



Heading for the mat

Joe Bursuk of Skaneateles Central School varsity wrestling team has his opponent, Tom Kalleiz of Central Square, in mid-air as they head for the mat during Tuesday

night's league match at SCS gymnasium. Bursuk won the 112-pound class by pinning Kalleiz in 3:18. The Lakers also won the match, 44-15. (Photo by Bill Edwards)

Skaneateles matmen post easy win over Cent. Square

By STEVE TAYLOR

The Skaneateles wrestling team won its opening league match in style Monday by beating the Redmen of Central Square 44-15. The Lakers had four pins and five decisions on their home mat to up their overall record to 4-1.

Ken Young led off at 86 pounds with a pin in 3:56 over Jeff Kite. Albert Gray could not pin Dale Drake of the Redmen, but defeated him 18-1 in the 105-pound match.

Joe Bursuk and Dennis Dye of the Lakers won the 112 and 119 pound matches and each upped his record to 7-1. Bursuk flattened Tom Kalleiz in 3:18 and Dye outscored Rick Shaffer 9-2. Skaneateles' John Groce easily beat Mitch Lobdell in the 126-pound weight class 14-2. That win was followed by

teammate Bob Sheppard's 6-0 win over Gregg Dennison. In the 138-pound division Rick Varno of Skaneateles was leading 4-0 when he was penalized for slamming Ed Gleason to the mat too hard. Varno had to default to his injured opponent, who could not continue the match.

Turner makes real hit with Atlanta cage fans

By ALEX SACHARE

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No matter what Bowie Kuhn says, Ted Turner must be doing something right. A crowd of 9,194, the second largest of the National Basketball Association season in Atlanta, showed up at the Omni Tuesday night and cheered both the Hawks and their colorful new owner. And if Turner's goal is to sell tickets, the Hawks spiraled 113-109 upset of the Denver Nuggets certainly did not hurt.

"He'll be good for Atlanta and good for basketball," said Denver star David Thompson, who two years ago spurned an offer from the Hawks and signed with the Nuggets when they were in the American Basketball Association and was making his first appearance in Atlanta. Elsewhere in the NBA Tuesday night, the Golden State Warriors whipped the New York Knicks 120-110, the Milwaukee Bucks routed the Phoenix Suns 129-111, the Chicago Bulls trimmed the New York Nets 85-80 and the Portland Trail Blazers overwhelmed the Boston Celtics 128-84.

among the first to arrive in the Hawks' dressing room to congratulate his club. Atlanta went ahead to stay with a nine-point burst in the third period that established an 80-72 lead Denver, whose 24-11 record is the best in the NBA, twice pulled within two points before Lou Hudson's 22-foot jumper with 1:27 left made it 111-107 and clinched the victory. Warriors 120, Knicks 110. Rick Barry scored a season-high 38 points and Jamaal Wilkes added 23 as the Warriors snapped New York's threegame winning streak and built a three-game streak of their own. Bulls 88, Nets 80. The Bulls broke open a sloppy game with a 16-6 burst in the third quarter. Mickey Johnson was Chicago's high scorer with 20 points. Blazers 128, Celtics 84. Portland outscored Boston 21 in a five-minute span of the second half in taking command. Boston had trailed only 58-52 at halftime, but managed just 32 points in the entire second half. Lionel Hollins led Portland's balanced scoring with 21 points. Center Bill Walton played briefly, his first action since suffering a knee injury last week. Bucks 120, Suns 111. Milwaukee got its fast break in high gear, moved ahead 77-55 at halftime and rolled up its highest point total of the season. Junior Bridgeman led the way with 33 points.

