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Warning: I don't have an editor this time around and everything is going pretty quickly. Excuse any spelling errors as I try to get this up as soon as it happens.

## Friday

10:16 Finally found a parking spot and got in here. I'm between mats 5 and 8 on the D2 side. Wrestling is about to start.

10:22 It looks like the bracket debacle was fixed slightly. Pal-Mac's Jeff Olena is on mat 8 against Peru's (Section VII) Jacob Goddeau. Olena scored a takedown with 15 seconds left in the first period and leads 2-0 after one. Olena started the second period on top and successfully rode Goddeau for two minutes. 2-0 to start the third. Lyndonville's Sam Recco just stepped on to mat 5 against Dylan Kavanugh as Olena got turned to his back with 25 seconds to go. Olena now trails 3-2. Olena loses.

10:35 Recco trails 4-2 to start the second period. Colton Dalberth leads Baruch's (P) Enam Hasan 7-0 in the second after scoring a reversal.

10:38 Wayne's AL Dierna just defeated Josh St. John from Queensbury (II) by fall in 5:40. Penfield's Brandon Ling just stopped on to the mat against Averill Park's (II) Jeff King. Four mats have Section V action taking place, as Bishop Kearney's Brad Mayville is tied 2-2 in the third on mat 8.

10:42 Dalberth wins 14-0. Mayville loses 4-2. Austin Keough is now on mat 6.

10:46 D1 96 pound results: Soria def Brienza, Soria def Kramer, Traub def Michel, Dierna def St. John, Barbato def Green, Rasheed def Gray, Montgomery def Connolly.

10:50 Bob Dierna is wrestling Baldwinsville's Anthony Finocchiaro. Finocchiaro is 45-1 with his only loss coming from Fairport's Thomas Davis during the Hilton Tournament.

10:53 D2 96 pound results: Page def Chadron, Allesandri def Way, Sluberski def Longo, Tighe def Delaney, Kavanaugh def Recco, Dake def Saltzman, Goldup def Stafford, Goddeau def Olena

10:55 Geneva's Joe Smaldone is on mat 6 wrestling Collin Coffey. Smaldone has a brace on his elbow. Smaldone leads 2-1 after two periods.

10:58 Bath's Kyle Conrad is on mat 5 wrestling Adirondack's (III) Ken Eaton.

11:00 D2 103 pound results: Perry def Bourguignon, Dalberth def Hasan, Brown def Mayville, White def Crast, Strong def Valastro, Mohrman def Bell, Calvano def Ehlers, Robinson def Keough

11:01 Smaldone wins. Dierna leads 7-1 after 2. Conrad trails 4-1 in the second. Chester Demanchick was just announced from Gates-Chili. Chili being the food.

11:12 Conrad wins 11-7.



11:15 D1 103 pound results: Kelly def Cook, Morris def Sardo, Realbuto def Cherry, Ling def King, Schaefer def Darcy, Rasheed def Hammell, McQueen def Grant

11:18 Attica's Vinnie Napierski trails Sandy Creek's (III) Derek Pfluger 8-2 after one. Demanchick leads Newburgh Free Academy's Taylor Laraia (IX) 3-2 in the second.

11:22 D1 112 pound results: Detore def Kempf, Green def Barney, McCormick def Zyco, Dierna def Finnochiaro, Rodrigues def Schuster, Popolizio def Montante, Sutton def Facchino, Collado def Dennison

11:23 McCormick and Dierna met in the finals last year at 96 pounds. This year they will meet in the quarters.

11:24 Pal-Mac's Tyler Marlow leads 8-0 after the first period over Peru's Patrick Hogan (VII).

11:27 D2 112 pound results: Smaldone def COFFEY, Giacalone def Gottfried, McGregor def Persico, Conrad def Eaton, Lazarony def Brunner, Crisafulli def Fuller.

11:30 Marlow just got pinned while winning 15-4 with a minute left in the third. Quinton Murphy now wrestling.

11:40 Murphy and Walton both win by fall on mat 6.

11:41 D1 119 pound results: Keith def Widger, Gomez def Akinfemi, Stauber def Hall, Belanger def Page, Laraia def Demanchick, Waldmiller def Stokdal, Palacios def Gayeski, Flamio def Kelly

11:43 CJ Howard trails 2-1 in the third. 15 seconds remain on the restart in neutral. Howard made a desperation shot and failed. Howard loses 4-1. Tim Banks now on mat 7 against Windsor's (IV) Ryan Hayes

11:45 D2 119 pound results: Peters def Rivera, Osleeb def Spires, Pfluger def Napierski, Thompson def Arnel, Hogan def Marlow, Lavazoli def Demmon, Borst def O'Farrell, Murphy def Gormley

11:52 D1 125 pound results: Franco def Jimenez, Troy def Rose, Riggi def Dyer, Brown def Hazelton, Lanave def Howard, Meinsen def Kalinka, Walker def Sinisgalli, Arujau def Sampson

11:53 Banks wins 4-2, Hasbrouck on top to start the second after a scoreless first period against Depew's (VI) Devin Kramer. Kramer escape, takedown. 3-0 Kramer after two.

11:58 D2 125 pound results: Wilcox def Kane, Lyman def Cochrane, Greene def Haas, Scalf def Gazza, Walton def Jesmer, Kott def Deangelis, Burdick def Afron, Hanson def Canaparo.

12:01 Paddock on mat 7, first period pin over Phoenix's Tyler Button. Hasbrouck loses 4-0.

12:07 Letchworth's Bucky Hendrickson now on mat 5 against East Aurora's (VI) Phil Czapl. Joe Bonaldi on mat two against Mexico's James Loomis (III). Lewis Cucchiara on mat 4 against Fordham Prep's Andrew Lenzi, defending state champion. Lenzi by fall in 1:40. Hendrickson wins by fall in 2:48. Bonaldi escapes with 40 seconds remaining in the third period to tie the match at 1-1. Overtime between Bonaldi and Loomis. Multiple time state champions Alex Ekstrom (Pal-Mac) and Mike Nevinger (Letchworth) are wrestling on mats 6 and 7.

12:14 Bonaldi with a takedown in overtime to advance over Loomis. Ekstrom tied his match at 2-2 with a reversal to end the first period. Nevinger leads 7-0 in the second period. Ekstrom escapes and scores a takedown to take a 5-2 lead. Nevinger wins by tech fall 15-0 in 5:51.

12:22 Ekstrom rebounds from the early deficit with an 8-4 victory.

12:25 Brighton's TJ Glickman finds himself down 7-0 and in the down position in the second period against Central Islip's Andrew Rodriguez. Austin Dwyer (Hornell) is wrestling top-seeded Brian Sewalt (Waverly). Scoreless after one.

12:29 Sewalt escaped early in the second. Dwyer scores a nice takedown at the end of the second and leads 3-1 after two. Dwyer escapes and scores another takedown to take a 6-1 lead with 1:39 left in the third period. Reminder, Sewalt is the top seed.

12:32 Sewalt scores a reversal but still finds himself down to Dwyer 6-3 with under a minute to go. Sewalt hits a tilt for two back points. 6-5 with :28 in the period. Dwyer gets tilted again and Sewalt comes back to avoid the major upset with a 7-6 win.



12:34 Amsterdam's Giuseppe Lanzi (II) just won his 200th match.

12:35 Owen Scott now on mat 7.

12:38 Massive results update coming. Lots going on so it's hard to keep up with, bear with me. O. Scott leads 10-0 after one period.

12:40 D1 130 pound results: Ruggirello def Laclair, Rueckle def Smith, Hanafee def Fitzmaurice, Grippi def Disel, Cubillos def Wade, Digravio def O'Malley, Dyer def Maldonado, Messina def Vespa

12:41 D2 130 pound results: Heyman def Dudley, Gillen def Gingerich, Kramer def Hasbrouck, Banks def Hayes, Soper def Tanenbaum, Franco def Goldzien, Gunyup def Morrison

12:42 D1 135 pound results: Dutton def Latham, Halladay def Davidson, Bonaldi def Loomis, Kloc def Lozada, Thakur def Hasan, Liguori def Peet, Lenzi def Cucchiara

12:44 D2 135 pound results: Paddock def Button, Burnett def Soule, Hendrickson def Czapla, Rogan def Snover, Signorelli def Barcomb, Sewalt def Jordan, Walsh def Olavarria, Ekstrom def Manley

12:46 D2 140 pound results: Nevinger def Betts, Troutman def Meuten, Smart def Armata, Freeman def Wright Kampnich def Riker, Montesanti def Vasquez, Manuel def Talesnick, Dake def Oswald

12:50 Greece Olympia's Josh Veltre and Spencerport's Paul Morabito now wrestling on mats 6 and 2. Veltre and Bob Malvestuto (Niagara Wheatfield-VI). Second-seeded Morabito leads 4-0 after the first period. Fairport's Dave Foley is on deck.

12:52 Alfred-Almond's Jason Fraser scores an early takedown and three backpoints to take a 5-0 lead :30 into the match. Fraser leads 11-0 after one.

12:55 Veltre leads 1-0 after two periods. Morabito leads 7-1 after two periods.

12:57 Morabito claims victory with a 9-3 decision. Veltre holds on for a 1-0 victory. Tough first match for the top seed.

1:00 Foley and Veltre may meet yet again if Foley is victorious here...

1:01 Foley taken down early, rebounds nicely with a fast escape and a takedown of his own.

1:02 Lyons' Craig Scott leads 8-0 after the first period over a Babylon's Drew Allago (XI)

1:03 Foley escaped immediately to take a 4-2 lead. Couldn't finish a takedown before the restart. :23 to go in the second period. Foley takes a 4-2 lead into the third.

1:05 Scott takes a 13-0 lead into the third period. Foley starts the third in neutral.

1:07 Foley hit for stalling with :15 remaining but holds on for a 4-3 victory. Scott escapes and scores a takedown for a 16-0 tech fall at 4:34.

1:15 Batavia's Ryan Darch leads Jimmy Hasson (Petrides- P) 4-0 after one period.

1:17 D1 140 pound results: Lanzi def Guilfoyle, Rodriguez def Glickman, Santalla def Buck, Skiba def Tower, Berry def Hartnett, Eberlein def Hardeo, Hauser def Haggar

1:18 D1 145 pound results: Clemente def Bronson, Schaefer def Meza, Volpe def Perry, Speno def Carlo, Wightman def Decristo, Tompkins def Harp, Herold def Shawcross, Morabito def Maldarelli.

1:19 Batavia's Troy Ireland and Attica's Luke Pariso just defeated Section I opponents by fall. Darch leads 8-0 after two periods. Wayne's Chris Marvin just won by fall on the D1 side over a Catholic school opponent.

1:22 D2 145 pound results: Sewalt def Dwyer, Beach def Sarcione, Micek def Anderson, Scott def Casale, Coronado def Vanburen, Roberts def Spitaleri

1:27 D2 152 pound results: Doldo def Caslino, Strong def Clark, Charland def Hottum, Scott def Allagio, Fraser def Zhang, Orlando def Cummings, Carter def Adams, Betts def Walker



1:29 Hilton's John Velieri leads 2-0 after the first period against Ken Matyas (Johnson City-IV). Bath's Cody Hutcheson holds a 5-0 lead against Max Weidner (Petrides-P) after one period.

1:34 Hutcheson wins by fall in 2:33. Velieri leads 6-2 after two periods.

1:35 D1 152 pound results: Veltre def Malvestuto, Foley def Berger, Golding def Allott, Ramos def Carlucci, McCormick def Holden, Burke def Villaret, Kiripolsky def Crosson, Gresheimer def Rheaume

1:39 Velieri wins 8-2.

1:40 D2 160 pound results: Kohlbach def Bushey, Shear def Carlisi, McCutcheon def Dommreis, Mills def Jones, Robichaud def O'Sullivan, Darch def Hasson, Ireland def Wang, Leblanc def Becker

1:42 Josue Mendez (Brentwood-XI), the top seed at 171-pounds (D1), just lost on a last second takedown to Matt Parlier (Port Jervis-IX). Major upset there.

1:45 D1 160 pound results: Coggins def Grabher, Paris def Matthews, Brundage def Dargie, Marvin def Sparaco, Brady def Ageday, Neidhart def Wignall, Reeb def Barnett, Velieri def Matyas

1:46 Just received word that the quarter finals will take place before the consolation round begins. At the same time, Zak Griffith (Warsaw) was pinned by Dan Fruscella (Holland Patent-III)

1:50 Pal-Mac's Pat Krenz just won by fall over Petrides' (P) Patrick Thornton in 3:39.

1:54 Holley's Kyle Steadman had his state title hopes dashed by second seed Jon Glennon (Lansing-IV).

1:59 Pittsford's Brendan Dwyer will wrestle Shenendehowa's Austin Meys next round after Dwyer defeated Marvin Titus-Casseus (West Babylon-XI), 8-2.

