

Cotroneo

sets mark in wrestling

Graham, Button, Kings repeat for Section 5

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Tony Cotroneo set a state high school wrestling record yesterday, but he's after even bigger game. So are 13 Section 5 teammates, who as a group vowed last night that it will be different this time in Syracuse.

Five returnees and nine first-timers will head for next week's state wrestling championships after making it through last night's Section 5 qualifier at Rochester Institute of Technology.

They plan on winning the state title next week.

"Four years ago when me, Tony Cotroneo, Matt King, Trevor Graham and Scott Kay were freshmen, the coaches were saying our senior year would be the big one" said Newark's Bob Button, the section's 215-pound entry and a third-time state qualifier. "This is it. This is the year we're going to win it all."

Though Spencerport won as a team in 1975, Section 5 as an entry never has won a state wrestling title. Only 16 wrestlers have won state championships in the 12 years of the competition.

But now there's unbridled optimism that Section 5 could grab the hardware in five weight classes, more than enough to write itself into the history books.

That's what Cotroneo did yesterday, but his heart is already in Syracuse. The three-time sectional champion earned his third trip to the states in grand fashion, setting a record for most career victories (160). The record-breaker — No. 159 to eclipse the record set by Clar Anderson of Olean — came in the semifinals of the 112-pound division against Rich Azzano of Wayne. Cotroneo pinned Azzano at 3:44, then added win No. 160 in the finals with a pin at 3:27. He's lost just 15, nine coming in his first year as an eighth-grader.

"The record means a lot," said Cotroneo, "but the states mean more."

Cotroneo finished fourth as a sophomore and third as a junior, "but this is the year," he said. "I wasn't confident enough last year. But I've grown up. This is the year I've got to do it."

It's also the year Button, Trevor Graham of Spencerport (138), and brothers Marty (91) and Matt (132) King of Canandaigua join Cotroneo as returnees to the state championships. Section 5 title hopes clearly ride on their shoulders.

"This is the best team Section 5 has ever sent to Syracuse," said Spencerport Coach Walt Teike. "We're going to win it."

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Button ran his unbeaten record to 33-0 by pinning Brighton's Mark Glickman at 2:36. The four-time sectional champ finished second in the states in 1979, and third last year. "There's nothing else left," Button said. "There's nothing to stop me now."

Graham is headed for the states for the third time, too, after decisioning Steve Azzano of Wayne, 13-3, in the 138-pound division. And then there's the King brothers. There's another family outing planned to Syracuse, because Marty, the freshman, decisioned Todd Krienke of McQuaid, 13-0, at 91 pounds and Matt, the senior, decisioned Wayne's Charles Jones, 12-2, at 132.

Marty, 33-1 and already a two-time sectional winner, is state-bound for the

second time. He was second last year. He has grown four inches, to 5-foot-2, and now, he says, "I'm stronger and I know what to expect. And this year, I expect to win."

Matt, 35-0 and a four-time sectional champ, finished third and fourth in two previous state ventures. "I feel confident that I can go all the way this year," he said. "I was hurt (ribs) last year."

He's also thinking about a family double, and a Canandaigua team title.

The Braves, the state's third-ranked team, will send three wrestlers to the state tournament, eoyj Joe Kuras (250) the other. But their state title hopes were severely dashed when a possible fourth entry, Joe Ricciotti, was decisioned by Webster Schroeder's Ted Pittinaro, 3-0,

at 98.

Pittinaro is one of the nine first-time state qualifiers. The others are Spencerport's Rich LaPaglia (105), who won by default over injured Bill Toomey of Webster Schroeder; Irondequoit's Tim Lehmann (119), who decisioned Scott McIntosh of East Rochester, 8-6; Penfield's Chris Kane (126), who decisioned Glen Locke of Irondequoit, 6-2; Brockport's Todd Buenting (145), who decisioned Mike Reho, a state tournament qualifier last year, 5-3; Newark's Scott Eberhardt (177), who decisioned Mark Easling of Corning East, 9-2; Kuras of Canandaigua; Fairport's Scott Kay (155), who won by default over Craig Venette of ER; and Brighton's Terry Kent (167), who decisioned Steve Metz of Attica, 5-2.

