

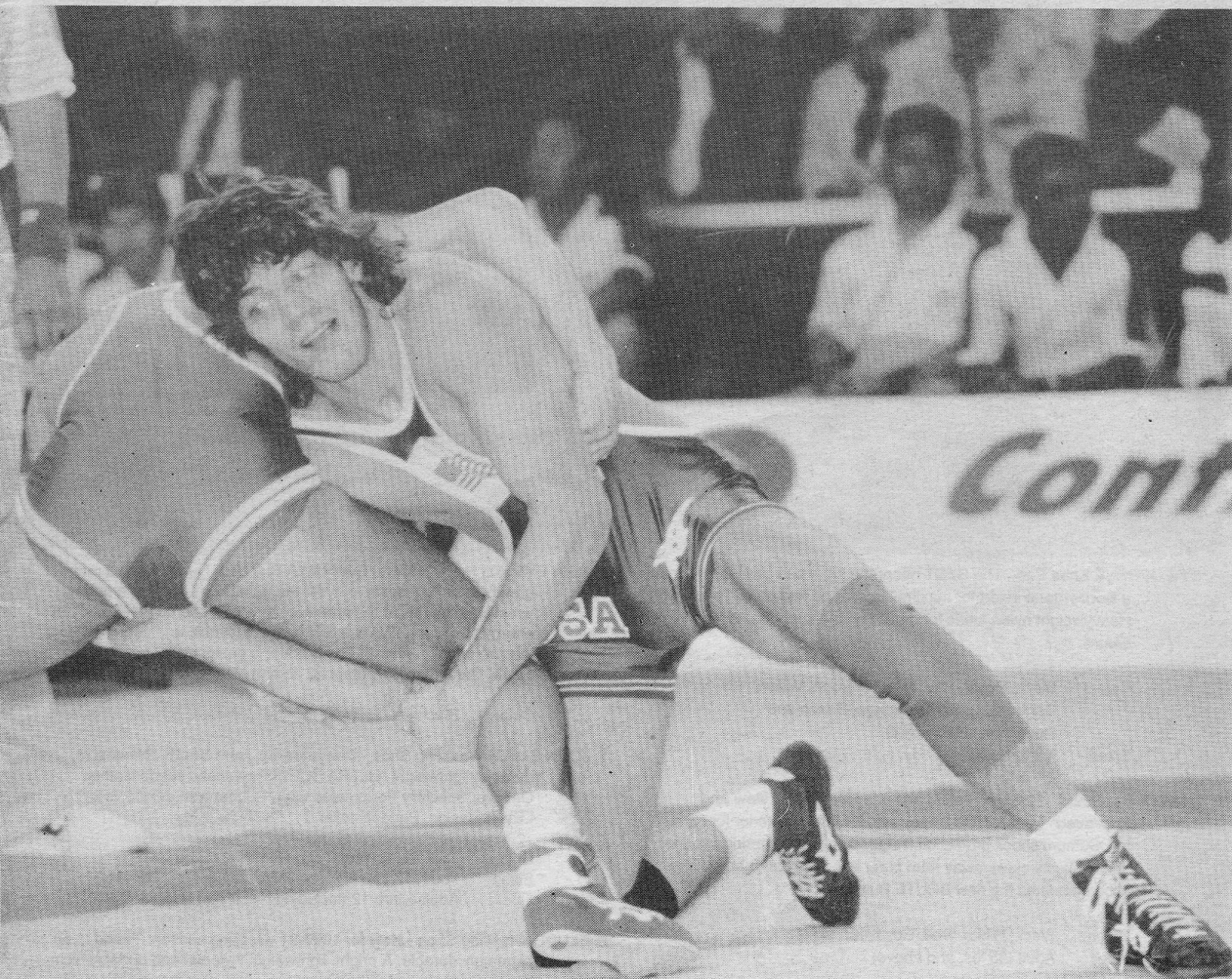
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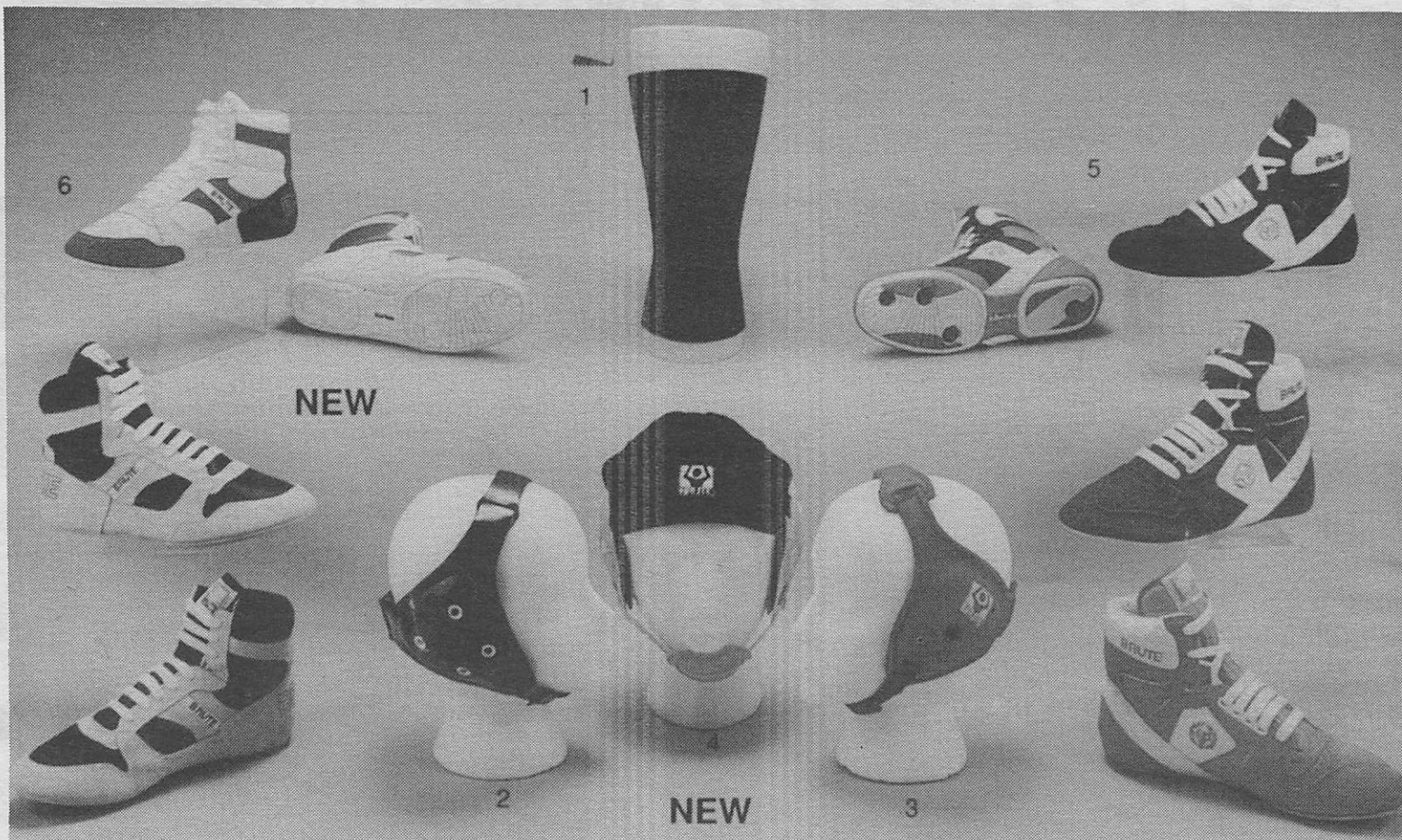


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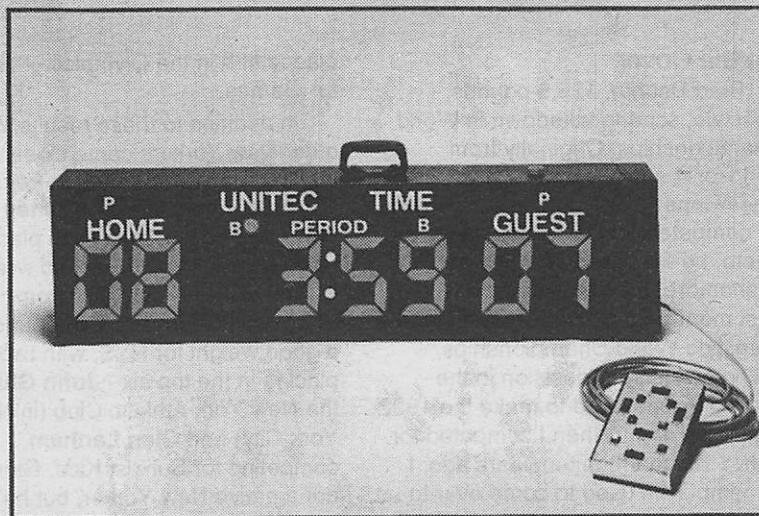
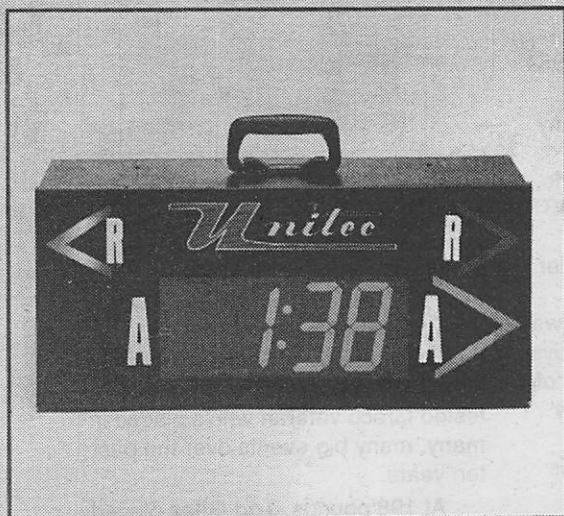
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With Mike Morone, *New York Wrestling News* Editor

On the Cover

Brad Penrith, 125.5 pounds, freestyle, scoring takedown in World Championships. Originally from Windsor-4 and a four-time state placewinner (state champ as a soph), he competed for Dan Gable at Iowa. There, he won an NCAA title as a sophomore, then took second twice. Last month, he placed second in the Freestyle World Championships, losing a close 3-0 decision in the finals. He is favored to make the 1992 Olympic Team. When I competed for SUNY Binghamton ten years ago, I remember he used to come over to check his weight on our scales. I didn't think much of that skinny kid with the permanent baseball cap, but look how far he's come!!!

NYS Shines in FS & Greco

The freestyle and Greco Roman World Championships concluded in early October with no less than six (out of 20 total weight classes!) New Yorkers competing. Four of them placed, with **Brad Penrith**, 125.5 pounds freestyle, and **Shawn Sheldon**, 114.5 pounds Greco Roman, taking silver medals. These amazing athletes were out of first place by a combined score of just 4-0, Penrith losing 3-0, and Sheldon 1-0. So close! Look for Olympic Gold Medals in 1992!

Chris Campbell, 198 pounds freestyle, placed fifth in freestyle (he took second last year), beating the eventual gold medal winner and six-time World Champion in the process! To round out the placings, **Andy Seras**, 149.5 pounds Greco Roman, placed sixth. This improves his ninth place finish in 1989.

All four guys have great chances of Olympic medals next year, as do the other participants, **Frank Famiano** and **Ike Anderson**, at 125.5 and 136.5 pounds Greco Roman. Both have had extensive international experience, and Famiano has already

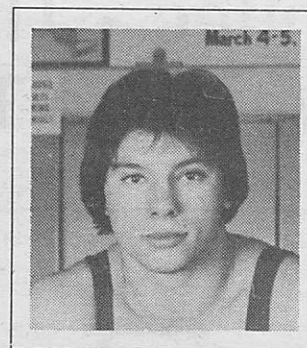
placed fifth in the Olympics - the 1984 LA Games.

In addition to these results, many other New Yorkers came close to making the World Team. In freestyle, 136.5 pounder **Charlie Cheney** (UB new head coach) took sixth place, making him the sixth ranked wrestler in the US. He is originally from Lompoc, California. 149.5 pounds was a good weight for NYS, with two guys placing in the top six - **John Giura** of the New York Athletic Club (in New York City) and **Glen Lanham**, competing for Sunkist Kids. Giura is not a native New Yorker, but he's been around for years; and Lanham is originally from Lindenhurst-11, where he grabbed a state title at 138 pounds in 1982.

