

# Allegany, Franklinville, Portville

## ★ make Southern Tier even tougher

18-team tourney starts  
Friday in Salamanca

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If you thought the annual Southern Tier League Wrestling Tournament was tough before, wait until action unfolds this weekend.

With the addition of Allegany, Franklinville and Portville — three schools that previously qualified for the Section 6 championships through the Tri-County or Expressway Conference tourneys — this year's Southern Tier event promises to be a real test.

Rest assured, wrestlers who advance to next weekend's Section 6 meet at Sweet Home will have earned the trip.

The top four finishers at each weight as well as an undetermined number of wild-card competitors will advance from the two-day event at Salamanca, which begins at 4:30 p.m. Friday. Saturday's action starts at 9:30 a.m. with the championship round tentatively set for 8 p.m.

"I THINK the addition of Allegany, Franklinville and Portville will make it that much tougher to qualify for the (Section 6) state qualifier," said Salamanca coach

### Big 30 wrestling

#### TIMES HERALD WRESTLING POLL

	W	L	T
1. Port Allegany.....	11	4	0
2. Franklinville.....	10	2	0
3. Olean High.....	10	2	0
4. Salamanca.....	8	4	0
5. Portville.....	8	4	0
6. Pioneer.....	8	3	0
7. Smethport.....	7	4	0
8. Co.....	5	4	1
9. Br.....	5	6	0
10. E.....	7	4	0

How many mention (listed alphabetically): none

and tournament director Rich Morton. "All three of those teams have quality kids that will raise the level of competition.

"When you consider the number of teams we have (18) and the geographic area they come from, there will be some extraordinarily strong weight classes."

And almost every team has a wrestler with aspirations of competing two weeks hence at the state tournament in Syracuse.

Jacob Schaus is one of them.

The Falconer senior sports a 28-0 record this year and will compete this weekend at 145 pounds.

Schaus, who boasts a career record of 156-20, placed third at states last year at 145. He was sixth at 126 pounds as a sophomore.

"Jacob is known for being pre-



Rich Morton



Joe Smith

pared," said Falconer coach Steve Penhollow. "He's a hard-working kid. At this stage of his career, he understands his goals.

"What he can't afford to do is look ahead and that's what we've concentrated on this week."

Like Morton, Penhollow agrees that the addition of Allegany, Franklinville and Portville will boost the caliber of competition this weekend.

"It makes our league stronger," he said. "We're always looking to send the very best kids to the Section 6 meet. Last year our league sent four kids onto the state tournament and several (others) lost in the sectional finals."

**ADDED OLEAN HIGH** coach Jim Myers, "It makes the league tougher, it makes qualifying tougher and it gives us more qualifiers."

Of course, Myers has a few

wrestlers on his own team who are strong candidates for a league crown and possibly more.

Matt Lindamer, a senior 119-pounder, placed third at the league meet last year and went on to place third at sectionals.

At 28-0, Lindamer is likely to be named the No. 1 seed for this weekend's league tournament.

"All of the kids that finished in front of him last year graduated," said Myers. "I think he's ready. He's wrestled real well this year and I think, barring an injury or major breakdown, he's got a good shot at making it to the state tournament."

Then there's 105-pounder Anthony Mariani (21-1), who avenged his only loss of the season (in the semifinals of the Portville Tournament) with a 17-second pin over Maple Grove's Matt Johnson in a dual meet two weeks ago.

Myers also expects solid performances from 167-pounder Trey Marra (25-4) as well as Shane Simpson (98 pounds, 20-11), Jeff Henning (126, 17-14) and Jeff Resiner (unlimited, 21-11).

**OF COURSE**, no coach at the weekend's tournament will appreciate being there more than Franklinville's Joe Smith.

"It's great competition," he said. "You know right up front who you're going to have to beat to get

to the state tournament.

"But then, to me, anything is better than the old Tri-County tournament. I just felt that was a waste of time (with only a handful of teams competing and few qualifiers advancing to sectionals).

"At least at this tournament," he added, "you're going to get some matches in ... quality matches that will help you next week."

And Smith is not without his own hopefuls.

Nate Chapman, a senior 167-pounder, is 27-2. Chad Caros takes a mark of 9-2 into the tournament, while Joe Sweet (91 pounds), Kyle Sweet (98), Louis Szabo (132) and Rod Kelly (138) have all rolled up 20-win seasons this year.

From Allegany, look for 138-pounder Matt Amore (27-1) to make his presence known as well as Erich Crisafulli (25-4) at 155.

Ryan Jordan (145 pounds, 31-3), Alan St. Clair (112, 27-7) and Jess McFall (heavyweight, 22-11) are expected to get high seeds from Portville.

"I see some of our other kids well," said Portville coach Joe Barbieri. "They'd have done extremely well, but they're capable of winning some matches."