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Sec. 5 State Qualifier
at RIT

91 lbs — Marty King, Canandaigua, dec. Todd Krienke, McQuad, 13-0; 98 — Ted Pittinaro, Webster Schroeder, dec. Joe Ricciotti, Canandaigua, 3-0.

105 — Rich LaPaglia, Spencerport, def. Bill Toomey, Webster Schroeder by default.

112 — Tony Cotroneo, Irondequoit, pinned Rick Azzano, Wayne, at 3:27.

119 — Tim Lehmann, Irondequoit, dec. Scott McIntosh, East Rochester, 8-6.

126 — Chris Kane, Penfield, dec. Glen Locke, Irondequoit, 6-2.

132 — Matt King, Canandaigua, dec. Charles Jordan, Wayne, 12-2.

138 — Trevor Graham, Spencerport, dec. Steve Azzano, Wayne, 13-3.

145 — Todd Buenting, Brockport, dec. Mike Reho, Canandaigua, 5-3.

155 — Scott Kay, Fairport, def. Craig Venette, East Rochester, by default.

167 — Terry Kent, Brighton, dec. Steve Metz, Attica, 5-2.

177 — Scott Eberhardt, Newark, dec. Mark Easling, Corning East, 9-2.

215 — Bob Button, Newark, pinned Mark Glickman, Brighton, at 2:36.

250 — Joe Kuras, Canandaigua, dec. John Dimarsico, Bishop Kearney, 9-5.

WRESTLING

Section 5 state qualifier at RIT

Semifinal pairings

94 pounds — Joel Lampson (Waterloo) vs. Marty King (CAN); Jeff Royce (Warsaw) vs. Todd Krienke (McQuaid.)

101 — Joe Taveritte (East Rochester) vs. Joe Reschke (Pavillion); Jim Santini (Palmyra-Macedon) vs. Ed Principio (Geneva); Joe Rlocclotti (Canandaigua) vs. Ted Pittinaro (We. Schroeder).

108 — Tim Quinn (ER) vs. Rick LaPaglia (Spencerport); Bill Toomey (Schroeder) vs. Brian Young (Mendon).

115 — Rick LeVan (Marion) vs. Tony Cotroneo (IQ); Rick Azzano (Wayne Central) vs. Mike Bauer (Gates-Chili).

122 — Van Schirmer (York) vs. Tim Lehmann (IQ); Scott McIntosh (ER) vs. Mike Block (Newark).

129 — Bill Affronti (Wayne) vs. Chris Kane (Penfield); Glen Locke (IQ) vs. Carl Makiroski (Cuba).

135 — Paul Moose (Avoca) vs. Matt King (Canandaigua); Charles Jordan (Wayne) vs. Tony Giarradano (Greece Arcadia).

141 — Terry Wood (Hammondsport) vs. Trevor Graham (Spencerport); Joe Walczyk (ER) vs. Steve Azzano (Wayne).

148 — Rusty Korth (York) vs. Curtis Doreen (ER); Todd Buenting (Brockport) vs. Rick Bettone (Hornell); Mike Reho (Canandaigua) (bye).

158 — Scott Arnold (Hornell) vs. Scott Kay (Fairport); Craig Venetti (ER) vs. Doug Weitzel (Hilton).

170 — Jim Farrell (Geneseo) vs. Jim Viscetti (Hammondsport); Terry Kent (Brighton) vs. Craig Kester (R-H Roth); Steve Metz (Attica) (bye).

180 — Bob Toomey (Pittsford Mendon) vs. Scott Eberhardt (Newark); Marshall Easting (Corning East) vs. Steve Good (Fairport).

Heavyweight — Chuck O'Toole (Avoca) vs. Dave Bellinger (ER); Mark Glickman (Brighton) vs. Bob Button (Newark); Evan Wexler (Brockport) (bye).

Unlimited — Boh Collie (Pal-Mac) vs. Roy Hamilton (Avoca); Joe Kurás (CA) vs. Gary DeVries (Marion); Lou Cosentino (Geneva) (bye).