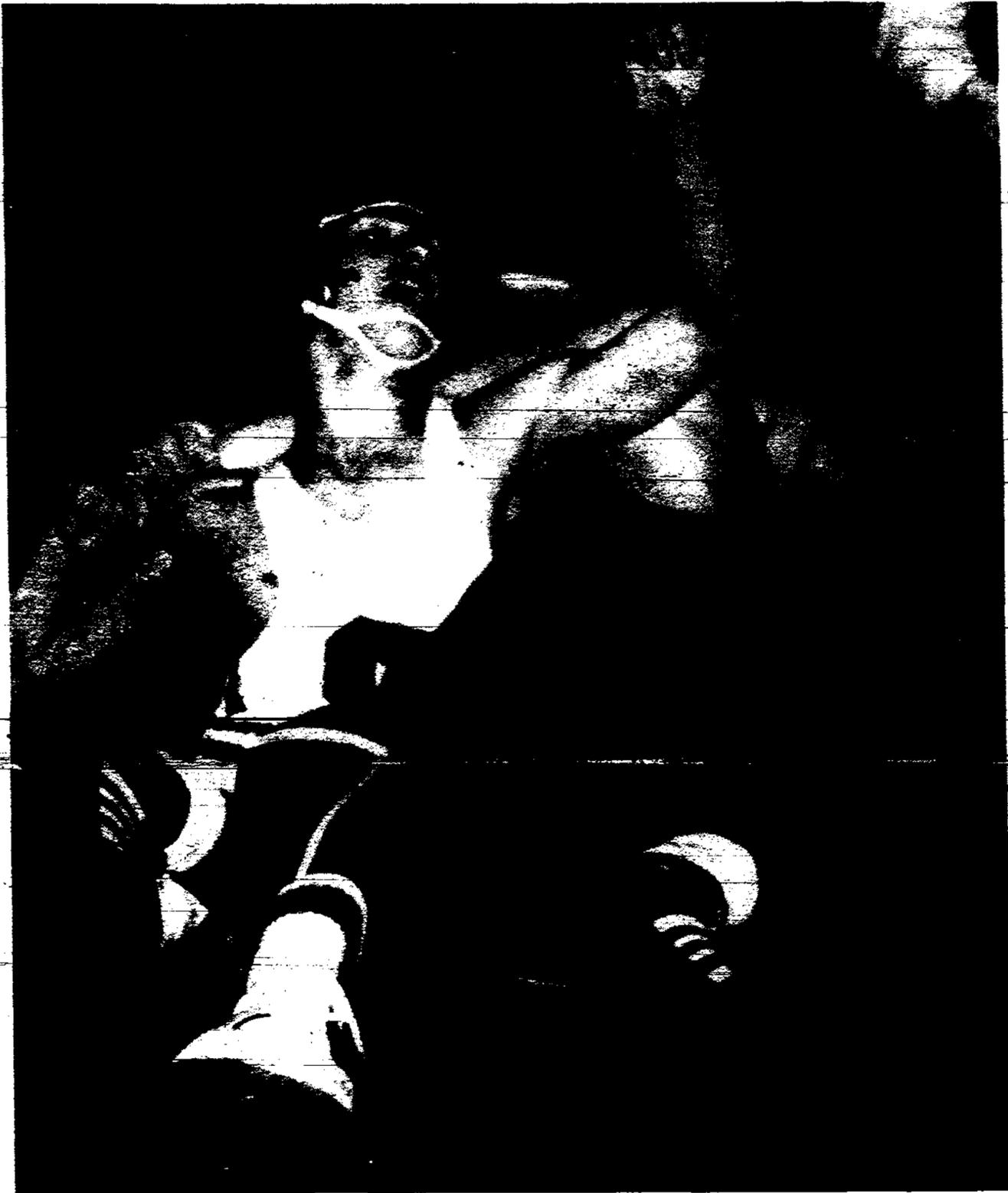


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**WELCOME TO THE 1974 SALAMANCA
INVITATIONAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT**



**ALDEN ALLEGANY CATTARAUGUS EDEN
FALCONER GOWANDA GRAND ISLAND
IROQUOIS JAMESTOWN MAPLE GROVE
MEDINA OLEAN PIONEER PORTVILLE
SALAMANCA SOUTHWESTERN WARSAW**

Short history, rich tradition at tourney

The Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament has only a brief history. The 1974 edition of this annual event is only the fourth, and this year, a handful of wrestlers will be making their fourth appearance in the tourney, having been freshman competitors in the first and now returning as seniors.

But despite the limited number of years, the tournament is already rich in tradition and it stands as one of the top high school wrestling tournaments in the state of New York, if not one of the best on the East Coast.

The tournament opened in 1971 as an eight team event. In the few years that have followed, the tournament field has

more than doubled. A total of 17 teams are entered in the 1974 competition, matching last year's 17 team field. That number was influenced by the cutbacks made due to the current energy crisis. Some 20 teams were originally expected to be in this year's competition.

Of the eight teams that competed in 1971, seven will be back this year for the fourth time. Three of this year's entrants are making their first tournament appearance. Six New York counties have been represented in the tournament as well as one Pennsylvania county. By the conclusion of this year's tournament, over 500 wrestlers will have competed in the tournament.

While the sheer weight of numbers alone may be staggering, the numbers by themselves give only a partial picture of the outstanding quality of the tournament. The teams that have been involved in the tournament are some of the most highly respected names in New York state wrestling, including Pioneer, and Portville, a pair of Cattaraugus County powers; Iroquois Central from Erie County, holder of the national high school record for consecutive dual meet victories; Chautauqua County's Falconer, Southwestern and Maple Grove; as well as Medina and Warsaw.

Peru High School, from the Lake Champlain area, was at the tournament in 1972, and although one of the top teams in Section VII and a respected state power, finished only fourth.

Wrestlers who have competed in the tournament have gone on to further wrestling success as collegians, with Vince Tundo, 1972's outstanding tournament wrestler, winning the National Junior College championships and National AAU championships. Many have followed up success in the Salamanca tourney with further success in sectional competition. Even wrestlers who failed to reach the finals of the Salamanca tournament have given an indication of the strength of the tournament field by having better success in sectional competition.

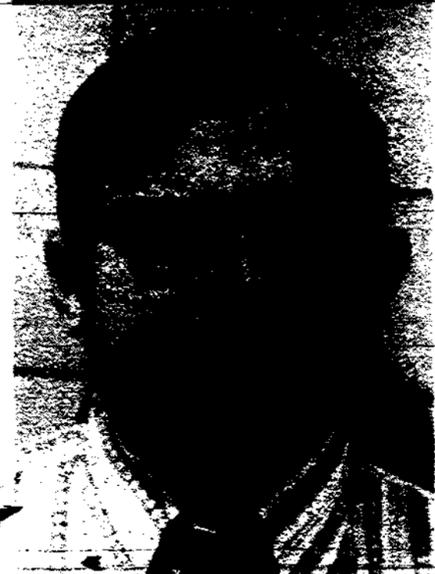
The first tournament was held February 5 and 6, 1971. Iroquois won the tournament that year with 81 points while Randolph finished second with 68 and Salamanca third with 49 points. The remainder of the field found Olean in fourth with 46, Alden fifth with 45, followed by Gowanda, with 39, Allegany, with 33, and Jamestown, with 30.

The outstanding wrestler award went to Mike Sernoffsky, Iroquois' 141 pounder, following a 10-0 decision in the tourney finals. Other tournament champs from Iroquois were Pat McMahon, at 129 pounds; Bill Kapotos, at 135 pounds; Eric Drasgow, at 170 pounds; and Joel Puleo, at heavyweight.

Gowanda had two tournament champs, with Dan Braymiller winning the 101 pound weight class and Dog Hintz winning at 115. Salamanca's Gary Milanowski was the 106 pound champion while Mark Shaw, Olean, won at 127 pounds; Ron Backus, Alden, won at 148 pounds; Dave Lerow, Randolph, won at 158 pounds; and Ed Williams, Allegany, won at 180.

The tournament's second year saw the field doubled, as the original eight teams were joined by eight more. Two of those eight teams, Peru and Portville, brought with them lengthy win streaks as Peru came in with the then longest current streak of 113 while Portville had picked up 75 straight dual meet wins.

Competition proved to be as tough, if not tougher, than in the first year. Portville and Pioneer wound up in a deadlock for the tourney title with 61 points apiece.



GEORGE WHITCHER
Tournament director

Southwestern was a close second with 59½ and Frontier not that far behind in third with 56. Peru was fourth in the tournament and wound up within less than ten points of first place with 55½.

Finishing fifth in the standing was Salamanca, followed by Olean, Iroquois, Jamestown, Alden, Eden, Gowanda, Randolph, Kane, Allegany and Lake Shore.

Frontier's Tundo, 112 titlist, was the outstanding wrestler of the tournament. Teammate Walter Sikes gave Frontier another championship at 177.

Pioneer's Mike Arnold won the 98 pound title; Dan Shemboda of Olean won at 105; Southwestern's Jeff Swan took the 119 title; Bob Reynolds, Portville, won at 126; Al Stangl, Lake Shore, won at 132; Portville's Jeff Sargent took the 138 pound championship; Tom Everett of Peru won at 145; Iroquois' Drasgow became the first two-time winner by claiming the title at 155; Don Duprey, Peru, won at 167; and Jamestown's Gary Sorenson won at heavyweight.

A 12th team was added to the tournament line up in 1973 as four new teams were added, replacing three that had dropped out. Missing from the tourney were Kane, Peru and Randolph, but coming in were Falconer, Grand Island, Hamburg and Maple Grove.

The addition of the new teams seemed to make little difference to Pioneer, however, as the 1972 co-champion rolled to an impressive first place finish with 105 points while runner up Falconer was far behind at 56½. Maple Grove was a close third with 54 and Southwestern only six points off the Falconer pace with 50½.

Grouped in the middle of the standings were Jamestown, Lake Shore, Iroquois, Olean, Frontier, Portville and Alden while Hamburg, Gowanda, Eden, Grand Island, Salamanca and Allegany rounded out the standings.

Phil Roblee set a new precedent as he became the first junior to win the outstanding wrestler award. The 126 pounder from Pioneer was one of three Pioneer wrestlers to win a title as he was joined by Mike Arnold, a 107 pound champ winning for the second time, and Keith Sterns at 140.

Falconer had four individual titles, with Don Boyd winning at 88, Vince Ognibene at 121, Dick Johnson at 179 and Bruce Johnson at heavyweight.

Other winners were Rick Rothfuss, Iroquois, at 98; Doug Truver, Southwestern, at 114; Kirk Anderson, Olean, at 134; Tim Miller, Portville, at 147; Tim Gribbon, Maple Grove, at 157; and Eric Johnson, Jamestown, at 169.

That new teams seek a berth in the tournament each year, adding even further prestige to an event already known for its excellence, remains a strong tribute to the tournament. Peru coach Stan Riggs, having traveled over 400 miles with his squad to compete in 1972, termed both the caliber of the wrestlers and the caliber of the tournament 'outstanding.' Although the history of the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament is short in years, it has become deep in a tradition of excellence.

An editorial:

Welcome to wrestlers and to wrestling fans

In the four years since it was established by Coach George Whitcher, the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament has burgeoned into one of the finest events of its kind in this part of the country. The boys who come here to take part can be assured of facing the keenest competition, and the spectators can be sure of seeing scholastic wrestling at its best in the two days of matches.