Rob Koll, assistant coach at Cornell, took third at 163 pounds behind Olympic and World Champs Ken Monday and Dave Schultz. **Dan Mayo** of the NYAC and originally from Sachem-11, took fourth at 180.5. Mayo took a state title and MOW in 1983 at 177 pounds. The year before he was runner-up at 167 pounds. **Jim Hall**, coach at Morrisville JC, took sixth at 198 pounds. Also not a native New Yorker, Hall has been here for years.

Also placing in the US World Team trials was **Mike Fusilli** at 286 pounds. Fusilli, originally from Rochester, competed for Ithaca College where he captured a Division III NCAA title his senior year. He's relatively new to the national freestyle circuit, but has made an amazing leap to greatness with his fifth place finish. The only guys ahead of him had names like Baumgartner, Ghaffari, Erikson, and Greenlee. All are proven world calibre athletes who have been at it for years. If Fusilli continues his development, watch out!

In Greco Roman, New Yorkers did even better at the US World Team Trials. In addition to the four who won the trials (Sheldon, Famiano, Anderson, and Seras), NYS had six placefinishers. **Issac Ramaswamy**,



originally from Sachem-11, competed at 105.5 pounds and took fifth. Look for him to eventually move up to number one in the years to come. **Wade Genova** of the NYAC and originally also from Sachem-11, took fifth at 136.5 pounds. He's a battle-tested Greco veteran who's placed in many, many big events over the past ten years.

At 198 pounds, **Tod Giles** placed fourth. Now competing for the NYAC, Giles was originally from Ramapo-1, where he was a two-time state placewinner (sixth and third at 177 in 1979 and 1980). **Chris Tironi**, who made last year's World Team, dropped to fourth this year in a very rugged field that featured Olympic bronze medalist Dennis Koslowski's return to competition. At 286 pounds, NYS had three of the top six places. **Craig Pittman**, who was number one last year, dropped a finals series to Matt Ghaffari and took second. **Dave Koplovitz**, who was ranked second in the US last year, dropped a bit to third this year, behind Ghaffari and Pittman. And **Phil Lanzatella**, a two-time Olympic alternate, rounded out the class by taking sixth place. Lanzatella also is a very experienced athlete.

New Yorkers on 1991 Team USA

After this year's World Team Trials competition, the top three finishers in each weight class in both styles make the national team, called Team USA. The benefits are modest monthly salary installments to help out with training expenses, and free training facilities. This year nine wrestlers from our state made this team. They are:

Freestyle:

Chris Campbell, 198 pounds,

ranked 1st; Brad Penrith, 125.5 pounds, 1st; Rob Koll, 163, 3rd

Greco Roman

Isaac Anderson, 136.5 pounds, ranked 1st; Frank Famiano, 125.5, 1st; Andy Seras, 149.5, 1st; Shawn Sheldon, 114.5, 1st; Craig Pittman, 286, 2nd; David Koplovitz, 286, 3rd

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Season Starting Too Early?

Coach Grillo asks some valid questions in a recent letter. Apparently, Section 5 has decided to allow winter sports teams to start practicing a week earlier this year. He questions the wisdom of this for two reasons - 1) fall sports are still going on, why increase the overlap?, and 2) wrestling season is long enough as it is; many kids are discouraged because the season just drags on too long. He was wondering what other coaches thought of this; drop us a line if you have an opinion on the subject.

1992 Olympic Trials in NY

From April to early June of next year there are a series of US Olympic Wrestling Trials. Two important trials events come to New York next year. From April 9th to 12th, the Eastern Olympic Regionals come to SUNY Brockport. This will feature both styles, freestyle and Greco, and the organizer is Don Murray. To contact him, call 716 395-5360. An even more important event takes place from May 13th to 16th at SUNY Albany. There, the

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High School All Americans

Did we mention the NYS kids who made All American honors? If not, Juan Carlos Garcia made the 1991 *ASICS Tiger High School All American Second Team*, while Mike Jamison and Nick Hall made Honorable Mention. In *Amateur Wrestling News'* rankings, Garcia and Hall were ranked second in the nation, with Chris Matteotti at seventh, Joe Yanis at eighth, and Kevin Brinkworth at twelfth.

Marcia Halse Refs at Women's World Championships

The US earned two silver medals and placed a solid fifth at the third annual Women's World Wrestling Championships in Tokyo, Japan, August 24-25. Most of the US's team is from the west coast, but one of the US officials at the meet was Marcia Halse of Babylon (Long Island). Halse holds the highest level of expertise for an international wrestling official. If you've been to the last few Empire State Games, or if you've seen any LI wrestling, you've seen her.

Port Jervis-9 In Record Books

In our February 1991 issue of New York Wrestling News, we listed Port Jervis as having 23 state placers. In reality, however, the school has had 24. Thanks to head coach David Simmons for informing us. Overall, the team has had three champs - Lou Banach in 1977, Ed Banach in 1978 and Doug Keys in 1985. Ed Banach was a three-time NCAA Champ afterwards, with Lou also winning an NCAA medal. In addition, both won Olympic gold medals in the 1984 LA Games. Way back in 1977, when Lou won his NYS title, Ed took second, with older brother Steve taking 5th. The placewinners, from 1966 to 1990 have been Mark Faller (later he coached the team for years), Steve Keys, Art Trouse, Ed Banach, Ernie Jackson, Lou, Ed, and Steve Banach, Barry Chase, Ed and Lou again, Kevin

Troche again, Bruce Chase, Troche, Eric Savacool, John Stewart, Brian Keyes, Doug Jenks, Troche a third time, Brian Keyes, Jeff Keys, Jeff Keys again, Doug Keys, and Jeff Tufano.

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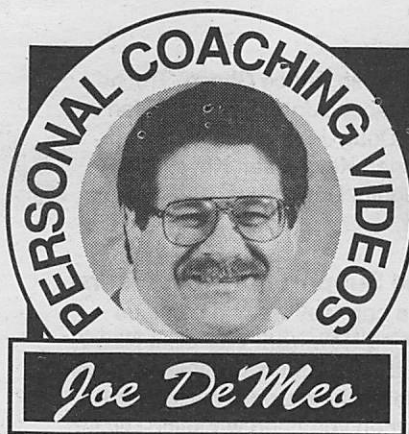
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Chris Campbell Continues Winning

At Age 37, Places Fifth in World Championships, Beating Six-time World Champion

He started wrestling as a fourth grader in New Jersey. After tangling with another youngster, he felt the sport would be an asset in future street fights. That was about 33 years ago! Chris Campbell has come a long way since then. Yet at age 37, he's still as scrappy as ever - even more so. Why would someone his age continue risking injury competing in a young man's sport?

The answer seems simple enough: "Because I like it. It's fun for me, and there are still some things I would like to do." Like win the US National Freestyle title, the Russian Tblisi tournament (considered the toughest tourney in the world because it typically has eight or nine World class Russians per weight class), the World Championship, and the Olympic gold medal. Well, he recently won the first two honors, and he's hotly pursuing the next two as well. His chances of success are great, but let's go back a few years to explore some of Chris Campbell's earlier successes.

As a high school sophomore, he was undefeated on JV. As a senior 167 pounder, he went undefeated, winning the NJ State title. From there, he went out west to Iowa. Competing for Gary Kurdelmeir and then Dan Gable his last year, Campbell placed second in the Division I NCAA's as a sophomore and then took the title the next two years. He finished college in 1977.

The next few years were learning

experiences for Chris. Freestyle was new to him, and it took some time adjusting. He didn't win a lot of tournaments until the approach of 1980. In 1980, competing in the grueling US Olympic Trials at SUNY Brockport, he fought his way up the ladder and earned a two-out-of-three finals series with defending Olympic gold medalist John Peterson.

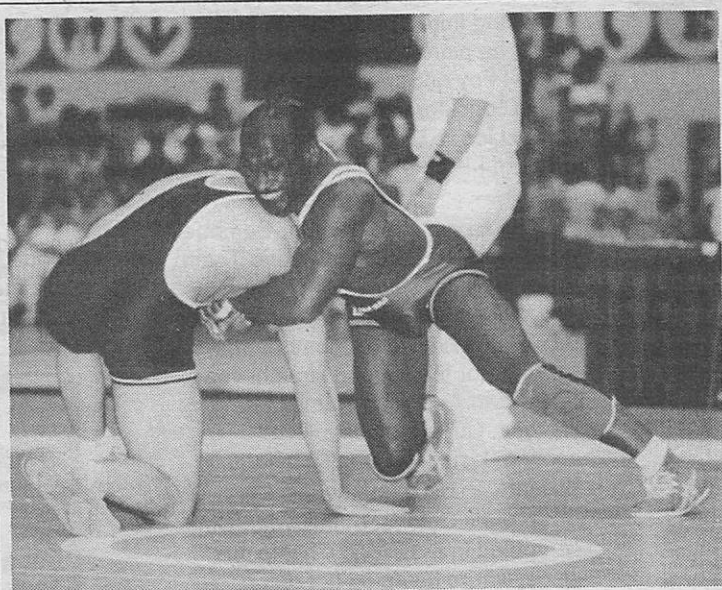
however, took him out of competition. At that time, he had earned a World title, three World Cup titles, two US National titles, two NCAA titles, and a host of other gold medals. So the idea of retirement at the age of 30 seemed logical, at least to most people.

During all this, Chris and his wife Laura had three children - two boys and a daughter. He earned his law degree from Syracuse University and was practicing law for United Technologies. A twist of fate in 1988 provided him with the opportunity to think about competition again. He was transferred to the Carrier Corporation in Syracuse. Because he kept himself in good shape, Campbell felt he had a chance to regain his world championship form, this time at 198 pounds. He began working out with the Syracuse University team, mostly with their 190-pounder, Mark Kerr.

As 1989 rolled around, things began to fall in place. He felt good in practice, and he began competing. In his first major event, he took second to Dan Chaid, and in the process, beat

Royce Alger. Both are world calibre athletes. The next event he won, and the big test came in the John E. du Pont US Freestyle Nationals, where he overcame all but one - Jim Scherr. He dropped a 5-0 loss in the finals to Olympian and MOW-winner, Scherr. After that event, he competed in the US Olympic Festival. Ranked number two, he was beaten in two straight matches by Dan Chaid of Team Foxcatcher.

Rather than be discouraged, the iron-willed Campbell picked up the pace. He competed more internation-



CHRIS CAMPBELL, right, winning US National title. At age 37, Campbell is still on top of the world and is a serious contender for an Olympic Gold Medal next year. USA Wrestling Photo.

Campbell won in two straight, thus earning the US Olympic spot at 180.5 pounds.

However, that was the year we boycotted the Olympics, and Campbell never got his chance for a gold medal. As for the Olympic medal winners that year, he beat them all soundly. Anxious to make up for lost time, Campbell breezed to a World Championship title in 1981. At that meet, he was voted "Best Technician".

The next year, he followed with a World Cup Championship, and the following year with a US National freestyle title. A knee injury in 1984,

ally and found time to squeeze workouts into his daily schedule, often training two and three times per day.

The next milestone for Chris was in a World Dual meet in Portland, Maine. Facing current World and Olympic champ Makharbek Khadartsev of Russia, he lost a close 3-2 decision.

Staying that close to a five-time World Champ gave him renewed confidence, and entering the 1990 US National Freestyle Championships, he felt good. Wrestling up at 198 as opposed to 180.5 helped in the prevention of injuries. His daily Yoga sessions also help in minimizing injuries. The one-period five minute matches (as opposed to the nine minute matches of the past) took some of the pressure off conditioning. Technique plays a more important role, and technique is Campbell's middle name. He also adapted his match strategy. Says Chris, "In the past, my goal was to score every 30 seconds in every match. You couldn't bury your head as you can now, and everything was mostly offensive. Now, my defensive positioning is much improved. I'm not tremendously active; I score when I need to and try not to make mistakes. It's really a different sport than it was ten years ago."

Different or no, he made the necessary adaptations and it paid off. He avenged his losses to Chaid in the Nationals, winning 3-1 in the pool finals. This set him up against Olympian Jim Scherr, who beat Campbell in the finals the year before, 5-0. This time, Campbell had learned from his loss, and came out a winner, 2-0, and taking the MOW award.

