



# Calling All Giants! ST Mat Coaches Want Those 5 Points

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**Ideas Department:** Gowanda has a pretty good 85 pound wrestler, so why not start an 85 pound weight class.

The idea's not so new when you look at the unlimited weight class used by Section VI last year, when Niagara - Wheatfield had a 390 pound goliath.



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So Section VI created the unlimited class for high school wrestlers of 235 pounds and over, and made it law that the class

would count like all others this season.

But Frank Patterson, Wheatfield's behemoth last year, isn't around this season, so the Northern Tier schools that fought so hard for an unlimited class don't use it now.

Meanwhile, a law's a law and Southern Tier coaches are still scouting the corridors trying to find a 235 pounder to put into a suit and collect five points for a forfeit per meet.

The recent Holiday Wrestling Tournament at Southwestern was a good example of the weight class nobody wants. Of the 11 schools competing, only four came equipped with an unlimited grappler.

Maybe it's a good idea creating a special weight class when you have a special kind of boy, and if so how about the Southern Tier coaches pushing for that 85 class. Maybe Gowanda's boy will go unbeaten, if there aren't too many 85 pounders in high school.

**Odds and ends:** George Car-



**WHEN THE MOUNTAIN CAVED IN** — Frank Patterson, 390 pounder from Niagara-Wheatfield, lays atop Jamestown's unlimited sectional champ Jim Stockwell in last year's inter-class competition. Now that Patterson is gone, nobody up North wants to wrestle unlimited.

ter, possibly the top college basketball prospect to come from Chautauqua County, led St. Bonaventure regulars through the first six games this season at a 19.3 points per game average...the former Silver Creek star was also the team rebound leader with 76... George's top game so far has been against Kent State, when he tossed in 30 points...and upcoming on the Bonnies schedule is Acadia University of Nova Scotia Wednesday...the Axmen set three games in as many days with Canisius and Gannon prior to St. Bona.

That Gannon team has been going great guns, 6-1 entering the Acadia game set for Tuesday...maybe things were going

too good, coach Jim Harding missed out on the last two Gannon games because of circulatory condition brought on by tension...Al Lawson, a four year regular for the Knights from Erie, is already Gannon's all-time rebound king and trailed Bob Vilchinsky's all-time scoring records by 295 points entering this season.

Scanning the roster of the Thiel College Tomcats in Greenville, Pa., we find six foot junior letterman Fred Haer of Warren among the basketball hopefuls...Fred averaged 12.4 per game last season, but the Tomcats were in a 19 game losing spree for two seasons entering 1964-65 ... Corry junior Mike Johnson, a two-time letterman, is on the wrestling roster.