

Favorites Advance In Mat Tourney

Favored Williamsville and Amherst, which wound up third in the ECIC's Division I, each advanced 11 wrestlers last night to the semifinals of the Section VI Class AAA championships at Kenmore Junior High School.

Two of the Billies to advance were Class AAA's only defending champions, 183-pound Burt Ernst and 130-pound Bob McKeever. Ernst decisioned Frontier's Doug Scheffler, 6-2, while McKeever pinned Tom Folvarick of Tonawanda.

At Southwestern in the Class A-B championships, defending champions Gowanda and Cassadaga Valley each sent 10 boys into the semifinals.

Besides Gowanda in Class A, Falconer advanced 8. Salamanca and Southwestern 7 each, Alden 4, Eden 3 and Depew 2. Randolph and Cattaraugus followed Cassadaga Valley in Class B with 9 each. Silver Creek had 7 left and Pine Valley 5.

Gowanda's two defending titlists, 115-pound Bruce Haggart and 123-pound Paul Meyer, and Class B's only returning champion, Doug Evans of Cattaraugus, all drew byes.

The semifinals in the Class AAA at Kenmore Junior High, Class AA at Iroquois, and Class A-B at Southwestern will begin at 1:30 this afternoon. Finals at each site will start at 7:30 tonight.