This gave Chris the number one ranking in the US, and he qualified for the World Championships. There, he put on a super performance in capturing the silver medal. He went 5-1, with wins of 5-0 (Pakistan); disqualification in 4:39 (Italy); 1-0 (Canada); 5-0 (Turkey); and 3-0 (W Germany). That earned him a finals re-match with Khadartsev of the Soviet Union, and there he lost by the narrowest of margins, 1-0. Going unscored upon until the finals and outscoring the opposition 14-1, Campbell looked awesome! He finished 1990 on a down note, however, as he dropped a 15-0 technical fall to Russia's

Khadartsev in the Grand Masters of Olympic Wrestling Dual Meet.

As far as 1991, Chris has continued his winning ways. He started by winning the fabled Tblisi Tournament in Russia in the spring. At that time, with the Gulf War going on, USA Wrestling did not feel it was safe sanctioning a team. However, Campbell and seven other athletes went over on their own to compete. Winning six of seven matches, Campbell won his first ever Tblisi Championship after numerous trips to this difficult event. He also won the Yarygin Tournament, another major Russian event.

Later in the year, he won the World Cup Gold medal in Toledo. Then another John E. du Pont US Freestyle National Title, his second in a row and third overall title. In that event, he pinned Greco gold medalist Michial Foy of Sunkist Kids in 3:39. Foy is considered the most exciting and explosive Greco wrestler in the US, and his potential is almost limitless.

The next major event for Campbell was the John E. du Pont World Team Trials in Philadelphia. He won that as well, beating up on Dan Chaid 3-0 and 9-0. This solidified his number one US ranking (for the second straight year). In the Pan American Games in Havana, Cuba, he next placed second, losing to Cuba's Roberto Limonta, 2-1 in overtime in 5:23.

In early October of this year, Chris competed in the World Championships, where he again put on an awesome display of technique, strength, and defensive power. He started by shutting down the Indian entry, 7-0. Next was another shutout, 2-0, over the Nigerian wrestler. In round three, he shocked the wrestling world by beating five-time World Champ Khadartsev of Russia, 3-2. After his upset victory, Chris recorded two more trademark shut-outs, 3-0 and 2-0 over opponents from Poland and Iran. The next round, though, he lost again to Cuba's Limonta, 1-0.

Had he won, he would have made the finals and most likely would have won. However, Khadartsev beat Limonta, sending him to the finals, Limonta to the bronze medal match, and Campbell to the consolation round for fifth place. Khadartsev won 1-0 for the gold medal, Limonta won

2-0 for the bronze, and Campbell pinned Turkey's Kenan Simsek in 2:55 for a strong fifth place. A fifth place finish that was mere inches from a World Title.

A few more big events are on the horizon for Campbell, with the climax coming in mid-1992. Looking to win an Olympic Gold Medal in Barcelona, Spain, Campbell should be a lock for a medal if things go as they have been going. That would be a logical end to his career - an Olympic Gold medal, the one title that has somehow eluded him thus far.

Under his agreement with the Carrier Corporation and the US Olympic Committee, that would be the end of his Olympic Job Opportunity Program. This is the program that allows him time off with pay to train and compete. It's a great program, and it's allowed him to get back into in and achieve world class rankings. So after next year's Olympics, the program will end and it would only be logical - and expected - for Campbell to finally call it a career. One great thing about this sport, though, is that it's not dictated by logic, and the unexpected occurs very often!

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Many State Placewinners Return

Twenty-nine NY State Medalists Return, as do many others for start of High School Wrestling

Millions of sports fans get excited about the beginning of football season, baseball season, basketball season, hockey season, etc. Around New York State, and amongst wrestling fans, this is the time of the year for the start of real excitement. A season of NYS high school wrestling has all the action, drama, Cinderella stories, heartbreak, and sheer excitement to rival any other sports season.

Last year's state tournament was dominated by - surprise - seniors. In all, top six places were awarded to wrestlers in 14 weight classes for a total of 84 state medals. Seniors hogged up 55 of these medals, greater than 65% of the medals. Those guys are long gone. Some have gone off and started practicing for another sport - collegiate wrestling. Others have retired from the sport, satisfied with their achievements. Others are perhaps still wondering about what to do.

But for those guys left over - what a great crop of talent! 29 state placelfinishers are back to equal or better their honors. In addition, a few guys who placed in the states last year but failed to make it this year are eager for redemption. And a whole bunch of guys who don't even know where Syracuse is will be blossoming into state champs and medal winners.

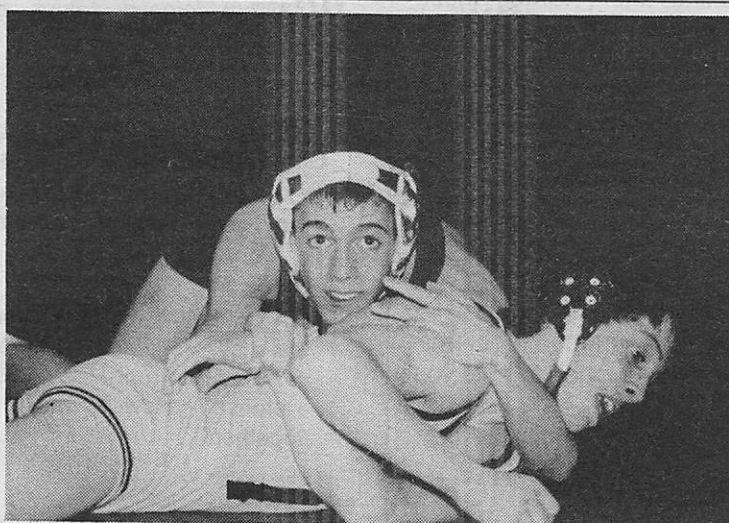
It's always tough predicting who will win, but the rest of this article will attempt to make you more aware of

just some of the better wrestlers in NYS.

Two state champs return this year - David Hardwick, a senior from Valley Central-9 and Shane Mack, a junior from Ithaca-4. Hardwick is made of rubber and wouldn't know how to quit to save his life. He should be back at 91 or 98 pounds. Shane Mack was good all season, but at the Sectionals and especially the states, he got great in a hurry. He's another scoring

silver medals so far; if you're into trends, he's up for a first place performance this year. Alex Croog was second to Mike Jamison; in that match, he gave the champ perhaps his toughest battle of the event. Croog has also been there before, with a fourth place finish as a freshman. Intensity and domination are his trademarks. Mike Quaglio at 155 came awful close to stopping a dream season. Entering the finals match, his opponent, Matt Marciniak of Watkins

Glen-4 had 188 career wins, equally the state record. If he won the match, he would have the state title and the state record. He won, 4-2, but Quaglio gave him a close match throughout, and Quaglio should prove unbeatable this year. Kerry McCoy at 177 came about a quarter inch away from a title, losing a close 3-2 decision to John Degl of Mahopac-1. McCoy gave up the winning escape with just seconds remaining in the match. He's since added state freestyle and Greco titles, and looks ready for top honors this year.



JAMES DOUGLAS, top, en route to 7-3 state quarterfinal pin over Cory Bushey. Douglas, from Bethpage-8, was third in the states two years ago. Last year, he improved to second. He's back this year to shoot for number one. Photo by Peter Venier.

machine with about a ton of confidence and talent to match. Either one of these guys could beat up on most 119 pounders in the state. It'll take a huge upset to stop repeat performances from these big little guys.

Four runners-up are back. James Douglas of Bethpage-8, dominated Shane Mack for most of period one. He looked better on his feet and was controlling the mat wrestling. But soon afterwards, Mack scored 10 unanswered points for the title. Douglas, though, remains a formidable threat to a title. He's tough, strong, and he's been there. He's taken bronze and

Five bronze medalist are eligible for return medals this year and each one has a notable story. Brian Fischenich of Huntington-11, lost in the early rounds to Dave Rotoli, who he pinned in the re-match for third place. Dan Nier of Greece Athena-5, now just a junior, had state champ Mack all but beaten, losing only in the finals seconds of the bout. Chris Stevens, Fredonia-6, also a junior, only had one loss at the states, a 3-2 decision to Alex Croog. And in capturing third place, he beat last year's state champ, Craig Vitagliano. Keith Smith lost his first match in the

states, then came on to beat everyone handily, including last year's champ, Ken Porter. Smith is from Johnson City-4. Jamie Huntington, Whitehall-2, dropped just one match at the states - a fall to eventual champ Nick Hall. That was his only loss of the season.

Seven fourth place finishers from Syracuse are back this year - Jake Gardner (Hoosick Falls-2) Rob Bashaw (Peru-7), Chad Henkin (Rocky Point-11), Mitch Clark (Canton-10), Jason Kraft (Sachem-11), Casey Lamb (Victor-5), and Jason Cohen, (West Islip-11).

Four fifth-placers are eligible to return - Karl Ruud (Burnt Hills-2), Jason Wartinger (Cheektowaga-6), Brett Gould (Calhoun-8), and Gino Brown (Newburg-9).

In addition, there are seven sixth placers back from last year - Dave DuBrava (Chenango Forks-4); Cory Bushey (North Adirondack-7); Eric Amato (John Jay-East Fishkill-1); Elias Perez (Huntington-11); Phil Donnelly (Pearl River-1); Josh Mastrangelo (Carmel-1); and Chris Smith (St Joe's-Cath).

On top of all this talent, consider the guys who freestyle or Greco state titles last spring who may be in Syracuse in March: Mike Merry, Terry Showalter, Phil Donnelly, Jason Kraft, Craig Haynes, Scott Curtis, Kerry McCoy, and Bob Bucci. Throw in the Empire State Games gold medalists, and we're looking at no shortage of talent to excite fans for the next four months. The gold medalist at the Games this summer were Ben New, Brian Fischenich, Mike Fields, Liston Brown, Jason Wartinger, Ron Vosburg, Chad Henkin, Alper Bekirov, Brett Lassen, George Chaumon, John Aebly, Kerry McCoy, Josh Mastrangelo, Brian Cusati, Jason Goldman, Doug Riddell, Mike Bevins, Terry Showalter, Lou DiMaria, Chad Henkin, Scott Krulisky, Shayne Bogardus, Dana Ernst, Ryan Hammersmith, Kerry McCoy, and Matt Stein.

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Fulton-3 Returns Much Talent

State's Number One Ranked High School Seeks to Continue Winning Streaks

Fulton High School-3's coach is a kind of laid-back guy. You'll see him at tournaments teasing other coaches about how bad Fulton did that last round, or how tough it's going to be to win the team title. But Mike Connors is really an intense coach - and competitor. In his heyday, he captured a Division III NCAA title as a heavy-weight for St Lawrence University. Before that, the Baldwinsville athlete won a NYS State title at 177 pounds.

Although young, he's managed to establish Fulton as a year-in state powerhouse. Last year the team finished the season undefeated at 23-0. Fulton competed in seven rugged tournaments - Elmira, Spencerport, Union-Endicott, Section 3 Duals, OHSL Metro, Section 3 Class A, and the Section 3 Championships - and won each one. For the third straight year, they were ranked number one in the state by the NYS Sportswriters Association. Longwood-11 shared that honor this past season.

When you talk about streaks, the question at Fulton is "Which one?". Consider this:

They've won 76 straight NYS dual meet matches.

They have won 14 straight tournament victories (23 of 24 over the last 4 years, with the only loss in 1989 at the Class A's by half a point!).

They won three NYS Poll championships

They won three straight Section 3 Dual Meet Championships

They won 10 straight league championships

The team lost 10 seniors, including John Noel, 167, 4th in the states last year, and Mike VanBuren and Chuck Burlingham, both third in Section 3.

But their goal is to win a fourth state championship. Returning are 6 Section 3 placemen and 8 Section 3 Class A top-three place finishers. Says Connors, "We have a fine mix of returning talent and some very promising youth. We return 20 wrestlers who have some varsity experience from

last season and 11 of those are varsity lettermen. We should be as strong as anyone in the state from 138 to 215!"

Take a look at who's coming back this year...

Bill Hayden, junior, 138-145. 25-6 last year; two-time League Champ; 2nd in Class A; 2nd in Section 3, losing 4-2 to NYS Champ Steve Caruso in the finals.