2:03 D1 171 pound results: Parlier def Mendez, Daddino def Cleveland, Baxter def Deluca, Neivert def Bernadue, Malvestuto def Marchese, Kavanaugh def Mcnamara, Foster def French, Villella def Benjamin

2:05 D2 171 pound results: Beckwith def Dul, Diekel def Carlson, Roosa def Griffio, Hutcheson def Weisner, Pariso def Saunders, Richer def Gates, Reed def Dukett

2:07 D2 189 pound results: Nocchi def Thayer, Alfano def Loskamp, Eibert def Ramundo, Fruscella def Griffith, Gwiazdowski def King, Ahern def McCall, Burns def Jennings, Glennon def Steadman

2:13 Having some connection issues here... I've been told there hasn't been an update in almost 45 minutes. Sorry guys.

2:14 Boley is having a rough go of it, trailing 2-1 in the third period with under a minute to go. His opponent is Matt Loew (Wantagh-VIII). Craig Amidon (Canisteo-Greenwood) leads 6-1 after two periods against Matt Rees (Holland Patent-III)

2:15 Boley just lost. What an upset. The anticipated Meys-Boley match will not come to fruition, unless Meys gets upset somewhere down the line as well.

2:23 Mike Raplee (Dundee) just won by fall. D2 is just about finished for the round, D1 still has a little bit to go. Looking forward to the quarters there should be some fantastic matches. As soon as the connection fixes itself all of this will be available to recap. Sorry again everybody.

2:29 D1 189 pound results: Meys def Kelly, Dwyer def Titus-Casseus, Spearman def Erickson, Brain def Raff, Buonaiuto def Cardenas, Floor def Frank, Hamilton def Dobransky, Loew def Boley

2:30 Spencerport's Enzo Zagari is wrestling Freeport's (VIII) David Agu. After a scoreless first Zagari is on top. He just got hit for stalling with just over a minute to go in the second period. Agu reversed Zagari and pinned him. Zagari goes down at 3:51.

2:41 Quarterfinals are set to go. A. Dierna is on mat 3 against Joe Barbato (Wantagh-VIII). Dierna got taken down and wrestled to his back. Barbato leads 5-0 after the first period. Barbato takes down to start the second and escapes. Dierna gets in deep and gains control for the takedown. He'll need to come up big in the third if he's going to win this. Barbato escapes, 7-2, after two.



2:49 Dalberth is ready to go on mat 5. He's wrestling Colton Perry from Windsor (IV). Perry beat Dalberth here last year. Dalberth takedown, 2-0. Dierna is running out of time and his deficit is increasing. Dierna pinned at 5:16.

2:51 Dalberth seems to have worked out any issues he had last year against Perry. He's riding him real well and nearly had him turned. Carlene Sluberski (Fredonia-VI) just advanced to the semi-finals. Sluberski is the only female in the state tournament this year.

2:54 Dalberth has a bloody nose. He leads 2-0 with 1:30 to go in the second period. Smaldone is now up on mat 8 against DOM Giacolone (Cato-Meridian-III). In a strange twist of events, Perry was near a reversal and the official called bloodtime. Let's hope this doesn't result in more backlash.

2:56 Smaldone and Giacolone are tied, 2-2. Ling is over on mat 1 and is in a 7-1 hole against Brian Realbuto (Somers-I).

3:02 Smaldone and Giacolone are in overtime tied at 4. Dalberth leads 3-0 after escaping in the third period.

3:05 Bob Dierna leads Sean McCormick 4-2 after two periods. It's on the farthest mat away so it's pretty tough to see exactly what is happening. Smaldone was mat returned and landed on his head. He did not escape. Smaldone allowed Giacolone to get up and is now fighting for a takedown. He got it with three seconds to go and advances to the semis. What a great finish.

3:08 Dierna now trails 8-6 with :40 remaining.

3:10 Dierna hits a takedown with :17 and rides out McCormick to send the match to overtime.

3:12 McCormick and Dierna are headed to double overtime. McCormick will be down first. McCormick is having a real tough time even moving from the ready position. Dierna has :30 to escape or we'll see a final overtime period. Dierna reversal and back points. He's headed to the semifinals. Great match.

3:17 Kyle Conrad just advanced to the semifinals with a 4-2 overtime decision.

3:20 Arik Robinson (Peru-VII) a state champion last year, won his quarterfinal match and picked up his 100th career victory.

3:25 Finally got the technical problem taken care of. Unfortunately I did not catch the result of Lazarony's match because of it. My apologies.

3:29 Sean Walton right in front of me here, wrestling Kevin Kott (East Aurora-VI) Walton with a nice move to grab a single but out of bounds. Walton takes another shot at a single but it's well defended by Kott. Walton takes a shot out of bounds and is called for stalling. Scoreless first period.

3:31 Walton goes down and Kott lets him up. We're neutral. Walton with a nice double this time and it works. 3-0 Walton. The patented Walton cradle makes an appearance and it's good for a pin. Walton is on a mission.

3:35 Banks is now wrestling Devin Kramer (Depew-VI). Kramer defeated Pal-Mac's Hasbrouck last round. It's 5-5 after one period and Banks is on top to start the second period. Kramer with a nice reversal but Banks escapes immediately. Banks had a nice takedown attempt with a trip but was ruled out of bounds. One minute to go in the second.

3:38 Wayne's Vinnie Digravio and Guilderland's (II) Matt Cubillos are tied, 0-0 after one period. Banks takes the lead with a takedown near the end of the period and leads 8-7 after two.

3:40 Ian Paddock is now wrestling Chris Burnett (Bainbridge-Guilford-I). It didn't take long for a takedown and plenty of back points. It's 10-0 after a minute. Banks got reversed to start the third and reversed it again a minute later. Banks leads 10-9 on a back and forth match.

3:41 Ian Paddock wins 15-0 in 1:50. Ohio State should be pleased with that. Banks holds on for the win. Letchworth's Bucky Hendrickson is now on mat 7 against John Rogan (Valley Stream North-VIII). Hendrickson has a deep half on top and is working on his second set of back points. He's taking an 8-0 lead into the second period.

3:45 Alex Ekstrom is now on mat 8 against Brian Walsh (Watervliet/Loud Christian-I). Ekstrom with a takedown. Hendrickson is working on back points again and is now up 12-0. Ekstrom allows Walsh to escape. His knee doesn't seem to be too rusty at the moment.

3:47 Digravio and Cubillos are headed to double overtime tied 1-1. Cubillos is down to start the overtime. Digravio held him down and he'll have a chance to win. Digravio gets out and has to avoid being taken down for :12. Stalemate with two seconds to go. That's



enough for the win. Big win for Digravio.

3:49 Ekstrom with a fall at 3:42.

3:50 Letchworth's Mike Nevinger and Chenango Valley's Nick Troutman had a scoreless first period. Nevinger pulled off a nice switch for reversal and maintains control for a 2-0 lead. Nevinger gets three back points but was high and allowed Troutman out. Nevinger looks tenacious right now, he gets a takedown and leads 7-1 after the second period.

3:54 Olympia's Bonaldi was just taken down by Iroquois' (VI) Jim Kloc to go down 3-1. Bonaldi pulls off an escape but cannot gain control for long, Kloc escapes and leads 4-3 with :30 to go. Kloc holds on for the victory.

3:56 Nevinger wins by tech fall, 16-1, in 5:23.

4:00 Andrew Lenzi (Fordham Prep-C) defeats Paul Liguori (Wantagh-VIII) 6-5. Lenzi is the returning champion at 130-pounds. Liguori took third at 125 last year.

4:01 Owen Scott got caught sleeping on a nice double by James Charland (Northern Adirondack-VII) but reversed him and got back points before Charland escaped. Scott leads 4-3 after one period. Twin brother Craig is now wrestling Josh Micek (Maple Grove-VI).

4:05 O. Scott trails 6-4 with a minute remaining in the second period. C. Scott worked out of an inside cradle and trails 2-1 after one period. O. Scott ties it up with a takedown with :30 remaining in the second.

4:08 Up to this point there at 4,119 people in attendance. Not a bad showing for the first session.

4:09 C. Scott has a spladle in for two back points. C. Scott leads 10-6 now with :30 to go in the third period. O. Scott escapes and scores a late takedown to put himself back into the match. It's 5-4 after two periods.

4:12 Defending champion Antonio Doldo (IHC-III) was just hit for a stalling point to tie the match at 1-1 with Jon Strong (Frewsburg-VI). Strong scored a takedown :28 into the overtime period to defeat the defending champion.

4:15 Craig Scott wins. Owen Scott leads 7-6 with 1:12 left in the third. Section VI fans are complaining of stalling. Micek takes a late double but cannot gain control. Owen Scott joins his brother in the state semifinals.

4:16 Veltre and FOley are at it again. Veltre has a 6-1 lead after one period and seems destined for the finals.

4:17 Morabito and Fraser are wrestling as well. Fraser scores an early take down and rides out the rest of the period. He's on top to start the second. Morabito is tied with Brian Herold (MacArthur-VIII), 4-4.

4:21 Herold escapes to start the third period and has a 5-4 lead. Fraser escapes to start the third and now leads, 3-0.

4:22 Canisteo-Greenwood's Brandon Mills is headed to the semifinals after a 3-2 victory over Waverly's (IV) Zach McCutcheon. Fraser is also going to the semis following a 3-2 win.

4:25 Batavia's Ryan Darch and Troy Ireland are both wrestling for a spot in the semifinals. Ireland is wrestling defending state champion Ryan Leblanc (Morrisville-Eaton-III). Darch is wrestling Taylor Robichaud (Hoosick Falls-II).

4:26 Morabito goes down. Not what Section V had in mind for his trip to states.

4:30 Darch is out in front of his match, 4-2, with one minute remaining in the second period. Ireland is struggling with Leblanc, down 5-1 after two periods.

4:31 Darch was just put to his back for a five count. He now trails 5-4. John Velieri and Cheektowaga's (VI) Clay Reeb are scoreless after one period.

4:33 Bath's Hutcheson is out in front of Kyle Roosa (Allegany-Limestone-VI) 3-0 after an escape to start the second period. Darch opts to start neutral to being the third period, giving up a point for the escape. Darch trails 6-4. Hutcheson picks up another takedown and leads 5-0 after two.

4:35 Leblanc handles Ireland for a 5-1 win. Darch connects for a takedown but Roosa is out quickly. Roosa leads, 7-6, with one minute to go.



4:36 Hutcheson lands another takedown. After struggling at supers he seems to be in control so far this weekend. Darch loses, 9-6.

4:37 Velieri and Reeb are tied at 1 apiece following an escape by Reeb halfway through the third period. Hutcheson wins, 7-0.

4:40 Velieri and Reeb are in overtime. No shots taken by either wrestler there. We'll head to double overtime. Nice mat returns by Velieri to maintain control.

4:41 Velieri holds down Reeb and will have his chance to win in overtime after Reeb lets him up and starts the period in neutral.

4:42 We'll have two rounds of consolations following the quarters. Lots of wrestling still to come.

4:43 Reeb can't get a good look at Velieri and has just :5 to score a takedown. He didn't do it and Velieri is a semifinalist.

4:45 Spencerport's Baxter is trailing 5-2 in the third period. Brendan Dwyer is set to battle Austin Meys. Luke Pariso just lost to Vinny Gallo (Schalmont-II)

4:47 Before I had a chance to even see the time, Dwyer was pinned by Meys. Baxter still trails 5-2 in the third and is struggling to find his base for an escape.

4:48 Baxter escapes but it's too late. He falls, 5-3.

4:55 Craig Amidon (Canisteo-Greenwood) leads Logan Rock (Warrensburg-II) 8-2 after two periods.

4:59 Paul Glover isn't a small guy but somehow I missed both of his matches. The first one was a :28 pin so I didn't have much to watch. The second match may have been the same thing.

5:02 Amidon wins, 11-3. Pretty impressive in his first two matches. RJ Sharp (Red Creek) is now wrestling Glenn Garrett (Holland Patent-III). Dundee's Mike Raplee and Saranac's (VII) Mitch Leferve are set to go on mat 7.

5:05 Raplee has a nice five point move :20 into the first period and makes quick work of Leferve to the tune of a :48 pinfall. Sharp is having his way with Garrett and leads 9-0 midway through the first period. As soon as I type that, Sharp gets reversed. Sharp escapes and scores a takedown to end the second period.

5:10 Consolation rounds have started.

5:11 I wish I had the ability to DVR this and catch up on everything I may have missed. Sharp wins by major decision and will wrestle Raplee in an all-Section V semifinal.

5:13 Pal-Mac's Jeff Olena carries a 2-0 lead into the second period of his consolation bout against Scott Stafford (Sidney-IV)

5:14 Brad Mayville is now wrestling Jared Crast (South Jefferson-III). Crast with a takedown and 2-0 lead heading into the second period. Olean was ridden out by Stafford and will take a 2-0 lead into the third period.

