

Salamanca tourney begins today

Despite school closings across the state, the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament will be held this weekend as weigh-ins are from 1 to 4 p.m. today.

Wrestling in the seventh annual tournament gets underway at 5 p.m. today at the high school and continues at 11:30 p.m. Saturday with the consolations beginning at 7:30 p.m. and the finals to follow.

Yesterday morning, school officials switched one furnace from gas to oil that would allow enough heat to be dispersed to the gym and surrounding areas so the tournament could be held.

Salamanca School Superintendent William O. Valent said this morning that National Fuel Gas okayed the switch from gas to oil that would allow the school to be opened for the two-day tournament.

Tournament Director George Witcher said that because of the closing of school, Wellsville has withdrawn from the tournament. That school has a policy that if school is closed, the teams cannot participate in

any activities.

But all other schools were contacted yesterday and they said that if the roads were passable, the teams would be making the trip to Salamanca.

The rest of the 20-team field, besides Salamanca, includes Allegany, Cassadaga Valley, Cattaraugus, Falconer, Churchville-Chili, Frontier, Geneseo, Iroquois, Jamestown, Lake Shore, Maple Grove, Medina, Olean, Pioneer, Portville, Southwestern, Sweet Home, Warsaw and Xaverian.

Xaverian High School from Brooklyn arrived in town yesterday and the other schools are expected to be in town today.

Seedings were made Wednesday and may have to be switched some with the dropping-out of Wellsville but the top seeds in each weight class are as follows:

91 — Clar Anderson, Olean, 16-0-1; 100 — John McHugh, Sweet Home, 13-0; 105 — Kevin Richard, Geneseo, 13-0; 112 — Eric Simpson, Olean, 11-0; 119 — Seth Becker, Maple Grove, 16-2; 126 — Rich Notarmuzzi, Xaverian, 10-0; 132 —

Dave Tundo, Frontier, 14-0; 138 — Kyle Grunwald, Pioneer, 12-0; 145 — Chris Leichtweis, Olean, 17-0; 155 — Terry Miller, Portville, 11-0; 167 — Tim Prince, Maple Grove, 18-0-1; 177 — Dave Simon, Olean, 17-0-1; heavyweight — Jim Reinhardt, Xaverian, 12-1; unlimited — Dan Moran, Jamestown, 8-2.

Olean has four top seeds with Xaverian and Maple Grove each getting one. Salamanca has two

Sallies beat Portville for second time

PORTVILLE — Taking a big, 17-2, first quarter lead, the Salamanca High School Girls basketball team went on to win their fourth game of the season by crushing Portville 46-16 in a Cattaraugus County Girls Athletic Association game Thursday night.

The win made their record 4-1 on the

wrestlers seeded as Mike LoPresto is fourth at 105 pounds and Pete Lee is third at heavyweight.

Olean is the defending champion and will be facing a tough challenge, again, from Pioneer. Olean broke Pioneer's grip on the tournament title as Pioneer had won the championship three years in a row and tied with Portville in 1972.

Maple Grove is ranked in the top 20 high schools in New York State while Pioneer is listed at third place and Olean sixth in the same small high school poll.

Tundo won last year's Outstanding Wrestler award and is returning to defend his crown at 132 pounds.

LoPresto, Lee, Hart picked for Booster honors

One basketball player and two wrestlers were picked as 'Athletes of the