

With 9 wrestlers, odds are with Spencerport

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Spencerport coach Bill Jacoutot said the key is not breaking from routine. At Palmyra-Macedon, coach Rod Rodman tries to get his wrestlers to focus on polishing techniques.

Whatever the means, this week coaches have been trying to keep their wrestlers from dwelling on the finality of the Section V state qualifying tournament, which begins tonight at Webster Junior High School.

"We try to get as much pressure off them as we can," said Rodman. "We try not to dwell on the fact that each match could be your last, but it's hard not to because the kids already know. You can see the pressure, but I try to redirect it on other places."

At the state qualifier, every match is sudden death — no wrestle backs, no second chances. A loss ends the season.

"Now is too far to lose," said Spencerport senior Jason Barbera, who won the superspecial title as a sophomore. "You have to go 4-0. Anything can happen now. The smallest mistake could end your season."

Spencerport leads all schools with nine wrestlers making it to the state qualifying tournament.

"Our thing is not to change the routine," said Jacoutot. "You don't make it a special week. Whatever we do the whole year is what we do this week. At our school, there's always such great expectations so our kids are kind of used to (the pressure.) They've been winning all year. We've got the headlines. I just leave them alone and let them wrestle."

"What we do tell them is you can't beat everybody on the first day. You can only do it one match at a time."

Six wrestlers — John Gemmill of Hornell, Joe Barbera and Sirrel Gissendanner of Spencerport, Kevin Bulling of East Rochester, Dave Dennie of Palmyra-Macedon and Jack Fisher of Newark — will be looking to earn repeat trips to the state tournament next weekend in Syracuse.

Here's a brief look at each weight class:

91 pounds — This class is wide open with defending champion Gemmill moving up to 98 pounds. Wayne freshman Leo Urbanielli won the Class B champion title and could make it to Syracuse.

98 — A jump in weight didn't stop Gemmill, who is ranked fourth in the state, from going undefeated and winning the Section V Class B title. Spencerport's Steve Hovey lost the Class A final but is ranked ninth.

ANALYSIS

105 — Unbeaten Rodney Frey of East Rochester and Dan Nier of Greece Athena are ranked sixth and seventh in the state. The two met for the Monroe County title with Frey dealing Nier his only loss.

112 — Spencerport senior Jason Barbera (33-0) is the wrestler to beat here. Barbera is ranked fifth in the state and won a superspecial title as a sophomore.

119 — Like his twin brother, Spencerport senior Joe Barbera (32-0) is undefeated. He is ranked third and last year placed fourth in the state tournament at 105 pounds.

126 — Irondequoit junior Kerp Allen (22-1) is ranked fifth in the state, but missed the Section V tournament because of an injury. He is scheduled to wrestle Brighton's Matt Fero in a pigtail match for the final Class A spot.

132 — Bulling qualified for the state tournament at 126 pounds last year. Brockport freshman Mark Leach, the Class A champion, will try to follow his brother Matt, who went to the state meet at 155 last year.

138 — This weight is wide open with Steve Lucilli of Fairport, Dan Decker of Midlake, Steve Balsamo of Le-Roy and Jason Drake of Jasper-Troupsburg coming in as the four top seeds.

145 — Class C champion Kurt Laird of Sodus is ranked ninth in the state, but the highest-rated wrestler at this weight is Franklin junior William Trigg, who is eighth. Trigg finished third in the Class A tournament.

155 — East Rochester's Jason Rucker is ranked fourth in the state, but lost the Class C final to Marion's Frank Petrosino. Greece Olympia's Dave Hetzer, Bruce Wahl of North Rose-Wolcott and Canisteo's Jamie Kneale are top seeds.

167 — A loss by Spencerport's Gissendanner (32-0) would be a major upset. He finished third in the state meet last year and is ranked No. 1 in the state at this weight.

177 — Pal-Mac's unbeaten Dennie is the defending champion, but McQuaid's John Pemaselli (29-1) should provide a stiff challenge.

215 — Canandaigua senior Seth Thomas is 30-0 and ranked seventh. Waterloo's Jody Forde, Marion's Brad Halstead and Canisteo's Ed Clair won class titles. Darkhorses could be Greece Athena's Matt Baldassare and Dundee's Lubomir Handl.

250 — Fisher of Newark is looking to defend his title. He is unbeaten and ranked second in the state. Marion's Tom Brusso (5-0) didn't join the team until after Christmas but won the Class C title.

