

Anderson, Stephen, Thomas, Lee, Rogers Are Champs

State Mat Meet Is Coming Up

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BUFFALO — Clar Anderson and Kirk Stephen are headed back for the prize that eluded them last March — and for the solidly-constructed, mild-mannered 112-pound Anderson t's his third try.

And, the two blue-chip wrestlers coach Mike Foster has groomed at Olean High School, have a third OHS member who will be making the trip to the New York State championships at Syracuse next weekend. Bill Thomas joined Anderson and Stephen in winning a Section 6 (five WNY counties) title in the two-day event that ended Saturday night at Sweet Home High School.

Two others who won berths on the Section 6 team for the state action, were Pioneer freshman

Darryl Rogers and Salamanca junior Pete Lee. In fact, the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus portion (includes Pioneer) of the Section 6 team includes seven of the 14 grapplers — a healthy number considering the difference in population.

Each of the winners had to win four bouts, Anderson coming up with two pins and two decisions; Thomas with four decisions; Stephen with two pins, two decisions. The Most Valuable Wrestler award went to Williamsville East High's Kevin McNulty and it was achieved as a result of his title victory over Olean's Andy Taylor in the 119 pound bout.

Taylor led 6-5 but with one second left, McNulty came up

with a reverse for the decisive points. Another Olean entrant who lost out in the title bout was Robbie Parks in the 145-pound bout. Three other Olean squadmen finished third: George Pancio (29-4-1) in 132 class; Joe Silluzzio (22-9) in 126 class; and Pat Schwabenbauer

(15-4) in 105 class. Bruce Taylor (22-1), also Olean, was fourth.

The champions:

91: Calvin Swanson (Newfane, 23-1) dec. 6-2 Jeff Waddington (Falconer, 15-3).

98: Craig Weber (Sweet Home, 32-3) dec. 7-0 Duane Woods (Lake Shore, 28-2).

105: Darryl Rogers (Pioneer, 29-2) dec. 2-0 Mike Massaro

(Williamsville South, 23-3).

112: Clar Anderson (Olean, 32-1) dec. 6-1 Mike Morley (Medina, 25-11).

119: Kevin McNulty (Williamsville East, 31-2) dec. 7-6 Andy Taylor (Olean, 25-7-1).

126: Carl Mildemberger (Lancaster, 31-3) pin 5:15 Kevin Mack (Niagara-Wheatfield, 23-6).

132: Kirk Rosentreffer (Medina, 31-3) pin 1:59 Steve Bobrowski (Williamsville East, 27-8).

138: Bill Thomas (Olean, 28-4) dec. 8-2 Ed Ruffin (Sweet Home, 23-4-1).

145: Mike Walker (Falconer, 29-1-1) dec. 5-2 Rob Parks (Olean, 28-6).

155: Steve Swan (Southwestern, 32-0-1) pin 4:34 John Mariacher (Iroquois, 13-2).

167: Ron Wolowicz (Maryvale, 23-3) dec. 15-3 Mark Ragin (Amherst, 23-4).

177: Kirk Stephen (Olean, 31-2) dec. 4-0 Mark Mogilski (Williamsville East, 30-3).

Hvy: Dave Wolf (Lackawanna, 24-1) dec. 15-3 Brian Adler (Sweet Home, 24-9).

Unl: Pete Lee (Salamanca, 18-0) dec. 7-1 Paul Poelker (Tonawanda, 13-1).

Pairings For N.Y. State Championships

Clar Anderson, the Olean High 112 pound star, who will be making his third trip to the New York State wrestling championships, meets the winner of John LaFlesh (senior from Malone, Section 10, 16-3 record) vs Joel Rabin (senior from Elmont, Section 8, 25-0 record) Friday night. In that 112 class are four who placed in the state action last March and Anderson is regarded as the favorite.

Darryl Rogers, Pioneer Central's star in the 105 pound class meets Daryl Mannigan (Gouverneur, Section 10, 19-2 record) with the victor

meeting Al DeStefano (Locust Valley, Section 8, 30-0 last year and third place finish in state).

Bill Thomas, Olean's 138 pound representative, meets winner of Jon Dolan (Huntington, Section 11, 28-0 record) and Randy McAllister (Canton, Section 10, 15-1 record).

