

New Canaan advances seven wrestlers to FCIAC semifinals

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New Canaan's Tyler Sung, the top seed at 138 pounds, controls Norwalk's Connor Gilchrist during Friday's quarterfinals. — Dave Stewart/HAN Network photo

The New Canaan Rams have placed seven wrestlers in the semifinals of the 2018 Joe Sikorski FCIAC championship tournament at NCHS.

The Rams had eight wrestlers win their first matches of the tournament, and are well-positioned to have multiple finalists on the second day of the tournament.

Wrestling will resume at 10 a.m., Saturday morning, and the 15 weight class finals will begin at approximately 4 p.m. The HAN Network will carry all the championship bouts live. Coverage can be seen at [FCIAC.net](#), [HAN.Network](#), or on Frontier Communications' Vantage Sports Network (Chs. 600/1600).

Mike Suppe and Bill Bloxsom will provide full coverage of all FCIAC teams participating in the tournament, and John Kovach will have interviews with wrestlers throughout the show.

The Rams' seven semifinalists are freshman Justin Mastroianni (126 pounds), senior co-captain Luigi DeRubeis (132), sophomore Tyler Sung, junior co-captains Nate (145) and Christian Sibbett (152), senior Nick Kortman (220), and junior Jack Stewart (285).



New Canaan's two No. 1 seeds — Sung and Kortman — each won their quarterfinal match via a pinfall.

Sung's match with Norwalk's Connor Gilchrist was over in less than a minute, as Sung scored the pin in 59 seconds. The Ram sophomore will square off No. 12 AJ Caba of Danbury in the semis.

New Canaan's Justin Mastroianni keeps Trumbull's Jonathan Kosak wrapped up during the 126-pound quarterfinals. — Dave Stewart/HAN network photo

Kortman's quarterfinal opponent, Tyler Previte of Wilton,

pushed their match into the second period before he was pinned at the 2:53 mark. Kortman will face No. 5 Dan Mundle of Warde in the semis.



New Canaan's Nate Sibbett en route to a pinfall victory over Staples' Luke Molina in the 145-pound quarterfinals. — Dave Stewart/HAN Network photo

Nate Sibbett, and Jack Stewart, both No. 2 seeds, also won their quarterfinals via pinfalls.

Sibbett defeated Staples' Luke Molina in 1:36, and will now face No. 3 Peter Murray of Ridgefield in the semifinals.

The heavyweight Stewart won his match in a flash, pinning Norwalk's Brendan Farrell in just 24 seconds. He'll face No. 3 Jordan Agosto of Danbury in the

semis.

Christian Sibbett, a No. 3 seed, pinned Stamford's Lenny Alcantara in 5:12 of their quarterfinal match, and will now take on No. 2 Kris Gjinaj of Warde in the semis.

Mastroianni, a No. 4 seed, built a 6-0 lead on Trumbull's Jonathan Kosak in their quarterfinal bout, but Kosak rallied to tie the score 6-6 in the third period. Mastroianni then took over and went on to win 16-9 to advance.

Mastroianni will square off against No. 1 Jakob Camacho of Danbury in the semifinals.

DeRubeis, also a No. 4 seed, won a 6-5 thriller against No. 5 David Castaldo of Trumbull. DeRubeis was face top-seeded Kyle Fields of Danbury in the semifinals.

New Canaan freshman Joey Bucci (106), Evan Reilly (160) and junior Sergiy Babenkov (182) each split two matches and will be in the wrestlebacks on Saturday.

Bucci pinned Greenwich's Will Fox in 2:31, and then lost to the No. 3 seed, Jack Ryan of Trumbull, via pinfall at 1:00.

Reilly pinned Norwalk's Simon Galeano in 34 seconds, and was then pinned by No. 1 seed Izaake Zuckerman of Warde in 45 seconds.

Babenkov pinned Stamford's Jaiden Jones in 1:12, and was then pinned by No. 2 seed Joe Palmieri of Trumbull in 2:49.