

McKee: Undersized overachiever

Bath senior finds defending is tough

By John Moriello

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There was no sense in asking Tim McKee how tough his quarterfinal opponent was yesterday afternoon.

If the match had been easy, the Bath Haverling senior wouldn't still be shaking 10 minutes after it was over. If it had been easy, the score wouldn't have been 5-4.

If it had been easy, Tim McKee wouldn't have bothered.

"After I won this tournament last year

I knew people would be coming after me," McKee said between matches yesterday. "Before, I was the underdog . . . you know, undersized and all that. But when I won (the 91-pound supersectionals) last year and came back in the same class this year it was tough. Everyone expects you to win. No one wants you to."

McKee and 223 other wrestlers, all top-four finishers at sectional meets last weekend, were at Brockport State all day yesterday in the tournament to determine the Section 5 team for next week's state meet in Syracuse.

It was a day for the best to go against the best, all so one boy in each of 14 weight classes could go on.

McKee was seeking his second straight

WRESTLING SUPERSECTIONALS

trip to Syracuse. He scored a technical fall in the third period of his semifinal match late yesterday afternoon and was to meet Andy Aceto of Edison in the evening final.

Whether McKee won it all or not became almost incidental. After McKee improved his season record to 29-0 with his 25th pin to reach the quarterfinals, he got the match of his life. Andy Antonucci of Hilton lost to McKee, 5-4, but became the first opponent to score points against the Bath senior this season.

McKee, crowned sectional Class B champion last weekend (he won his 100th varsity match en route to the title), had to muster every bit of energy he had to defeat the Class A runnerup in a match that drew a nice ovation from a crowd that was trying to watch four matches at once in the huge gymnasium.

"He came right out after me," McKee said. "I won't take anything away from him. He threw me around and intimidated me a little."

And then he broke a season-long shut-out streak. Although McKee had been penalized once for an illegal hold and twice for false starts during the season, he hadn't allowed an opponent to score

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on a wrestling move until Antonucci came along.

"He caught me with an ankle pick and right there it was, 'Bang', a point against me. It got to me a little bit."

But McKee held together, scoring three back points in the second period and a quick takedown in the third period before riding out the Hilton sophomore.

"My preliminary goal this season was to not be scored upon," McKee said, "but I don't feel defeated."

It takes more than a couple of points to rattle McKee.

"He has that quiet confidence," third-year Coach David Fiedler said. "He's very self-possessed on and off the mat, very much in control of himself. It happens every once in awhile in practice, but he almost never gets upset."

McKee's been in control for a long time. He talked about what he's been up against since he edged Brighton's Mitch Stern last season in the supersectional final. In that respect, Antonucci jogged his memory.

McKee remembers falling behind yesterday, 2-0, and redoubling his desire to win.

"I said I can't lose this way," he recalled. "I felt I didn't do my best at states last year. I told myself I had to go back."

His journey back actually had roots in the fall. A three-year soccer player, he gave cross country a try this season. The idea of running 3.1 miles over 16 or 17 minutes appealed to him more than doing it over two 40-minute halves.

"Cross country helped me build endurance and maybe deal with pain," said McKee, who plans on taking a close look at college (his academic average is in the 90s, Fiedler said) once this season is over. "I guess there are a lot of similarities when you compare it to wrestling."

Endurance and an ability to tolerate pain are essential in the state tournament, which begins Friday night in Syracuse. McKee was frustrated that he couldn't put a complete physical and mental package together last March.

"I don't want to say I froze," McKee said. "They probably were better than me. I lost by one point in the first round and by two points in the second round ... I know what it's all about now."

"Last year, I was a little country boy in the big city. This year, I

know you can't count on anything. I almost got knocked off 10 minutes ago."

