

# Brian Read, 13 other newcomers heading to state wrestling meet

## Three Section 5 schools represented for first time

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A wake-up call yesterday from his former wrestling coach brought the reality of Brian Read's accomplishment home to Bergen.

"I've been working for this for five years," he admitted, referring to the trip to the state tournament he earned at 119 pounds. "It's a dream come true.

"I didn't realize it was real until I woke up this morning. I had to pinch myself to make sure I wasn't dreaming."

Read, a senior at Byron-Bergen, became his school's first state qualifier Saturday night with a 12-7 decision over Spencerport's Ray Lechase before about 2,000 spectators at Brockport State.

It was Read's fourth victory of the day at the Super Sectionals, but it did not really sink in until his former coach, Steve Cella, telephoned yesterday morning from Long Island.

"He called to congratulate me and tell me he's flying up for the state tournament (Friday and Saturday at the Onondaga County War Memorial in Syracuse)," said Read, who is 34-0 on the year and 126-20-1 over five seasons.

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# Read leads newcomers heading to state meet

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Cella, an All-America wrestler at Brockport State, talked Read into going out for Byron-Bergen's team when he was in eighth grade. He'd played basketball the year before, but saw limited action and was ready for a change of sports.

As an eighth-grader, Read captured the first of his three Section 5 Class C titles.

However, Cella left Byron-Bergen after that school year and Read admits he "kind of lost interest" over the next two seasons.

His attitude changed last year when "he became real intense about wrestling," current Coach Mike Jeffords said.

Read suffered just one defeat last season — 5-0 to two-time state runner-up Paul Lamphier of Canandaigua — in the 112-pound final of the Super Sectionals.

"I don't think he wrestled up to his capabilities," Jeffords said. "But last year he got a taste of it. He knew what he had to do this year.

"We both knew he had a very good opportunity to win the match (against Lechase). He went out there with confidence. He had everything to gain."

And everything to lose.

"This was his last year," Jeffords said. "It was an all or nothing thing. When you get to the final bout and you are a senior, you have to make good with the opportunity."

Read knew that, saying, "I wasn't going

to lose it for anything."

"My confidence was different this time," said Read, who also plays soccer and is a distance runner on the Bees' track team. "Instead of worrying about losing, I was thinking about winning."

Read was one of three individuals to accomplish a school first in wrestling. Bath junior Tim McKee (91 pounds) and Batavia junior Joe Amico (250) also are going where no individual from their school has gone before.

McKee, a Class B runner-up last week, scored a 6-1 decision over the Class A champion, Mitch Stern of Brighton, for the right to advance. Amico, a third-place finisher in the Class B tournament, defeated Class B titlist and Newark senior Scott Pieters, 9-5.

Bishop Kearney senior Mike Fusilli pinned his way through the Super Sectionals to become only the second state qualifier from his school. He is coached by his father, Leo.

Another father and son combination, Coach Steve and 155-pound Tim Habecker of Marion, did not fare as well.

Habecker, a senior who placed sixth at last year's state meet, was defeated in the Section 5 title bout by Spencerport's Rick Suhr, 7-5. He finished his career with a 132-14-1 record.

Spencerport Coach Bill Jacoutot knew how Habecker felt, having reached the New Jersey state tournament as a junior only to lose in the finals of the state qualifier the following season.

"There's nothing like going as a senior," said Jacoutot, who is sending two upper-

classmen to Syracuse in Suhr and 138-pound Mike LoPresti.

Suhr said he and LoPresti, a Super Sectional runner-up last year, trained "unbelievably hard" to become prospective state titlists.

"We know no one else trains as hard as us," said Suhr, who is 33-1 on the season and 102-15 over four years. "Spencerport kids always come through in the end. Angelo (DeAngelis) did it to (Penfield's John) Leone and my brother (John) did it to (Brockport's Phil) St. George."

DeAngelis went on to finish third in the state at 132 in 1983 and John Suhr is responsible for one of Section 5's 24 state titles. John captured the 145-pound championship in 1984.

Four other schools that have produced state champions will be represented at the state tournament: Brighton by seniors Greg Lechner (145), Ben Weinthal (167) and Todd Mirabella (177); Canandaigua by 98-pound freshman Kerry Foster; East Rochester by 105-pound sophomore Steve Marcoccia and 132-pound senior Mike Condello, and Hilton by 112-pound senior Dave Pitoni.

