



Section 9 next-to-last; only 3 semi-finalists

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Section 9 wrestlers fared poorly Friday night, sending only three contestants into today's semi-finals of the New York State Intersectionals at Utica War Memorial.

Two of the three are from Ramapo High School, 112-pounder Steve Silverberg and 138-pounder Viggio Worum, with Tappan Zee 126-pounder Tom Braun the other survivor.

At the end of Friday night's quarter-finals, Sections 3 and 8 shared first place with 21 points

apiece, with Section 9 next-to-last in 10th place with 5½.

All three Section 9 survivors wrestled only once; Silverberg winning his quarter-final bout, 14-2 over John Underwood of Johnstown. Braun posted a 3-2 squeaker over Brian Costello of Bay Shore, while Worum decisioned Bruce Bonville of Peru, 11-2.

Jim Johnson, Monroe-Woodbury 177-pounder and the lone Tri-County representative on the Section 9 team, was pinned by

Huntington's Ben Smith in 5:02 in a quarter-final bout.

Two Section 9 wrestlers - 98-pounder Paul Pietropalo of Nanuet and 119-pounder Tony Marciaano of Ramapo - had to wrestle twice, and both won their preliminaries.

Freshman Pietropalo decisioned Tim Peet of North Adirondack, 5-0, before being pinned in 5:46 by George Medina of Baldwinsville. Marciano outpointed Jim Sutton of Hoosick Falls, 3-0, but then dropped a 6-2

nod to Dave Polsinelli of Eastridge.

Losing quarter-final matches were:

-105-pounder Bill Allison of Pearl River, 3-1 to Brentwood's Vince Ungaro.

-132-pounder Dave DeSimone of Suffern, 17-4 to Bruce Hadsell of Canadaigua.

-145-pounder Bob Woods of Suffern, 10-3 to Watertown's Tom Capone.

-155-pounder Dennis Edwards of Suffern, 8-0 to Clay Barnard of H'ton.

-167-pounder Chuck Maze of North Rockland, pinned in 3:42 by Mark Blankmeyer of North Shore.

-215-pounder Steve Bello of Tappan Zee, 5-2 to Jim Markert of North Syracuse.

-250-pounder Tom Donnelly of Suffern, pinned in 2:34 by Frank Borelli of Union-Endicott.

All quarter-final losers have a chance to enter today's consolation wrestle-backs if the wrestler who beat them advances to the finals.