With its expanding coverage of high school sports in this area, the Salamanca Republican-Press is happy to undertake the publication of this special wrestling tournament edition, both as a salute to the fine teams of wrestlers who will take part and to add to the enjoyment of the fans who watch these matches. This special section is a "first" for both this newspaper and for interscholastic wrestling in this area.

We hope you like it!

Salamanca High School proud to host tournament

The Salamanca schools are pleased to serve as host to one of the finest of all area wrestling tournaments, an annual event that has highlighted some of the best high school wrestling available anywhere.

Wrestling is one of the most exciting of all athletic competitions. Requiring vast amounts of individual courage and stamina, wrestling surprisingly is a team sport, for a team, balanced over the weight classifications, is necessary for success.

Relatively new as a spectator sport, wrestling has been attracting more and more regular fans. The attention given to this splendid sport has promoted its rapid growth among both students and adults, and competition has consequently been improving.

We welcome these wrestlers and their parents, fellow students, and fans. We know that the schools they represent are as proud of them as we are to have them with us. We look forward to good wrestling and to notable athletic fellowship. Welcome to Salamanca!

Dr. Paul Kirsch
Salamanca Superintendent of Schools

Behind the scenes workers important

The success of any wrestling tournament is dependant upon the tournament officials. Although largely overlooked in the excitement of watching two wrestlers competing on the mat, or in closely following the point spread separating teams as the end of the competition draws near, it is up to the officials at the meet to keep things flowing smoothly.

Without a doubt, the key men in keeping the tempo of the meet going are the

referees. The gentlemen in the striped shirts are responsible not only for the awarding of points in each match, they are also responsible for the safety and welfare of each competitor. It is up to the referees to stop the match to allow injuries to be administered to, to watch for and stop any potentially dangerous holds, and to keep the pace of the match going by preventing wrestlers from stalling.

This year's Salamanca Invitational

Wrestling Tournament is fortunate in having four of the top referees in Section VI officiating. The team will be made up of Don Wishart, Lucian Ludestro, Dan Lounsbury and Joe Annerella, all highly competent veterans in the game.

Wishart, guidance director at Randolph High School, is considered one of the top wrestling officials in the state. The former wrestling coach at Randolph, he has been an official for the past 13 years. He was one of nine referees selected from New York's 11 athletic sections to officiate at the 1973 state wrestling championships.

Ludestro is a physical education teacher and assistant football coach at Falconer, one of the 17 teams entered in this year's tournament. Falconer's wrestling coach as well up until two years ago, he was also an outstanding football player for the University of Buffalo as a collegian.

Lounsbury is also a member of the faculty at Falconer and was formerly a highly successful mat coach. A veteran of numerous tight matches, Lounsbury has been noted for his ever present calmness while officiating at a meet.

Annerella, the athletic director and head football coach at Cassadaga Valley High School, is another former wrestling coach. See Officials, page 3

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What you see and how to score it

To the uninitiated, watching a wrestling match may be somewhat confusing. Two wrestlers wind up faced with the prospect of competing against each other. They walk out on the mat, and when the referee blows his whistle, they come together and start rolling around for two minutes. If no pin is recorded, one gets on his hands and knees, the other gets on top of him and the process is repeated for another two minutes. If still no pin is recorded, they go back out to the center of the mat, switch positions and go at it for two more minutes. At the end of that time, both wrestlers stand up and shake hands. The referee holds the arm of one of the two up, declaring him the winner, and the two walk off.

In the simplest sense, that's really all there is to it. That, of course, does not take into consideration the long hours spent by each wrestler in training. The training starts with conditioning and dieting to arrive at the lowest possible weight that will at the same time maximize the strength and skill of the wrestler.

For tournament competition, each team enters one wrestler in each weight class. Pairings for competition are decided by the coaches in a seeding meeting prior to the start of the tourney. At that meeting, the coaches discuss the relative merits of each wrestler in terms of record, past performance and overall experience. An attempt is made to determine the best wrestlers in each weight class and to place them in opposite brackets so that the two best wrestlers will theoretically meet for the weight class championship. With each win, the wrestler advances to the next bracket.

Once on the mat, the wrestlers come forward from the corner, get instructions from the referee and shake hands. The referee then blows his whistle and signals 'wrestle.' Each wrestler then attempts to gain control of the other by getting behind him or on top of him and bringing him to the mat. This is called a takedown, and when a wrestler succeeds in taking down his opponent he is awarded two points.

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Takedown	2 points
Escape	1 point
Reversal	2 points
Near fall	3 points
Predicament	2 points
Illegal hold	1 or 2 points to offended wrestler
Stalling	1 or 2 points to offended wrestler

TEAM SCORING

Advancement	1 point
Pin	1 point
Major decision	½ point
First place	10 points
Second place	7 points
Third place	4 points
Fourth place	2 points

A takedown is also awarded any time during the match when a wrestler gains that advantage from a standing or neutral position. A neutral position is signaled by the referee by holding his arm straight out from his body.

Once on the mat, the defensive wrestler,

the wrestler on the bottom, attempts either to escape to neutral position or to reverse his position by getting on top or behind his opponent. An escape earns a wrestler one point while a reversal is worth two points.

The offensive wrestler, usually the wrestler on top, is at the same time attempting to stay on top and to get a hold with which he can hold his opponent's shoulders to the mat for two seconds. Should he succeed, he is credited with a pin or a fall and the match is ended. A fall is signaled by the referee by slapping his hand to the mat and blowing his whistle.

The offensive wrestler can also score on a two-point near fall, or a predicament, in which he gets his opponent's shoulders to or near the mat, but not long enough for a fall.

If neither wrestler has scored a pin in the first period, the wrestlers start the second period from the referee's position. Choice of position is decided by the toss of a coin, with the choosing either up or down. In the referee's position, the bottom wrestler assumes a four point stance in the center of the mat. The top wrestler then places one hand on the bottom man's elbow and the other around his waist. Upon the referee's signal, they begin to wrestle. The third period starts with the positions of the second period reversed.

If at any time during the match the match is stopped (if the wrestlers go out of bounds, to attend to an injury or to stop a potentially dangerous hold), the wrestlers resume from the referee's position with the wrestler having the advantage at the time the match was stopped assuming the top position. If the match is stopped while the wrestlers are in a neutral position, they

remain in a neutral position when the match is resumed.

Points are also awarded for stalling at the discretion of the referee. A wrestler is charged with stalling if he has a position of advantage and fails to make an honest attempt to secure a fall or for continually backing away in the standing position. A wrestler is usually warned for stalling prior to the awarding of a point. Illegal holds also result in the awarding of a point to the opponent of the wrestler charged with the hold.

Stalling and illegal holds are both technical violations and points are awarded to the opponent on a basis of one for each of the first two violations and two for the third and fourth violations. A fifth violation results in the disqualification of the wrestler.

Matches are also stopped to attend to injuries sustained by either of the wrestlers on the mat. In the case of bleeding, the wrestler is allowed the time necessary to stop the flow of blood. In the case of other injuries, each wrestler is allowed three minutes time, cumulative, to attend to it. If the wrestler uses more time than the three minutes allowed, he is disqualified and his opponent is awarded the match by default. A default is scored as a pin.

Team points in the tournament are awarded on a basis of one point per pin, one point for advancement (except in the final and consolation rounds) and one-half point for each major decision. A major decision is one in which a wrestler wins his meet by ten or more points.

Ten points are awarded for each first place finisher, seven for each second place finisher, four points for each third place finisher and two points for each fourth place finisher.

Scores will be kept at each mat table for the matches on the mat with the pairings updated as soon as possible after each match. In addition, team points will be awarded immediately following each match is concluded. The team points will be projected on the wall as soon as the tournament director receives the ballots from the referee.

Officials add skill, experience

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with a history of outstanding teams. Noted now as the dean of area football coaches, he coached a number of highly successful mat squads at Cassadaga Valley, including several sectional champions.

In addition to the referees, a number of others will be contributing their time and talent to help insure the success of the tournament. The head scorer for the tournament will be Ed Swetch, an industrial arts teacher at Salamanca High School. Salamanca art teacher Bill Keeler will have completed most of his work prior to the start of the competition, but he has provided guidance in helping to prepare posters, banners and signs for the tourney.

Also playing a key role will be the Salamanca mat maids, four high school girls who will be handling the individual scoring tables, keeping up with vital statistics and performing the small odd tasks that will arise during the course of the tournament. The mat maids are Alexis Kurlej, Mary Day, Chris Feichter, and Jamie Torrence.

The wrestling cheerleaders for Sala-

manca, in addition to cheering for the Warriors, are responsible for the charts, distributing ballots and setting up for the meet.

George Whitcher, Salamanca wrestling coach, is the meet director. Dr. Paul Kirsch, superintendent of schools for Salamanca, will present the meet awards.

Whitcher in sixth season

The 1973-74 wrestling season marks the sixth for Coach George Whitcher at the helm of the Salamanca Warriors. In his first five seasons at Salamanca, Whitcher compiled a dual meet record of 43-25-1. His only losing season was in 1968-69, his first at Salamanca, when his Warriors finished 6-7.

Ten wins meet in season

The Salamanca High School record for most dual meet wins in a season is ten. The Warriors first accomplished that feat in the 1970-71 season, when they finished 10-2-1, then matched it in the 1972-73 season when they finished with a 10-6 record.



DON WISHART
In for a closer look

Outstanding wrestlers still in action

If the mark of a highly rated wrestling tournament is the later success of the wrestlers who competed in it, then the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament must be rated high indeed.

Although the tournament is only in its fourth year, the three wrestlers chosen for the Most Valuable Wrestler award in the tournament have continued to demonstrate their excellence.

The outstanding wrestler of the 1973 tournament will be back for this year's competition. Pioneer's Phil Roblee won the award as a junior, upsetting top seeded Jeff Swan of Southwestern for the tournament title and the trophy.

Roblee, a 126-pounder in the tournament, was seeded second in the 1973 tournament. As a sophomore in 1972, he lost his first bout to be eliminated, but returned as a junior to more than make amends for that loss. Meeting Swan for the title, he led by a 7-6 count when he pinned Swan in 4:44. Swan had been fourth in the state the previous year.

Roblee's victory helped pace Pioneer as the team won the tournament championship with a final total of 105 points, far ahead of second place Falconer with 56½.

Although his team failed to win the tournament championship, Frontier's Vince Tundo was the outstanding wrestler of the 1972 tournament.

Competing as a senior in the 112 pound weight class, Tundo earned the outstanding wrestler award for his final round victory over Portville's Neal Payne. Payne entered the tournament with an unblemished record and was the top seeded wrestler at 112 pounds. In that final round, however, it was all Tundo as he scored a 13-4 decision over Payne.

Frontier finished third as a team in the tournament, behind second place Southwestern and Portville and Pioneer, who

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DAN LOUNSBURY
No points this time



JOE ANNERELLA
Ready with the whistle



LUCIAN LUESTRO
Watching the action

Pioneer coming in as defending champ

The fourth annual Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament marks the third straight appearance of the Pioneer Panthers in the tourney line up, and this year's squad will have a tough act to follow.

In 1972, their first year in the tournament, the Panthers were the co-champions with Portville. Last year, they left no question about which team was the champ. The Panthers walked away with first place honors, winning three individual titles and rolling up nearly a 50 point margin over the second place team.

