



Defending champions experienced

Eight of the nine lettermen bolstering the hopes of the Canandaigua wrestling team for a repeat title are, left to right, front row: Gene Gigliotti, Mike Chappelle, Dennis Jones, Bruce Hadsell. Back row: Steve Schrader, Joe Hoke, Frank Mandrino and Steve Coats. Absent was Ron Langdon. (Times photo).



Canandaigua coach not counting title yet —

Nine lettermen return with defending champs

By NORM JOLLOW

CANANDAIGUA — Nine lettermen return at Canandaigua Academy for Coach Weldon Canough's wrestling team.

But the Braves' mentor isn't counting any championships just yet. "Talk to me at the end of the season," Canough says.

"The league (Wayne-Finger Lakes Eastern Division) seems more balanced this season," says the coach of the defending champion Braves.

"Geneva looks tough, Mynderse is always tough, Wayne should be right up there," Canough claims, adding that "nobody is going to breeze right through this league."

Canough gets his first chance to see the Braves in competition tonight when they entertain the tough Victor Blue Devils of the Western Division in a 6:30 p.m. non-league match.

Seven or eight lettermen probably will start in tonight's match with six or seven of them now being seniors.

One spot where there will be a newcomer is at 98 pounds where either freshman Bob Hadsell or sophomore Jim Gigliotti will open the action.

Gene Gigliotti returns to wrestle at 105 pounds while Finger Lakes champion Ron Langdon goes at 112 pounds.

Mike Chappelle, who was second in

the state meet after winning the Finger Lakes and Section 5 championships, will be at 119 pounds.

At 132 pounds, letterman Dennis Jones is battling senior Bill Excell, a non-letterwinner.

At 138, it will be Finger Lakes champion Bruce Hadsell, who finished second in Section 5.

Steve Schrader is set at 145 pounds while junior Ralph Burgess is listed at 155.

Veteran Frank Mandrino will go at 167 pounds, junior Bill Bartosch will be at 177 and veteran Steve Coats returns at the heavyweight slot.

The schedule:

Dec. 2 — Victor; 9 — Bath; 13 — at Midlakes; 16 — at North Syracuse; 19 — at Palmyra-Macedon; 22 — at North Syracuse tournament; 27-28 — at Windsor tournament.

Jan. 6 — Penn Yan at 2 p.m., Rush-Henrietta at 8 p.m.; 13 — Mynderse; 18 — at East Rochester; 19 — at Newark; 27 — Irondequoit at Spencerport at 2 p.m., at Spencerport, 8 p.m.

Feb. 3 — at Geneva; 10 — Wayne; 13 — Liverpool; 17 — Waterloo; 23-24 — Finger Lakes.

Braves' battlers

	Yr.	Wt.
Bill Excell	Sr.	126
x Frank Mandrino	Sr.	167
x Ron Langdon	Sr.	105
x Steve Coats	Sr.	Hwt.
x Bruce Hadsell	Sr.	132
x Mike Chappelle	Sr.	112
x Steve Schrader	Sr.	145
x Joe Hoke	Sr.	155
Bill Bartosch	Jr.	177
John Lamphier	Jr.	119
Jeff Miller	Jr.	155
x Dennis Jones	Jr.	126
Ralph Burgess	Jr.	145
x Gene Gigliotti	Jr.	105
Jim Whittaker	Jr.	155
Bruce Kransler	Jr.	Hwt.
Brian Kransler	Jr.	Hwt.
Gary Dixon	So.	112
Gordie Widman	So.	132
Jim Gigliotti	So.	98
Jim White	Fr.	112
Bob Hadsell	Fr.	98
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Mustangs on two game string

PENN YAN — Last season, the Penn Yan Mustangs opened their Wayne-Finger Lakes league, Eastern Division cage campaign with a resounding 97-40 defeat to Geneva.

The Mustangs went on to drop 13

John Lauer scored more than half of the Mustangs' points as he pumped in 33 markers, almost outscoring the entire Midlakes team.

Dave Lockemeyer netted 12 points to lead the Eagles.