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Canty seeking to pin down 100th win

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Pity Shawn Edwards.

The sophomore from Peru in Section 7 has the unenviable task of facing Suffern's Jim Canty in the first round of the New York State Intersectional Wrestling Tournament at Onondaga War Memorial auditorium tomorrow.

Canty currently has 99 career wins and will be gunning to make Edwards his 100th victim. The 17-year-old Suffern senior is hot: He did not allow a point while rolling to 112-pound titles at the Division South I and Section 1 Open tournaments.

Suffern also will be represented by senior Chris Miccolis at super-

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heavyweight and sophomore John Spiegelman at 132 pounds. Tappan Zee junior Emilio Collins, at 155, rounds out the contingent of Section 1 champions that Rockland will send to the two-day state tourney.

The meet gets under way tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. It continues with the semifinals Saturday at 10 a.m., the consolation round at 6:30 p.m. and the finals about 8:30 p.m. Section 11 (Suffolk County, L.I.) is favored to repeat as sectional team champion.

Canty has compiled a 28-2 record this year and a 99-11 career mark. If he defeats Edwards, he

would become the 10th Rocklander and second Suffern wrestler to enter the elite 100-victory club. The pursuit of the century mark has motivated him, he said.

"I feel it will give me extra incentive to make it to the quarterfinals," said Canty, who would face Dan Pawlewicz of Fulton-5 in the quarterfinals if he got past Edwards. Pawlewicz is 34-2-1 and Fulton shared the top position in the state poll. "I'm going to push to get it."

Canty finished seventh in the state two years ago, as a sophomore. He believes that experience will pay dividends this weekend.

"It should be a lot easier for me this time," he said. "I'm used to it. I've wrestled in a big arena, and I've worked on a lot of things to improve since the Kohl Tournament" on Jan. 21.

"Of the three we have going, Canty has the best shot," said Suffern coach Mike DeSimone, who is also heading the Section 1 contingent because the Mounties were sectional team champions. "He's been there before. He's wrestled with and measures up with some of

the best in the state. His mental attitude is good right now. You can see when he's 'on'."

Miccolis will face a stiffer test. The 18-year-old from Sloatsburg will weigh in tomorrow just over the superheavyweight minimum of 215 pounds. He knows he'll probably be squaring off with some legitimate 250-pounders, which is the maximum weight allowable in his bracket.

"That's my biggest disadvantage," said Miccolis, 16-3, who will oppose Mark Pasquariello, 26-3, of Niskayuna-2, in the preliminaries. "I'm nervous about it, but I'm hoping to use my quickness" to compensate for his weight deficit.

Collins, 33-2 has drawn a bye in the first round. But the Dutchie junior's likely quarterfinal round foe is a toughie: Seamus Lyman of Watertown-3, who is 29-0-1, a three-time state tourney participant and last year's runner-up at 145. Lyman must get past Bill Maisel of Amityville-11, 32-1, in the first round.

Spiegelman, 27-3, has drawn Bernard Valentin, 32-1-1, of Long Beach-8 in the opening round. The Mountie sophomore has not lost since the Sherburne tourney Jan. 7.

SECTION 1 OPEN TRACK & FIELD

Jump — 18-0; High jump — 5-4; Triple jump — 36-7.

Here are the top three seeds in each event at the Open meet:

Rockland lands 9 top seeds

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Six boys and three girls from Rockland have been installed as the top seeds in the Section 1 Open state qualifying indoor track meet tomorrow at West Point.

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Canty wins 100th; advances to semis

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SYRACUSE — Suffern's Jim Canty won his 100th career bout last night and the surprising Section 1 wrestling team dominated at the lower weights en route to placing six wrestlers in today's semifinal matches at the state high school wrestling championships at the Onondaga War Memorial.

That opening-night production doubled the team's total of semifinalists from last year when three wrestlers qualified for that round.

Leading the way for Section 1, which looks like a good bet to improve on its ninth-place finish (out of 13 teams) of the last three years, were 91-pounder Anthony Alberti of Hendrick Hudson, 98-pounder Carlos Jimenez and 105-pounder Juan Carlos Garcia, both of Sleepy Hollow, and Canty at 112.