(At Webster Junior High)

91 POUNDS

Upper Bracket: Leo Urbanielli (Wayne) vs. Anthony Carastozio (Mynderse); Bill Jacoutot (Spencerport) vs. Bob Coromaglia (Pavilion); Ashley John Grillo (Holley) vs. Paul Carluccio-Casquati; Jamie Force (Waterloo) vs. Jeremy Everett (Pembroke).

Lower Bracket: Mark Spitzer (Hilton) vs. Ed Leary (Fillmore); Jason Celestino (Hemlock) vs. Ryan Scaretta (East Rochester); Chris Foster (Campbell-Savona) vs. Jeff Mattioni; Chris Kemp (Pittsford) vs. Casey Kaufman (Dundee).

98 POUNDS

Milton Weller (Fillmore) vs. Jason McLaughlin (Palmyra-Macedon) or Jason Cruz (Canisteo); Steve Hovey (Spencerport) vs. Charles Voorhes (Warsaw); Tony Furugie (East Rochester) vs. Rich Giannavola (Gates Chili); Chris Buckley (Caledonia-Mumfords) vs. John Gemmill (Hornell); Earl Girardo (Irondequoit) vs. Gary Parsons (Marcus Whitman; Mark Buffo (Red Jacket) vs. Rick Stewart (Rutledge); Ed Shaffer (Wayne) vs. Jason Shaw (Bolivar); Chris Hiten (Rush Henrietta) vs. Shawn Valnio (Byron-Bergen).

105 POUNDS

Grace Buckland (Lyndonville) vs. John Rigney (Palmyra-Macedon); Jami Randsi (Webster) vs. Scott Sieghrid (Mynderse); Brian Schae (Alexander) vs. Tom Heaton (Spencerport); Paul Stratton (Keshequa) vs. Terry Hassler (Newark).

Dan Nier (Greece Athena) vs. Charlie Frisciano (Bloomfield); Chris Marinelli (Red Jacket) vs. Andy Annesi (Victor); James Klem (Bath-Haverling) vs. Coddie Bissell (Bolivar); George Chow (Fairport) vs. Rodney Frey (East Rochester).

112 POUNDS

Alex Smith (Alexander) vs. Jeff Gaines (Bolivar); Ethan Sinnott (Brighton) vs. Sixto Matta (Newark); Greg Roberts (Palmyra-Macedon) vs. Todd Allen (Canandaigua); Steve Kuszel (Campbell-Savona) vs. J.J. Romano (Lyndonville).

Jason Barbera (Spencerport) vs. Darrell Travers (Waterloo); Chris Calice (South Seneca) vs. Jim Marion (Kendall); Josh Stone (Fillmore) vs. Doug Wetzel (Alfred-Almond-Arkport-Camerasaga); Pete Fox (Webster) vs. Ken Shaffer (Victor).

119 POUNDS

Mike Bell (Marcus Whitman) vs. Ron Pearl (Red Jacket); Mike Burgess (Canandaigua) vs. Frank Yunits (Geneva); Luke Buchholz (Wellsville) vs. John Zcari (McQuaid); Matt Brown (Addison) vs. Paul Treco (Bata-

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via Notre Dame).

Joe Barbera (Spencerport) vs. Tim Mner (Palmyra-Macedon); Ryan Ward (Bloomfield) vs. Kevin Wolf (Holley); Phil Stewart (Canisteo) vs. Tom Gilmore (Alexander); Jeff Linder (Webster) vs. Jason Inch (Victor).

125 POUNDS

George Swingle (Livonia) vs. Kevin Scholan (Marion); Kevin Bouvy (Spencerport) vs. Jeff Tremblay (Avoca); Tim Kresley (Hammondport) vs. Matt Tempie (McQuaid); Romeo Urbanielli (Wayne) vs. Mike Swan (Wayland).

Scott Yockel (Hilton) vs. John Delano (Kendall); Mike Fanton (Wellsville) vs. Paul Bodkins (Alexander); Fred Zona (South Seneca) vs. K. Chitaphong (Geneva); Matt Fero (Brighton) or Arnie Allen (Irondequoit) vs. Jeff Cooper (Holley).

132 POUNDS

Jeremy Flint (Pavilion) vs. Greg Laude (Africa); Rob Bussey (Canandaigua) vs. Ken Dickens (Williamstown); Dave Lawson (Sodus) vs. Chris Fox (Webster); Scott Flint (Jasper-Troupsburg) vs. Brian Aparo (Victor).

Mark Leach (Brockport) vs. Cliff Chapman (Avoca); Jon LeGault (Red Jacket) vs. Sam Lopez (Bishop Kearney); Jeff Green (Hornell) vs. Todd Raymond (Holley); Reggie Scott (East) vs. Kevin Bulling (East Rochester).

