

It's On To State For Anderson, Lord, Pioneer Trio

Controversial Loss For Shembeda

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 BUFFALO — It's on to next weekend's New York State championships for Olean High School's Kirk Anderson, Franklinville Central's Skip Lord and three from Pioneer Central after victories in Section 6 wrestling qualifying that ended at Sweet Home Central School Saturday night. The five Section 6 (five WNY counties) titlists give Cattaraugus County (Pioneer draws from three counties) its greatest representation ever in

the state action that will be in Syracuse's Onondaga War Memorial Friday and Saturday.

MIKE ARNOLD, Bill Fuller and Phil Roblee are the Pioneer squadmen and for Arnold and Roblee, as well as Anderson it's a repeat performance in the state. In fact, for Arnold, this marks his third try for a state title. Last year, he finished second.

Three others from Cattaraugus County — Olean's Dan Shembeda, Portville's Jeff

Gross and Franklinville's Joe Smith — lost out in the title bout at Sweet Home, Shembeda's loss coming in a highly-disputed, controversial overtime session.

Shembeda and Niagara Falls High's Willie Moore were 5-5 at the end of regulation time (three periods) and it was the

FIRST BOUTS IN STATE

First bouts in the state championships for Pioneer's Mike Arnold, Bill Fuller, Phil Roblee as well as Olean High's Kirk Anderson and Franklinville's Skip Lord:

Fuller meets Steve LaRosa (Messina, 17-0-1 record) with the winner meeting Ron Richman (Jericho, L.I., 21-0-0).

Roblee meets Art Kubricky (Queensberry, of Section 2, Albany area, 21-3 record) with the winner meeting Bob Bessette (Pearl River, Section 9, Hudson Valley area, 17-3 record).

Arnold meets Mike Naclerio (Commack, Suffolk County, Section 11, with 22-1-1 record with the winner meeting Roger Shaw (Hosick Falls, Section 2, with 24-1-1 record).

Lord, in the quarter-finals, meets winner Mark Nichols (Shenandoah, Section 2, Albany area, 30-0 record), or Harold Mahor (Section 7, North Country, 15-5-1), Bill Cooper (Section 9, Albany, 25-1) or Doug Drabowski (Walt Whitman, Long Island, Section 11, with 25-1 record).

Anderson, in the quarter-finals, meets winner Kirk Booth (Nishayena, Section 2, Albany area, with 26-3-2 record) Dave Cole (Baldwinsville, Section 3, with 29-1-1 record), Ed Hauptfleisch (Maine-Endwell, Section 4, with 22-2-1 record), or Frank DeAngelis (Spencerport, Rochester area, with 28-0 record).

length time, as well as "possible medication given Moore," that disturbed OHS coach Mike Foster as well as a number of observers considered neutral.

"FIRST OF ALL," Foster explained, "he (Moore) was stalling, that's how much he was out of condition. Then; they delayed the overtime by something like 2:30 or so (one minute is the rule) and it was enough to give him (Moore) the rest he needed."

In the rest period, Moore was given "something that looked like medication," said an official who requested that his name not be used. "They (referee Sam Williams, highly-respected from Tonawanda) made him spit it out. Water is the only thing that is allowed."

In the overtime, however, Moore "ate him up," added the official. "However, I think the Section (officials) will discuss this incident." For Shembeda, it was the second overtime loss within a week. He lost out in another controversial bout at Iroquois Central in Class A sectional championships.

ANDERSON, THE 141 pound Olean star (an honor Society student and Regents scholarship winner) was eliminated in his first bout in the state championships last year but he is considered a good possibility of going all the way this time.

"He certainly dominated his class," was the way a sectional coach put it, talking about Anderson's victories in the Sweet Home action. After a 13-1 decision victory Friday, he pinned Maple Grove's Tim Prince, Holland's Ron Luce and

in the title bout, Niagara Falls' Greg Germany.

PIONEER'S ROBLEE was another who impressed several neutral coaches. "He is another who looked so impressive and having been through the mill (last year's state), he'll be that much tougher," he explained.

"Let me say one thing that tells people something, these Pioneer kids are poised and if they're behind by a point or two, you didn't see any of them panic. You had to lick them on your own merits," the coach added.

Pioneer coach Dick Post, talking about Arnold, his undefeated 115 pounder, who is at the "three times up" stage in his bid for a state title. "Mike does the polished, complete job. He wins 1-0 (Friday night) but he was never in trouble. It's just that the scoring looks close. He's not the pinning type."

Another Pioneer squadman, Keith Stearns — undefeated going into the weekend's battling — lost out to Williamsville South's Mitch Brown in a quarter-final bout and Olean's Jim Diehl, in the 91 pound class, finished third with 4-2 decision over Rusty Jensen of Westfield. He competed in the state last year.

FRANKLINVILLE'S Lord ("what strength, muscles, maneuvers" — a neutral coach) had his string of pin-victories snapped as he decisioned Maple Grove, 11-1 Saturday morning. He followed up with 6-1 decision over Hamburg's Doug Boyd and was 4-0 winner over Gowanda's Dick Garnett in the title bout.

The state championships start at 6 p.m. Friday and continues Saturday with consolation and championship bouts starting at approximately 7 and 9 p.m. The Section 6 coach will be Southwestern Central's Flash Olson. Don Wishart, of Randolph, is the Section 6 wrestling chairman.

Besides Pioneer's Stearns, two others made it to the state last year but lost out Saturday were Ripley's Marty Rowe and Kenmore East's Ray Pfeiffer.

The championship bouts at Sweet Home:

91 — Ken Butler (Williamsville No., 18-2) dec. 14-4 Kevin Manacher (Amherst).

101 — Mike Ognibene (Falconer, 27-0) dec. 5-1 Tim Booker (Seneca East).

108 — Keith Homme (Lockport, 23-2) dec. 2-0 Bob Mahoney (East Aurora).

115 — Mike Arnold (Pioneer, 30-0) pin 3:06 Joe Smith (Franklinville).

122 — Bill Fuller (Pioneer, 28-1-1) dec. 7-1 Ray Pfeiffer (Kenmore East).

120 — Willie Moore (Niagara Falls, 25-0) dec. 5-0 Ov) Dan Shembeda (Olean).

135 — Phil Roblee (Pioneer, 30-0) dec. 8-1 Dave Peterson (Tonawanda).

141 — Kirk Anderson (Olean, 30-0) pin 2:12 Greg Germany (Niagara Falls).

148 — Mitch Brown (Williamsville So., 30-0) dec. 9-0 Mike Clark (Iroquois).

158 — Bill Kistner (Williamsville So., 25-1) dec. 6-2 Dave Isard (Sweet Home).

170 — Paul Cianchetti (Niagara Wheatfield, 30-0) pin 4:58 Jeff Gross (Portville).

180 — Skip Lord (Franklinville, 27-0) dec. 4-0 Dick Garnett (Gowanda).

Heavy — Tom Blinco (Lew. Porter, 25-0) pin 3:44 Paul Stebbins (Lake Shore).

Unlimited — Jim Briggs (Niagara Wheat., 17-0) pin 2:12 Tom Braunsheid (Lockport).