

—Geneva Favored—

Four Wrestlers to Defend Finger Lakes Wrestling Titles

Marchionda, Wilkison Eye Third Crowns ... Brooks, Wuertenberger Gun For Second

Four area high school wrestlers, three from Geneva and one from Penn Yan, will be out to repeat as Finger Lakes conference champions when the preliminary bouts begin tomorrow night at the Canandaigua Elementary School.

Two of the four are seeded first and three are favored. But all may have trouble in reclaiming last year's glory.

Only two of the four are defending the title they won last year. Larry Marchionda of Penn Yan, again will be wrestling at 103 pounds, and Chuck Wilkison of Geneva, will be grappling at 133 pounds. Both also are seeking a third straight crown. Marchionda won at 95 two years ago, Wilkison at 127.

Bill Brooks of Geneva, who won the 112 pound title last year, has moved up to the 120 pound class while Chuck Wuertenberger, 145 pound champ from Geneva, moves up to the unlimited division.

Brooks and Marchionda are both seeded first in their respective divisions this year. Wilkison, strangely, isn't, although he's the strong favorite. Wilkison has wrestled at 138 and 145 pounds this season, but not at 133. As a result, he has no record and therefore couldn't be seeded.

The 133 pound class championship actually may be decided in the preliminary bout where Wilkison will tangle with Melvin Brinson of Penn Yan. Both have wrestled mostly at 138 pounds. In their meeting in the first match of the season, Wilkison



Larry Marchionda

scored a 3-0 win over Brinson, the only previous loss for the Mustang.

Brooks and Marchionda are heavily favored in their divisions. Brooks' toughest opposition is likely to come from Floyd Siegfried of Mynderse. Both Brooks and Marchionda are undefeated this season.

Among the toughest to figure are the 127 and 145 pound classes. At 127, Duane Goodman of Waterloo, is the favorite but has good competition in Dick Griffith of Geneva, Berlin Hobart of Penn Yan, Taylor Gilbert of Canandaigua and Bill



Bill Brooks

Jackson of Mynderse.

At 145, Bill Jones of Waterloo, Rusty Wheeler of Mynderse, Brud Curtice of Canandaigua, Dick Alderman of Penn Yan and Al Long of Geneva, all rate a chance.

At 112 pounds, John Houck of Penn Yan is seeded and favored, but could get a tough battle from Pete Blum of Geneva, who has come on strong since an opening meet loss to Houck.

The seeded grappler has at least one good opponent to hurdle in the four heavier weight divisions.

One of the highlights will be at 165 pounds where Jay Covert



Chuck Wilkison

of Geneva, seeded first, could very likely be rematched with Leo Lemieux of Waterloo. Covert won a close match by pinning Lemieux at 3:45 during the season.

Dick Atkinson of Geneva is seeded in the 154 pound class but has a strong hurdle in Helti Kotkas of Mynderse. Dick Post, Geneva, favored at 180 pounds, could be pressed most by Bob Buchwald of Mynderse.

Finally, in the unlimited class, a good match shapes up among Bill Cole, Canandaigua, the favorite, and Wuertenberger plus whoever represents Waterloo.

Wuertenberger must be rated a



Chuck Wuertenberger

good chance against Cole and whoever represents Waterloo, Chaz Birch or Bob Whiting. The Geneva has wrestled to draws with both Cole and Whiting. Birch, meanwhile, decided Cole. Both Birch and Whiting have been switching between 180 and the unlimited division and Coach Gordon Gilfilian still is undecided who will wrestle where.

Other favorites who should come through are Dick Marchionda of Penn Yan at 95 pounds, and Bob Parrish of Geneva at 138 pounds.

As far as the team title is concerned, Geneva will be a strong

favorite to win its third in a row. The Panthers are seeded in five events and favored in six.

Points toward the team total are determined by 10 points for a champion, seven points for second place and one point for each pin in any event.

Penn Yan is seeded in three events, Waterloo in two and Canandaigua in one.

The 33 bout preliminary program which will take the tournament to the final round, will begin at 6:30 p.m. The 12 bouts of the finals will be held at Geneva Junior School, Saturday, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The pairings:

PRELIMINARIES

112 pounds — Jim Hoose (C) vs. Gary Salazaar (W).
120 pounds — Dom Albanese (C) vs. Dom Tantillo (W).
127 pounds — Taylor Gilbert (C) vs. Bill Jackson (M).
133 pounds — Chuck Wilkison (G) vs. Melvin Brinson (PY).
138 pounds — Nick Barbi (M) vs. Tom Keen (W).
145 pounds — Dick Alderman (PY) vs. Al Long (G).
154 pounds — Bob Lynch (W) vs. Connie Jensen (PY).
165 pounds — Don Tennity (C) vs. Larry Morse (PY).
180 pounds — Charles Birch or Bob Whiting (W) vs. Eric Havill (PY).
Unlimited — Tony Dellafave (M) vs. Jim Harris (PY).

SEMI-FINALS

95 pounds — Jim Ferrara (M) vs. Dick Marchionda (PY); Dave Gregory (G) vs. Dave Boyle (C).
103 pounds — Nick Zona (M) vs. Nick DeYullo (G); Larry Marchionda (PY), bye.
112 pounds — Pete Blum (G) vs. Dick

Salazaar (M); John Houck (PY) vs. Hoose-Salazaar winner.
120 pounds — Keith Lafier (PY) vs. Floyd Siegfried (M); Bill Brooks (G) vs. Albanese-Tantillo winner.
127 pounds — Dick Griffith (G) vs. Berlin Hobart (PY); Duane Goodman (W) vs. Gilbert-Jackson winner.
133 pounds — Ronnie Hooper (M) vs. John Scammell (C); Dick Skinner (W) vs. Wilkison-Brinson winner.
138 pounds — Malcolm Lane (PY) vs. Dick Scammell (C); Bob Parrish (G) vs. Barbi-Keen winner.
145 pounds — Rusty Wheeler (M) vs. Brud Curtice (C); Bill Jones (W) vs. Alderman-Long winner.
154 pounds — Helti Kotkas (M) vs. Gary Eddinger (C); Dick Atkinson (G) vs. Lynch-Jensen winner.
165 pounds — Bill Andrews (M) vs. Leo Lemieux (W); Jay Covert (G) vs. Tennity-Morse winner.
180 pounds — Bob Buchwald (M) vs. Fran Cole (C); Dick Post vs. Birch or Whiting-Havill winner.
Unlimited — Chuck Wuertenberger (G) vs. Bill Cole (C); Whiting or Birch (W) vs. Dellafave-Harris winner.

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