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SWAIN:—Very Good.
 Ski Wing:—Good to Very Good.
 Peek 'N Peak:—Good to Very Good.
 HOLIDAY VALLEY:—Very Good (Selected).
 BRISTOL MOUNTAIN:—Good.
 COCKAIGNE:—Very Good to Excellent.
 BLUEMONT:—Good.
 KISSING BRIDGE-GLENWOOD:—Good.
 PEEK 'N MOUNTAIN:—Good to Very Good.

Dunkirk High Wrestling Team Moves To The Top In Three Short Years

By MARTIN WYSOCKI

Pride, determination, willingness to sacrifice, and discipline. These are just a few characteristics of a winner and are some of the components that make up a champion. In these respects, the 1973-'74 Dunkirk High School Wrestling team, under the direction of head coach Jim Batesky, was highly regarded.

Compiling a 15-1 record in only their third year of competition, the Marauders wrapped up the Section VI division II championship, and finished third in the overall sectional competition meet at Iroquois High School.

After suffering through 4-10 and 4-10-1 seasons the first two years, this year's squad turned the tide and made Dunkirk one of the most potent wrestling machines in the area.

The lone team to pin a defeat on the Marauder matmen this season was Olean. The Huskies posted an early season, 34-14 triumph over Dunkirk in Olean. Coach Batesky guided the Olean Junior High wrestling team to a 7-1 season three years ago.

Deserving most of the credit is the man responsible for the grapplers' development, Coach Batesky. He has built up a winning tradition at Dunkirk and refuses to take the due credit for the success of the team.

The Lock Haven State grad claims "This is the finest and most determined group of young men I've ever had the pleasure of working with. They've sacrificed with hard work and made up for their inexperience with pure guts."

Batesky, who had the privilege of wrestling under the nationally-famous Gary Simmons at Lock Haven State, makes wrestling a year-round labor of love, instructing as well as attending off-season wrestling clinics. He has sparked interest in wrestling as Dunkirk now has a JV team, a 20-man Junior high team and 100 boys competing in the wrestling Junior Olympics.

Assisting Coach Batesky this season were Fredonia State

graduates Steve Ranus and Mike Bernet.

Breakthrough

This year's team was highlighted by the performance of Junior Dennis Long, who became the first divisional champion in DHS wrestling history, posted a personal 20-1 record, and remained undefeated in dual meets.

Jim Lentz, 16-5 for the season, and Mark Ranus, 14-3-1 for the season, both Juniors, will be back to bolster next year's squad. Both Lentz and Ranus placed second in last week-end's sectional championship.

Sophomores Lorey Campese (17-4) and John Arnold (13-4) placed fourth in the sectionals, and with valuable experience gained, will be strong points for next year's team.

The only two Seniors on the team, Gary Sobilo (14-7) and team captain Will Bauza (18-4), finished second and fourth, respectively in the sectionals and will be missed next year, although with the strong junior programs Coach Batesky should find suitable replacements.

