

Wrestling

WNY RANKINGS

91: Bob Jackson (Sweet Home), Kevin Zack (Maryvale), tie-Chris Kumrow (Wmsv. South) and Anthony Arnold (Turner/Carrroll), tie-Mark Kessler (Ken-East) and Matt Dawson (Newfane).

98: Nick Rastelli (Grand Island), Bill Sarver (Maryvale), Dave Brainard (Falconer), tie-Matt Prelewicz (Tonawanda) and Todd Fragale (Roy-Hart).

105: Lou Rosselli (Roy-Hart), Mike Benca (Allegany), John Grzedzicki (Iroquois), tie-Kevin Abatessa (Lanc) and Brett Campanella (Kenmore West).

112: Jeff Prescott (Olean), Chad Waddington (Falconer), Phil Trippi (Maryvale), tie-Jim Ingle (Orchard Park) and Anthony Pulli (Niagara Falls).

119: Rob Pitruzzella (Kenmore East), Joe Pagan (Dunkirk), Eric Sweich (Salamanca), Mike Martino (Lancaster).

126: Bill Young (Randolph), Chuck Wall (St. Francis), Dan Bethke (Wmsv. North), tie-Mark Hall (Franklinville) and Mark Baehr (Roy-Hart).

132: Brian McGill (Cheektowaga), Sam Gray (Cattaraugus), Kevin McInnis (Sweet Home), tie-Kevin Day (Iroquois) and Mark Freda (Kenmore East).

138: Lennox Gillon (Lockport), Steve Wolanyk (Niag-Wheat.), Ron Barringer (Frontier), tie-Shawn Booth (Cattaraugus) and Ben Gilbert (Iroquois).

145: Ken Copella (Roy-Hart), Ferris El-Nasser (Fredonia), tie-Kevin Gfroerer (Starpoint) and Shane Carder (Pioneer), tie-Kevin Roe (Tonawanda) and Jim Vrenna (Wmsv. North).

155: Ethan Bosch (Iroquois), Jim Burdic (Falconer), Mike Brown (Cattaraugus), John Gianicchi (Orchard Park).

167: Joe Bierfeldt (Salamanca), John Feltz (St. Francis), Terry Green (Jamestown), tie-Rod May (Niagara Falls) and Paul Thiebeau (Iroquois).

177: Dave Grabenstatter (Amherst), Myron Wilson (Salamanca), Al Wooten (Niagara Falls), Joe McMurdy (Jamestown).

215: Joe Zito (Lancaster), Jess Wilson (Salamanca), Brian Spoth (Clarence), Frank Silvernail (Starpoint).

250: Bill Schoenle (Wmsv. South), Joe Muscarella (Sweet Home), Mark Lubs (Starpoint), Mark Maines (Wmsv. North).

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WNY WRESTLING NEWS/COACHES' POLL

1. Falconer
2. Salamanca
3. Lancaster
4. Iroquois
5. Sweet Home
6. Orchard Park
7. Clarence
8. Southwestern
9. Roy-Hart
10. *Wmsv. North
10. *Kenmore East

ECIC I-II

91: Bob Jackson (SH) d. Kevin Zack (Mar) 6-0 OT. 98: Bill Sarver (Mar) tch.fall Dave Moule (OP). 105: Kevin Abatessa (Lanc) d. Bill Page (Fron) 8-3. 112: Phil Trippi (Mar) d. Jim Ingle (OP) 2-1 OT. 119: Mike Martino (Lanc) d. Doug Berry (OP) 10-0. 126: Dan Bethke (WmNo) pinned Mark Digiulio (Lanc) 3:50. 132: Kevin McInnis (SH) d. Mike Cromer (LkSh) 6-2. 138: Ron Barringer (Fron) d. John Horn (OP) 3-2. 145: Jim Vrenna (WmNo) d. Pat Rao (SH) 7-5. 155: John Gianicchi (OP) pinned Dan McMurdy (Jtn) 3:44. 167: Terry Green (Jtn) d. Dave O'Brochta (OP) 5-2. 177: Dave Grabenstatter (Amh) d. Joe McMurdy (Jtn) 13-6. 215: Joe Zito (Lanc) pinned Jim Carey (WSE) 2:23. 250: Joe Muscarella (SH) d. Mark Maines (WmNo) 2-1. MVW: Bob Jackson (SH).

