

Monroe Grapplers Undefeated



The Tribune matmen are well into the wrestling season with an undisputable hold on first place. Posting a five win, no loss, no tie record, Monroe grapplers opened their season with a 34-6 victory over Genesee C.C. Erie C.C. fell three days later 24-16. Two key conference victories came back-to-back as Monroe traveled to Delhi Dec. 4, and then took on Cobleskill only eighteen hours later, Delhi Tech, the defending Region III champions, was beaten decisively, 24-17. Against Cobleskill Ag & Tech Monroe wrestlers scored four pins and one win by default in a 34-8 route. The Oswego JV's were the most recent victims, losing a hard-fought 23-14 contest. Key matches to come will be against Alfred, Morrisville, and Broome. Check your calendar schedule for exact dates.

Coach Roscoe Hastings has put together the toughest line of wrestlers Monroe has seen in its brief three years of collegiate competition. Thru the high caliber of wrestlers recruited and Coach Hastings' personal efforts, home matches have drawn unexpectedly large crowds of wrestling fans this year.

In wrestling circles several of Monroe's grapplers are known throughout the state and nation for their outstanding wrestling achievements. Many of these names will be familiar to you as those of local schools.

Jim Koval at 118 lbs. is Monroe's lightest wrestler. He is from Cardinal Mooney. With a 1-4-0 record, Jim has shown noticeable improvement with each match. He is usually stronger than his opponent in endurance and stamina but has not been able to overcome their early speed advantage.

Wrestling at 126 lbs. is Dan Ranieri who is from Rush-Henrietta. Dan is undefeated with five wins and no ties. Three of Dan's five wins were pins. On the team, Dan is unequaled in his mastery of the "fireman's carry" which he has employed with great success in scoring take downs.

At 134 lbs. Monroe's Wonder Scott is also undefeated with four wins, no losses and one tie. Being a NYS Golden Gloves Champion, Wonder is lightning fast, with superb timing and an apparent instinct for the quick fall. In his last two matches, Wonder has scored two falls in the total elapsed time of 4:03. Wonder hails from Franklin via the army.

Mike Miller has won five victories in five matches in the 142 lbs. weight class. Mike likes to

catch his opponents off-guard and is extremely good at leg-pinning combinations. Mike is from Caledonia-Mumford.

At 150 lbs. Steve Cangialosi is Jefferson's entry into the Monroe line-up. Steve's record is 3-1-0 with two pins and one decision to his credit. His one loss was to the defending national champion from Delhi.

Bob Hildebrandt is reaping team points for Monroe in several weight classes: 150-158-167 lbs. Bob is undefeated having scored a pin, a default victory, a forfeit victory, and two decisions. Bob is back from last year's squad where he finished fourth in Region III competition. He was chosen co-captain this year. His marriage this summer does not seem to have impaired his style any. Bob comes to Monroe from York.

Gary St. James at 158 lbs. has also wrestled as high as 177 lbs. this season. Gary, a co-captain, also returned from last year's team. Finishing second in the region last year, Gary must now avenge an unwarranted defeat which has marred his record, making him 4-1-0. Gary is a craftsman at the single-leg take down. He was a high school All-American from Irondequoit.

At 177 lbs. Tony Joy and Richard Cenzi are both 1-1-0. Tony and Rick have alternately wrestled in this weight class. Rick and Tony are from Rush-Henrietta and Bishop Kearny respectively.

Frank DiCesare is undoubtedly the strongest and toughest but definitely not the most gentle wrestler in the line-up. At 190 lbs. Frank has a 2-1-0 record; his one loss was a decision when his opponent scored two points in the final second to win 6-4. Frank is from Gates-Chili.

At heavyweight, Dave Barker is the third wrestler for Monroe from Rush-Henrietta. Dave is 2-2-0 so far this season. On the mat Dave out-thinks and out-maneuvers his opponent without relying on strength; his victory at Cobleskill was a picturesque cradle pin.

Glenn Jones from Cardinal Mooney made his first appearance on the mats at 142 lbs. against the Oswego JV's. After losing the initiative, Glenn wore his opponent down in the second half but lost a 12-7 decision. Glenn's standing switch is one of the best of anyone on the team.

John Burkin and Dave Young are out with injuries. Dave, who returned from last year's squad, is co-captain. He is from East Rochester. John is from Irondequoit.

Boasting several national prospects, this year's team is a definite favorite to capture the Regional title. To see an exciting sport with enthusiastic participants and fans come to any of the Monroe Tribune wrestling meets.



M.C.C. Basketball Team: Standing— Coach Bruce Shapiro, Dave Olin, Gene Williams, Jim Hunter, Peter Barrett, Ed Page, Steve Moore, Asst. Coach Henry