

Two state champions among 14 of high school wrestling's top stars in Rochester area

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The members of the *Democrat and Chronicle's* first-ever all-star wrestling team have been teammates before.

All 14 represented Section 5 at the state high school tournament in Syracuse three weeks ago.

As a group they nearly claimed the state championship for Sec. 5. They failed when Sec. 11 (Long Island) came from behind in the last four matches to claim the team title by just 4½ points, 215½-211.

"I was surprised by these kids," East Rochester Coach Don Quinn said this week. "I thought we (Sec. 5) had a pretty good team, but I didn't think we'd do as well as we did.

"I didn't figure we'd take eight to the finals," the *Democrat and Chronicle* Coach of the Year added. "I don't think we've ever done that before ... I don't think anyone has done that before."

Two of the *Democrat and Chronicle's* all-stars — Canandaigua's 119-pound Marty King and Pittsford's 250-pound John Brennan — were state champions. Six others were state finalists.

Those second-place finishers were Canandaigua's Butch Hibbard (98 pounds) and Paul Lamphier (105), McQuaid's Bob Zoeke (91), Spencerport's John Suhr (145), Brighton's Brian Kurlander (155) and East Rochester's Chris Schojan (177).

Angelo DeAngelis of Spencerport placed third in the state at 132 pounds, Steve Salzman of Brighton was fourth at 167 and Canandaigua's T.J. Mincer finished fifth at 138.

Rounding out the *Democrat and Chronicle's* all-star team are Ted Pittinaro (112) of Webster Schroeder, Tim Quinn (126) of East Rochester and Steve Matthews (215) of Le Roy.

Eight of those 14 individuals will return next year, too.

"Never in all the years I've been here have we had this many

underclassmen (reach the state meet)," said Quinn, who has coached at ER for 25 years. "I think it's because so many teams go out and get good competition. Canandaigua goes all over, we go all over, Spencerport's not afraid to wrestle anyone, McQuaid will travel and Brighton's got an excellent program."

Canandaigua, which finished the season ranked behind No. 1 East Rochester and No. 2 Spencerport in the *Democrat and Chronicle* poll of Sec. 5 teams, placed six individuals on the all-star team. In addition to four first-team members, the Braves had seniors Dan Scheele (126) and John Bradshaw (250) picked for the second team.

East Rochester, the *Democrat and Chronicle's* Team of the Year, had three all-stars. Tony Rossi, a 215-pound senior named to the second team, joins Tim Quinn and Schojan.

East Rochester, a seven-time Section 5 champion, finished the season with an 11-2 dual-meet record. The Bombers defeated Canandaigua (13-5) in the regular-season finale, 24-23.

"I was very happy with our season," Quinn said. "We lost our first two times out (against Sec. 3's Fulton and New Hartford), but after that we just kept getting better."

Fulton (17-0) finished the season ranked No. 1 in the state sportswriters' poll, New Hartford (12-2) was No. 9, East Rochester No. 10 and Canandaigua No. 11.

Here's a look at each of the first-team all-stars:

Bob Zoeke — 91-pound McQuaid junior ... 37-3 record ... Sec. 5 Class A champ ... second in state ... 69-9 career record ... Empire State Games silver medalist ... National AAU Junior Olympics champion.

Butch Hibbard — 98-pound Canandaigua sophomore ... 31-1 record ... Sec. 5 Class A champion ... second in state ... fourth in state as frosh ... 62-6-1 career record ... Empire Games gold medalist ... United States Wrestling Federation national champion.

Paul Lamphier — 105-pound Canandaigua sophomore ... 31-6 record ... Sec. 5 Class A champion ... second in state ... fourth in state as frosh.

Ted Pittinaro — 112-pound Schroeder senior ... 30-4 record ... third in Sec. 5 Class A tournament ... two-time Sec. 5 champion ... two-time Monroe County League champion ... 94-20 career record ... interested in University of Buffalo, Ithaca, Bloomsburg State and Morrisville.

Marty King — 119-pound Canandaigua junior ... 39-0-1 record ... four-time Sec. 5 champion ... state champion ... fourth in state as sophomore, third as freshman, second as eighth-grader ... 139-10-1 career record ... Empire Games gold medalist.