Also moving on to this morning's semis are Chris Balducci of Irvington at 167 and Chris Knazik of Panas at 177.

Canty, a senior, hit career victory No. 100 in the opening round when he decisioned Shawn Edwards of Section 7's Peru 3-0. He followed that with an 11-3 major decision against Dan Pawlewicz of Section 3's Fulton.

"I was thinking more about winning than about the 100th victory," said Canty, who is 31-2 this year. "Right now the milestone is no big deal because I want to win the states and don't want anything else on my mind."

Tappan Zee's 155-pounder, Emilio Collins, who received a bye into the quarterfinals, took returning state champion Seamus Lyman of

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Section 3's Watertown to overtime before falling 8-5.

At 132, Bernard Valentin of Section 8's Long Beach decisioned Suffern's John Spiegelman, 6-3.

In the super heavyweight class, Suffern's Chris Miccolis lost by technical fall to Mark Pasquariello of Section 2's Niskayuna.

It's a safe bet to say that the Chaminade wrestling team from the Catholic High Schools Athletic Association is not going to become a charter member of the Jimenez-Garcia family fan club.

Senior Jimenez had a bye into the quarterfinals where he improved his season record to 36-1 with a 2:17 pin of Chaminade's Jim McNicholas.

Garcia, a sophomore and the uncle of Jimenez, advanced to the quarters with a 10-7 upset of highly-regarded Joe Lopez of Section 11's Sachem, and improved his season slate to 37-1 when he handed Chaminade's Robert Donnino a 19-2 technical fall with 32 seconds remaining in the match.

Junior Alberti improved to 35-0 with easy victories against Jason Wartinger of Section 6's Cheektowaga and Peter Smith of St. Anthony (CHSAA).

Balducci, 33-0 and one of the favorites to win the state title, cruised through his two matches, pinning Fulton's Dave Wise in 3:42 and Mike DeLisle of Section 7's Saranac in 3:37.

Knazik, also 33-0, pulled out one of the most exciting victories of the night in his opening-round match against Anthony Ricci of Greece-



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Olympia from Section 5. Trailing 5-4 with less than 10 seconds remaining, Knazik used a lateral drop to pick up a quick five points and won the 9-5 decision. In his quarterfinal match, he decisioned Darren Harvey of Section 10's Massena 6-2.

Knazik said he realizes he may well see his unbeaten streak end this morning when he meets Adam Mariano of Section 11's Comsewogue in his semifinal match. Mariano, the defending state champion and ranked second in the world at the weight, pinned his two opponents in a combined 2:46.

"I can't wait to face him, I'm really serious," Knazik said. "The three days the sectional team practiced together, wrestling with guys like Balducci, really sharpened me up. I worked on my weaknesses,

like getting points from the top, and I think I have a shot."

While the remaining sectional wrestlers are no longer in contention for state titles, they all are still alive in the wrestlebacks that can qualify them up to third place, giving the team valuable points.

And even in defeat, there were some outstanding and noteworthy performances.

Jim Rial of Peekskill lost a heartbreaking 2-1 decision to semifinalist Matt Kenneally of Section 11's William Floyd. But Rial, the only sectional wrestler to have his first-round wrestleback last night, made short work of his opponent there when he pinned Sam Cardona of Far Rockaway (PSAL) in 2:59.

Grant Swanson of Peekskill, who entered the tournament at 37-0, fell victim to a reshuffling of the original blind draw. Due to a rule that separates returning place-winners of the year before, Swanson opened against last year's 105-pound champion Doug Shaffer of Section 4's Waverly and fell 8-1. Shaffer originally had been in the other bracket with two-time state champion Troy Bouzakis of Section 9's Pine Bush.

Brian Sampson of Yorktown at 145, who also received a bye into the quarterfinals, finished on the short end of a nail-biting 5-4 decision to Steve Taylor of Section 5's Brockport.

