

Six FL wrestlers gain state tourney

FAIRPORT — Six Finger Lakes wrestlers will compete in this weekend's New York State Intersectional Championships after winning titles Saturday in the Section 5 state qualifying tournament at Fairport High School.

Four of the wrestlers — Butch Hibbard, Paul Lamphier, Marty King and Morris White — are from Finger Lakes East champion Canandaigua. The other two are Steve Siegfried of Mynderse and Steve Azzano of Wayne.

The six will compete in the state championships this weekend at the Syracuse War Memorial.

Hibbard pinned Kevin Bishop

of Greece Athena in 5 minutes, 27 seconds to win the 91-pound class, while Lamphier took the 98-pound title with a 7-0 decision over John Hanselman of East Rochester.

Siegfried was the 105-pound champion, beating Dan Sacco of Letchworth 8-4 in the finals.

King qualified for the state meet for the third time, as the sophomore beat Mike Hofer of Kendall 10-1 in the 112-pound final. King has competed in the last two state meets at 91 pounds, finishing third last year.

Azzano took the 138-pound crown, beating Jim Cowey of

Bishop Kearney 10-1 in the title bout, while White nipped John Suhr of Spencerport 9-6 for the 145-pound title.

Only one other area wrestler reached the finals of the single-elimination tournament. In the 132-pound final, Tim Fitzgerald of Lyons was beaten by defending state representative Chris Kane of Penfield 24-6.

Nine other local competitors reached the semifinals before losing: Mike DeRaddo (91) and Lou Cosentino (215) of Geneva, Rich Azzano (126) and Bryon Gross (132) of Wayne, Joel Lamson (98) of Waterloo, Mark

Pieters (167) of Newark, Joe Hibbard (105) of Canandaigua, Dan Ahonen (145) of Victor and Kevin DeRidder (138) of Marion.

Geneva's Ed Principio (105) failed to reach the semifinals, but finished his career with 73 victories, a school record.

Other champions were Mike Bauer of Gates-Chili (119), Bob Brawn of Brockport (126), Rich Battone of Hornell (155), Tom Rosa of Rush-Henrietta Sperry (167), Mike Rowntree of Cardinal Mooney (177), Joe Gustainus of Caledonia-Mumford (215) and John Brennan of Pittsford Mendon (250).

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Section 5 State Qualifier FINALS

91 — Butch Hibbard (Canandaigua) pinned Kevin Bishop (Gree (Greece Athena) 5:27. 98 — Paul Lamphier (Canandaigua) decisioned John Hanselman (East Rochester) 7-0. 105 — Steve Siegfried (Mynderse) decisioned Dan Sacco (Letchworth) 8-4. 112 — Marty King (Canandaigua) decisioned Mike Hofer (Kendall) 10-1. 119 — Mike Bauer (Gates-Chili) decisioned Phil Conner (Roth) 11-1. 126 — Bob Brawn (Brockport) decisioned Van Schirmer (York) 6-2. 132 — Chris Kane (Penfield) decisioned Tim Fitzgerald (Lyons) 24-6.

138 — Steve Azzano (Wayne) decisioned Jim Cowey (Bishop Kearney) 10-1. 145 — Morris White (Canandaigua) decisioned John Suhr (Spencerport) 9-6. 155 — Rich Battone (Hornell) decisioned Rob Evarts (Brighton) 9-3. 167 — Tom Rosa (Sperry) decisioned Robin Fluman (Penfield) 6-4. 177 — Mike Rowntree (Cardinal Mooney) decisioned Jim Brown (Sutherland) 10-8. 215 — Joe Gustainus (Cal-Mum) pinned Phil Weaver (Bath) 1:38. 250 — John Brennan (Mendon) decisioned Ken Herbert (Letchworth) 8-3.