

19 area wrestlers top seeded in sectional tournaments tonight

A total of 19 area wrestlers have been installed as top seeds for the Section 5 Classes A-B-C-D high school wrestling tournaments, which begin tonight at four sites.

The Class A tournament will be held at Monroe Community College, with Canandaigua, Brockport and Spencerport the favorites. Class B will be held in Geneva, with East Rochester a prohibitive favorite. Class C will be contested at Marion, were the hosts and Williamson are considered the favorites, while Class D will be held at Geneseo High School, with the hosts,

Bolivar and Canisteo the top teams.

Action begins at 7:30 p.m. tonight and 10 a.m. tomorrow, with finals scheduled for 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at all sites.

Here is a class-by-class breakdown of the events:

Class A

Canandaigua, the defending champion, has three top seeds for the event, all three having competed in the state tournament last year.

Mike Locagnato (19-6 at 98), Paul Lamphier (24-2 at 112) and Butch Hibbard (26-1 at 119) are the Braves' top seeds, but

Canandaigua will need big tournaments from Dave Delforte (91), Tracy Foster (28-3 at 126) and Nick Castiglia (167) among others to win.

Brockport, Spencerport and McQuaid each have two top seeds for the event.

Class B

East Rochester, moving up to Class B after winning eight straight titles in other classes, is a heavy favorite here, with top seeds in Sean Rucker (91), Frank Rossi (155) and Chris Schojan (177).

Among local teams, Victor, the defending Class B champ,

Wayne and Palmyra-Macedon will be the top challengers for the title.

Wayne has two top seeds, Ron Cross (21-3 at 126) and Rick Wheeler (138). Victor has top-seeded Rich Carmel (22-0 at 215) and Pal-Mac Jerrod Demeurisse (21-3 at 177).

Other area top seeds are Bruce Lafler of Penn Yan (19-2 at 98), Eric Wolfe of Midlakes (21-2 at 105), John Williams of Geneva (26-0 at 112) and Joel Lamson of Waterloo (26-1 at 119).

A top battle in the tournament should be at 105 pounds, where

Wolfe will be challenged by Victor's Paul Hyland (19-0).

Class C

Host Marion, Williamson and Sodus each have two top seeds in what promises to be a close tournament. Avon should also challenge for the title.

Marion has back-to-back top seeds in Jim Newby (19-5 at 145) and Tim Habecker (27-0 at 155). So does Williamson in Pete McKendrick (119) and Rob Motley (18-4 at 126). So does Sodus in unbeaten Vaughn (23-0-1 at 132) and Paul (26-0 at 138) Petersen.

There are two other area top

seeds, Lucas Dobbins of Lyons (20-2 at 98) and Kurt Doyen of Red Jacket (23-2 at 177).

Class D

Red Creek is the top local entry here, but is not expected to challenge the top teams. No area individuals are top seeded.

Bolivar has three top seeds, the most in the class.

Post-tournament

The top four finishers in each of the classes will advance to the state qualifying tournament next weekend at Brockport State. The champion in each class from that tournament will go to the state meet in Syracuse.