Miller favorite in Phoenix Open

PHOENIX (AP) — The 10-month, \$9.4 million pro golf tour inaugurates its 1977 season this week with, as usual, Johnny Miller the man to beat in the \$200,000 Phoenix Open. "It was a good winter, the holidays were good. I've had a good rest and I'm enthusiastic and ready to go," said Miller, obviously relaxed, eager to start the season and appearing slightly larger and stronger than in previous years. Johnny, who has scored some of the greatest successes of his remarkable career in the Arizona desert, was one of the first of the field of 147 to arrive for this kickoff event. "I like these courses," Miller said. "You can't get a bad lie in the fairways. And if I can get a good lie, I can hit my irons as good as anybody," said the man who has compiled one of golf's more outstanding records in Phoenix and Tucson. In the last three years he's won five of the six tour events played in this state, missing only in the Phoenix Open last year when rookie Bob Gilder pulled an upset. Three times in Phoenix and Tucson he's had a score of 61, once flirting with the untouched 50's. He won the 1975 Phoenix Open with a score of 280, the lowest 72 hole total for any tour event in more than two decades. For the last three years the first two events — Phoenix and Tucson — have served as the keystones to Miller's season. This 72-hole chase over the tight little 6,726 yard, par 71 Phoenix Country Club course

ushers in a 40-plus tournament schedule that offers the biggest amount of prize money and the most extensive television coverage ever. Portions of the final two rounds of this event will be televised nationally by CBS-TV on Saturday and Sunday. National television coverage is scheduled on all but three tournaments through the end of June. In all, 29 tour events will be televised. Most of the old, familiar faces along with 27 newcomers — graduates of the PGA Tour school last month — will compete in a schedule that runs through the end of October and offers a record purse. The exact total hasn't been set because a couple of tournaments at the end of the year still are under negotiation. In addition to Miller, the current British Open champion, the field includes Masters king Ray Floyd, U.S. and Canadian Open title-holder Jerry Pate and PGA champ Dave Stockton. Some other standouts in the extremely strong field are such 1976 multiple-winners as Hubert Green, Hale Irwin and J.C. Snead, along with Tom Watson, Billy Casper, Bruce Crampton, Tom Weiskopf and Roger Maltbie. The only major absentee is Jack Nicklaus, who traditionally starts his season later in the year. Ben Crenshaw and Lee Trevino, who is recovering from surgery and isn't expected to play for a couple of months.

Vaughan leaves Cornell

ITHACA, N.Y. (AP) — Jimmy Vaughan, last season's leading scorer on the Cornell University hockey team, has left the squad "to think about his future," according to Coach Dick Bertrand. Vaughan left the Cornell campus last weekend to return to his home in Almont, Ont., to ponder his future at Cornell and in hockey, Bertrand said. Vaughan, a senior left winger, was the team's most valuable player last season when he led the squad in scoring with 31 goals. But this season saw Vaughan off to a poor start and he was not playing up to his potential, Bertrand said. Vaughan was leading the team in assists with 12 this season. He had five goals in Cornell's first nine games. Cornell, 9-3 on the season, is currently fourth in the Eastern College Athletic Conference Division I standings. Bertrand said he is not sure if Vaughan will return to Cornell this season.

Three Maryland cagers ejected for fighting

By HANK LOWENKRON
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Maryland's 15th-ranked basketball team may include a future world heavyweight champion. Three Maryland players were ejected for fighting as the Terrapins defeated Richmond 90-78 Tuesday night. "Our three big men were

ejected," said Maryland Coach Lefty Driesell. "We can't afford to have those guys on the bench. I told them that if they're going to fight in the future to do it after the game." Junior Mike Davis, 6-foot-10, 230 pounds, was thrown out for punching Craig Sullivan when the teams lined up for the center jump starting the second

half. Larry Gibson, 6-10, and Lawrence Boston, 6-8, each 210 pounds, were thrown out, along with Richmond's Mike Dow, with 5:57 left in the game. John Campbell of Richmond sank two free throws after Boston was given a technical, cutting Maryland's lead to 75-64, and the upset-minded

Spriders got within nine points when Kevin Eastman followed with a field goal. Steve Sheppard, who made two straight three-point plays to kill Richmond's late bid, finished with 29 points as Maryland posted its 10th consecutive triumph after an opening game loss to Notre Dame.

Nadia top female athlete

NEW YORK (AP) — Nadia Comaneci of Romania, the cover girl of the 1976 Olympics who thrilled millions with her grace and perfection in the gymnastics competition, has added another trophy to her case — The Associated Press Female Athlete of the Year Award. With the sports world focused on Montreal for the Summer Olympics, Miss Comaneci, then

14, grabbed center stage, moving into an area never traveled before the realm of perfection. Her first flawless routine came on the uneven parallel bars, the first perfect score in Olympic gymnastics history. Proving the feat no fluke, Miss Comaneci picked up six more perfect 10s on her way to winning three gold medals.

