

Section 4 advances 5 into semis

By DAVE HENDERSON

SYRACUSE — "Veterans" Mark Iacovelli of Ithaca and Mike Koob of Union-Endicott, and three "rookies" survived an otherwise disappointing quarterfinal round for Section 4 last night at the state wrestling championship tournament.

A total of eight Section 4 wrestlers were eliminated from championship contention in the quarterfinal round after the team advanced all but one of its 14-man squad through the preliminaries.

Iacovelli, a 112-pound junior making his third appearance at the intersectional meet, scored 21-0 and 12-1 decisions to advance to the semifinals for the third time.

Koob, a senior in his second quest for a state title, decided Bruce Meyers of Olean, 4-2, in the 138-pound quarterfinals after earning a preliminary bye.

Joining Iacovelli and Koob in the semis are first-time state meet competitors Brad Farnham of Chenango Forks (105), 126-pounder Bob Hilfiger of Elmira Free Academy, and Owego heavyweight Mike Rotunda.

Iacovelli, now 96-1-1 for his career, rolled past Pioneer's Keith Floyd, 21-0, in the prelims — the largest margin Mark could remember in his career — despite Floyd's impressive 33-3 record.

Iacovelli coolly handled Bishop Ludden's John Elmer — the outstanding wrestler of last week's Section 3 tournament — in the quarterfinals.

"The newspapers were saying that whoever won that match would win the title. But that was just the papers," said the smiling Iacovelli as he unwrapped protective tape from a wrist fractured earlier this year which idled him for three weeks. "I wrestled the other guy (Floyd) in a Junior Olympic qualifier last summer and pinned him."

Iacovelli, who scored a 21-1 win in last year's state quarterfinals, won the national AAU Junior Olympic title last summer.

"Last year I came to wrestle. This year I'm here to win," said Koob, who finished fifth last year in his intersectional debut. "This year I'll be mad if I lose."

Koob, now 92-13 for his career, meets Jeff Nicholson of Section 1 in today's semis. Iacovelli, last year's 105-pound champion, meets Howard Rabin of Elmont — the runner-up at 112 last year.

Farnham is making his first state meet appearance, only because Iacovelli defeated him the past two seasons in sectional finals.

The three-time Susquenango Association champion scored a shutout win over a Long Island wrestler in the preliminaries and pinned his quarterfinal opponent. Farnham today draws unbeaten Billy Beard of Mount Vernon.

Rotunda, who has won wrestling titles and received all-conference football honors in both the Southern Tier Athletic Conference and Susquenango

Mat matter

PRELIMINARY ROUND

105—Brad Farnham (Chenango Forks) dec. James Abbott (Harborfield-Section 11), 7-0; 112—Mark Iacovelli (Ithaca) dec. Keith Floyd (Pioneer-6), 21-0; 126—Bob Hilfiger (Elmira FA) dec. Greg Locke (Greece-Arcadia-5), 12-2; 132—Jerry Klein (North Rockland-9) dec. Rich Foster (EFA), 1-0; 145—Dean Campbell (Sherburne-Earlville) dec. Eric Wood (Franklin Academy-10), 14-3; 167—Bill Davey (Johnson City) dec. Frank Kliff (Bath-5), 7-3.

QUARTERFINALS

91—Carl Kristeller (Baldwinsville-3) c. Jim Schlenker (Cortland), 15-7; 98—Bob DeStefanis (Locust Valley-8) dec. Dan Keene (Tioga), 5-1; 105—Farnham (CF) pinned Gene Andrews (Cornwall-9), 1-51; 112—Iacovelli (Ithaca) dec. John Elmer (Bishop Ludden-3), 12-1; 119—Mike Picozzi (Huntington-11) dec. Ken Smith (Spencer-VanEtten), 21-5; 126—Hilfiger (EFA) dec. Mark Merritt (Potsdam-10), 9-2; 138—Mike Koob (Union-Endicott) dec. Bruce Meyers (Olean-6), 4-2; 145—Terry Miller (Potsville-6) dec. Campbell (S-E), 5-3; 155—Bucky Smith (Mount Vernon-1) pinned Tony Mantella (Homer), 5-48; 167—Ed Banach (Port Jervis-9) dec. Davey (JC), 13-5; 177—Ernie Jackson (Port Jervis-9) dec. Dave LaBonte (Vestal), 8-7; 215—Mike Rotunda (Owego) dec. Brian Gaffney (Huntington-11), 7-1; 250—Mike Rosenbauer (Huntington-11) dec. Marty McMahon (Catholic Central), 4-2.

