

# Matmen gear for conference tournament tonight in Olean

OLEAN — Salamanca failed to any of the top seeds in the Southern Tier Wrestling Conference Holiday Tournament, but landed one second seed in a weight class that wound up going down to the toss of a coin.

Senior Tom Ciolek was seeded second at 145 pounds behind Falconer's Mike Garvey after a consensus of the coaches at the seeding meeting decided that the only way to settle on which wrestler would get which seed would be to toss a coin.

Both section champs last season, Ciolek won the 138 pound title while Garvey, a sophomore, was the 145 pound champ.

Thus far this season, Garvey has two superior decisions in two outings while Ciolek is 5-0 with four pins and a decision. Ciolek wrestled three times in the Lake Shore Invitational Tournament last week, getting three pins and winning the outstanding wrestler award to up his record.

Unbeaten Olean dominated the seeding in Division I, landing five top seeds and four second seeds. Maple Grove had four top seeds and two second seeds.

The tournament, which begins tonight at Olean High School, includes competition in both Division I and Division II, with each division wrestling separately.

Champions in each division will then meet in the tourney finals.

Division I teams, the large schools in the conference, include Olean, Maple Grove, Salamanca, Falconer, Dunkirk, Fredonia, Southwestern, and Cassadaga Valley.

Division II teams include Randolph, Ripley, Silver Creek, Westfield, Panama, Sherman, Pine Valley and Frewsburg.

Olean and Westfield won their respective division championships last season, with Salamanca finishing fourth in Division I.

While the Warriors managed to claim only one second place seed, they did earn three third seeds and a pair of fourths.

Seeded third were Mike Newark, at 119

pounds, Dan Dry, at 132 pounds, and Todd Flinchbaugh, at 155 pounds.

Jay Weitzel was seeded fourth at 138 pounds and Joe Roosa fourth at 167 pounds.

Other seedings for Salamanca saw Randy Dry earn a fifth place spot at 98, Chris Woodworth fifth at 112, Jeff Zolner fifth at 126, Jim O'Rourke fifth at 177, and Marty Redeye sixth at heavyweight.

The top seeds in Division I include, at 91 pounds, Maple Grove's Bari Hallbert, first, and Olean's Clair Anderson, second; at 98, Olean's Joe Silluyio first and Southwestern's Mike Blake second; at 105, Clete Caskey, Maple Grove, first, and Lori Campese, Dunkirk, second; at 112, Olean's Dave Crean first and Falconer's

Howard Nutt second; at 119, Maple Grove's Seth Becker first, and Olean's Steve Tripodi second; at 126, Olean's Gary Bliss first, and Maple Grove's Dan Woodfield second; at 132, Falconer's John Ognibene first, and Chris Leichtweis, Olean, second.

Remaining weight classes find Olean's Bruce Meyers seeded first and Maple Grove's Greg Wefing second at 138 pounds. At 145 pounds, Garvey and Ciolek are the top seeds, followed by, at 155 pounds, Tim Prince, Maple Grove, first, and Mike McLaughlin, Dunkirk, second; at 167, Olean's Ray Pikulski first and Cassadaga's Tom Beichner second; at 177, Dunkirk's John Arnold first and Olean's Dave Simon second; and at heavyweight, Falconer's Jim Pike first and Dunkirk's Mike Steffan second.

Only two wrestlers will be competing in the unlimited weight class, Falconer's Rich Pavlock and Salamanca's Pete Lee.

Ciolek and Newark were both runners-up in last year's tourney.



**TOM CIOLEK**  
Seeded second at 145

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