



Semis Set for AA Sectionals

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The final four of each weight class has been determined and a Section V favorite is missing. Jon Roberts, a senior from Rush-Henrietta did not make weight at 135 pounds and was forced to give up his top seed and withdraw from the tournament. This is yet another setback in Roberts' career, after missing the Monroe County Championships two weeks ago and missing sectionals due to injury last year. Roberts was a top candidate to reach the state podium in Albany in two weeks.

Spencerport leads the way after the first day with 103 points. Their 103 points is 22.5 ahead of Penfield's 80.5 and 25 ahead of Fairport's 78. Rush-Henrietta sits in fourth place with 57 team points.

Nine schools will be represented in the semi-finals, led by Spencerport's 13. Fairport and Penfield both have nine wrestlers in the semi-finals.

Penfield and Rush-Henrietta will have teammates battling each other for a spot in the finals of their respective weight classes.

Penfield's Brandon Ling and Nick Cegelski will wrestle in one of the 103-pound semi-final matches. Ling is the top seed.

Rush-Henrietta's Phil Moore and Ryan Reed will grapple for a spot in the 130-pound championship match. Moore is the second seed behind Hilton's Nate Smith.

The top six wrestlers in each weight class will advance to next weekend's Super Sectional tournament, Section V's state qualifier. The winner of Super Sectionals is guaranteed a spot in the New York State Championships Feb. 27-28 in Albany.

For some, that means all that is necessary to advance to Super Sectionals is to have their name listed on the bracket to advance to Super Sectionals. The 215-pound weight class has just six wrestlers in it. By nature, all will advance to Supers.

A round of wrestle-backs will precede the semi-finals beginning at 10 a.m. The semi-finals will begin at 11 a.m. Finals are scheduled for 4:30 p.m. □

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