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EHS matmen have depth

Three individual Monroe County champions return to the varsity wrestling lineup for Coach Bill Lawlor at Eastridge this winter.

Heading the list is junior Jim Polsinelli, who won the 112 pound title in the counties and was unbeaten all year in dual meets. During the course of the 1970-71 season he won additional tournament titles at Webster and Eastridge. Jim finished fourth in the Section V Class A tourney.

Brother Dave, also a junior, won the Monroe County 98 pound title last winter and placed third in the Sectionals.

The other returning county titlist for the Lancers is Ray Joseph, who earned the honor in the unlimited weight class last year. He wound up second in the Section V Meet.

Lawlor is figuring on Joseph competing in the heavyweight class this season. He sees Jim Polsinelli wrestling at 112 pounds once again but plans to move Dave Polsinelli up to the 105 pound bracket.

Steve Volpe, who won the 145 pound title in last year's Web-

ster Invitational Tournament, is another letterman returning to the lineup. He'll most likely compete at 138 pounds.

Other veterans back for another season on the mats include Jim Prince, moving up from 105 pounds to 119; Rick Lembo, remaining at 126 pounds; Paul Nowak, who will stay at 145 pounds; and Parker Corts, back again at 155. All of these were varsity letter-winners last time out. Dave Tubiola missed most of last season but will return this year at 132 pounds. He grappled at 126 pounds last winter.

Two matmen up from last year's junior varsity squad are Ed Joseph, who will be at 177 pounds, and Rick Coffaro, 155 pounder. Coffaro won the JV county tournament in February, Coach Lawlor pointed out.

Lawlor, interviewed at Friday's practice session, is optimistic toward the season ahead. He feels that in the league, East Rochester or Rush-Henrietta will be the toughest opponents Eastridge encounters. For non-league, Canandaigua will be a rough one. Lawlor mentioned that the Eastridge Holi-

day Invitational Tournament on Dec. 23 will feature Bishop Kearney, Webster, Spencerport, Madison, Edison Tech, McQuaid, Churchville-Chili, and the host Lancers.

As the coach spoke his grapplers continued their workout. The experienced matmen were practicing moves. Jim and Dave Polsinelli were working out with each other, as were Ray and Ed Joseph. The actual set-up was a round-robin series with three in a group, working on takedowns. One wrestler would sit out as the other two wrestled, then go in for his turn as one of the others sat out. The team was working out in half of the "new" gym at EHS. The temperature was high as the matmen sweated off the pounds.

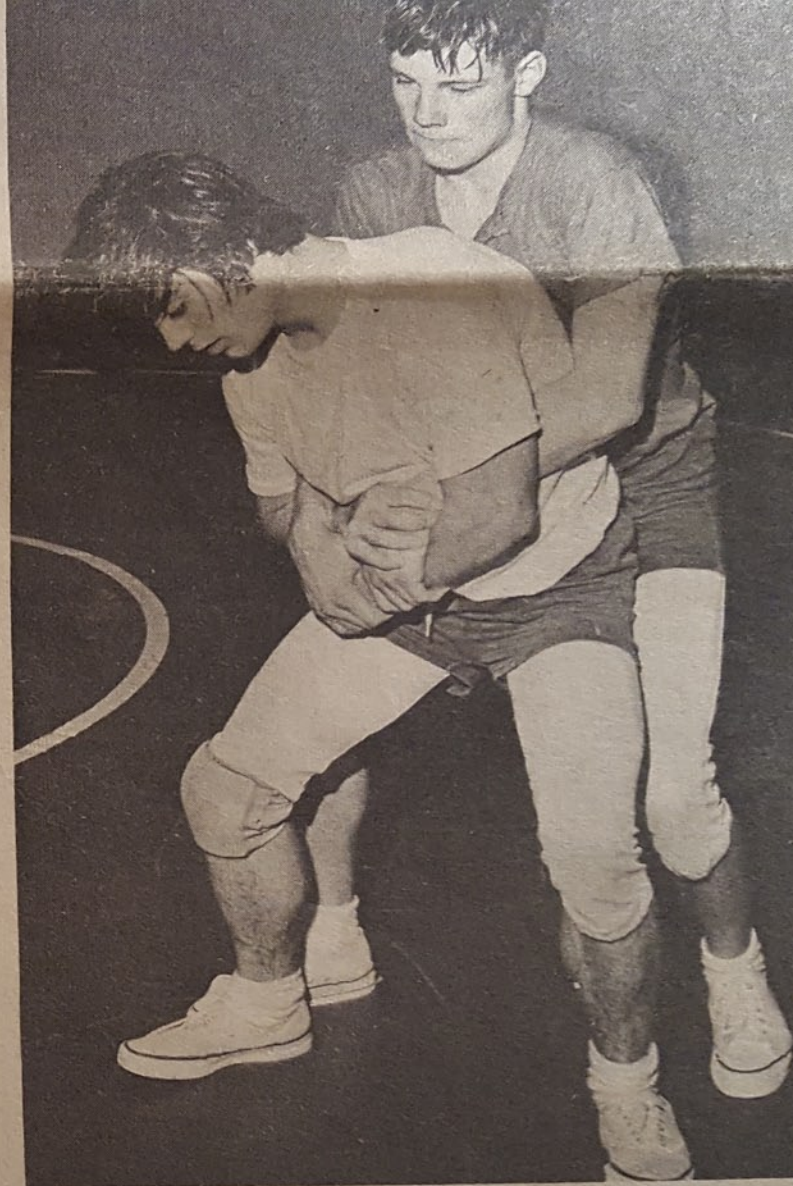
As the experienced grapplers, about 30 in number, worked on moves, the less experienced boys were running laps nearby, off the mats. The total turnout for wrestling this winter at Eastridge was about 65. With depth like that, it should be a good season.

Winter schedules...

BK schedules:

Dec. 30, Irondequoit, 4 p.m. *Old RIT
Jan. 9, Aquinas, 5 p.m. War Memorial
Jan. 10, Rush-Henrietta, 4 p.m.

Jan. 21, Franklin, 8:30 p.m. (H)
Jan. 28, Jefferson, 8:30 p.m. (H)
Feb. 4, Aquinas, 8:30 p.m. (A)
Feb. 11, Mooney, 8:30 p.m. (H)



STEVE VOLPE WORKS ON ESCAPE WITH PAUL NOWAK