Six Warrior Matmen In Tourney Semi-finals

Six of Salamanca Central's twelve entrants in the annual Christmas Holiday Wrestling Tournament at Falconer for eleven schools in the Southern Tier Conference advanced to this afternoon's semi-finals after winning opening matches Friday night.

The half-dozen from Coach

George Whitcher's Red and Gray Warriors, include sophomore Fred Boser and senior Jeff Davis, who were seeded No. 1 in the 177-pound and heavyweight divisions,

respectively.

Other Sallies who were seeded and advanced were Gary Milanowski, Jim Scherrer, Dave Jimerson and Regis Vail.

The Warriors showing is their best yet in the early action of the tournaments.

Defending champion Southwestern leads in the scoring with 37 points and has seven matmen still in contention.

Three teams are tied for the runnerup spot with 32 points each. They are Randolph and Maple Grove, each with seven wrestlers still in action, and Cassadaga with six.

Next are Salamanca and Falconer with 30 points each

and six in contention.

Only seven points separated the top six schools, showing the eveness of the competition.

Next are Westfield with 18 points and Pine Valley with 13, each having three matmen left. Silver Creek has seven points and one left. Panama has five and one left. Ripley, newcomer, has two points with all its entrants eliminated.

Milanowski advanced to the semi-finals against Barry Gross, Pine Valley, by decisioning Randy Johnson, Southwestern, 6-2, in Friday's second round after drawing a bye in the first of the 105-pound action.

In the 112-pound class, Larry Hand substituted for Sallies' Jack Bolton who was ill and was pinned by Dimon Smith, Cassadaga, No. 2 seed, in 1:45 in the second round after a bye in the first.

Jim Scherrer was red hot in the 119-pound division, pinning D. Stephens, Panama, in 1:42 in the second round after a bye in the first. He will meet Jeff Swan, Southwestern, No. 1 seed and defending sectional champion in the semi-finals and is given a good chance to chalk up an upset.

In the 126-pound bracket, Jim Williams pinned Jim Malloy, Cassadaga, in 3:10 in the first round but was decisioned by Steve Booth, Randolph, No. 4 seed, in the second round.

Jack Bolton drew John Sluga, Randolph, No. 2 seed in the 132pound division, and was pinned in 1:15.

In the 138-pound class, Ralph Riggs substituted for Mike Chudy, who was unable to compete due to a neck injury, and was pinned in 16 seconds by Bill Olson, Southwestern, No. 1 seed.

Mike Ciolek pinned Tim Gustafson, Maple Grove, in 3:06 in the first round for 145pounders but lost a 7-6 decision in overtime to Greg Betts, Falconer, in the second round. Tied at 6-6 in regulation, they

Tied at 6-6 in regulation, they staged what was called the most exciting match of the two rounds. It was the only one going into overtime.

Dave Jimerson advanced to the 155-pound semi-finals against John Lee, Cassadaga, by pinning Dave Hallmarc, Silver Creek, in 2:55 in the first round and then pinning Jim Ecker, Panama in 3:11 in the second round.

Regis Vail advanced to the semis against Craig Segerlin, Cassadaga, No. 1 seed in the 167-pound division, by decisioning Jim Cunningham, Ripley 4-1, in the second round after a bye in the first.

Boser moved to the semifinals at 177 pounds against Rob MacAvoy, Southwestern, on a pin over Andy Jones, Silver Creek, in 4:35 in the second round after drawing a bye in the first

Davis will take on John Barlett, Westfield, whom he beat in their dual meet, in the heavyweight semi-finals after pinning Jeff Aiken, Randolph, in the second round after a bye in the first.

Winners in the semi-finals will meet tonight in the final matches after the losers tangle in the consolations slated to begin about 6:30 p.m.