Matt Austin, senior, 155. 19-4 last year; Elmira Tournament champ; Spencerport and League runner-up

Shayne Bogardus, senior, 167. 21-3-1 last year. Class A Champion; 3rd in Section 3. Won a gold and silver in this summer's Empire State Games.

Matt Kitts, senior, 177. 34-6 with 22 pins. League and Class A Sectional champ; 4th in Section 3; bronze medalist in Greco at Empire Games.

CP Carroll, senior, 215 pounds. 32-6; 57-15 career; two-time Class A

Sectional Champ; won four tournaments last year; 3rd in Section 3.

Dan Mahar, senior, 112. 48-19 career. 1st at Elmira Tournament, pinning Section 4 champ. Class A champ.

Keith Roberts, junior, 112/119. 20-1-1; 52-8-1 career. Won League, Spencerport, and Elmira Tournaments. Beat state placemen Mike Merry of Union-Endicott and pinned state champ Shane Mack of Ithaca in finals. Injury ended last season early. League Champ as frosh. 2nd in Class A; 3rd in Section 3.

Other wrestlers to watch include Rick Farfaglia, 126/132; Clint Hutchinson, 98/105; Adam Jacobson, 112/119; Matt Mahar, 119/126. Seniors Ron Bowes, 145, Mike Ferlito, 145, and Greg McDonald, 132 all have varsity experience. Sophomores returning include Kadiel Mendoza, 98, Bob Galini, 155, Randy Jodway, 132, Mike Galvin, 132, Bob Waute, 112, and Dan Sturgis, 215. Top JV's include Ed McEwen, 155, Sean Doyle, 138, Jason Willis, 167, Brent Jones, 138, Mike Stoutenger, 112, and Shawn Rebeon, 167.

Even with all this talent, there are potential roadblocks. Connors lists four tough spots in the schedule: Cicero-North Syracuse and Baldwinsville in the League; Spencerport Tournament ("I see strong Spencerport and Johnson City teams"); Canastota, Lowville, and Vernon-Verona-Sherrill in the Section 3 Duals; Burnt Hills, Waverly, Valley Central, and Union-Endicott at the UE Dual Meet Tournament.

Overall, look for continuations of their impressive streaks. Says Connors, "We have a great senior group and we hope to win it all again. It's a strong schedule. We are excited!" So is all of New York State...

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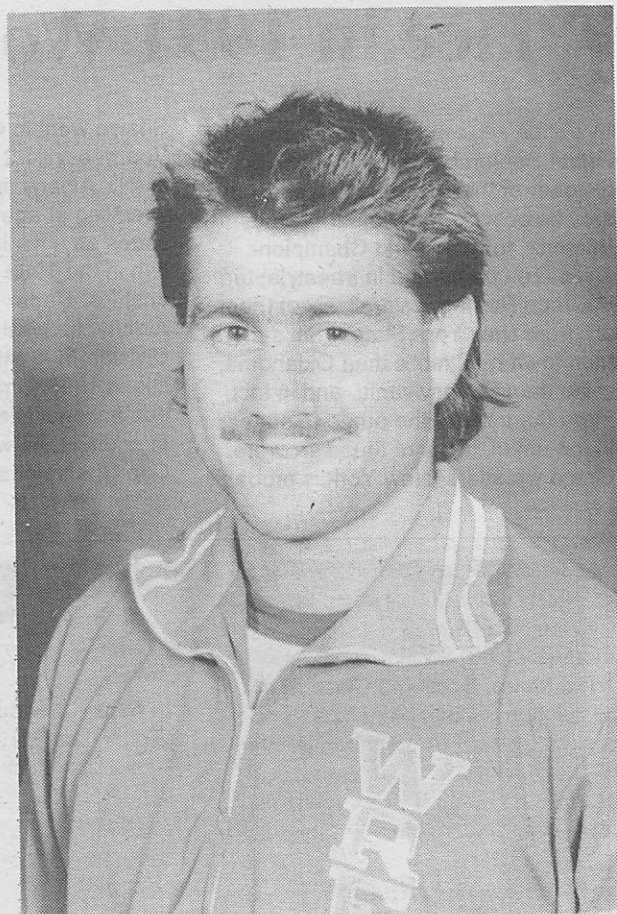
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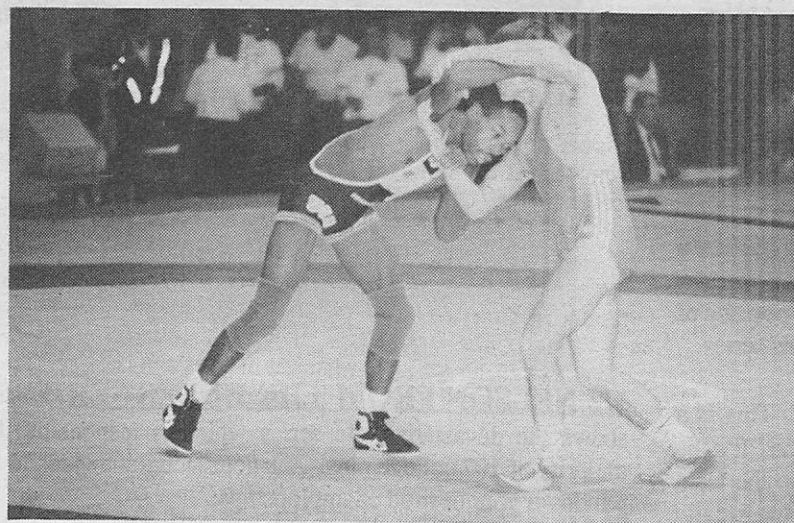
Sheldon, Penrith, Campbell, Seras Place in 1991 World Championships

In late September through early October of this year, the United States sent its best 20 wrestlers to Varna, Bulgaria, for the World Championships. Ten competed in freestyle; ten in Greco Roman. Overall, six of them are from New York State. That's more than Iowa had, more than Oklahoma, more than Pennsylvania, and in fact, more than any of the other 49 states in the union. Four of these six were Greco wrestlers (New York is probably

Shawn went to Columbia-Voorheesville-2 for high school and SUNY Albany afterwards. He started wrestling at age 13, placed third in the states as a senior in 1983, and took fifth in the 1983 Junior World Championships. Under DeMeo at SUNY Albany, he was a three-time NCAA Division III All American, winning the title in 1986. Shawn has won numerous national titles and placefinishes. In addition, he won the 1989 World Cup Championships. He also won the

Holland, by 16-0 technical fall in just 2:53. Then he blanked the Hungarian, 4-0 and won by disqualification over the Romanian in 4:45. Another disqualification win followed, this one over Bratan Tzenov of Bulgaria, after 6:40, with a score of 2-1. In the finals match, he faced Cuba's Raul Martinez. Two months earlier, Sheldon lost to him (3-1) in the Pan American Games, with Martinez taking the gold and Sheldon the bronze. This time, it was another hard-fought match. Near the end of regulation at the edge of the mat, Martinez scored the winning point for a 1-0 victory.

"Shawn Sheldon has arrived. From here on out, he'll be in every match. He found out that he can beat anybody. He beat the crowd, he beat the officials, he beat the opponents. He has learned how to win," said National Greco Coach Mike Houck after Sheldon's stellar performance.



SHAWN SHELDON, left, on the way to placing second in the World Championships in Greco. Competing at 114.5 pounds, he lost his final match by just 1-0. USA Wrestling Photo.

the best place in the United States for Greco, thanks to Joe DeMeo and his ATWA organization (Adirondack Three-Style Wrestling Association). The other two competed in freestyle.

Overall, New Yorkers recorded 19 wins against 10 losses. We won two silver medals, one fourth place, and a fifth place. In order of placement, here's a rundown of each member and a little about each one.

Shawn Shedon, silver medal, Greco Roman

114.5 pounds, 5' 3", originally from Albany, NY. Born November 18, 1964.

1989 Padubny Tournament - the first ever US wrestler to win this famous event. He was fifth in last year's World Championships and a member of the 1988 Olympic team. He was 1990's Greco Roman Ring Series winner. That means he was the most active and successful Greco wrestler in the country that year. He is a four-time US Nationals champion and a three-time runner-up. At age 26, he has a vast wealth of experience and should be in great position for an Olympic medal in 1992.

At this year's World Championships, Shawn first beat up Marcel Verwey of

Brad Penrith, silver medal, Freestyle

125.5 pounds, 5' 6" Birthdate March 3, 1965, age 26. Originally from Windsor-4 High School, then University of Iowa. Competes for Sunkist Kids and is ranked number one in US. Penrith was a rare four-time NYS placewinner with finishes of fifth, first, third, and fourth. After his senior year, Brad won a National Junior title in Greco Roman. He started wrestling in seventh grade when his mother encouraged him because he and his brother always fought. He has an older brother, Adrian, and a twin brother, Bret. Bret was a NYS champ as well and placed in the Junior Nationals three times.

For his collegiate career, he chose Iowa and Dan Gable. His biggest accomplishment is "walking on at Iowa to win an NCAA Championship when nobody thought I could do it." He won the title as a sophomore, then took second the next two years. He

graduated in 1989 with a degree in General Studies.

Penrith was the 1989 and 1991 US Nationals champ, taking third in 1990. He was an 1989 World Team member and Pan Am champion, and third in the 1990 World Cup. He is the 1989 US Olympic Festival champion and was fourth in the 1990 World Team Trials.

Penrith started this year's freestyle season at the Sunkist Open International, held on November 9-10th. It's considered the kick-off of the freestyle season. He didn't place there, and the 125.5 title was won by Kendall Cross. In third place was Russia's World bronze medalist Sergia Smal, who lost to Cross by fall in 2:27. One week earlier, Smal had beaten Cross 12-7 and Penrith 14-10.

The next major event for Penrith was the John E. du Pont US Nationals, held in Las Vegas. He won that title based on a finals 7-6 victory over Cross. He followed by another gold medal in the John E. du Pont World Team Trials by first beating Glenn Goodman 8-0, losing by fall to him, and then shutting him down again, 4-0. This qualified him for the World Championships later in the year. Before that, he won the Pan American games, beating reigning World champ Alejandro Puerto of Cuba in the finals, 6-4.

In the 1991 World Championships, Penrith first drew the Bulgarian wrestler. Winning that match, 5-2, he then lost 6-3 to the North Korean. He next won an 8-6 victory over the Japanese entrant, followed by two pins, 1:28 over Great Britain, and 4:54 over Hungary. To make it to the finals, he needed a 7-5 overtime (5:26) win over the Iranian. His opponent in the finals was no stranger - Russia's Sergei Smal. Smal was able to contain Penrith, 3-0 for a close win, giving him the gold medal with Penrith taking the silver. In his other World Championship appearance in 1989, Penrith lost two straight bouts and did not place. This marks a huge improvement in an ever-improving career. It also puts him number one in line for an Olympic berth.

Chris Campbell, fifth place, Freestyle

198 pounds, 5' 8" born September 21, 1954, age 37. Originally from

Westfield, NJ, where he went to Westfield High School. He began wrestling in fourth grade. As a senior in 1973, he won a New Jersey state title; the same year he placed second in the National Junior Championships. Competing originally as a walk-on, he earned a scholarship and won two NCAA titles. He also placed second as a sophomore. He graduated in 1979 with a BS degree in Sociology.

Campbell is married. His wife's name is Laura, and they have three children: daughter Avasa (5) and sons Christopher (9) and Jonathan (2). He is an attorney with Carrier Corporation in Syracuse where he and his family now live.

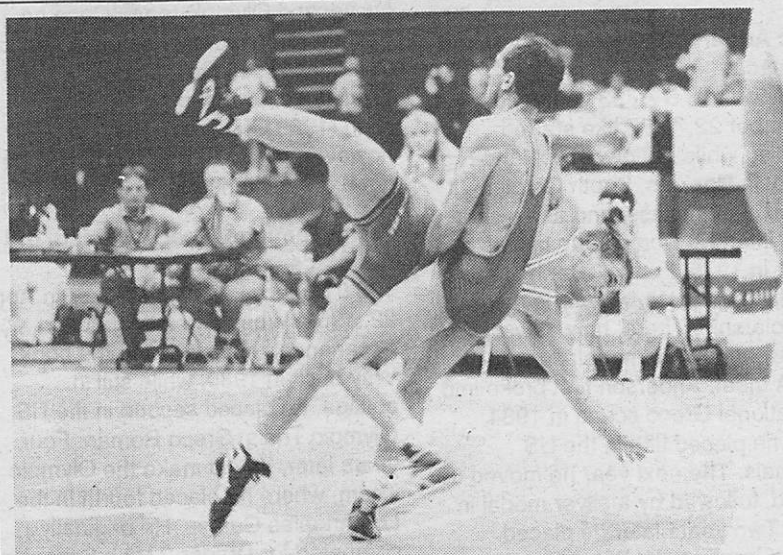
Campbell is one of the US's most successful wrestlers. For further information on him, see the article on page 7.

