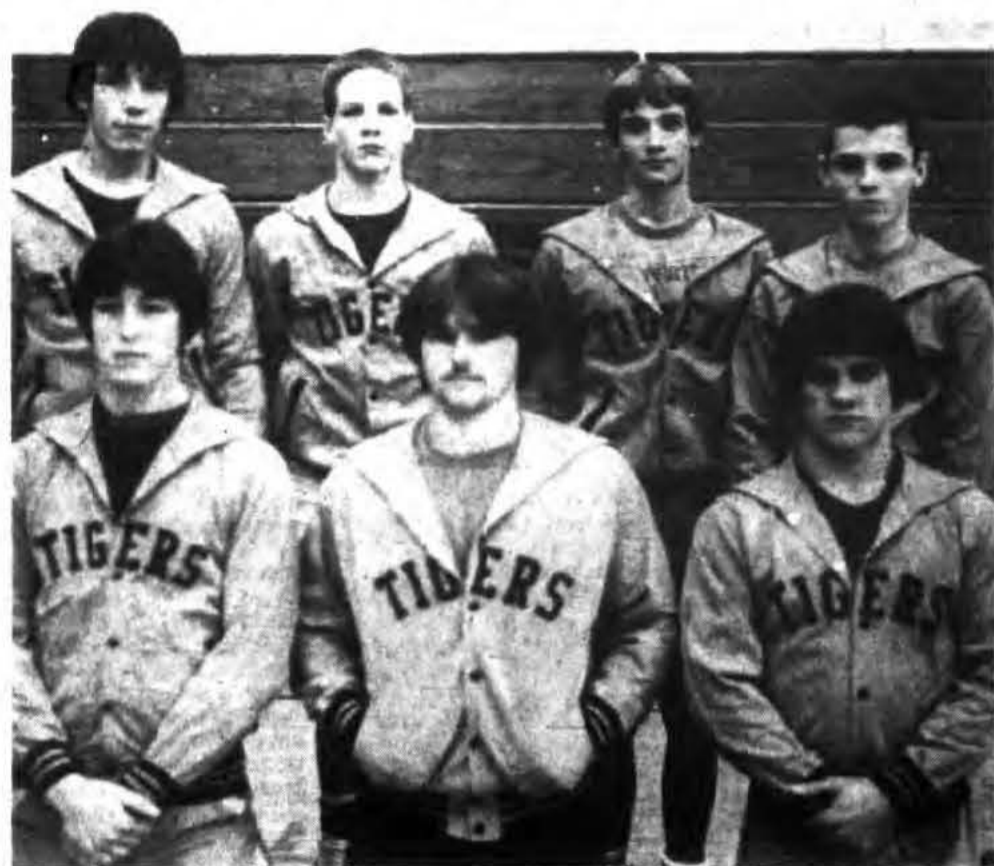


# Lyndonville Grapplers Return Veteran Lineup



**TIGER LETTERMEN**—The Lyndonville Tigers, bolstered by a sizeable group of returning letterman will travel to Starpoint on Thursday for their non league season opener. The Tigers returning contingent includes in the front row from left Sam Recco, Ken Strickland and Jon Doran and standing from left Bob VanAuker, Todd Wells, Mike Siebert and Howard Walker. (J-R Photo)

LYNDONVILLE — Anchored by a strong nucleus of 10 returning regulars, the Lyndonville High varsity wrestling team will open its 1983-84 season with a non league match at Starpoint on Thursday evening.

Heading the Tigers' returning contingent are three grapplers who participated in the Section V state qualifier meet last year — Mike Siebert, Todd Wells, and Ken Strickland.

Siebert, a junior, who is

moving up from the 91 to 105 lb. weight class in this his third varsity campaign, reached the semifinals of the state qualifier meet after taking second in the Section V Class D tourney. Siebert, who was 13-1 in duel match competition last year, finished the season with a 29-4 overall record. The year before as a freshman he was 20-9-1.

Also a junior who is beginning his third year of varsity competition, Wells is moving up to the 119 lb. class this season after posting a 22-8-1

record at 105 lb. as a sophomore. He was 11-1-1 in duel match competition and went on to finish second in the Section V Class D tourney to earn a spot in the state qualifier meet.