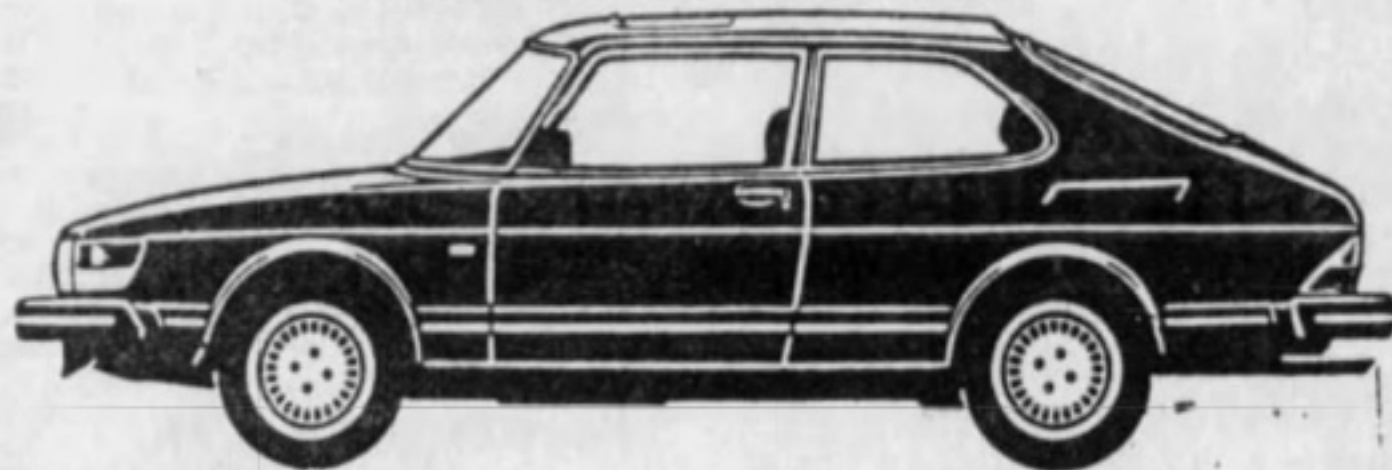
It was a close call against someone two grades younger, almost a rookie by comparison; someone who didn't care about the senior's reputation.



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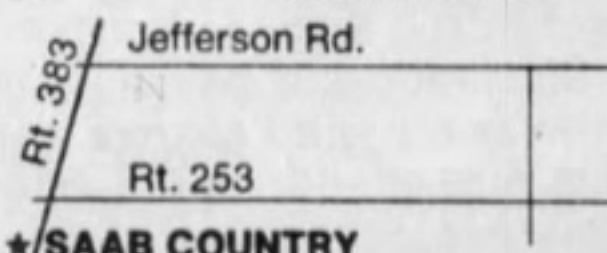
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WRESTLING

What — Supersectional meet to determine the Section 5 state representatives.

Where — Brockport State.

When — Tomorrow. First round, 10 a.m.
Quarterfinals, noon. Semifinals, 2:30 p.m.
Finals, 7:30 p.m.

Participants — The top four wrestlers in each weight class from last weekend's four sectional tournaments.

What's next — New York State Public High School Athletic Association Championships at Syracuse next weekend.

