

Four Centennial wrestlers winners at All-Ontario meet

Four Centennial Middle School wrestlers took titles at the All-Ontario Bantam Freestyle championships held at Georgetown district high school Saturday.

Winning their weight classes in the tournament which saw wrestlers coming from all over Ontario and also New York state were Mike Sweezy (82 pounds), Bob Sweezy (85 pounds), Doug Gillespie (92) and Bruce Marriott (135).

Those four Centennial wrestlers and the other weight class winners will make up the Ontario team which will travel to Buffalo on May 13 to compete against

the Western New York State Champions in a dual meet.

18 WRESTLERS
Centennial coach Jim Hall

had 18 wrestlers taking part and aside from the four that went all the way, six more finished second and one took a third.

Finishing second were Stephen Roy, Mike McNiven, Owen Gray, Ian MacIver, Pat DelGuidice and Scott Peck. Derek Roy also had an excellent meet taking a third.

The other Centennial wrestlers gaining valuable experience against the top-flight competition were Mike DelGuidice, Pat Hipp, Brian Stone, Bob Bingham, Jamie Beecker, Scott Taggart and Paul Wilson.

Hall said there were not as many wrestlers at this year's meet as there were at last year's, which was also held

at the high school, but he said the quality was just as good if not better.

There were 120 competitors vying for titles at the tourney and aside from the team from New York state there were also athletes from Thunder Bay, Stratford, Scarborough and Cambridge.

The tournament closed out the season for the Centennial wrestlers, aside from the four travelling to New York.

"Our wrestlers had a really fine season and closed it out with a great showing Saturday, showing team spirit, sportsmanship and skill," Hall said.

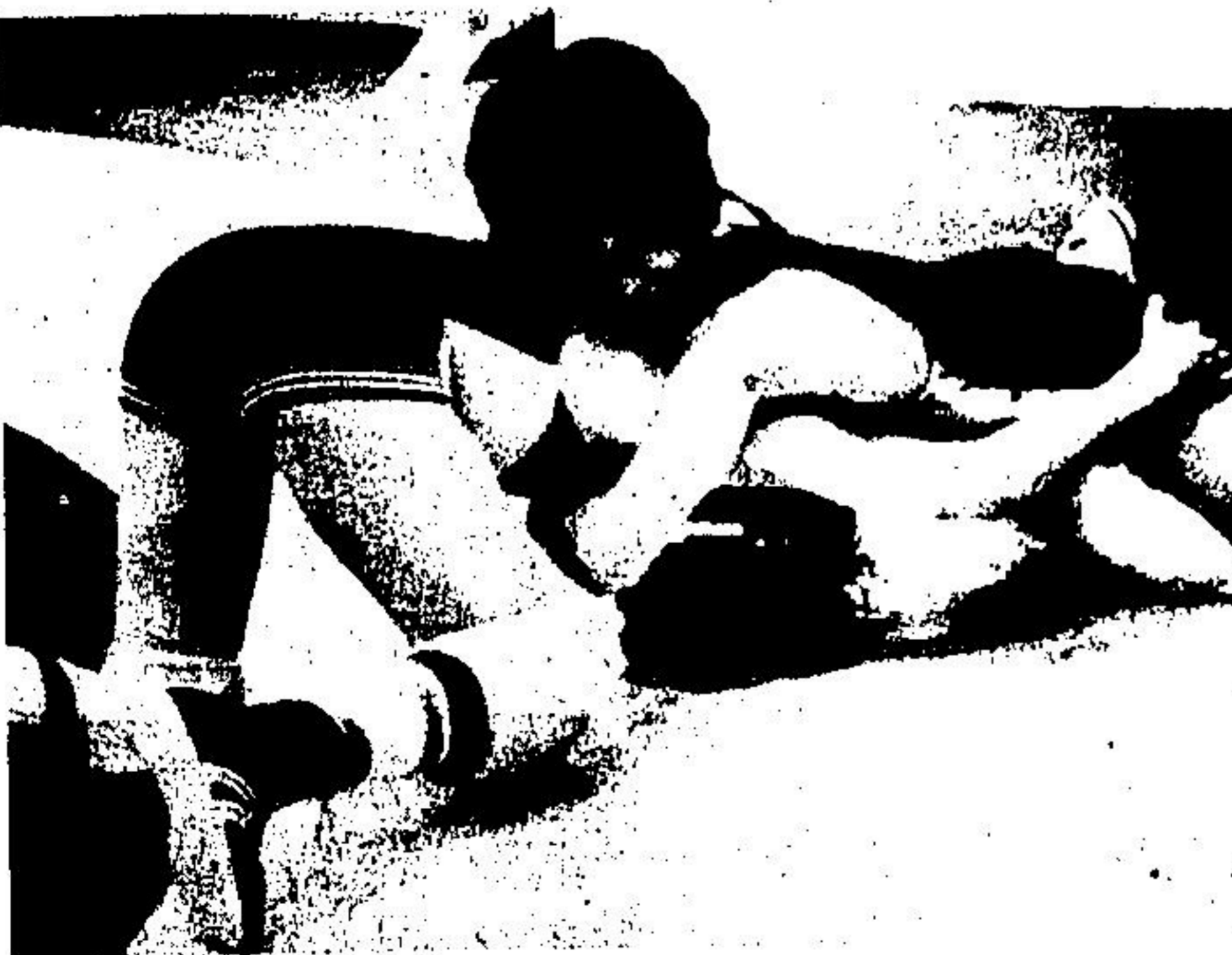
Hall said there were many people who volunteered their time to make the tournament a success. Among the people helping out were Olga Mur-

