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# 17 Area Wrestlers In Inter-Class Meet

Seventeen area wrestlers will sport their wares at Maryvale Junior High Saturday, revised site of the Section VI Inter-Class wrestling meet.

Originally set for Buffalo State, the tournament has been rescheduled for the unusually large Junior High School situated near the Buffalo Airport in the town of Cheektowaga.

Starting time remains 1:30 with weighing from 12 to 1 p.m. and the finals slated for 7 p.m.

The field of qualifiers from the Southern Tier has already been reduced by one, with the illness of Pine Valley's Jim Lucas in the 115 weight class. Frank Budwey of Grand Island, second in the B-C tournament, replaces Lucas.

### Five Boys

The 106 pound weight class is one of five classes where two area boys will be represented, and should be one of the strongest classes. Mel Cunningham of Niagara Falls, undefeated this season and Inter-Class champ in '98 last year, will be the favorite with Southwestern's Ed Strom and Silver Creek's Chuck Cornwell entered from this area.

Strom is unbeaten, as is Jerry Holmes who'll be trying the opposition in 115. Little is known about this class, except that Holmes is undefeated and a two-time former section champ.

In 123 Dan Evans of Cattaraugus is one of the returning Inter-Class champs. He's been beaten by Ray Cross this year and could face another toughie in undefeated Russ Brookman of Iroquois. Gary Radspinner of Falconer's also in this one.

### Cross In 130

Cross, possibly the finest overall wrestler in the Southern Tier, will strut his stuff in 130. Rod Nickerson of Cassadaga Valley can surprise in 136.

Tom Carlson and Paul Donner are area entries in 141, from Silver Creek and Southwestern respectively. Dave Schoenthal of Iroquois is undefeated in this class.

Randolph's Mike McKenna is in 148 along with a tough customer in Alden's Gino Snyder, among others. The 157 class could see a fine Cattaraugus wrestler, Larry Steinbar, surprise the field, including Ray Stevens of Orchard Park, third in the state last year.

Dave Scott of Cassadaga Valley had Inter-Class experience last year and should be ready Saturday. Among his opposition is undefeated Ken Gentzke of Tonawanda.

### Bateman Favored

Tom Butcher, a sophomore with his first look at the Buffalo area heavyweights, gives up 18 pounds wrestling in 183. This is the class where Neil Bateman of Maryvale is heavily favored.

Bob Harris of Salamanca is unbeaten, but some coaches insist he hasn't had the opponents. This will be his test in the class with Niagara-Wheatfield's undefeated Rick Kowalik.

Jim Stockwell of Jamestown should easily dominate the unlimited bracket. Stockwell lost

to a 390 pounder in Frank Patterson last year, and there's no one within 100 pounds of that this year.

### ENTRANTS AND COMMENT

106—Chuck Cornwell, SC, (10-2), two losses to Strom.

106—Ed Strom, SW (12-0), senior who could go all the way.

115—Jerry Holmes, SW (11-0-1), Trojans' best bet.

123—Dan Evans, Catt (12-1), defending I-C champion should repeat.

123 — Gary Radspinner, Fal. (3-6-1), sectional surprise will really have to wrestle.

130—Ray Cross, SC (12-0), pound for pound, probably best grappler around.

136—Rod Nickerson, CV (6-0-3), has only been beaten once.

141—Tom Carlson, SC (9-0-1), a 136 pounder up a weight.

141 — Paul Donner, SW (6-4-2), twice a loser to Carlson.

148 — Mike McKenna, Rand. (6-2-1), in a tough class.

157 — Larry Steinbar, Catt (12-0-1), could go all the way.

168—Dave Scott, CV (10-0), returnee from last year's I-C meet.

183—Tom Butcher, PV (9-3), 15 year old sophomore.

Hvy—Bob Harris, Sal. (12-0), his roughest matches ahead.

Hvy—Bill Salisbury, Catt. (10-3), competition's too rough.

Unl—Wayne Silvernall, Fal (8-2), it's him or Stockwell.

Unl—Jim Stockwell, JHS (9-1), no Patterson around this year.

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