Tomorrow's pairings for the first round —

- 91 pounds** — Andy Aceto (Edison) vs. Ken Breemes (Mt. Morris), Rich O'Lena (East Rochester) vs. Dave Laird (Sodus), Pat Albro (Letchworth) vs. Mark Roberts (Palmyra-Macedon), Jim Barbato (Gates-Chili) vs. Maurice Robinson (Kendall), Tim McKee (Bath Haverling) vs. Jim Herman (Byron-Bergen), Andy Antonucci (Hilton) vs. Jake Beaton (Bolivar), Jeff Newman (Lyndonville) vs. Craig Tensley (Brockport), Aaron Goodenow (Marcus Whitman) vs. Bill Opett (Bloomfield).
- 96** — Cory Sinton (Canandaigua) vs. Josh Smith (Williamson), Dean Goodison (Northstar) vs. Deren Kendall (Bath Haverling), Bryant Ranger (Midlakes) vs. Rick Siebert (Lyndonville), Jon Raines (Spencerport) vs. Barry Barklund (Bloomfield), Brian Peterson (Avoca) vs. Gary DeCarr (North Rose-Wolcott), Joe Giglio (Gates-Chili) vs. Ladale Hedman (Avon), Jim Casey (Geneseo) vs. Mitch Stern (Brighton), Casey Corcoran (Keshequa) vs. Shawn Kinsley (Waterloo).
- 105** — Chris Passaro (McQuaid) vs. Gary Schojan (Marion), Toby Fields (Pavilion) vs. Tom Finnerty (Waterloo), Pat Quinn (East Rochester) vs. Don Duncanson (Lyndonville), Joe LoPresti (Spencerport) vs. Matt Todaro (Warsaw), Chad Woodworth (Jasper) d. Rick Stevens (North Rose-Wolcott), Kerry Foster (Canandaigua), Mike Freeman (Sodus), Randy Huffman (York) vs. Dan Presberg (Brighton), Brian Miller (Bolivar) vs. Darwin Michelsen (Palmyra-Macedon).
- 112** — Charlie Sortino (Brockport) vs. Charles Miller (Perry), Steve Wheaton (Jasper) vs. Chris Gelder (Midlakes), Dave Konzel (Eastridge) vs. Jason Requa (Kendall), Dave Nicoll (Pittsford), Lucas Dobbins (Lyons), Arturo Martinez (Pavilion) vs. Tedd Thompson (Penn Yan), Anthony Calderone (Edison) vs. Phayvanh Chanthysack (Sodus), Jeff Belter (Marion) vs. Todd Knowles (Brighton), Blair Blue (Keshequa) vs. Steve Marcoccia (East Rochester).
- 119** — Ray LeChase (Spencerport) vs. Mike Alley (Batavia), Barrett Cotter (Sodus) vs. Todd Wilkins (Canisteo), John Bannister (Pavilion) vs. Jay Beaumont (Le Roy), Scott Daley (Brockport) vs. Fritz Zagorski (Eastridge), Chris VanDewinkle (Williamson) vs. Ken Porter (Alfred-Almond), Rob Wilson (McQuaid) vs. Don Craig (Palmyra-Macedon), Greg Priebe (Newark) vs. Dan Sobol (Brighton), Geof Smith (Alexander) vs. Tim Cole (Campbell).
- 126** — Tom Billone (Spencerport) vs. Eric North (Red Jacket), Ted Messner (South Seneca/Romulus) vs. Bill Dempsey (Le Roy), Jeff Henrie (Marion) vs. Paul Buchbinder (Honeoye Falls-Lima), John LeDoux (Cardinal Mooney) vs. Rob Luebberts (Jasper), Ed Caraccilo (Mynderse) vs. Rob Opett (Bloomfield), Ilias Diakomihacis (Greece Athena) vs. Bob Bofford (Avoca), Dave Wells (Lyndonville) vs. Steve Mesiti (Brockport), Ken Kelly (Palmyra-Macedon) vs. Scott Sarama (Pembroke).
- 132** — Tom Reina (Gates-Chili) vs. Todd Capwell (Le Roy), Sam Davis (Avoca) vs. Robert Outgley (Geneva), John Brooks (North Rose-Wolcott) vs. Jamie Harrold (Lyndonville), Craig Buck (Canandaigua) vs. Eric Toal (Byron-Bergen), Mike Davis (Canisteo) vs. Townley Hendrick (Wellsville), Pete Chou (Brighton) vs. Alex Belter (Marion), Brian Spicer (Alexander) vs. Mike Kephart (Rush-Henrietta), Frank Trigg (Kendall) vs. Mike Steingass (Newark).
- 138** — Shawn Costello (McQuaid) vs. George West (Perry), Adam Stevens (Avoca) vs. Scott Smith (South Seneca/Romulus), Chris Green (Hornell) vs. Ace Wood (Alfred-Almond), Pat Keenan (Brighton) vs. Joe Smith (Williamson), George Brown (Pavilion) vs. Steve Amyot (Victor), Todd Drickel (Webster) vs. Mark Didas (Wayland), John Paul Rudolph (Sodus) vs. Morgan Thompson (Fairport), Scott Krishner (Canisteo) vs. Paul Fioravanti (East Rochester).
- 145** — John Bell (Cardinal Mooney) vs. Bill Norberg (Waterloo), Jeff Schreiner (Wayland) vs. Chris Hart (Kendall), Dan Meinyk (Canisteo) vs. Shawn Matthews (Le Roy), Don Potter (Hilton) vs. Gary Gilbert (Victor), Vaughn Petersen (Sodus) vs. Chuck Ferguson (Red Creek), Chris Miller (Pittsford) vs. Dave Luplow (Batavia), Mike Briggs (Newark) vs. Todd Burchardt (Rush-Henrietta), Tim Lucero (Bloomfield) vs. Gary Bayne (Lyndonville).
- 155** — Rick Sadwick (Hilton) vs. Kirk Brickwood (Keshequa), Aaron Farrell (Dansville) vs. Terry Lucero (Bloomfield), Chris Elliott (Perry) vs. Pat Brown (East Rochester), Shannon Costello (McQuaid) vs. Chris Siebert (Lyndonville), Brady Masterson (Livonia) vs. Todd Steffinella (Le Roy), Doug Miller (Pittsford) vs. Lee Kruger (Kendall), Cale Paul (Campbell) vs. Chris Yengo (Webster), Corky Kelaey (Wayne) vs. Mark Camarelli (Holley).
- 167** — Jon Welch (Canandaigua) vs. Ted Bauer (Victor), Bob Goodell vs. Tim Wilson (Campbell), Gary Hammond (Avoca) vs. Matt Rumfole (Warsaw), Dave Flies (Webster) vs. Bob Weaver (Bath Haverling), Rusty Sheering (Letchworth) vs. Roger Reis (Kendall), Jeff Haefner (Spencerport) vs. Scott Keene (Batavia), Jerry Haers (Midlakes) vs. Matt Barry (Brighton), Mike Grasby (Wayland) vs. Gerry Leitten (Pavilion).
- 177** — Bill Barker (Irondequoit) vs. Ernie Foulkrod (Mynderse), Rick Cotton (Wayland) vs. Terry Appleby (Bolivar), Kevin DuBoise (Canisteo) vs. Mike Uveino (Letchworth), John Lama (McQuaid) vs. Jeff Woodring (Victor), Mike Chester (Le Roy) vs. Bob Sprague (Dundee), Todd Levine (Brighton) vs. Ed DeWolf (Newark), Tim Spina (Waterloo) vs. John Crandall (Spencerport), Jeff Rayfield vs. Ken Stanford (Jasper).
- 215** — Shawn Cavanaugh (Irondequoit) vs. Jackie Stewart (Lyndonville), Scott Swenson (Mynderse) vs. Don Root (Avon), Keith Perl (Geneseo) vs. Dean Costanza (Eastridge), Derek Howlett (Brockport) vs. Marty Livingston (Red Creek), Tim McDonald (Palmyra-Macedon) vs. Todd DuVail (Addison), Bill Cronmiller (Edison) vs. Keith Pierce (Bolivar), Dave Jackson (Hammondsport) vs. Adam Sexton (Webster), Sean Pancoast (Victor) vs. Dave Ferguson (Bloomfield).
- 250** — Chris Mohr (Gates-Chili) vs. Brian Lang (Wayne), Greg Grann (Avon) vs. Ed Widnagle (Jasper), Jim Peterson (Avoca) vs. Rich Courtney (Caledonia-Mumford), Mike Szumilowski (Webster) vs. Joe Amico (Batavia), Bill Hixenbaugh (Le Roy) vs. Shawn Allens (Alfred-Almond), Vern White (Spencerport) vs. Larry Crandall (Victor), Roger LeClair (Newark) vs. Lionel Lee (Edison), Bryant Tyson (Byron-Bergen) vs. Don Dietrich (Canisteo).