5:16 Glover won with another first period pin (1:31.) That explains why I didn't see him at all today.

5:19 Olena put Stafford to his back twice in the third period to win 6-0. He'll have one more match tonight. Mayville was unable to escape in the second period and goes into the third period still trailing, 2-0.

5:20 Warsaw's Austin Keough is wrestling Andy Ehlers (Tuxedo-IX). Keough scores a takedown with :10 left in the first and leads 2-0. Keough starts on top, sticks a cradle in and wins by fall at 1:39.

5:23 Mayville is the first Section V wrestler out of states.

5:27 After the quarterfinals, Section V sits in sixth place in the team standings. Section I is in second with 91. Section XI is in first with 91.5

5:29 After the quarterfinals, Section V is in first place with 119 points, well ahead of second place Section IV (94).

5:35 Chester Demanchick (Gates-Chili) is wrestling Lancaster's (VI) Matt Waldmiller with his season on the line. Demanchick leads 4-1 midway through the second period after hitting a nice double leg takedown near the boundary.



5:38 Pal-Mac's Matt Hasbrouck is wrestling Ryan Hayes (Windsor-IV). Banks (Holley) defeated Hayes in the first round earlier this morning. Demanchick seems to have his match in hand, leading 8-1. Hasbrouck and Hayes are scoreless midway through the second.

5:43 The jinx continues. Demanchick was reversed following my previous statement. He escaped, though, only to be taken down again. Time runs out on Waldmiller and Demanchick advances to the next round of wrestlebacks.

5:45 Hasbrouck leads 2-0 after two periods.

5:47 Austin Dwyer has now been announced from "Hornwell" four times. Add that onto him being announced as Astin Dyer twice and there is an issue. Oh well.

5:50 Cam Kelly just defeated Drew Gayeskie (Masenna-X), 14-1.

5:51 Hasbrouck and Hayes are all tied up at two each now. Hasbrouck is on bottom with :53 to go, looking to escape and take the lead.

5:52 CJ Howard (Pittsford) defeated Joe Kalinka (Iroquois), 8-4, to advance to the next round. No one is out of the tournament on the D1 side yet.

5:53 Hasbrouck got his escape with :19 remaining and held on for a 3-2 decision.

5:55 No Section V wrestlers wrestling for the first time all day I think. I'll be back in a few minutes once Lewis Cucchiara's match begins.

6:03 Lewis Cucchiara (Gates Chili) and Austin Dwyer (Hornell) begin wrestling simultaneously. Dwyer scores an early takedown and takes a 2-0 lead into the second period. Cucchiara is wrestling Tyler Peet (Unadilla Valley-IV). The match is scoreless after the first period. Dwyer is wrestling Eddie Sarcione (Eden-VI)

6:05 I'm mistaken. Cucchiara is down 1-0 after one period. Unsportsmanlike maybe? I didn't see from my location. Dwyer scores an escape to start the second and leads 3-0. To paint a picture, Sarcione is wrestling with a faceguard on.

6:08 Sarcione escapes to start the third period. Dwyer takes him down immediately following the escape. 5-1 with 1:11 remaining. Cucchiara is now trailing 3-1 and has had the match stopped twice for bloodtime. :31 remains in the second period, with Cucchiara on bottom.

6:11 Dwyer wins 7-2. Cucchiara narrowly misses an escape but time runs out and he'll start the third period on top. Peet escapes and has a nice scramble with Cucchiara before taking him down and effectively ending the match. Peet wins, 6-1 and Cucchiara is eliminated.

6:40 In a rematch of the super sectional final last weekend, Holley's Kyle Steadman and Attica's Dave Jennings are set to do battle. On an adjacent mat, Warsaw's Zak Griffith opened up an early 5-0 lead over Nanuet's (I) Steve Ramundo and carries that into the second period.

6:42 After a scoreless first period, Jennings was able to pin Steadman just :21 into the second period and make up for his loss last weekend. Steadman has been eliminated. Griffith is winning his match 8-2 after the second period.

6:47 Ramundo is going upperbody in attempt to pin Griffith and Griffith isn't budging. Again, the jinx hits. Ramundo manages a takedown to make the score a little closer but Griffith will hang on for a 12-4 victory.

6:52 Christian Boley is set to begin his long trek back to the podium. He'll square off against Homer Dobransky (Carthage-III). Brendan Dwyer awaits the victor.

6:57 Boley and Dobransky shake hands and begin. Boley is looking a lot more aggressive and it cost him. Dobransky capitalizes on a failed shot attempt and scores a freebie takedown. Boley is out of it and we're neutral.

6:59 Spencerport's Zagari and Holley's Kacee Sauer are also wrestling. Sauer is wrestling Southwestern's (VI) Pat Langworthy. Zagari scored a five point move to end the first period and takes a 5-0 lead into the second. He's wrestling Tony Scarsella (Union-Endicott-IV)

7:01 Dobransky gets another takedown before the end of the first period and Boley escaped again. Boley starts the second period down and gets out quickly. He's trailing 4-3.



7:02 Boley starts the third period on top, down a point to Dobransky. Sauer just put Langworthy to his back after flattening him like a pancake. Sauer can't get Langworthy's shoulders to touch the mat and instead will wrestle a third period, leading 6-0.

7:03 Boley lets Dobransky up and is fighting for a takedown. Zagari leads 6-0 to start the third period. Boley earns the takedown and he's tied the match, 5-5 with one minute to go.

7:05 Boley lets Dobransky up once more and gets another takedown to acquire the lead. Boley successfully rides Dobransky to come from behind and win, 7-6. Brendan Dwyer will get a third chance to beat Boley in the next round.

7:06 Sauer gives Langworthy an escape and gets hit for stalling. Sauer leads 6-2. Zagari wins 6-0.

7:07 Sauer wins 6-2 and we're into the next round of consolations.

7:08 Al Dierna (Wayne) is wrestling Lancaster's (VI) Steve Michel. Dierna scored a takedown near the end of the first period and leads, 2-0, after one period. Dierna starts the second period with an immediate reversal to increase his lead to 4-0.

7:10 Dierna now leads 6-0 and seems to be having no problem riding Michel. He turns Michel once more for good measure en route to an 8-0 victory.

7:14 Lyndonville's Sam Recco trails Phoenix's (III) Nick Tighe 1-0 in the second. Warsaw's Austin Keough and Windsor's (IV) COLton Perry are in a scoreless battle in the second period. Perry with a reversal to keep the jinx working. Perry lost to COLton Dalberth (Marion) in the quarterfinals. Keough lost to Dalberth 4-3 last weekend at supers.

7:19 Recco reversed Tighe to end the second and takes a 2-1 lead into the third period where he will start on top.

7:22 Penfield's Brandon Ling is wrestling Zack Hammell (Queensbury-II) on the far mat. He leads 4-0 after one period.

7:24 Recco holds on to win 4-2 over Tighe. Batavia's Nick Lazarony is wrestling Penn Gottfried (Ardsley-I)

7:26 Keough lost by fall to Perry, putting an end to his podium bid.

7:28 Lazarony just dropped a 7-3 decision to Gotfried. He's eliminated.

7:29 Ling leads 9-0 in the third period.

7:31 Penfield's James Montante meets up with Sean McCormick (Johnson City-IV.) Last year's 96-pound runner up should give Montante a tough match.

7:34 Montante really has his work cut out for him. As I type that, the match ends. McCormick led 9-0 in the second and wins by fall.

7:36 Gates-Chili's Chester Demanchick looks to continue his season now. He's up against John Jay's (I) Henry Stauber. Demanchick scores a quick takedown and rides Stauber out for the duration of the period.

7:38 Stauber escapes to start the second period and on the restart makes a nice ankle pick that is well defended by Demanchick. Demanchick is now in deep on a single leg but can't take Stauber off his feet.

7:39 Pal-Mac's Tyler Marlow is wrestling Whitehall's (II) Curt Thompson. Marlow connects on a double in the first and takes a 2-0 lead into the second period. Demanchick leads 2-1 after two periods and will begin the third period on bottom.

7:41 Thompson escapes in the second period. Pittsford's Cam Kelly is on the far mat wrestling Brentwood's (XI) Alex Gomez. Gomez leads 2-0 after one period. Demanchick escapes and scores a takedown. He'll advance to tomorrow with a 7-2 victory.

7:44 Marlow will start the third period on bottom. Kelly is now tied with Gomez, 2-2. Gomez earns an escape to retake the lead.

7:46 CJ Howard is wrestling last year's state runnerup Shawn Brown. Marlow escaped only to be taken down by Thompson. Marlow gets a takedown on Thompson's desperation shot and wins, 8-4. Kelly and Gomez are tied, 4-4, after Kelly scored a reversal and Gomez escaped. Howard leads Brown 3-2 in the second.

7:48 Kelly just perservered for a takedown on Gomez with :20 remaining. Brown scores a takedown on Howard and leads 4-3. Kelly survives to wrestle another day.



7:49 The future doesn't look as bright for Howard. Brown scored three backpoints before the end of the second period and takes a 7-3 lead into the third period and starts the period in the down position. Brown was working on a reversal but couldn't finish. He'll take an escape instead.

7:51 Howard falls to Brown, 8-5, and is eliminated.

7:52 Pal-Mac's Matt Hasbrouck leads 4-3 after two periods and will start the third period on bottom. He's wrestling Danny Franco (Petrides-P).

7:54 Hasbrouck gets his escape and has a two point lead with a minute remaining. Hasbrouck fights off a nice takedown attempt by Franco and gets one for himself. He'll advance to tomorrow with a 7-3 victory.

7:56 Olympia's Joe Bonaldi is wrestling Ali Hasan (Valley Central-IX).

7:59 Bonaldi chooses neutral and is taken down and put to his back. He's trailing 5-0 with a minute to go in the second period.

8:01 Bonaldi starts the third period on bottom and is unable to get anything going. This marks the end of his first appearance at states.

8:13 Austin Dwyer and Derrick Longo (Ardsley-I) meet up in the consolations next. Dwyer starts off hot with a takedown. Ardsley gets out and the period ends with Dwyer ahead, 2-1.

8:15 Dwyer goes down and Paul Morabito starts his match against Rickey Bronson (Chenango Forks-IV). A scoreless first for Morabito and Bronson. Morabito is on top to start the second period.

8:16 Dwyer and Longo are knotted at three apiece with a minute left in the second period. They're neutral and Longo is the aggressor thus far.

8:18 Longo earns another takedown and takes a 5-3 lead. Morabito rides out Bronson and starts the third period on bottom. Dwyer is unable to escape from the last takedown and the third period starts with Longo on bottom.

8:19 Morabito earns an escape and takes a 1-0 lead. Longo gets out quick and takes a 6-3 lead over Dwyer. Dwyer takes a quick double shot but can't keep his toes in bounds; 1:24 remains and they'll restart.

8:20 Morabito earns a takedown and wins the match, 3-0.

8:21 Dwyer gets taken down one last time and loses, 10-3.

8:26 Fairport's Dave Foley and Riverhead's (XI) Ryan Rheaume are now wrestling. Foley went down hard on a Rheaume shot and injury time has been called after the takedown.

8:28 Batavia's Troy Ireland is wrestling Nick Carlisi (Cold Spring Harbor-VIII).

8:29 Foley is back up and ready to wrestle with :13 remaining in the first period. Ireland scores a quick takedown and back points. After a restart he's got Carlisi on his back again. Ireland leads 9-0.

8:30 Rheaume's takedown was taken off the board and Foley obtained one of his own at the end of the first period. Rheaume starts the second period on bottom and gets out immediately. Rheaume then takes Foley down and leads 3-2.

8:32 Ireland has another nearfall and Carlisi has the match stopped. Ireland doesn't look to pleased about it and the ref asks him to relax. Ireland relaxes and pins Carlisi in 2:25.

8:33 Foley escapes Rheaume's grip and earns a takedown and two backpoints for himself. Foley holds a 7-4 lead heading into the third period.

8:35 Foley starts on bottom and earns an escape. Rheaume takes Foley down to make it 8-6. Foley is warned for stalling and escapes simultaneously. Foley has a single leg but can't hold Rheaume inbounds. Foley leads, 9-6, with :36 remaining.

8:36 Rheaume earns a takedown and lets Foley up. Foley holds on for a 10-8 victory.

8:37 Attica's Luke Pariso leads Greg Griffio (Babylon-XI) 10-2 in the third period. Ryan Darch (Batavia) just defeated Kevin Dommreis (Millbrook-IX), 16-3.



8:40 Pariso wins 13-2. Chris Marvin (Wayne) holds a 10-5 lead over Darin Wignall (Deposit/Hancock-IV). Zak Griffith (Warsaw) is ahead of Ivan McCall (Petrides-P) 2-0 after one period. Nick Baxter trails Dan McNamara (Amsterdam-II) 2-1 after one period.

