



Champs On Mats Tonight

By JOHN PITARRESI

Section 8, with five outstanding wrestlers from Bellmore Kennedy High School, is the team to beat according to some sources as the New York State Intersectional Wrestling Championships begin this evening at the Utica Memorial Auditorium.

The Long Islanders are the defending champions and have pretty well dominated the championships for most of their 11 year history. Stiff challenges should come, however, from Section 6 Buffalo and area standard bearer Section 3.

The big attractions are the individuals, however, and any sports fan could do much worse than patronize this tourney. There is not an athlete entered who does not possess loads of talent and drive.

A possible meeting between Section 3's Dan Hunt of West Genesee, the state title holder at 119, and Bob Sloan of Niagara Wheatfield, moved up from his championship at 105, is being billed as the match of the year. It may turn out to be just that, provided the wrestlers do get to go against each other.

Tom Capone, the 145 pounder from Watertown, is the other defending champ from Section 111 besides Dan Hunt. Capone is expected to get a strong challenge from Pete Roetzer (23-2-1) of Maryvale and Dan Lobell (27-0-1) of Bellmore Kennedy.

Gary Mims of Utica Free Academy is, of course, the only Utican in the tourney. Gary got a big second chance and went on to win the sectional title, and now will go all out to take advantage of a golden opportunity.

In short, there is not a weak candidate in the field, and the potential for distinguished tournament is strong indeed. The outstanding wrestler in the tourney will be presented with an award for the fourth straight year by the New York State Sportswriters Association.

Section 3 Wrestling Matches Tonight

98—Geo. Medina (Bald) 28-0 vs. Paul Pietropaulo (Nanuet-9) 24-5—Tim Peet (No. Adirondack-7) 14-6 winner.

105—Jim Kimple (F-M) 24-2-1 vs. Al Devins (Beekmantown-7) 22-2.

112—Randy Gillette (Fulton) 24-0 vs. Chuck Martin (Plattsburgh-7) 10-1.

119—Dan Hunt (West Genesee) vs. Section 1 winner, yet to be named.

126—Pat Greene (Cicero) 29-1 vs. Clyde Rabideau (Saranac-7) 21-3—Jim Polsinelli (Eastridge-5) 28-1 winner.

132—Gary Mims (UFA) 21-1-1 vs. Sev Popolizio (Union-2) 24-0—Kirk Anderson (Olean-6) winner.

138—John Janiak (NS) 28-0 vs. Pat Bruce, (Johnson City-4) 24-4.

145—Tom Capone (Wln) 16-0 vs. Bill Shanahan (Homer-4) 22-2.

155—Tipper Vann (Bald) 26-1 vs. Jim Teatom (Farmingdale-6) 23-0.

167—Joe Davitt (Westhill) 25-2 vs. Charles Godson (Huntington-11) 20-0-1.

177—Greg Stevens (Fulton) 23-0 vs. Evan Bell (Scarsdale-1) 25-4.

215—Jim Markert (NS) 26-1 vs. John Fiorills (Mont Pleasant-2) 25-2-1.

250—Dan Lang (Bald) 21-4 vs. John Hackemer (Warsaw-5) 20-1—Peter Grmusha (Tonawanda-6) 17-0 winner.