

10 veterans boost Victor hopes for title repeat

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VICTOR — With only three wrestlers lost through graduation and 10 lettermen to begin this season with, it appears as though the Victor Devils can't miss repeating as Wayne-Finger Lakes Wrestling league, Western Division champions.

The Devils, who also captured the Section 5 Class B championship last winter, have lost only two matches out of 26 in the past two years under Coach

Ed Ahonen. Last season, and the season before, Victor finished with 12-1 marks.

Ahonen says that "we don't know what we'll be like until after our first match" but it looks as though the Devils will continue to be strong through at least another campaign.

The three grapplers Ahonen has to replace are Jim Guinan, Al Pickering and Bob Garlock.

Those three men will be replaced by two varsity veterans, who have moved

up a notch in weight plus an impressive newcomer to the varsity.

Dick Johnson, last winter's 105 pound section 5 champ, will move up to 112, vacated by Garlock while John Toomey, who wrestled at 145 last season, will take over Guinan's spot at 155.

Bill Lloyd, who posted an unbeaten JV record last winter has taken over where Pickering was last season, at 167 pounds.

To make up for the changes, Ahonen

has installed freshman John Collier at 98 pounds while Mark Krug, last season's 98 pounder, moves up to 105, in place of Johnson.

Brad Ahonen, the 138 pounder last year, will go at 145 this season while Mark Ferris, a 132 pounder a year ago, will take over at 138. Either Dave Cotton or Bill Heaven, both lettermen, will move in at 132.

John Spittal, who saw some action at 112 last season, will wrestle at 119 while Bill Bowerman, who filled in from time to time last season at 126, appears to have that class nailed down.

The 177 pound and heavyweight are left and they will be held down by veterans Mike Guinan and Ron Warner, respectively.

Warner posted a 19-3-1 record last season and was Section 5 heavyweight champ.

Other impressive records were compiled by Johnson (20-1), losing only to Canandaigua's Mike Chappell in the 105 pound class of the A-B meet last season; Ferris (17-4-1), Cotton (12-1-1), Ahonen (15-5), Heaven (11-6-1) and Toomey (15-5).

The schedule:

Dec. 2 — at Canandaigua. 5 — at Newark. 9 — Penn Yan. 13 — at Honeoye-Falls-Lima. 20 — Sodus. 23 — at Penfield Tourney. 29-30 — at Spencerport tourney.

Jan. 13 - South Seneca. 17 - at Lyons. 23 - Whitman. 26 - at Caledonia-Mumford. 31 - at North Rose-Wolcott.

Feb. 6 - Midlakes. 9 - Marion. 14 - at Waterloo. 17 - at Dundee. 21 - at Wayne.

Devil doings

Name	Hr.	Wt. Cl.
John Collier	Fr.	98
x Mark Krug	So.	105
x Dick Johnson	Jr.	112
John Spittal	Jr.	119
Bill Bowerman	So.	126
x Dave Cotton	Sr.	132
x Bill Heaven	So.	132
x Mark Ferris	Sr.	138
x Brad Ahonen	Jr.	145
x John Toomey	Sr.	155
Bill Lloyd	Sr.	167
x Mike Guinan	Sr.	177
x Ron Warner	Sr.	Hwt.
X-Lettermen.		



Does another title await?

With these 10 lettermen returning to the mat, the Victor Blue Devils appear to be in good shape to defend their W-FL Western Division Section 5, Class B titles. Bottom row, left to right, Mark Krug, Dick Johnson, Bill Bowerman, Dave Cotton, Mark Ferris. Back row, left to right, Brad Ahonen, John Toomey, Bill Lloyd, Mike Guinan and Ron Warner. (Times photo)