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Islip's Mike Patrovich, the defending county champ at 152 pounds, goes for a pin against Kyle Coleman of Newfield

Newfield Pins Hopes on Robey

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There has never been a state wrestling champion from Newfield, although the school has produced two state finalists. But this could be the year for the Wolverines.

Senior Ryan Robey has pounded his way through all 28 opponents this season, pinning 21. Yesterday, he earned his 100th career win in the first round of the Dr. Robert Fallot Suffolk County wrestling tournament before a sellout crowd of 1,847 fans at Stony Brook University.

After a scoreless first period, Robey, the top seed at 171 pounds, used a neat foot sweep to knock Sayville's Tom Homestead off balance and throw him to his back for a pin at 14 seconds of the second period. He used the same dynamic move in a first-period pin in 1:18 over Deer Park's Dan Bilello in the quarterfinal round. The impressive victories served notice that Robey will waste little time in his quest for a championship. He'll battle in the semifinal round beginning at 10 a.m. today at Stony Brook.

"He's the kind of kid that knows no limit to reaching his potential," Newfield coach Bill King said. "He's a very patient and powerful wrestler. He went with a move that he has confidence with and there's really no negative consequences if he misses it."

Robey became the third Newfield wrestler to reach the 100-win plateau with his first victory yesterday. He was denied a state title shot last season when he dropped an 8-2 decision in the county final to eventual state titlist Jack Piana of Huntington.

Five of the six defending county champions survived the first two rounds to reach today's semis.

North Babylon's Greg McCoy (125) knocked Hauppauge's county titlist, Dan Song, into the wrestle-back round with an 8-5 quarterfinal victory. McCoy,

the third seed, built a 6-0 lead through the first two periods to set up the win. Defending state champion Pat Flynn (112) of Huntington and county champs Steve Palacios (125) of Huntington, Dan Roberts (130) of Bellport, Mike Patrovich (152) of Islip and Rob Vaccaro (103) of East Islip won two bouts each.

Patrovich's little brother, Ryan (96), was unseeded and won three matches to reach the semis. He's only the second seventh-grader to place in the county tournament. Shoreham-Wading River's Jesse Jantzen, a six-time county champion and four-time state champ, was the first.

Huntington moved six wrestlers into the semifinal round and leads the team scoring with 75.5 points. There are 31 schools represented in the semifinal round.

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96: Murphy (EI) vs. Riley (Hu); Finnerty (Brent) vs. R. Patrovich (I).
103: Vaccaro (EI) vs. King (Hu); Sganga (Long) vs. Fiumano (Hu).
112: Flynn (Hu) vs. Colasunno (Sach); Dolson (RP) vs. Moramarco (NP).
119: Manarte (Sach) vs. Hromada (HE); Fredette (WHB) vs. Roell (Cop).
125: Palacios (Hu) vs. Cummings (BS); McCoy (NB) vs. Dugin (WHB).
130: Roberts (Bell) vs. Sokolowski (Sach); Johansen (RP) vs. Garced (Br).
135: J. Iannello (Haupt) vs. Alfieri (MP); Roth (HW) vs. Summers (Lind).
140: Jackson (Am) vs. Anastasia (PM); Miracola (SWR) vs. Ress (Haupt).
145: Melito (PM) vs. Faivre (EI); Piscak (WF) vs. Sair (Hu).
152: M. Patrovich (I) vs. Mentz (PM); Viera (CI) vs. Buckman (Long).
160: Fehn (NB) vs. Isabell (Amity); Archer (WF) vs. Patrick (CI).
171: Robey (New) vs. Blumenauer (Brent); Burns (Com) vs. Alpi (NB).
189: Jean-Baptiste (Har) vs. Scioli (Bell); Rizzo (NP) vs. Adams (DP).
215: Dreyer (Con) vs. Banks (Bren); Beaubrun (WW) vs. Karbowlak (PM).
275: Gugliotta (Say) vs. Apoian (EI); Adler (PJ) vs. Crisci (WF).
Team scores: Huntington 75.5, Patchogue-Medford 52, East Islip 50.5, Brentwood and Sachem 47.5, Floyd 47, Longwood 43.5, North Babylon 40.5, Central Islip 36, Islip 34, Hauppauge 33.5, Whitman 31.5, Northport 30.5, Bellport 29.5, Newfield 28.