8:42 Marvin wins his match, 12-5 and will wrestle tomorrow. Griffith is warned for stalling and McCall escapes. Baxter is able to score a pair of points and take a 3-2 lead. Griffith is in a bind. Two nearfall for McCall. That match is tied, 3-3.

8:44 Baxter still has control of McNamara. Griffith has a bloody nose.

8:46 Baxter and McNamara begin the third period in neutral. Baxter leads 3-2. Griffith was taken down by McCall and escaped. Griffith is trailing 5-4 with :14 remaining. Griffith is unable to take McCall down and has been eliminated. Baxter was taken down by McNamara. McNamara warned for stalling.

8:48 Baxter makes an effort to escape but ends up on his back and is pinned with :07 remaining in the third period. Baxter is eliminated.

8:50 Dave Jennings (Attica) and Robert Alfano (Locust Valley-VIII) are wrestling on mat 7. No action from either wrestler in the first period.

8:52 Jennings starts the period on bottom and earns an escape. Jennings takes down Alfano and is unable to turn him before Alfano escapes. Jennings is ahead, 3-1, after two periods.

8:54 Christian Boley (Brockport) and Brendan Dwyer (Pittsford) are set to square off for the final time this season. The loser will not place. The winner will advance to tomorrow's wrestling where one more match must be won to assure placement.

8:55 Alfano earns an escape in the third period but is unable to take Jennings down. Jennings is warned for stalling and immediately scored a takedown. Jennings lets Alfano up and holds on to win, 5-3.

8:56 Boley and Dwyer are both looking for an opening but cannot put together a takedown. Dwyer is warned for stalling just as the first period concludes.

8:57 Boley starts the second period on bottom. Pal-Mac's Pat Krenz leads Highland's (IX) Peter Behnke 4-3 in the second period.

8:58 Krenz earns a takedown and Boley a reversal. Krenz takes a 6-3 lead into the third period. Dwyer has a bloody nose and that match is on pause.

9:00 Krenz gets a reversal to start the third period and obtains three takedowns to win, 14-7

9:01 Dwyer escapes after the timeout and trails 2-1 going into the third period.

9:03 Dwyer escapes to in the third period and the match is tied, 2-2 with one minute remaining. Boley earns a takedown on a nice lateral. Dwyer calls injury time, trailing 4-2, with :34 to go.

9:06 Boley gives Dwyer a point for locked hands, the second time he's been called for that today, and holds on to win the match, 4-3.

9:09 Spencerport's Enzo Zagari leads 3-1 in the third period. He's wrestling Averill Park's (II) Nate Brown.

9:10 Zagari wins, 3-2.

9:11 In the final Section V match of the evening, Holley's Kacee Sauer will wrestle Austin Lee (Cato-Meridian-III).

9:12 Sauer grabs a leg and earns a takedown early in the first period but is quickly reversed by Lee. Lee gets Sauer caught in a cradle but can't get the pin. Sauer trails 5-2 after the first period.

9:13 Sauer escapes in the second period. Sauer gets called for stalling. No shots are taken for the duration of the period.

9:15 Lee chooses bottom and gets out quick, nearly reversing Sauer.

9:16 Sauer is trying to set something up but Lee isn't allowing it. Lee seems content with winning 6-3. One minute to go.

9:17 Sauer takes a shot but can't finish. Sauer gets another shot in and trips Lee but is unable to get the takedown. :10 left.



9:18 Sauer takes one final shot but is unable to make anything of it. The freshman's improbable trip to states ends here.

9:20 Wrestling has concluded on the first day of states at the Times Union Center here in Albany. I'll be back tomorrow with more live updates.

## **Saturday**

9:45 Welcome back to day two of the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Championships. We're set to begin the semifinals and consolations.

9:48 Wayne's Al Dierna and St. Anthony's (C) Chris Brienza are wrestling for the rights to a top-six finish. Pal-Mac's Jeff Olena and Lyndonville's Sam Recco are wrestling on mat 8.

9:53 Fredonia's (VI) Carlene Sluberski is looking to become New York's first female state finalist. She's wrestling fellow Section VI wrestler Tom Page of Eden (VI) and holds a 4-2 lead after one period.

9:55 Dierna just lost, 4-0. Olena holds a 2-0 lead after two periods. Page now leads Sluberski, 5-4 going into the third period and selected to start the period in neutral.

9:56 Brandon Ling (Penfield) is now up on the far mat. He's wrestling MacArthur's Alex Grant (VIII). Sluberski just got a takedown and leads with :15 remaining. Olena defeated Recco, 4-0 and is assured a spot on the podium.

9:58 Ling leads 5-0 after the first period.

10:00 History has been made. Sluberski just became the first female to advance to the state finals with a 6-5 decision over Page.

10:01 Marion's Colton Dalberth is now up on mat 5 looking to reach the finals. He's wrestling Whitehall's (II).

10:02 D1 96 pound finals: Mike Soria (Kings Park-XI) vs Corey Rasheed (Longwood-XI)

10:03 D2 96 pound finals: Carlene Sluberski (Fredonia-VI) vs Jacob Goddeau (Peru-VII)

10:05 Dalberth leads 4-0 after the first period. Ling is assured of a spot on the podium with a 10-4 victory. Wayne's Bob Dierna was just pinned in :24... Another state champion out before the finals. He lost to Grant Green (St. Anthony's-C)

10:06 Dalberth is heavy on top and has turned White for two back points. He takes a 6-0 lead into the third period where he'll start on bottom.

10:08 Kyle Conrad (Bath) is trailing Phoenix's Kyle Crisafulli 2-0 after one period. The period starts in neutral and Conrad gets a takedown to tie the score. Dalberth gets out and gets a takedown. White is out and Dalberth leads 9-1. Barring a huge turn of events, Dalberth is a state finalist. No jinx here, He's get another takedown and wins, 11-1.

10:10 Geneva's Joe Smaldone is wrestling Tonawanda's (VI) Kyle McGregor. Lots of action to start the match but no points thus far. A minute remains. Conrad is on top to start the third, trailing 3-2.

10:14 Conrad got reversed and has less than a minute to recover from a three point deficit. Smaldone starts the second period on top and allows McGregor to get up. 1-0 McGregor.

10:15 Conrad loses, 5-2. Gates-Chili's Chester Demanchick and Pittsford's Cam Kelly are wrestling on mat 1. McGregor just received a stalling warning. Kelly leads Demanchick 5-4 in the second period.

10:16 Holley's Quinton Murphy is now wrestling Patrick Hogan (Peru-VII). Smaldone did a nice job of avoiding a takedown to end the second and will start the third period in neutral, trailing 1-0.

10:18 Murphy scores a takedown and is reversed and in pain. Injury time for Murphy.

10:20 Smaldone was taken down. McGregor has a half in, trying to get Smaldone to his back. Kelly escaped to start the third and leads Demanchick, 6-4.

10:21 Smaldone is unable to score and falls, 3-0.



10:22 Murphy is alright and escapes. He starts the second period on top and acquires three back points, and then another set of two. He's up 8-2 with a minute to go in the period.

10:23 Kelly defeats Demanchick. Pal-Mac's Tyler Marlow is wrestling North Salem's (I) Ryan Osleeb. Marlow leads 6-2 after two periods.

10:24 Murphy is headed back to the final with a 14-2 victory.

10:26 Marlow's teammate Sean Walton is now wrestling for a spot in the final. He's up against Sean Hanson (South Jefferson-III)

10:28 Walton hits a nice double and works a power half for two back points. Walton leads 4-0 after one period. Walton starts on top and gets two more back points. Marlow won his consolation match and is assured of another top six placement.

10:31 Walton leads 6-0 after two periods and starts in neutral.

10:34 Walton wins and is a state finalist for the first time in three attempts.

10:35 D1 103 pound finals: Brian Realbuto (Somers-I) vs Damon McQueen (Huntington-XI)

10:36 D2 103 pound finals: Colton Dalberth (Marion) vs Arik Robinson (Peru-VII)

10:37 D1 112 pound finals: Grant Green (St. Anthony's-C) vs Steven Rodrigues (FOx Lane-I)

10:39 Wayne's Vinnie Digravio is wrestling Cheektowaga's Jared Messina (VI) for a spot in the 130-pound championship. It didn't take long for Digravio to jump out to a big lead, as he got a takedown and two sets of back points. He leads 6-0 one minute into the period.

10:40 Pal-Mac's Matt Hasbrouck is scoreless with Andrew Gingerich (Copenhagen-III) after one period. Tim Banks (Holley) is wrestling Derak Heyman (Tioga-IV). Banks was taken down early and trails 2-0.

10:43 Messina reversed Digravio to his back for four points. Digravio recovered for an escape and takedown and leads 9-4 after one period. Messina escapes to start the second.

10:44 Hasbrouck trails 4-0 in the third. Banks is losing 2-0 after the first period.

10:46 Digravio leads 11-5 after two periods. Hasbrouck could not escape and falls, 2-0. Banks is now losing 4-1 in the second period.

10:47 Pal-Mac's Alex Ekstrom is set to take on Waverly's Brett Sewalt (IV) for a spot in the finals. Sewalt seems to be looking for a single on Ekstrom's braced knee. Ekstrom isn't allowing him to have it. Digravio is on top with a 15-7 lead.

10:50 Sewalt finally gets in on the leg and earns a takedown with :08 remaining. Ekstrom trails 2-0 after one period. Digravio has advanced to the final with a 15-10 victory over Messina. He's the first Section V wrestler from D1 to advance to the final.

10:51 Ekstrom knots his match up at two before Sewalt escapes. Sewalt goes for another single this time on Ekstrom's left leg. He's in but Ekstrom sprawls to fend it off and a stalemate is called.

10:52 Banks is taken down again and is now trailing 8-1. Ekstrom hits a takedown and gets a generous count for backpoints. Ekstrom leads 6-3 after two periods and starts the third on top.

10:55 Sewalt is out. Ekstrom keeps his toes in for a takedown and now leads, 8-4. Banks loses, 11-1. Bucky Hendrickson (Letchworth) and Ian Paddock (Warsaw) are set for a rematch from last week's Super Sectional semifinals, this time in the state semis.

10:56 Sewalt escapes again but that's all. Ekstrom advances to the final with an 8-5 victory.

10:58 Hendrickson took Paddock down twice in the first period and holds a 6-2 lead after one period. Everyone was anticipating an all section V final, but they didn't expect Hendrickson to be part of it.

10:59 Paddock has injury time called and is holding his shoulder. Greece Olympia's Josh Veltre is set for his semifinal against Steven Ramos (Clarkstown North-I)

11:01 Paddock is holding his shoulder still and Hendrickson is unable to keep him down. If Paddock is going to win this he's going to



have to overcome the injury to his left shoulder. Hendrickson leads 6-3 after the second period.

11:03 Fairport's Dave Foley is wrestling Colonie's (II) Elijah Golding in the consolations. He leads 5-3 in the second period.

11:04 Paddock and Hendrickson are set to start the third period in neutral. Paddock gets in on a single but can't maintain control after nearly having Hendrickson on his back. He comes in again and this time has Hendrickson on his back for a nearfall. Paddock leads 9-8 with a minute to go.

11:05 Veltre leads 1-0 in the second period. Hendrickson and Paddock restart in the center. Hendrickson is struggling to get to his base and Paddock is going to squeak this out in come from behind fashion with a 9-8 victory. This is the kind of match that makes Section V look like the best section in the state.

11:07 Veltre takes his 1-0 lead to the third period. Foley escapes in the third and gets a takedown. Foley leads 8-3 with under a minute to go.

11:08 Foley gets hit for stalling and allows an escape but holds on to win, 8-5. He's assured of placement. Ramos attempts a roll on Veltre to escape but can't get away from Veltre's grasp. Veltre maintains control and is headed to the final with a 1-0 victory.

11:10 Letchworth's Mike Nevinger is wrestling Copenhagen's (III) Ben Freeman. Nevinger is an animal on top. Takedown Nevinger, with two sets of backpoints. He's up 8-0 after one period.

11:11 Deja Vu. Nevinger scores eight more quick points and wins by tech fall in 2:40. He'll shoot for his third state title later tonight.

11:15 Lyons' Owen Scott trails Brian Sewalt (Waverly-IV) after one period, 2-0. The second period begins in neutral and while both wrestlers are working for a takedown, it is Scott who comes through to tie the match on a low double that takes Sewalt off balance.

11:18 Sewalt chooses bottom for the third period. Scott gives up the escape to start to neutral and the third period begins in Sewalt's favor, 3-2.

11:20 Scott gets in on a takedown for the lead. Scott has legs in. That's a problem for anyone.

11:22 It's an all Batavia match on mat 8. Ryan Darch and Troy Ireland are going after a podium spot. They had a scoreless first period. Scott is reversed with :22 remaining.