ECIC III-IV

91: Chris Kumrow (WmSo) pinned Gary Beckwith (Pion). 98: Boyd Dickson (Spr) d. Scott Nelson (Pion) 8-6. 105: John Grzedzicki (Iro) pinned Jason Bauda (Cheek). 112: Tim Chase (EA) d. Don Helmbrecht (Clar) 8-0. 119: Keith Dietsch (Eden) d. Mark Carroll (WmE) 9-6. 126: Kirk Weible (Clar) d. Rich Testa (WmSo) 12-8. 132: Brian McGill (Cheek) d. Kevin Day (Iro) 7-2. 138: Ben Gilbert (Iro) d. John Georger (Clar) 11-6. 145: Shane Carder (Pion) pinned John Ederer (Depew). 155: Ethan Bosch (Iro) pinned Tim Ellis (Clar). 167: Paul Thiebeau (Iro) d. Dave Gieger (Pion) 3-0. 177: Tom Kelkenberg (Clar) d. Matt Woolley (Pion) 4-3. 215: Brian Spoth (Clar) pinned Eric Eads (WmSo). 250: Bill Schoenle (WmSo) pinned Larry Smith (Holt). MVW: Tim Chase (EA).

Niagara Frontier League

91: Mark Kessler (KE) pinned Mike Jones (NW) 5:24. 98: Nick Rastelli d. Matt Prelewicz (Ton) crit. 2-2 OT. 105: Brett Campanella (KW) d. Bon Ho (Ton) 5-2. 112: Tony Pulli (NF) d. Bob Oaks (KW) 7-6. 119: Rob Pitruzzella (KE) tch.fall Rob Fire (Ton). 126: Jason

Caprio (NW) d. Dan Chatten (Ton) 10-4. 132: Mark Freda (KE) pinned Scott Thomas (NW) 2:26. 138: Lennox Gillon (Lock) d. Steve Wolanyk (NW) 5-2. 145: Kevin Roe (Ton) d. Daryl Burton (NF) 6-4. 155: Brian Carey (Ton) d. Tom Givin (LP) 16-5. 167: Rod May (NF) d. Luis Maldonado (Lock) 8-3. 177: Al Wooten (NF) pinned Craig Delt (Ton) 38. 215: Chris Drew (NT) d. Mike Harris (NF) 16-4. 250: Dan Nedell (Ton) d. Joe Kish (NW) 4-1. MVW: Rob Pitruzzella (KE).

Niagara Orleans League

91: Matt Dawson (New) pinned Rob Jacquelin (RH) 4:26. 98: Todd Fragale (RH) tch.fall Aaron Frey (Wll) 105: Lou Rosselli (RH) tch.fall Dave Conn (Alb). 112: Brian Southcott (Med) d. Kevin Regan (Ak) 11-8. 119: Nelson Colley (RH) d. Dave Lyndaker (RH) 5-3. 126: Mark Baehr (RH) d. Dave Pahuta (Alb) 5-3 OT. 132: Willie Moss (Alb) d. Todd Fragale (RH) 5-3. 138: Brian Cummings (Ak) d. Joe Finley (Stpt) 10-2 OT. 145: Ken Copella (RH) tch.fall Kevin Gfroerer (Stpt). 155: Kyle Hale (RH) d. Earl McCrey (Alb) 19-2. 167: Pat Christofer (Alb) def. Mike Harrison (Alb). 177: Henry Banks (Med) d. Matt Meizgoda (Ak) 14-7. 215: Frank Silvernail (Stpt) d. Carl Nesbitt (Alb) 6-2. 250: Mark Lubs (Stpt) pinned Sean O'Connor (New) 4:2. MVP: Brian Southcott (Med).

Southern Tier

91: Jarrett Scalise (Sowest) d. Jeff Lakewood (Ran) 5-4. 98: Dave Brainard (Falc) d. Todd Carson (Falc) 5-4. 105: Shawn Higley (Sowest) d. Mike Ruiz (Dun) 9-0. 112: Jeff Prescott (Olean) tch.fall Chad Waddington (Falc). 119: Joe Pagan (Dun) d. Scott Joslyn (MaGr) 9-6. 126: Bill Young (Ran) tch.fall Travis Boardman (Sal). 132: Tom Mohr (Sal) d. Chris Printup (Sal) 8-4. 138: Dave Nalbene (MG) d. Mike Strauss (Sal) 5-4. 145: Ferris El-Nasser (Fred) d. Brad Stimson (Falc) 13-8. 155: Jim Burdic (Falc) pinned Matt Johnson (CasVal) 2:25. 167: Joe Bierfeldt (Sal) d. John Ellis (CasVal) 17-3. 177: Myron Wilson (Sal) pinned Paul Windel (Sowest) 2:30. 215: Jess Wilson (Sal) pinned Tom Meyers (Sowest) 4:30. 250: Phil Kutschke (Sowest) pinned Pat Nolan (MaGr) 3:15. MVP: Joe Pagan (Dunkirk).

