

# Marty King's 2nd place tops area's wrestlers

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SYRACUSE — For a moment, it appeared that logic would be defied.

Everything had been in Brett Cook's favor. The 18-year-old senior at New Hartford High School (Section 3) had the advantage in strength and age over 14-year-old Canandaigua eighth-grader Marty King. Cook also had a near-capacity crowd estimated at 5,000 pulling for him at the Onondaga County War Memorial.

Even as the partisan Section 3 crowd chanted, "Let's go, Brett," Cook (33-1) took a 6-4 lead into the final period of his 91-pound final match against King (25-5) in the intersectional (state) tournament.

But then, for the first time this season, Cook was on his back. The two points for a near fall lifted King into a 6-6 tie with 1:20 left. Seconds later, Cook was off his back, and seconds after that, he was back on top and back in the lead, 8-6. When he put King on his back in the final seconds, Cook had a 10-6 victory, his closest of the tournament.

"He was a little quicker on the bottom than most people I wrestle. He had more precise movement," said Cook, who also said he plans to wrestle for Irondequoit native Rory Whipple at Clarkson next season.

Despite King's moves, Cook had stayed on top throughout the second two-minute period after taking his 6-4 lead in the first.

"Riding is my strong point," Cook said, "and I got some back points as I always do."

King was no less confident in his ability.

"I felt from the beginning that I could beat him," he said. "Then we bumped heads at the beginning and I kind of went blank. It shocked me that he took me down so soon (nine seconds into the match)."

King was the second eighth-grader to make the state tournament in its 18-year history. The first was Canandaigua's T.J. Mincer, who was second in the state at 91 last year, but grew himself out of the powerful Braves' starting lineup this season.

King also was Section 5's last hope, its only finalist, in the tournament. The Rochester-area team finished fifth with 134½ points. Section 8 (Nassau County) won the team event with 212½ points.

Section 5's disappointment began when Canandaigua 132-pounder Matt King, Marty's brother, and 215-pound Bob Button of Newark, both favored to win their weight classes, lost their first

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## state tournament

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bouts. Yesterday morning, the disappointment increased when four of the section's five semifinalists lost.

Losers of one match were given an opportunity to finish among the top six and earn place points by winning "wrestlebacks."

Matt King (33-2-1), Button (36-1), Pittsford Mendon's Mike Kase (37-1 at 98) and Irondequoit's Tony Cotroneo (38-1 at 112) wrestled back to third place. Fairport's Bob Arao (25-3 at 119), Canandaigua's Bill Hadsell (31-4) and Geneva's John Cosentino (29-6 at 250) placed fourth, and Penfield's Larry Kane (34-2-1 at 105) was fifth.

Besides Marty King, Canandaigua 145-pounder Mike Reho, also a four-time loser during the regular season, came closest to reaching the finals. Reho held pre-tournament favorite and runner-up Jon Dolan of Huntington (11) to a 1-1 tie in regulation before losing in overtime, 3-1.

"Reho wrestled an excellent tournament," Canough said. "He almost had three takedowns against Dolan, and any one of them would have won the match. I got more out of Reho than I expected."

The loss to Dolan apparently took more out of Reho than he expected. In his first consolation match, Reho lost to his first-round victim, Paul Diekel of Whitehall (2), 7-0. Then Reho (30-7-1) lost to his quarterfinal victim, Jim Beichner of Cassadaga Valley (6), 5-2, and finished sixth. Reho was favoring his left shoulder in the match.

"You either forfeit or wrestle hurt in this tournament," Canough said.

Matt King showed that. He had torn a muscle in his rib cage in the state qualifier against East Rochester's Romeo Battazzi, so he didn't practice during the week. He said the layoff affected the precision of his moves in his first-round, 4-3 loss to Rich Lithgow of Baldwin (8). He earned revenge with an 8-2 decision over Lithgow in last night's match for third place.

Marty King spent much of yesterday putting ice on a sore neck he developed during his first match Friday. Gates-Chili's Dave Silipini (28-2-1 at 155) had to forfeit a consolation match because of a knee injury, and Kase wrestled all season with a sore right shoulder.

Kase summarized a wrestler's lot when he descended from the victors' stand, fingered his third-place medal and said: "That's a lot of hard work for this."

