



Prescott Goes For Four

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Olean High School's Jeff Prescott will be out to win his fourth title and six other wrestlers will be looking to defend their championships when the Southern Tier League Division I-II Tournament gets under way Friday at Salamanca.

Prescott (30-0), gunning for his third straight state championship, is one of only two undefeated wrestlers in the two-day showcase, which advances the top three finishers in each weight class and 14 wildcard wrestlers to the Section 6 qualifier next Friday and Saturday in Buffalo. The only other wrestler boasting an unblemished ledger is Randolph junior Billy Young, 29-0. **2-19-87**

Also back to defend their titles are Salamanca's Tom Mohr, Chris Printup, Myron Wilson and Jess Wilson, Cassadaga Valley's Dennis Brown, and Falconer's Jim Burdic.

Wrestling will begin at 4:30 p.m. Friday. Saturday's rounds will start at 10 a.m. with the semifinals booked for noon, the consolation finals for 6:30 p.m. and the championship finals for 7:30.

Following is a capsule look at the leading contenders:

Cassadaga Valley (10-3): Returning champ and Section 6 third-place finisher Dennis Brown (jr., 19-7) will be at 119 and is one of three CV matmen expected to contend. The other two, both fourth a year ago, are senior Kevin Rice (19-5-2) at 132 and junior Matt Johnson (19-5-2) at 155.

Dunkirk (6-8): Sophomores Nelson Iri-

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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING POLL
The Times Herald weekly Big 30 wrestling rankings:

WLT	WLT
1. Salamanca 12-2-0	6. Franklinville 13-1-0
2. Ridgway 13-3-0	7. Gowanda 11-4-0
3. Brockway 11-4-0	8. St. Marys 9-6-0
4. Allegany 11-2-0	9. Pt. Allegany 13-2-0
5. Pioneer 8-4-0	10. Cattaraugus 10-3-1

Honorable mention (listed alphabetically): Bradford High (8-7), Johnsonburg (7-8), Kane (8-6), Smethport (8-9), Randolph (7-6-1).

zary (21-6) at 91 and Tony Quiles (19-3-1) at 126, junior Bob Lamanski (18-10) at 112, and seniors Mike Ruiz (20-4) at 98, Dave Ruiz (13-6) at 105, Joe Pagen (7-1) at 119 and Bob Ronska (15-8) at 215 hold Dunkirk's best hopes.

Falconer (13-2): The Division I champs boast a powerful lineup that includes 20-match winner Burdic at 177, returning tournament runner-up Brad Stimson (145) and 177-pounder Brent Abbey. Head coach Bill Davenport (16 years without a losing season) also has a trio of lightweights that could make the finals — Todd Carson and David Brainard, both at 98, and Chad Waddington (21-5) at 112.

Fredonia (10-4): The Division II champions (9-0) are headed by senior Ferris ElNasser (29-1-1) at 145, sophomore David Zlotchew (19-5) at 98, and junior Pete Tacy (19-8) at 138. ElNasser has lost only to Cattaraugus' Shawn Booth.

Frewsburg (0-14): Sophomore 98-pounder Rich Reale and senior 119-pounder Dan Luce key Frewsburg.

Gowanda (11-4): Freshmen lightweights Sam Menshall (21-4) at 91 pounds and Jamie Kota (19-6) at 98, where he's undefeated in six matches, should be among the top finishers. Others who should challenge are eighth-grader Lonny Gabel (18-9) at 105, senior Dan Kusowski (18-2) and Jim Herniman (18-6) at 126, sophomore Mike Gable (19-7) at 145, and Ron Logan (15-3) at 167. **2-19-87**

Maple Grove (5-8-1): Three tough middleweights, junior Scott Joslyn (23-3) at 119, senior Ken Hinkley (16-7) at 132 and junior Dave Nalbene (18-6) at 138, have been the best in a below-par season for coach Curt Micelli. Sophomore Pat Nolan (17-6) looks strong in a weak unlimited class.

