

## **Super Sectionals Field Set**

**TIM SCHNEIDER**, Volunteer Writer Saturday, February 14, 2009

FAIRPORT — Not even a fire alarm could stop Paul Glover and the rest of the Spencerport Rangers on Saturday. Spencerport won the AA Sectional Tournament in Fairport this weekend with 325 team points. Fairport was the only other team to accumulate more than 200 points, with 201. Penfield finished in third place with 173.5 points and Hilton's 140 points edged out Pittsford's 137 for fourth place.

During the consolation semi-finals a fire alarm was activated and wrestling was immediately put to a freeze. Spectators and wrestlers alike spent about 30 minutes outside while firemen from Egypt Fire Dept. made sure nothing was wrong.

Wrestling resumed shortly after the building was deemed safe.

Spencerport had six individual champions. At 96 pounds Geoff Brown controlled Fairport's Cal Hotelling en route to a 10-4 victory. Zak Haas defeated Rush-Henrietta's Phil Moore 2-1 in overtime to take the 130 pound championship. Haas defeated top seed Nate Smith of Hilton in the semi-finals to reach the final.

Paul Morabito continued his dominance of Section V with a convincing 14-4 major decision over Sean Grove of Rush-Henrietta to win the 145-pound title.

Nick Baxter defeated Churchville-Chili's Greg Schworm, 1-0 at 171 pounds. Baxter's second period escape was the only score of the match.

Defending state champion Glover earned the top spot on the podium with a pinfall at 4:57 over Churchville-Chili's Ernest Pringle. Glover also captured Most Outstanding Wrestler honors.

Enzo Zagari defeated Penfield's Andy Miran, 3-0 to win the 285 pound class AA sectional championship. Morabito, Glover and Zagari all earned their second consecutive title.

Spencerport wasn't the only team with multiple champions. Pittsford had three individual

champions and they all came at the expense of a Spencerport wrestler.

Brady Baron won at 112 pounds with a takedown in overtime to defeat Mike Piedimonte of Spencerport, 4-2. Baron defeated top seed James Montante of Penfield, 4-0 in the semi-finals.

C.J. Howard claimed victory at 125-pounds over Spencerport's Steve Maier, 7-0. Howard won sectionals last year at 103-pounds.

Brendan Dwyer rolled through the 189-pound bracket, capturing the title with an 11-0 major decision over Spencerport's Brad Englert.

Gates Chili had two individual champions, including the lower weight Most Outstanding Wrestler, 119-pound Chester Demanchick. Demanchick defeated Fairport's Jeff Slabe 5-2.

Louis Cucchiara won the 135-pound title with a 17-4 major decision over Penfield's Stas Smirnov.

Fairport also had two individual champions. Like Pittsford, the championships came at the expense of Spencerport wrestlers. Dean Elvin won the 140-pound championship with a 2-1 decision over Tim Campbell.

Dave Foley defeated Joe Inzana at 152-pounds, 7-2.

Hilton's John Velieri won the 160-pound championship over Fairport's Austin Roland, 5-0. Velieri was champion at 171 pounds last year.

Fairport's 119 pound Jeff Slabe earned his 100<sup>th</sup> career win during the semi-finals by defeating Pittsford's Cam Kelly, 1-0. Charlie Morone, Churchville-Chili's 125-pound wrestler, joined Slabe in the century club when he defeated Rush-Henrietta's Shawn Ward, 5-1.

The top six place finishers in class AA will be paired with the top six place finishers in class A next week at Super Sectionals.

The winner of Super Sectionals earns a trip to Albany to wrestle for a state championship Feb. 27-28.  $\square$ 

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