"I think one of our kids who is ready is Brent Miller. He's come

back real strong after a mid-season injury."

Miller is 15-9 at 126 pounds.

**WELLSVILLE** 132-pounder Luke Buchholz is expected to get the No. 1 seed for the Section 5 Class B tourney at Palmyra-Macedon High School this weekend.

Buchholz (29-1) will no doubt be challenged by Irondequoit's Arkee Allen (28-0), a seventh-place finisher at 126 pounds at the state tournament last year.

The top four wrestlers from each weight advance to the Section 5 Supersectional Meet next weekend at Fairport.

Twenty schools will compete at Pal-Mac this weekend with championship round action set to begin at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Bolivar coach Mike Dunsmore looks for 112-pounder Codie Biswell (22-10), 138-pounder Jim White (21-10) and 155-pounder Shawn White (18-11) to receive heavy consideration at the Class D seeding meeting tonight.

Defending champion Canisteo and a strong contingent from Holley, which won the Genesee Region Tournament two weekends ago, are the pre-tourney favorites to capture the team title.

Fillmore's Josh Stone (119 pounds, 18-5) and Chad Allen (167, 15-8) could reach Fairport.

## Lots of talent at Southern Tier tourney

**Key:** Allegany (A), Cassadaga Valley (CV), Falconer (Fa), Franklinville (Fv), Fredonia (Fred), Frewsburg (Frew), Gowanda (G), Maple Grove (MG), Olean High (O), Panama (P), Pine Valley (PV), Portville (Po), Randolph (Ra), Ripley (Rip), Salamanca (S), Silver Creek (SC), Southwestern (Sw), Westfield (W)

### Fifth-place consolations finals

91: Rammelt (Rip) injury forfeit Hemphill (A)  
98: Hoffmire (Po) 2-0 Emborsky (S)  
105: Mariani (O) 5-1 Milovich (Sw)

112: Lindstrom (Sw) 4:15 Ribbing (Fa)  
119: Zeigler (Rip) 7-3 McKinsey (Frew)  
126: Henning (O) 14-3 Rowland (S)  
132: Callahan (Po) 3-2 Bisignano (Fa)  
138: Kelley (Fv) 3-0 Lippert (A)  
145: Lamb (Fa) 6-0 Irving (O)  
155: Snyder (Fv) forfeit Dorman (Rip)  
167: Wiegasz (CV) forfeit Cwanek (Ra)  
177: Gray (Frew) 4:40 Marra (O)  
215: Hallett (SC) :57 McLennan (Rip)

### Third-place consolation finals

91: Ryan Fralick (Fa) 13-5 B. Smith (W)  
98: Shane Simpson (O) inj.def. J.Molly (Frew)  
105: A. Diaz (Fred) 5-4 John DeBarbieri (Po)  
112: Alan St. Clair (Po) 5-0 Luke Ecker (P)  
119: Dennis Stein (PV) 9-2 T. Norlander (Fa)  
126: J. Pecuch (Frew) 4-2 OT J. Orloff (CV)  
132: Louis Szabo (Fv) forfeit Jim Reese (W)  
138: D. Rammelt (Rip) 8-1 W. Stanton (Frew)  
145: Frank Anastasia (A) pin R. Ewing (Rip)

155: Bill O'Dell (P) pinned Carlo Micelli (Sw)  
167: A. Harding (Fa) pinned B. Vebosky (MG)  
177: Miah Stanton (Frew) 7-2 Rich Chase (PV)  
215: Eric South (Sw) 4-2 Shan. Milliman (W)  
250: Jeff Resiner (Po) 10-3 Seth Garfield (SW)

### Championship Finals

91: Joe Sweet (Fv) 4-2 OT N. Rhenish (Sw)  
98: Brad Rowe (Rip) 16-3 Kyle Sweet (Fv)  
105: Jason Burch (P) 10-0 Ryan Bentley (Rip)  
112: Chad Caros (Fv) 7-0 John Inkley (Ra)  
119: Matt Lindamer (O) 6-3 J. Cunningham (W)  
126: Greg Bentley (Rip) 1:45 J. Fairbanks (Sw)  
132: Matt Amore (A) 5-4 Larry Bryant (Sw)  
138: Dave Bryant (P) 3-1 OT Ryan Jordan (Po)  
145: Jacob Schaus (Fa) 2:21 J. Mower (CV)  
155: Erich Crisafulli (A) 19-5 Seth Leising (G)  
167: Rob Dando (Fred) 4:44 N. Chapman (Fv)  
177: Chauncey Brace (S) 4:48 D. Hodges (Sw)  
215: Bob Breazeale (S) 6-4 Jess McFall (Po)  
250: Erin Putnam (Fa) 3:06 Dave Webb (Rip)