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HIGH SCHOOLS

state meet.

Spencerport trio just super

By John Smallwood

Staff writer Spencerport once again displayed its dominance, six wrestlers remained undefeated and five 1992 champions earned return trips as Section V held its state qualifying tournament last night at Webster

Junior High School. With 112-pound champion Jason Barbera, 119-champion Joe Barbera

WRESTLING and 167-champion Sirrell Gissendanner. Spencerport will have three wrestlers seeking titles next weekend at the NYSPHSAA champion-

ships in Syracuse. The Rangers are the only Section V school with more than one state

qualifier. "It was rough, but this is the greatest feeling in the world,' said

Jason Barbera, who will make his first trip to the state tournament. "I'll just go out, do my best and see what happens. I'm just glad to rep-

resent Section V. Jason Barbera (36-0), his brother Joe (35-0), Gissendanner (35-0), Hornell's John Gemmell (32-0), Canandaigua's Seth Thomas (35-0) and Newark's Jack Fisher Jr. (30-0) will take perfect records into the

Joe Barbera, Gissendanner, Gemmell, Fisher and Dave Dennie of Palmyra-Macedon will make return

appearances. "I felt there was a lot of pressure all season and this gets it off,' said Dennie, who defeated Penn Yan's Dan Yonts at 177 pounds. "Everyone at the state tournament is as good or better than me. I just hope I can bring something home.' Here

are the highlights from the champi-

onship matches: ■91 pounds — In a battle of freshmen, Class B champion Leo Urbinelli of Wayne Central scored a takedown in the first period and held on to beat East Rochester's

Rvan Sciaretta, 2-0. ■98 — Meeting for the second time in seven days. Hornell's Gemmell again overcame a stiff challenge from Wayne's Ed Schafer to

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Spencerport trio triumphant

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win, 4-2, in overtime. With the score tied after three periods, Gemmell (32-0) quickly shot for Schafer's leg, litted him and then scored a takedown 12 seconds into overtime to win.

"This was harder than last year because of all the pressure, said Gemmell, who won the 91-pound title a year ago. "I felt confident he couldn't take me down. In overtime,

I just wanted to let it all hang out."

105 — Junior Brian Schaal became Alexander's first state tournament representative by pinning Dan Nier of Greece Athena in the second period.

Trailing 2-0, Schaal scored a take down and then wrapped Nier in a package with 1:40 to go in the second. Nier, who finished his career with 150 victories, held out for almost a minute before being pinned.

■112 — For the third time this season, Jason Barbera met Brighton's Ethan Sinnott and came away with a decision. Barbera jumped to a 5-0 lead and then only gave up two

escape points.

■119 — Joe Barbera (36-0) followed his twin's lead and took a 6-0 victory over Luke Bucholz of Wellsville.

Barbera placed fourth in last year's state meet at 105 pounds.

■ 126 — After breaking a finger in the finals of the Monroe County Tournament, Irondequoit junior Arkee Allen missed the final three

weeks of the season.

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But after getting an injury waiver into last night's meet, Allen made the most of his opportunity by beating Class C champion Mike Swan of Wayne, 6-3.

■ 167 — Gissendanner did nothing to tarnish his state No. 1 ranking, pinning Brockport junior Rob Taylor in two minutes, 51 seconds.

Gissendanner, third in the state last year, makes his third consecutive trip to Syracuse. He's the highest place finisher returning at 167. 250 — Newark's Fisher used

his strength and quickness to dominate Marc Drake of Rush-Henrietta, 9-0, and defend his heavyweight title.

SECTION V WRESTLING STATE QUALIFIER At Webster Junior H.S.

(Championship and third-place matches) 91 pounds — Leo Urbanelli (Wayne) dec. Ryan Sciarretta (East Rochester), 2-0; Jeremy Everett (Pembroke) dec. Chris Foster (Campbeil-Savona), 21-5.

98 — John Gemmell (Hornell) def. Ed Schafer (Wayne), 4-2 (OT); Milton Wolfer (Fillmore) dec. Earl Giraulo (Irondequoit), 7-4

quoit), 7-4. 105 — Brian Schaal (Alexander) pinned Dan Nier (Greece Athena): 3-20, Rodney Frey (East Rochester) dec. Stace Buckland (Lyndonville), 14-3.

112 — Jason Barbera (Spencerport) dec. Ethan Sinnott (Brighton), 5-2; Greg Roberts (Palmyra-Macedon) dec. Ken Shaffer (Victor), 7-1.

119 — Joe Barbera (Spencerport) dec. Luke Buchholz (Weltsville), 6-0; Jason Inch (Victor) dec. Mike Burgess (Canandaigua), 6-3.

126 — Arkee Allen (Irondequoit) dec. Mike Swann (Wayland), 6-3; Kevin Bouvy (Spencerport) dec. Paul Bodkins (Alexander), 6-0.

132 — Brian Aparo (Victor) dec. Kevin Bulling (East Rochester), 9-4: Jeremy Flint (Pavilion) dec. Sam Lopez (Bishop Kearney), forfeit 136 — Steve Balsamo (Le Roy) def. Dave LaFrance

(Byron-Bergen), 5-3 (OT), Dave Powell (Livonia) def. Steve laculii (Fairport), fortert

145 — Mike Peccretia (Greece Arcadia) dec. Steve

Swingle (Livonia), 9-8; Matt Ricci (East Rochester) dec. Bill Trigg (Franklin), 5-3. 155 — Jason Rucker (East Rochester) dec. Jason So-

larek (Fairport), 11-3; Mike Romeo (Spencerport) def. Mark Higgins (East Rochester), forfeit. 167 — Sirnell Gissendanner (Spencerport) pinned Rob Taylor (Brockport), 2-51; Mike Desens (Marion) def. Dan

Fingler (Fairport), forfelt 177 — Dave Deinnie (Palmyra-Macedoni dec. Dan Yorts (Penn. Yan), 9-2, Pedro Roman (Red Creek) dec. Chad Washburn (Avon), 7-0.

215 — Seth Thomas (Canandaigua) dec. Jody Forde (Waterloo), 3-0: Brad Halstead (Marion) dec. Ed Clair (Cansteo), 7-4.

250 — Jack Fisher Jr. (Newsrk) dec. Marc Drake (Rush-Hennetta), 9-0; Ben Latten (Wellsville) pinned John Fairbrother (Avoca), 4:36.