11:23 Scott can't get his leg out for an escape and falls, 5-4.

11:24 When teammates wrestle each other it's not unusual to see coaches remain silent. Batavia's is against the grain. Darch leads 1-0 midway through the second period.

11:26 Owen's twin Craig is now wrestling Frewsburg's Jon Strong (VI). Strong defeated defending champion Antonio Doldo (IHC-III) yesterday to reach the semifinal.

11:27 Scott gets in and has a cradle for two backpoints. He'll take a 4-0 lead into the second period where he begins on bottom.

11:28 Scott reversal, he's up 6-0. Alfred Almond's Jason Fraser is up against former state champion Kenny Betts (Fredonia-VI). Betts leads 5-0 after one period.

11:30 Paul Morabito rebounded from his loss yesterday and won to assure a top six finish. Ireland can't escape from Darch's grasp. He has :29 seconds to get away.

11:31 Scott takes a 6-3 lead into the third period. Darch defeats Ireland 1-0. Fraser goes into the third period trailing Betts 6-2.

11:34 Strong escapes from Scott but so far has been unable to put together a takedown. Attica's Luke Pariso is battling Gowanda's (VI) Dave Richer. Pariso gets a takedown and is called for locked hands. He leads 2-1 after one period.

11:35 Scott holds off Strong for a 6-4 victory and a place in the state finals. Fraser falls to Betts, 8-3.

11:37 Random thought: If Ekstrom has a bum leg and Paddock has a bum arm, who is at a greater disadvantage? Regardless, only one of them will become a four-time state champion. The arm injury may be an equalizer. Paddock is still on the trainer's table receiving treatment for his shoulder.



11:38 Canisteo-Greenwood's Brandon Mills scores an early takedown on top seed David Kohlbach (Windsor-IV). Hilton's John Velieri just started his match against TJ Neidhart (Shoreham Wading River-XI). Mills leads 2-0 after one period. Pariso was just reversed in the third period. His match is now tied, 3-3.

11:40 Pariso was pinned at 4:09. Velieri and Neidhart wrestled to a scoreless first period. Velieri begins the second period on top. .

11:42 Mills was reversed and put to his back in a cradle, a five point move for Kohlbach. Mills will start the third period trailing 5-2 and in the down position

11:45 Mills got stuck and lost by fall to Kohlbach. He'll go down to the consolation bracket and wrestle Darch.

11:46 Velieri and Neidhart are tied at one each in the third period. Bath's Cody Hutcheson is now wrestling Tyler Beckwith (Greene-IV)

11:47 Fredonia's (VI) Kenny Betts just set a new state record for career wins with his victory over Fraser. The win was the 268th of his career.

11:49 Velieri was taken down with :03 to go in OT. Beckwith is having his way with Hutcheson, the defending champion. Beckwith leads 7-0 after the first period.

11:51 Beckwith scores eight back points in the first minute of the second period. Beckwith wins by tech fall in 2:59, 15-0.

11:53 Enzo Zagari (Spencerport) is wrestling Ryan Jump (Vestal-IV). Pat Krenz (Pal-Mac) is wrestling Ryan Talcott (Tioga-IV). Zagari and Jump are scoreless after one period. Krenz trails Talcott, 6-4, after two periods.

11:56 Talcott scores a takedown to increase his lead to 8-4. Zagari escaped to start the second period and enters the third period with a 1-0 lead.

11:58 Krenz loses to Talcott. Zagari is still in control of Jump with a minute to go in the third period.

12:02 Zagari holds down Jump for the entire third period and is assured a top six finish.

12:05 Al Dierna (Wayne) is set to wrestle for seventh place. He'll go up against Jacob Green (Chenango Forks-IV).

12:15 Canisteo-Greenwood's Craig Amidon is now wrestling Saranac's (VII) Tyler Leavine for a spot in the finals. Dierna and Green wrestled a scoreless first period. Amidon scored a takedown and nearfall in the first period to carry a 4-0 lead into the second period.

12:18 Green chooses to start the second period against Dierna in neutral and scores a takedown. He's penalized a point but does not allow Green to escape. Dierna picked up two backpoints as time expired and leads 4-1 after two periods.

12:20 Amidon leads 6-2 after the second period. Brandon Ling (Penfield) trails Malik Rasheed (Longwood-XI) 2-1 after two periods.

12:22 Amidon now leads 12-4. Ling, one of the better wrestlers on top in the section, just picked up two back points in the third period to take the lead. Bath's Kyle Conrad is set to wrestle Ken Eaton (Adirondack-III) in the consolation semifinals.

12:24 Ling wins, 3-2 and will wrestle for third and fourth place later. Bob Dierna (Wayne) is wrestling Luke Popolizio (Shenendehowa-II)

12:25 Amidon wins 12-4 and reaches the final. Dierna leads 2-0 in the second period and is on top in the second period. Dundee's Mike Raplee and Red Creek's RJ Sharp are wrestling in an all-section V semifinal. Cam Kelly (Pittsford) is set to wrestle Taylor Laraia (Newburgh-IX). Laraia scores a quick takedown and puts Kelly to his back for a nearfall. Laraia leads 4-0 after one period.

12:28 Sharp leads Raplee 4-2 in the first period. Dierna rode out Popolizio in the second period and is on top again to start the third. Dierna gets two back points and is reversed by Popolizio. Conrad trails Eaton 2-0 in the third period.

12:30 Raplee escapes before the first period ends and lets Sharp up to begin the second period. Sharp has a 5-3 advantage. Dierna defeats Popolizio and will wrestle for third place.

12:31 Eaton scores a takedown to increase his lead on Conrad. Jeff Olena (Pal-Mac) is wrestling Corey Dake (Lansing-IV).

12:32 Conrad falls to Eaton and will wrestle for fifth. Olena trails Dake 2-1 in the second period.



12:33 Sharp enters the third period with a 6-5 advantage. Kelly drops a 5-1 decision to Laraia.

12:34 Raplee reverses Sharp to take a 7-6 lead and Sharp is grasping his knee.

12:36 Tyler Marlow (Pal-Mac) and Patrick Hogan (Peru-VII) are wrestling on Mat 5. Sharp escapes and scores a takedown and two backpoints to knock off Section V champion Raplee. Sharp will wrestle in the final and Raplee will enter the consolation bracket.

12:38 Dake defeats Olena. Olena will wrestle for fifth.

12:41 Marlow holds a 3-2 lead over Laraia after two periods. Tim Banks (Holley) is now wrestling Andrew Gingerich (Copenhagen-III)

12:43 Marlow escapes in the third period. Banks and Gingerich tie up for most of the period and Banks can't connect on a trip attempt for a takedown. They'll start the period with Banks on bottom and the score tied 0-0.

12:46 Marlow defeats Laraia, 4-2. Banks is working on an escape but has been unsuccessful thus far. Banks had a cut reopen and blood time is called.

12:48 RJ Sharp's victory over Mike Raplee was the 100th of his career.

12:49 Bucky Hendrickson (Letchworth) is wrestling Brian Walsh (Watervliet/Loud Christian-II). After a scoreless first period Hendrickson starts the second on top.

12:51 Banks reverses Gingerich and puts him to his back for two points. Gingerich escapes and it is 4-1 after two periods. Banks starts the third period on top.

12:52 Section V sits in sixth place in team standings in D1. With 200.5 points, Section XI leads Division I.

12:53 196 iv 226.5 Section V is has a firm hold of the top spot in D2. With 226.5 points, Section V leads second place Section IV by 30.5 points.

12:55 Banks defeats Gingerich, 4-2, and will wrestle for third place. Hendrickson scored three backpoints while riding top in the second period and escaped to start the third period. He leads 4-0 with :50 to go.

12:57 Hendrickson wins. Paul Morabito (Spencerport) is wrestling Anthony Volpe (Rocky Point-XI)

12:58 A nasty injury to Dominic Montesanti (Medina-VI) just quieted the arena. Ben Freeman (Copenhagen-III) was working towards a takedown and Montesanti's elbow snapped. Freeman wins by injury default but Montesanti is being treated on the mat by trainers and doctors.

1:02 Morabito dropped a 6-1 decision to Volpe and will wrestle for fifth. Dave Foley (Fairport) leads Zach McCormick (Johnson City-IV) 4-2 after two periods. John Velieri (Hilton) is set to wrestle Billy Coggins (Rocky Point-XI)

1:05 A stretcher is now on mat 8 for Montesanti. Owen Scott was reversed and hurt his shoulder. He holds a 5-4 lead on Derrick Longo (Ardsley-I)

1:06 Foley and McCormick are tied, 4-4. Foley is on bottom with under one minute to go in the third period.

1:08 Montesanti is removed on a stretcher to a round of applause.

1:09 Scott holds on for a 7-4 lead after two periods. Velieri leads 1-0 entering the third period.

1:10 Foley escapes and fends off a last second takedown attempt by McCormick to win. McCormick is not pleased. The coach is disputing the call. Foley and McCormick exchange a few words before McCormick storms off. Foley will wrestle for third place.

1:13 Christian Boley (Brockport) and Jason Fraser (Alfred-Almond) are both wrestling. Boley is wrestling Zach Buonaiuto (Miller Place-XI). Fraser is wrestling James Charland (Northern Adirondack-VII). Both matches enter the second period scoreless.

1:15 Paul Glover (Spencerport) and Matt Johnson (Niagara Falls-VI) are wrestling on mat 2. Glover leads 2-0 after the first period.



Batavia's Ryan Darch and Canisteo Greenwood's Brandon Mills are wrestling for a spot in the consolation finals. Darch came in with a nice single but couldn't gain control before going out of bounds.

1:17 Glover's lead is now 6-0. Fraser enters the third period scoreless and on top. Boley begins the third period on top and with a 2-0 lead. Buonaiuto escapes from Boley and the score is 2-1.

1:18 Bath's Cody Hutcheson is looking to avenge the loss he suffered in the semifinals. He's up against Dave Richer (Gowanda-VI) and scores an impressive takedown shortly after the whistle. Richer reverses Hutcheson on the restart. Fraser leads Charland 2-1 with a minute remaining in the third.

1:20 Darch escapes in the second to take a 1-0 lead on Mills. Hutcheson starts the second period on bottom. Fraser scores a takedown and two backpoints to take a 6-1 lead. Boley wins his match 4-1 and wrestled all the way back from his first round loss to earn a chance to place third.

1:21 Fraser wins 7-3. Hutcheson reverses Richer to take a 4-2 lead. Glover beats Johnson 12-4 and will wrestle for third, a year after winning states.

1:23 Hutcheson just pinned himself. After working on putting Richer to his back Richer grabbed his head and Hutcheson stuck himself on bottom. Not the way a defending champion wants to defend his title.

1:25 Mills and Darch are tied at one following a Mills escape to begin the third period. Enzo Zagari (Spencerport) is wrestling Elijah Graham (Corcoran-III). Graham escaped in the second period and leads 1-0.

1:27 Mills and Darch are going to overtime. Dave Jennings (Attica) is wrestling Nick Gwiazdowski (Duanesburg-II). Zagari was just pinned by Graham.

1:28 Gwiazdowski escapes Jennings in the second and scores a takedown for a 3-0 lead. Darch defeats Mills in overtime.

1:30 Gwiazdowski defeats Jennings 10-2.

1:35 Consolation Finals have begun and Brandon Ling (Penfield) is wrestling Jimmy Morris (St. Anthony's-C) for third place. Morris scored a first period takedown and leads 2-0 after one.

1:37 Morris escaped towards the end of the second period after Ling chose top. Morris chose neutral and scored another takedown in the third period. Morris then rode out Ling. Ling places fourth in his first appearance at the state tournament.

1:40 In a rematch of last year's 96-pound final, and in a rematch of yesterday's quarterfinal, Bob Dierna (Wayne) and Sean McCormick (Johnson City-IV) are wrestling for third place. Tyler Marlow, a 2007 state champion, is wrestling for third place against Derek Pfluger (Sandy Creek-III). Marlow strikes first with a takedown but is reversed and put to his back in a cradle for a five point move for Pfluger at the end of the first period.

1:42 Pfluger starts on bottom and escapes. Marlow trails 6-2. Cam Kelly (Pittsford) leads Kaare Stokdal (Kingston-IX) 6-0 after two periods.

1:43 Dierna leads 2-1 in the third and is on top. Marlow scores a takedown and Pfluger escapes. McCormick is working on a reversal and gets it against Dierna with under one minute to go. Dierna trails, 3-2. Marlow gets another takedown and Pfluger escapes to make it 8-6 going into the third period.

1:45 Dierna escapes and for the second time in as many days, Dierna and McCormick will go to overtime.

1:46 Jeff Olena (Pal-Mac) trails Brendon Goldup (Schuylerville-II) 2-1 in the third period. Dierna defeats McCormick in overtime for the second day in a row and places third. Pfluger did not allow Marlow to escape and scored two back points to win, 10-7. Marlow places fourth.

