



Four Area Grapplers Headed To States

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AMHERST — Four area wrestlers will represent Section 6 at the New York State High School Wrestling Tournament this weekend in Syracuse.

Bill Young of Randolph will wrestle at 126 pounds, Jamestown's Terry Green at 155 pounds, Paul Wendel of Southwestern at 177 pounds and teammate Tom Meyers at unlimited after winning their respective Section 6 crowns at Sweet Home High School Saturday night.

At 126 pounds, Young just dominated Rob Kearney of Williamsville North 11-4.

In the first period, Young scored seven points on a takedown and on two-point and three-point near falls. He allowed Kearney only two points via reversal.

In the second period, Young was limited to scoring just one point by an escape and Kearney was held scoreless.

In the third, Young had Kearney on his back scoring a three-point near fall to raise the score to 11-2. Kearney struggled back with a takedown.

"He is the first wrestler in Randolph's school history to go to states," Randolph Coach Doug Seamons said. "His upset (loss to Salamanca's Eric) Swiech last week gave Billy a lot of determination to come out and wrestle and to win this week."

"I think he has a chance to place at the states. If he keeps the same attitude that he had this week, he'll go far."

Green set a new school record in the 155-pound match by beating Tom Langdon of Allegany 3-1. The record is 36 wins in a single season by the Red Raider and at the state meet he will try to better that mark.

The action got underway with Green scoring on a takedown and there was no further scoring in the first period.

FINALS

91: Rob Jaquin (Royalton-Hartland) d. Jason Conklin (Alden) 7-0.

98: Bob Jackson (Sweet Home) d. Matt Dawson (Newfane) 13-6.

105: Nick Rastelli (Grand Island) d. Matt Lippert (Allegany) 2-1 OT.

112: Lou Rosselli (Royalton-Hartland) p. Kevin Abatessa (Lancaster) 2:54.

119: Nelson Colley (Royalton-Hartland) d. Dennis Brown (Cassadaga Valley) 6-0.

126: Bill Young (Randolph) d. Rob Kearney (Williamsville North) 11-4.

132: Marc Freda (Kenmore East) d. Tom Shifflet (Sweet Home) 9-8.

138: Brian McGill (Cheefowaga) d. Jason Caprio (Niagara Wheatfield) 11-1.

145: Ray Ryan (Allegany) d. John Georger (Clarence) 11-5.

155: Terry Green (Jamestown) d. Tom Langdon (Allegany) 3-1.

167: Ethan Bosch (Iroquois) p. John Wangelin (East Aurora) 1:32.

177: Paul Wendel (Southwestern) d. Chuck Gibson (Jamestown) 4-2.

Hvy: Al Wooten (Niagara Falls) d. Bob Bandish (Sweet Home) 11-4.

Unl: Tom Meyers (Southwestern) p. Chuck Nesbitt (Albion) 35.

The second period had Green scoring on an escape while Langdon scored on an escape in the third period.

"It was a low scoring match, but Terry was in control," Red Raider Coach Tom Simmons said. "He wrestled real good and looked great. One-hundred-fifty-five pounds has to be the toughest weight class in this tournament."

Two area wrestlers battled for the 177-pound crown. Wendel edged Chuck Gibson of Jamestown 4-2 for the right to compete in the state tourney.

Wendel scored all of his points in the first period on a takedown and a two-point nearfall. Gibson came back with a two-point nearfall in the second period and neither scored in the third.

"He's wrestled Chuck four times now and each time Chuck has improved," Southwestern Coach Walt Thurnau said. "Chuck neutralized a lot of P.J.'s moves tonight and as a result it was a low-scoring match."

"Chuck is a first year varsity wrestler and he wrestled well," Simmons said. "I'm very pleased with his performance tonight."

In the unlimited class, Meyers registered the fastest pin in the finals. He pinned Chuck Nesbitt of Albion in 35 seconds to earn a trip to the state tournament.

Meyers was leading 2-0 before he capitalized on a Nesbitt mistake and that was it.

"We were concerned because of Nesbitt's weight," Thurnau noted. "Tom took control because of his quickness. We're pleased."

In other action, at 119 pounds Dennis Brown of Cassadaga Valley was defeated by Nelson Colley of Royalton-Hartland 6-0.

Colley scored on a takedown in the first period and came back to score on a reversal and another takedown in the third period.

At 91 pounds, Rob Jaquin of Royalton-Hartland blanked Jason Conklin of Alden 7-0. Rob Jackson of Sweet Home earned a trip to the state tournament by beating Matt Dawson of Newfane 13-6 in the 98-pound match.

Nick Rastelli of Grand Island beat Matt Lippert of Allegany 2-1 in overtime on a poor judgment call for the 105-pound title. Royalton-Hartland's powerhouse, Lou Rosselli, pinned Lancaster's Kevin Abatessa in 2:34 of the 112 match and Marc Freda of Kenmore East nipped Tom Shifflet of Sweet Home 9-8 in the 132-pound match.

At 138 pounds, Brian McGill of Cheefowaga crushed Jason Caprio of Niagara-Wheatfield 11-1 and Ray Ryan of Allegany beat John Georger of Clarence 11-5 in the 145-pound match. At 167, Ethan Bosch of Iroquois pinned John Wangelin of East Aurora in 1:32 and Al Wooten of Niagara Falls bested Rob Bandish of Sweet Home 11-4 for the heavyweight crown.