den, Ron Chatten, Don Warren, Jim Atkinson, Bob McKay and Ray Smith (the high school wrestling coaches), Tom Massen (St. John's Ambulance), Don Brown and Patty Hall (who handled the head table work) and many other students and parents who worked at the scoring table. The refereeing was again handled by McKay's and Smith's high school wrestlers.

The competitors travelling from Thunder Bay and New York state were billeted by the Gillespies, Grays, GelGuidices and Wilsons.



..... Centennial Middle School wrestling coach Jim Hall gives wrestler Mike Sweezy a few pointers between rounds in a tough match against a New York State champion.



..... Mike must have listened to what he was told as he went out and edged his opponent 7-6 and then went on to take the championship. The match between the two top-flight wrestlers was among the best of the day.

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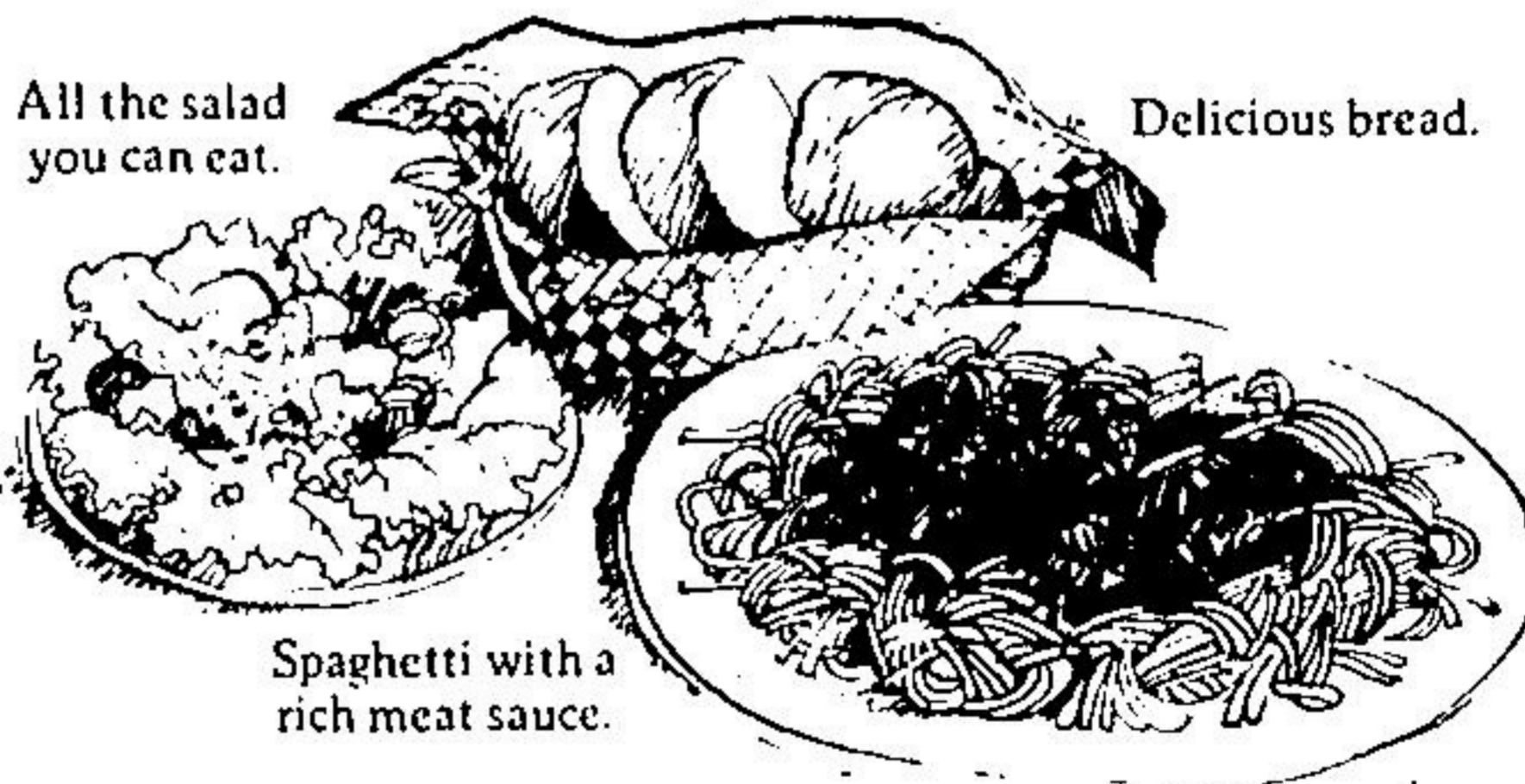
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