

# ★ Canandaigua's Paul Lamphier lights up, rallies for a Super Sectionals victory

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Paul Lamphier saw the light last night while wrestling Bob Zoeke. But not for long.

Late in the second period of the 105-pound final of the Super Sectionals, the Canandaigua Academy junior was taken down and turned over by Zoeke. Lamphier, losing at the time, 4-2, could not afford to give up two or three back points, so he scrambled madly to break the McQuaid senior's hold.

Lamphier, a state runner-up last year at 105, scored a reversal and earned a return trip to the intersectionals by rallying for a 6-4 victory over Zoeke at Brockport State.

"I didn't like those lights," joked Lamphier, a serious wrestler who has won 29 and lost four this year and has a career record of 102-14. "They're too bright."

Zoeke, a state runner-up last year at 91, had defeated Lamphier in the Section 5 Class A final last week, 4-3.

However, the two were destined for a rematch at last night's state qualifying meet. Lamphier then emerged as the Rochester area's 105-pound representative at the state meet, which will be held Friday and Saturday at the Onondaga County War Memorial in Syracuse.

Lamphier is one of seven area wrestlers earning repeat trips to the states. But he needed to overcome a bout with a stomach virus and a wrestler with 102 career victories to do so.

"When I went out there last week I was thinking, 'He was 91 pounds last year and that's small,'" said Lamphier, one of five Canandaigua wrestlers bound for Syracuse. "But he made me realize he's not a 91-pounder any more."

Lamphier worked on some different setups while battling the flu earlier in the week. Then he watched as two of his teammates — 91-pound Mike Locagnato and 98-pound Butch Hibbard — qualified for the states with victories preceding his match.

Zoeke, meanwhile, paced nervously on the opposite warm-up mat.

Lamphier's reversal and a penalty against Zoeke for an illegal hold in the third period were the difference.

"Zoeke's a tough kid," Canandaigua Coach Larry Reynolds said. "It could've gone either way

with two or three different moves."

Reynolds was pleased to be sending five individuals to Syracuse, among them defending champion Marty King.

King, a senior who will be making his fifth state appearance, tied the state's record for most career victories with a 23-3 superior decision over North Rose-Wolcott's Elon Ranke in the 126-pound final.

It was King's 164th career victory, equaling the output of 1981 Irondequoit graduate Tony Cotroneo.

"I've never thought about my record until this last year," he said. "Everybody is always asking me, 'What's your record? What's your record?' Now the countdown's over."

The countdown was held for several minutes in the third period, however.

Ranke elbowed King, opening a gash above his left eye.

"He jolted me, then I could feel the blood," said King, who is unbeaten this year (33-0) and has lost only 11 times in five years. "It just went through my mind then, 'It's going to need stitches and they're going to stop the match.' I thought to myself, 'No way I'm going to lose that way. Just tape it together.'"

Reynolds did tape his head, permitting King to finish the record-tying match. King was the last of the five Braves to qualify for states. His victory followed that of 112-pound teammate Joe Hibbard.

ER qualified two wrestlers who went to the states last year — Tim Quinn, the coach's son, at 132, and Chris Schojan at 177.

Schojan, an unbeaten junior (33-0), defeated Dave Cutitta of Batavia in the final, 4-0.

Quinn (26-4) defeated Fairport's Tom Walters, 4-0, avenging an 8-5 loss during the regular season.

Also earning repeat trips to the states were Spencerport's John Suhr (145) and Brighton's Brian Kurlander (155). Suhr decisioned Fairport's Nick Whitcombe, 6-5, and Kurlander defeated Elba's Kris Petote, 10-3.

Rounding out the state qualifiers are were Brighton's Jon Blauvelt (119), Edison's Mike Cronmiller (138) Pittsford's Pete Zajkowski (167), Williamson's C.C. Grant (215) and Avon's Bill Maher (250).