Olean High (0-14): In addition to Prescott (110 straight wins), senior Bill Buckner (20-9-2) at 126 is the team's next best leading candidate.

Panama (3-9): Division II champ Todd Swanson (21-3-2) may be the best at 112 behind Prescott. Three others, seniors Doug Baldwin (19-6) at 126 and Bert Jackson (20-4-1) at 145, and 155-pound junior Mike Watson (19-4), were each third in the Division II tournament.

Pine Valley (3-10): Senior 167-pounder John Ellis (15-2), third the past two Southern Tier tournaments, ranks as one of the best in the league but has the ominous task of being in the same class at Salamanca's Joe Bierfeldt and Burdic.

Randolph (7-6-1): Young (29-0) is the cream of the crop in a tough weight class, and along with brother Brad (sr., 20-9) at 145, provide Randolph with two excellent sectional qualifiers.

Ripley (5-7-1): Returning runner-up David Freeman (sr., 18-3) is recovering from arthroscopic knee surgery in December, but is expected to challenge for the 132-pound title. Sophomore Paul Abate (21-4) at 112 and freshman Mike Gresh (19-6) at 119 are others to watch.

Salamanca (12-2): Last year Salamanca advanced 11 wrestlers to the state qualifier. It could come close to that figure again. In addition to returning champs Mohr (24-7) at 132, Printup (23-7), also at 132, Myron Wilson (26-2) at 177 and Jess Wilson (27-1) at 215, there are four other 20-match winners — Eric Swiech (24-4-1) at 119, Travis Boardman (25-4-1) at 126, Mike Strauss (23-8) at 138 and Joe Bierfeldt (26-3) at 167. **2-19-87**

Silver Creek (2-9): Best bets are junior Tim Gunther (14-6) at 98, sophomore Chris Oakley (20-8) at 155 and senior Scott Crino (17-3).

Southwestern (12-2): No real standouts but a balanced lineup that features Jarret Scalise (fr., 22-8) at 91, Bob Bennett (soph., 25-6) at 112, John Guarnier (sr., 24-8) at 126, Alan Higley (soph., 25-7) at 138, Jim McTavish (sr., 23-11) at 145, and Tom Meyers (jr., 27-7) at 215.

SECTION VI WRESTLING

CHAMPIONSHIPS SEEDINGS

Friday-Saturday at UB Alumni Arena

91 — 1-Bob Jackson, Sweet Home (28-3); 2-Chris Kumrow, Wmsv. South (23-3); 3-Mark Kessler, Ken-East (30-3); 4-Jarrett Scallise, Southwestern (25-8); 5-Matt Dawson, Newfane (21-7); 6-Matt Lippert, Allegany (12-2). **2-26-87**

98 — 1-Bill Sarver, Maryvale (30-3); 2-Nick Rastelli, Grand Island (18-1-1); 3-Dave Brainard, Falconer (17-5); 4-Todd Fragale, Roy-Hart (20-10); 5-Ron Murray, Franklinville (24-6); 6-Boyd Dixon, Springville (20-2).

105 — 1-Lou Rosselli, Roy-Hart (28-0); 2-Mike Benca, Allegany (23-1); 3-John Grzedzicki, Iroquois (19-2); 4-Kevin Abatesse, Lancaster (25-5); 5-Shawn Higbee, Southwestern (20-5); 6-Brett Campanella, Ken-West (24-10).

112 — 1-Jeff Prescott, Olean (30-0); 2-Phil Trippi, Maryvale (29-4-1); 3-Anthony Pulli, Niagara Falls (17-5); 4-Brian Southcott, Medina (27-5-2); 5-Tim Chase, East Aurora (24-1); 6-Shawn Putt, Allegany (16-7).

119 — 1-Rob Pitruffella, Ken-East (30-3-1); 2-Joe Pagan, Dunkirk (11-1); 3-Mike Marino, Lancaster (29-5); 4-Nelson Colley, Roy-Hart (23-6-1); 5-Brian Bowen, Portville (25-5); 6-Keith Dietsch, Eden (12-8).

