

In Weekend Tournaments

Wrestlers to Collide

Wrestling hits the Western New York high school sports spotlight this weekend as Section VI and the Msgr. Martin Catholic Assn. hold their annual tournaments.

The sectionals are set for four sites Friday and Saturday — Class AAA at Amherst, AA at Iroquois, A at Gowanda and B-C at Randolph.

All-Catholic competition will be an all-day affair Saturday at Bishop Turner High. Quarter-finals will be at 10 a.m., semifinals at 1 p.m. and finals at 7 p.m. Notre Dame of Batavia and Canisius were the regular season co-champions.

Amherst AAA Host

The AAA tourney at Amherst will begin at 4 p.m. Friday. The Saturday slate lists semifinals at 1 p.m., consolation matches at 7 and finals at 8:15. Kenmore East, second in the Niagara Frontier League this season, is defending champion and should have a good battle with ECIC Division I champion Amherst and runner-up Maryvale.

In the AA championships, host Iroquois is defending king and will be one of three top aspirants for the title. Others are unbeaten Niagara-Wheatfield, the NFL champ, and ECIC Division III

winner Lake Shore, which won its title with a 10-0 log.

The AA competition will begin at 4:45 p.m. Friday. Semifinals will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, with consolations at 7 and finals at 8:15.

Gowanda Is Threat

The host team also will be a top contender in Class A as Gowanda, the ECIC Division IV titlist, figures to offer the biggest argument against Southwestern. Grand Island won the A crown last year, but now is an AA school.

Starting time Friday for the A tourney is 3 p.m. Semifinals are set for 2 p.m. Saturday, with consolations at 6:30 and finals at 7:45.

Randolph appears the top challenger to defending champion Portville in B-C. This tourney begins at 4 p.m. Friday. Semifinals will be at 1 p.m. and evening matches will begin at 7.

All the sectional individual winners will qualify for the State Intersectional Qualifier March 1 at Erie Tech. Section VI wrestling Chairman Matt Szydlowski has set 1 p.m. as the starting time, with championship matches beginning at 7.

These winners will represent Section VI in the State Inter-

sectionals March 7-8 at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Highlight of the Catholic tourney at Turner will be the attempt of Notre Dame's Tony Cinquino to repeat as 130-pound champ. Cinquino has never been beaten in four years of varsity competition and has won 61 consecutive matches.

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