

3 Tiers Two-time champion Porter wrestlers made it look (too) easy

advance to states Watkins Glen's Marciniak, Elliot; EFA's Baxter move on N.Y. WRESTLING SECTIONALS

break the state record. Marciniak has been a Section 4 champ three years running.

Three Twin Tiers wrestlers will be going to the state championships in Syracuse next weekend. *2-24-91*

Watkins Glen's Matt Marciniak (155) is one pin closer to a state title and a state record. The Senecas' senior pinned Union-Endicott's Andre Cave in only 1:23. This was Marciniak's 185th career win. He needs three more to **Wrestling**

Section 4 Championships

The following are the results from the Section 4 Championship wrestling tournament at SUNY Binghamton Saturday:

- TEAM STANDINGS**
1. Johnson City (JC) 222
 2. Chenango Forks (CF) 127
 3. Norwich (N) 116.5
 4. Watkins Glen (WG) 110
 5. Windsor (W) 90.5
 6. Union-Endicott (UE) 83
 7. Vestal (V) 79.5
 8. Waverly (WV) 59.5
 9. Maine-Endwell (ME) 58
 10. Elmira Free Academy (EFA) 56
 15. Elmira Heights Edison (E) 41
 16. Corning (C) 40
 19. Horseheads (H) 33

- FINAL STANDINGS**
- 91 pounds 1. Dave Dubrava (CF) 2. Doug Riddel (WP) 3. Brian Pickering (E) 4. Gary Horton (V).
- 98 pounds 1. Shane Mack (I) 2. Mike Merry (U-E) 3. Dave Bronson (W).
- 105 pounds 1. Dave Baxter (EFA) 2. Ken Hoover (WV) 3. Dave Bronson (Win) *2-24-91*
- 112 pounds 1. Jason Chervac (ME) 2. Ted Secoolish (JC) 3. Kelly Patterson (V) 4. Tim Overbey (NV)
- 119 pounds 1. Joe Toner (JC) 2. Ron Vosburg (EFA) 3. Dave Iacovelli (I) 4. Chris Glick (WG)
- 126 pounds 1. Mike Elliot (WG) 2. Pat Bruce (JC) 3. Joe Ferrara (Sid) 4. Joe King (UE)
- 132 pounds 1. Larry Russell (D) 2. C.J. Hanson (O) 3. Tim DePumpo (Wav) 4. Chris Graves (Owego)
- 138 pounds 1. Keith Smith (JC) 2. Joe Telecty (Nor) 3. Gus Gorman (H) 4. Scott Kaefen (Win)
- 145 pounds 1. Matt Forchinsky 2.

WEBSTER — In his own words, Alfred-Almond Central School wrestling coach John Ninos claims that Kenny Porter, "has seen the best competition that Section 5 has to offer."

Ninos is concerned, however, that it may not be good enough.

Porter, the defending New York State champion at 138 pounds, earned a right to defend his title when he pinned Greece-Athena's John Sanger 3:59 into the championship round in the Section 5 Supersectional Meet this past weekend.

Sanger finished the year with a respectable 30-3 record. *2-25-91*

Earlier in the tournament, Porter was awarded a first-round forfeit victory over Irondequoit's Peter LaPietra.

In the quarterfinals, Porter stuck Steve Risley of Addison in 4:57.

Porter faced his biggest challenge in the semifinal round where he squared off against Monroe County Wrestler of the Year Matt Logan of Fairport.

LOGAN carried a 35-0 record into the semifinal matchup.

Porter scored an 11-0 decision to advance and keep his own perfect campaign intact at 37-0 (after the title bout with Sanger).

One might wonder then, with Porter dominating his opponents the way he has, why Ninos is concerned.