FIRST WRESTLEBACKS

91—Schlenker (Cortland) def. by Steve Barber (Saranac-7), 6-4; 119—Smith (S-VE) def. by Dave Holleran (Mohawk-3), 9-7; 132—Foster (EFA) pinned Sam Sanzone (Rome FA-3), 3-42; 155—Mantella (Homer) pinned by Rick Brawell (Amsterdam-2), 0-45; 177—LaBonte (Vestal) def. by Tim Jackson (Saratoga-2), 10-3; 250—McMahon (CC) def. by Angelo Tramontelli (Sleepy Hollow-1), 3-2. (All other Section 4 losers drew byes in first round wrestlebacks)

Association, bulled to a 7-1 win over Huntington's Brian Gaffney in the quarters after drawing a preliminary bye.

Gaffney's loss was one of only two for Huntington, which had a meet-record eight representatives on the Section 11 team.

The two Long Island sections — 11 and eight — each advanced 10 wrestlers to the semifinals, while Rochester-area Section 5 advanced seven.

Spencer Van-Elten's Dean Campbell, the 145-pounder with the most pins (18) in the Section 4 contingent, batted out a 15-4 preliminary win but couldn't catch retreating Terry Miller of Potsville to overcome a 5-3 deficit in the quarterfinals.

Homer's muscular Tony Mantella, whose 32-bout record this year did not include a pin, never threatened Mount Vernon's unbeaten Bucky Smith in a 7-1 quarterfinal.

Johnson City's scrappy Bill Davey earned a preliminary win, but was bumped out of the winners' bracket in the quarterfinals in a 13-5 bout with Port Jervis's Ed Banach.

Vestal's Dave LaBonte, 30-0 and rarely tested at 177 this year, was a victim of a second-period five-point move by Banach's teammate Bernie Jackson in the quarters, and could not overcome Jackson's blatant stalling in an 8-7 loss.

Super heavyweight Marty McMahon, Catholic Central's first sectional champion, lost a narrow 4-2 decision to Huntington's vaunted Mike Rosenbauer in the quarters. Rosenbauer was the fourth-place finisher at heavyweight last year.

MATT DUST...Canandaigua's Rob Hadsell fell in the preliminaries despite a win total of 34 — the largest of the field...Kurt Johnson of Johnstown and Paul Pietropaolo of Nanuet both lost despite 103-win career totals...Iacovelli's 33 points yesterday were a distant second to Huntington 119-pounder Mike Picozzi, who won 22-13 and 21-5...Huntington's six semifinalists tied a meet record for schools set by Brentwood in 1971.

Scores and standings

Pro hockey

NORTH AMERICAN LEAGUE

Yesterday's Result

Buffalo 10, Erie 4
Philadelphia 5, Johnstown 0
Beauce 6, Syracuse 4

East				
	W	L	T	Pts
Beauce	52	17	2	106
Syracuse	37	30	3	77
Mohawk Valley	29	39	3	61
Maine	17	53	0	34

West				
	W	L	T	Pts
Johnstown	46	23	2	94
Philadelphia	41	29	0	82
Erie	35	34	1	71
Buffalo	28	42	0	56
Broome	25	43	2	52