Tri-County

91: Matt Lippert (Alleg) d. Tony Standish (Frank) 8-0. 98: Ron Murray (Frank) def. Steve Lippert (Alleg). 105: Mike Benca (Alleg) d. Casey Bassier (Frank) 15-1. 112: Sean Putt (Alleg) d. Sam Barber (Frank) 17-4. 119: Brian Bowen (Port) d. Matt Hall (Frank) 7-2 OT. 126: Mark Hall (Frank) tch.fall Tony Castellani (Port) 17-2. 132: Sam Gray (Catt) pinned Ray Ryan (All) 5:59. 138: Shawn Booth (Catt) d. Tom Langdon (Alleg) 9-6. 145: Larry Orsini (Frank) pinned Jason Richardson (Catt) 3:19. 155: Mike Brown (Catt) d. Dave Moranski (Frank) 3-0. 167: Angelo Crisafulli (Alleg) d. Ed Miller (Catt) 11-0. 177: Jay Westfield (Catt) pinned Tony Caros (Frank) 5:43. 215: Lance Pauth (Alleg) pinned Mike McAuley (Frank) 3:01. 250: Guy Rogers (Frank) pinned Jeremy Evans (Catt) 3:22.

Girls' Bowling

BUFFALO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School	W	L	School	W	L
McKinley	32	4	City Honors	16	20
South Park			Grover	14	22
Hutch-Tech			Buffalo Arts	13 1/2	22 1/2
Tradition			Emerson	12	24
Kensington			Lafayette	6	30
Bennett			Riverside	0	36

Division I	W	L	Division II	W	L
Orchard Park			Wryvale	91	8
W. Sen. West*			pew	75	24
Lancaster			rence	67	32
W. Sen. East			uois	38	61
Wmsv. North*			verst	24	75
			v. East	2	97
Div. III	W	L	III	W	L
Cheektowaga	8		er	43	56
Lackawanna	6			34	75
Eden	63		South	0	99

Boys' Bowling

BUFFALO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School	W	L	School	W	L
Hutch-Tech	38			19	25
Traditional	33	1	rs	19	25
South Park	31	1		18	26
Seneca	28	16	n	18	26
McKinley	28	16	s	14	30
Emerson	25	19		13	31
Lafayette	20	24		4	40

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Division I	W	L	W	L	
W. Sen. East*	92	29	D. ew	80	
Orchard Park*	87	32	Clarence	71	
Frontier	74	47	Maryvale	59	
W. Seneca West	58	63	Iroquois	45	
Lancaster	54	67	Amherst	27	
Wmsv. North	33	78	Wmsv. East	13	
Sweet Home	29	92			
Div. III	W	L	Div. III	W	L
Pioneer	88	33	Eden	53	68
JFK	71	61	Wmsv. South	53	68
Cheektowaga	64	57	Clev Hill	46	75
Lackawanna	54	67			

Sectionals Likely to Produce Area's Best Mat Team Ever

By MARK GAUGHAN

Six wrestlers will try to earn repeat trips to the state finals this weekend at the 23rd Section VI Wrestling Championships at the University of Buffalo's Alumni Arena.

The section is looking to send its strongest team ever to the state meet in Syracuse March 6-7. Four of the section's six returning champions also were state titlists last year, and Section VI should be a strong contender to win its first ever state team crown.

All four defending state champs — Roy-Hart's Lou Rosselli, Olean's Jeff Prescott, Lancaster's Joe Zito and Williamsville South's Bill Schoenle — will be favorites this weekend, as will Lockport's Lennox Gillon, who placed sixth at the states last year. Salamanca's Jess Wilson, last year's 215-pound sectional champ, will have to upset Zito to earn a return ticket to Syracuse.

The sectionals begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday. The quarterfinals are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, semifinals at 12:30 p.m., consolation finals at 6 p.m. and finals at 7:30 p.m.

Here's how Sal Incardona of the Western New York Wrestling News sizes up each weight class:

91 — Look for a rematch between Sweet Home's Bob Jackson and Maryvale's Kevin Zack in the final. Jackson avenged an early season loss to Zack by winning a 6-0 overtime decision in the Erie County Interscholastic Conference I-II finals Saturday.

98 — This weight class and 119 probably are the two most competitive and toughest to call. Grand Island's Nick Rastelli defeated Tonawanda's Matt Prelewicz on a 2-2 criteria decision at the Niagara Frontier League finals. Maryvale's Bill Sarver and Falconer's Dave Brainard would be no surprise to reach the final. Rastelli vs. Sarver is the pick.