1:49 Cam Kelly had no issues holding his large lead against Stokdal and takes fifth. Olena takes sixth.

1:51 Tim Banks (Holley) is wrestling Mark Gillen (Johnstown-II) for third place. After a scoreless first period, Banks starts the second period on bottom.

1:54 Banks was put to his back for a two point nearfall in favor of Gillen. Banks is on bottom again to start the third period, trailing 2-0.



1:55 Banks gets put on his back again for a two point nearfall.

1:59 Banks escapes only to be taken down. Gillen wins 6-1. Banks places fourth. Bucky Hendrickson (Letchworth) is wrestling Brett Sewalt (Waverly-IV) for third place.

2:01 Hendrickson leads Sewalt 5-2 in the second period after an escape, reversal and two back points.

2:02 Hendrickson gets another set of back points before the period ends and carries a 9-2 lead into the third period.

2:03 Paul Morabito (Spenceport) is wrestling for fifth place. He trails 7-2 in the second period.

2:05 Hendrickson hurt his knee after a takedown but refuses to default and leads 10-6 after escaping and being taken down again. :48 remain on the clock.

2:06 Morabito starts the third period in neutral, trailing 7-2.

2:07 Hendrickson escapes and puts Sewalt to his back for five points. Hendrickson wins the match, 16-6, and places third.

2:08 Fairport's Dave Foley and Clarkstown North's Steven Ramos are wrestling for third place. Morabito takes sixth place after losing 9-6.

2:09 Foley begins the second period on bottom. Alfred Almond's Jason Fraser is wrestling for third place against Jon Strong (Frewsburg-VI). Foley was pinned in the second period Ramos and takes fourth.

2:10 Batavia's Ryan Darch is wrestling for third place against Josh Becker (Salamanca-VI). Cody Hutcheson (Bath) and Cody Reed (Walton-IV) are wrestling for sixth place. Hutcheson wins by fall and takes fifth place.

2:12 Becker has Darch in a cradle in the second period after starting on top and picked up three points for the nearfall. Darch escapes the move and trails 3-1 entering the third period.

2:14 John Velieri is wrestling Clay Reeb (Cheektowaga) for third place. Velieri beat Reeb yesterday in 2OT in the quarterfinals. Becker pinned Darch in the third period. Darch takes fourth place.

2:17 Strong is called for stalling twice in the second period and Fraser takes a 1-0 lead into the third period where he will begin on top. Fraser is warned for stalling to begin the third period.

2:18 Strong escapes and the match is tied, 1-1. Reeb escapes Velieri but Velieri rebounds and scores a takedown on a double. Paul Glover (Spencerport) and Zeal McGrew (Burnt Hills-II) are wrestling for third place.

2:19 Fraser scores a takedown to take a 3-1 lead. Reeb escapes Velieri again and the match is tied, 2-2. McGrew takes Glover down and Glover escapes.

2:20 Fraser wins, 3-1, and places third. Glover enters the second period trailing 2-1 and starts in neutral. Velieri escapes Reeb to begin the third period and has a 3-2 lead.

2:22 Brandon Mills (Canisteo-Greenwood) and Taylor Robichaud (Hoosick Falls-II) are wrestling for fifth place. Glover takes down McGrew and McGrew gets out to take a 4-3 lead. Glover can't put together another takedown and will enter the third period down one point.

2:24 Mills takes down Robichaud in the first period and leads 2-0. Glover escapes to start the third and is tied 4-4. Christian Boley is now wrestling for third place against James Brain (Minisink Valley-IX)

2:26 Robichaud scores a reversal on Mills and the match is tied 2-2 entering the third period. Mills goes neutral to start the third.

2:27 McGrew takes down Glover in the third to take a 6-4 lead with under one minute to go. Boley leads Brain 2-1 in the second period after a first period takedown and a second period escape by Brain.

2:28 Glover escapes from McGrew and has :06 to gain a takedown or he will place fourth a year after being champion.

2:29 Glover dives at a leg but can't do anything with it. Glover places fourth. Mills and Robichaud are in overtime.



2:30 Mills scores a nice takedown to defeat Robichaud in overtime. Mills takes fifth place. Boley scored a last second takedown on Brain in the second period to carry a 4-1 lead into the third period where they begin in neutral.

2:32 Enzo Zagari (Spencerport) and James Donner (Niagara-Wheatfield-VI) are wrestling for fifth place. Donner has a 3-2 lead after a third period escape. Boley scores another takedown and holds on for a 6-1 win.

2:33 Boley takes third place after losing in the first round. Former teammate John Martin Cannon did the same thing in 2007 and 2008. Boley's first round opponent reached the final.

2:34 Zagari can't put together a takedown and loses to Donner, 3-2. Zagari places sixth.

2:36 Section V Finalists for DI: 130- Vinnie Digravio (Wayne) vs Joey Grippi (Fox Lane-I), 152- Josh Veltre (Greece Olympia) vs John Gresheimer (Wantagh-VIII)

2:45 Section V Finalists for DII: 103- Colton Dalberth (Marion) vs Arik Robinson (Peru-VII), 119- Quinton Murphy (Holley) vs Matt Peters (East Aurora-VI), 125- Sean Walton (Pal-Mac) vs Nick Wilcox (Greene-IV), 135- Ian Paddock (Warsaw) vs Alex Ekstrom (Pal-Mac), 140- Mike Nevinger (Letchworth) vs Kyle Dake (Lansing-IV), 152- Craig Scott (Lyons) vs Kenny Betts (Fredonia-VI), 215- Craig Amidon (Canisteo-Greenwood) vs Kyle Colling (Pioneer-VI), 285- RJ Sharp (Red Creek) vs Dan Ladd (Schuylerville-II)

2:46 Finals will begin at 6:00 pm.

4:45 Section V DI Sixth-place Finishers: 145- Paul Morabito (Spencerport), 285- Enzo Zagari (Spencerport)

4:45 Section V DI Fifth-place Finishers: 119- Cam Kelly (Pittsford)

4:46 Section V DI Fourth-place Finishers: 103- Brandon Ling (Penfield), 152- Dave Foley (Fairport), 215- Paul Glover (Spencerport)

4:47 Section V DI Third-place Finishers: 112- Bob Dierna (Wayne), 160- John Velieri (Hilton), 189- Christian Boley (Brockport)

4:52 Section V DII Sixth-place Finishers: 96- Jeff Olena (Pal-Mac), 112- Joe Smaldone (Geneva), 189- Dave Jennings (Attica), 285- Mike Raplee (Dundee)

4:54 Section V DII Fifth-place Finishers: 112- Kyle Conrad (Bath), 160- Brandon Mills (Canisteo-Greenwood), 189- Cody Hutcheson (Bath)

4:55 Section V DII Fourth-place Finishers: 119- Tyler Marlow (Pal-Mac), 130- Tim Banks (Holley), 145- Owen Scott (Lyons), 160- Ryan Darch (Batavia)

4:57 Section V DII Third-place Finishers: 135- Bucky Hendrickson (Letchworth), 152- Jason Fraser (Alfred-Almond)

4:58 Section V DI has 11 place finishers, including Vinnie Digravio (Wayne 130) and Josh Veltre (Greece Olympia 152) in the finals.

4:59 Section V DII has 22 place finishers, including Colton Dalberth (Marion 103), Quinton Murphy (Holley 119), Sean Walton (Pal-Mac 125), Ian Paddock (Warsaw 135), Alex Ekstrom (Pal-Mac 135), Mike Nevinger (Letchworth 140), Craig Scott (Lyons 152), Craig Amidon (Canisteo-Greenwood 215), and RJ Sharp (Red Creek 285) as finalists.

5:01 Plenty of finals matches to get excited about tonight. Not only with Section V involved. For non-section V matches, Damon McQueen (Huntington-XI) and Brian Realbutto (Somers-I) will meet in the 103-pound final. The two met for third place in last year's championships at 96-pounds. Steven Keith (Shoreham Wading River-XI) a state champion at 96-pounds in 2007, will wrestle Justis Flamio (Mahopac-I), a runner-up at 103-pounds last year.

5:05 The 125-pound class features two state champions from 2008. Jamie Franco (Monroe Woodbury-IX) is the defending 125-pound champion. Nick Arujau (Syosset-VIII) was the 112-pound champion last year. Stephen Dutton (Rocky Point-XI) placed third last year at 130-pounds. He'll go up against 130-pound champion Andrew Lenzi (Fordham Prep-C) for the 135-pound championship.

5:08 Josh Veltre (Olympia) will put his 58-0 record to test against last year's 145-pound champion John Gresheimer (Wantagh-VIII) for the 152-pound title. JD Zitone (Port Jervis-IX) and Ken Altarac (LaSalle-II) will go to battle in the 285-pound final. Zitone finished fourth last year and Altarac is the defending champion.

5:13 Over on the DII side, History has already been made by Carlene Sluberski (Fredonia-VI). She became the first female to reach a



New York state final with her win in the semis. She'll have a chance to become New York's first female state champion when she wrestles Jacob Goddeau (Peru-VII) in the 96-pound final.

5:16 Colton Dalberth (Marion) will wrestle Arik Robinson (Peru-VII) in the 103-pound final. Robinson won the state championship at 96-pounds last year. The 112-pound class will feature Kyle Crisafulli (Phoenix-III), the 103-pound runner up last year, and Kyle McGregor (Tonawanda-VI), the 103-pound fourth place finisher last year. Crisafulli was a state champion at 96-pounds in 2007.

5:18 Quinton Murphy (Holley) will look to avenge his lone loss on the year when he battles Matt Peters (East Aurora-VI). Peters defeated Murphy 6-4 earlier this year. Murphy won states last year at 103-pounds. Peters took fourth at 103-pounds in 2007. Murphy placed sixth at 96-pounds in 2007, his seventh grade year.

5:21 Sean Walton (Pal-Mac) is a state finalist for the first time. Walton took third the last two years. Nick Wilcox (Greene-IV) will be his opponent. Wilcox was a state champion in 2006 at 103-pounds and was the runner-up to Ian Paddock at 119-pounds in 2007.

5:23 Paddock will meet Walton's teammate Alex Ekstrom for the second time in a week at 135-pounds. Both Paddock and Ekstrom are striving to become Section V's first four-time state champion. Paddock's shoulder was injured earlier today and Ekstrom has been wearing a brace on his knee for quite a while now. We'll see how that impacts their abilities this evening.

5:25 Mike Nevinger (Letchworth) will try for his third state title when he wrestles Kyle Dake (Lansing-IV). Dake was a runnerup to Paddock last year and was a state champion at 112-pounds in 2007. Dake placed third in 2006 at 96-pounds. Nevinger placed third in 2005 at 103-pounds.

5:25 Brian Sewalt (Waverly-IV), a runner-up to Alex Ekstrom at 135-pounds last year, will meet Mark Crisafulli (Phoenix-III). Crisafulli defeated Craig Scott for third place last year at 135-pounds.

5:31 Kenny Betts (Fredonia-VI), the New York state record holder for career wins and a 2007 state champion, will wrestle Craig Scott (Lyons) in the 152-pound final. Betts was a runnerup last year at 145-pounds and a runnerup in 2005 at 103-pounds.

5:37 David Kohlbach (Windsor-IV), a fourth place finisher at 152 last year, will battle Ryan Leblanc (Morrisville-Eaton-III), last year's 160 pound champion.

5:38 Tyler Beckwith (Greene-IV), a runnerup last year, will battle Vinny Gallo (Schalmont-II) for the 171-pound championship. Beckwith avenged his loss in the final to Cody Hutcheson last year earlier today in the semis with a convincing tech fall in 2:59.

5:42 Last year's 189-pound consolation final is this year's 189-pound championship final. Jeremy Burns (Hoosick Falls-II) will wrestle Chris Nocchi (Waverly-IV). Burns pinned Nocchi for third place last year.

5:44 In the 215-pound final, Craig Amidon (Canisteo-Greenwood) aims to beat Kyle Colling (Pioneer-VI) for the second time this season. This time around, a state title is on the line.

5:48 RJ Sharp (Red Creek) will wrestle last year's fourth place finisher Dan Ladd (Schuylerville-II) in the 285-pound championship bout. Sharp advanced to the final after defeating fellow section V wrestler and last year's third place finisher Mike Raplee (Dundee). Raplee beat Ladd last year 4-3.

5:50 Spencerport and Waverly were just recognized as team champions for DI and DII. Spencerport has won the last three DI team titles and has won 58 straight dual meets. Waverly picked up its third DII title in five years.

5:52 Larry Cantor is being recognized for his work as an official. He's officiated the PSAL championships 25 times and NYS championships twice. He is currently the commissioner of wrestling for the PSAL and is a NYC USA Wrestling Chairman.

