

Nine Warriors gain to semis in tourney

Nine Salamanca Warriors have reached today's semifinal matches in the annual Southern Tier Wrestling League championships in the Salamanca High gym.

A total of 16 teams from Divisions I and II are competing and the top three finishers in each weight class advance to next weekend's Section VI Qualifier at Williamsville North.

The winners there go on to Syracuse the following weekend for the state tournament.

Southern Tier action resumes today at 10 a.m. with two rounds of wrestlebacks and the semifinals are set to begin around noon.

The consolation round, for third and fourth place, will go off at about 6 p.m. today while the championships are set for 7:30.

Warriors advancing to the semifinals are brothers Eric and Marc Swiech at 112 pounds, Tom Mohr at 126, Chris Printup at 132, Mike Strauss at 145, Jim Quinn at 155, Joe Bierfeldt at 167 and brothers Myron Wilson at 177 and Jess at heavyweight.

Jess ran his season's string to 32-0 with a pair of pins as he took Bob Ronsca of Dunkirk in 4:07 and Skip Lynn of Westfield in just 34 seconds.

That carries him today against Phil Kutschke of Southwestern.

Myron drew a bye to pin Rich Haller of Frewsburg in 1:16 while Bierfeldt also sat out the first round and then took Brent Abbey of Falconer by 16-1.

Myron goes against Paul Wendell of Southwestern while Bierfeldt matches up against Tom Myers, also of Southwestern.

Eric Swiech, unable to beat out brother Marc during the season so he wrestled up a weight class, is down to 112 where he beat Dale Shaffer of Silver Creek by 15-4 and Paul Diaz of Pine Valley by 10-5.

Marc, also at 112, also scored a pair of pins in :46 over Bill Sharp of Maple Grove and in :54 over Mike Sprigg of Southwestern.

Strauss also pinned both his foes as he took Tim Sheldon of Pine Valley in 3:43 and Matt Johnson of Cassadaga Valley in 3:17.

Mohr also scored a pair of big wins as he pinned Craig Hawkins of Ripley in 3:50 and then took a technical fall (16-1) over Ken Hinkley of Maple Grove.

Printup also scored big with a 3:13 pin of Mike Ingersoll of Gowanda and a 13-5 decision over Shawn Arrance of Falconer.

Quinn, at 155, drew a first-round bye and then bested John Ellis of Pine Valley by 16-6.

Warriors heading into today's wrestlebacks are Steve Felt at 91 pounds, Travis Boardman at 132 and Dave Givens at 138.

Felt grabbed his third varsity win in taking third seed Lance Vickery of Westfield by 8-3 but he then lost to Nelson Irizzary of Dunkirk and today will take on Gary Fellows of Maple Grove.

Boardman pinned Jeff Smith of Silver Creek in 4:20 and then lost to Troy Little of Randolph and today first meets Warnick of Olean.

Givens blanked Mike Gabel of Gowanda by 16-0 (technical fall) and lost to Ferris El-Nasser of Fredonia

and meets Sandy Reale of Frewsburg.

Illness has taken some wrestlers out of the tournament, including Salamanca 105-pounder Shane Titus along with Chad Waddington of Falconer and Lefford.

Following are the tournament's semifinal pairings:

91—Tom Worth (OI) vs. Jim Pienta (Frews); Nelson Irizzary (Dunk) vs. Shawn Higbee (SW); 112—

98—Dennis Brown (CV) vs. Todd Carson (Falc); Bob Bennett (SW) vs. Mike Ruis (Dunk);

105—Jeff Prescott (OI) vs. Alan Bowen (West); Dave Mower (CV) vs. Scott Joslyn (MG);

112—Jim Nalbene (MG) vs. **Eric Swiech (Sala)**; Louis Fred (Dunk) vs. **Marc Swiech (Sala)**;

119—Todd Tuccio (MG) vs. Don Thierman (OI); Bill Young (Rand) vs. Joe Pagan (Dunk);

126—Ed Quiles (Dunk) vs. Tim Caldwell (Falc); Kevin Rice (CV) vs. **Tom Mohr (Sala)**;

132—Dave Freeman (Rip) vs. Troy Little (CV); Troy Nelson (Rand) vs. **Chris Printup (Sala)**;

138—Marty Nichols (CV) vs. Ferris El-Nasser (Fred); Tom Brennan (SC) vs. Brad Stinson (Falc);

145—Ray Norton (Falc) vs. Mike Sarr (MG); **Mike Strauss (Sala)** vs. Matt Eskehl (Falc);

155—Jim Burdick (Falc) vs. **Jim Quinn (Sala)**; Mike Berg (SW) vs. Mike Tudor (MG);

167—**Joe Bierfeldt (Sala)** vs. Tom Myers (SW); Mike Lundsten (Rand) vs. Mark Ingersoll (Gow);

177—**Myron Wilson (Sala)** vs. Paul Wendell (SW); Steve Leidich (CV) vs. Mike Giambrone (PV);

HWT—**Jess Wilson (Sala)** vs. Phil Kutschke (SW); Walter Waite (Rand) vs. Mike Norberg (CV);

UNI.—Greg Mikolajczyk (OI) vs. Doug Morley (Rand); Wes Johnson (MG) vs. Buddy Nolan (Fred);