Kirk Stephen, Olean's 177 pound entrant, meets victor of Mike Ormsby (Peru, Section 7, 17-3 record) and Mike Connors (Baldwinsville, Section 3, 25-4-1 record). Stephen is considered Stephen's conquer from East Rochester, is in the 167 pound class.



CLAR ANDERSON, OHS wrestler, in action (118-7-1 three year record), . . . and he is still only a junior.

OHS Mat Star Bids For State Crown

Is It Clar's Turn For Title???

By MIKE ABDO
Times Herald Sports Writer
Coming up for Clar Anderson is his third trip to the New York State wrestling championships — and, should he fail, it won't be "Three times and out."

For, Anderson — a well-packaged bundle of muscle who does his business at 112 pounds — is headed for Syracuse this Friday and the state tournament as a junior. Next season will mark his senior campaign at Olean High School — and it will be an unusual one, not only for young Clar but for the entire Anderson family.

Gone from the Olean High

scene will be Mike Foster, the coach who built the OHS wrestling machine into one of the finest not only in New York State, but the East as well. Foster is in his last session as the OHS coach for he has accepted a most lucrative position as football coach-director of athletics at Canandaigua Central (Rochester area).

CLAR — AND that's how it should be spelled out, not "Clare" nor "Claire" — is the third of the Anderson brothers who have toiled under the Foster stewardship. First there was Dale, who was a junior

when Foster assumed the OHS wrestling reins nine years ago.

Then, came Kirk who went on to the state tournament twice,



Kirk Stephen, 117 pounds

the last time as a 138-pounder, though he failed to come away with the title young Clar will be after. Kirk then went on to the University of Buffalo and Foster, most proudly, explains, "He made All-American as a 150 pounder in his junior year."

When young Clar makes his bid Friday night in the Syracuse Onondaga War Memorial, he'll be in one of the tough weight classes. "We have three in the class (112 pounds) who were in the states last year," explained Reed Hawke, of Syracuse and the longtime New York State wrestling chairman. "I do look for Anderson to be the winner, for he has been here twice before, so he must have something going for him," added Hawke.

How does Foster look at Anderson's chances?

"For one thing, it's his attitude — it's super," said the veteran coach who, at 30 still looks as though he can put a uniform on in any sport, and handle himself most capably.

"Also, our schedule was designed for all of our wrestlers. It was first-rate, from beginning to end, no punches pulled; we met the best and when we went to the Sectional (Section 6 in Buffalo area school, Sweet Home High, last weekend) we felt we had done our homework; we were ready."

THE ANDERSON story is something — and it's a tribute to hard work, tremendous attitude and, from what teachers say, a fine school citizen in the class room. Of course, that's what they say about Foster-coached athletes — football as well as wrestlers.

Anderson's career record is most impressive. It goes: 118-won, 7-lost, 1-tied. With his senior campaign still to go, he does figure to become New

York State's all-time winner in wrestling.

Anderson, of course, is one of the products of the junior Olympic program that is based in the Olean YMCA. Obviously, he has experience — the ingredient required to go with top-flight coaching. Besides Foster, there is Olean High assistant Jim Meyers. A former Penn State University star, Meyers has been Foster's unsung weapon and he is regarded as a "Sure-Thing" successor to Foster's OHS position.

Anderson is tournament-wise, thanks to the rugged schedule Foster provided him the past seven years. In fact, in 17 tournaments over the past five years, Olean has not lost — and the tournaments were not the nickel-and-dime affairs, but rather up at Baldwinsville in the Syracuse area, the Canandaigua event, and so forth.

Anderson's family has been most supportive. "They're fine, they're aces when it comes to supporting our program," Foster said, when asked about Clar's family. Clar just might be the best of the three brothers, but he doesn't get involved in that type of talk.

Talk to the Erie Prep coach who handled the lad who handed Clar his only loss this

season. Talk to George Whit-cher, the architect behind the most successful Salamanca tournament, one where Anderson has shown his talents the past four trips.

Whitcher, an ex-wrestling coach and one who is considered a real student when it comes to coaching wrestling, as well as football, said: "Every time he (Anderson) steps out on the mat he gives every boy watching him a lesson in wrestling technique. He's aggressive, takes the action to the foe and his reactions are fluid, just unbelievable."

Anderson is one of three Olean entrants in the state action this year. Kirk Stephen is in it for the second year and last year he ended up fifth. Bill Thomas is in it for the first time. Stephen is in the 177 pound class, Thomas in the 138.

