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Tri-champs will contest West wrestling title

The team title at tomorrow's Wayne-Finger Lakes Western Division Wrestling Tournament is likely to be as closely contested as the regular season championship, which was shared by Lyons, Williamson and Marion.

"It's a toss-up." said Lyons Coach Don Aleksiewicz, whose team was 9-1 in league matches. "It'll probably come down to who gets the breaks in the draw and who comes up with the most back points."

Marion Coach Steve Habecker thinks Williamson may have an edge because the Marauders have a wrestler, Henry Henderson, in the 250pound class. Neither Lyons nor Marion has an entry in the unlimited class, which was not officially contested during the league season. "That's very important," said Habecker. "It gives them an extra man."

Naturally, Williamson Coach Gary Clark downplays this advantage. "Henderson is going to have to win matches to get advancement points," he said. "I didn't push to have him among the top seeds so he won't be getting a free ride to the finals."

Marion has what Clark calls "three pretty sure winners." Jeff DeRidder (105), Al Pulcini (112) and Mike Compton (215) won league titles for the Black Knights last season and also took Section 5 Class B championships. They are undefeated in league matches this season and the top seeds in their weight classes.

Lyons has top seeded wrestlers in Ed Mitchell (177) and Jeff Leonard (145). Mitchell has yet to be beaten this season.

Al Ashe (91), Sam Gallo (126), Jerome Douglas and John Ashe (155) will probably be top seeded for Williamson. "Gallo has a severely sprained ankle," said Clark, "and I don't know yet whether or not he'll be able to wrestle."

Clark said that Rick Leason (98), Brian Camidge (119), and Brian Thayor (145) have excellent chances of winning titles for the Marauders.

The other wrestlers likely to be top seeded are Guy Bowers (98) of South Seneca, Frank Heffernan (119) of Red Creek, Scott Beckens (132) of Sodus, Bob Crane (167) of North Rose-Wolcott and Joe Condon (250) of Bloomfield.

Bowers won a league title as well as a Section 5 Class B championship last year at 91 pounds.

The pre-quarter round of the tournament begins tomorrow at Dundee at 9:30 a.m. The finals start at 8 p.m.

South Seneca at Bloomfield —

A game most likely for second place

The South Seneca at Bloomfield basketball game tonight could determine who might still earn a share of the league title but it probably will be just be a game that decides second and third places in the Wayne-Finger Lakes Western Division.

The only hope the Bombers (9-3) or Falcons (9-2) have of earning a share of the title is if DeSales loses tonight.

The Saints, undefeated in 12 league games, are home against Red Jacket (2-8). If the Saints win, they clinch the championship. Red Jacket, which lost to DeSales 72-48 earlier in the season, must stop Bill Tapscott, averaging 27.8 points a game in order to pull an upset.

The DeSales game is the first of four games in five nights for the Indians.

They are home against Dundee tomorrow, at Bath on Monday and at Naples on Tuesday.

In other conference games tonight, Romulus (6-5) is at Naples (3-9) and Dundee (0-11) travels to Bath (3-8).

In a Monday night game, South Seneca is home against Romulus.

Sports menu

FRIDAY FL boys basketball

Waterloo at Newark, 6:30 p.m. Mynderse at Canandaigua, 6:30 p.m. Geneva at Victor, 6:30 p.m. Whitman at Midlakes, 6:30 p.m. Romulus at Naples, 7 p.m. JV tourney at Wayne, 10 a.m.
Midlakes at Mynderse, 1 p.m.
Non-league wrestling
Bath at Canandaigua, 6:30 p.m.
FL swimming
League meet at Hobart, 6:30 p.m.

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