



COACH AND CAPTAIN - Lyndonville

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Older son Billie runs the clock when Lyndonville hosts matches and sister Robin is a cheerleader. Fred Large, a product of Edinboro State College in Pennsylvania, never wrestled in competition but always had a keen interest in the sport. He teaches chemistry at Webber High School. His most successful years as a wrestling coach came in the mid-1960s when he led Lyndonville to three successive undefeated seasons.

Now he looks to the Sectional Meet coming up this Friday and Saturday. Lyndonville is host for the event and Fred Large and his team would like to make a good showing. And they undoubtedly will.

His matmen have compiled an impressive 181-win, 47-loss, 4-draw record in ten years. They have brought the Genesee-Orleans League crown home five times and shared the title honor on one other occasion. Large has a philosophy that is apparently shared by a member of the team. "We have fun in the process," he says. He also is a shrewd judge of character and talent and has surrounded himself with competitors and help-mates that make the job a little easier.

His team captain this year, Joe Jurinich, a senior who is closing out a tremendous wrestling career at Lyndonville. Jurinich, a 147 pound grappler, has compiled a 69-win, 7-loss, 4-draw record in his four years on the Tiger squad.

Billie says of Joe, "He is a real leader. The team does what he says and follows his example."

Jurinich can be found at most practices conducting the conditioning workouts, leading the wrestlers through the daily 20-minute run and exercise periods. As one member of the squad put it, "Joe is the spark that makes us go."

Joe's prowess on the mats had its contagious effects in the Jurinich household. His two younger twin brothers, Bill and Mike are also members of the





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LYNDONVILLE — An unknowing observer at a Lyndonville varsity wrestling practice would marvel at the dedication and team spirit that abounds within the confines of the matted tune-up area.

Most impressive to a casual onlooker might be the vigor and enthusiasm with which the tiger matmen go through their daily drills, shouting chants in unison and conducting exercises with precision. And, one would have to admit, there is not one "goldbrick" among the sweat-suited gladiators.

It is not easy to instill such a dedicated spirit in an athletic endeavor, it would almost certainly have to be the team leadership.

Fred Large is a veteran wrestling coach and he introduced the sport at L. A. Webber High School way back in 1963. After a shaky first year, Large re-grouped and since then the school and the coach have not had a losing year. They stand at 8-1 in league action this season.

Lyndonville varsity squad and will be back next year. They are sophomores so coach Large can count on a Jurinich to help for a couple more years, anyway.

The Large family is also infected by the wrestling bug. Son Bob wrestles in the 105-pound class and has a 50-15 record over the three years on the team.

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