For Stephen, this trip will be most sorrowful one.

George Stephen, Kirk's dad and another ardent supporter of the Foster wrestling program, died Tuesday morning and will be buried Thursday. The elder Stephen suffered a heart attack while watching the championship bouts at Sweet Home Saturday night.

Kirk will compete Friday — as his daddy would want him to.



Bill Thomas, 138 pounds

Clar Anderson, 112 pounds



CLAR ANDERSON, Olean High's 112-pound champion . . . got his foe in tough position



(Times Herald Photo)

Olean Matmen Ready For State Tournament

OFF TO STATE MEET. Olean High School wrestling star Clar Anderson was congratulated by coach Mike Foster as he prepared to leave for the New York State wrestling championships tonight at Syracuse's Onondaga War Memorial. Anderson, a junior, is making his third trip to the NYS championships and is one of five Big 30 area wrestlers competing in the event. Also wrestling tonight will be Anderson's teammates Bill Thomas (standing, at left) and Kirk Stephen (standing, second from left). Also in action Salamanca's Pete Lee (250 pounds) and Pioneer's Daryl Rogers (105). Anderson, 32-1, is wrestling in the tough 112-pound class and will face the winner of tonight's John LaFlesh (16-3, Franklin) — Joe Rabin (25-0, Elmont) match. Thomas, 28-4, is at 138 and will face the winner of the Jon Dolan (28-0, Huntington) — Randy

McAllister (15-1, Canton) match. And Stephen, 31-2, squares off against the winner of the Mike Ormsby (17-3, Peru) — Mike Conners (25-4-1, Baldwinsville) match. Rogers meets Don Mannigan (18-2-1, Gouverneur) and Lee faces the winner of the Ed Krupka (13-1, Baldwinsville) — Tom Allaire (16-8, West Islip) match. The three OHS wrestlers mark 13 Foster has sent to the state meet in five seasons, but only Chris Leichtweis (155), last year, won a title. Foster is concluding his career as Olean coach, having accepted a position as football coach and Athletic Director at Canandaigua Central. Pictured above, front row from left; Robbie Parks, Bruce Taylor, Chuck Irving, Pat Schwabenbauer, John Hickey, Andy Taylor and George Pancio. Standing, from left: Thomas, Stephen, Foster, Anderson and Jim Myers.

Anderson And Stephen Make Semi-finals

Clar And Kirk Advance!

Special To Times Herald

SYRACUSE — Clar Anderson and Kirk Stephen made it two-out-of-three for Olean High School in Friday night's New York State wrestling championships here in the Onondaga War Memorial and the two went into this afternoon's semi-finals slight favorites.

Bill Thomas, the third Olean entrant, was a pin loser in his first bout and a 10-0 decision loser in the wrestle-backs. Some 6,000 were on hand for the annual matfest that brought the top scholastic grapplers from the state's 11 sections.

Pioneer's Darryl Rogers, after winning his opening 105-pound bout was the 14-0 decision loser to last year's defending champ. Salamanca's Pete Lee, in the unlimited class, defaulted in his first bout and was unable to continue in the wrestleback.

The leaders in sectional scoring were Long Island's Section 11 and Binghamton area's Section 4. Section 6 (five WNY counties) trailed badly. Besides Anderson and Stephen, the other Section 6 entrant to advance to the semi-finals today was Williamsville East's Kevin McNulty in the 119-pound class.

Anderson, the OHS junior who

is in his third state action, was hard-pressed in gaining the overtime victory — via criteria route — over Joe Rabin, of Elmont (Section 8, with 25-0 record going into the bout). It was a 4-4 score in regulation and 2-2 in the overtime. Criteria victory is decided by the officials. Last year, Rabin defeated Anderson, 6-3.

In today's semi-final Anderson was scheduled against John Iannuzzi (Sonderling, Section 11 and 26-0 record). Should Anderson advance to the title bout, he would meet the victor of the Rich Finnen (Suffern, Section 9, 29-4 record) — Bob Buscher (Westlake, Section 1, 32-1 record) bout.

Stephen, in the 177-pound class, was scheduled to meet the favorite in the class, Tony Conetta (Mephram, Section 8, 29-0 record). The Stephen-Conetta victor meets the Mike Porcelli (Bay Shore, Section 11, 30-0 record) — Todd Giles (Ramapo, Section 9, 27-2 record) winner in the title bout.