In the 1991 World Championships, Campbell won his first two matches by shutout - 7-0 and 2-0. He then faced the defending World and Olympic Champ, Maaharbek Khadartsev of Russia, who had beaten him a few times before. Campbell pulled off an upset this time, winning 3-2. He then registered two more shut-outs, 3-0 over Poland and 2-0 over Iran. In round five, though, he lost to Pan Am champ Roberto Limonta of Cuba, 1-0. Limonta, in turn, lost to Khadartsev, so Campbell dropped down to the consolations for fifth. He scored a 2:55 pin over the Turkish opponent.

Khadartsev wound up winning the gold medal again, making this his sixth World level title. Campbell now seems poised to grab an Olympic gold medal next year. He's proven he can beat the best; it's just a matter of who happens to have the better day. And we're betting on Campbell!

Andy Seras, sixth place, Greco Roman

149.5 pounds, 5'5", born December 4, 1962, 28 years old. From Schenectady, NY. Started at age 11, in a pee wee program run by the local high school; attended Niskayuna-2 high school under Joe Bena. Placed fourth in the state his senior year, 1980. Also played soccer as well. Seras didn't go far for college, choosing Albany State and Joe DeMeo. There, he was a four-time NCAA Division III All American, winning the title at 158 his senior year. Bronze medalist in the US Olympic Festival in 1979; then won silvers in 1983, 1985, and 1987. Fourth in the Junior World meet in 1980. Red-shirted during his junior and senior years to concentrate on making the Olympic Greco team. Placed second in the trials based on a controversial decision loss to Jim Martinez, who took a bronze medal in the games. Runner-up in the US Nationals five years in a row - 1984 to 1988. Then won it in 1989, 1990, and 1991. Member of the 1988 US Olympic team, beating Martinez to make the



FRANK FAMIANO throws Dennis Hall in finals of World Team Trials. Famiano, a fifth-place finisher in the 1984 Olympics, Greco Roman, won this match and competed in the World Championships. Photo by USA Wrestling.

squad. Second in the World Cup in 1986 and 1987; third in 1988 and 1989; fifth in 1984. Gold medalist at Pan Am Games in 1990 and 1991; also holds titles from many other major events. Placed ninth in the World Championships in 1989. Is ranked number one in the US and has been since 1988; very consistent and overpowering winner; vast experience in a multitude of national and international events. This season placed fourth in the World Cup; won the US Nationals, beating Travis West in the finals, 1-0. Won the World Team Trials, beating West in two straight matches, 3-0 and 1-0. At World Championships, he took sixth place.

There, he first technical felled the entrant from Jordan, 16-0 in just 2:09. Then he beat the Belgium opponent, 12-0. Next was a disqualification win over the Portugal wrestler in 3:33. After that, however, came a double disqualification with the wrestler from Finland with just 12 seconds left in the match. He then lost a 7-0 match to the Swede, and in the consolations, lost by injury default to the French entrant. This gave him sixth place, an improvement over ninth place in 1989. So far, he has competed in the World Championships four times.

With his huge amount of experience and still youthful age (28), Seras looks to continue his dominance in the US and improve internationally. His goals are to win gold medals in the World Championships and Olympics, and he just might do it!

Isaac Anderson, Greco Roman, did not place

136.5 pounds; 5'7", 33 years old, born December 22, 1957. Ike started wrestling while at Lower Richland High School in Hopkins, South Carolina. It started in gym class, and a few short years later, he won a state title as a senior in 1975. For college, he chose Appalachian State, where he received a scholarship. There, he was very successful, but did not place in the NCAA meet. Anderson first broke into the national Greco scene in 1984, when he placed fifth in the US Nationals. The next year he moved up to third, followed by a silver medal in 1986. Two years later he placed second once again. But enough was enough; he took the title the next two years. He also placed second in the Concord Cup International in 1985,

1989, and 1990, one of the toughest Greco tournaments in the world. Going into the final Olympic trials in 1988, he was in the number five spot - not a bad place to be, but rarely does a number five advance past the four guys ahead of him. And up to that point, Isaac had never won first place in a national competition.

Those obstacles did not stop him. Match by match, he advanced up the ladder and eventually won the trials. In the Seoul Olympics, he placed sixth. That same year he placed third in the World Cup.

This year, Anderson placed second in the US Nationals, losing to long-time foe Buddy Lee of the Armed Forces in the finals, 1-0. The then won the 1991 Concord Cup International. Next he won the World Team Trials, beating Lee in the final series, by disqualification in both matches. In the Pan American Games, he took the silver medal, falling to the Cuban by disqualification in 4:53.

At this year's World Championships, Anderson first drew the Czechoslovakian. He won that match, 1-0, but was next involved in a double disqualification with the Iranian wrestler. And in his last match, Anderson lost by disqualification to the Bulgarian. Ironically, the wrestler he beat in round one went on to eventually place 9th in the event.

Going into the final month of 1991, Anderson is currently ranked number one in the US. He is favored to make his second Olympic team. Once he gets there, he surely has the potential to medal. His highest placefinish in a World level event so far has been sixth (1988 Olympics). His goal, however, is a top three finish, and he's got a great chance of making it.

Frank Famiano, Greco Roman, did not place

125.5 pounds, 5' 5". Age 30, born April 22, 1961. When you talk about experience, this guy wrote the book. Way back in 1980, while still in college, he placed second in the US Olympic Trials, Greco Roman. Four years later, he did make the Olympic Team, where he placed fourth in the Los Angeles Games. He originally competed for Draper-2 High School in Schenectady, where he placed in the states twice. He attended SUNY Brockport under Don Murray where he

was a three-time All American. In his last two years, he won NY State, SUNYAC, and NCAA Division III Championships. He also won MOW award in NCAA's twice. As a junior and senior, he placed in the NCAA Division I Championships as well. Famiano was a two time US Olympic Festival Champ in 1978 and 1983. He won the US Nationals title four times, 1984, 1986, 1987, and 1991. He was second in 1990, competing at 136.5 pounds. He was third in the 1990 and 1991 Pan American Games. We won the Concord Cup International in 1982, then was third last year and second this year. He is currently ranked number one in the US; he has been ranked for 11 years - since 1980. At Brockport, he earned a bachelors degree in marketing and later added a Masters degree in physical education.

This season he started by taking fifth in the Cerro Pelado tournament in Cuba, then he won the US National title and took second in the Concord Cup. He next won the US World Team Trials and took third in the Pan Am Games, beating Juan Cortes of Mexico in the bronze medal match. At the World Championships, Frank did not place. In his first match, he beat the North Korean 5-1 before falling to Patrice Mourier of France, 1-0 and Zoran Galovic of Yugoslavia, 12-4. Mourier and Galovic would up placing fourth and fifth in the tournament.

Famiano has more experience in Greco than just about every other wrestler in the US, and his chances of medaling in the Olympics are great.

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Hall Starts Strong at ODU

*First in a Series Looking at the Life of a First-year Division I Wrestler from NYS;
Spotlighting former Longwood-11 State Champ Nick Hall and written by Allen Brown.*

Making the transition from high to college wrestling is difficult. The wrestling community calls it the "Big Jump". Many college-bound high school wrestlers elect not to even attempt it. Others do, and the results are brutally simple - some succeed but many others fail. About once a decade a Pat Smith (Del City/Oklahoma State) comes along who can go from high

past spring, he added a NYS Free-style title as well.

After a lot of thought and a near-enrollment somewhere else, Nick decided to head south to attend Division I power Old Dominion University at Norfolk, Virginia. When asked why he decided on ODU, he quickly replied, "Gray Simons. I had heard a lot of good things about him, and I wanted to wrestle for him." Hall enrolled at ODU late summer and rooms with high school teammate, Jason Burke, a 142 pounder. ODU started wrestling practice in early October. Hall picked up the narrative from there: "We've been practicing during the week, Monday through Friday. I'm at 215-218 pounds, down from 227 over the summer. We do some drilling and a lot of technique work. It's as if the coach has a big wrestling text book in his head and is taking us through it page by page. I've been working especially hard on my tilts. If

Wednesday and Friday, the strength coach works with us on circuit training, all you can handle."

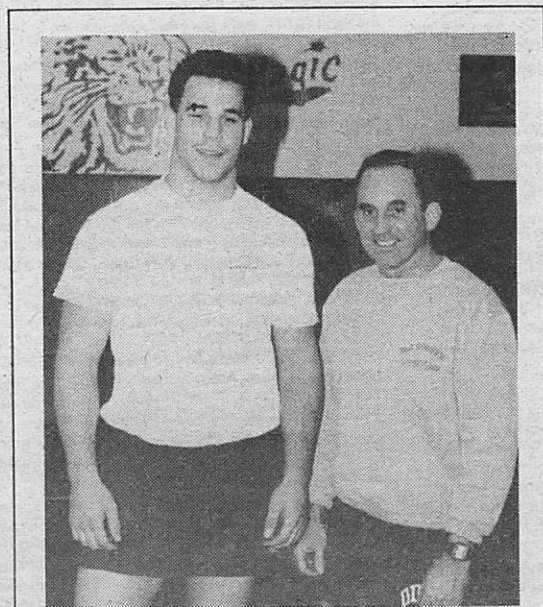
Asked about the differences between high school and college practice, he replied, "It's the intensity. We've started live wrestling and you get a takedown and the other guy wants to take a shot at you. Or you hit the wall at the edge of the room and no one stops wrestling. You keep wrestling - it's like a battlefield."

ODU has a solid regional reputation for no-nonsense academics. asked about the intellectual transition, Nick claimed, "I probably didn't study hard enough in high school. Here the work's harder, but I'm more focused. It's wrestle and study, wrestle and study... I'm getting good grades and don't even go out much on weekends. I haven't declared a major yet, but so far I like psychology."

For Nick Hall, the shooting starts in November. ODU opens with its Division I Invitational tournament on the 16th followed by the Mat Town brawl at Lock Haven, PA, on the 24th. "I'll be ready," asserts Hall.

Coach Simons commented on Hall, "He's a good hard worker. he often stays after practice and also runs on his own." He smiled and concluded "Nick Hall has good basic skills out of high school that will help him make it at the college level.

by Allen Brown



NICK HALL, left, and ODU coach Gray Simons. Hall has been working hard and is looking forward to collegiate competition. Photo by ODU Sports Information.

school state champ to NCAA Division I champ in one year.

This season New York Wrestling News plans to follow the fortunes of the Empire State's Nick Hall, as he attempts the Big Jump. This first article in the series scans the pre-season of Hall's first year in college.

Hall was hugely successful in high school at Longwood-11, coached by Mike Picozzi and Ethan Prifte. He was 31-1 as a junior and capped his scholastic career last season with a 27-0 record and the state championship (and MOW) at 215 pounds. More remarkable, he pinned 25 of 27 opponents during his senior year. This

Coach Simons sees something he doesn't like, he'll correct it. Also, on

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NYS Collegiate Previews

Another Banner Year Ahead for New York College Wrestling

1978). This is a record Cheney is humbled by and one he's anxious to begin copying.

Albama, joked Cheney, "The challenge is obvious, but I feel a little like the guy who stepped in Bear Bryant at the Junior Greco Championship, John Gaeger, who placed in the tates, Nile Weston, who won 100 matches in high school, and Bill Lochlin. Several other wrestlers are on the squad and may contribute to the team as the season progresses.

College in Ohio. He was co-captain of the 1987 NCAA coach in 1988, he held the same position at Ashland

Brookport Head Coach Don Murray has never been much interested in pre-season hype. He wants to let his wrestlers get their feet wet, experience what it's like to take on some of the best competition in the nation, then get ready for the Division II wrestling championship. Murray, who is from Brookport, California, will continue to serve as coordinator of wrestling at Brookport.

