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Conference Championship Saturday

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Settled in at the MVC Championships and we're just starting the quarters. I don't have any brackets or results yet, but the most notable result I've seen so far is Xavier's Corey Kadlec notching a 7-6 win over Dubuque Senior's Scott Schlickman, who in the first round at 285. As a reward, Kadlec gets to wrestle Tray Pendleton of Waterloo East in the quarters.

Prairie's Tim Fisher has returned from an elbow injury. He won his quarterfinal match over Casey Groomes (CF) by fall. He'll likely meet Quinten Haynes of Waterloo East in the semis. The Hawks will need him in what could be an incredible team race for second behind IC West. Prairie has seven in the semis: Hardin at 125, Rizzio at 130, Witte at 135, Schulte at 140, Wagner at 145, 152 and Lambrecht at 189 are all in for the hawks.

Aaron Conway reported from the Wamac and said it's packed in Maquoketa's new set up with two gyms.

ICW has all its wrestlers through 160 in the semifinals. 285-pounder got beat in the first round. Currently, David Solis is locked in a 1-1 tie with Linn-Mar's Jacob Pederson with less than a minute left. Pederson gets takedown with a little more than 10 seconds left to win. Still, West is rolling like expected with 11 semifinalists.

Anyone hoping for a Shupp/DeHoedt rematch will have to wait until district. DeHoedt, who dinged his shoulder in Thursday's match, is not in the 189-pound bracket.

#6 Conner Herman of CRJ pinned CRP's Austin Teel, setting up a semifinal against #2 Kevin Harp of ICH. Winner likely to face #1 Pendleton of WE. All are in different districts so this bracket is a nice test to prepare for the push to state.

Another Jefferson semi that will be fun to watch is Jason McCormick vs. Aidan Brock at 171. McCormick won in a match immediately after the winter break.

Wamac Update: Want to hear about a stacked weight. Fourteen wrestlers in the 16-man bracket of the Wamac tournament have winning records. Anyone who wins that weight will certainly have earned it.

An upset of note: Ryan Africa of Iowa City High defeated second-seed and eighth-ranked Ryan Sheldon of Cedar Rapids Kennedy, 3-0, in the quarters. Africa now has Prairie's Schulte in the semis with the winner facing the winner of CRW's Will Hart and ICW's top-ranked Dylan Carew, who dropped down to 140.

Standings after the quarterfinals: 1. ICW 150, 2. CRP 121.5, 3. WE 94.5, 4. CVRK 94, 5. ICH 83.5, 6. CRJ 82, 7. WW 76.

Semifinals are about to begin. A lot of good matches.

Jack Hathaway gets cradle on Rodriguez of CRK for :38 fall and trip to finals to face Keating (LM) who beat Henderson (WW), 9-7 in OT.

Williams of CRK gets 5:15 fall over Jensen of ICH at 112. Williams will have Skarda (ICW) wiafter he beat Senior's Bryce Lynn, 9-6.

Nick Sand (WW) gets a fall over St. John of IC West at 119. Sand versus Sallis Jr. in the final;s. Sallis Jr. pinned Lazaro after bulling Lazaro over to his back in the third and ending a match that was close (9-6).

At 125, Taylor (WE) vs. Gambrall (ICW) and Kullen (WW) vs. Hardin (CRP). Hardin punches ticket to finals with 5-3 win over top-seeded Kullen. Gambrall (ICW) wins handily and makes final.

TRI-RIVERS UPDATE: A battle in Delhi. Team standings after semis and first-round consis: 1. east Buch 177.5, 2. North linn 148, 3. Monti 127, 4. Alburnett 123. Courtesy of Adam Hoefler.

Jake Rizzio (CRP) wins with tech over Helgeson (WE) to get to 130 finals. Has winner of Blayer (ICH)/Hathaway (ICW) rematch. Blayer in control of entire match, wins 4-2 and reaches final.

Koethe (ICW) gets quick fall at 135 over Mulnix (CRJ). Battle of freshmen in the finals with Witte (CRP) beating Brimeyer (DH).

At 140, Carew (ICW) wins by Tech over Hart of CRW. Schulte (CRP) wins by decision over Africa, giving CRP a fourth finalist.

Michael Keely advances to 145 final with fall over Baskerville of CRK. He will wrestle Wagner (CRP) who beat Bailey (ICW), 12-1.

Thanks to MVC all-academic selection Zach Pilcher who informed me ICW's Nick Moore needed just 55 seconds for a fall over Harbaugh-

Will of WW. Haynes (WE) beat Fisher (CRP), 8-1, in other 152-pound semi.

Derek St. John wins by 1:59 fall over Miller of Xavier. Has Parsons (CRK), a 9-3 winner over Atwater (LM) in the other 160-pound semifinal.

Big match here: Brock (CF) vs. McCormick of (CRJ) at 171. Gadson (WE) and Pederson (LM) just starting. Gadson is the most explosive wrestler I've seen this year. Brock gets revenge, like Blayer, and wins rematch, 3-2. Gadson techs Pederson 20-5 with 14 seconds left.

At 189, Shupp (CRK) beat Brummel (CF), 7-3, and remains unbeaten against 3A competition in Iowa. Lambrecht (CRP) blanks Haas (DH), 1-0 in other 189 semi.

Soppe (DH) pinned Behnami (ICW) in 4:26 of 215 semi. Will face Agbese (WE), who teched Richards (CRJ), 23-6.

#2 Harp vs. #6 Herman up now. Scoreless first. Herman with cradle (similar to the one he almost hit ferentz with last year) for 3NF in second. Earned another takedown in third and put Harp on his back again for 3NF. Herman gets one more cradle and wins, 11-2. Pendleton wins by fall in 2:43.

FINALISTS BY SCHOOL: ICW 7, CRP 6, WE 5, CRK 3, CF 2, CRJ 1, DH 1, ICH 1, LM 1, WW 1.

We'll have a live-chat for the finals. I won't be updating here anymore. Go to www.iowaprepsports.com to follow. Thanks for re-reading today.

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