Tonight's Games

Broome at Erie
Philadelphia at Johnstown
Syracuse at Maine

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Yesterday's Results

Atlanta 4, Washington 1

Patrick Division				
	W	L	T	Pts
Philadelphia	44	10	14	102
NY Islanders	37	17	14	88
Atlanta	31	30	10	72
NY Rangers	23	36	9	55

Smythe Division				
	W	L	T	Pts
Chicago	26	24	17	69
Vancouver	28	28	13	69
St. Louis	24	32	12	60
Minnesota	18	46	4	40
Kansas City	12	45	10	34

Norris Division				
	W	L	T	Pts
Montreal	50	9	10	110
Los Angeles	33	29	7	71
Pittsburgh	29	28	11	69
Detroit	20	39	9	49
Washington	8	51	9	25

Adams Division				
	W	L	T	Pts
Boston	43	13	11	97
Buffalo	37	20	12	86
Toronto	31	26	13	75
California	25	36	9	59

Tonight's Game

NY Rangers at Vancouver
NY Islanders at Toronto
Boston at Montreal
California at Pittsburgh
Detroit at Los Angeles
Chicago at Minnesota
Kansas City at St. Louis

WORLD ASSOCIATION

Yesterday's Results

Phoenix 5, Toronto 2
Quebec 10, Winnipeg 8
New England 8, Cleveland 2
Indianapolis 6, Cincinnati 3

East				
	W	L	T	Pts
New England	29	34	6	64
Cleveland	29	33	5	63
Cincinnati	31	37	1	63
Indianapolis	28	37	3	59

West				
	W	L	T	Pts
Houston	42	24	0	84
Phoenix	34	27	6	74
San Diego	33	30	4	70

Canadian				
	W	L	T	Pts
Winnipeg	47	22	2	96
Quebec	40	24	4	84
Calgary	35	30	4	74
Edmonton	24	42	5	53
Toronto	18	43	5	41

Tonight's Games

Houston at San Diego
Phoenix at Indianapolis
New England at Cincinnati

High school basketball

SECTION 4 TOURNEY

Class B Final
Lansing 63, So. Cayuga 57, 2 OTs
Class C Final
Candor 56, Davenport 52
Class D Final
Schenevus 66, Jefferson 54
PENNSYLVANIA
Dist. 12 C Final
No. Pocono 46, Blue Ridge 43
GIRLS
Susquenango Assoc.
Oxford 43, Delhi 42, OT

College basketball

NCAA DIVISION III

Finals
Northeast Regional
Rhode Island 89, SE Mass. 87
S. Atlantic Regional
Shepherd, W. Va. 79, Monmouth 71
Semifinals
East Regional
Plattsburgh 68, RPI 65
CCNY 94, RIT 69
Mid-Atlantic Regional
Scranton 68, Grove City 45
Widener 65, Mansfield St. 54
South Regional
Transylvania 112, LeMoyne-Owen 92
Miles 79, Sewanee 71
Great Lakes Regional
Ashland 75, Hiram 74
Wittenberg 88, Oberlin 66

NCAA DIVISION II
Finals
S. Atlantic Regional
Old Dominion 73, Baltimore 58
South Regional
UT-Chattanooga 86, Valdosta St. 66
Semifinals
N. England Regional
Assumption 64, Quinnipiac 60
Bridgeport 93, Bentley 86
NAIA TOURNEY

Lincoln Mem. 79, 2OTs
WOMEN'S
AIAW Tourney
Semifinals
Midwest
Indiana St. 67, Illinois St. 63
Wis-LaCrosse 66, Grand Val. St. 65
Northeast
Queens 109, Bridgewater, Mass. 61
S. Conn. 85, St. John's 65
East
Montclair St. 71, Maryland 67
Immaculata 70, St. Joe's 58
Southern
E. Kentucky 92, Appalachian St. 65
Tennessee Tech 97, Charleston 67
Region III
Delta State 96, Talladega 50
Mississippi Col. 102, Mercer 90

College hockey

ECAC DIVISION I

Semifinals
Brown 6, Cornell 2
Boston U. 8, Harvard 4

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Today on TV

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I stay in the state."