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This year's team returns a solid bunch of veterans, seven Division I NCAA powerhouses in UB, Brian Quirk, 190, and DJ Strimling, 184, and DJ Strimling, 190, lead a veteran crew that is expected to battle for the finished sixth in the nation last year. National champion Penn State has been ranked back fifth in a group that includes six former national champions.

Brian Quirk, 190, and DJ Strimling, 184, and DJ Strimling, 190, led a veteran crew that is expected to battle for the national crown again this winter.

Quirk was the national champion two years ago and finished second last season. In pro-season, he ranked 10th in the nation among all divisions. He was 21-5-1 with 5 wins in 1997.

Chris Knap, Todd Donastelli, Mark Cray, Dennis Calver, Charles Klump, and Nick LaRocca are other top recruits who should have a good season this year. The top large group of state placewinners and other top recruits will return from their winter break.

last year, Stevens was fourth at 134 pounds last year and had the best record on the team - 25-6. He should challenge for the national crown this year. Sinton is third, a junior who placed eighth in the NCAA's last year. He should move way up this year.

Senior Nelson Coley at 158 should also do very well. He had a spectacular summer, winning the gold medal at the Pan Am Games in Montreal. He has a lot of experience. Patte, Joe Smallidge, Tim Thurney, and others.

Fajst, Joe Smallidge, Jim Mohr, Will Moses, Jason Powers, Justin Ralme, Bob Newcomer, Michael Anthony Conner, Marcus Hutchins, heavyweight Muscarella won 15 matches last season. Gradenister at 200 lb. All American and Gradenister, and Joe Muscarella, Engels and Hammer, Robert Kearney, Dan Engels, Dave Paul-Pavaynin, Todd Webb, Jim Barbaldo, Todd

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Buffalo "This year's University of Buffalo squad will have a lot of new things to deal with. First off, 21-year veteran head coach Ed Michaels has retired from coaching. Three-year assistant coach Charlie Cheney has taken over for a while to develop, but it could be something special at New head coach Lou Montano is optimistic about this year's team. "It looks like a youthful team that might take

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reason for the success here," said Cheney. "I feel very fortunate to not only take over for him, but to have worked under him as an assistant for three years and learn the state of head coach. Obviously, this year is going to be an adjustment—for everyone. But the education I learned from Coach Michael and knowing he's here to help out and be an enormous help."

Michael's 21 years as head coach has had profound effects on the players. "I've learned a lot from Coach Michael," says O'Connell, 17. "He's helped me become a better person, a better player, and a better student."

Stieberg, 14½, Pale O'Connell, 15½; Brian Shalep, 17½; Oer Karasulwar, 12½; Todd Gilmore, 12½/13¼; Matt and Joe Caignano. Others include Adam Entree, 11½; McCaslin, 15½; Bruce Wechs, 16½; Steve Curmbie, 17.

The top freshmen look to be Mike Fisher, 14½; Corey Cornell, but that's our goal."

desire. We're three or four years away from the level of

12 victories against 118 losses, along with 39 All-Americans and a National Division III Championship (in Hobart's 17-year head coaching era that produced freshmen include Jeremy and Nick Szerlip at 177 and

Albany
Frontioler - will teach this year to concentrate on the upcoming Olympic Greco Roman Trials. Both are national caliber wrestlers who should make the top ten. The loss of these outstanding competitors will be felt, but the team is not without a lot of talent. Steve Mittle, defending regional champ, is now a senior with lots of talent. He's been in there with all the best and should challenge for

SUNNY, NYS, and NCAA titles this year at 118 pounds. Rob Appel, a junior at 126 pounds, though, is considered to be Albany's best guy. He placed second in the Coast Guard Tournament last season and should also challenge for numerous titles this year.

he was right up there with All State Bill Mallin. The year he should be in the running for SUNY, State, and NCAA honors. Freshman Randy Shaw at 167 looks very good as well. He won the year's NYS freestyle title over a tainted group. He should do well at 167 for Albany. At 190 pounds, Luke LaRocci is a darkhorse for several honors as well. He was in the East Regional last year and also owned it against SLU's Jeff West. Senior

Al Gordon at heavyweight was one match away from American honors last year. The transfer from Wegner should also be a factor in all tournaments as well.

years. The young guys are progressing well, but still need to build more confidence in wrestling skills and to gain confidence in order to reach their always-high goals. As of August, the team was running and lifting weights 8 hours a week. As of October 1st, they started with wrestling skills and combat training. Now in full swing, the team seems packed with hungry wrestlers with a lot of heart.

However, it's hard to call their roster a rebuilding one. With an amazing 26 high school state championships and 18 other placings represented in the room, the raw talent is definitely there. The guys coaching wood splinters this year will most likely be able to beat most other teams' starters.

The probable line-up, from 118 to heavyweight, might

Other talented guests you might hear from include Chas. Achamer, Matt Barber, Mike Peterson, Suk Kim, Ray Thompson, Jacob Garcia, second in the EWAs; Simon Vanrees, 22-10 last year; Rob Harris; Travis Smith or Jeff last year and holder of the All Army Pin Record; Jack Larson, 25-11 last year; Dave Warwick, EWAs runner-up; include such names, and in the EWAs at 11:15.

Arredondo, Dan Dirscoll, Todd Nilson, Gary Tucker, Phil Bartlett, Mike Benson, Ross Walker, Todd Blackwell, Jason Figueiredo, Mike Greeson, NYS Champ Matt Marchiale, Romy O'Daniel, Bill Spolinder, Sam Volkmann, Sung Won, and many, many others. In all, 51 are on the roster. This should be another great year for Army.

Birmingham — Fourth-year coach Mark Gumbie welcomes back ten seniors and two NCAA qualifiers. The team should be vastly improved over last year's team's 7-8 record and 44th national placing. "We have 28 wrestlers on the roster and each individual is capable of stepping in and giving us a good effort," says Gumbie. "This team has the

Senior tri-captains Ken Kauffman, Rich Calkins and Adam Clifordones should head the way. Calkins will move up to 190 pounds this year after wrestling at 177 for three years; he placed in the NWS Championships twice, and also qualified for the national. Kauffman, a two-time national qualifier, won the SIU title at 143 last year.

Griffondone returns at 134 pounds and looks to reach the nationals after coming close the past two years. Others he qualified for the NCAA's the past two years.

190; Brian Lang, Chad Gillette, Ben Krippendorf, and Francis Furstenberg.

Cornell

Cornell wrestlers compete with the same aggressiveness and energy that Jack Spates coaches with. A former state and NCAA Division I champ, Spates has brought the always-tough Cornell team to national prominence the past few years. The team is a five-time Ivy League champ, going undefeated in that league last year. The team placed third in the EIWA's and sent four men to the NCAA meet. They also had three EIWA champs. The schedule is vastly improved and the team looks even better than last year's team. The lightweights include Marc McFarland, David Hirsch, David Sims, and Mark Ferguson. These four accounted for 87 wins last year. Hirsch, Sims and Ferguson went to the NCAA's, with Ferguson ranked in the top 10 all year long. Mike Polo, Jason Roach, Mike New, and Bob Whalen boost the middle to upper weight classes. Polo won 17 matches last year. Roach was 26-4, winning the NYS and EIWA tournaments. He also competed in the NCAA's. New also qualified for the nationals and placed in many tournaments. Whalen was 32-3 last year, finishing third in the EIWA's. Others include Glenn Walter Ed Ramsey, Mike Klinglesmith, Todd Laudenslager, Daryl Detrick, Bruce Morgan, Anthony Tabasso, Brian Marinek, David Salemme, and Randy Stas. New talent includes Mike Buxbaum, Chip Foster, Roland Kays, Kyle Rackley (Oklahoma State transfer and two-time state champ), and many talented others. Besides Spates, a large coaching staff includes Olympic hopeful Rob Koll. Look for more good things to come out of Cornell, including NCAA placefinishers and possibly a champion as well.

Cortland

Cortland will host the Division III National Dual Meet Championships this year, and the upcoming season looks promising for Cortland as a dual meet team. Most of last year's starters are back from a team that finished 10th in the final dual meet ranking. Top returnees would be All Americans Shawn Cavanaugh, senior, at heavyweight and Jon Welch, junior, at 190 pounds. State placefinishers Chris Kurnow, sophomore 118 pounds, and Chris Terry, sophomore 150 pounds, also return. SUNYAC runner-up John Mankowich should be back at 177 pounds. 1990 SUNYAC Outstanding Wrestler Bobby Pine, senior, will be back from a redshirt year. He will compete anywhere from 142 to 158 pounds. Also back is Chris D'Andrea who placed in the Cortland Invitational last year.

The new people are led by state runner-up Chris Francis at 167/177. Bill Miller will fit in at 158/167. He spent a redshirt year at Slippery Rock last year. Sectional champ Brian Pintagro should battle Ken Garcia for the 126 pound slot. Garcia, a freshman redshirt, placed fifth in the states. Others you'll see are Tojo Poole, 126, Chris Johnson 142, Tom Guzzotti, 142, Pat Quinn 158, Doug Smith 158, and Todd Passer, Chris Aliani, Chris Durdon, and Kike Carty all at 167.

Says head coach Gene Nighman, "We have a nice mixture of upperclassmen and newcomers. With the kind of talent we will have in the room and some work on technique and intensity, we could be contenders for dual meet, conference, and national championships."

Hofstra

This year's schedule is a rigorous one, with duals with Old Dominion, Boston, Wilkes, Columbia, Rutgers, Central Connecticut, Drexel, Bucknell, Rider, and Cornell. The team will be led by a core of five veterans. Junior Ralph Tubello at 126 has a two year record of 55-17-1. Seniors Andy Marlow and Dan Holahan are two-time East Coast Conference placewinners. Ken Willis, a freshman, was fourth in the National Junior College Nationals, and junior Tom Bobal was a NJCAA qualifier. Newcomers include state champ Joe Yanis at 275 pounds and Dion Visconti, a two-time state placewinner. Deval Sino at 126 was fourth in the Wisconsin states. Others on the team include Mark Duquette, Kagan, Tricoules, Peruti, Lentini, Brown, Heffernan, Fezza, DiMaria, Meyers, Fields, Benjaminovich, Arey, Neill, Willis, Cozza, Young, Santasus, Klima, Abrams, and Gigante. Head coach Jaxier Armengau will be joined by assistants Steve Scandra and Mike Mauriello.

Hunter College

Head Coach Bob Gaudenzi, now in his thirteenth season, has a nice collection of "good young talent and several key veterans." He is enthused about eight new recruits, seven of whom are freshmen. Top recruits are Jason Gabel, 118, who placed fifth in the states; Darren Jacobs,

142; Neil Wannamaker, 150; Mark petrocilli, John Kamalac, 158; Chris Fisher, hwt, and Steve Gephardt, 190. Gephardt is a junior college transfer from California. Veterans include James Lopez, 118, from Staten Island; Charlie Morris, 158, from the Bronx, and Dennis Whitford, hwt, from Staten Island.

Two noteworthy seniors also return to lead the team. Tom Wild, 126 pounds, is a Hunter Invitational champ and should challenge for other honors as well. Bryan Mirabella, 142, was conference champ (Metropolitan Championships) last year. Both are from the Bronx and have potential for NCAA placement. Gaudenzi's goals are to qualify them for the nationals and develop a competitive squad this year.

Ithaca

The IC Bombers look to rebound this winter after a 39th place finish at the 1991 NCAA Division III Championships and a dual meet record of 7-8. The dual meet record was the first time Ithaca fell below the .500 mark since the 1980-81 season. However, of the eight losses, six were to Division I or II opponents.

Looking to lead the team are seniors Lenny Bruehwiler and Chris Passero. Bruehwiler, 134 pounds, was 23-8 last season, including 10-1 in duals. He qualified for the nationals by winning the East Regional. Passero placed fifth in the East Regional and led the team in takedowns with 71. Sophomore David Isselbacher will be at 126 pounds. At 118 last year, he went 15-6 and qualified for the NCAA's by taking second in the East Regional. Sophomore 142 pounder Kent Maslin returns after placing fifth in the East Regional last year.

