanch, XI), 5-0; Gardner (Stuyvesant, PSAL) dec. Brinkworth (St. Joseph's, CHSAA), 1:3. 250 — Friburger (Floyd, XI) pinned Davis (Chenango Forks, I), 38-0.