Tim Quinn — 126-pound ER junior ... 31-6 record ... second in Sec. 5 Class C tournament ... state qualifier ... 96-35-1 career record ... son of Coach of the Year Don Quinn.

Angelo DeAngelis — 132-pound Spencerport senior ... 34-2-1 record ... second in Sec. 5 Class A tournament ... state qualifier ... third in state ... 86-18-3 career record ... interested in Alfred Tech and Delhi.

T.J. Mincer — 138-pound Canandaigua senior ... 28-4 record ... second in Sec. 5 Class A tournament ... state qualifier ... fifth in state ... 84-8 career record ... Brockport State, Cortland State and Morrisville among schools showing interest.

John Suhr — 145-pound Spencerport junior ... 35-1 record ... Sec. 5 Class A champion ... second in state ... 85-13-1 career record.

Brian Kurlander — 155-pound Brighton junior ... 35-2 record ... Sec. 5 Class A champion ... second in state ... County tournament champion ... 53-9 career record.

Steve Salzman — 167-pound Brighton senior ... 34-5 record ... Sec. 5 Class A champion ... fourth in state ... County tournament champion ... 66-19 career record ... interested in Yale, Columbia and Cornell.

Chris Schojan — 177-pound ER sophomore ... 37-2 record ... Sec. 5 Class C champion ... second in state ... County tournament champion ... 58-11 career record.

Steve Matthews — 215-pound Le Roy senior ... 36-4 record ... Sec. 5 Class C champion ... state qualifier ... 75-9 career record ... interested in St. Lawrence.

John Brennan — 250-pound Mendon senior ... 35-1 record ... second in Sec. 5 Class A tournament ... state champion ... 67-7 career record ... All-Greater Rochester football player ... interested in Army, Navy and Lehigh.



Bob Zoeke



Butch Hibbard



Paul Lamphier



Ted Pittinaro



Marty King



Tim Quinn



Angelo DeAngelis



T.J. Mincer



John Suhr



Brian Kurlander



Steve Salzman



Chris Schojan



Steve Matthews



John Brennan



Don Quinn

WRESTLING ALL-STARS

FIRST TEAM

Wrestler	School	Yr.	Wt.	Record
Bob Zoeke	McQuaid	Fr.	91	37-3
Butch Hibbard	Canandaigua	So.	98	31-1
Paul Lamphier	Canandaigua	So.	105	31-6
Ted Pittinaro	Schroeder	Sr.	112	30-4
Marty King	Canandaigua	Jr.	119	39-0-1
Tim Quinn	E. Rochester	Jr.	126	31-7
Angelo DeAngelis	Spencerport	Sr.	132	34-2-1
T.J. Mincer	Canandaigua	Sr.	138	28-4
John Suhr	Spencerport	Jr.	145	35-1
Brian Kurlander	Brighton	Jr.	155	35-2
Steve Salzman	Brighton	Sr.	167	34-5
Chris Schojan	E. Rochester	So.	177	35-2
Steve Matthews	Le Roy	Sr.	215	36-4
John Brennan	Pittsford	Sr.	250	35-1

Coach of the year: Don Quinn (East Rochester)

Team of the year: East Rochester

SECOND TEAM

Wrestler	School	Yr.	Wt.	Record
Kevin Bishop	Greece Athena	So.	91	28-2
Jim Lupisella	Brockport	Fr.	98	21-8
John Young	Livonia	Sr.	105	33-3
Jim Santini	Fairport	Sr.	112	17-2-1
Jon Blauvelt	Brighton	Jr.	119	28-6-1
Dan Scheele	Canandaigua	Sr.	126	29-7
John Leone	Penfield	Sr.	132	29-1-2
Gary Kozlowski	Spencerport	Sr.	138	23-6
Phil St. George	Brockport	So.	145	30-6
Jerry Walter	Fairport	Sr.	155	17-4
David Lanzatella	McQuaid	Sr.	167	35-3
Mike Hughes	Geneseo	Sr.	177	32-1
Tony Rossi	E. Rochester	Sr.	215	28-4
John Bradshaw	Canandaigua	Sr.	250	22-8-2