

# Two Titles Would Put Icing On Spartans' Perfect Season

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One by one, the Williamsville North wrestling team has achieved the goals it set for itself at the beginning of the season, and now but one remains.

"We want to send two people to the states," said Williamsville North Coach Bert Ernst. The Spartans, who have been ranked No. 1 all season in the Western New York Wrestling News/Coaches' Poll, will send 10 wrestlers to the Section VI championships this weekend at Williamsville North.

The Spartans achieved their latest goal Saturday at the Erie County Interscholastic Conference Division I-II tournament by placing six wrestlers in the finals, one more than their target of five.

Ernst's squad already had achieved its goals of winning all the tournaments it entered, going undefeated and winning its league championship.

Two Spartans — John Richardson at 145 pounds and Ron Fedkiw at 155 — are considered strong contenders to win at the sectionals. Brian Doyle (105), Bob Wittenzellner (119), Dan Bethke (126) and Mark Maines (215) also made the finals at the ECICs Saturday. The other Spartans who qualified for the sectionals are Andy Heymann (98), Jim Vrenna (132), Larry Stroh (167) and Terry Williams (167).

The sectionals begin at 6 p.m. Friday. Quarterfinals are at 11 a.m. Saturday, semifinals at 1 p.m. and finals start at 7:30 p.m.

Here's how Sal Incardona of the Western New York Wrestling News sizes up each weight class. It should be kept in mind, however, that this forecast was made before the pairings in each weight class were set.

91 — This and 145 are the two weight classes with the deepest talent. Olean junior Tom Wirth dropped two weight classes to win at the Southern Tier Tournament and has experience going for him. Frontier's Bill Page dropped one weight class to edge Maryvale's Bill Sarver, 7-5, in the ECIC I-II finals. Both are strong candidates, as is Grand Island's Nick Rastelli, who earned a wild-card berth after losing in the 98 finals at the NFL match. Too close to call.

98 — Roy-Hart sophomore Lou Roselli placed third at the states at 91 last year and is part of the strongest Niagara-Orleans League contingent at the sectionals in recent years. He and Cassadaga Valley's Dennis Brown are strongest contenders to make the finals. Dunkirk's Mike Ruiz and Kenmore East's Mike Endle round out the top four.

105 — Olean's Jeff Prescott, state champion at 98 last year, is the favorite to win at the states, as well as Saturday. Strong entrants include Doyle of Williamsville North, Chad Waddington of Falconer and Tim Chase of East Aurora.

112 — Maple Grove's Jim Nalbhone, a sectional runner-up two years ago and champion at 105 last

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year, is the favorite. He was the most outstanding wrestler of the Southern Tier tournament, decisioning Salamanca's Mark Swiech, 15-8. Albion's Todd Spencer is a close second. Relentless and quick Rob Petrozella of Kenmore East and experienced Chito Fred of Dunkirk are strong candidates.

119 — Too close to call. Albion's Rawn Mitchell, a sectional runner-up last year, seems to have peaked at the right time. Niagara-Wheatfield's John Newton, however, beat him, 3-0, early in the season. Sweet Home eighth grader Tom Shifflet has had an outstanding season and defeated Wittenzellner, 9-1, at the ECICs. Maple Grove's Todd Tuccio and Lancaster's John Cipolla will contend.

126 — Frontier's Ron Borowski has been the model of consistency all year and gets the nod. He defeated North's Bethke at the ECICs and there could be a rematch Saturday. Niagara-Wheatfield's Steve Wolanyk (down from 132) has an excellent chance.

132 — Look for Lockport's quick Lennox Gillon and Roy-Hart's Jim Johnson in the finals. The next two choices are Scott Rogers of Williamsville East, who is 26-1, and Salamanca's Chris Printup, who has come on late in the season.

138 — Cassadaga Valley's Marty Nichols might have made the states last year had he not made one mistake and been pinned in sectional final against Clarence's John Vesper. He's the solid favorite. Look for Sweet Home's John Eder, Starpoint's Kevin Gfroerer and sleeper Jerry Kowalik of Tonawanda, who came down two classes and won at the NFLs.

145 — A hotly contested class. Falconer's Ray Norton was runner-up to Kevin Boss last year, while North's John Richardson has been ranked No. 1 most of the season. Iroquois' Ethan Bosch, Williamsville South's Craig Galloway, Roy-Hart's Ken Coppella and Niagara-Wheatfield's Chris Incardona are worthy contenders.

155 — Top-ranked Ron Fedkiw of North is the favorite, having already beaten strong contender Tom Kostrzebski of Iroquois. Kostrzebski beat Lancaster's Chris Grazen in the ECICs. Also watch Jim Burdic of Falconer.

167 — Roy-Hart's Willie Cunningham, the elder statesman of the class, and Clarence's Dan Uhteg are the top two. Next are Gowanda's Mark Ingersol, who surprised a lot of people at the Southern Tier finals, and Jamestown's Joe McMurdy.

177 — The two favorites are Amherst's Dave Grabenstatter and Lancaster's Joe Zito. Grabenstatter handily upset Zito, 9-3, at the ECICs. Both are juniors, and a rematch would be one of the highlights Saturday. Salamanca's Myron Wilson and Iroquois' Ron Kostrzebski are strong contenders.

215 — Too close to call. Possible finalists are Salamanca junior Jess Wilson and Silver Creek's Dave Devito. Dean Gallagher of Kenmore West and Tom Terhart of Lackawanna round out a top four.

250 — Williamsville South junior Bill Schoenle (up from 215) has an excellent chance to win the title his brother, Brian, won last year. It's too close to call him the favorite, however. Jamestown's Tony Calamunci and Lew-Port's Jeff Lester will contend, and watch out for Olean's Greg Mikolajczyk.

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Hutch-Tech's boys' swim team completed its sixth straight undefeated season. The Engineers have won 56 straight dual meets since losing to Bennett in February 1980. Junior Mike Rubach has led the way. He recently set a city record in the 160-yard individual medley with a time of 1:41.11.

Other Engineers who have had outstanding seasons include junior John Swantek, who is unbeaten in the butterfly, senior Todd Schowl (freestyle), senior Keith Chambers (IM, backstroke and freestyle) and senior captain Jon Hackett (breaststroke). The Engineers will be looking to continue their dominance at the All-High meet Monday at the Koessler Athletic Center.

City Honors swimmers set four records in the Centaurs' last meet, a 140-57 win over Bennett that clinched the Syracuse Cup title for City Honors. The girls' medley relay team set a city record of 1:39.84, bettering the old mark of 1:41. Carol Willer won the 80 IM in 55:05, a school record. Alex Harwitz won the 60 free in 30.9, also a school mark. The girls' 160 free relay team won in a school-record 1:34.40.

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Lockport's girls' basketball squad had its closest game of the season Saturday against Sacred Heart in the final of the Lockport Tournament. The Lions (13-0), ranked No. 1 in the Buffalo News Girls' Cage Poll, won, 57-48, over second-ranked SHA.

Williams East (15-2) stretched its winning streak to 13 straight with a 36 win over Iroquois Thursday. The Flames have parlayed a balanced scoring attack into the ECIC Division II title. Sophomore guard Cheryl Steffan has been a key for us this season," says James Coach Mike Kelly. "She's developed after the first three or four games, and even though she's averaging about five points a game, she's the catalyst for us on the court."

Holley Martin, senior forward, has averaged 13.3 g. over the past 10 games, and junior forward Lynne Baschnagel is scoring 12 ppg. Steffan's emergence has allowed Kelly to put senior guard Donna Sokolski on the wing, where she is a deadly shooter. She's had 30 points the last two games.

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