

Canandaigua dominates Class AA wrestling — Even out of shape, Newark's Eberhardt unbeaten

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CANANDAIGUA — Scott Eberhardt says he's out of shape. Coach Jack Fisher says the Newark High junior needs more self-confidence. Yet no wrestler in Section 5 has beaten Eberhardt this year.

"Ability-wise Scott should go to the states," said Fisher after Eberhardt won the Section 5 Class AA title on Saturday at Community College of the Finger Lakes.

Next weekend the top three finishers from each sectional classification, AAA through C, meet to determine Section 5's representatives to the state tournament. That gives Eberhardt another week to work on his body and Fisher another week to work on Eberhardt's mind.

Eberhardt's physical problems began this summer in the Empire Games. He was closing in on a gold medal when a knee ligament injury forced him to

withdraw from the wrestling competition. In October he underwent an operation "to have some fibers taken out."

Eberhardt now wears a custom-made brace costing almost \$400, but there are still problems. "I can't run stairs because the knee gives out," he said.

And whenever the injury is aggravated, like it was early last week, Eberhardt has to stop jogging. His training has been hampered further because with 11 pins and some forfeits this season, he's seldom had to wrestle a complete six-minute match.

"I'm not in that good shape. I'm about 70 percent," said Eberhardt, whose only loss in 24 matches came against Baldwinsville's Mike Conners.

Even at 70 percent Eberhardt is better than a lot of wrestlers. "I think many times Scott doesn't know how good he is," said Fisher. "He's got to start believing in himself more."

Eberhardt's usual practice partner is classmate Bob Button, who won his third straight Class AA title at 215 on Saturday. "Bob and Scott are neck-and-neck," said Fisher. "The only difference is Bob's competitive edge."

"I think part of it's because Bob's been in the limelight for so long. Scott deserves recognition, too."

"I'm glad I don't have to wrestle Scott off," Button once said. "He's tough."

In Saturday's finals Eberhardt decided Canandaigua's Bill Condon (25-4) 9-4 and looked stronger than he did in decisioning Condon 7-4 almost four weeks ago.

"Scott was in better shape this time (against Condon) than he was last time," said Fisher. "And he'll be even better next time."

"He's getting in better shape. It's a matter of believing in himself and going after it now."

Button (28-0) turned in what is becoming his usual performance. He won all four matches, including the final against Brockport's Charlie Graves (22-6), by pins, giving Button a career record of 95-10 with 59 pins.

"I want the states bad," said Button, a 3-2 loser in last year's finals.

Geneva's John Cosentino, who has been travelling to Newark recently in order to work out with Button and Eberhardt, won the 250 title dramatically.

Trailing 5-0 Cosentino (22-4) reversed Canandaigua's Joe Kuras (19-6) and scored a pin at 3:36.

"I don't know exactly what happened," said Cosentino, who has 16 pins this season. "I rolled him, he went over, I threw the half (Nelson) and that was it."

Cosentino, who decided one of

his regular-season conquerors, Webster-Schroeder's Eric Seeber, in the semifinals, won over a tough field — several heavyweights with good records moved up to 250 to get away from Button.

The team champion, surprise, surprise, was Canandaigua for the sixth time in the six-year-old tournament. Even by Canandaigua standards the performance was impressive. The Braves outscored runner-up Brockport 263-136.

Had the finals been scored as a dual match, Canandaigua would have defeated the other 17 schools 34-28. "We beat the Section 5 Class AA all-stars," said Canandaigua coach Weldon Canough.

The Braves had 12 finalists and eight winners. Repeating as champions were Don Jones (20-6-1) at 112, brother Don Jones (26-2) at 119, Matt King (26-1-1) at 132 and Bill Hadsell (23-2) at 167.

The first-time winners were Marty King (18-4), Matt's eighth-grade brother, at 91, Dan Scheele (20-8-1) at 105, Steve Finnich (22-6) at 126 and Morris White (30-3) at 138.

