DiBiase, Grumsha gain State berths in mat tourney

Tonawanda High placed two champions in the Section VI wrestling finals who will compete for state titles in Syracuse Friday and Saturday.

John DiBiase at 132 pounds and Pete Grumsha in the unlimited bracket won in the sectional qualifiers Saturday at Pioneer Central School. The only other school in Section VI to place two winners was Pioneer. Tonawanda, a triple-A school finished second in the AAA sectionals the previous week to Williamsville North. Williamsville North failed to place any wrestler for the States. Pioneer had champions in the 98-pound class with Mike Arnold and in the 126, Tom Lloyd.

Niagara-Wheatfield, the unbeaten champions of the Niagara Frontier League got only one wrestler into the States. Bob Sloand did it for the Falcons in the 105-pound class.

Bob Saunders of THS finished second in the qualifiers and Sam Williams, also of THS, settled for a third. Don Solack of North Tonawanda lost in the heavyweight bracket to Joe Winling of Hamburg.

The Section VI team will depart for Syracuse Thursday and practice in Onandoga War Memorial Stadium the same night. The meet will be in the War Memorial Stadium.

Both DiBiase and Grumsha of THS are unbeaten. DiBiase is 25-0 and Grumsha 14-0.

98 — Mike Arnold (Pioneer) dec. Bob Cleveland (Olean) 4-2. **105** — Sloand (Niag.-Wheatfield) dec. Dean Brown (Pine Valley) 18-3. **112** — Vince Tundo (Frontier) p. Neal Payne (Portville) 2:58. **119** — Jeff Swan (Southwestern) dec. Rick Heim (Williamsville North) 5-2. **126** — Tom Lloyd Jones (Pioneer) dec. Bob Reynolds (Portville) 4-0. **132** — John DiBiase (Tonawanda) dec. Greg Bridges (Southwestern) 9-3. **138** — Jeff Sargent (Portville) dec. Bob Gillman (Orchard Park) 7-2. **145** — Rob Parker (Alden) dec. Bill Ward (Grand Island) 9-3. **155** — Ross Mackello (Amherst) dec. Bob Sanders (Tonawanda) 6-3. **167** — Dave Forester (Cattaraugus) dec. Steve Pawlay (Wilson) 4-1. **177** — Ken Wefing (Maple Grove) dec. Jim Wulf (Lancaster) 6-4. **Heavyweight** — Joe Winling (Hamburg) p. Don Solak (North Tonawanda) 1:52. **Unlimited** — Pete Grumsha (Tonawanda) dec. Phil Pettine (Medina) 6-2.

Mat qualifiers

This is the wrestling team that will represent Section VI in the State championships at Syracuse and the individual records of each.

98: Mike Arnold, Pioneer, 27-0-0.
105: Bob Sloand, NW, 26-0-0.
112: Jim Tundo, Frontier, 19-2-0.
119: Jeff Swan, Southwestern, 23-3-0.
126: Tom Lloyd Jones, Pioneer, 22-3-0.
132: John DiBiase, Tonawanda, 25-0-0.
138: Jeff Sargent, Portville, 25-0-0.
145: Ron Parker, Alden, 19-1-1.
155: Ross Mackello, Amherst, 16-5-0.
167: Dave Forster, Cattaraugus, 23-1-0.
177: Kim Wefing, Maple Grove, 24-0-0.
Hywt.: Joe Winling, Hamburg, 16-1-0.
Unl.: Pete Grumsha, Tonawanda, 14-0-0.

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