Opening round

91 — Anthony Alberti (Hen Hud) sup. dec. Jason Wartinger (6-Cheektowaga) 152; 98 — Carlos Jimenez (Sleepy Hollow) bye; 105 — Juan Carlos Garcia (Sleepy Hollow) dec. Joe Lopez (11-Sachem) 10-7; 112 — Jim Canty (Suffern) dec. Shawn Edwards (7-Peru) 3-0; 119 — Doug Shaffer (4-Waverly) dec. Grant Swanson (Peekskill) 8-1; 126 — Matt Kenneally (11-William Floyd) dec. Jim Rial (Peekskill) 2-1; 132 — Bernard Valentin

100-win club

1. Phil Consiglio	132
North Rockland (1981-85)	
2. Marcel Cooper	120
Nyack (1984-88)	
3. James O'Connell	109
Pearl River (1981-85)	
4. Marty Greco	106
North Rockland (1983-87)	
4. Paul Pietropaolo	106
Nanuet (1972-76)	
4. Bill White	106
Suffern (1976-80)	
7. Brad Batista	103
Pearl River (1983-87)	
8. Mike Picozzi	102
Pearl River (1981-85)	
9. Jim Canty	101
Suffern (1985-89)	
10. Andy Cohen	101
Nyack (1983-87)	
11. Jim Dillon	100
Suffern (1983-87)	

(8-Long Beach) dec. John Spiegelman (Suffern) 6-3; 138 — Mike Quaglio (John Jay-EF) p. Travis Nocchi (4-Waverly) 3:27; 145 — Brian Sampson (Yorktown) bye; 155 — Emilio Collins (Tappan Zee) bye; 167 — Chris Balducci (Irvington) p. Dave Wise (3-Fulton) 3:42; 177 — Chris Knazik (Panas) dec. Anthony Rizzo (5-Greece-Olympia) 9-5; Hvy — Jim DeGelormo (John Jay-EF) p. Francis Brousseau (7-Peru); Super — Mark Pasquariello (2-Niskayuna) tech. fall Chris Miccolis (Suffern) 3:44.

Quarterfinals

91 — Alberti dec. Peter Smith (C-St. Anthony) 8-2; 98 — Jimenez p. Jim McNicholas (C-Chaminade) 2:17; 105 — Garcia tech. fall Robert Donnino (Chaminade) 5:28; 112 — Canty maj. dec. Dan Pawlewicz (3-Fulton) 11-3; 138 — Bill Terry (8-Freeport) dec. Quaglio 6-1; 145 — Steve Taylor (5-Brockport) dec. Sampson 5-4; 155 — Seamus Lyman (3-Watertown) dec. Collins 8-5 OT; 167 — Balducci p. Mike DeLisle (7-Saranac) 3:37; 177 — Knazik dec. Darren Harvey (10-Massena) 6-2; Hvy — Earl Gardner (P-Stuyvesant) p. DeGelormo 2:51.

First-round wrestlebacks

126 — Rial p. Sam Cardona (P-Far Rockaway) 2:59.

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Section 1 takes second; Canty loses title bout

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SYRACUSE — Suffern's Jim Canty narrowly missed winning a state title and three other local wrestlers won state crowns to lead Section 1 to a surprising second-place finish at the state tournament at the Onondaga War Memorial, last night.

Tappan Zee's Emilio Collins finished third in the 155-pound class.

Chris Balducci of Irvington, Carlos Jimenez of Sleepy Hollow and Anthony Alberti of Hendrick Hudson all won state titles. The triple-crown marked the first time the section has ever brought home three state champions.

The team's total of 162 points — its highest ever — helped it edge out Section 5 (Rochester area, which had 161.5 points, while defending champion Section 11 (Suffolk County) took home the team title with 199.5.

Section 1's total of five finalists led all the teams, and were the most wrestlers the section has placed in the title round in the 27-year history of the tournament.

Canty wound up finishing second in the 112-pound bracket. After gaining a semifinal victory, his 102nd career win, the Mountie senior, finished on the short end of a criteria call against undefeated Tom Sinacore of Bethpage in Section 8 (Nassau County) in the finals.