A senior co-captain, Strickland will remain at 167 lb. this year. Last season he was 13-1 in duel match competition and finished with a 25-7 overall record which included a second place finish in the Section V Class D tourney.

The other returning grapplers for coach Fred Large's Tigers include seniors Bob Van Auker (132 lb.), Jon Doran (155 lb.), Sam Recco (167 lb.) and Daryl Joy (177 lb.) along with junior Jim Moses (215 lb.), sophomore Scott Strickland (145 lb.) and freshman Howard Walker (112 lb.). Recco, who also is a team co-captain, is out with an injury until after the Christmas holidays. Walker was 10-3 in duel match competition last year while Joy was 8-6, Moses 6-6 and Doran 5-5.

Three other wrestlers who saw limited varsity action last year but look to break into the starting lineup this season, are freshman Gary Bane (138 lb.), Kevin Bell (145 lb.) and Tom Tranquill (145 lb.) both seniors.

Newcomers to the team who are battling for starting spots include freshmen Richie Dunconson (91 lb.), Jamie Harrold (126 lb.) and Chris Siebert (126 lb.).

"The kids are working real hard and we've got a good crop of freshmen who should help us," said Large.

The Tigers topped the .500 mark last season, finishing with a 5-4 league record and an 8-6 overall slate.

After Thursday's match at Starpoint the Tigers' home opener will be on Dec. 15 against Barker, also a non league contest.

Lyndonville's season schedule is as follows:

**December:** 8 - at Starpoint, 15 - Barker, 17 - at Medina Tournament, 21 - at Akron, 22 - North Star Christian Academy.

**January:** 6 and 7 - at Genesee Tournament, 10 - Holley, 12 - at Alexander, 17 - Notre Dame, 19 - at Byron-Bergen, 24 - at Kendall, 26 - at Elba, 31 - Pembroke.

**February:** 2 - Attica, 3 - at Newfane, 4 - at Kenmore Tournament, 11 - at Genesee Region League Tournament.

## Injuries Strike Walton Again

By United Press International  
The pain hasn't stopped for Bill Walton.

Walton, the San Diego Clippers' injury-prone center, received yet another setback in his attempt to return to stardom Sunday night in Inglewood, Calif., when he fractured his hand in a game against the Los Angeles Lakers. He will be lost to the team for about two months.

The 6-foot-11 Walton had been enjoying a successful comeback from a string of nagging injuries, ranking fourth in the league in blocked shots with an average of 2.73 per game.

He returned to NBA regular-season action in 1982-83 after playing just 14 games in the previous four seasons due to assorted injuries such as bone spurs in his right ankle and a fractured left foot.

In the 120-99 loss to the Lakers, Walton suffered a fractured metacarpal in the ring finger of his right hand after his hand hit the backboard during the first quarter, according to his personal physician Dr. Tony Daly.

Walton left the floor after suffering the injury but following an examination in the Clippers' locker room he returned to play a total of 29 minutes, scoring 20 points to lead San Diego.

After the game, he was taken to Daniel Freeman Hospital where X-rays revealed the

fracture. Surgery was not anticipated, Daly said.

Walton was not immediately available for comment, nor was Clippers Coach Jimmy Lynam.

Leading the Lakers to the win were Michael Cooper, who had a career-high 17 assists, and rookie Byron Scott, who scored 20 points. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar added 20 points as Los Angeles handed San Diego its 12th consecutive road loss this season and 25th over the last two years.

In other games, Philadelphia outlasted Boston 121-114 in overtime, and Phoenix stumped San Antonio 122-106.

### 76ers 121, Celtics 114

At Boston, the 76ers topped the Celtics in an overtime battle of the Atlantic Division titans for their second win in two meetings this season with Boston. Julius Erving hit a baseline jumper with two seconds left in regulation to tie it 100-100, negating a jumper from 17 feet by Larry Bird with five seconds to go. In overtime, Moses Malone scored four of his 29 points.

### Suns 122, Spurs 106

At San Antonio, Texas, Larry Nance tossed in a career-high 35 points and Kyle Macy added 22 points and a career-high 14 assists to help Phoenix break a four-game losing streak. George Gervin led San Antonio with 21 and Mike Mitchell and Artis Gilmore added 20 each.

## Palmer Captures Seniors Classic