But don't be too quick to shed any tears over this year's tourney entry. The Panthers were sporting an 8-0 dual meet record as over January 14 and all three of last year's tourney winners are back. Senior Phil Roblee will be the team's entry at 134. So far, he is undefeated. A sectional winner last year, he placed fourth in the state championships. He was also named the outstanding wrestler of last year's tournament.

He will be joined by Mike Arnold a 114 pound senior who is also unbeaten this year. Arnold was another of the Pioneer tourney champs in 1973. Twice a sectional winner, he finished second in the states last year. In this tournament, Arnold will be shooting for an unprecedented third tournament title. He was the 98 pound winner in 1972 as well as the 107 pound champ last year.

The third man returning to defend his tourney crown is Keith Sterns, wrestling this year at 147. Sterns, only a junior, is, like Roblee and Arnold, sporting an unblemished record and is a sectional champion.



MIKE ARNOLD
Aiming for third crown

In addition to these three outstanding wrestlers, Coach Dick Post's team has several others. Of the remaining nine berths on the team, six are filled by juniors and seniors with a combined record of 59-11-1. Add to that a sophomore with a 10-2 record and a 4-0 freshman and the Panther line up is as awesome as ever.

Three of those wrestlers are also sectional champions, Bill Fuller, a senior at 121 pounds, junior Dale Rogers at 128, and junior Gary Devin at 157.

"We look forward to coming to the tournament," said Post. "Even though

we've done really well the last two years, there's been some really outstanding wrestlers and outstanding teams in it. The caliber of competition is very high.

Pioneer High School
Yorkshire, New York
Nickname: Panthers
School Colors: Green and White
Principal: Mr. Raymond Garlapo
Athletic Director: Mr. Robert Chaddock
Coach: Richard Post
Assistant Coaches: Ronald Brunner, Pat Burns



KEITH STERNS
Unbeaten at 147

Weight	Name	Year in School	Record (as of 1-14-74)
100	Keith Floyd	Freshman	4-0
107	Tim Waterman	Sophomore	1-4
114	Mike Arnold	Senior	12-0
121	Bill Fuller	Senior	10-1-1
128	Dale Rogers	Junior	10-2
134	Phil Roblee	Senior	12-0
140	Doug Tingue	Sophomore	10-2
147	Keith Sterns	Junior	12-0
157	Gary Devin	Junior	4-1
169	Dan Hackett	Junior	9-2
179	Dan Andrews	Junior	7-2
Hwt.	Rick George	Senior	9-1

Fourth appearance for Bulldogs

The Alden High School Bulldogs will be making their fourth appearance in this year's Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament, having been one of the original eight teams to comprise the field in the tourney's kickoff year in 1971.

Coming into this year's tournament, the Bulldogs are sporting a somewhat less than impressive 2-3 mark, but are bringing with them a strong tradition. In the three previous tournaments, the Bulldogs have finished in the middle of the standings, coming in fifth in the first tournament, one point out of fourth, tying with Jamestown for eighth in 1972 and finishing a half point behind Portville last year for 11th place.

"We've watched the Salamanca tournament grow," said Bulldog coach Al Solpietro, "from a good eight team tournament into its present size. Now it is probably the best tournament in Western New York. The finals at Salamanca are just about like the finals of the intersectionals."

Although a member of the Erie County Interscholastic Conference, the Bulldogs passed up the ECIC Christmas Tournament this year and this will be their first tournament appearance of the season.

"We were only able to compete in one tournament this year," Solpietro said, "and we gave up the ECIC to come to Salamanca. The Salamanca tournament has better competition, and I think our

kids will enjoy and learn more from that tournament than from any other one."

Alden's line up, potentially strong at the start of the year, has been depleted by injury and illness and the lower classes will be filled by underclassmen while many of the upper classes lack experienced wrestlers.

Leading the team will be a senior captain Bill Torge, a 169 pounder with an 8-1 record. A member of last year's tournament team, Torge failed to place at Salamanca, but went on to finish second in the sectionals. Another strong point in the roster is 140 pounder Mark Boling a junior with a 7-3 record. Sophomore Dean Haberal, at 167, is 7-2.

Rounding out the line up will be 90 pounder Jim Metz, a freshman; freshman Frank Keller at 100; sophomore Jim Weir

at 114; 121 pound sophomore Ken Meerboth; junior 128 pounder Blair Rush; Larry Stabell, a junior at 134; senior Steve Ruiz at 147; senior John Trybuskiewicz at 157; senior Matt McCormick at 179; and freshman Jim Trybuskiewicz at heavyweight.

Alden's Ron Parker, tourney champ at 147 in the first tournament and runner up at that weight in 1972 is currently wrestling for the University of Buffalo.

Alden High School
Alden, New York
Nickname: Bulldogs.
School Colors: Blue and Gold.
Superintendent of Schools: Larry Morris.
Principal: Roy Reed.
Athletic Director: Phil Richardson.
Coach Alfred Solpietro.

Weight	Name	Year in school	Record
90	Jim Metz	Freshman	0-0
100	Frank Keller	Freshman	0-5
107	Dean Haberal	Sophomore	7-2
114	Jim Weir	Sophomore	1-5
121	Ken Meerboth	Sophomore	1-9
128	Blair Rush	Junior	1-7
134	Larry Stabell	Junior	0-9
140	Mark Boling	Junior	7-3
147	Steve Ruiz	Senior	3-4
157	John Trybuskiewicz	Senior	4-5
169	Bill Torge	Senior	8-1
179	Matt McCormick	Senior	2-1-1
Hwt.	Jim Trybuskiewicz	Freshman	2-8

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Warriors!**

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Allegany one of original teams

The Allegany High School Blue Devils were one of the original eight teams to make up the first Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament and will be making their fourth appearance in this year's competition.

Coming into the tournament, the Blue Devils are 2-3 on the season, but that dual meet record fails to give a complete indication of the team. One of the Allegany wins was over Cuba, current leader in an Allegany County league, while the last three Blue Devil losses were by an aggregate total of nine points, three points separating the winner and loser in each

meet. "Personally, I think the Salamanca tournament is the greatest one going in all of Western New York," said Allegany coach Charles Curley, "and that includes the Niagara County area. George (Whitcher, Salamanca coach and tournament director) does an excellent job with it. The tournament really does a lot for wrestling..."

"The competition in the tournament is tremendously tough," Curley continued. "We always look forward to the tournament. I dread it because we don't always have the wrestlers to compete, but

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Roster

Name	Year in school	Record (as of 1-14-74)
Dave Manion	Sophomore	2-3
Jay Nannen	Freshman	3-5
Don Sherwood	Freshman	2-6
Jeff Chisafulli	Freshman	2-7-1
Rich Sherwood	Junior	5-5-1
Rick Stady	Junior	8-5
Shane McGranaghan	Junior	1-4-1
Kevin Carls	Senior	6-5-1
Dan McCaffery	Junior	2-4-1
Don Schoonover	Junior	3-0
John Dincher	Junior	3-7-1
Ron Schoonover	Junior	7-2-1

Jamestown strength in middleweights

The Red Raiders of Jamestown High School are making their fourth appearance in the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament this season, having been one of the original eight teams to help inaugurate what has since become one of the top annual high school tournaments in Western New York.

Last year, the Red Raiders finished fifth

in the 17 team field, tied with Lake Shore with 39½ points. In previous appearances, they finished last in the eight team field in 1971 and eighth out of 16 teams in 1972.

Coming into this year's tournaments, the Red Raiders are in the midst of a rebuilding season. In dual competition, they are 0-5 on the year and have only three lettermen on the the squad. Gone are

last season's 169 pound tourney champ Eric Johnson and 100 pound runnerup Tony Foti.

Leading this year's team are seniors Bob Sisley and Brian Landy and junior Bob Darling. Sisley, a 147 pounder, will come in with a 4-3 record while Darling is 3-4 at 179. Landy, a 169 pounder, is 2-4 on the year.

The remainder of the line up includes only two other seniors, 121 pounder Mike Johnson and 157 pounder Art Burns. Rick Larson, at 100 pounds, Andre Carter, at 107, and Dan Heintzelman at 128, make up the junior portion of the line up, leaving four classes to be filled by sophomores and freshmen.

Only one ninth grader, 138 pounder Tom Jordan, is on the team, with the remaining spots being filled by sophomores Craig Reed at 114 pounds, Herman Morales at 134 pounds, and heavyweight Eugene Mitchell.

"It's a pleasure to return to the Salamanca Tournament this year," Coach Thomas commented. "The hospitality of the people of Salamanca makes our visit most enjoyable."

The assistant wrestling coach at Jamestown is James Painter, former Salamanca High School wrestler and older brother of Warrior 147 pounder Bill Painter.

Weight	Name	Year in school	Record (as of 1-14-74)
100	Rick Larson	Junior	0-6
107	Andre Carter	Junior	1-6
114	Craig Reed	Sophomore	2-5
121	Mike Johnson	Senior	0-6-1
128	Dan Heintzelman	Junior	2-4
134	Herman Morales	Sophomore	1-6
140	Tom Jordan	Freshman	—
147	Bob Sisley	Senior	4-3
157	Art Burns	Senior	—
169	Brian Landy	Senior	2-4
179	Bob Darling	Junior	3-4
Hwt.	Eugene Mitchell	Sophomore	1-6



JAMESTOWN GRAPPLERS — The 1974 Jamestown tourney team includes: front row (l-r): Mike Johnson, Craig Reed, Andre Carter, Rick Larson; middle: Bob Sisley, Tom Jordan, Herman Morales, Dan Heintzelman; back: Bob Darling, Eugene Mitchell, Art Burns, Bill Kiendle, Brian Landy.

Jamestown High School
Jamestown, New York
Nickname: Red Raiders
School Colors: Red and Green
Superintendent of Schools: Bryan Shaddick
Principal: David Maurer
Athletic Director: Komo Tane
Coach: Norman Thomas
Assistant coach: James Painter

Allegany High School
Allegany, New York
Nickname: Blue Devils
School Colors: Blue and White
Superintendent of schools: Dr. Charles Holawach
Principal: Fred Grace
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Cattaraugus making first appearance

The Big Red of Cattaraugus High School will be making their first appearance in the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament this year, one of three new teams in this year's field.

Cattaraugus will be coming into the tournament with a strong line up and in the midst of a successful season, despite the wrestling program being a relatively young one at Cattaraugus. A member of the Tri-County League, the Big Red is one of two teams from that conference to be entered and is currently in second place with a 3-1-1 league mark.

On the season, Cattaraugus is 5-2-1 in dual competition, with both losses coming early in the season and the tie resulting from a recent meeting with powerful Portville, the other Tri-County League team in the tourney.

"The team is looking forward to the tournament with confidence," said Big Red coach Don Walter. "We know it is going to be some pretty tough competition, and if nothing else, we're going to gain a lot of experience. When you're competing against good clubs and good wrestlers, you're bound to get better. There's no doubt in my mind that competing in this tournament is going to help our program and that it's going to help our wrestlers."

Walter, in his third year as varsity

coach at Cattaraugus, saw his team post a fifth place finish in last year's sectionals and wind up second this year in the Tri-County League Christmas Tournament.

Leading the Big Red on the mat this season is team captain Brian Miller, a senior 157 pounder. Sporting an 11-0 mark this season, Miller finished fourth in the sectionals last season and captured this year's Tri-County Tournament title.

