

HHS, C-G combine to send five wrestlers to state tournament

From staff reports

FAIRPORT — For the first time in nearly 10 seasons, the Homell High School wrestling team will send three members of its team to the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Wrestling Tournament which will be held at Nassau Coliseum in Long Island this season.

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Homell's three seniors — Andy Drake, Aaron Parks, Dan Rosemier — will be joined by two seniors from Canisteo-Greenwood Central School, Kyle Amidon and Nick Clark. Each won their respective weight class at the Section V Super Sectional meet hosted by Fairport High School over the weekend.

At 135 pounds, Drake advanced with a 15-4 major decision over Holley's Justin Widrig. At 140, Parks defeated Palmyra-Macedon's Cody Williams on a 10-1 major decision and at 215, Rosemier slipped by North Rose-Wolcott's Sean Wahl on an 8-5 decision.

"I was really happy. Over the entire year I was hoping to have at least three qualify and I knew it would be a great accomplishment if we could do that," HHS Coach Matt Sheldon said earlier this morning. "All three have been working hard and staying focused all year and it really paid off for them."

"Each of them wrestled since the eighth and ninth grade,"

Sheldon added. "This is what you work for and it's nice for all three to finally reach that goal."

Seniors, Kyle Amidon and Nick Clark will spend this coming weekend in Long Island competing at the Nassau Coliseum in hopes of earning NYS championship titles. Both placed first in the Section V Super Sectional Tournament held on Saturday in Fairport.

Amidon beat three opponents in the Division II, 152-pound weight class to make it to the finals where he squared off against Waterloo's Josh Mateo. With the score tied after three periods, Amidon recorded a takedown and backpoints in the overtime to earn a spot in the state tournament.

Clark pinned all three of his opponents at 189 pounds to reach the finals where he went up against Penn Yan's D.T. Benedict. Early in the third period Clark pinned Benedict to seal his second trip to the state meet. Last season placed second in the 189-pound Division II bracket.

Homell freshman Joe Sirianni finished third at 96 pounds.

The opening round of the state tournament is slated to kick off at 1 p.m. Friday. The finals will be held a day later at the same venue, beginning at 6 p.m.

"It's so hard to tell what can happen at states," Sheldon said. "At our state qualifier we had a couple of kids who were surprised and lost. You never know. I think all three of my kids have a great shot at placing. But a lot of it depends on the luck of the draw, there aren't any seedings."