126 — 1-Bill Young, Randolph (33-0); 2-Dan Bethke, Wmsv. North (23-0); 3-Mark Hall, Franklinville (29-2); 4-Mark Baehr, Roy-Hart (24-6-1); 5-Jason Caprio, Niagara-Wheatfield (28-6); 6-Kirk Weible, Clarence (23-4). **2-26-87**

132 — 1-Brian McGill, Cheektowaga (30-0); 2-Tom Mohr, Salamanca (27-7); 3-Kevin McInnis, Sweet Home (31-3); 4-Sam Grey, Cattaraugus (19-4-1); 5-Will Moss, Albion (22-3); 6-Marc Frede, Ken-East (30-3-1).

138 — 1-Lennox Gillon, Lockport (19-0); 2-Shawn Booth, Cattaraugus (25-2); 3-Ron Barringer, Frontier (25-1); 4-Dave Nalbene, Maple Grove (25-6); 5-Ben Gilbert, Iroquois (19-4); 6-Brian Cummings, Akron (22-6-2).

145 — 1-Farris El-Nasser, Fredonia (32-1-1); 2-Jim Vrenna, Wmsv. North (30-3); 3-Shane Carder, Pioneer (25-4); 4-Kevin Roe, Tonawanda (24-4-1); 5-Ken Copella, Roy-Hart (25-3); 6-Larry Orsini, Franklinville (20-5).

155 — 1-Jim Burdic, Falconer (26-3-1); 2-Ethan Bosch, Iroquois (30-1); 3-Mike Brown, Cattaraugus (17-3); 4-John Gianicchi, Orchard Park (27-3-1); 5-Brian Carey, Tonawanda (24-8); 6-C.J. Hale, Roy-Hart (15-13).

167 — 1-Joe Bierfeldt, Salamanca (28-3); 2-Rod May, Niagara Falls (24-1); 3-Terry Green, Jamestown (27-4); 4-Angelo Crisafulli, Allegany (22-2); 5-Paul Thibault, Iroquois (23-4); 6-Pat Christopher, Albion (14-5).

177 — 1-Dave Grabenstatter, Amherst (31-0); 2-Myron Wilson, Salamanca (30-2); 3-Al Wooten, Niagara Falls (22-2-1); 4-Matt Niezgod, Akron (16-6); 5-Tom Kelkenberg, Clarence (25-3). **2-26-87**

215 — 1-Joe Zito, Lancaster (31-0); 2-Jess Wilson, Salamanca (28-1); 3-Brian Spoth, Clarence (26-2); 4-Chris Drew, North Tonawanda (16-2); 5-Lance Paugh, Allegany (25-2); 6-Frank Silvernail, Starpoint (24-4).

250 — 1-Bill Schoenle, Wmsv. South (14-1); 2-Joe Muscarella, Sweet Home (20-4-1); 3-Mark Lubs, Starpoint (8-2); 4-Guy Rogers, Franklinville (17-5); 5-Dave Nedell, Tonawanda (8-4); 6-Phil Kutschke, Southwestern (13-8).

Westfield (9-5): Top wrestlers are junior John Kimbel (16-6) at 138 and senior Charles Hunt (19-3) at 215.

MAT MATTERS: The Tri-County League Tournament — Allegany, Cattaraugus, Franklinville and Portville — is Friday, starting at 5:30 p.m. in Cattaraugus. Only the winners and one wildcard selection will advance to the Section 6 state qualifier. Returning to defend their titles are Allegany's Mike Benca and Ray Ryan, Franklinville's Casey Vassar and Matt Hall, and Cattaraugus' Sam Grey, Mike Brown and Shawn Booth. The finals are set for 7:30 p.m. . . . Four wrestlers from each weight class will advance to the Section 5 championship Feb. 28 at Brockport State from this Friday and Saturday's class tournaments. Wellsville (Class B) will be at East Rochester (4 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. Saturday) and Alfred-Almond and Bolivar (Class B) will be at Genesee State.