Also unbeaten is Dan Steinbar, a senior 140 pounder who is currently 3-0.

In addition to Miller, three other members of this year's Big Red were sectional place winners last season, including Duane Smith, a senior who claimed the 138 pound title last year

and is currently 8-1-1 at 147 pounds. His only loss came in the league tourney, where he finished second. Sophomore Randy Miller picked up a third place finish in the sectionals last year and is 6-3 this season at 121. Jon Wilder, a junior wrestling at 128, was fourth in the sectionals and fourth in the league tourney this year and is 8-2-1 on the season.

Freshman Keith Miller is 9-1 at 100 pounds and was the first place finisher at the league tournament while senior George Swan, a 169 pounder, is 7-2 with a second place tourney finish.

Rounding out the roster are Fred Van Duesen, a sophomore at 107 pounds; freshman Bill Graser at 114; sophomore

Bob Stone at 134; senior Pete Busekist at 179; and heavyweight sophomore Jeff Roselle.

Cattaraugus High School

Cattaraugus, New York
 Nickname: Big Red
 School Colors: Red and White
 Superintendent of schools: John Aiker
 Principal: Cal Smith
 Athletic Director: Bob Johnson
 Coach: Don Walter

Eden short on experienced wrestlers

Although this has not been a banner year for Eden High School in terms of team competition, the Raiders are entering this year's Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament with a number of outstanding individuals and promise to provide stiff competition in several weight classes.

Team-wise, the biggest problems faced by the Raiders this year have been a lack of depth and experience. The roster is dominated by freshmen and sophomore wrestlers, with only one senior and three juniors in the 11-man line up. Eden will lack entries in at least two classes in the tourney this year. On the season, the Raiders are 0-7 in dual meets, but turned in a strong performance in the Sweet Home Christmas Tournament.

"This is probably one of the biggest and best tournaments in the area," commented Raider coach Paul Kaczmarzski. "We're happy to be in it because the caliber of wrestlers in it is very high and it's quite an honor to get the chance to compete against those wrestlers."

This year's tournament is Eden's third appearance in Salamanca. Despite finishing well out of the running in their previous tourney appearances, however the Raiders have invariably placed wrestlers high in the standings in the individual competition.

Leading the Raiders this year are co-captains Tom Birmingham and Steve Davis. Birmingham, a senior, is undefeated in dual competition and is 10-1 on the season, his only loss coming in the Sweet Home tourney, where he finished second. A 107-pounder, Birmingham has finished fourth in each of the last two Salamanca tourneys and recorded a third place finish in the sectionals last year.

Davis, a junior, will be wrestling at 114 pounds in the tourney, having dropped down a weight class for the tournament. A fourth place finisher in the sectionals last year.

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Weight	Name	Year in School	Record (as of 1-14-74)
100	Keith Miller	Freshman	9-1
107	Fred Van Duesen	Sophomore	1-2
114	Bill Graser	Freshman	4-5-1
121	Randy Miller	Sophomore	6-3
128	Jon Wilder	Junior	8-2-1
134	Bob Stone	Sophomore	7-3
140	Dan Steinbar	Senior	2-0
147	Duane Smith	Senior	8-1-1
157	Brian Miller	Senior	11-0
169	George Swan	Senior	7-2
179	Pete Busekist	Senior	6-5
Hwt.	Jeff Roselle	Sophomore	3-5



CATTARAUGUS MATMEN — The 1974 Cattaraugus High School varsity includes: front row (l-r): R. Miller, Brown, Graser, K. Miller, Gary Swan; middle: Steinbar, Rupp, Case, Tartick, Jones, Smith, Wilder; back: Roselle, Wehust, Skeels, Busekist, B. Miller, Marshall, George Swan.

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Warsaw will represent Section V

One of the newcomers to the tournament this year will be Warsaw Central High School's tigers.

The Tigers, a Section V team from Wyoming County, are coming in with both a strong line up and an excellent record. In dual competition, Warsaw is 6-1 on the year, but finished as tournament champs in the Churchville-Chili Tournament held over the Christmas break this season. Warsaw was first in a field of eight in that tourney.

"We're very happy to be in the Salamanca tournament," stated Warsaw athletic director Jack Hackemer. "We feel we have some good wrestlers on our team this year, and we'd like to see them

meet the best. The competition at the Salamanca tournament is of top caliber."

Balanced with both veterans and youngsters, the Warsaw roster includes four unbeaten wrestlers and four Churchville-Chili tourney champs.

Heading up the list of unbeaten for the Tigers is senior co-captain Ed Sunderland, a 169 pounder with a 10-0 record. Tourney champ at that weight, he finished second in the sectionals last year.

Also 10-0 on the season is senior Tom Flint at 126 pounds, another Churchville-Chili tourney champ. Tom Rogers, a senior 132 pounder, is 9-0 on the year and picked up a tourney title. Jay Hackemer, a 248 pounder wrestling in the unlimited

weight class, is undefeated in his only match this year, but sports a career mark of 38-4 and is the defending Section V champ at unlimited.

Sophomore Mike Fuller, a 107 pounder, also picked up a tourney championship and is 9-1 on the season. Craig Hodgdon, senior heavyweight, is unbeaten in dual competition and is 9-1 overall with a second place tourney finish. Senior co-captain John Gillen, a 100 pounder, is 8-2 on the year and finished third in the Chili tourney.

Rounding out the roster are sophomore Russ Cornelius at 114; sophomore Mike Flint at 121; sophomore Warren Bush at 140, a sectional runner-up last year; senior George Sheehan at 147; and sophomore Wayne Price at 157.

"We're grateful for the invitation to this tournament," Hackemer commented. "I don't think that there is any question that the tourney will be tough. Some of the best wrestling in Section VI can be found at the Salamanca tournament."

Coaching the Tigers is James Berthiaume, in his first year at the helm of the Tigers.

Warsaw High School
Warsaw, New York
Nickname: Tigers

School Colors: Orange and Black
Principal: Dean Kaminski
Athletic Director: Jack Hackemer
Coach: James Berthiaume

Best season in 1970-71

Salamanca's best wrestling season was the 1970-71 season, when the Warriors finished with a 10-2-1 dual meet record. The Warriors won nine consecutive meets that season, which set the school record for most consecutive wins.

Eight sectional champs for Warriors

Eight wrestlers have won Section VI wrestling championships for the Salamanca Warriors, with four of those wrestlers recording two sectional titles. Dave Quattrone gave the Warriors their first title as he won in 1962. Double winners are Jim Grinell, in 1961 and 1962, Gary Milanowski, in 1970 and 1971, Mike Ciolek, in 1971 and 1972, and John Fitzgerald, in 1972 and 1973. Other sectional winners were Bob Harris, in 1964, Dave Nash, in 1969, and Gary Bradt, in 1970.

Harris had best season

The best individual record for regular season competition at Salamanca was set by Bob Harris in the 1963-64 season. Harris, who later won the 1964 sectional meet, finished with a 19-0 slate.

No conference titles

The Salamanca Warriors have never won a wrestling conference championship, although they have twice finished in second place. The Warriors were conference runners-up in both 1970 and 1971.

Roster

Weight	Name	Year in school	Record (as of 1-14-74)
100	John Gillen	Senior	8-2
107	Mike Fuller	Sophomore	9-1
114	Russ Cornelius	Sophomore	1-6
121	Mike Flint	Sophomore	4-3
128	Tom Flint	Senior	10-0
134	Tom Rogers	Senior	9-0
140	Warren Bush	Sophomore	5-2
147	George Sheehan	Senior	4-3
157	Wayne Price	Sophomore	2-1
169	Ed Sunderland	Senior	10-0
179	Vernon Price	Sophomore	5-2
Htw.	Craig Hodgdon	Senior	9-1
Unl.	Jay Hackemer	Senior	1-0

Individual talent highlights 1974 Eden tourney entry

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year, Davis is undefeated in dual competition this season, the only blemish on his 6-0-1 record a draw early in the season.

A third strong entry will be Buddy Hesse, a junior at 147 pounds. Hesse finished third in the sectionals and picked up a third place finish in the Sweet Home tourney. On the season, he is sporting a 6-3 record.

The remainder of the line up will find freshman Joe Bermingham at 90 pounds; freshman Bob Pruett at 100; freshman Rich Woyton at 121; sophomore Jeff Winter at 128; junior Dave Kraft at 134;

sophomore Bruce Embree at 140; sophomore Ed Minekime at 157; and freshman Ron Grainer at 179. The Raiders will not have entries at 169 or heavyweight.

The Raiders are a member of the Erie County Interscholastic Conference Division III and IV.

Eden High School

Eden, New York
Nickname: Raiders
School Colors: Maroon and White
Principal: Don Fregelette
Athletic Director: Dan Hagen
Coach: Paul Daczmarzski

Weight	Name	Year in school	Record (as of 1-14-74)
90	Joe Bermingham	Freshman	3-4
100	Bob Pruett	Freshman	3-3
107	Tom Bermingham	Senior	7-0
114	Steve Davis	Junior	6-0-1
121	Rich Woyton	Freshman	1-4
128	Jeff Winter	Sophomore	2-7
134	Dave Kraft	Junior	3-3
140	Bruce Embree	Sophomore	0-9
147	Buddy Hesse	Junior	6-3
157	Ed Minekime	Sophomore	0-9
179	Ron Grainer	Freshman	0-9



WARSAW VARSITY — The Warsaw tournament entry includes: kneeling (l-r): T. Rogers, T. Flint, M. Flint, R. Cornelius, M. Fuller, J. Gillan; standing: J. Hackemer, C. Hodgdon, V. Price, E. Sunderland, J. Donahue, G. Sheehan, W. Bush.

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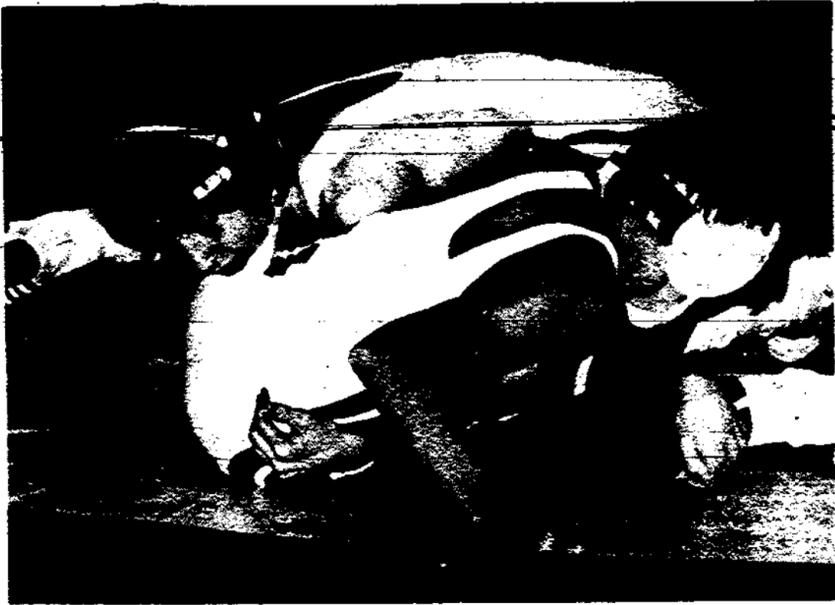
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Warrior Wrestlers: the lower weights