Individual results

1. Asa Ahlin (Fallsburg-9) 1:27.47; 2. Christy Sierk (Sutherland-5) 1:27.48; 3. Kim Nelson (Old Forge-3) 1:32.12. Other leading area finishers: 5. Kendra Burnap (Sodus) 1:34.67; 6. Christine Rodenhouse (Irondequoit) 1:34.78; 9. Hedy Parks (Sodus) 1:36.65; 15. Melissa Alaimo (Sutherland) 1:38.43; 21. Kris Brown (Sodus) 1:42.46.

Saturday

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Section 5 tournament

Quarterfinals

Class AAA

McQuaid 64, Webster 63

East 91, Penfield 52

Class AA

Newark 60, Wilson 58

Monroe 62, Palmyra-Macedon 52

Class A

Mynderse 54, Byron-Bergen 51

Marcus Whitman 63, East Rochester

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Class B

Wheatland-Chili 72, Dundee 51

Lyons 57, Naples 50

Class C

Batavia Notre Dame 77, Arkport 45

Geneva DeSales 73, Avoca 69

Class D

Whitesville 59, Troupsburg 50

Houghton 61, Belmont 60

WRESTLING

State qualifier

At Brockport State

How they won:

91 pounds — **Tim McKee** (Bath Haverling senior, 32-0 record) p. Tim Herman (Byron-Bergen), :29; d. Andy Antonucci (Hilton), 5-4; tf. Bill Opett (Bloom), 4:30; tf. Andy Anceto (Edison), 3:20.

98 pounds — **Shawn Knisley** (Waterloo sophomore, 32-3-1) tf. Casey Corcoran (Keshequa); d. Mitch Stern (Brighton), 5-4; d. Joe Giglio (Gates-Chili), 7-0; d. Bryant Ranger (Midlakes), 1-0.