"We won some I didn't expect," said Canough, mentioning the victory by Scheele, who was losing 7-3 in the finals when he pinned Webster-Schroeder's Bill Toomey at 4:24, "and we lost some I didn't expect."

Canandaigua received an unexpected defeat when Mike Reho (24-4-1), a AA champ at 138 last season, lost a 9-4 decision to Brockport's Todd Buenting (26-5) in the finals at 145. "Mike had a bad night," said Canough.

Last year Matt King went to the state tournament along with eighth-grade teammate T.J. Mincer, who was runner-up at 91 but due to injury and weight problems this season has not been able to crack the lineup.

King, who wound up third at 119, figures he could have more company at the states this season. "We've got a lot of talent," said the three-time AA champ who has a 98-14-1 record as a junior. "We could take a lot of people. It depends on which guys have good days."

Canandaigua, the state's second-ranked team whose only loss in 15 dual matches was to top-ranked Baldwinsville, could be a threat to win the team title at the state tournament.

"If we can take three or four there," said Canough, "then we can do something. If we only have a couple, it'll be hard."

As for the rest of the AA schools, they're glad that Canandaigua will probably be moved up to AAA once Section 5 realigns classifications for next year.



Stunning reversal

John Cosentino (top) of Geneva reversed Canandaigua's Joe Kuras and then scored a pin to win the 250-pound championship in Saturday's Section 5 Class AA tournament. (Times photo by Art Foxall).

Reds reach swim goal, a sectional title

HENRIETTA — Before the season opened, the Newark High swim team set a goal to win its school's first sectional championship in 16 years. On Saturday, that goal became reality.

"We've had something like eight or nine second place finishes since 1964," said Newark Coach Brad Timerson. "It

kids did a lot of little things which didn't seem important at the time but which added up near the end."

Harvey, who won the 200-yard individual medley (2:05.94) and 100-yard butterfly (56.29 seconds), both in school record time, and Scott Howell, winner of the 50-yard freestyle (22.2

bined to break the existing Section 5 Class B record, set by Geneva last year, with a 3:35.01. "Harvey swam the first leg and got us off to a good start. We won it by about five seconds," said Timerson.

Defending champ Victor won the 200-yard medley relay with Carl Perrin

"The kids did a job and a half," Geneva Coach Chuck Hayes said. "We're very pleased with fifth place."

The Panthers closed out the meet by placing third in the final relay. Geneva swimmers posted six personal best times.

Bill Stuckey (16th in the 200-yard

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Class AA Tournament

Team scoring

Canandaigua 263, Brockport 136, Newark 101½, Geneva 86, Pittsford-Mendon 75½, Wayne 71½, Palmyra-Macedon 71, Webster-Schroeder 69, Rush-Henrietta Roth 52, Madison 37, Hornell 36½, Cardinal Mooney 22, Victor 19, Corning West 16, Corning East 13, Pittsford Sutherland 9, Batavia 7½, Aquinas 7.

Championship finals

91 — Marty King (Canandaigua) decisioned Ed Principio (Geneva), 7-0. 98 — Mike Kase (Mendon) decisioned Joe Ricciotti (Canandaigua), 12-3. 105 — Dan Scheele (Canandaigua) pinned Bill Toomey (Schroeder), 4:24. 112 — Don Jones (Canandaigua) pinned Mike Coddington (Schroeder), 4:36. 119 — Ron Jones (Canandaigua) decisioned Bill Affronti (Wayne), 3-2. 126 — Steve Finnick (Canandaigua) decisioned Dave Fay (Roth), 7-2. 132 — Matt King (Canandaigua) pinned Tom Brawn (Brockport), 5:39.

