

All Qualified, Respected

Five Rochester Coaches Have One Idea



Roscoe Hastings is only in his second year at Monroe Community College, but he feels like a veteran.

The Tribunes had won their first four of five matches last season but midterm examinations came up in January and wiped out almost half of the team. Both captains had to quit school and another unbeaten performer flunked out. Roscoe

still managed to see MCC through for an 8-6 season.

"It was really something," Hastings says about his first year of coaching at MCC. "We were doing pretty good until the exams hit us."

This year he has more depth than last, but as most college coaches, he must wait until exam time to see who he has left.

Hastings, 30, has had an interesting career in coaching although he received his college diploma only three years ago.

After one year of college, Hastings coached the Warrensburg high school wrestling team, a small school in the Adirondacks. The team won the Section 2 title that year, and Hastings went to study at Brockport State. He was the freshman coach there for the next two seasons.

In Hastings' third year varsity coach, Tom McIntosh took a leave of absence. Hastings took command of the Golden Eagles and was voted the third best rookie coach in the nation.

After graduation, Hastings went to Brighton High School and was the assistant football and wrestling coach under Barney Sullivan in 1968. He went to MCC in 1969.

Another of the area coaches with a long career, but not as well traveled is Rochester Institute of Technology's Earl Fuller.

Beginning his 22nd season, Fuller's Tigers have recorded a 124-125 record. "I had around a 700 percentage until the 1961-62 season," Fuller said. "But from then on it has been downhill until this season."

"Last year's record (5-6) pulled me under the .500 mark. But I think this year's team will make up for that."

Frank Olivari is doing a fine job at University of Rochester.

The Yellowjackets, who wallowed through some seasons winning one, maybe two games a season reached the .500 mark for the first time ever last year.

Olivari, in his third season, now has hopes the UR can put it together and give the university its first winning season.

At Brockport State and St. John Fisher, two first-year coaches hope for good seasons.

Joe Cavallaro is directing St. John Fisher's while attending classes for a master's degree.

He was assistant coach at Jefferson for three years and a respected wrestler while in high school and at Brockport State.

"He's doing a fine job so far," Fisher athletic director Bob Wanzler said. "The boys are in excellent condition and they like him. That is important."

Brockport State coach Don Murray tried out for the 1964 Olympics, and made it to the semifinals before being defeated.

He then wrestled in the Army and two years ago went to Brockport State as assistant coach while getting his masters degree.

"Considering his background," Brockport State athletic director Huntley Parker Jr. said, "we kept him this year as a full-time instructor and wrestling coach. He may assist Gary Shiner in lacrosse, too."



Bob Hilderbrant of MCC gets best of Brady Tambs of Genesee.



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