PETE NEWARK: 121 pounds, Senior



JOHN FITZGERALD: 114 pounds, Senior



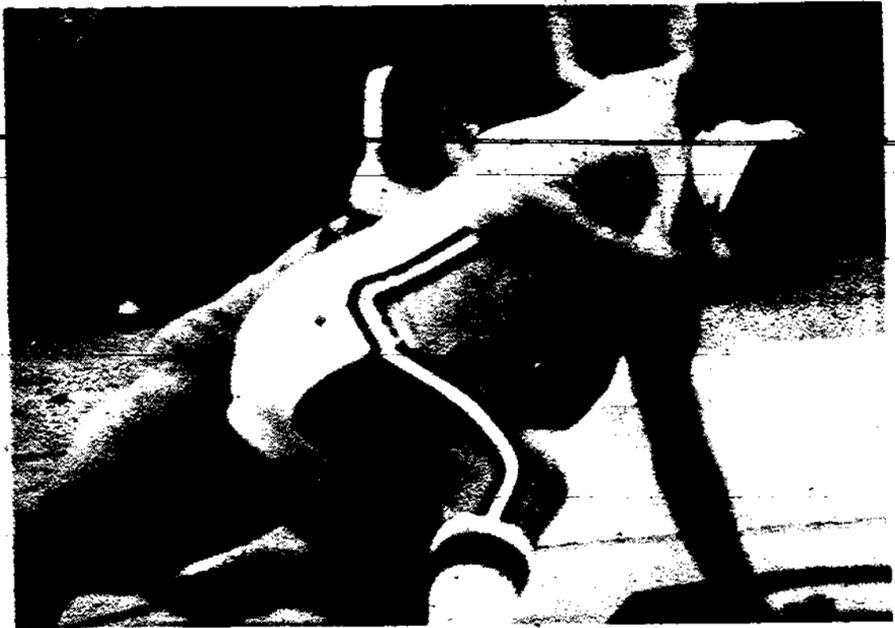
ART JACOBSON: 123 pounds, Junior



TOM CIOLEK: 134 pounds, Sophomore



WARD WHEELER: 140 pounds, Junior



BILL PAINTER: 147 pounds, Junior

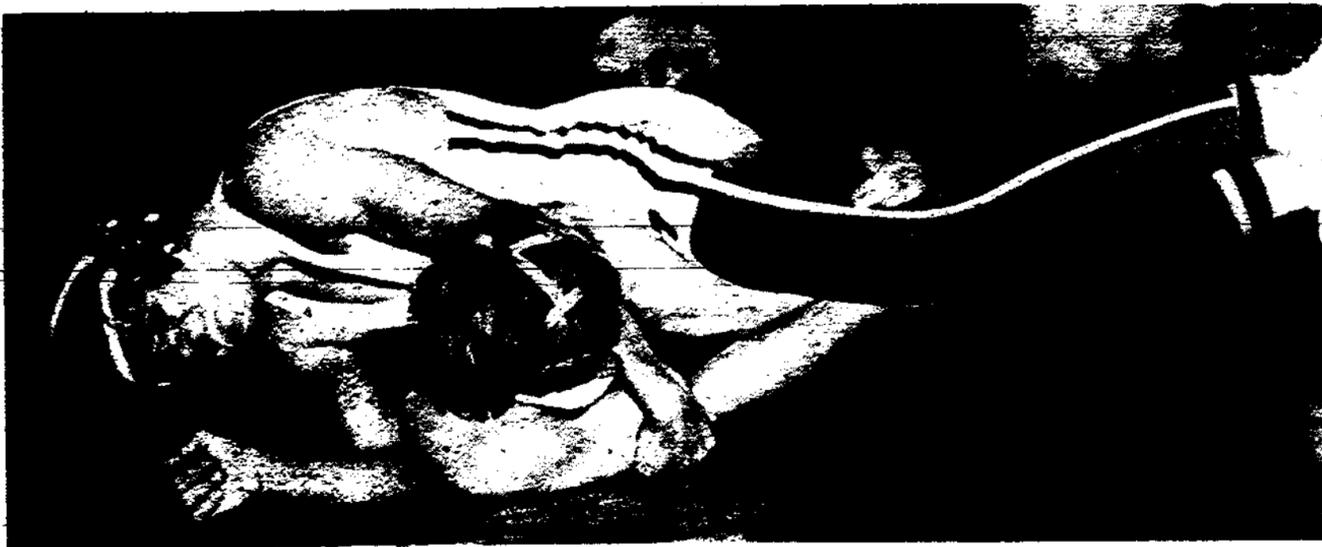


JIM O'ROURKE: 157 pounds, Junior



CHUCK MEISSNER: 169 pounds, Junior

Warrior Wrestlers: the upper weights



JACK HAGER: 170 pounds, Senior



**MARK SARTORI:
Heavyweight, Senior**

Olean one of unbeaten teams

One of the eight original teams involved in the tourney, the Olean High School Huskies will be making their fourth appearance in this year's Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament and are coming into the tourney in the midst of a banner year.

The Huskies are 8-0 in dual meet competition and have a line up composed of experienced wrestlers. Heading up that roster will be Dan Shembeda and Kirk Anderson, both seniors and both undefeated this season.

The two are wrestling in their fourth Salamanca tourney. Both have won tourney titles. As a freshman in 1971, Shembeda finished third at 100 pounds. Moving up a weight class in 1972, he won the title at 107, but was decisioned in the semi-final round last year at 114 and wound up finishing fourth. This season, he will be at 128, where he is currently 11-0. A two-time Southern Tier Wrestling Conference tournament champ, his career record is an excellent 67-8-1.

Anderson, a 140 pounder this year, has statistics as impressive as those of Shembeda. The 1973 sectional champ at 134, he went on to the state meet last season. He won the Salamanca tourney in 1973 and finished second there as a freshman in 1971 at 115 pounds. He failed to place in the 1972 tourney.

Also, a two-time champion in the Southern Tier tournament, he sports a career record of 67-18-1.

In their three previous tournament appearances at Salamanca, the Huskies have finished in the middle of the standings. The first tourney saw Olean wind up in fourth place out of eight teams. In 1972, the team finished sixth in a field of 16, then dropped to eighth last season in a field of 17.

Although Anderson and Shembeda are the only unbeaten on the squad, the Huskies still have a number of other strong entries. At 100 pounds, sophomore Steve Tripodi, is sporting a 7-1 mark; sophomore Tom Bushnell is 8-3 at 121 pounds and junior Doug Van Brunt is 7-2 at 147 pounds.

Other squad members include Dave Crean, a sophomore 107 pounder; sophomore Bruce Meyers at 114; sophomore Ray Pikuiski at 134; sophomore Dave Schielier at 157; junior Rick Morton at 169; junior Shahean Simon at 179; and sophomore Stuart Dallas at heavyweight.

"We're really happy to be a part of the Salamanca tournament," said Olean coach Mike Foster. "It's always been a really outstanding and well organized

tournament and the level of competition in it is some of the best in the state."

The Huskies finished fourth in the Southern Tier Wrestling Conference Tournament this season.

Assistant wrestling coach at Olean is James Myers.

Olean High School

Olean, New York
 Nickname: Huskies
 School Colors: Red and Gold
 Athletic Director: Matt Conte
 Coach: Michael Foster
 Assistant Coach: James Myers

Cielek, Hager high scorers

The most dual meet points scored by a wrestler in a season at Salamanca is 69, set by Mike Cielek during the 1972-73 season. During that same season, Jack Hager set the school mark for most points in a meet with 21.



DAN SHEMBEDA
 Potential champ at 128



KIRK ANDERSON
 Defending tourney champ

Maple Grove to be major contender

One of five unbeaten teams entered in the 1974 Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament, the Maple Grove Dragons are sporting a 9-0 record as they make their second appearance in the competition.

Last year, the Dragons finished in third place, only two and one half points behind runner up Falconer, but like all other teams, far behind champion Pioneer.

This year's tournament entry, however, will be a strong one, with four wrestlers undefeated in dual competition on the roster.

"It should be a good tournament," said Maple Grove coach Dick Errico. "I don't really know what Warsaw and Medina have, but I think we should have a pretty good chance at finishing near the top."

The Dragons already have one tournament title to their credit this season, a first place finish at the Southern Tier Wrestling Conference Tournament in mid-December. Four individual champions from that tournament will be in line up at Salamanca.

Leading the Dragons will be a senior captain Glen Gese, a 157 pounder with an 8-1 record. Gese is a defending sectional champion and copped first place honors at the Southern Tier tourney, as well as

finished second in last year's Salamanca tourney.

Junior Tim Murphy, at 121 pounds, is another defending sectional titlist and took first place in the Southern Tier tourney. He is sporting an unblemished 9-0 record this season.

Also winning tourney crowns were Greg Wefing, a sophomore 134 pounder with an 8-1 record. As a freshman, he finished second in the sectionals. Bill Spencer, a 179 pound senior, claimed the other tourney title.

At 90 pounds for the Dragons will be Bari Hallberg, a sophomore who finished third in last year's Salamanca tourney and went on to win a sectional crown. Bill Cole, a senior at 114 pounds with a 6-1 record, was also third in last year's Salamanca tournament and was runner up in the Southern Tier tourney.

The remainder of the roster includes sophomore Rick Goddell at 100 pounds; sophomore Dan Woodfield at 107; junior Dave Butler at 128; freshman Tim Prince at 140; senior Randy Rexford at 147; senior Herb Massey at 169; and senior Don Boardman at heavyweight.

"This tournament is the best I've seen in Western New York," Errico commented, "and it's probably one of the best in the

state. It's a heck of a tough tournament to compete in and it's a heck of a task just to place."

Errico is in his third year at the helm of the Dragons. Assistant coaches are Ray Tudor and Joe Stockwell.

Maple Grove High School

Bemus Point, New York
 Nickname: Dragons
 School Colors: Red and White
 Superintendent of Schools: Matthew A. Podnieszinski
 Principal: A. James Sykes
 Athletic Director: Melvin Lewellen
 Coach: Richard Errico
 Assistant coaches: Ray Tudor, Joe Stockwell

Team points mark set last year

The 1972-73 Salamanca wrestling team set the school record for most points scored in a season as the Warriors compiled 430 in 16 meets. In giving up 263 in that same season, they also set the mark for fewest points per meet yielded, an average of only 16.8 per contest.

weight	Name	Year in School	Record (as of 1-14-74)
100	Steve Tripodi	Sophomore	7-1
107	David Crean	Sophomore	4-2
114	Bruce Meyers	Sophomore	6-3
121	Tom Bushnell	Sophomore	8-3
128	Dan Shembeda	Senior	11-0
134	Ray Pikuiski	Sophomore	5-4-1
140	Kirk Anderson	Senior	11-0
147	Doug Van Brunt	Junior	7-2
157	David Schielier	Sophomore	4-4-1
167	Rich Morton	Junior	2-5-1
179	Shahean Simon	Junior	6-4
Hwt.	Stuart Dallas	Sophomore	2-6

Weight	Name	Year in school	Record
90	Bari Hallberg	Sophomore	—
100	Rick Goddell	Sophomore	9-0
107	Dan Woodfield	Sophomore	8-0-1
114	Bill Cole	Senior	6-1
121	Tim Murphy	Junior	9-0
128	Dave Butler	Junior	6-3
134	Greg Wefing	Sophomore	8-1
140	Tim Prince	Freshman	9-0
147	Randy Rexford	Senior	6-3
157	Glen Gese	Senior	8-1
169	Herb Massey	Senior	4-3
179	Bill Spencer	Senior	7-0
Hwt.	Don Boardman	Senior	4-4

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Gowanda back for fourth tourney

One of the eight teams to make up the first Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament in 1971, the Gowanda Panthers are returning for the fourth time to compete.