Canty had trailed the Long Islander 8-5 midway

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through the final period before he pulled to within one with a takedown with 23 seconds left. A stall point was assessed at the buzzer on Sinacore to send the match into overtime. Tied at 10-10 after the three one-minute periods, Sinacore was given the state title on the basis of more takedowns.

Tappan Zee's Collins, a junior, also had an outstanding tournament, finishing third at 155 with a 5-2 decision over Dion Visconti of the CHSAA's Chaminate. Collins, now 34-3, suffered his only loss of the weekend Friday night when he fell to Seamus Lyman 8-5 in overtime. Lyman, of Section 3's Watertown, was the 1988 state runner-up at 145 and went on to win the 155-lb. title last night.

"I thought it would be a lot tougher," Collins said. "My goal was to place, and I thought I could, but it was easier than I thought it would be. You have to be confident. I wasn't confident last night (against Lyman), but I was (yesterday), and that made the difference."

Balducci, the 167-pound champion, shut out top-seeded Jon Welch of Section 5's Canandaigua, 7-0, to clinch the second-place finish for his team. The Irvington senior, who finishes the season undefeated at 35-0, had just two points scored on him the entire

tournament.

"I've been working so hard for this, and I was a little shaky about the match because all the papers here were picking him to win," said Balducci, who is the first Irvington wrestler to win a state title. "But my family and friends were all here rooting for me and that made a lot of difference."

Jimenez, wrestling at 98 pounds, became the first state champion in Sleepy Hollow history with his 9-5 decision over tough Tom Mangan of Averill Park in Section 2. The victory earned him third place in the Most Outstanding Wrestler voting.

Although Mangan took an early lead, Jimenez took control in the second period.

"I think that was my best match ever," said Jimenez, who finishes his career with a remarkable 137-9 record, 38-1 this year.

Alberti, who finishes his junior year at 37-0, opened things up for the section at 91 pounds when he manhandled freshman Craig Conant of Section 3's Tully in the finals, handing him a 17-3 superior decision.

Jimenez's Sleepy Hollow teammate Juan Carlos Garcia finished second at 105.

Chris Knazik of Walter Panas capped his varsity career with a fourth-place finish, losing a 6-1 decision to Mike Bucci of Section 9's Red Hook in his final

match.

Team Standings — 1. Section 11, 199.5; 2. Section 1, 162; 3. Section 5 161.5; 4. Section 2, 156; 5. Section 9, 138; 6. (tie) Section 6, Section 3, 130.5; 8. Section 8, 93; 9. Section 4, 80.5; 10. Section 10, 54; 11. Section 7, 51; 12. PSAL, 31.5; 13. CHSAA, 30.

Finals: 91 — Anthony Alberti (Hen Hud) sup. dec. Craig Conant (Tully-3) 17-3; 98 — Carlos Jimenez (Sleepy Hollow) dec. Tom Mangan (Averill Park-2) 9-5; 105 — Frank Fronhofer (Salem-2) dec. Juan Carlos Garcia (Sleepy Hollow) 5-3; 112 — Tom Sinacore (Bethpage-8) dec. Jim Canty (Suffern) 10-10 overtime on criteria; 119 — Antonucci (Hilton-5) dec. Troy Bouzakis (Pine Bush-9) 5-4 OT; 126 — Joe LoPresti (Spencerport-5) dec. Ed Moak (Averill Park-2) 5-4; 132 — John Bena (Niskayuna-2) p. Tom Shifflet (Sweet Home-6) 48; 138 — Lou Ruggirello (Valley Central-9) dec. Bill Terry (Freeport-8) 7-1; 145 — Jamie St. John (Port Jefferson-11) dec. Don Duell (Mexico-3) 8-5; 167 — Chris Balducci (Irvington) dec. Jon Welch (Canandaigua-5) 7-0; 177 — Adam Mariano (Comsewogue-11) maj. dec. John Penhollow (Cassadega Valley) 14-4; 215 — Ron Vitullo (New Hartford-3) p. Earl Gardner (Stuyvesant-P) 2:57; 250 — Bill Friburger (William Floyd-11) dec. Jeff Way (Peru-7) 7-3.