Other returnees include Steve Farr, Ron Post, Karl Zenie, Mark Fenele, and Mike Murtha. The top freshmen might be Chris Matteotti, 118, and Matt Sorochinsky, 150. Both posted 36-0 records last year on the way to state championships. Another recruit is junior 190 pounder Dan Uhteg, who was 28-0 on the junior college level. Uhteg also won a junior college national title last season. Others include Greg Conn, Sarkis Matossian, Dom Lomanno, Glen Kurz, Tom McLaughlin, Lou Moore, Dennis Paranzino, John Ranalli, Eldric Venne, and Ben Welland. Allan Teran is a junior college transfer also who will compete at 142 pounds.

Just two starters from last year's team are gone for this season. Look for Ithaca College begin its road back to national prominence.

Manhattan College

This year's team is still fairly young, but the experience of last year should point to a much improved team. Last year's team went a respectable 10-11. In addition, head coach Bruce Haberl was chosen as the Metropolitan League's Coach of the Year.

Several sophomores will lead the way this year. Tom Walsh, 126, was the team's first-ever Metropolitan champion last year. Others who look sharp this year are Steve Herishen, 118, Phil Mazzurco, 167, Ray Mazzo, 190, Pat Hayes, 142/150, and Alex Pollina, 134/142. Bill Pollard, a junior at 177 pounds, posted a record-high 38 wins last year. He has a great shot at making the Division I NCAA's. Shawn Holliday at heavyweight was last year's New England Championships winner. He also qualified for the NCAA's with that victory, and is also just a junior. Tom Courtney is the team's only senior and should also be a big contributor. Offie Reid, a junior college All American, joins the team after sitting out a year; expect some major surprises from him.

A powerful group of freshmen should add much depth. Among the newcomers are state champ John Degl and state participant Sean Murphy. The coaching staff has also been boosted with the addition of Pete Loughran, who has been head coach at Mount Vernon-1 for the past nine years. Manhattan's schedule has been beefed up a bit this year, but the team should be up for the challenge.

New York University

As he enters his second year as coach, Sonny Greenhalgh is optimistic about building on the team's success. Last year the Violets went 12-10 against a very competitive schedule, which becomes even more difficult this year. Additions include the best of the Ivy League, Cornell and Princeton, the best of Division III, Springfield, Montclair, Trenton, and Western New England.

NYU will rely on seniors Mat McClenahan and Jon Shweky, juniors Joe Chan and Alex Solovoy, and sophomores David Bracero and Josh Miranda. In addition, additions like 150 pound high school All American San

Haemmerle and Brian Moore, a 167 pound qualifier for the Junior Nationals last year.

McClenahan is a Division III All American two-time Academic All American, as well as the University Athletic Association's MOW. Splitting time between 126 and 118, he had a banner year, capped by a NYS title at 118 pounds. In that event, he won by the scores of 18-3, 10-1, 7-6, and 7-4. He looks to repeat this year, as well as challenge for the NCAA title in his third appearance in that event. He will most likely set the NYU record for career wins.

Others on the team include Steve Elliott, and Matt Sapolin. Freshman include Herb Brooks, Hector Cruz, Robert Erwin, Dan Haemmerle, Cameron Jenkins, Kevin Johnson, Brian Moore, Jesse Quinn, Ray Sadora, and Francisco Tianga.

Last year's team finished third in the UAA championships. With the return of Jason Scarpone as Greenhalgh's assistant, the team has great coaching, a good core of veterans, and promising newcomers - much to be optimistic about!

Oneonta

Now in his 26th year as head coach, Al Sosa has consistently worked to produce tough dual meet teams and SUNY and NCAA placefinishers. Last year's group went 9-6-1 against a very tough schedule of opponents. The team placed second in the Lebanon Valley Invitational, 13th in the NYS Tournament, 5th in the SUNYAC's, and a very respectable 16th in the NCAA Division III Championships.

This year's team is led by 118 pound Marat Lempert, who is the defending SUNY Champ. He was 14-1 in duals and 23-3 overall, placing 7th in the NYS and first in the SUNY and Lebanon Valley Tournaments. Tim Ellsworth at 126 placed in three tournaments last year and is a sophomore transfer from Mohawk Valley Community College. Jim Vasatouro, a senior at 134, was 10-10 last year and will be much improved. Aaron Frazier, just a sophomore, took third in the SUNY's last year. Stan Pelech, a junior at 177, was All State last year. And Jon Watt and Sam Williamson should also contribute several wins for the team. Others include Jason Notter, Tom Burgie, Mark Coats, Brett Henke, Kevin Cotter, Wes Dolson, Chris Kehn, and Dom Curatola. Freshman include Jose Marine and Joe Schulman, both Sectional Champs from Section 8; Chris Smith (Sectional Champ), George Melo, Jon Sperber (bronze medalist in Sectionals), and Vince Belgardo (30-1 in high school). This year look for Oneonta to again shine with many dual meet wins and several SUNY, State, and possible NCAA medalists.

Oswego

Last season the Lakers finished 7-9-1, taking third in the SUNY conference. They were just 5.5 points out of second place and 13 out of first. This year's team will be beefed up by 14 very talented individuals, filling the void in the lower weights and adding depth above. Overall, the room will be filled with nearly 30 wrestlers. Steve Amyot at 167 pounds, won the SUNY title last year. Now a senior and two-time NCAA qualifier, he has an excellent chance of placing high in the nationals. Junior Sean O'Sullivan, 177, placed second in the SUNY's and looks to improve. Junior heavyweight Matt Ladka was a SUNY champ last year with an 18-11-1 record. Shannon Perkins, a junior 142 pounder, was third in the conference.

Look for Chris Call, 118, state runner-up, to have an immediate impact as will Rich O'Leary, 126 pounds, Andrew Canning, 158 pound transfer from Potsdam. The program at Potsdam was recently eliminated due to budget cuts and student demand. Brian Schaab, 126 and John, 150, will also play important roles.

Other new members are James Dunleavy, Shane Facteau, Greg Frechette, Dan Ranshley, Charles Ranado, Bill Robillard, Keith Schroeder, Ed Sullivan, Eric VanSlyke, and Tom Wilcox. With the influx of talent and the returning experience, Oswego should challenge for the conference title and have NCAA qualifiers and placefinishers.

Rochester Institute of Technology

RIT was 3-10 last year, placing ninth in the RIT Invitational and 36th in the Nationals. Head coach Earl Fuller enters his 44th year as coach, and is joined by volunteer coach Scott Stever. Both men are vastly experienced in wrestling. Fuller has been coaching longer than anyone in the nation, and Stever, at nearly 45 years

of age, still mixes it up with the wrestlers. In fact, he's one of the toughest wrestlers in the room.

The Tigers should be solid in the heavy weight classes, especially with the return of All American Dave Ciocca at 167 pounds. Ciocca placed eighth in last year's NCAA meet, with a record of 22-10-1. Freshmen will be called on to fill in at 118 through 155 pounds, and possibly 177 and 190 as well. The leading new member appears to be Mike Nguyen of Irondequoit-5. Top returning wrestlers include Ed Edington, Brian Fesmire, Tyson Kanoya, Chris Merkel, Tom Sullivan, Jeff Wakefield, and James Weaver.

St Lawrence University

SLU has a new coach this year in Dave Hudson, who replaced John Clark. Clark is now Athletic Director. While in school, Hudson was captain of both the football and wrestling team, competing at heavyweight. For the past nine seasons, he's coached Phillips Exeter Academy, and has produced many champions and a 106-19-1 record.

This year's SLU team returns rugged Chris Bannister, 134, Rick Pawlewicz, 142, Jason Bovenzi, 190, and Ty Romeyn, 150. Several other experienced returnees are also aiming to crack the lineup. Top new talent includes John Spiegelman, 158, Mike Thompson, 177, and Mark Hetric, 134.

Overall, most of the team is young, but eager to improve on a disappointing finish to the 1991 season and return to the normal SLU winning ways. The team is captained by Bannister and Pawlewicz, with John Canty as assistant coach.

Syracuse University

The 1991-92 SU Orangemen have a lot to live up to after last year, when the team won their fourth EIWA Championship and finished in the Top 20 for the 14th time in the last 18 seasons. At season's end, the Orange were ranked 14th nationally and posted a 12-2-1 dual meet record. They placed 15th in the Division I NCAA's with

two All Americans, Darren Schulman and Rich Santana. Both placed fifth.

With three EIWA champs returning and an outstanding recruiting class - as usual - the Orange look to stay in the national spotlight. Senior Rich Santana looks to becoming the first three-time All American in SU history. The school has had a number of two-timers, and of course, Gene Mills was a four-timer. Santana, who has competed mostly at 134 pounds, will most likely compete at 142, at least for the first half of the year. He was 33-3 last year and 88-24 overall. The scrappy Long Beach-8 native has a great shot at an NCAA title this year. Head coach Ed Carlin, now in his 29th season, is once again joined by a superb staff including Gene Mills and Chris Campbell. SU's schedule looks packed once again, with all the traditional powers plus some very difficult tournaments. Darrin Farrell, 167/177, competed in the NCAA's last year and is hopeful of a medal this year. At 190, Mark Kerr is

also an NCAA veteran. Two years ago, he posted three wins over Matt Rupel, who went on to the NCAA title. Kerr has championship potential, and with a workout partner of Chris Campbell, no one he faces this year will be as formidable. Farrell and Kerr are seniors and returning EIWA champs.

This year's roster packs enough firepower to win a war against a small country. Just a sampling of some of the troops includes Andy Antonucci, Drew Black, Ethan Bosch, Larry Borowski, Joe Ierubino, Jamie Kyriazis, Jeff Liberman, Seamus Lyman, Allen Miller, Rob Parete, Joe Piazza, Joe Richards, Chris Saba, Jamie St John, Steve Taylor, Alex Teran, Shawn Welch, Chris Butler, Brian Winrow, and Joe Zito. New talent includes Jeff Duque, Fred Fabbri, Juan Carlos Garcia, Aaron Poster, Kareeb Howard, Ralph Howard, Jason Lanoue, Paul Lyman, Mark Bateman, and many others.

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Poll 91/92:1
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Pre-Season Poll

	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eighth
118	Drew Black, Sr Syracuse	Marc McFarland, Jr Cornell	Nick Rastelli, Jr Buffalo	Scott Tucker, Sr Army	Bryant Ranger, So Brockport	Marat Lempert, Sr Oneonta	Andy Marlow, Sr Hofstra	Chris Kumrow, So Cortland
126	David Sims, So Cornell	Ralph Tubello, Jr Hofstra	Tom Larson, Sr Army	Mat McLenehan Sr NYU	Rob Appel, Jr Albany	John Canty, Jr St Lawrence	Brian Colao, Sr Binghamton	Tom Wild, Sr Hunter
134	Marc Fergeson, Jr Cornell	Dave Warnick, Jr Army	Chris Stevens, Sr Brockport	Len Bruehwiler, Sr Ithaca	Chris Bannister, Jr St Lawrence	Todd Hammerle, Sr Buffalo	Offie Reid, So Manhattan	Adam Cirlincione, Sr Binghamton
142	Rich Santana, Sr Syracuse	Jack Vantress, Sr Army	Mike Polo, So Cornell	Mark Hall, Sr Buffalo	Kent Maslin, So Ithaca	Rick Pawlewicz St Lawrence	Andy Blank, Sr Binghamton	Bryan Mirabella, Sr Hunter
150	Chris Saba, Jr Syracuse	Rob Harris, So Army	Dan Holahan, Sr Hofstra	DJ Simonton, Jr Brockport	Bob Pine, Sr Cortland	Ty Romeyn St Lawrence	Joe Burke, So Wagner	Ken Kaufman, Sr Binghamton
158	Jason Roach, Sr Cornell	Travis Smith, So Army	Nelson Colley, Sr Brockport	Will Moss, Jr Buffalo	Pat Quinn, Jr Cortland	Charles Morris, Sr Hunter	Andrew Canning, Jr Oswego	Giles Giovanazzi Columbia
167	Darin Farrell, Sr Syracuse	Mike New, Sr Cornell	Jacob Garcia, Sr Army	Steve Amyot, Sr Oswego	Regan Johnson, Jr Brockport	Dave Ciocca, Jr RIT	Mike Murtha, So Ithaca	Paul Fioravanti, Sr Buffalo
177	Ethan Bosch, Jr Syracuse	Steve Cumbie Columbia	Kyle Rackley, So Cornell	Simon Reese, Jr Army	Dan Engels, Sr Buffalo	Bill Pollard, Jr Manhattan	Sean O'Sullivan, Sr Oswego	John Mankowich, Sr Cortland
190	Mark Kerr, Sr Syracuse	Brian Quick, Sr Brockport	TJ Wright, Jr Army	Jon Welch, Sr Cortland	Dan Uhteg, Jr Ithaca	Jason Bovenzi, So St Lawrence	Rick Calkins, Sr Binghamton	Alex Solovey, Sr NYU
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Wrestler of the Year honors was captured by now-graduated Darren

Schulman of Syracuse University. Schulman finished first in the NYS Championships, 2nd in the EIWA's, and 5th in the NCAA's at 142 pounds. He was also last year's EIWA and NYS Champion, and placed 8th in the NCAA's. This year he posted a 44-5 record. Also up for contention for this award was Rich Santana, SU, Brian Quick, Brockport, Dan Engles, UB, and Mark Ferguson, Cornell.

