

Shoreham-Wading River finding niche in D-II

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ALBANY — The significance of the student enrollment at Shoreham-Wading River had a direct impact on Friday's state wrestling tournament at Pepsi Arena. The school enrollment of 599 students forced the Wildcats out of the Division I Tournament and into the Division II com-

petition for schools that have an enrollment of, ready for this, 600 students or fewer.

And so it goes in the second year of the state tournament, in which two champions are crowned in each of the 15 weight classes. Shoreham's participation in the Division II Tournament thrust the Suffolk sectional team into the championship mix as the Wildcats moved four wrestlers into Saturday's semifinal round at 11 a.m.

"We didn't do so well as a

section in the D-II Tournament last year," said Shoreham assistant coach Joe Condon. "But our guys are doing well and we may see Suffolk's first D-II state champ."

Shoreham's Corey Jantzen (119), who was a state runner-up at 96 pounds in the Division I Tournament as a freshman, had two pins through Friday's quarterfinal round. He made short work of Greg D'Alessandro of Woodlands (Section I) with a 43-second pin.

Jantzen had opened the tournament with a pin in 2:29 over Wheatley senior Joel Gullo.

Shoreham teammates Charles Hoeg (112), Dave Butler (160) and Wes Breisacher (171) are also in the semifinal round with Mike Castellano of Glenn (103) and Bayport-Blue Point teammates Kyle Edward (140) and Brian Wilson (215).

Butler won two bouts by decision and Breisacher earned two pins.

Wilson outlasted Christian Refakis of Cold Spring Harbor, winning 4-2 in overtime. The top place-winner in D-II for Suffolk last year was a fourth-place finish by Mount Sinai's Jared Reuda. He'll need to come back through the wrestle-backs to earn All-State, after losing his first bout, 6-5.

In the team scoring, Suffolk was in sixth place with 74 points and Nassau was 10th with 26 points and no semifinalists.