## Section 5 results

### Semifinals

91 -- Marty King (Canandaigua) dec. Brad Penrith (Windsor-Section 4), 6-1; 105 -- Jim Flynn (Huntington-11) dec. Larry Kane (Penfield), 6-4; 112 -- Dan Hopkins (Commack South-11) dec. Tony Cotroneo (Irondequoit), 9-2; 119 -- Anthony Arena (Mepham-8) dec. Bob Arao (Fairport), 9-4; 145 -- Jon Dolan (Huntington-11) dec. Mike Reho (Cananaigua), 3-1, OT (1-1).

### Consolation quarterfinals

98 -- Mike Kase (Pittsford Mendon) won by default over Wes Hood (Canastota-3); 126 -- Andy Seras (Niskayuna-2) dec. Trevor Graham (Spencerport), 9-7; 132 -- Matt King (Canandaigua) dec. Craig Richey (Smithtown West-11), 8-5; 167 -- Bill Hadsell (Canandaigua) pinned Rick Duprey (Peru-7), 1:55; 177 -- Neil Alton (Long Beach-8) dec. Ron Kidder (Livonia), 12-8; 215 -- Bob Button (Newark) dec. Dave McNally (Suffern-9), 8-3; 250 -- John Cosentino (Geneva) pinned Todd LaPoint (Northern Adirondack-7), 3:38.

### Consolation semifinals

98 -- Kase dec. Calvin Swanson (Newfane-6), 12-4; 105 -- Joe Wilsey (Saratoga-2), dec. Kane, 3-0; 112 -- Cotroneo dec. Art Schad (Red Hook-9), 4-3; 119 -- Arao dec. Mike Morley (Medina-6), 6-2; 132 -- Matt King pinned Joe Scriber (White Plains-1), 5:02; 145 -- Paul Diekel (Whitehall-2), dec. Reho, 7-0; 167 -- Hadsell dec. Mark Berryhill (Liverpool-3), 3-1; 215 -- Button pinned Larry Horl (Southside-8), 3:49; 250 -- Cosentino pinned Blaze Winter (Suffern-9), 4:28.

## WRESTLING

### Intersectional meet

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### Final team scores

Section 8 212 1/2, Section 3 189, Section 11 11 178 1/2, Section 2 141, Section 5 134 1/2, Section 6 120, Section 9 87 1/2, Section 4 74, Section 1 44, Section 10 35, Section 7 4.

### Top five schools

Huntington (Section 11) 83, Port Jervis (9) 51 1/2, Canandaigua 46 1/2, Baldwinsville (3) 40 1/2, Niskayuna (2) 30.

### Finals

91 pounds -- Brett Cook (New Hartford-Section 3) dec. Marty King (Canandaigua), 10-6; 98 -- Al Placio (Long Beach-8) dec. Jim Edwards (Amsterdam-2), 8-7; 105 -- Carl DeStefanis (Locust Valley-8) dec. Jim Flynn (Huntington-11), 9-2; 112 -- Joe Rabin (Elmont-8) dec. Dan Hopkins (Commack South-11), 6-3; 119 -- John Iannuzzi (Brentwood Sonderling-11) dec. Anthony Arena (Mepham-8), 6-1

126 -- Clar Anderson (Olean-6) dec. Mark Shortsleeve (Fulton-3), 7-6; 132 -- Tim Abigail (Niskayuna-2) dec. John Stewart (Port Jervis-9), 7-5; 138 -- Bill Gaffney (Huntington-11) pinned John Pickard (Baldwinsville-3), 3:11; 145 -- Mike Ramos (Beaver Ridge-3) dec. Jon Dolan (Huntington-11), 4-1; 155 -- Pete Capone (Watertown-3) dec. Rick Nardelli (Huntington-11), 11-7; 167 -- Mike Falcon (Sachem-11) dec. Bill Lubell (Bellmore Kennedy-8), 11-9; 177 -- Mike Conners (Baldwinsville-3) dec. Tony Cotrupi (Burnt Hills-2), 12-1; 215 -- Andy Schwab (Elmira Southside-4) dec. Dave Poirier (Massena-10), 7-1; 250 -- Ron Heller (Farmingdale-8) dec. Pete Lee (Salamanca-6), 6-4.