



## Intersectional wrestling

# 3 Section 9 champs draw byes

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Three Section 9 wrestling champs have drawn byes into the quarter-finals of the State Intersectionals which begin at 5 tonight here at the Onondaga County War Memorial Auditorium.

Joe Raimondi of Valley Central (132 pounds), Ramapo 155-pounder Willie Manning and Monticello 215-pounder Chuck Conway have preliminary round byes, but all three will wrestle tonight.

For the first time since the Intersectionals began 10 years ago, "wrestle-backs" have been instituted, giving a wrestler who has been beaten by a finalist a chance to come back to try for third place. With the change in format, preliminaries and quarter-finals will be held tonight on three mats with the semi-finals slated to begin on Saturday. "Wrestle-backs," consolations and the finals at 8 will follow.

Raimondi will wrestle John Debiase of Tonawanda (Section 6) in the quarter-finals. Manning will go against the winner of a preliminary round match, pitting Jack D'Amrosio of Rye (1) and Mike Kivett of Peru (7). Conway faces Joe Winling of Hamburg (6) in the quarter finals.

Defending champion Section II (Suffolk County) is favored to be near the top again along with Section 8 (Nassau County) and Section 3 (Central New York). Section 9 is looking to improve on last year's sixth place finish. Section 9, which crowned only one champ last year, Joe Goldsmith of Ramapo, compiled 42 points, 40 behind Section 11 which had 82. The year before Section 9 fell to eighth with 24 points.

How high Section 9 will finish this year could be determined early Friday night. Bob Sciafani, Valley Central's first Section 9 champ ever, has a tough first round match against Clay Scott of Baldwinsville (Section 3) and, if he wins the 98-pound preliminary, has an equally as tough opponent, Greg Turrone (Peekskill, 1), in the quarter-finals.

The draw at 105 has Nanuet's Frank Rodriguez bumping against John Licari of John Jay (Section 1) in the preliminaries and, if he wins, undefeated Sal Frank of Rome (Section 3) in the quarter-finals. Frank is 27-0.

Goldsmith appears to be the class again of the 112-pound division and Newburgh 119-pounder Jim Tiso appears better than his first two Friday foes, Jeff Swan of Southwestern (Section 6) and Clyde Rabideau of Saranac (7).

At 126, Middletown's Ruben Solero, state runnerup at

119 last year, faces unbeaten Paul Weissburg (17-0) of Farmingdale (Section 8) in the preliminaries and, if he wins, another unbeaten, Brad Kanter (22-0) of John Jay (Section 1), in the quarter-finals. But Solero is unbeaten too, having compiled an 18-0 record although most of the wins came at 119. Solero, however, is destined to meet Bob Antonacci of Brentwood (11) in the finals. Antonacci and Goldsmith are the only two state champs returning.

John Langling of Onteora faces what could be the top wrestler in 138 pounds right off the bat, Tom Marriott of Herkimer (Section 3). Marriott is 22-0. At 145, Dave Hauser of Ramapo wrestles Ron Sherman of Gouverneur (Section 10) in the preliminaries but would have to get past Gene Costello of Section 11 in the quarter-finals. Costello is 25-1.

Jim Horvath of Ramapo appears to have the easiest road at 167 where he's slated to face opponents from Section 6 (Buffalo area) and Section 7 (Adirondack area) in the first two rounds. Vince Schmidt of Newburgh (21-3) faces Larry Hinkle (Cortland, 4) in the 177-pound preliminaries. A victory would send him against unbeaten Tim Wefeing of Maple Grove (Section 6) in the quarter-finals.

The 250-pound class where Paul Schwartz (7-0) of Nyack represents Section 9, is wide open.