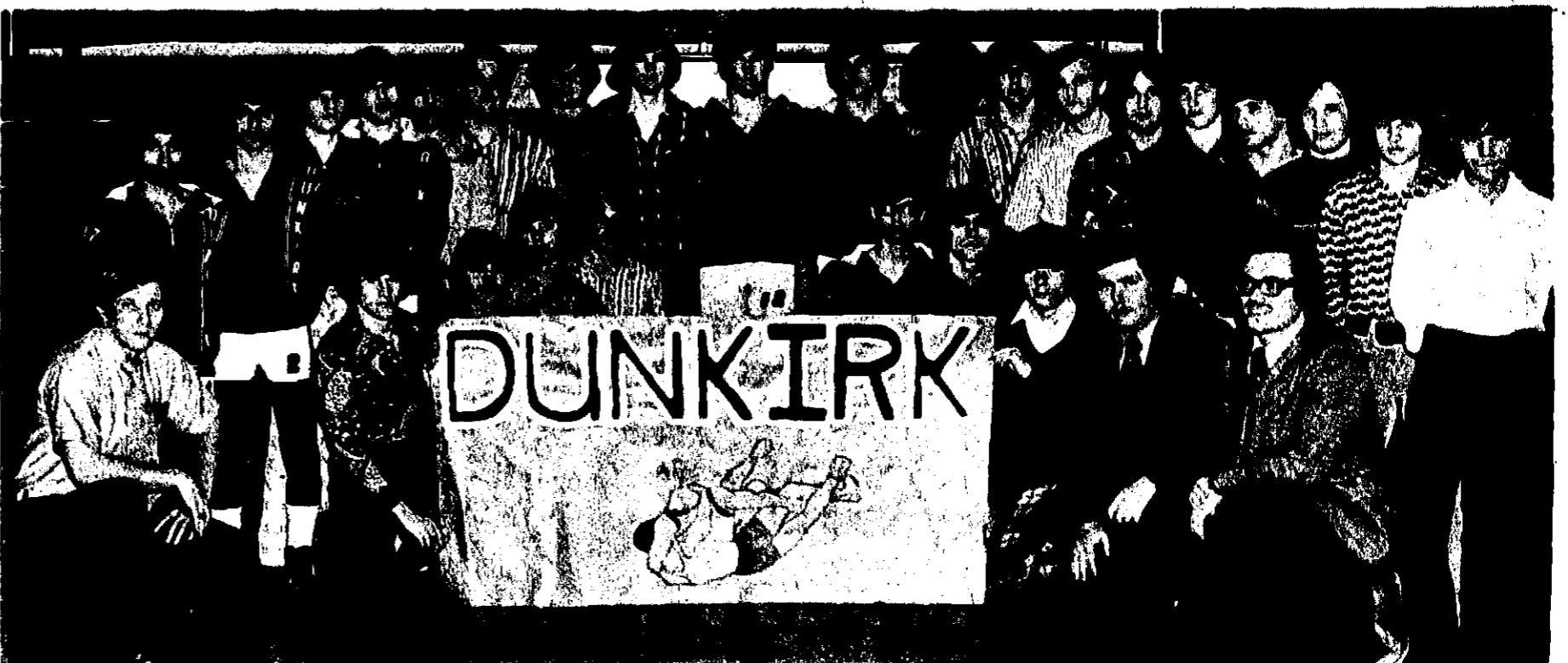
The team was a "never say die" unit as it came from behind five times throughout the season for victories.

Next Season

Next year Dunkirk moves into Division I of Section VI, considered to be one of the strongest divisions in Western New York wrestling.

Members of Division I include Maple Grove and Olean, both first place sectional champions in their respective classes; Southwestern and Falconer, both second place sectional finishers; and Salamanca, a third place sectional champ.

What does the future hold for DHS Wrestling? With the hard-working leadership of Coach Batesky, a fine Junior program, and a building tradition of proud determination, the future can only be bright.



GREAT SEASON — The Dunkirk High wrestling team finished the 1973-74 season with a dual meet record of 15-1. The Marauders also placed third in the Division IV wrestling championships. Team members include, left to right, front row: Head

Coach Jim Batesky, Dave Pleszewski, Jim Summerton, Kevin Krystofiak, Tim Dutton, Marty Gillette, Paul Sidey, and Assistant Coaches Steve Ranus and Mike Bernet; back row: Jorge Torres, Willie Bauza, Ed Rusinowski, Mark Burke, Tony Pencek, Mike

Steffan, Bill Wlodarek, Skip Case, Gary Sobilo, John Arnold, Dennis Long, Mike McLaughlin, Carl fan, Tim Pilarski, Mark Balzer, Mark Ranus, Larry Miller, Lorey Campese, and Raymond Martinez. — (OBSERVER Photo).