5:56 The New York State wrestling coaches Hall of Fame just inducted three coaches into its Hall of Fame. North Islip's Tony Mullino of Section XI, Northern Adirondack's Larry Ross of Section VII and Fox Lane's Joe Amuso of Section I.

6:14 The place finishers parade of champions is going on now. Wrestling should be getting started in the next fifteen minutes.

6:23 A sophomore from Hudson Falls just completed the Star Spangled Banner. The middle section of the arena looks just about full. A decent crowd for the finals, and overall a great crowd for all three sessions.

6:29 We're set to go. DI 96 pound final: Mike Soria (Kings Park-XI) vs Corey Rasheed (Longwood-XI). DII 96 pound final: Carlene Sluberski (Fredonia-VI) vs Jacob Goddeau (Peru-VII)



6:31 An all Section XI final at D1. Sluberski aims to be the first female champ at DII. Rasheed is a 7th grader. Goddeau has a 43-3 career record. Sluberski is 50-4 this year and 117-35 overall. Here we go.

6:33 I don't know who is who from Section XI so my focus will be on Sluberski's shot at history. After a clock malfunction we're set to begin.

6:34 After one period red anklet Section XI leads 2-0. Sluberski is shooting hard on Goddeau but unable to get anything of value. They've stayed in the center circle the entire period and when they come out Sluberski gets taken down. The period ends with Goddeau on top 2-0.

6:35 It's 5-0 in favor of red anklet on mat 1. Sluberski starts the second period on top and Goddeau is up but not out. Sluberski brings him back down and they're out of bounds.

6:36 Blood time for Sluberski.

6:37 Third period begins on mat 1 and the score is still 5-0 red. Red picks up another take down. Sluberski is ready to go again but starts bleeding on the restart.

6:39 We begin again and Goddeau immediately reverses control. Goddeau has a 4-0 lead with a minute to go.

6:41 Mike Soria was the red anklet. He wins 7-0. Sluberski was put on her back for three points and Goddeau leads 7-0 after two periods. The third period starts neutral.

6:42 Goddeau has a leg but can't do anything. Stalemate. Goddeau has two legs this time but before turning it into anything, they go out of bounds.

6:43 Quick stalemate on the restart. Goddeau is back again with a double turned to single. Sluberski gets a takedown with time winding down. 7-2 in favor of Goddeau is the final. Sluberski made history regardless, and tomorrow she'll be ecstatic with her finish but right now she has to be disappointed.

6:45 Colton Dalberth (Marion) vs Arik Robinson (Peru-VII) on DII and Brian Realbuto (Somers-I) vs Damon McQueen (Huntington-XI) on DI.

6:47 It didn't take long for Robinson to take Dalberth down. McQueen leads Realbuto 3-2 in the first. Dalberth can barely move on bottom. Robinson has a deep half in but potentially dangerous is the call.

6:48 Realbuto scores a reversal and leads 4-3 after one. Robinson is called for potentially dangerous again and the crowd isn't happy.

6:49 Realbuto escapes to start the second. Dalberth jumps the whistle. Caution. Nice scramble over on mat 1. No points to either wrestler though. Stalemate.

6:50 Robinson is riding Dalberth hard and another potentially dangerous call is made.

6:51 Dalberth is bleeding from the nose again. McQueen has a 6-5 lead after the second period on mat 1. He'll start the third period on bottom. He escapes but is taken down immediately.

6:52 He escapes from that, with a near reversal. 8-7 McQueen in a back and forth brawl. Robinson selects neutral to start the second.

6:52 Realbuto with a takedown and 9-8 lead. Stalemate called on mat 2. Dalberth gets a leg and is driving into Robinson. He can't free his leg for the takedown though.

6:53 Brian Realbuto wins 9-8 on mat 1. Robinson still holds a 2-0 lead on Dalberth in the second period. McQueen storms off the mat.

6:54 More blood time for Dalberth.

6:55 Even more blood time for Dalberth.

6:56 The connection is choppy here, I'm aware. A lot of the bandwidth is being used by the live video streams from various websites.

6:57 The match restarts and Robinson gets a takedown. Robinson leads 4-0 after two periods.



6:58 Dalberth starts the third period on top looking to turn Robinson.

6:59 Dalberth is bleeding again. Or maybe still bleeding. Who knows if it ever stops.

7:01 Dalberth back on top on the restart. Robinson tagged for stalling. A stalemate is called after neither wrestler did much moving.

7:02 Dalberth is down under :30 to get points. Another stalemate is called. Dalberth has :10. He can't turn Robinson. Robinson is a two time state champion.

7:03 Steven Rodrigues (Fox Lane-I) vs Grant Green (St. Anthony's-C) on the DI end and Kyle McGregor (Fredonia-VI) vs Kyle Crisafulli (Phoenix-III)

7:04 Green out to a fast 5-0 lead. Green defeated Bob Dierna (Wayne) with a fall in :24 in the semis.

7:05 Green's lead is now 8-1 after the first period. Crisafulli is in high on a double but was out of bounds on the takedown attempt. :39 remains in the first period with the score still tied at zero.

7:06 McGregor scores a takedown and leads 2-0 after the first period. Rodrigues escaped from Green in the second period and now trails 8-2.

7:07 Crisafulli starts on top. Rodrigues hits a takedown and puts Green on his back for a four point move. It's now 8-6 in the second period.

7:08 McGregor is warned for stalling. The second period ends with Rodrigues still trailing Green, 8-6. Green starts on bottom and is let up. 9-6.

7:09 Crisafulli is still riding McGregor. The second period ends with McGregor still holding a 2-0 lead.

7:10 Stalemate on mat 2. Rodrigues is down three with under :30 to go. Green connects on a takedown and the Catholic Schools have a state champion. 11-7 is the final.

7:12 McGregor is still riding Crisafulli. Potentially dangerous is called. McGregor isn't letting Crisafulli get out. They're out of bounds with :06 to go. McGregor still holds a 2-0 lead.

7:13 McGregor wins 2-0 and Crisafulli will have to settle for another runnerup finish.

7:14 Steven Keith (Shoreham Wading River-XI) vs Justis Flamio (Mahopac-I) on the DI side and Quinton Murphy (Holley) vs Matt Peters (East Aurora-VI) on the DII side.

7:15 Murphy looks to avenge a loss earlier this year. Peters is a senior. Murphy just a freshman. Peters comes in with a double and switches to a single. Murphy fends it off and isn't giving Peters control. Stalemate.

7:16 Murphy takes a shot at a leg and can't connect. Murphy takes a half shot and Peters reacts.

7:17 Murphy readjusts his headgear after going out of bounds and we restart. Peters has a leg and Murphy continues to defend. The first period ends in a scoreless tie.

7:18 Peters chooses top and Murphy will begin the second period on bottom. Murphy is in trouble on his back for a five count. Three points for Peters.

7:19 Only the one mistake by Murphy in the period but he couldn't escape. Peters takes a 3-0 lead into the second period. Murphy selects top and needs to turn Peters to win a second straight title.

7:20 Murphy managed a one count but that isn't enough for points.

7:21 They're out of bounds and they'll restart in the center. Mat 1 has a 2-2 tie in the third period.

7:22 As I say that, Keith scores a reversal. Peters is warned for stalling. Under :30 to go for Murphy. The dream of five state titles is quickly coming to an end. Peters gets out and has a 4-0 lead. Murphy almost had Peters on his back but couldn't get it. Peters wins.

7:23 A reversal on mat 1 for Flamio causes overtime. Keith grabs a takedown in :29 of overtime to claim the state title.



7:24 Nick Arujau (Syosset-VIII) vs Jamie Franco (Monroe Woodbury-IX) and Sean Walton (Pal-Mac) vs Nick Wilcox (Greene-IV)

7:25 Walton and Wilcox both come out aggressive but can't get a read one another.

7:26 Wilcox almost sticks Walton but is unable to maintain control. He gets a takedown and a fast two count for four points and Walton reverses him. 4-2 after the first period.

7:27 Arujau leads 2-0 after the first period on mat 1. Walton has blood. Wilcox takes down and the second period begins.

7:28 Walton is an animal on top and Wilcox is struggling to break free. At the same time, Walton is having trouble moving Wilcox. Wilcox gets to his feet but can't break free. Walton breaks him down and they're out of bounds.

7:29 Walton loses his grip and Wilcox gets out. Wilcox has a 5-2 lead. Walton tries a trip and fails. Time expires in the period and Walton starts the third on bottom.

7:30 Arujau still leads 2-0 after the second.

7:31 Walton is still down after a stalemate and restart. Walton tries a roll into a cradle and gets a reversal. No back points though.

7:32 Walton is on top with :46 to go on a restart. Walton cuts Wilcox with :30 and needs to make something happen if he wants to grab the title that has eluded him.

7:33 Wilcox fends off a shot and Wilcox picks up his second state championship. Arujau wins 4-0.

7:35 Time for awards. Section V is 0-3 in its first three championship matches.

7:50 Vinnie Digravio (Wayne) vs Joey Grippi (Fox Lane-I) on the DI side and Derak Heyman (Tioga-IV) vs Genta Murayama (Edgemont-I)

7:51 Digravio fends off a shot by Grippi early on and that's all the action there is for a minute. Digravio gets in on a leg after a restart and gets a takedown on the edge. Digravio takes a 2-0 lead.

7:52 Digravio rides out Grippi for the rest of the period and leads 2-0 after one period. Digravio starts on top to begin the second.

7:53 Grippi gets a reversal :30 into the period and goes out of bounds. Digravio jumps on the restart. Caution.

7:54 Digravio gets up on the whistle and goes for a reversal. He can't finish it before going out of bounds. One point for the escape.

7:55 Digravio had a nice double but couldn't finish. He overcommitted and Grippi gains control but not enough for the takedown. Out of bounds, still neutral.

7:56 Digravio leads 3-2 after two periods and starts the third period on bottom. Heyman leads Murayama 6-2 after two periods.

7:57 Digravio warned for stalling and gets a point for the escape. He leads 4-2.

7:58 Under a minute to go and Digravio connects on a nice double for a takedown and backpoints. Digravio gets reversed and is :08 from a state championship.

7:59 Digravio leads 8-4 on the restart. Digravio loses a stalling point but time runs out and becomes Section V's first state champion for 2009. Of all the people, Digravio may have been one of the last wrestlers named as state championship winners. He wrestled well all weekend and deserves the title.

8:00 Heyman wins 8-6.

8:01 Stephen Dutton (Rocky Point-XI) vs Andrew Lenzi (Fordham Prep-C) and Alex Ekstrom (Pal-Mac) vs Ian Paddock (Warsaw)

8:02 Round two on the season for Paddock and Ekstrom. Paddock has the green anklets, Ekstrom red.

8:03 Ekstrom's brace is off the knee. An observation worth noting. Maybe it was messing with his mobility. He'll need all the mobility he can get tonight. Ekstrom slaps a leg and grabs and reshoots. Takedown for Ekstrom and out of bounds.



8:04 Paddock gets out on the restart and we're neutral. Tied up in the center, neither are letting each other in for a shot. Paddock is grimacing and holding his shoulder. It must still be in pain from earlier. Paddock takes a shot but has to alligator arm it and they're out of bounds. Ekstrom wins the first period, 2-1.

8:05 Ekstrom chooses neutral to start the second. Great back and forth action with no points so far. Ekstrom is being aggressively conservative while Paddock is looking for an opening. He has yet to put his left arm at ease.

8:06 Paddock grabs for a leg and Ekstrom backs away. Out of bounds. Restart with :16 in the second.

8:07 It's clear Paddock's arm is bothering him as the second period ends. Paddock goes down for the third. Ekstrom lets him up to tie it at two and we're neutral for the third period.

8:08 Paddock takes a shot and falls down on his shoulder. He grabs it in pain but continues to wrestle. Ekstrom ties up with Paddock and grabs a double for a takedown out of bounds. Ekstrom leads 4-2 with 1:04 to go.

8:09 Paddock gets up and out. Dutton wins 10-1 on mat 1. Neutral with :43 to go and out of bounds. Paddock continues to grasp his shoulder in pain. Paddock gets in on a leg and Ekstrom fends it off.

8:10 Paddock in again but out of bounds. :21 to go. Restart, Paddock takes a double and turns it to a single. Ekstrom fends it off while going out of bounds. :07 to go. Paddock can't get a good shot off and Ekstrom becomes the first four time state champion in Section V history.

8:11 Andy Rodriguez (Central Islip-XI) vs Nick Terdick (John Glenn-XI) and Mike Nevinger (Letchworth) vs Kyle Dake (Lansing-IV)

8:12 Nevinger looks to join Paddock and Ekstrom and three time state champions. He and Dake tie up and neither can gain control. It's an all section XI final on mat 1.

