

McQuaid, Sandy Creek have edge in seedings for AHS mat tourney

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★ If the seedings for Thursday's 14th annual Auburn Invitational Wrestling Tournament mean anything, and they usually do, Bishop McQuaid of Rochester and Sandy Creek should be fighting it out for the championship.

With action slated to get underway at 10:30 a.m. and finals set to start at 8 p.m., a total of about 100 grapplers will see action during the day with all to wrestle at least two matches. To win a championship, the matman will have to win three bouts. There will be about 140 bouts during the day.

The seeding meeting took place Tuesday at the local school and the grapplers are usually seeded according to their past records.

McQuaid had three men seeded first and three more second while Sandy Creek earned two top seeds and five second seeds. The closest is East Syracuse-Minoa with three top seeds and one second seed. Auburn High earned two number one seeds and a second seed. The other top seeds went to Mynderse Academy and Newark.

The basic question was the type of competition faced in compiling the records. This meant even if a matman had a poor record, the foes he faced would be considered. Other schools entered are Corning East and Baldwinsville.

John Heyer of McQuaid is top seeded at the 98-pound level and is undefeated thus far. John Hunkins of Sandy Creek is second with Auburn's Dave Catalano third. At 106, Tim Nellis of SC, a defending champion, is top seeded with Chip Bayer of McQuaid behind him and Joe Carbonaro of AHS is fourth seeded.

Defending champ Doug Goodfellow of East Syracuse-Minoa is favored to repeat at 112 with Harold Saxbury of Corning East expected to give him the most trouble and Mike Flanigan of Auburn is fifth seeded.

Tim Bayer of McQuaid earned the top seed at 119 with Ron Paige of Baldwinsville second and Joe Netti of AHS fifth. Tim Hathaway of Sandy Creek, also undefeated this year and runnerup in the local tournament last year, is favored to capture the

126-pound division with Mark Scott of McQuaid, also undefeated, second seeded. Auburn's Tony Petrosino is third seeded in this class.

The 132-pound division has an ES-M grappler at the top in Vince Gerace who was second at 128 last year. Ron Shirley of SC is second seeded and Chris DePalma of AHS is fifth seeded. Kevin Dowd of McQuaid, undefeated and almost league champ last year in Rochester, is at the top of the 138-pound heap and Lyman Robbins of Sandy Creek is second. Dave DeLorenzo of AHS is fifth seeded.

Lynn Chuley, who was third last year, is Mynderse's lone top seed at 145 pounds with the Maroons Mark Prentice second seeded. Skip VanLere of Newark tops the 155 pounders with Kevin Clerkin of Sandy Creek second and Bob Landis of the locals is fifth.

Steve McCormick of Auburn, runnerup last year at 154, is top seeded at 167 this year with Tim Joss of Sandy Creek right behind him. At 177 another runnerup last year, Ed Whalen of ES-M, is at the top and Steve O'Hara of McQuaid is second. Auburn's Pete DeBellis is down in seventh in these seedings.

The Maroons heavyweight, Tim Clifford, took the top seed in his division with Steve Hamilton of ES-M in second spot.

In the first round matches, the top seeded grappler will meet the eight seeded man with number two facing number seven, three against six and four against five. In the second round, the winner of the top seeded match will face the winner of the match between the fourth and fifth men.

Weigh-ins will start at 8:30 a.m. Thursday at the high school with the first round action taking place on two mats beginning at 10:30 a.m. The consolation matches, losers in the first round, will start at about 1 p.m. then the second round of winners will get underway about 3 p.m. Losers of these bouts will get another chance to compete right after these matches.

Action in the evening will start at 8:30 p.m. with the finals starting at 8 p.m.



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Three refs for varsity, JV in CNY is policy of league

The Central New York Cities Conference policy of using only three basketball officials to work both the junior varsity and varsity games has been ridiculed in many quarters with the blame mostly being laid on high costs.

However, Walter N. Black, Associate in Secondary Education for the Syracuse Public School System, has stated financing is not the reason for the arrangement.

The policy calls for one probationary

official to be assigned to the junior varsity game then the two approved varsity officials working a half of the preliminary game each, plus all of the varsity encounter.

Many cage observers have criticized the method because in almost all cases the varsity officials are already tired by the varsity game and find it hard to keep up with the fast pace of modern basketball, especially on the large Auburn High court.

Auburn High athletic director Henry Vetter does not like the policy and said after the Auburn-CBA game, he had been attempting to have the league change the rule for years.

New AHS cage coach Wes Aldrich was unaware of the policy before the first game and said he never heard of such a situation.

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