Ron Gross, a senior with a 33-1 season record and 135-21 career mark, became Wayne's third state qualifier with a 12-5 decision over ER's Bill Herko in the 126-pound final. Gross, a four-time Class B titlist, was a Super Sectional runner-up last year.

None of the 14 individuals who qualified to represent Section 5 has wrestled in the state tournament.



## **WRESTLING**

### **Super Sectionals**

#### **At Brockport State**

**91 pounds** — **Tim McKee (Bath)** d. Jim Powell (Athena), 15-2; d. Jim Casey (Gene-seo), 9-0; d. Chris Bannister (Letchworth), 4-3; d. **Mitch Stern (Brighton)**, 5-4, in final.

**98** — **Kerry Foster (Canandaigua)** d. Dave Crook (Canisteo), 11; d. Darrin Michielson (Pai-Mac), 12-11; d. Tom Thompson (Penn Yan), 10-5; d. **Sean Rucker (ER)**, 8-0.

**105** — **Steve Marcoccia (ER)** d. Dan Pres-berg (Brighton), 7-0; advanced by forfeit; d. Arturo Martinez (Pavilion), 17-4; d. **Lucas Dobbins (Lyons)**, 4-2.

**112** — **Dave Pitoni (Hilton)** d. Chris Colt (Avon) 11; d. Paul Hyland (Victor) 11; d. Greg Priebe (Newark) 11; d. **Jim Hopkins (Bath)**, 9-3.

**119** — **Brian Read (Byron-Bergen)** p. Ed Caraccilo (Mynderse) 2:55; p. Rob Wilson (McQuaid) 50; d. Pat Serafino (Hilton) 11; d. **Ray Lechase (Spencerport)**, 12-7.

**126** — **Ron Gross (Wayne)** d. Joel Smith (Williamson), 17-2; d. Pat Keenan (Brighton), 14-2; p. Dan Macca (Fairport) 3:54; d. **Bill Herko (ER)**, 12-5.

**132** — **Mike Condello (ER)** p. Rod Oven-shire (Dundee) 5:40; d. Marcus Barnes (Pen-field), ref's criteria; d. Vaughn Petersen (Sodus), 6-4; d. **Kelly Boyle (Batavia)**, 10-4.

**138** — **Mike LoPresti (Spencerport)** p. Matt Grisewood (Warsaw) 1:04; p. Chad Rucker (ER) 1:31; p. **Gary Bayne (Lyndon-ville)** 3:17.

**145** — **Greg Lechner (Brighton)** d. David Lorenzen (Sodus) 11; d. Claxton Duval (NR-W), 9-5; d. Jim Newby (Marion), 10-4; d. **Jeff Howard (Wayne)**, 5-0.

**155** — **Rick Suhr (Spencerport)** p. Gerry Leitten (Pavilion) 1:52; d. Charles Clarke (Monroe), 17-4; d. Steve Woodworth (Canis-teo) 11; d. **Tim Habecker (Marion)**, 7-5.

**167** — **Ben Weinthal (Brighton)** d. Matt Wilbur (Sodus), 12-2; d. Bob Weaver (Bath), 12-4; d. Jeff Davis (Brockport), 10-5; d. **Greg Leitten (Pavilion)**, 14-5.

**177** — **Todd Mirabella (Brighton)** p. Ike Fanton (Wellsville) 1:42; d. Squire Knight (Lyons), 18-11; d. Emery Uveino (Perry), 16-6; p. **Gary Hively (Addison)** 4:39.

**215** — **Mike Fusilli (Kearney)** p. Scott Swenson (Mynderse) 3:40; p. Jon Lachnicht (Red Creek) 5:20; p. Jim Tietz (Le Roy) 3:33; p. **Shawn Cavanaugh (Irondequoit)** 1:35.

**250** — **Joe Amico (Batavia)** d. Shawn Francis (Avon), 7-3; p. Clint Hadsell (Alfred-Almond) 1:15; d. Doug Schroth (Gates-Chili), 7-1; d. **Scott Pieters (Newark)**, 9-5.