



—(Gazette Photo—Sid Brown)

STATE HOPEFULS — Mont Pleasant's John Fiorillo and John DeMeo and the Linton duo of Sev Popolizio and Mike Chrys (left to right) work out at Mont Pleasant in preparation for this weekend's NYSPHSAA State Intersectional Wrestling Meet in Utica. Popolizio, showing a 24-0 record at 132 pounds, is a two-time Section II champion while Chrys (155) is 21-1-1. DeMeo, a 126-pound junior, will bring a 26-2-1 mark into first-round action tonight and heavy-weight Fiorillo sports a 25-2-1 log.

Nine Area Wrestlers in Intersectionals at Utica

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Nine area wrestlers, including undefeated Sev Popolizio of Linton and Jay Mulligan of Saratoga, will begin competition tonight in the Intersectional Wrestling Tournament at Utica's Memorial Auditorium.

The local grapplers will be looking to reverse a tradition that has seen Section II consistently finish among the bottom of the pack while being able to produce three New York State champions in the 10 years of the meet.

Section Eight, Nassau County, is defending champion and should be the in contention again with five wrestlers from Bellmore-Kennedy, the State's number one ranked dual meet squad. Top challengers appear to be Section Three, with five returning sectional winners and two State champs; Section Eleven, Suffolk and Section Six, Buffalo.

Section II is not rated well but has five returning sectional champs including Popolizio and muscle-bound Steve Jabaut of

Queensbury. Hal Zandle of Niskayuna (98); Bill Berman (105) and Tom Schultz (177) of Shaker; John DeMeo (126) and John Fiorillo (215) of Mont Pleasant; Mike Chrys (155) and Popolizio (132) of Linton; John Underwood (112) of Johnstown and Mulligan (167) of Saratoga are the local representatives.

Underwood, a junior, Popolizio and Schultz gained experience in last year's State Meet and should profit from the experience.

Wrestling gets under way at 5 tonight with 39 first round bouts and will be followed by 52-quarterfinal matches. Tomorrow the semifinals continue at noon with the consolation for third and fourth places slated for 6:30 p.m. and the finals for 8 p.m.

OPENING ROUND PAIRINGS.

Section II Listed First.

- 98 — Hal Zandle (Niskayuna, 21-1) vs. Mark Mysnyk (Vestal, 4, 25-1-0).
 - 105 — Bill Berman (Shaker, 26-1-3) vs. Mike Arnold (Pioneer, 6, 28-0).
 - 112 — John Underwood (Johnstown, 25-2) vs. Rick Reed (Gouverneur, 10, 4-3-1).
 - 119 — Jim Sutton (Hoosick Falls, 27-1) vs. Tony Marciano (Ramapo, 9, 21-3).
 - 126 — John DeMeo (Mont Pleasant, 26-2-1) vs. Eric Hertz (Woodlands, 1, 22-0).
 - 132 — Sev Popolizio (Linton, 24-0) vs. Kirk Anderson (Olean, 6, 28-2).
 - 138 — Gene Smith (Glen Falls, 25-4) vs. winner of Pat Bruce (Johnson City, 4, 24-4) and John Janiak (North Syracuse, 3, 28-0) winner.
 - 145 — Steve Jabaut (Queensbury, 25-0) vs. Pete Roetzer (Moryvale, 6, 25-2-1).
 - 155 — Mike Chrys (Linton, 21-1-1) vs. Joe Smith (Herman-DeKalb, 10, 21-2).
 - 167 — Jay Mulligan (Saratoga, 29-0) and Kevin Young (Sleepy Hollow, 1, 28-0) match.
 - 177 — Tom Schultz (Shaker, 27-2) vs. Ike Gulnan (Victor, 5, 22-3).
 - 215 — John Fiorillo (Mont Pleasant, 25-2-1) vs. Jim Markert (North Syracuse, 3, 26-1).
 - 250 — Jim Duggan (Glens Falls, 12-0) vs. Dave Shukri (Lindenhurst, 11, 11-1).
- + Opponent's section and record follow name.

Singleton Eyes .300

DAYTONA, Fla. (AP) — Switch-hitting outfielder Ken Singleton, free of contract problems and the allergy that hampered him much of last season, predicts he will be a .300 hitter with the Montreal Expos this year.

Singleton, 25, was a late arrival at the National League baseball club's spring training camp because of a contract dispute, but was in uniform Wednesday as manager Gene Mauch ran his team through its paces.

"I just want to go out there and do the best I can," Singleton said. "I got so frustrated sitting at home watching all those guys playing basketball and working out at the camps that spring training will be a pleasure."

Singleton, a 6-foot-4 native of New York City, said he had kept in shape during the winter by playing basketball.

He came to the Expos along with shortstop Tim Lincecum and first baseman Mike Jorgensen from New York last April in the deal that sent outfielder Rusty Staub to the Mets.

Singleton said he has never regretted the move.

From July 5 to the end of last season, he batted .310, demonstrating the power that prior to that date had been impaired by a painful allergy—later discovered to be caused by the wool in his uniform.

When it was mentioned that he had enjoyed a .310 second half in 1972, Singleton said:

"Sure, I'd like to hit .320, but I'm not saying that—I still think I can make .300."