Miss Comaneci was a landslide winner in the balloting by a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters for the Female Athlete of the Year Award. She compiled 342 of 605 votes, far outdistancing Dorothy Hamill, the gold medal figure skater at the Winter Olympics. Miss Hamill of Riverside, Conn., who overcame her tendency for falling down to strike gold, received 106 votes.

In the only other game involving a member of the Top 20, 18th-rated Arkansas scored its first victory in 20 trips to the Texas Tech campus in Lubbock, opening its Southwest Conference season with a 41-38 decision. Ron Brewer hit a 25-foot jump shot to break a 38-38 deadlock with four seconds to play. The victory was the ninth in 10 starts for the Razorbacks. Brewer led Arkansas with 15 points. Grant Dulles of Texas Tech scored 19. In other games, Navy erased an 11-point deficit and beat Texas Wesleyan 102-87. Lafayette routed Yale 90-59, with Jim Lundy scoring 18 points for the victorious 7-2 Leopards. Arizona State outscored Portland State 115-92 despite 36 points by the losers. Freeman Williams, the nation's leading scorer with a 40.2 average, and southwestern Louisiana led all the way in routing Marshall 103-70.

SCC swimmers swamp Lansing

Southern Cayuga lifted its interscholastic Athletic Conference swimming record to 2-1 with a 118-52 swamping of host Lansing Tuesday. Brian Luther won two individual events and participated in a winning relay team to spark the Chiefs to their triumph. Luther won the 50-yard freestyle in 25.3, the 100-yard freestyle in 57.2 and swam the second leg of the 400-free relay team with Paul Dyer, John McClellan and Mark Van Duynne, the foursome combining in 3:55.1. Dyer won the 200-free in 2:11.3 and Van Duynne took the 200-individual medley in 2:26.2. The Chiefs host Auburn High in their next match, Friday at 6:30 p.m.

100 fly — Van Duynne (SC) 1:09.00
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McClellan (SC) 1:27.00
500 free — Stephenson (SC) 1:01:00
100 back — Ganley (SC) 1:27.00
100 breast — Yates (SC) 1:27.00
100 free relay — Southern Cayuga (Dyer, Luther, McClellan, Van Duynne) 3:55.1

Chris Evert, winner of this award the past two years, finished third with 80 votes in, perhaps, her best tennis season ever. Miss Evert, the world's No. 1 female player, won Wimbledon, Forest Hills and, at one point, over 100 straight matches on clay. It is her misfortune, however, to be a professional tennis player in the year of the amateur athlete. Following Miss Evert in the balloting were speedskater Sheila Young of Detroit, who won a gold, silver and bronze medal at the Innsbruck Olympics; East German swimming sensation Kornelia Ender, who won four Olympic gold medals — including the grueling 100-meter butterfly and the 200-meter freestyle races 26 minutes apart; golfer Judy Rankin, the first \$100,000 winner on the women's tour, and skier Rosi Mittermaier, the cheerful West German who won gold medals in the downhill and slalom and came within 12 seconds of winning the giant slalom at Innsbruck for what would have been an unprecedented sweep of the women's Alpine events.

Also, Georgetown, 8-2 edged Boston University 53-49 with Derrick Johnson scoring 20 points for the winners; East Carolina downed New Hampshire 76-45 with freshman guard Jim Ramsey's 16 points leading the way; Bruce Grimm, playing for the first time in 2½ years, had 26 points in the first half and finished with 36 as Furman overcame Penn 93-88, and Rich Apke scored 24 points, sparking Craighton, 7-2, over Tulsa 86-75. Oklahoma City claimed the championship of the first Siena Invitational tournament with a 72-56 victory over Northeastern. Mark Gwaltney, named the tournament's most valuable player, had 14 points and nine rebounds for the winners. American beat Siena 89-63 for consolation honors.

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