Joe Burke of Wagner College on Staten Island won 1990's **Freshman of the Year** award. Competing at 150 pounds, he posted a 35-7-2 mark, winning the Northeast Championships and qualifying for the Division I NCAA's. Also nominated for this award was David Isselbacher of Ithaca, Bryant Ranger of Brockport, and Bruce Morgan of Cornell.

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Section 6 Pre-Season Poll Based on Statistics

Large Schools

1 Pioneer	6-1
2 Niagara-Wheatfield	5-5
3 Orchard Park	5-1
4 Iroquois	5-0
5 Sweet Home	4-2
6 Tonawanda	4-0
7 Hamburg	4-0
8 Clarence	3-1
9 Williamsville So	3-1
10 Jamestown	3-0
Lake Shore	3-0

Small Schools

1 Falconer	
2 Newfane	6-0
3 Medina	4-2
4 Maple Grove	4-0
5 Silver Creek	3-2
6 Franklinville	3-1
7 Fredonia	3-1
8 Gowanda	3-0
9 Lackawanna	3-0
10 Portville	3-0
Southwestern	3-0

Section 6 Returning Sectional Placers

Falconer leads the teams with seven individuals who qualified for the Section 6 finals, and who return. Of the seven, one placed in the top four. This ranking was done by statistics only and does not take many factors or circumstances that will occur throughout the season into consideration.

There were 218 competitors from 59 schools in the 1990-91 Section 6 Tournament, broken down as follows:

Seniors (now graduated)	86
Juniors (now seniors)	64
Sophomores (now juniors)	42
Freshmen (now sophomores)	18
Eighth Grade (now freshmen)	7

132 individuals will return; 86 competitors have graduated.

Section 6 Returns Much Talent

A total of 218 individuals competed in last year's Section 6 finals, and in the 14 weight classes, 56 people placed in the top four. Of the 56, 26 were seniors; 15 were juniors; 12 were sophomores; and 2 were freshmen.

First places were taken by 9 seniors, 3 juniors, and 2 sophomores. This season is looking up for Section 6. Five of the wrestlers who competed in the state tournament return this year - Mike Steinbar, 91 pounds, Salamanca; Chris Stevens, 105, Fredonia; Jason Wartinger, 112, Cheektowaga; Bill Dixon, 119, Niagara Wheatfield; and Ryan Hammersmith, 177, Starpoint.

1990-91 Section 6 Placefinishers

Gr	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
12	9	6	4	7	26
11	3	4	4	4	15
10	2	4	4	2	12
9	0	0	1	1	2
8	0	0	1	0	1

Total 56 individuals

Golfing Fund Raiser for NYSS

Despite the rainy start which discourages some competitors, September 15th saw 25 devoted wrestling fans take to the links (the Bob-O-Links Golf Course in Orchard Park, in upstate Western New York) to benefit the newly formed New York Super Six (NYSS) Wrestling Club. The goal of this club is to promote wrestling in the Section 6 area.

Low score was shot by Eric Knuutila, which proves that wrestlers can do more than "just wrestle". "Closest to the Pin" awards went to Bruce Johnson of Falconer and wrestling official, Mike Stella of Sweet Home. High score went to first time swinger, Bill Burns of Starpoint.

The event, organized by Chris Doherty, proved an enjoyable outing and is planned to become an annual fund-raising event for NYSS. We hope that many more will plan to participate in the future. For further information on this new wrestling club, contact Bill Hein at (716) 691-9670, home, or (716) 882-2600, office.

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Niagara Community College Preview

Defending Region III Champs Seek to Repeat and Continue Winning Ways

It will be tough to top last year's performance of the NCCC Trailblazer's first Region III place finish and ranking as high as 5th in the nation. But according to Coach Eric Knuutila, even though this year's team lacks the even distribution and depth of last year's squad, with the strength of returning seniors and the addition of outstanding freshman, the team should go far. "We may not win the

out for a year and is now eager to return.

126 Regional champ David Brainard, Falconer, will be challenged by Newfane's Bo King and Lancaster's Dan Sommer.

134 Senior fourth placer in the Region 3 Tournament Jeff Affronte will be challenged by Darryl Caldwell, Niagara Falls, Rob Cummings, Akron, and Duane Brosius, North Tonawanda.

142 This will be an exciting weight. Seniors Don Powell, Lancaster, 4th place regional finish, Mike Harding, Alden, and state 6th placewinner Andy Morgan of Lew-Port will battle for the spot.

150 Ron Long of Virginia and two-time state placefinisher Kareem Johnson of Niagara Falls will compete for the starting position.

158 Willie Cunningham, Roy-Hart, holds the spot but one of the 167 pounders may drop down to this weight.

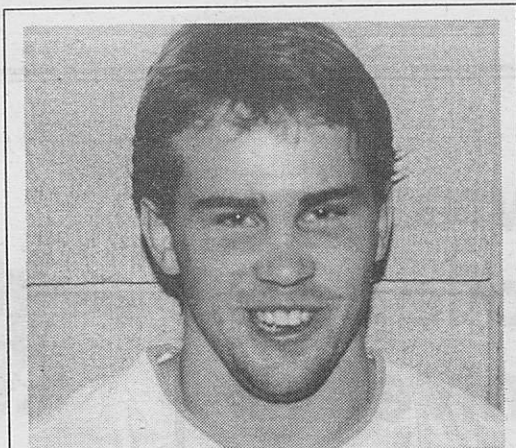
167 Jamie Bellel of Grand Island returns after taking a year off due to injury. A 1990 Regional runner-up, he should challenge for the title this year. Challenging him for the spot will be Charlie Rickard and Daryl Burton, Niagara Falls. Burton is himself returning to the sport after a three-year layoff.

177 Senior Henry Walerowicz of

LaSalle will be challenged by freshman Matt Davis of Newfane.

190 Mark Gross, Newfane, holds the spot held by last year's NJCAA champ, Dan Uhteg. The shoes are very big to fill, but he may rise to the occasion.

HWT National Junior College Wrestling Team member, Dave Nedell, Tonawanda, will be vying for the spot along with Phil Todaro, Kenmore East, who returns after being out with an injury. Also in the running is Jeff Capen.



DAVID BRAINARD, 126 pounds, has super chance of becoming a NJCAA All American this year for NCCC. He is now a sophomore.

Regionals again, but we are going to be right up there and our presence in some major tournaments is definitely going to be felt. The bigger the tournament, the better we are going to do and I really feel that we will be ranked in the top ten nationally." The top wrestlers in each weight are listed below.

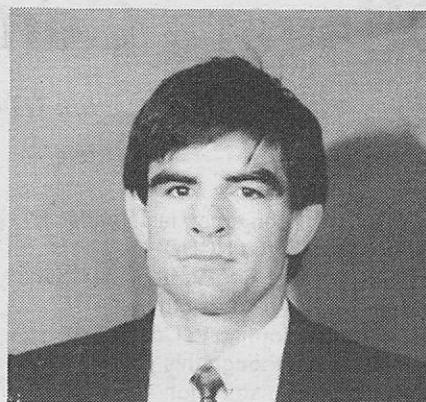
118 One of strongest classes; seniors Tommy Hamilton, Lockport, and redshirt Todd Carson, Section 6 champ from Falconer will be challenged by freshman Brian Dowdall, Kenmore East, 4th in Section 6, Mark Kolek, Clarence, 2nd in ECIC, and Tony Fire, Tonawanda. Fire has been

Niagara County Community College 1991-92 Wrestling Schedule

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Dec 10 Tue at Alfred State 7:00 pm
Dec 20-21 Sat at College of Dupage, IL Tourn 6:00 pm
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Jan 25 Sat at Morrisville Tournament 10:00 am
Jan 29 Wed Alfred State at home 7:00 pm
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Feb 28-29 Fri NJCAA Tourn Bismarck, ND 11:00 am

University of Buffalo 1991-92 Wrestling Schedule

Date	Opponent.....	Time
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Dec 10 Tue	at Cent Conn	7:00 pm
Dec 14 Sat	at Ashland w/ Miami, Indiana.....	TBA
Jan 16/18 Th-Sat	at NYS Championships, Cornell	TBA
Jan 24 Fri	at Cornell	4:00 pm
Feb 1 Sat	at Kent State	1:00 pm
Feb 4 Tue	at Slippery Rock	7:30 pm
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Feb 22 Sat	at Drexel	1:00 pm
Feb 29 Sat	Calif, PA at home	1:00 pm
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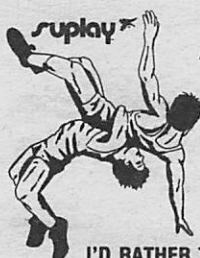
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* Add \$2 for 2XL and \$3 for 3XL
** Four Color T-Shirt Art add \$2

\$4.00 for 1st 2 Items Shipping & Handling,
plus .50 for each additional item.

PLAIN (No Patella Pad) NEOPRENE KNEEPAD SLEEVE SPECIAL

- Abrasion Free Knees
- Total Support
- Heat Therapy
- Perfect for Running, Wrestling, & Workouts

Colors: Reversible; RED/BLUE,
NAVY/BLACK, RED/WHITE
Sizes: S M L XL



**SPECIAL PRICE:
\$10.95 PER PAIR
\$6.00 EACH**

SIZING CHART
Measure around the Knee

XS/Youth Wrestler	10"-13"
S	13"-14"
M	14"-15"
L	15"-17"
XL	17"-19"

TOP OF THE LINE - NEOPRENE KNEEPAD - TOP GUN

- Patella Pad is Viscoelastic Orthopedically Shaped for Maximum Protection
- Tops in Comfort & Protection
- Heat Retaining Neoprene Increases Blood Circulation
- Reduces Ligament Stress
- Protects Soft Tissues of the Knee from Impact Injury

Colors: Reversible; NAVY/BLACK
RED/ROYAL, RED/WHITE,
RED/BLACK,
GREEN/GOLD,
ROYAL/WHITE
Sizes: XS S M L XL



**SPECIAL PRICE:
\$20.95 PER PAIR
\$10.95 EACH**

MAT TAPE SPECIAL:

Our Mat Tape is TOP QUALITY 8 MIL PREMIUM TAPE. Truly, the Best of the Best. We Invite Comparison. 100% GUARANTEE. 2 Year Shelf Life.

4" MAT TAPE	12	PACK	\$66.00
	6	PACK	\$35.00
	2	ROLLS	\$13.00
3" MAT TAPE	12	PACK	\$52.00
	6	PACK	\$28.00
	2	ROLLS	\$10.50

STRIPING TAPE SPECIALS:

Our Striping Tape is TOP QUALITY 7 MIL PREMIUM TAPE. True Colors, No Background Show Through. 100% GUARANTEE, 2 Year Shelf Life.

Colors: SCARLET, ROYAL, WHITE, GREEN,
YELLOW, BLACK, ORANGE, NAVY PURPLE,
MAROON

2" X 66'	3	PACK	\$7.25
	1	ROLL	\$2.90
1" X 66'	6	PACK	\$7.25
	1	ROLL	\$1.45

DON'T LET OUR LOW PRICES FOOL YOU ... OUR PRODUCTS ARE PREMIUM QUALITY

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