Gowanda is currently 3-5 on the season, but will be bringing into this year's tournament an experienced squad. In previous tourney appearances, the Panthers have finished at the lower end of the standings despite placing wrestlers in the finals or consolation rounds.

Heading up the Panther line up will be seniors Don Hintz, at 119 pounds, Dan Braymiller, at 126 pounds, and Al Smith, at 132 pounds. For all three, this year's tournament will be number four.

Hintz, captain of the Panthers this year, has one Salamanca Tournament championship under his belt, as well as a third place finish. As a freshman, he won the 114 pound title. He finished third at 119 in 1972. This year, he is 6-1 coming into the tourney.

Braymiller also took a tourney title as a freshman, claiming the 100 pound championship. Although failing to repeat as champion in his next two tournament appearances, he was a sectional winner as both a freshman and sophomore while finishing second last year. This season, he has posted a 4-1 record.

Smith will be looking for his first strong finish at Salamanca this year, and will be helped by the fact that he is currently enjoying his best season. In competition so far, he has posted a 6-1-1 record and was a place winner in last season's sectionals.

Three other seniors will be adding strength to the Panther's tourney team, Ron Jolls, who will be at 147 pounds with a 6-2 record. One of those two losses, came, however, when Jolls wrestled at 167 during a dual meet. Dick Gernott will be down at 179 for the tournament from the

heavyweight class he wrestled in last year and is sporting a 6-2 record while Mike Mentley will be the unlimited entry.

Rounding out the Panther line up will be Jeff Davis, a freshman 90 pounder; Nick Arrigo, a freshman at 107; freshman Ed Mende at 114; junior Brian Mazurek at 140; junior Tim DiBlasi at 157; sophomore Mark Gernott at 169; and senior Mark Smith at heavyweight.

Weight
90
100
107
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Roster
Name
Year in school
Record
Jeff Davis
Freshman
1-2
Nick Arrigo
Freshman
0-5
Ed Mende
Freshman
0-3
Don Hintz
Senior
6-1
Dan Braymiller
Senior
4-1
Al Smith
Senior
6-1-1
Brian Mazurek
Junior
4-3
Ron Jolls
Senior
6-2
Tim DiBlasi
Junior
4-3
Mark Gernott
Sophomore
0-5
Dick Gernott
Senior
6-2
Mark Smith
Senior
1-2
Mike Mentley
Senior
2-0

Gowanda High School
Gowanda, New York
Nickname: Panthers
School Colors: Blue and White
Superintendent of Schools: C.E. Teper
Principal: Carly Lyons
Athletic Director: Howard Hillis
Coach: Glen Samarra
Assistant Coach: Charles Newton



DON HINTZ
Team captain paces squad

Southwestern strong in past

A well known and highly respected high school wrestling name, the Southwestern High School Trojans will again be entered in the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament this year.

The 1974 Salamanca tournament will be the third for the Trojans, who finished in second place in 1972 and fourth last year. In the 1972 tourney, the Trojans finished with 59½ points, only two and one half points behind co-champions Portville and Pioneer. Last year, they finished within four points of third place and within six of second.

At the helm of the Trojans will be veteran coach Flash Olson. In his twentieth season as wrestling coach at Southwestern, Olson has seen his teams win well over 150 dual meets. Included among those wins is last season's victory over Portville which snapped an 84 meet win streak for Portville.

Coming into the tournament, the Trojans are 4-4 on the season and have a second place team trophy from the Southern Tier Wrestling Conference Tournament held in mid-December. In that tourney, Southwestern came up with one individual championship, one second place individual finish and two thirds.

Freshman Jon Swan, a 107 pounder, picked up the tournament first place. One of the key leaders on the team this season, Swan is 7-1-2. Dave Denn, a senior at 169 pounds, claimed the Trojan second place in the tournament and is currently 8-2 on the season.

Third place winners in the Southern Tier tourney were junior Dan Golando, a 157 pounder, and junior Bill Johnson, a

heavyweight. Both Golando and Johnson are 8-2 on the year, as is 147 pounder Mark McMaster, another junior.

Giving further strength to the line up is 114 pound junior Greg White, sectional winner last year at 100 pounds. This season, White is 6-4.

Rounding out the Trojan roster are Mike Blake, a freshman 90 pounder; senior Steve Blake at 100 pounds; junior Randy Smith at 121; junior Dave Becker at 128; junior Dave LeVan at 134; junior Bruce Lucas at 140; and junior Dave Golando, twin brother of 157 pounder Dan Golando, at 179.

"We enjoy coming to this tournament," said Olson. "It's a very well run and well

organized tournament and the caliber of wrestling is always high."

Located in the town of Lakewood in Chautauqua County, Southwestern is a member of the Southern Tier Wrestling Conference, Division II, and is 1-3 in the conference.

Southwestern High School
Lakewood, New York
Nickname: Trojans
School Colors: Red and blue
Superintendent of Schools: Philip Frost
Principal: Joseph Rushin
Athletic Director: R.G. Shevalier
Coach: Clarence 'Flash' Olson
Assistant coach: Walt Thurneau

Weight	Name	Year in school	Record
90	Mike Blake	Freshman	4-4-0
100	Steve Blake	Senior	1-3-0
107	Jon Swan	Freshman	7-1-2
114	Greg White	Junior	6-4-0
121	Randy Smith	Junior	1-5-0
128	Dave Becker	Junior	4-5-1
134	Dave LeVan	Junior	2-4-0
140	Bruce Lucas	Junior	2-1-2
147	Mark McMaster	Junior	8-2-0
157	Dan Golando	Junior	8-2-0
169	Dave Denn	Senior	8-2-0
179	Dave Golando	Junior	2-2-0
Hwt.	Bill Johnson	Senior	8-2-0



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Iroquois brings long tradition to tourney

Winner of the first Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament, the Iroquois Central High School Chiefs will be making their fourth appearance in the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament this season and bring with them one of the most outstanding wrestling traditions in the state.

Coming into the tournament with an unblemished record in dual competition, Iroquois holds the national high school record for consecutive dual meet wins with 150, set over a 12 year period ending in 1968. Since the 1954-55 season, the year Iroquois began as a system, the wrestling teams there have compiled a 233-11-1 dual meet record. The athletic program at Iroquois was started by the late Milt Latimer, a well known and highly respected figure in southern Cattaraugus-Allegany County area.

"We always look forward to the Salamanca tournament," said Chiefs coach Bob Steislinger. "It's always an outstanding tournament and it represents a high point in our season. We're really proud to be a part of it."

Leading this year's squad are 121 pounder Rick Rothfuss and 140 pounder Mike Clark. Rothfuss, 9-2, thi

Leading this year's squad are 121 pounder Rick Rothfuss and 140 pounder Mike Clark. Rothfuss, 9-2 this season, is a returning tournament champion, having claimed the 100 pound title last season and going on to win the sectionals at that weight. Clark is currently unbeaten with a 10-0 record. He captured the 138 pound crown in this year's Sweet Home ECIC Tournament.

Three other members of the squad are undefeated in dual competition this season, Terry Ellison, 2-0, and Paul

Weight	Record (as of 1-14-74)	Name
90	0-1-0	Allan Sluberski
100	4-2-0	Merwyn Brown
107	9-1-0	Kim Foucha
114		Terry Ellison
	6-1-0	Paul Kemmerer
121	9-2-0	Rick Rothfuss
128	5-2-0	Bruce Johnson
134	7-3-0	Tom Wheeler
140	10-0-0	Mike Clark
147	3-4-0	John Reichert
157	4-3-0	Chris Sack
169	3-3-1	Cole Hatley
179	7-4-0	Jeff Witkop
Hwt.	7-4-0	Kevin Kresconko
Unl.	0-1-0	Jerry Gotro
		Mark Taber

Kemmerer, 3-0, at 114 pounds, and Kim Foucha, 9-1 at 107 pounds. On the season, Foucha is 9-1.

The remainder of the roster includes Allan Sluberski at 90 pounds; Merwyn Brown at 100; Bruce Johnson at 128; Tom Wheeler at 134; John Reichert at 147; Chris Sack at 157; Cole Hatley at 169; Jeff Witkop at 179; Kevin Kresconko at heavyweight; and Jerry Gotro or Mark Taber at unlimited.

Three former Iroquois wrestlers who claimed titles at the Salamanca tournament are currently wrestling at the collegiate level. Mike Sernoffsky, named

the outstanding wrestler at the first Salamanca tourney, is at Duke University and is wrestling at 150 pounds. Also at Duke is Joel Puleo, heavyweight champ in the first Salamanca tourney. Puleo reached the NCAA championships last season. Eric Drasgow, first two-time champion at Salamanca, is currently at the University of Buffalo, competing at 167 pounds. Drasgow won the 170 pound title in 1971, then won the 157 pound crown in 1972.

Iroquois is a member of the Erie County Interscholastic Conference Division III and IV.

Assistant coaches at Iroquois are Richard Dechowitz, Robert Radder and Ray Cagwin.

Iroquois Central High School
 Elma, New York
 Nickname: Chiefs
 School Colors: Red and White
 Superintendent of schools: Dr. Merton Haynes
 Principal: Thomas Schnepfer
 Athletic Director: Kenneth Young
 Coach: Robert Steislinger
 Assistant Coaches: Richard Dechowitz, Robert Radder, Ray Cagwin

Grand Island hurt by injuries

A relative newcomer to the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament, the Grand Island Vikings will be making their second appearance in Salamanca for this year's tourney.

The tournament team for the Vikings will be a young one. Early season injuries have depleted the roster, leaving two freshmen and five sophomores the duties of filling in. Thus far, Grand Island has compiled an 0-8-1 record on the year.

Despite being a young and fairly inexperienced team, Grand Island will have several outstanding individuals entered in the competition. Heading up the list will be senior Mike Burke, a 121 pounder with an

11-4 record. Burke won the sectional title at 105 pounds last season and finished third in the Sweet Home Erie County Interscholastic Conference Tournament over the Christmas break.

In the 90 pound weight class, the Vikings will have junior Tom Crawford, who will be coming into the tournament with a 10-4 record and a fourth place finish in the ECIC tourney.

Sophomore Allan Grimes will be wrestling at 134 pounds. Sectional runner-up last season as a freshman, Grimes was the tourney champ at 132 in the ECIC Christmas competition this year. He will come into the tournament with a 10-2-1 record.

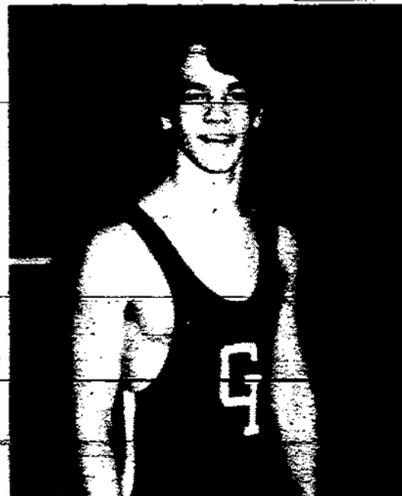
Rounding out the line up for the Vikings will be freshman Bob Drainville at 100 pounds; sophomore Kevin Broad at 107; Dave Edwards, a freshman 114 pounder; junior Chris Farley at 128; junior Larry Rohring at 140; Brian Drainville, a 147 pound sophomore; 157 pound sophomore Pete Santa Lucia; junior Rich Simmons at

169; senior Jerry Pelletier at 179; and sophomore heavyweight Phil Barker.

