## Schoolboy Grapplers Meet

close to 300 wrestlers will set themselves for three days of competition when the annual Section VI wrestling championships open tonight at Iroquois Central.

With the yearly increase in schools programming the sport simultaneously, the increase in participants, the sections are being split up for the first time into four separate tournaments.

Iroquois will be host to the Class AA tourney, starting with tonight's quarter-finals

semifinals at 1:30 Saturday afternoon and winding up with the finals at 7:30 Saturday night.

The Class AAA competition will be held at similar times, except for a 7:30 start in the quarter-finals, tomorrow night, Saturday afternoon and Saturday night at Kenmore Junior High School .

Class A and B schools will compete in separate tournaments, at the same times and dates as the Class AAA, at Southwestern Central in Jamestown.

Kenmore was the 1959 Class AAA champion, but Williamsville is favored to dethrone either Kenmore West or Kenmore East, formed from the old school. Others who will compete are Tonawanda, Amherst, Frontier, Cleveland Hill and West Seneca.

Two defending champions will return in the Class AAA activities, both from Williamsville. Bob McKeever, 130, was the 123-pound king last year, and Burt Ernst will try for a second straight 183-pound title.

Iroquois, winner of 52 consecutive dual meets, will be favored to retain its Class AA title, The Chiefs' opposition will include Medina, Maryvale, Orchard Park, Hamburg, Lake Shore, Lancaster and Springville.

Three defending champions will be back-Medina's

Twenty-eight schools and at 6:30, continuing with the Dantly, 115, who won at 106 last year; Iroquois' Bob Cursons, 98-pound champ in 1959 but wrestling at 106 now, and Iroquois' Bob Balcerzak, 168, the 157-pound titlist a year ago. Balcerzak is unbeaten this win-

> Iroquois also boasts four other unbeatens -Harvey Schoenthal at 115, Ron Zielinski at 130. Al Wadell at 148 and heavyweight Jeff Bennet.

Gowanda Defends

Gowanda will put its Class A title on the line against host Southwestern, Salamanca, coner, Depew, Alden and Eden. Valley's Class Casadaga crown will be fought for by Silver Creek, Randolph, Cat-taraugus and Pine Valley.

Two 1959 champions return, both in Class A and both from Gowanda. They are 115-pound Bruce Haggart and 123-pound

Paul Meyer.

### St. Francis Is 72-39 Victor

St. Francis, with strength of a 28-point fourth quarter routed Notre Dame, 72-39, last night at Batavia in a make-up game of a postponed tilt in the Msgr. Martin Catholic Basketball League.

The game was the last for both teams on the regular league schedule. St. Francis has a 7-4 record in the league.

Notre Dame is 3-9.

DeSales travels to Dunkirk to play Mindszenty in the final make-up game tonight. The Catholic League Manhattan Cup playoffs begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Memorial Auditori-



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