WRESTLING

SECTION VI CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Alumni Arena

SEMIFINAL MATCHES — 91 — Bob Jackson (Sweet Home) d. Matt Dawson (Newfane) 11-0; Matt Lippert (Allegany) d. Chris Kumrow (Wmsv. South) 8-5. 98 — Todd Carson (Falconer) d. Matt Prelewicz (Tonawanda) 5-2; Nick Rastelli (Grand Island) d. Dave Brainard (Falconer) 3-1. 105 — Lou Rosselli (Roy-Hart) pinned Kevin Abatesse (Lancaster) 3-40; Bill Page (Frontier) d. Mike Benca (Allegany) 5-2. 112 — Jeff Prescott (Olean) d. Bob Ochs (Ken-West) 19-4; Chad Waddington (Falconer) d. Phil Trippi (Maryvale) 6-2. **2-26-87**

119 — Rob Pitruffella (Ken-East) technical fall Nelson Colley (Roy-Hart) 5:52; Joe Pagan (Dunkirk) d. Mike Barbera (Ken-West) 18-2. 126 — Mark Baehr (Roy-Hart) d. Bill Young (Randolph) 8-7; Dan Bethke (Wmsv. North) d. Mark Hall (Franklinville) 5-4. 132 — Brian McGill (Cheektowaga) d. Will Moss (Albion); Kevin McInnis (Sweet Home) d. Marc Frede (Ken-East) 1-0 OT. 138 — Lennox Gillon (Lockport) d. Dave Nalbene (Maple Grove) 10-2; Steve Wolanek (Niag.-Wheat.) d. Shawn Booth (Cattaraugus) 8-1.

145 — Ken Copella pinned Dave Mascio (Lake Shore) 3:32; Shane Carder (Pioneer) d. Darryl Burton (Niag. Falls) 9-3. 155 — Jim Burdic (Falconer) d. John Gianicchi (Orch. Park) 9-2; Ethan Bosch (Iroquois) pinned Matt Johnson (Cass. Valley) 1:23. 167 — Luis Maldonado (Lockport) d. Joe Bierfeldt (Salamanca) 6-5; Rod May (Niagara Falls) d. Terry Green (Jamestown) 10-0. 177 — Dave Grabenstatter (Amherst) tech. fall Todd Forringer (Lew-Port) 3:34; Myron Wilson (Salamanca) d. Al Wooten (Niagara Falls) 1-0 OT.

215 — Joe Zito (Lancaster) tech. fall Tom Meyers (So'western) 4:40; Jess Wilson (Salamanca) pinned Michael Harris (Niagara Falls) 1:36. 250 — Bill Schoenle (Wm. South) pinned Phil Skutschke (So'western) 4:2; Joe Muscarella (Sweet Home) d. Mark Lubs (Starpoint) 4-3. **3-1-87**

Finals — 91 — Jackson (Sweet Home) d. Lippert (Allegany) 17-4. 98 — Carson (Falconer) d. Rastelli (Grand Island) 4-2. 105 — Rosselli (Roy-Hart) pinned Page (Frontier) 2-42. 112 — Prescott (Olean) pinned Waddington (Falconer) 2-45. 119 — Pagan (Dunkirk) d. Pitruffella, 11-10. 126 — Baehr (Roy-Hart) d. Bethke (Wmsv. North) 7-6. 132 — McGill (Cheektowaga) d. McInnis (Sweet Home) 8-1. 138 — Gillon (Lockport) d. Wolanek (Niag.-Wheat.) 1-0 OT. 145 — Copella (Roy-Hart) d. Carder (Pioneer) 7-5. 155 — Bosch (Iroquois) d. Burdic (Falconer) 3-2. 167 — May (Niagara Falls) d. Maldonado (Lockport) 6-5. 177 — Grabenstatter (Amherst) d. Myron Wilson (Salamanca) 5-4. 215 — Zito (Lancaster) d. Jess Wilson (Salamanca) 7-6. 250 — Schoenle (Wmsv. South) pinned Muscarella (Sweet Home) 5:53.