

CA Wrestlers Win It Again!

Four Take Individual Championships

Braves Outpoints Irondequoit for 7th Straight Title

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HILTON — It's not getting any easier for the Canandaigua Braves' wrestling team these days.

Sure, the Braves had four individual titlists and won their seventh straight Section 5 Class AA championship last Saturday, but it didn't exactly work out

Braves as they overcame adversity to finish ahead of Section 5's toughest competition. The Braves finished first with 136½ points to beat out last year's AAA champ Irondequoit, which finished with 114½. (The Class AAA and AA tournaments were combined this year to save money).

"If we could rerun the day, the tournament wouldn't have been half as close as it was," said CA's Joe Kuras. "We got some bad seedings, but we still managed to stay together and wrestle as a team."

But only six members of that team will be competing this weekend in the State Qualifier at Rochester Institute of Technology as problems mounted for the Braves before they even stepped on the mat. Steve Finnicks, the second seed at 129

pounds, got sick — perhaps from losing too much weight too quickly — and didn't wrestle at all. As a result, the Braves fell behind after the first round and still trailed Irondequoit, 51-36, after the quarterfinals.

To make things worse, Bill Condon, the No. 1 seed at 180, was upset by Brighton's C. J. Dominick, 5-3, and then was eliminated from the tournament in the wrestle-backs by Sperry's Tom Tompkins.

"I just had a bad day," a disappointed Condon said afterward. "It was a bad time to have a bad day."

The Braves, however, took the lead for good after the semi-finals as Kuras, Matt King and Marty King all scored pins and Mike Reho (148) and Ricciotti won decisions to advance to the finals. Joe Hibbard (108) lost in the semis to

Spencerport's Rick LaPaglia.

"It was still a team effort all the way," said CA coach Larry Reynolds. "I was a little worried for a while, but these guys are pretty gutsy and they wanted it bad."

In the finals, Matt King was able to do what no wrestler in Section 5 had ever done by winning his fourth consecutive title as he clobbered Arcadia's Tony Giarratano 14-1. Newark heavyweight Bob Button equaled that mark in the Class A tournament.

"I set goals for myself when I was a freshman," King said. "I wanted to win the states a couple of times and be the most valuable wrestler my senior year. I fell short of those, but I still want that state championship."

Meanwhile, before he's through, Marty King could become the first wrestler to win the Sectionals five times. He won the 94-pound title for the second time as he manhandled McQuaid's Todd Krienke 15-0. It was the first time King has been at 94 pounds this season.

"Since it was only my first time down there, I wasn't at full strength," he said. "I felt kind of weak, but it should be easier after a couple of times down there."

Ricciotti won the 101 title as he edged McQuaid's Tim LaForce 4-3. Kuras was CA's other titlist as he whipped Bishop Kearney's John DiMarsico 7-1.

Reho, meanwhile, was upset in the finals by Brockport's Todd Buenting, 3-1.

Buenting now must lose twice at the state qualifier in order for Reho to go on to the state tournament.

"It was better for him to lose now than next week," Matt King said. "It should make him train that much harder this week."

Other winners in the finals were LaPaglia (108), Irondequoit's Tony Cotroneo (115), Irondequoit's Tim Lehmann (122), Penfield's Chris Kane (129), Spencerport's Trevor Graham (141), Fairport's Scott Kay (158), Brighton's Terry Kent (170), Mendon's Bob Toomey (180) and Brighton's Marty Glickman (218).

NOTES: Matt King's victory boosted his record to 30-0 this season. Marty King is 29-1 . . . Cotroneo, who is 30-0 this season, is now just one victory shy of equaling the state record for career wins of 157 held by Clar Anderson, a two-time state champ from Olean . . . Graham and Cotroneo both won their third Sectional title . . . Hibbard finished third at 108 and he still has an outside chance to go to the state meet. He's in a position similar to that of Reho. He can't lose at the state qualifier.

WRESTLING SUMMARY

Class AA Championships at Hilton

Team Scoring

Canandaigua 136½, Irondequoit 114½, Brockport 107, Brighton 104, Spencerport 90½, Penfield 73, Fairport 63½, McQuaid 58, Pittsford Mendon 56, Sperry 46½, Hilton 45½, Gates-Chili 43½, Bishop Kearney 41, Cardinal Mooney 41,

Churchville-Chili, 25, Greece Arcadia 19, Webster Thomas 12, Greece Athena 8½, East 6, Corning West, Greece Olympia 2, Eastridge 0, Aquinas 0, Franklin 0.

Individual Results

94 pounds — Marty King (Canandaigua) dec. Todd Krienke (McQ) 15-0; 3rd place — Kevin Court (Churchville) dec. Andy Battaglia (Penfield) 2-0; 101 — Joe Ricciotti (Canandaigua) dec. Tim LaForce (McQ) 4-3; 3rd — Tim Ciancone (Mooney) dec. Bill Heap (Gates) 6-3; 108 — Rick LaPaglia (Spencerport) dec. Rick Young (Mendon) 7-0; 3rd — Joe Hibbard (Canandaigua) dec. Rick Lupisella (Brockport) 3-1;

115 — Tony Cotroneo (Irondequoit) dec. Frank Pappalardo (McQ) 12-2; 3rd — Mike Bauer (Gates) def. John Leone (Penfield) by default; 122 — Tim Lehmann (Irondequoit) dec. Andy Komarek (Spencerport) 4-1; 3rd — Marty Presberg (Brighton) dec. Jeff Barker (Fairport) 9-4; 128 — Chris Kane (Penfield) dec. John Lupisella (Brockport) 8-0; 3rd — Glen Locke (Irondequoit) dec. Roger Ray (Brighton) 6-2;

135 — Matt King (Canandaigua) dec. Tony Giarratano (Arcadia) 14-1; 3rd — Tom Brawn (Brockport) dec. John Kunz (Brighton) 3-2; 141 — Trevor Graham (Spencerport) dec. Brett Simpson (Irondequoit) 16-1; 3rd — Tim Blaakman (Penfield) dec. Dave Spaker (Kearney) 6-2; 148 — Todd Buenting (Brockport) dec. Mike Reho (Canandaigua) 3-1; 3rd — Steve Klein (Mooney) dec. Jerry Baiamonte (Sperry) 5-1; 158 — Scott Kay (Fairport) dec. Doug Weitzel (Hilton) 5-2; 3rd — Rob Evarts (Brighton) forfeit over Chris Trovato (Kearney);

170 — Terry Kent (Brighton) dec. Jerry Bensley (Hilton) 1-0; 3rd — George Morgan (Irondequoit) dec. Tom Rosa (Sperry) 6-5; 180 — Bob Toomey (Mendon) dec. Steve Good (Fairport) 6-1; 3rd — Tom Tomkins (Sperry) dec. Scott Pavone (Mooney) 1-0; 218 — Marty Glickman (Brighton) dec. Evan Wexler (Brockport) 2-0; 3rd — Mark DelCarvo (Gates) dec. Rock Vinci (Spencerport) 6-3;

253 — Joe Kuras (Canandaigua) dec. John DiMarsio (Kearney) 7-1; 3rd — Jeff Sawyer (Brockport) dec. Darren Stalk (Mendon) 6-3.

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the way it was supposed to on paper.

It was satisfying when Marty King (94), Joe Ricciotti (101), Matt King (135) and Joe Kuras (253) won championships, but it was also a day of setbacks for the