138 — Morris White (Canandaigua) decisioned Jeff Yost (Newark), 9-5. 145 — Todd Bunting (Brockport) decisioned Mike Reho (Canandaigua), 9-4. 155 — Rick Kase (Mendon) decisioned Ralph Matsco (Brockport), 5-3. 167 — Bill Hadsell (Canandaigua) decisioned Greg Lawrence (Palmyra-Macedon), 13-2. 177 — Scott Eberhardt (Canandaigua) decisioned Bill Condon (Canandaigua), 9-4. 215 — Bob Button (Newark) pinned Charlie Graves (Brockport), 1:51. 250 — John Cosentino (Geneva) pinned Joe Kuras (Canandaigua), 3:36.

Consolation finals

91 — Brian Young (Mendon) decisioned Jim Santini (Palmyra-Macedon), 2-0. 98 — Nick Conner (Roth) decisioned Don DeVaney (Geneva), 9-2. 105 — Tom Moses (Geneva) pinned Mark Forshay (Palmyra-Macedon), 4:58. 112 — Pete Day (Hornell) decisioned Dave Schlikler (Brockport), 4-1. 119 — Tom Parker (Geneva) decisioned Larry Lee (Palmyra-Macedon), 6-5. 126 — Steve Azzano (Wayne) decisioned Kurt Avery (Brockport), 7-1. 132 — Pat Friedman (Wayne) decisioned Mike Lemmon (Newark), 4-2.

138 — Terry LaFrance (Palmyra-Macedon) won by default over Brad Bingelli (Schroeder). 145 — Kevin Woods (Mendon) decisioned Rich Buttone (Hornell), 5-2. 155 — Rob Lang (Wayne) decisioned John Reitano (Mooney), 4-0. 167 — Bill Hermance (Brockport) pinned Jedd Hetherley (Newark), 1:56. 177 — John Gauthier (Corning West) decisioned Jesse Wiggins (Madison), 12-8. 215 — Phil DeMocker (Victor) decisioned Dan Gruschon (Roth), 4-2. 250 — Henry Hood (Madison) decisioned Eric Seeber (Schroeder), 7-3.

Class A Tournament

Team scoring

East Rochester 214, Mynderse 123, Pembroke 110, Attica 98½, Bath 89½, Wellsville 86, Waterloo 83½, Livonia 68, LeRoy 67½, Honeoye Falls-Lima 30, Sodus 29, Dansville 26, Alexander 22, Midlakes 18½, North Rose-Wolcott and Wayland 11, Jefferson 5½, Whitman 4.

Championship finals

91 — John Spires (Bath) decisioned Mark Rosati (East Rochester), 6-3. 98 — Steve Siegfried (Mynderse) decisioned Mervin Lehman (Wellsville), 5-1. 105 — Tom Pagano (East Rochester) decisioned Dave Gastrau (Sodus), 2-0. 112 — Howard Luce (Attica) decisioned Scott McIntosh (East Rochester), 12-8. 119 — Eugene Lehman (Wellsville) decisioned Frank Argento (East Rochester), 11-3. 126 — Mike Kuhn (East Rochester) decisioned Buzz Lamson (Waterloo), 18-6. 132 — Romeo Battazzi (East Rochester) decisioned Mike Briggs (Wellsville), 15-2.

138 — Joe Walczyk (East Rochester) decisioned Dom Caraccilo (Mynderse), 5-3. 145 — Craig Venette (East Rochester) decisioned Paul Hibschi (Attica), 12-3. 155 — Scott Arnold (Bath) decisioned Randy Dibble (Pembroke), 2-1. 167 — Steve Metz (Attica) decisioned Chuck Dove (Mynderse), 2-2 regulation, 2-1 overtime. 177 — Ron Kidder (Livonia) decisioned Andy Coots (Bath), 20-4. 215 — Dave Hauf (Mynderse) decisioned Desi McDowell (Wellsville), 5-1. 250 — Bob Plate (Mynderse) pinned Eric Andersen (Livonia), 1:12.

