Grapplers to Converge on Canandaigua

Braves Look Forward to Tourney

The Canandaigua wrestling team will get a chance to see if they're as tough as their 5-0 record indicates as they host the fifth annual Robert Bradshaw Memorial Wrestling tournament this weekend at the Community College of the Finger Lakes.

Among the top contenders of the 16 team, double elimination tournament will be, of course, Canandaigua, Fulton, Irondequoit, Brockport, Olean, and a team from Athens, Pa. Other teams that will be represented include East Rochester, Watertown, Glens Falls, Queensbury, Ossining, Ithaca, Lancaster, Spencer VanEtten, Victor and Wayne Central.

Canandaigua wrestling coach Weldon Canough sees the tournament as a testing ground for his grapplers.

"If you do well in this tournament," said Canough, "like first or second, you stand a good chance of going to the State Tournament. If we wrestle well, five or six of our guys will probably go to the states."

Last year's Bradshaw tournament produced three state champions, two state runner ups, including Canandaigua's T.J. Mincer, one third place winner and two fourth place winners, one being Matt King, also of Canandaigua.

Returning to this year's tourney will be two state champs, Clar Anderson of Olean at 126 pounds and Watertown's Pete Capone at 155 pounds. Mark Shortsville of Fulton, wrestling at 126 pounds placed third in the state and two fourth place finishers Toney Cotroneo of Irondequoit and Matt King of Canandaigua.

There also will be 35 undefeated grapplers in attendance with three having over 100 career wins.

Grapplers will compete in 14 different weight classes between 93 and 252 pounds.

The tournament gets under way on Friday at 4 p.m. starting with the primarilies, quarterfinals and a wrestle back. The action continues on Saturday at 11 a.m., with a wrestle back. The semifinals start at 1 p.m. followed by

another wrestle back at 3 p.m. The consolation match will be held at 6:30 p.m.

The Canandaigua Color Guard will kick off the opening ceremonies for the championships at 7:45 Saturday night.

Tickets for the event will be \$1.50 for adults and 50 cents for students on Friday night and Saturday. Admission for the finals will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

Good prospects for the finals include:

93 -- Marty King (CA) - Wally Cummings (Fulton)

100 — Joe Friedman (Wayne) - Bob Lehmann (Irondequoit)

107 — Ron LaBeet (Fulton) - John Walczyk (E. Roch.)

114 — Rick Spaulding (Watertown) -Tony Cotroneo (Irondequolt) - or Tim Mincer (CA)

121 - Ron Jones (CA) - Scott Webster (Athens, Pa.)

128 — Mark Shortsleeve (Fulton) - Mike Kuhn (E. Roch.) - or Clar Anderson (Olean)

134 — Matt King (CA) - Romeo Battazzi (E. Roch.)

140 - Joe Walczyk (E. Roch.) - Dave Turco (Ithaca)

147 — Mike Reho (CA) - Robbie Parks (Irondequoit)

157 — John Hubert (Queensbury) - Pete Capone (Watertown)

169 — Bill Hadsell (CA) - Rob Lang (Wayne)

179 — Bill Condon (CA) - John Kelley (Glens Falls) - or Leland Rogers (Fulton) 217 — Joe Kuras (CA) - Charlie Graves (Brockport) - or Jim Hoistion (Watertown)

252 — Kevin Patterson (CA) - Allen Erwin (Athens, Pa.)