For Olean High coach Mike Foster, it could be two state champions in his final season as the OHS coach. He is scheduled to take over at Canandaigua Central as football coach-director of athletics.

Friday night's results for Section 6 entrants (named first in each weight class):

91: Calvin Thompson (Newfane) lost 12-5 to Bill Decker (Section 4, Unatego).

98: Craig Weber (Sweet Home) won 4-0 overtime dec. over Bob Griffin (Section 2, Hoosick Falls). Weber

then lost 4-3 dec. to Gary Coleman (Section 3, Fowler).

105: Darryl Rogers (Pioneer) won 16-0 over Don Mannigan (Section 10, Gouvernor), then, lost 11-0 to Al DeStefanis (Locust Valley, Section 8). DeStefanis is defending state champ.

112: Clar Anderson (Olean) won 2-2 overtime tie over Joe Rabin (Elmont, Section 8) It was 4-4 reg., then 2-2 overtime, then Anderson won on criteria. Rabin defeated Anderson last year, 6-3.

119: Kevin McNulty (Williamsville East) won 6-0 over Kevin Bush (Section 10, Canton).

126: Carl Mildenberger (Lancaster) lost to Rory Legacy (Spencerport, Section 5). Then lost to Bill James (Section 1, Port Chester), in wrestle-back.

132: Kurt Rosentreter (Medina), lost two matches.

138: Bill Thomas (Olean) lost via pin to Jon Dolan (Huntington, Section 11). Then lost 10-0 to Randy McAllister (Canton, Section 10).

145: Mike Walker (Falconer) lost 12-0 dec. and in wrestleback by a pin.

155: Steve Swan (Southwestern) lost 3-3 overtime to Dan Yando (Peru, Section 7) by criteria. Remains in wrestleback.

167: Ron Wolowiec (Maryvale) won 6-5. Then lost next bout.

177: Kirk Stephen (Olean) def. Mike Connors (Baldwinsville, Section 3), 4-0.

Hvy: Dave Wolf (Lackawanna) lost two bouts.

Unlimited: Pete Lee (Salamanca) defaulted to Ed Krupka, (Baldwinsville), and out of tourney.

Sports Wrap-Up

By CHRIS QUINLAN

Walsh High School's winter athletic teams have finished their seasons with all of the teams having competed in post-season playoffs.

The wrestlers as well as the swimmers competed in the All-Catholic Tournaments, both were held at Canisius College. The basketball team competed in the Manhattan Cub Playoffs.

The wrestling team, led by co-captains, Jerry Ash and Dave Margeson, finished with a league record of 18-0, and took first place in the All-Catholic tournament.

Individual wrestling records and tournament victories are as follows: 98 lbs. Dana Fusco, (17-0)-All-Catholic honors; 121 lbs. Bob Martin, (14-2-3)-second place All-Catholic honors; 126 lbs. Dan Reynolds, (17-1-1)-All-

Carl Monkhouse, butterfly; Lesle Sorochin, diving; sophomores-Caren Cash Maureen Geary, diving; Horey, breaststroke; and Nash, freestyle; as well freshmen-Dan Fonzi, freest Bernadette Germiek, butterfly; Cindy Monkhouse, butterfly; and Terese Witzgr backstroke.

At the All Catholics, C Cash placed fifth in the diving competition.

Coach Nick Muccino had to say, "We have worked hard thie year, and will be ing to recruit a few more p next year as well as for more versatility." This y swim team was at a de disadvantage with only swimmers.

Coach Ed McGuire's c have much to be proud o

Goodbye
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Stephen's Second Place Finish Saddens Foster

Anderson Wins State 112-Pound Title

SYRACUSE — Mike Foster's farewell appearance as the big winner Olean High School wrestling coach came away with a state champion and a second-place finisher — and, it was a saddened Foster as he was talking about the second-place finisher, Kirk Stephen.

"He lost a tough one (177-pound title bout to Mike Porcelli, of Section 11's Bay Shore High)," Foster explained as he spoke most proudly about Stephen, competing in the New York State wrestling championships just 24 hours after he attended the burial of his father.

"Kirk had him 5-0, in the second period, then he (Porcelli gets that 'Big Move,' (a five-

point reverse) and, after that he (Porcelli) stalled his brains out. Here Kirk, under that awful mental strain, is going after him, and he (Porcelli) is stalling."