138 POUNDS

Steve Balsamo (Le Roy) vs. Joe Vernacco (Pavilion); Paul Sanders (Penfield) vs. Billy Payne (Geneva); Dave Powell (Livonia) vs. Joe Katorawa (Webster); Steve Otto (Marion) vs. Jason Drake (Jasper-Troupsburg).

Steve Lucilli (Fairport) vs. Tim Dalos (Newark); Mike Luverder (Warsaw) vs. Rob Crosby (Canisteo); Justin LeGault (Red Jacket); Dave LaFrance (Byron-Bergen); Mike Murphy (Rush-Henrietta) vs. Dan Decker (Midlake).

145 POUNDS

Steve Swingle (Livonia) vs. Greg Martin (South Seneca); Kweil Edwards (Brighton) vs. Fred Stevens (Hammondport); Ryan Mayo (Jasper-Troupsburg) vs. Bill Trigg (Franklin); Dave Pickard (Geneva) vs. Kurt Laird (Sodus).

Mike Pecorella (Greece Arcadia) vs. Bryan Miller (Holley); Jason Kronenwetter (Wayne) vs. Bob Van Derweil (Marion); Matt Ricci (East Rochester) vs. Luke Lamb (Victor); Ricky Case (Brockport) vs. Shawn Allen (Canisteo).

155 POUNDS

Frank Petrosino (Marion) vs. Justin Stone (Fillmore); Jason Goterek (Fairport) vs. Mike

Goodell (Batavia); Josh VanLare (Newark) vs. Mike Romeo (Spencerport); Jeremy Samsel (Warsaw) vs. Jamie Kneale (Canisteo).

Dave Hetzer (Greece Olympia) vs. Andy VanLan (Danville); Jason Rucker (East Rochester) vs. Dave Metcalf (Lyndonville); Joe Jones (Hammondport) vs. Mark Higgins (Le Roy); Giuseppe Spano (Pittsford) vs. Bruce Wan (North Rose-Wolcott).

167 POUNDS

Matt Jacobus (Dundee) vs. Robert Orr (Penn Yan); Dan Fingler (Fairport) vs. Don Ross (Mynderse); Shawn Roy (Addison) vs. Rob Taylor (Brockport); Chad Allen (Fillmore) vs. Jamie Travato (Eastridge); Sirrel Gissendanner (Spencerport) vs. Mike Thomas (Red Creek); Dave Weiland (Canisteo) vs. Rob Trapp (Palmyra-Macedon); Jack Farnsworth (Newark) vs. Rob Bradley (Jasper-Troupsburg); Dave Heagney (Penfield) vs. Mike Desens (Marion).

177 POUNDS

Pedro Roman (Red Creek) vs. Chad Sommerfeld (Holley); Chris Buck (Brockport) vs. Jason Garwood (Danville); Dan Yonts (Penn Yan) vs. Pat Moreland (Fairport); Chris Darmitt (Campbell-Savona) vs. Jerry Flint (Jasper-Troupsburg).

John Pemaselli (McQuaid) vs. Garry Santelli (Newark); Chad Washburn (Avon) vs. Sam Young (Geneva); Steve Groves (Canisteo) vs. Andy Gysel (Marcus Whitman); Jason Linka (Canandaigua) vs. Dave Dennie (Palmyra-Macedon).

215 POUNDS

Jody Forde (Waterloo) vs. Guy Trautman (Marcus Whitman); Matt Baldassare (Greece Athena) vs. Justin Grant (Voorhees); Lubomir Handl (Dundee) vs. John Agnelo (Fairport); Keith Thomas (Newark) vs. Brad Hasted (Marion).

Seth Thomas (Canandaigua) vs. Craig Robinson (Red Jacket); Steve Morse (Hornell) vs. Gene Day (Alexander); Bill Wing (Letchworth) vs. Sean O'Dea (Victor); Kirk Thompson (Pittsford) vs. Ed Clair (Canisteo).

250 POUNDS

John Fainthorpe (Avoca) vs. Joe Wassman (Wayne); Shawn Dabolt (Spencerport) vs. Brad Williams (East Rochester); Kevin Price (Le Roy) vs. Dan Cohen (Brighton); Tom Pears (Kendall) vs. Jack Fisher (Newark).

Mark Drake (Rush-Henrietta) vs. Cory Clark (Letchworth); Gary Anderson (Fillmore) vs. Jason Derrbacher (Danville); Ben Laten (Wellsville) vs. Frank Sidari (Hammondport); Toby Clemens (East) vs. Tom Brusso (Marion).