105 — How tough is Roy-Hart's Rosselli? There only were three wrestlers entered in the 105 class at the Niagara-Orleans League finals. He should beat Iroquois' John Grzedzicki in the final. Ken-West's Brett Campanella upset Tonawanda's Bon Ho in the NFL final. Allegany's Mike Benca was runner-up at 91 last year and can't be over-

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looked.

112 — Olean's Jeff Prescott (33-0) is the heavy favorite to win his fourth straight sectional crown and go for his third straight state title next week. He has won a state-record 113 straight matches. He defeated Falconer's Chad Waddington Saturday, and may meet him again in the final. Maryvale's Phil Trippi, a runner-up last year, got a scare from Orchard Park's Jim Ingle but won at the ECICs.

119 — Kenmore East's Rob Pitruzzella, the NFL tournament most valuable wrestler, and Dunkirk's Joe Pagan, Southern Tier MVW, are the picks for the final by virtue of their experience. Pitruzzella beat Tonawanda's Rob Fire Saturday, while Pagan upset Salamanca sophomore Eric Sweich and Maple Grove's Scott Joslyn.

126 — Randolph's unbeaten Bill Young (33-0) vs. Franklinville's Mark Hall (29-2), whose only losses are to a Pennsylvania champion.

132 — Cheektowaga's unbeaten Brian McGill vs. Cattaraugus' Sam Gray. Gray upset Allegany's Ray Ryan with a pin at 5:59 Saturday. Ryan was 126 runner-up last year. Watch for Roy-Hart's Mark Baehr and Williamsville North's Dan Bethke.

138 — Lockport's Gillon could face a rematch with Niagara-Wheatfield's Steve Wolanyk (who he defeated, 5-2, Saturday) or meet Frontier's Ron Barringer or Cattaraugus' Shawn Booth. A reversal in the final two seconds gave Barringer a 3-2 win over Orchard Park's Paul Horn Saturday.

145 — The favorite is Roy-Hart senior Ken Copella, who made the finals as a sophomore and lost to Carl Gattuso, now at UB. Copella is down from 155. Pioneer's Shane Carder, Tonawanda's Kevin Roe, Dunkirk's Ferris El-Nasser and Williamsville North's Jim Vrenna will contend.

155 — Iroquois' Ethan Bosch vs. Falconer's Jim Burdic in the final. Watch for Cattaraugus' Mike Brown (17-3), who missed part of the year with an injury.

167 — Salamanca's Joe Bierfeldt

is favored to edge Jamestown's Terry Green.

177 — Amherst's Dave Grabenstatter, unbeaten and bound for Lock Haven, is the strong favorite to win the title that slipped away to Zito last year. Watch for strong Al Wooten of Niagara Falls and Salamanca's Myron Wilson.

215 — A great wrestler will be sitting home for the state meet, and it probably will be Salamanca's Jess Wilson. He'll be the underdog against Zito. The Lancaster senior, an All-WNYer in football, defeated Wilson, 9-6, at the Sweet Home Tournament. Clarence's Brian Spoth has had an excellent season and has been ranked third all year.

250 — No one can touch Schoenle.

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Darlene Ward of Depew scored a school-record 39 points in a 71-27 win over Cheektowaga Friday and crossed the 1,000-point mark for her career.

St. Mary's School for the Deaf won its third straight title at the Eastern Schools for the Deaf Tournament in Vermont with a 57-37 win over Rome in the final. Melissa John had 17 points and 13 rebounds for the Saints.

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SWIMMING: The Section VI championships will be held at Cheektowaga High, not UB's Alumni Arena, on March 5-7. Section VI Chairman Fred Compertore said UB officials refused the section because of a lack of locker room space. The NCAA Division III wrestling championships are being held at Alumni Arena the same weekend.

East Aurora rose to No. 3 this week by virtue of its 52-31 victory over Orchard Park. East Aurora's Mitch Derrick edged Orchard Park's Mark Downey in both the 200 and 500 freestyles. The Blue Devils' Jeff Ferner and Scott Rudnicki took 1-2 in the 50 freestyle. Tom Mann and Dave Fahrenholtz went 1-2 in the 100 free, while Brian Dowdall went 57.2 in the backstroke. East Aurora also took 1-2 in the free relay, with times of 3:23 and 3:27.

No. 2 Jamestown defeated No. 4 Hamburg, 46-37. Jamie Holt (50, 100 free) and Tom Kiddoo (200, 500 free) each were double winners for the unbeaten Red Raiders.

What's in fashion this week . . .