If not? "Well, I'm going out to visit Wyoming soon," he said. "And there's Marquette, and Notre Dame, and . . ."

The college of his choice must fulfil certain requirements. "I need a running team, and a coach that doesn't holler at you. Hey, I'm a sensitive person, and I don't like it when people holler and don't understand me. And I'd like to stay in the country. After living in New York

Koob's Crown Makes U-E Unique

When Mike Koob became Union-Endicott's third wrestler in as many seasons to win an Intersectional championship when he claimed the 138-pound title at Syracuse, it was the first time in the 14-year history of the tournament that's ever been done by any school.

Any previous 3-in-a-rows had involved repeat-champions while in U-E's case, John Ciotoli won at 119 last year and Tom Krmenec at 145 two seasons ago.

What's more, Koob is U-E's sixth champion, which ties Coach Frank Soroichinsky's total with Sidney, Mount Vernon and Calhoun for third place, one back of co-leaders Ithaca and Mepham. The latter's Saturday-night win was its first since 1967, which should give heart to Sidney coach Tom Robertson, waiting for No. 7 since 1969.

Ithaca junior Mark Iacovelli—his school's No. 6 and No. 7—has so many goals within reach that he probably isn't able to keep track of them, but he's already become the fifth Section 4 wrestler to win back-to-back state titles, joining Ithaca's Claude Poole and U-E's John Soroichinsky in 1965-66, Sidney's Randy Payne in 1968-69 and Vestal's Mark Mysnyk in 1973-74.

While Huntington ace Jeff Thomas—rumored to be headed for Penn State next year—failed in his bid for a third state championship probably because he was a class too high at 126, Iacovelli has another year to try to become New York's second "Triple Crowner". Only wrestler to accomplish that feat has been West Genesee's Dan Hunt in 1972-73-74.

Thomas, who beat Iacovelli in the Intersectional semifinals at 98 two years ago, is New York's all-time career victory champ with 122 (against five losses and three ties), but Iacovelli should shatter that standard next season. Mark is 98-1-1 to date.

Probable future North Carolina Stater Koob's three victims showed a combined 83-5 record while Iacovelli bested four wrestlers who had gone 120-5 (two of them unbeaten until facing the Little Red Buzzsaw). Any doubt as to how careful (let alone talented) a wrestler has to be to win against that kind of competition?

Section 4 is still No. 2 in state titles with 35 to Section 8's 49 while Section 11 has 23 and Section 3 has 22. Sidney heavyweight Mike Ruff, unbeaten both last year and this until the Section 4 championship bout, is said to be headed for Delhi Tech — which might explain the large grin permanently on display below Bronco coach Frank Millard's mustache. "The admissions office called me up and said, 'We have an application here from a boy from Sidney. Name's Ruff.' I almost fell out of my chair." Ironically enough, Spencer-VanEtten's Joe Marshall, who beat Ruff to win a trip to the states last year, was Delhi Tech's regular heavyweight this season. Ruff also will probably receive feelers from Pennsylvania wrestling power Lock Haven. Ken Cox, coach of the Bald Eagles, is looking for a talented heavyweight and his search should extend to the Southern Tier for chats with Ruff, Owego's Mike Rotunda, U-E's John Veruto and Afton's Mike Parsons.

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DUE TO A FINANCIAL dispute, the erstwhile Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Junior Olympic wrestling tournament qualifier to be held at Corning Community College on Saturday, has changed its name to the Southern Tier Junior Tournament because of objection to the AAU charging every entry a \$3 membership fee. All 12 qualifiers and the April 3 state finals at Williamsville will now be divorced from AAU. Boys born in 1961 and later are eligible for one of the four age-groups and weights from 45 to unlimited. Dom Scolaro, Campbell Central School coach is Corning-meet director.