"We're glad to be invited again," said Viking coach Jim Ratel. "and I hope that we can make a good showing there. We're really looking forward to the competition." Grand Island is a member of the ECIC Division III.

Assistant coach at Grand Island is William Stuckwisch.

Grand Island High School
 Grand Island, New York
 Nickname: Vikings
 School Colors: Blue and White
 Superintendent of Schools: Oscar J. Pultz
 Principal: Howard Fuller
 Athletic Director: Dave Meyers
 Coach: Jim Ratel
 Assistant Coach: William Stuckwisch



AL GRIMES
 Pacing Vikings at 132

Weight	Name	Year in school	Record
90	Tom Crawford	Junior	10-4
100	Bob Drainville	Freshman	3-7
107	Kevin Broad	Sophomore	3-1
114	Dave Edwards	Freshman	4-5
121	Mike Burke	Senior	11-4
128	Chris Farley	Junior	0-2
134	Allan Grimes	Sophomore	10-2-1
140	Larry Rohring	Junior	3-8
147	Brian Drainville	Sophomore	0-9-1
157	Pete Santa Lucia	Sophomore	1-1
169	Rich Simmons	Junior	0-10
179	Jerry Pelletier	Senior	1-0
Hwt.	Phil Barker	Sophomore	0-10

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Medina first entry from Orleans County

Just how good the quality of wrestling is in the northern part of Western New York is will be answered this year at the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament as the Medina Mustangs enter the tourney for the first time. From all indications, the Mustangs will be an excellent representative.

Medina, located in Orleans County, is the first team from north of Erie County to compete in the tournament and will be coming into the competition with a tradition of wrestling excellence and a strong line up.

A member of the Niagara-Orleans League, the Mustangs are currently 6-0 in league competition and are 7-3 in dual meets. They have won the conference championship for each of the last five

years and have picked up the team title in the sectionals for the last four.

"From everything we've heard, this tournament must rate as one of the best in the area, if not in the whole state," commented Mustang coach Bill Ossont. "We are very happy to be a part of it this year."

Pacing the Mustangs will be senior Audie Plumley, a 107 pounder. Plumley is 11-2 on the season, but has been the conference champion for the last two years, and well as grabbing the sectional title in both 1972 and 1973.

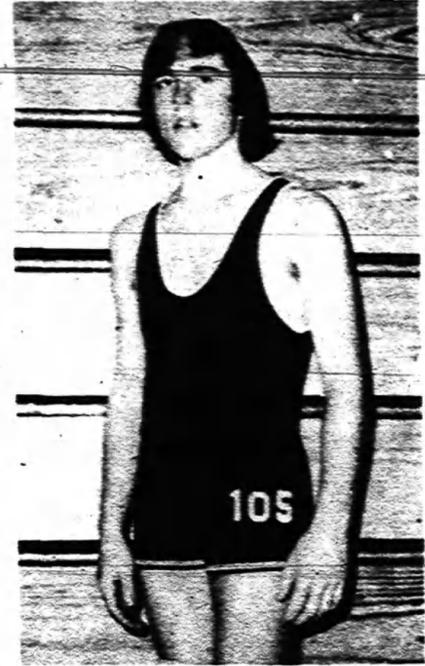
Junior John Curtin, heavyweight, will come into the tourney with a 12-1 record and a first place title in the Caledonia Christmas Tournament. Also placing high in that tournament were sophomore Steve

Fuller and sophomore Bill Nice. Fuller, a 114 pounder, finished second in the tourney and is 8-2 on the season. Nice also finished second in the tournament and is 7-4 on the year.

Predominantly a young squad this year, only one other senior is listed on the roster. Frank Little, a 147 pounder with a 9-3 record. In addition to Curtin, there are four other juniors on the team, Tom Mancuso at 128 pounds; Nat Little, at 134 with a 9-3 record; Jeff Cotter, at 157 with an 8-5 mark; and Joe Cardone at 169.

Freshman Kevin Kenward, at 100 pounds, and sophomore Mike Enderby, at 121, and Joe Bujalski, at 140, fill out the remainder of the roster.

Medina is a Section VI, Class BBB team. Assistant wrestling coach for the Mustangs is Charles Robinson.



AUDIE PLUMLEY
Two-time sectional champ

Weight	Name	Year in school	Record (as of 1-14-74)
100	Kevin Kenward	Freshman	4-2
107	Audie Plumley	Senior	11-2
114	Steve Fuller	Sophomore	8-2
121	Mike Enderby	Sophomore	3-7
128	Tom Mancuso	Junior	3-8-1
134	Nate Little	Junior	9-3
140	Joe Bujalski	Sophomore	6-1
147	Frank Little	Senior	9-3
157	Jeff Cotter	Junior	8-5
169	Joe Cardone	Junior	4-3-2
179	Bill Nice	Sophomore	7-4
Hwt.	John Curtin	Junior	12-1

Medina High School
Medina, New York
Nickname: Mustangs
School Colors: Red and Blue
Coach: Bill Ossont
Assistant Coach: Charles Robinson



JOHN CURTIN
Heavyweight standout

Ciolek heads win list

Mike Ciolek set the Salamanca High School record for most wins in a career with 74 from 1969 through 1973. He also holds the school record for most career pins with 41.

A KEY TO THE WARRIOR SUCCESS thus far has been their ability to score on the initial takedowns in individual matches. Coach Whitcher emphasized the importance of getting the takedowns, stating, "You always like to get that takedown because it gives you the advantage. Our wrestlers aren't afraid to stick their noses in there to get it. It's a sign of aggressive wrestling, and it's the kind of wrestling you need to win meets."

Coaching Gowanda is Glen Samarra. Assistant coach is Charles Newton.



PIONEER VARSITY — The Pioneer High School wrestling team for 1974. The Panthers are competing in their third Salamanca tournament this year, and in both previous appearances, they came away with at least a share of the team title. They are one of five undefeated teams in this year's tourney.

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Falconer enters, unblemished record

Despite being a relatively young team this season, the Falconer High School Falcons are becoming into the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament with a strong line up.

Dominated by juniors, the Falcons are currently unbeaten in dual competition and have a tradition of excellence in their wrestling program.

The 1974 tournament marks the second appearance of the Falcons in the Salamanca tourney. Last year, Falconer was the runner up in the competition to tourney champ Pioneer and will be returning one individual champion to defend his title.

Back for his second shot at a tourney

title is junior Dan Boyd, who picked up the title in the 90 pound weight class. Boyd is wrestling at 107 pounds this season and comes into the tournament with a 3-2

record. He is also one of three Southern Tier Wrestling Conference tournament champions to be entered in the tournament for the Falcons.

Weight
100
107
114
121
128
134
140
147
157
169
179
Hwt.

Roster
Name
Year in school
Record (as of 1-14-74)
Mike Ognibene Junior 9-0
Dan Boyd Junior 3-2
Kurt Falkner Freshman 6-3
Brian Overend Senior 6-2
Chuck Green Senior 7-1-1
Kim Richin Senior 10-0
Mike Garvey Freshman 1-1
Jim Gatto Junior 2-4-1
George Dewey Senior 5-3
Pat Johnson Junior 5-3
Jeff Young Sophomore 2-3
Bill Perry Junior 0-2

Falconer claimed third in the Southern Tier tourney, held in mid December at Southwestern High School. In addition to the three titles they claimed, the Falcons also had two tournament runners-up, one third place finisher and one fourth place finisher.

"We look forward to coming to the Salamanca tournament," said Falconer coach Bill Davenport. "It's an outstanding tournament, probably the best tournament, competition-wise, in Western New York. Usually the kids who win here wind up going to the state tournament every year, which is a pretty good indication of just how tough the tournament is."

Davenport is in his third year at the helm of the Falcons, having posted a 33-2 dual record thus far.

In addition to Boyd, conference tourney champs for the Falcons include Mike Ognibene, Falconer's 100-pounder. Ognibene, a junior, is currently unbeaten in dual competition as finished second in last year's sectionals and fourth in the 1973 Salamanca Tournament. Also unbeaten in is Kim Richin, a senior 134-pounder who is a defending sectional titlist and the third Falconer conference tourney champ.

Junior Pat Johnson, at 169, finished second in the conference tournament and comes into the tourney with a 5-3 record, while Chuck Greene, a senior 128-pounder, was also a second place finisher in the conference meet and is 7-1-1 on the season.

Filling out the Falconer roster will be senior Brian Overend, a 121 pounder with a 6-2 record and fourth place finisher in last year's sectionals; George Dewey, a senior wrestling at 157 pounds with a 5-3 record and a fourth place finish in the conference tourney; Kurt Faulkner, 114 pound freshman with a 6-3 record and a third place conference tourney finisher; junior Bill Perry, heavyweight; junior Jim Gatto, a 147 pounder; sophomore Jeff Young, at 179; and freshman Mike Garvey, a 140 pounder.

Falconer High School

Falconer, New York
Nickname: Falcons
School Colors: Blue and gold
Superintendent of Schools: James Gassman
Principal: Donald Conway
Athletic Director: Wm. Rice
Coach: Bill Davenport
Assistant Coach: Dan Massey



FALCONER LINE UP — Falconer's tournament team for this year's Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament includes: front row (l-r): Mike Ognibene, Don Boyd, Kurt

Faulkner, Brian Overend; middle: Chuck Green, Kim Richin, Mike Garvey, Bill Perry; back: Jim Gatto, Pat Johnson, Jeff Young, George Dewey.

Always dangerous Portville hopes to regain form

Regarded as one of the stronger teams in the Southwestern New York area, the Portville Panthers will be making their third appearance in the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament this year.

The Panthers are 7-1-1 on the season coming into the tournament, where they hope to regain their 1972 form. In 1972, their first year in the tourney, the Pan-

thers finished as co-champions of the tournament with Pioneer. Last year, however, they fell off to tenth place.

"It's going to be another good tournament," said Portville coach Joel Fowler, "and the competition is really going to be tough. I just hope that we can hold our own."

A member of the Tri-County League, Portville is currently in first place in that

conference with a 4-0-1 league record. The only blemish on their league record is a tie with Cattaraugus, another of this year's tourney teams, while the only Panther setback was at the hands of a third member of this year's tournament field, undefeated Olean.

In the Tri-County League Christmas Tournament, the Panthers took first place and finished with five tourney champs.

Leading the team will be Jeff Gross, a 169 pound senior with an 1-1 record. One of the Panther champions in the Christmas tourney, his only setback this season was against undefeated Skip Lord, of Franklinville, at 177 pounds.

Other tourney winners include 107 pounder Jim Payne, a junior with an 11-1 record; Alyn Holcomb, a 121 pound senior with an 8-3 record; Joey Swanson, a junior at 128 pounds with a 9-1 record and a defending sectional champion; and 140 pound senior Jim Faulkner, who has posted an 8-2-1 record this season.