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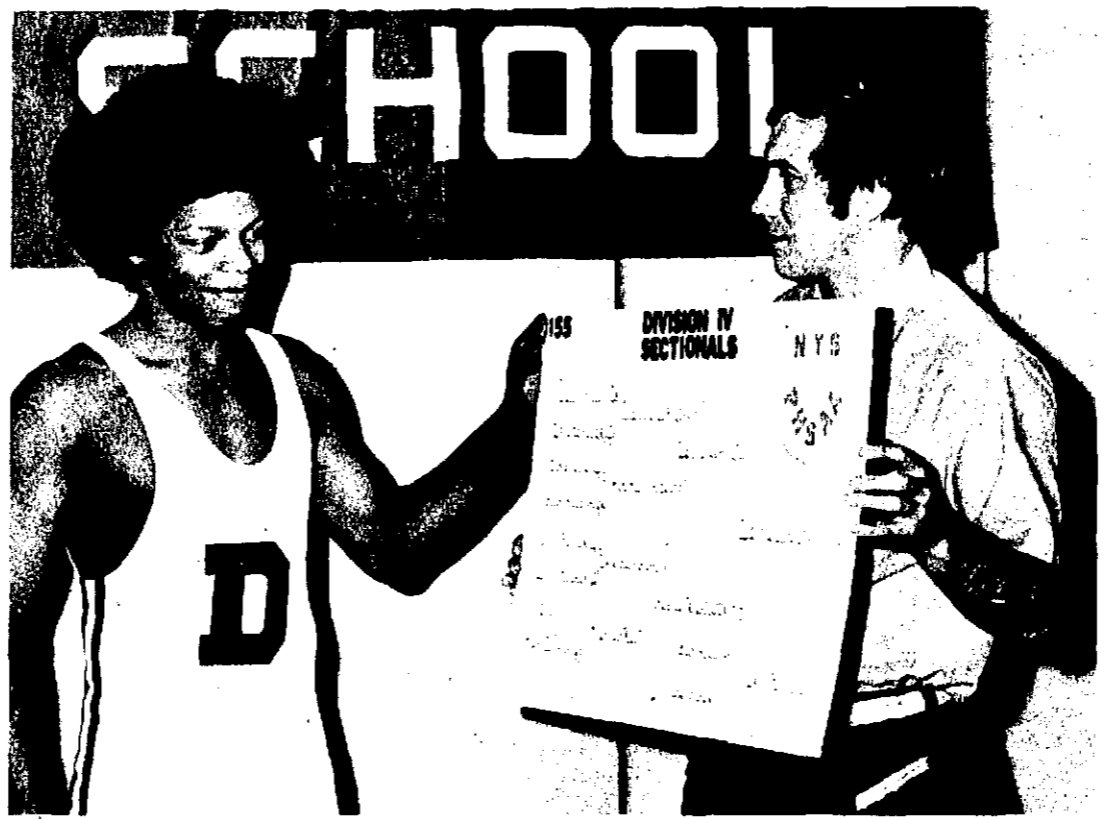
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FIRST CHAMP — Dunkirk High's first divisional wrestling champion, Dennis Long (left), glances at the Section VI Division IV pairing sheet for the 155-lb. weight class held by DHS wrestling coach Jim

Batesky. Long defeated three foes, pinning two of them, on the way to the 155-lb. title. The junior is 20-1 this year overall and undefeated in dual meet competition. — (OBSERVER Photo).

Rose Signs For \$160,000; Aaron Feels No Pressure

By United Press International
 The pressure seems to be off for both Pete Rose and Hank Aaron. Rose signed his 1974 Cincinnati Reds contract Wednesday for an estimated \$160,000 that represented "the biggest raise in my career." He was paid \$118,000 last year. Obviously relaxed, Rose quipped: "Now, I can pay that \$250 fine I received during last year's playoff," referring to his run-in with New York Mets shortstop Bud Harrelson at Shea Stadium.

Aaron said at the opening of the Atlanta Braves spring training camp in West Palm Beach, Fla., that, "I think I have plenty of time to break Babe Ruth's home run record. I hope to hit 40 this year."

Aaron, looking as trim at 40 as he did as a rookie 20 years ago, needs one more home run to tie the 714 established by the immortal Ruth.

"I feel no pressure at all...I feel like I know what I have to do to get in shape," Aaron said after a morning workout and prior to taking the afternoon off to play golf.

The Chicago White Sox came to terms with third baseman Bill Melton and then welcomed first baseman Dick Allen for one of his earliest arrivals at a training camp. Allen said he was anxious to get started after missing more than three

Ron Santo, new in camp after 14 years with the crosstown Cubs, said "it feels strange. I feel like a kid, I'm so nervous."

Absences at a couple of camps were noted when infielder Teddy Martinez and special instructor Willie Mays failed to show at the Mets workout in St. Petersburg, Fla., and the Houston Astros, at Cocoa, Fla., reported that relief hurler Jerry Johnson and utility men Cliff Johnson and Ignacio Javier failed to appear as scheduled.

Los Angeles Dodgers manager Walter Alton decided to hold heart-to-heart talks with his players to determine "if we are thinking along the same lines in terms of the weaknesses each of our players must work on this spring." Pitchers Don Sutton and Al Downing and catcher Joe Ferguson remain unsigned.

Experience Brings Breathless Exhilaration

Woman Reporter Takes Bobsled Ride

By GRACE O'CONNOR
 Of the Albany Times-Union
 (Written for UPI)
 LAKE PLACID, N.Y. (UPI) — The U.S. Navy bobsled team

Editor's Note: Bobsledding, riding a sled down a twisting chute of ice and snow, is normally thought of a man's sport. But reporter Grace O'

captain and organizer of the first Navy team in 1963 with his brakeman, Robert Huscher. Lamey has represented the USA in four world bobsled

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