

# State Mat Seeds

Section 4 wrestling champions Dick Meldrim of Cortland and Emerson Avery of Homer will see action Friday night in the first round of the state intersectional mat tournament at Syracuse's Onondaga County War Memorial while the Trojans' second sectional champ, Stu Jones does not start his quest for a state title until Saturday. The action starts at 7:30 Friday.

Jones, the section's 177-pound titlist, faces Dwight Cartright of Keshauqua, Section 5 (Rochester area), who has pinned 20 opponents in 20 matches. Jones is 20-2-1.

Meldrim (25-0-1) tangles with Ed Keenan (22-1) of Pioneer, Section 6 (Buffalo area) champion and Avery (10-0) faces Art Killings of Addison, Section 5 champion, both on Friday.

Section 3, the Syracuse area is the defending state champion, but Long Island Sections 8 (Nassau County) and 11 (Suffolk County) and Section 4 (Southern



Stu Jones

Emerson Avery

Tier including Cortland and Homer) are usually considered the strongest sections in wrestling.

Section 8 has won the tournament five times since it started in 1963, Section 4 has won twice and Section 3 once.

Cortland County's only state champion was Homer's Tim Payne, who took the 157 crown in 1967. Cortland's Charlie Wright took second at 167 last year with Homer's Dave Berry fourth at 145.



Dick Meldrim

# Homer Groton