

Section 6 Wrestling Tourney It's Foster's Swan Song

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BUFFALO — It started back in November — some 17 weeks ago — and for the hopefuls who have an eye on the New York State high school wrestling championships that will be next weekend, it all goes on the line tonight and Saturday.

There's no tomorrow and for Section 6 (five WNY counties) the target site is Sweet Home High School, in the Buffalo suburbs and somewhere around around 9 o'clock tomorrow, 14 sectional champions will be crowned — and headed for Syracuse and the Mar. 9-10 state championships.

For Olean High School's Mike Foster, it will be a farewell to the Section 6 action — the section in which he leaped to the head of the coaching parade as he molded those solid wrestling machines — for he has accepted the top athletic position at Canandaigua Central School in the Rochester area.

This trip, Foster has 12 of his grapplers in the sectional action and though he talks about "a realistic figure for us, is two, maybe three," there are neutral observers who see Foster emerging with four, possibly five on the Section 6 team that will move on to Syracuse.

"NATURALLY I like to think we can come away with a good number of winners," Foster explained, "but there are any number of fine wrestlers in the sectional. I like to think that our schedule, which I feel was one of the best in the state, has prepared us for this weekend."
"At any rate, we'll soon find out."

Two of Foster's stars — 112 pounder Clar Anderson and 177 pounder Kirk Stephen — will be after repeat performances in the states. In Anderson's case, it would be a third trip to Syracuse he'll be after and he takes a career record of 114-won, 7-lost, 1-tied into this weekend's action. A junior, Anderson made the OHS varsity as an eighth-grader.

Last year, Foster came away with five from the Section 6 championships, the same figure as two years ago., but his only state champion was Chris



FIVE MORE OLEAN HIGH School entrants who will vie for berths in the New York State wrestling championship starting tonight at Sweet Home High are, from left: Robbie Parks (145 pounds), Rick Fie (155), Kirk Stephen (167), Mark Darrow (heavyweight) and Jack Quigley (unlimited).

Leichtweis, who did it last March. In all, Foster has sent 13 to the states.

There's little doubt that Olean's schedule has prepared Foster's squadmen for the showdown. Anderson's only loss this year — a year in which he has taken on a number of the finest in his weight class — was to Erie Prep's Marv Darkus who was a finalist in the Pennsylvania championships last March.

Portville and Pioneer are two other schools with solid wrestling credentials and this trip Pioneer has eight in the Section 6 field and Portville seven. Salamanca has five, Allegany four, Franklinville two and one each are from Cattaraugus and Randolph.

The preliminary and first round tonight start at 5 o'clock and Saturday's action resumes at 11 a.m. with the consolations scheduled for 6:30 and the championship bouts at approximately 7:30.

The opening bouts for the Cattaraugus County wrestlers (records in brackets):

- 91: Chris LoPresto (Salamanca, 15-11-2) vs. Phil Caparaso (Depew, 18-3-1); Tom Kennedy (Portville, 11-5-1) vs. John Van Heel (Orchard 11-8).
- 98: Bruce Taylor (Olean, 20-8) vs. Dave Wright (No. Tonawanda, 10-5-1); Ron Dabolt (Pioneer, 21-5) vs. Don Powell (Portville, 9-10).

- 105: Pat Schwabenbauer (Olean, 11-3) vs. winner of Bob Schenk (West Seneca East, 14-2) and Mark Edwards (Kenmore East, 12-5); John Jaekle (Portville, 5-2) vs. Mike Massaro (Williamsville South, 20-2); Darryl Rogers (Pioneer 25-2) vs. Mark Salvatore (Depew, 17-8-2).

- 112: Norm Grabbitt (Portville, 16-5-1) vs. Glenn DeLorenzo (Niagara-Wheatfield, 13-9); Clar Anderson (Olean 28-1) vs. Jay Leonard (Frewsburg, 18-7); Jeff Owens (Pioneer, 26-5) vs. Mike Morley (Medina, 22-10).

- 119: Steve Blue (Portville, 12-7-1) vs. Mike Mullen (Lockport, 15-4); Scott Wolfer (Pioneer, 18-9) vs. Chris Moree (Kenmore East, 15-5); Andy Taylor (Olean, 22-6-1) vs. Tim Hook (Amherst, 20-6).

- 126: Randy Dry (Salamanca, 22-7) vs. Kevin Mack (Niagara-Wheatfield, 19-5); Dave Gleason (Portville, 22-4) vs. Rocky Miller (Tonawanda, 10-5-1); Joe Silluzzio (Olean, 19-8) vs. Brian Murray (Newfane, 18-7).

- 132: Mike LoPresto (Salamanca, 21-4) vs. Kurt Silvestro (Lewiston-Porter, 23-2); Jeff Pettit (Pioneer, 24-5) vs. Jay White (Gowanda, 23-3); George Pancio (Olean, 26-3-1) vs. Darryl Smith (Tonawanda, 12-3); Pete Crisafulli (Allegany, 5-12) vs. Steve Perry (Newfane, 20-4-1).

- 138: Bill Thomas (Olean, 24-4) vs. Dave Gately (Lockport, 11-3); Jeff Early (Salamanca, 15-8-1) vs. Mark Sly (Iroquois, 16-4-1); Eric Nannen (Allegany, 20-5-1) vs. Charles Smith (Pioneer, 15-8).

- 145: Robbie Parks (Olean, 25-5) vs. Ed Harris (Niagara Falls, 13-2-1); Tony Crisafulli (Allegany, 15-9) vs. Roger Sigular (Jamestown, 24-4).

- 155: Rick Fie (Olean, 23-5) vs. Bruce Carr (Tonawanda, 15-3-2); Mike Hill (Cattaraugus, 17-3) vs. Eric Mize (Maryvale, 8-4).

- 167: Mark Jaekle (Portville, 27-1-1) vs. Ron Wolowicz (Maryvale, 19-3); Jim Devin (Pioneer, 15-1-1) vs. winner of Jeff Przybiak (Depew, 22-7) Tim Cowan (Randolph 20-5).

- 177: John Capozzi (Allegany, 15-8) vs. Brian Banas (Sweet Home,

- 24-10); Kirk Stephen (Olean, 27-2) vs. Dave Kozlowski (Maryvale, 16-4-1); Ken Dabolt (Pioneer, 25-12) vs. Mark Mogilski (Williamsville East, 27-2).

- Hvy: Earl Kottwitz (Franklinville, 24-0) vs. Larry Clark (Iroquois, 18-4); Mark Darrow (Olean, 25-6) vs. Pete Pulley (Lancaster, 16-4).

- Unl.: Pete Lee (Salamanca, 14-0) vs. Dave Jewett (Frontier, 2-6); Steve Marowski (Franklinville, 7-2) vs. Art Jimmerson (Gowanda, 5-2); Jack Quigley (Olean, 12-5) vs. Paul Poeller (Tonawanda, 10-0).

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SIX OLEAN HIGH SCHOOL wrestlers who will be after berths in the New York State championships in Section 6 (five WNY counties) action at Sweet Home High starting tonight are, from top to bottom: Bruce Taylor (98 pounds), Clar Anderson (112), Andy Taylor (119), Joe Silluzzio (126), George Pancio (132) and Bill Thomas (138). Missing is Pat Schwabenbauer who will be in the 105 weight division.