Kenny Porter

- (Championship Finals)
- 91: Dave Rotoli (Spencerport) 3-3, 5-5 criteria Rodney Frey (East Rochester)
- 98: Dan Nier (Greece-Athena) 3:38 Jason Barbera (Spencerport)
- 105: Alex Croog (Brighton) 3-0 Mark Vocci (McQuaid)
- 112: Brian Pintagro (Irondequoit) 12-5 Dan Spaulding (Hilton) *2-25-91*
- 119: Jason Knicely (Waterloo) 2-1 Jeff Mohr (Gates-Chili)
- 126: Justin Raines (Spencerport) 3-0 Rusty Grant (Brighton)
- 132: Yancee Fritz (Brighton) 11-8 Vince Acclairo (Irondequoit)
- 138: Ken Porter (Alfred-Almond) 3:59 John Sanger (Greece-Athena)
- 145: Anthony Conte (Brookport) 3-2 Charlie Lesh (Batavia)
- 155: Sirrell Gissendanner (Spencerport) 8-6 Mark Johnson (Newark)
- 167: Chris Francis (Palmyra-Macedon) 4:44 Ryan Emo (Bath)
- 177: Casey Lamb (Victor) 3-2 Bill Swarthout (Wayne)
- 215: John Porschet (Midlakes) 6-5 Buddy Cabrera (Batavia) *2-25-91*
- 250: Otha Davidson (Brighton) 5:20 Jamie Watson (Dundee)

Other Big 30 wrestlers (with final records):

- 98: Brian James (Letchworth) 4:02 Ryan McMichael (Alfred-Almond, 23-9)
- 112: Heath Weitzel (Alfred-Almond) 2:33 Dan Beaumont (Letchworth), Brian Pintagro (Irondequoit) 14-12 Weitzel (29-8); Mike Fanton (Wellsville) 5-1 Shaft Harrell (Webster), Kevin Bulling (East Rochester) 5-3 O'Fantom (29-4); Jason Sutton (Newark) 4:45 Oscar Gaines (Bolivar, 18-11)
- 119: Don Olds (Alfred-Almond) 1:27 Joe Chicino (East Rochester), Jason Knisely (Waterloo) 11-4 Olds (25-10); Felix Medero (McQuaid) 13-2 Luke Buchholz (Wellsville, 25-9)
- 132: Jay Plank (Alfred-Almond) 10-8 John Fugle (Lyndonville), Warren Jones (Bishop Kearney) 11-6 Plank (21-14)
- 138: Eric Killenbeck (Spencerport) 1:42 Justin Stone (Fillmore, 13-10)
- 155: Matt Leach (Brighton) 10-5 Eric Weierheiser (Fillmore, 20-6-1)
- 167: Matt Smith (Addison) 4:00 John Hennard (Wellsville, 22-6)

Saturday's final round of action:

"He hasn't been challenged," said Ninos. "I was honestly hoping one of these kids this weekend would push Kenny a little harder."

"Kenny has wrestled the best there is in Section 5 and he still doesn't know what pressure is."

"I'd like to have him be ready to go into some sort of defensive mode if he has to... to be in a position where he has to fight back." *2-25-91*

Porter was given the Ordway Award which honors the Most Outstanding Wrestler of the meet.

But for a while Saturday, Ninos didn't know if his winningest wrestler would make it to the final match.

"Kenny had gone out to dinner before the finals and when he got back to the gym, I know he threw up twice just before his match was called up."

Ninos needn't have worried as Porter rolled up an 8-0 lead before pinning Sanger.

JUST HOW much has Porter dominated his opposition this year?

Only Pembroke's Chad Smith has managed to score against him.

"I've had to convince Kenny that he can't afford to take anybody lightly," said Ninos. "Chad was a virtual unknown before Kenny saw him in the Class D meet last week."

Porter, however, should have a very clear picture of who and what kind of competition he'll see next week in the state championships.

Having wrestled most of this season at 155 and 145, Porter heads into the state meet as the top-ranked 145-pounder in the state.

Porter could see some familiar faces next weekend. *2-25-91*

Ranked just behind him at 145 is Kareeb Howard from Fowler.

Porter split with Howard in a pair of tournaments last summer.

And then there's John Spiegleman, who Porter beat, 12-5, for the state title last year. Porter also met Spiegleman in the finals of the freestyle event in the Empire State Games and won, 8-4.

OF 11 OTHER Big 30 wrestlers in action, only A's Ian Henderson (29-2) placed.

Henderson pinned Greece-Athena's Matt Baldasore in :38 to claim third place in the 250-pound class. Henderson lost to eventual champion Otha Davidson (34-1-1), getting pinned in 5:40. In earlier action, Henderson pinned Ken Wise (Canandaigua) in :45.

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