The Olean champion?

It was Clar Anderson, the masterful technician in the 112-pound class. After that close victory (official's criteria decision after overtime tie) on Friday, Anderson came back with Saturday afternoon 5-1 decision over previously unbeaten John Iannuzzi (Brentwood-Sonderling, Section 11).

Also, in the afternoon, Stephen won his semi-final test, a 4-3 decision over Tony Conetta

(Mephram, Section 8). Conetta was undefeated going into the bout.

Anderson's title victory Saturday night was 3-0 decision over Bob Buscher, West Lake High, Section 1. Anderson's three victories made for 35-1 season's record and 121-7-lost, 1-tied record in four years of campaigning (he was eighth grader at start). With his senior year ahead of him, Anderson figures to become the all-time New York State winner, exceeding the 147 wins by Angie Iacovelli, of Binghamton four-five years ago.

Named Most Valuable Wrestler was Pete Capone, Watertown.

Foster's stewardship of the Olean High wrestling program — one that started 10 years ago, with Olean a newcomer in the wrestling business — ended with Saturday's state championship round. He takes over as the Canandaigua Central football coach-Director of Athletics in May.

Stephen in three years at OHS compiled an 82-16 record and for this season it was 34-3. Olean tallied 40½ points of Section 6 (five WNY counties) 75½ points.

The scoring of sections in the championships:

Section 11 (235), Section 3 (199½), Section 5 (193), Section 8 (182½), Section 4 (96), Section 9 (76½), Section 6 (75½), Section 2 (66½), Sec-

The championship Bouts:

91: Mike Murnane (Bayport, Section 11) pin T.J. Mincer (Canandaigua, Section 5), 5:44

98: Carl DeStafanis (Locust Valley, Section 8) dec. 6-2 John Busiello (Hauppauge, Section 11)

105: Al DeStafanis (Locust Valley, Section 8) dec. 1-0 Joe Downey (Deer Park, Section 112)

112: Clar Anderson (Olean, Section 6) dec. 3-0 Bob Buscher (West Lake, Section 1)

119: Mike Macchia (Island Trees, Section 8) dec. 5-0 Dale Petroff (Morrisville-Eden, Section 3)

126: Joe Petrucci (Brentwood-Ross, Section 11) dec. 15-6 Rory Legace (Spencerport, Section 5)

132: Dean Dergarabedian (Baldwin, Section 8) dec. 13-3 Dan

Sorenson (Oenota, Section 4) 138: Karegg Bruno (Peru, Section 7) dec. 7-3 John Dolan (Huntington, Section 11).

145: Pete Capone (Watertown, Section 3) dec. 14-3 Mark Balter (Great Neck-South, Section 8)

155: Mike Falcon (Sachem, Section 11) dec. 5-4 Roy Lobdell (Deposit, Section 4)

167: John Zio (East Rochester, Section 5) dec. 7-2 Ron Czarnetzky (Guiderland, Section 2)

177: Mike Porcelli (Bay Shore, Section 11) dec. 9-7 Kirk Stephen (Olean, Section 6).

215: Jim Bettari (Brentwood-Sunderland, Section 11) dec. 3-2 Bob Button (Newark, Section 5).

Unl: Tom Wyld (Guiderland, Section 2) dec. 4-1 Dana Dobson (Peru, Section 7)

Sec. 6 Girls' Basketball Tourney On



Foster, Stars Check Out The Paper

COACH AND STARS: That's Mike Foster (center), the architect of one of the finest high school wrestling programs in the East at Olean High School, shown with his two stars who competed in the New York State championships at Syracuse last weekend. Kirk Stephen (left) finished second in the 177-pound class while Clar Anderson (right) won the 112-pound class title. For Foster, his 10-year stewardship of the wrestling program, is ended as he departs next month for Canandaigua Central School where he will be director of athletics

as well as football coach. For Stephen, he appears to be a solid contender for one of the berths in the nationally-known Dapper Dan Wrestling Classic at Pittsburgh in April. For Anderson, there's his senior year ahead and his target will be the New York State all-time record of 147 victories. Anderson is 121-7-1 in four years (he campaigned as an eighth-grader). Sunday, the three will be honored by the Olean Wrestling Club at annual testimonial at the Castle Restaurant.

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CLAR ANDERSON, OHS, 112-pound state champion