Third-Fourth Place Matches: 155 — Emilio Collins (Tappan Zee) dec. Dion Visconti (Chaminade-C) 5-2; 167 — Mike Bucci (Red Hook-9) dec. Chris Knazik (Walter Panas) 6-1.

Semifinals: 91 — Alberti dec. Mike Buonagurio (Connetquot-11) 3-2; 98 — Jimenez maj. dec. Bob Jackson (Sweet Home-6) 10-0; 105 — Garcia maj. dec. Joe Toner (Johnson City-4) 13-5; 112 — Canty dec. Kurt Wagner (Port Jefferson-11) 6-3; 167 — Balducci maj. dec. Mike Kotin (Farmingdale-8) 13-2; 177 — Mariano p. Knazik 2:37.

Second Round Wrestlingbacks: 126 — Brandon McNaught (Walton-4) dec. Jim Rial (Peekskill) 3-1; 132 — Offie Reid (Copiague-11) p. John Spiegelman (Suffern) 2:04; 138 — Jeff Whitton (Herman DeKalb-10) maj. dec. Mike Quaglio (John Jay-EF) 8-0; 155 — Collins maj. dec. Mike Lesick (Goshen-9) 10-1; 250 — Marvin Garvey (Herman DeKalb-10) p. Chris Miccolis (Suffern) 1:58.

First Round Wrestlingbacks: 119 — Allen Grant (Herman DeKalb-10) dec. Grant Swanson (Peekskill) 4-1 OT; 126 — Rial p. Jeff LaFlamme (South Jefferson-3) 47 OT; 132 — Spiegelman p. Phil Armas (St. Anthony-C) 2:25; 138 — Quaglio dec. Peter Hamm (Msgr. Farrell-C) 5-4; 145 — Chris Bell (Minisink Valley-9) maj. dec. Brian Sampson (Yorktown) 10-0; 155 — Collins dec. Will Moss (Albion-6) 9-2; 215 — Greg Woodward (Colonie-2) p. Jim DeGelorme (John Jay-EF) 3:52; 250 — Miccolis dec. John Nickless (Valley Central-9) 4-3.

It's all relative to Section 1 wrestlers

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SYRACUSE — It always helps to have family in your corner, and nowhere has that been more evident than at the New York State Wrestling Championships this weekend.

Of the five Section 1 wrestlers who advanced to the finals, four had relatives acting as assistant coaches.

And for Jim Canty of Suffern, having his brother John in his corner may have been the key to his second-place finish there.

Canty, who celebrated career victory number 100 in Friday night's opening-round action, advanced to the tournament finals before losing a heartbreaking 10-10 overtime decision on criteria to undefeated Tom Sinacore of Bethpage, Long Island.

John Canty, a former sectional champion at Suffern himself, came home this year from St. Lawrence University where he capped off a four-year varsity career by placing second at the NCAA Division III Nationals.

Before going out into the real world next year, John decided to spend one season — Jim's senior year — helping out first-year Mounties coach Mike DeSimone.

"It's made a big difference," Jim said of his brother's tutelage. "For the last three weeks, I stayed after school an extra hour every day to work with him. I had a lot of problems wrestling on my feet and being slow on the bottom, and he's helped me with that."

In John's opinion, though, Jim's wrestling ability was never in question.

"He's always had the talent, but he's been hesitant about his abilities," said John, a two-time Division III All-America selection. "I think I helped him with his confidence, convincing him he's good."

Although not sitting in Jim and John's corner, their mother Jean is always there behind her sons, along with several other members of the Canty clan. She feels that John's presence was the final piece of the puzzle in her youngest son's quest for the state title.

"Jim was always good," Jean said, "but John came home and smoothed out the rough edges."

Along with the Canty brothers, 167-pound Chris Balducci of Irvington was joined this year for the first time by his older brother Lenny, a former sectional champ. In addition, Sleepy Hollow teammates Carlos Jimenez at 98 and Juan Carlos Garcia at 105, nephew and uncle respectively, have their cousin Felipe Garcia as assistant coach.