

# CA-Bees test rests on 10 key matches



The match has been a sellout for two weeks. Wrestling fans around the state have been talking about it since the season started.

When the Canandaigua Academy wrestling team travels to Baldwinsville on Saturday, there will be 1,500 fans watching the state's two top-ranked teams in a dual match. The 8 p.m. match will be televised live by Channel 24 in Syracuse.

Canandaigua Coach Weldon Canough knows his second-ranked team (11-0) will be in for some noisy treatment by Baldwinsville fans. "We

have to overcome going up there," he said. "Our kids are not used to being in that kind of situation with fans making that much noise.

"Their fans certainly are enthusiastic. But we're working on that. Seventy-five percent of this match is a psyche job. Wrestling is the other 25 percent."

Canough figures the Braves are virtually assured of one victory in the 12-bout (98 through 215) match — by Matt King, fourth in the state last year, at 132. Similarly Canough thinks Baldwinsville can count on Mike Con-

ners, third in the state last year, for a victory at 177.

"After that," said Canough, "most of the weight classes will be up in the air. There'll be 10 key matches."

"With two teams like this," said Baldwinsville Coach Leo Johnson, "you can expect a lot of close, emotional, exciting matches."

With wrestlers like David Filsinger (17-2) at 145, Jeff Beaver (18-2) at 155, Conners (20-0) and Randy Shute (16-2) at 215, Johnson says the Bees' strength is in the upper weights.

"We're stronger in the middle

weights," said Canough, who has five defending Section 5 Class AA champions in the lineup — Don Jones at 112, Ron Jones at 119, King, Mike Reho at 145 and Bill Hadsell at 167.

Baldwinsville (13-0), which has won 49 straight dual matches, will be without captain John Pickard at 138. "We're hurting without the captain," said Johnson. "Shoot the chief and the Indians get nervous."

People are calling the match the best in state history, the Super Bowl of wrestling. "It'll be a classic," said Johnson.