8:13 Nevinger and Dake are both in three point stances. Nevinger takes a snap shot and pulls back into a three point stance. Nevinger reacts fast. Dake grabs Nevinger near the boundary and pulls him down for a takedown. Dake leads 2-0 after the first.

8:15 Dake fights his way to his feet and Nevinger is warned for stalling. Dake goes back to his knee and snaps up. Nevinger maintains control. Stalemate.

8:16 Dake cautioned on the restart. Nevinger is heavy on top but isn't doing much to improve his position. He may be hit for stalling if he doesn't work. Another stalemate is called.

8:17 Dake can't get out. Nevinger puts in legs and tries to run a half but is unable to turn Dake before time expires. Dake leads 2-0 after two periods.

8:18 Neutral to begin the third period. Tied up in the circle and another stalemate is called. Dake turns a two on one into a single but can't gain control before going out of bounds. Restart.

8:19 Dake warned for stalling. Both have a warning. Under a minute to go in the third. Out of bounds, another restart. Nevinger takes a shot and doesn't connect. Stalemate.

8:20 Nevinger grabs Dake's head but can't spin for a takedown. Out of bounds, :05 to go. Dake gets tagged for stalling but it won't be enough. Dake wins, 2-1.

8:21 Andy Rodriguez wins 3-2 on mat 1.

8:22 Brian Herold (Macarthur-VIII) vs Zach Clemente (LaSalle-II) and Victor Coronado (Bainbridge-Guilford/Afton-IV) and Brian Sewalt (Waverly-IV).

8:23 Clemente scores first but Herold is out and has a takedown of his own. Clemente gets out on a restart and it's tied 3-3.

8:24 It's an all section IV final on mat 2. Clemente and Herold are tied after the first period. Sewalt and Coronado as well.

8:25 Herold escapes after nearly being turned. Herold has a 4-3 lead halfway through the second. Clemente scores a takedown and takes the lead. Restart with :30 remaining.



8:27 Clemente takes a 5-4 lead into the third period and starts on bottom. He's up and out immediately and his lead doubles. Clemente is in on a nice double and drives Herold to the mat for the takedown.

8:28 Herold breaks free and trails 8-5 with a minute to go.

8:29 Herold gets a late takedown but doesn't have enough time for anything else. Clemente wins another championship, this time by score of 8-7.

8:30 Red anklet leads 1-0 and is on top with 1:08 remaining on mat 2.

8:31 Red continues to ride green hard and time is running out for green. :02 remains and he'll need a fast escape or it's over.

8:32 Green can't get out. Red wins. Red is Brian Sewalt. Sewalt wins 1-0.

8:33 John Gresheimer (Wantagh-VIII) vs Josh Veltre (Greece Olympia) and Craig Scott (Lyons) vs Kenny Betts (Fredonia-VI)

8:34 Veltre has the state record for wins in a season with 58 and has yet to be taken down all season. Betts has the state record for wins in a career.

8:35 Veltre scores a quick takedown and matreturns Gresheimer for a restart with :39 to go. Scott and Betts tie up in the center. Gresheimer earns an escape and he and Veltre are neutral.

8:36 Betts has a near takedown but Scott is too long and gets out of bounds

8:37 Veltre is on top to begin the second period and puts a half in. Gresheimer gets to his feet and falls. He gets up again and gets out. 2-2. Scott and Betts wrestle to a scoreless first period.

8:38 Scott is on top to begin the second period. Betts can't get to his base and is being dragged across the mat by Scott. Veltre and Gresheimer are sizing each other up. Gresheimer hits a single but goes out of bounds. Betts gets to his base but can't break free before falling out of bounds.

8:39 Scott is warned for stalling and Betts breaks free for a point. Gresheimer and Veltre end the second period tied at two each. Veltre starts the third on bottom. Betts hits a single but can't pull Scott in and goes out of bounds. Restart. Veltre gets out and has a 3-2 lead in the third. Scott ties up with Betts and the second period closes with Betts holding a 1-0 advantage.

8:40 Gresheimer hits a single and frees his head for a takedown. Veltre needs to escape with under a minute to go to force overtime. Betts escapes to start the third and takes a 2-0 lead.

8:41 Veltre is almost out but Gresheimer reels him back in for a restart. Scott take a shot and is fended away by Betts. Veltre is still down and has :26 to go. Gresheimer is really squeezing the leg and Veltre is aiming for a reversal. He can't get it and a stalemate is called. Gresheimer wins 4-3. Veltre has every reason to be disappointed. Gresheimer could have been warned for stalling on a few occasions for grabbing the leg and doing nothing but it was never called. 58-1 is nothing to scoff at.

8:42 Scott can't put together a shot and Betts wins his second state championship, 2-0.

8:43 Time for more awards. Section V is now 2-6 in state title tries tonight.

8:55 James Brundage (Ossining-I) vs TJ Neidhart (Shoreham Wading River-XI) and David Kohlbach (Windsor-IV) vs Ryan Leblanc (Morrisville-Eaton-III)

8:56 Leblanc hits a takedown out of bounds :30 into the period. Kohlbach earns an escape. Neutral. Brundage gets a takedown and puts Neidhart to his back for a nearfall. 4-0 and out of bounds.

8:57 Neidhart escapes and Brundage gets a takedown to end the first period. Brundage leads 6-1 and starts on bottom. Leblanc starts the second period on bottom with a 2-1 lead. Leblanc escapes, as does Brundage.

8:58 Brundage collects another takedown and back points. Brundage gets in too deep and is reversed.

8:59 Brundage escapes to end the second period and leads 13-3 after two periods.



9:00 Leblanc leads 4-1 and nearly acquires a takedown but stepped out of bounds on the lift. 4-1 after two periods.

9:01 Brundage is working on a takedown and Leblanc is riding Kohlbach in the third. Brundage gets the takedown and takes a 15-4 lead with a minute to go. Leblanc and Kohlbach go out of bounds and will restart.

9:02 Brundage has another take down but overcommits again and is reversed, nearly to his back this time. Brundage leads 17-7, Leblanc leads 4-1, both matches under :20.

9:03 Neidhart gets a set of backpoints but it isn't enough. Brundage wins 17-10 in a sloppy match. Leblanc is still on top and winning 4-1 with :14 to go.

9:04 Leblanc frees Kohlbach and time expires. Leblanc wins his second straight state championship.

9:05 Jesse Villella (Chenango Forks-IV) vs Matt Parlier (Port Jervis-IX) and Vinny Gallo (Schallmont-II) vs Tyler Beckwith (Greene-IV)

9:06 Parlier is wearing his Port Jervis singlet rather than his IX singlet. It'd be nice if someone did that in all-section finals. It's not needed now. Beckwith hits a takedown and takes an early lead. He was a man possessed against Hutcheson. If he's anything like that in this match he's a clear winner.

9:07 Scoreless first period on mat 1. Parlier gets stuck in a cradle after starting the period on bottom but Villella can't get the pinfall. He'll collect three backpoints instead. Beckwith is on top to begin the second period.

9:09 Parlier is stuck in another cradle but can't get Parlier's shoulder on the mat. 6-0 and out of bounds with :15 left in the period. Beckwith continues to ride Gallo.

9:10 Time runs out on mat 1 and Villella starts the third period on bottom. Restart on mat 2 with Beckwith still in control. :33 to go in the second period there.

9:11 Gallo needs to get his head out for a reversal but can't do it. Beckwith leads 2-0 after two periods. Villella is still on bottom on mat 1. Beckwith is struggling to his feet.

9:12 Parlier runs a full nelson and is penalized a point. Villella leads 7-0. Beckwith is to his feet and out. He holds a 3-0 advantage with under a minute to go in the third period. Gallo runs a takedown and it backfires as he lands on his back. Beckwith picks up four points and now leads 7-0.

9:13 Villella gets out and Parlier takes him down but it's going to be too little too late. Villella wins 9-2. Beckwith rides Gallo out to end the third period and wins 7-0.

9:14 Matt Loew (Wantagh-VIII) vs Austin Meys (Shenendehowa-II) and Jeremy Burns (Hoosick Falls-II) vs Chris Nocchi (Waverly-IV)

9:15 Loew beat Boley in the first round on his improbable run to the final. Meys has pinned his way through states the last two years after falling to former Rush-Henrietta standout Desi Green.

9:16 Meys scores a take down in more time it took to pin anyone else today. He's working on a cradle and is circling the mat to get it. Nocchi hits an ankle pick for a takedown and back points.

9:17 Meys smothers Loew with one second remaining in the first period. Meys has pinned his way through states two years in a row and is a favorite for MOW honors. Nocchi picks up three back points to end the first period and leads 5-0 after one period.

9:18 Nocchi has a cradle on Burns but is reversed and put to his back. Burns trails 10-2 but does not collect back points for a technical violation. Nocchi now leads 11-2.

9:21 Burns puts Nocchi to his back again and this time will receive backpoints. 11-4 after two periods.

9:22 Burns begins the third period on bottom. Burns reverses Nocchi with a minute to go and trails 11-6.

9:23 Burns warned for stalling. Nocchi reverses Burns and will ride out Burns for the duration of the period and win a state title by 13-6 decision.



9:24 Ernest James (Longwood-XI) vs Steven Butler (Port Jervis-IX) and Craig Amidon (Canisteo-Greenwood) vs Kyle Colling (Pioneer-VI)

9:25 Amidon is 51-0 this season. Butler is also wearing his Port Jervis singlet.

9:27 Colling is in on a single but can't get in position to do anything with it. Stalemate.

9:28 Scoreless first period on both mats.

9:29 Colling chooses down and Amidon begins the second period on top. Colling is up to his feet but quickly sent back to the mat by Amidon. Butler is turned by James on mat one and Colling escapes from Amidon

9:30 James begins the third period on bottom with a 2-0 lead. Amidon trails Colling 1-0 in the second. He's taking shots but can't muster anything out of them. Amidon gets another single defended by Colling. Stalemate.

9:31 Colling warned for stalling. Colling pancakes Amidon and puts him on his back for a five point move to end the second period. Colling leads 6-0 going into the third period where they'll begin in neutral.

9:32 James reversed Butler and leads 4-0. Colling takes down Amidon and the match has been busted open.

9:33 James, who defeated Spencerport's Paul Glover in the semis, wins 4-0 over Butler and takes the championship.

9:34 Amidon has blood, and a huge deficit to overcome. :42 remains in the third period and Amidon finds himself trailing 8-0 and in the down position.

9:35 Amidon runs a switch for a reversal. Amidon cuts Colling and is losing 9-2. Colling takes a half shot that Amidon sprawls. Stalemate. Amidon collects a takedown and attempts to cut Colling but he doesn't move.

9:36 Colling wins 9-4 and is able to defeat a section v wrestler in the final, something his brother Randy was unable to do two years ago here in Albany against Webster Thomas' Matt Hodge.

9:37 Ken Altarac (Lasalle-II) vs JD Zitone (Port Jervis-IX) and RJ Sharp (Red Creek) vs Dan Ladd (Schuylerville-II)

9:38 Zitone is wearing his Port Jervis singlet as well. And like his teammates, he's trailing early. Altarac picked up an early takedown that Zitone escaped from. Altarac leads 2-1 after one. Sharp and Ladd wrestled through a scoreless first period.

9:39 Sharp begins on top and Ladd escapes immediately. Altarac starts on bottom and escapes immediately.

9:40 I just realized Sharp has more back hair than leg hair.

9:41 Sharp defends a takedown attempt and remains on his feet before going out of bounds. Restart. Altarac leads 5-2 after two periods on mat 1. Ladd leads Sharp 1-0 after two periods.

9:42 Sharp starts the third period on bottom and is struggling to his feet. Ladd is warned for stalling.

9:43 Sharp still hasn't escaped. Ladd is called for stalling again and Sharp escapes shortly after. Sharp takes a 2-1 lead with under a minute to go. Altarac wins his second state title on mat 1, 7-5. Port Jervis had three consecutive finalists and none of them came out champions.

9:44 Sharp is winning 2-1 with :08 on a restart. Ladd thinks he has a takedown but doesn't have control as time expires. He's devastated and the crowd is booing. Ladd gets hit for unsportsmanlike and that's a fitting end to the 2009 state championships.

9:46 Section V finishes 3-7 in state finals matches.

9:50 Vinnie Digraio (Wayne 130) Alex Ekstrom (Pal-Mac 135) and RJ Sharp (Red Creek 285) are Section V's state champions.

9:56 Section V DI finishes in fifth place with 150 points. With 237 points, Section XI is the DI champion.

9:57 Section V wins the DII championship by a five points over Section IV's 251.5

9:58 Wantagh and Waverly won the team portion of the state championships.



10:00 Shenendehowa's Austin Meys won the DI MOW. The DII award was given to Pal-Mac's Alex Ekstrom.

10:02 This marks the end of the 2009 wrestling season and the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Championships for 2009. Thanks for reading and I hope it went smooth aside from the two hour delay yesterday afternoon. □

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