Consolation finals

91 — John VanNostrand (Waterloo) decisioned Mitch Biggins (Alexander), 14-3. 98 — Tim Quinn (East Rochester) decisioned Mike Castano (Attica), 4-2. 105 — Jeff Kling (Wellsville) decisioned Tim O'Connor (LeRoy), 2-0. 112 — Herb Pape (LeRoy) decisioned Steve Wenderlich (Mynderse), 5-4. 119 — Mike Grover (Attica) decisioned Bruce Merle (Dansville), 3-2. 126 — Scott Thompson (Livonia) decisioned Scott Humel (Pembroke), 5-0. 132 — Don Pangrazio (LeRoy) decisioned John Gerko (Honeoye Falls-Lima), 11-1.

138 — Dan Wetzel (Pembroke) pinned Jack Minter (Livonia), 4:21. 145 — Al Caci (Pembroke) decisioned Kurt Washington (LeRoy), 11-7. 155 — Curtis Doreen (East Rochester) decisioned Charlie Dietrich (North Rose-Wolcott), 6-3. 167 — Brian Baker (Pembroke) decisioned Jeff Meehan (Honeoye Falls-Lima), 13-5. 177 — Gary Sheppard (Waterloo) pinned Mark Shaw (Attica), 1:45. 215 — Vern Sessler (Waterloo) pinned Bob Gervasi (Pembroke), 1:41. 250 — Joe Santucci (East Rochester) decisioned Chuck Burley (Wayland), 7-3.

Class B Tournament

Team scoring

Geneseo 144½, Kendall 116, Avon 108½, Marion 104, Caledonia-Mumford 95, Williamson 86½, Warsaw 74, Lyons 73, Letchworth 58, Red Creek 53½, South Seneca 51, Bloomfield 43½, Byron-Bergen 37½, Holley 31, Canisteo 24, Barker 21½, Red Jacket 11, Honeoye 10½.

Championship finals

91 — Dan Bower (Red Creek) pinned Mike Cook (Geneseo), time not available. 98 — Stacy Phillips (Avon) decisioned Dan Tucker (Warsaw), overtime, referee's decision. 105 — Rich Levan (Marion) decisioned Rick Staheli (Williamson), 4-0. 112 — Mike Betts (South Seneca) pinned Chris Maddock (Lyons), no time available. 119 — Tracy Reagan (Avon) decisioned Dana Richard (Geneseo), 2-1. 126 — Chuck Metcalf (Bloomfield) decisioned Andy Vonglis (Avon), 7-6. 132 — Rob DeFranco (Geneseo) pinned Jeff Staheli (Williamson), no time available.

138 — Paul Richard (Geneseo) pinned Tim McDonald (Caledonia-Mumford), no time available. 145 — Dan Carmen (Geneseo) decisioned Chris Phillips (Avon), 3-2. 155 — Dave Ianaro (Caledonia-Mumford) decisioned Dave Kiemle (Red Creek), 9-7. 167 — Stu McFarland (Kendall) decisioned Doug Clements (Caledonia-Mumford), 21-2. 177 — Wayne Martin (Kendall) decisioned John Bookmiller (Letchworth), 7-3. 215 — Joe Borrelli (Lyons) decisioned Bill Cook (Holly), 7-5. 250 — Mark Shutt (Letchworth) won by default over Shawn Ball (Warsaw).

Third-place winners

91 — Mike Hoffer (Kendall). 98 — Bill Wilck (Lyons). 105 — Steve Fight (Warsaw). 112 — Ed Duchesneau (Marion). 119 — Craig Stritzel (Williamson). 126 — Doug Carman (Geneseo). 132 — Jim Fitzgerald (Lyons).

138 — Bob Newby (Marion). 145 — Steve Ezell (Kendall). 155 — Scott Stone (Byron-Bergen). 167 — Herb Shields (Williamson). 177 — Ron Ezard (Byron-Bergen). 215 — Vince McKeown (Avon). 250 — Gary DeVries (Marion).