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Blue Devil wrestlers look to continue recent success

Brockport returns two of four wrestlers who reached states last year.

The Brockport wrestling team begins the season Friday and Saturday in the Webster Schroeder tournament.

The Blue Devils have a tough act follow, nearly winning the Monroe County and Sectional Championships and sending four wrestlers to the New York State Tournament to end the season.

Brockport finished second in the county and sectional meet, and 3-1 in Division II and 10-4 overall. The Blue Devils return two wrestlers who went to the state tournament, but lost four of their six wrestlers overall.

Brockport returns nine wrestlers who played a key role last year.

Senior Erik Schuth aims for his second straight appearance in the state tournament, this time at 189 pounds. Schuth finished first in the County Championship (171) and sectionals (160). He will wrestle for Ohio University next year.

John-Martin Cannon begins his junior season at 145 pounds. Cannon finished first



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Senior Jon Knapp (top) will wrestle at 130 pounds for Brockport this season. The Blue Devils open the season Friday and Saturday in the Webster Schroeder Tournament.

in at 135 pounds in the county and sectional championships. He wrestled in the Empire State games over the summer.

Brockport should be strong at each weight class.

In the middle of the lineup, Josh Oyer (140) and Brett Schickler (135) return for their

senior season. Oyer finished fourth in sectionals at 140 last season, losing to Penfield's Connery Wheaton in overtime.

Eric Gallert will begin his senior season at 160 and junior Aaron Raymer is starting at 125 with sophomore Anthony Collichio. Christian Boley

(171), Erik Kramer (152) and Jon Knapp (130) will each play a key role in this team's success.

In the lower weight classes, Adam Kerxhalli (112) and Aaron Raymer (125) return for their junior seasons. Each wrestler finished fifth in sec-

tionals last year, with Kerxhalli scoring at 103.

The Blue Devils are loaded with talented newcomers.

Freshmen Brian Andrews (96) and Terrance Freeman (119) and sophomore Dan Schickler (103) will look to make an impact in the lower weight classes.

Sophomores Pedro Jacobo (215), Sal Arnone (275) and Jordan Cannon (160) should also play a key role this season.

The Blue Devils open the dual meet schedule Wednesday against Division II rival Hilton at Brockport, whom they defeated in a dual meet last year.

Before the postseason, the Blue Devils will compete in tournaments in Attica and Union Endicott. Brockport's biggest dual meet of the season is Jan. 18 when they host Spencerport, whom they lost to 21-19 last season.

The Sectional championship is Feb. 18 and 19 and Monroe County Championship is Jan. 26 and 27.

Jim Cannon is in his sixth year as head coach of the Blue Devils. He is 98 and 34 with the Blue Devils and 224-112-6 in his career.

Winter season brings excitement

Even though it might not feel like it outside, the winter season has begun for Section 5 teams.

Fans no longer have to venture outside to watch football and soccer. They can stay indoors and watch basketball, hockey and wrestling, among other winter sports.

Many teams are looking to win a sectional crown, while others are trying to hold onto to the top spot they earned last year.

Keep an eye on these teams as the regular season begins.

The Rush-Henrietta girls bas-