



Canandaigua to challenge Number One Bees

This is it -- Saturday, February 9, 1980 -- The number one and two wrestling teams in New York State will duel for the right to claim the number one ranking in the New York State Schoolboy wrestling rankings for 1980.

Canandaigua of the Rochester area and Section 5 will bring a talent-laden team of wrestlers into the Baker High School gym on Saturday evening with the Jayvees scheduled for a 6 p.m.

start. The Varsity goes on at 8 p.m.

The Finger Lakes Champions are 11-0 in dual meets this season with two tournament team titles at Windsor and their own Bradshaw Tournament, plus a runner up trophy at the nearby Anderson Christmas tourney in North Syracuse.

The Red and White "Braves" have a solid lineup led by 132-lb. Matt King, a Section 5 Class AA

champ last year and T.J. Mencer, who was second in the state at 91 lbs. last year and is now up to 112 or 119. Also the Braves feature Don and Ron Jones at 112 and 119. They each won a Class AA title and had (22-5) and (20-6) records last year.

Mike Reho at 145 was 19-8-1 last year and also won a Class AA title as did Bill Hadsell who was 21-9-1 last season at 155 lbs.

The Braves and their coaches

got an eye full at Fulton Friday night and are quite sure they can handle the Bees this weekend. But they also stated, "it won't be easy!" "They're right," according to Bee Coach Leo Johnson. The Bees have no intention of losing their number one status and will be fighting to hold off any challenge.

For those who are not in the know, the meet has been sold out for two weeks now and can be

viewed on WCNV Channel 24 live at 8 p.m., Saturday.

With the Bees strong in the upper weights and the Braves strong in the light and middle weights, it should be an early lead for Canandaigua with the Bees storming back in the stretch.

"Whatever, it should be the Best of Schoolboy Wrestling," says Johnson.

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