

# Sports SPECIAL

## IHS grapplers eye 100th dual meet victory

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The return of ten letter-winners should be reason enough for optimism on Coach Art Connorton's varsity wrestling team at Irondequoit High School this winter.

Heading the list of returning veterans are the two co-captains, seniors Rory Whipple and Todd

Campo. Whipple, the 155 pound Monroe County champ last year, has a career record of 46-10-1. He's been on varsity from the beginning. Campo grappled for Bishop Kearney as a freshman but transferred to IHS the following year. He now has 15 varsity victories to his credit.

Another important returnee is sophomore Pete Kundin, who was unbeaten in dual meets as a freshman varsity wrestler last year. Kundin's overall record is 16-2-1. Juniors Jay St. James, with a 13-12-1 record, and Tim Borshoff, 20-12-2, are also expected to be mainstays on this season's squad.

The remaining lettermen back for the Indians are Steve Rabe, John Coccia, Ken Kogler, Mark Purdell, and Jeff Backus. Coccia and Purdell have been absent from early practices due to injuries but are expected back soon.

Beside all the lettermen returning, another reason for optimism at IHS is the experience many of Connorton's matmen gained at summer wrestling camps in July and August. At the Springfield, Mass. camp, Irondequoit High wrestlers competed in take-down tournaments against top grapplers from all over the eastern United States. The Indians came out ahead, 104 to 9 in this competition. The IHS matmen attending Springfield included Campo, Kundin, Kogler, Craig Teysler, Bruce Austin, Ed Roller, Larry Arnone, Mike Neely, and David Levine. Ron Pluta and Don Martyneec attended a similar camp

at RIT this summer.

Such year-round dedication to the sport is what has helped make IHS one of the area's big powers on the mat each winter.

Coach Connorton mentioned that one of the goals of this year's team is to gain the school its 100th dual meet victory. The record going into this season stands at 93 wins, 28 losses, and 4 ties. The 100th could come on Jan. 29 at Pittsford if the Indians are unbeaten going into that meet. But to do so, they'll have to get by perennial powers, Spencerport and East Rochester.

Another highlight this year should be the Irondequoit participation in the Windsor, N.Y. Tournament December 28 and 29. This is one of the state's most prestigious invitationals.

Winning that one would make the season.



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