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Attica Pins Hopes For Repeat on Lightweights

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Attica, which captured the Genesee-Orleans Wrestling Crown last year with a 12-1 record, may have more trouble claiming the top spot again this season.

Jim Allegretto, beginning his seventh year as head coach of the Blue Devils, has compiled a 57-13-1 record. His hopes for a second straight title lie in the lower weights, especially senior Dave Eck at 105 and junior Roger Reisdors at 112.

Both wrestlers finished the 1970-71 season with 19-3 records.

Attica's chief opposition will come from Lyndonville, which has a well-balanced squad with experience. Fifteen returning letterman, 12 of them juniors, are battling for starting positions.

Jay Huntley, a County champ at 105, and John Belson, a

County champ at 145, are strong, aggressive juniors.

Close behind will be Alexander, coming off a fine 10-3 finish last year. Three-year veteran Keith Hargraves will occupy the 119-pound class. Captain Bernie Schneider adds strength to the upper weights at the 177-pound slot.

"We're young and inexperienced, but we'll surprise a lot of teams," predicted Trojan coach Paul Santoro. "My boys are willing to work and accept criticism."

Byron-Bergen will rely heavily on underclassmen and two County champions to stay in contention. Sophomore Jesse Stefaniak, who grabbed the G-O Title last year in the 98-pound category, was unbeaten at 15-0. The other champ is Joe Burger, a 145-pound sophomore who ended his freshman year with a 13-1 mark.

Brian Hart's Pavilion crew and Gary Johnson's Holley squad both face problems of inexperience and lack of depth. There are no starting seniors on either team.

The Gophers are strong in the middle weights with Jim Dutton, Jim DiAngelo, Glen Hughes and Jim McDuffy paving the way. Pavilion opens at home against Batavia and may be forced to forfeit some upper weights.

The Hawks have two juniors, Steve Rocco at 126 and Tony Piedemonte at 119, to bolster the lower weights. Freshman Joe Fiannaca shows promise at the 112 spot.

Barker will be sparked by 215-pound senior Stan Posarski, who dropped only one match last year. Another pair of seniors, Chris Stratton at 126 and Ron Barrett at 105, were impressive last year.

The Batavia School for the Blind has 105-pound senior captain Pete Bonneau, who posted an 8-2 record last year, leading the way. Co-captain Larry Reed, wrestling in the 138-pound slot, is fast.

"Even though we're undermanned, our boys are conditioned and confident of winning," said Don Gugel, coach of the BSB.

In the same town, Batavia High is hoping to improve its 5-9 mark from last year. Veteran Brian Palmer, a strong 145-pounder, is in his third varsity year. Don Dailey, who won his last seven meets in the 1970-71 season, will wrestle in the 132-pound class.

Rounding out the Genesee-Orleans loop is Kendall, which boasts experience in three key returnees. Bob Mikels, a senior, will wrestle at 155 this year. Pete Whipple will handle the heavy-weight spot and Jim Keyser will take the unlimited division.