The remainder of the roster will find Jerry Christopher, a 90 pound sophomore;

Craig Blaske, a sophomore 100 pounder; junior Randy Mohr at 114; freshman Jerry Miller at 134; senior John Welsh at 147; sophomore Tom Sutter at 157; sophomore Dave Nease at 179; and junior heavyweight Dave McCoy.

Portville was the possessor of the longest dual meet winning streak in the Southern Tier area, extending it to 84 straight before losing to Southwestern last season.

Assisting Fowler, in his season at the helm of the Panthers, is Lynn Sturdevant.

Portville High School

Portville, New York.
Nickname: Panthers.
School Colors: Maroon and White
Superintendent of schools: Lee Frair.
Principal: Gerald C. Christopher.
Athletic Director: Gerald C. Christopher.
Coach: Joel Fowler.
Assistant Coach: Lynn Sturdevant.

Weight	Name	Year in School	Record
90	Jerry Christopher	Sophomore	6-5
100	Craig Blaske	Sophomore	0-0
107	Jim Payne	Junior	11-1
114	Randy Mohr	Junior	7-4
121	Alyn Holcomb	Senior	8-3
128	Joey Swanson	Junior	9-1
134	Jerry Miller	Freshman	5-3
140	Jim Faulkner	Senior	8-1-2
147	John Welsh	Senior	6-5
157	Tom Sutter	Sophomore	2-0-2
169	Jeff Gross	Senior	11-1
179	Dave Nease	Sophomore	7-4
Hwt.	Dave McCoy	Junior	3-7

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These will be the trademark of the Salamanca High School Warriors as they head into the 1974 Salamanca Invitational Tournament.

1974 marks the fourth year that the Warriors have hosted the tourney and this year may mark the strongest Warrior team heading into the tournament. In the three previous tourneys, Salamanca has finished third (1971), fifth (1972) and 12th (1973).

This season, however, the Warriors have a strong line up, with six seniors expected to compete. Four other weight classes will be handled by juniors, with sophomores taking over the remaining four spots. Of the 14 wrestlers expected to compete, 13 are experienced veterans.

"We should do well this year," said Warrior coach George Whitcher. "The last two seasons, we've had few seniors on the team and not all that many experienced wrestlers. This year, we're a mature team and we should have made the adjustments to give us the strongest possible line up going into the tournament."

As of January 12, the Warriors were 5-2 in dual competition, with the two losses coming back to back in a pair of tight meets with Portville and Olean.

Although the Warriors failed to win any individual titles in last year's tournament, the majority of this season's team saw action. Leading the team will be John Fitzgerald, two time sectional winner and team captain, at 114 pounds, Jack Hager, 179 pounder, Mark Sartori, heavyweight, and Pete Newark, 121 pounder.

"The kids really take pride in hosting this tournament," Whitcher commented. "They know it's a tough one and that the

competition will really be stiff, but I don't think they're going to be awed by it. We're just going to go out there and try to do the best we can."

Whitcher also commented about the quality of competition in the tournament. "Our tournament is one of the best in the state," he said, "and the competition is good for us and for the other teams entered. I think it's going to sharpen up our kids and help them in the sectionals."

Salamanca High School
 Salamanca, New York
 Nickname: Warriors
 School Colors: Red and Gray
 Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Paul Kirsch
 Principal: William Valent
 Athletic director: Joe Sanfilippo (acting athletic director)
 Coach: George Whitcher

Weight
 90
 100
 107
 114
 121
 128
 134
 140
 147
 157
 169
 179
 Hwt.
 Unl.

Roster

Name	Year in school	Record (as of 1-14-74)
Joe Conlan	Sophomore	0-0
Charlie Cappellino	Sophomore	5-3
Mike Newark	Sophomore	6-3
John Fitzgerald	Senior	10-0
Pete Newark	Senior	8-2
Art Jacobson	Senior	3-3
Tom Ciolek	Sophomore	8-2
Ward Wheeler	Junior	2-5
Bill Painter	Junior	2-7
Jim O'Rourke	Junior	2-3
Chuck Meissner	Junior	1-2
Jack Hager	Senior	10-1
Mark Sartori	Senior	10-0
John Weir	Senior	2-0



SALAMANCA'S 1974 WRESTLING SQUAD — The 1974 Warrior wrestling team includes: front row (l-r): Alan Hughes, Jay Weitzel, Joe Conlan, Charlie Cappellino, George Smith, John Newark, Judd Hager; middle: Adrian Bialaszewski, Mike Newark, Pete Newark, Art Jacobson,

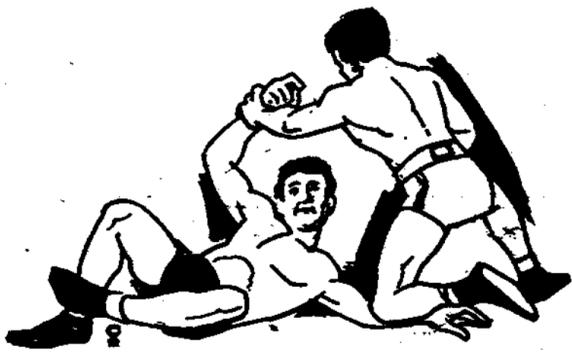
Tod Flinchbaugh, Ward Wheeler, John Callen, John Fitzgerald; back: Steve Lindbergh, Bill Painter, Tom Ciolek, Mark Sartori, John Weir, Chuck Meissner, Jim O'Rourke.

**Southern Tier Wrestling Conference
 Tournament final results**

In the final team standings, Maple Grove won the Division I title with 92 points. Southwestern finished second with 60, followed by Falconer, with 56½,

Olean, with 50½, Salamanca, with 48½, and Cassadaga Valley, with 45½. Maple Grove had four champions, Salamanca and Olean three each, including winners in the 88 and unlimited weight classes, and Southwestern and Falconer two apiece. Cassadaga Valley did not have any titlists.

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Tradition continues for past stand outs

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 tied for first.

After graduating from Frontier, Tundo attended Alfred Tech, where last season he was undefeated at 126 pounds. He also won the National Junior College championship and went on to win the Men's National AAU championship at 126 pounds.

The first outstanding wrestler award went to Mike Sernoffsky. A 141 pounder from Iroquois Central, Sernoffsky was the number one seeded wrestler in his class. Pinning his way through the early rounds of the competition, he met Randolph's John Sluga in the finals and totally dominated him in earning a 10-0 decision,

thereby also picking up the outstanding wrestler award.

Sernoffsky's win also helped pace Iroquois to the tournament title.

Awarded a wrestling scholarship at Duke University following his graduation, Sernoffsky is currently a sophomore there. A letterman for the Duke wrestlers, his collegiate record is 8-3-2. He also placed second in the Western New York Wrestling Club Tournament at Buffalo State last year.

Although many of the other wrestlers who have competed in the Salamanca Tournament have gone on to further success as collegians, the particular success of those picked as the outstanding

wrestlers in the three tournaments continue to point up both the quality of the teams and the qualities of the individuals.

This year's Outstanding Wrestler award will be presented for the first time by Sports Digest magazine. The award is presented to the wrestler picked as the outstanding competitor in the tournament by the tournament coaches.



MIKE SERNOFFSKY
 Wrestling at Duke



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IT'S BEEN A FEW YEARS SINCE I was a high school student, more years, in fact, than I care to remember sometimes. But one of the things that I'll probably always remember about high school was the fact that for three years I was a member of the varsity swimming team and the team never got much notice.

As I think back on it, the first year I was on the team, we probably didn't deserve much recognition. We were pretty bad. The second year, we improved quite a bit, and by the time I was a senior, we had the best swimming team in the school's history. We broke all the existing school records and finished the year something like 12-4. But we didn't get too many people at the meets and we didn't get a lot of publicity.

The reason for all that was because I went to the wrong high school. I went to Iroquois Central. And Iroquois, back here in Salamanca for the fourth Invitational Wrestling Tournament, has made something of a name for itself as a pretty good wrestling school.

Pretty good? Well, maybe a little better than that. They hold the national record for consecutive dual meet wins with something like 150 straight. They won the first wrestling tournament here and have been in the upper half of the standings in the two tournaments since. During my senior year in high school, they were still a season and a half away from the national record, but they were closing in on the New York State record, which 131 straight. And, needless to say, they broke that record that season. One of the guys on the team, who was also one of my senior classmates, was even listed in Sports Illustrated.

TO ADD INSULT TO INJURY, my brother Mike decided to become a wrestler. He turned out to be a pretty good one. He's the guy listed elsewhere in this edition as the winner of the first outstanding wrestler trophy. Every time I visit my parents, all I can see around the living room are the trophies he won for being the outstanding wrestler at some wrestling tournament. It's really embarrassing to be shown up by your little brother.

So I eventually became a sportswriter and have sort of bounced around the country, writing about basketball, baseball and football. Then I wind up in Salamanca, and it turns out that the

biggest sports event of the year is the wrestling tournament.

Once upon a time, I deluded myself with the thought that all those wrestling memories were behind me. I mean, wrestling is okay but who needs it? We never got much for being swimmers.

Things were bad enough in high school when the swimmers used to have to travel with the wrestlers. I mean, here we are, neatly dressed, relaxed and comfortable. And there they were, all bundled up and sweaty, trying to lose weight. Just to go out and wrestle with some other guy who had just been bundled up and sweaty.

COVERING A WRESTLING TEAM is something else again. Following the Salamanca Warriors this season, I once made the mistake of sitting in front of a bunch of mothers of wrestlers. Normally, mothers are nice people. I've got one and I think she's really great. Then, I never sat in front of her at a wrestling meet. My ears are still ringing from their shouts, shrieks, screams and yells and it took about a week for all the bruises on my back and shoulders to heal, where they, getting all wrapped up in the meet, had been kicking and beating me.

Ah, well. Such is life, I suppose.

Personally, I must secretly admit enjoying wrestling, although most of the wrestling I enjoy is with my wife. I used to wrestle with my daughter, who is almost three, but I made the mistake of taking her to a meet once. She talked with some of the guys on the team, apparently, and now every time we wrestle, she just beats the heck out of me.

IN A SERIOUS VEIN, however, I must state that I really don't think wrestling is all that bad, and although I'll probably never live this down, I've enjoyed being associated with the area wrestling team this season. Those involved in the wrestling program, both the coaches and the wrestlers, put in a lot of time and effort for what amounts to no more than six minutes on the mat. In preparing this edition, I've also had the opportunity to speak with numerous other coaches from the Western New York area, and my associations thus far have been pleasant ones.

Hopefully, this year's tournament will be the most successful one yet. A sincere welcome to all those visitors in Salamanca for the tournament and the best of luck to all the wrestlers in the competition.

Newark has fastest pin

Pete Newark holds the Salamanca High School record for the fastest pin as he earned a fall over Chuck Rozubulski of Dunkirk in 15 seconds in the 1972-73 season.

Milanowski holds season win mark
 Gary Milanowski holds the Warrior record for most wins in a season with 24. He set that record in the 1971-72 season.

Takedown record 85
 The record for most initial takedowns scored in a season at Salamanca is 85, set by the 1972-73 wrestling team.

Franklinville triumph set mark
 In winning the 1970 Franklinville Wrestling Tournament, the Salamanca Warriors established a school record for most tournament points scored with 88.

Second place best finish
 A second place finish is the best the Salamanca Warriors have ever finished in sectional competition, reaching the number two spot twice in Section VI competition. In 1970, the Warriors were second by one point to first place Medina. They also finished second to Medina in 1971.

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