105 pounds — **Kerry Foster** (Canandaigua sophomore, 33-2) d. Mike Freeman (Sodus), 9-1; d. Richie Steves (North Rose-Wolcott), 6-2; d. Dan Presberg (Brighton) 1-0; d. Joe LoPresti (Spencerport), 8-3.

112 pounds — **Charlie Sortino** (Brockport senior, 32-3) p. Charles Miller (Perry), 3:34; tf. Steve Wheaton (Jasper), 4:23; d. Lucas Dobbins (Lyons), 10-6; d. Anthony Calderone (Edison), 9-7.

119 pounds — **Ray LeChase** (Spencerport senior, 34-0) tf. Mike Alley (Batavia), 5:02; tf. Barrett Cotter (Sodus), 4:35; d. Fritz Zagorski (Eastridge) 5-3; d. Rob Wilson (McQuaid), 14-2.

126 pounds — **Tom Billone** (Spencerport senior, 33-1-1) tf. Eric North (Red Jacket), 4:05; d. Bill Dempsey (Le Roy), 7-0; tf. Rob Lubberts (Jasper), 5:56; def. Steve Mesiti (Brockport), 4-2.

132 pounds — **Tom Reina** (Gates-

Chili senior, 29-3) tf. Todd Capwell (Le Roy), 5:52; tf. Sam Davis (Avoca), 5:59; d. John Brock (North Rose-Wolcott), 8-2; d. Peter Chou (Brighton), 5-2.

138 pounds — **Shawn Costello** (McQuaid senior, 31-3) tf. George West (Perry), 4:17; d. Scott Smith (South Seneca-Romulus), 10-4; d. Joel Smith (Williamson), 4-3; d. Todd Drickel (Webster), 6-0.

145 pounds — **Vaughn Petersen** (Sodus senior, 30-3) tf. Chuck Ferguson (Red Creek), 3:29; p. Dave Luplow (Batavia), 3:09; d. Todd Burchardt (Push-Henrietta), 13-2; d. Gary Gilbert (Victor), 3-2 (ot).

155 pounds — **Rick Bedwick** (Hilton junior 34-2-1) tf. Kirk Brickwood (Keshequa), 5:40; d. Aaron Farrell (Dansville), 9-1; d. Shannon Costello (McQuaid), 3-2; d. Doug Miller (Pittsford), 8-5.

167 pounds — **Jeff Halner** (Spencerport senior, 32-4-1) d. Scott Keene (Batavia), 8-7; d. Russ Shearing (Letchworth), 9-0; d. Matt Barry (Brighton), 4-3; d. Bob Goodell (Perry), 7-5.

177 pounds — **Bill Barker** (Irondequoit senior, 36-0) d. Ernie Foulkrod (Mynderse), 4-3; p. Terry Appleby (Bolivar), :41; d. John Lama (McQ), 10-1; tf. Mike Chester (Le Roy), 3:55.

215 pounds — **Bill Cronmiller** (Edison senior, 30-3) p. Keith Pierce (Bolivar), 3:45; p. Tim McDonald (Palmyra-Macedon), 5:28; d. Dave Ferguson (Bloomfield), 3-1; d. Scott Swenson (Mynderse), 10-3.

250 pounds — **Joe Amico** (Batavia senior, 12-0) d. Mike Szumilowski (Webster), 10-0; p. Rich Courtney (Caledonia-Mumford); d. Chris Mohr (Gates-Chili), 13-2; d. Roger LeClair (Newark), 3-2.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Section 5 tournament

First round

Class B

Bloomfield 51, East Rochester 35

Byron-Bergen 63, Caledonia-Mumford 60

Jefferson 47, Wayland 46 (ot)

Marion 43, Addison 31

Mynderse 47, York 24

Pembroke 56, Warsaw 42

Perry 40, Le Roy 27

Williamson 47, Oakfield-Alabama 21

Class C

Cuba 42, Campbell 22

Hammondsport 57, Lyndonville 30

Honeoye 58, Alfred-Almond 30

Keshequa 46, Canisteo 40

Naples 65, Clyde-Savannah 45

Pavilion 44, Batavia Notre Dame 32

Red Creek 61, Wheatland-Chili 47

Red Jacket 57, Kendall 44

Today

Boys' basketball

Section 5 tournament

Semifinals

At War Memorial