

Ithaca High Wrestlers In Windsor Tournament After Absence of Year

By KENNY VAN SICKLE

After one year's absence the Ithaca High wrestling team will return to the Windsor tournament this weekend. The action will be on Friday and Saturday afternoon and evening on the mats at Windsor High School.

Last year the Little Redmen tackled the tough invitational at State College, Pa.

Ithaca will compete with 14 other teams in all the weight classes. When it was away last year Windsor instituted team scoring and the idea went over well. Thus the Red will be after an accumulation against the likes of Union-Endicott, Sidney, Vestal, Liberty, Chenango Forks, Windsor, Sherburne, Greene, Homer, Chenango Valley, Oneonta, Massena, Forty-Fort, Pa., and Newark Valley.

The weigh-in Friday will be at 10 a.m. with the wrestling to start at 1 p.m. Quarterfinals will start at 7. Semifinals will be on Saturday afternoon, with the consolations and finals starting at 7 p.m. Bill Mott is meet director.

Before choosing his final IHS lineup Coach Harpo Turco plans wrestle-offs in some weights. One decision must stem from a duel between Dave Benson and Claude Poole at 103 pounds. Ken Alexander, who was third at State College last year, is too heavy for 103, thus leaving up to the other two.

Other wrestle-offs will be at 127, 154 and heavyweight. The 127 test will be between Mike Garside, a recent winner in the Endicott Jayvee invitational, and Bob Auble, who had three pins while IHS has taken its first three dual meets.

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Mike Carlison, who was on the swimming team last Winter, will meet up with Dick Carter at 154. Carter, a footballer, has just gotten in his 15 practice days to become eligible, for the mat sport. Coach Turco is happy to have him around.

In the whale department it will be between Morris Harper and John Luoma. Luoma defeated Harper earlier this Winter then had to retire from the canvas for awhile because of a scholastic problem.

He has solved the scholastic problem. Now he must solve Harper, who has made great strides lately in pinning all three of his opponents.

Turco figures his squad to be potent enough to rate top seeds in the 95, 112, 120, 133 and 180.

Jake Benninger, in his second year of wrestling, is the 95 man. Jim Chester, third at State College last year, is a powerful boy at 112. Capt. Mike Turco has few peers around here at 120. He won at Windsor in the 95 two years ago. He was third at State College.

The 133 and 180 wrestlers for IHS are Richie Leonardo and Jerry Beach. "Richie has been looking good," reports Turco. Beach is an old campaigner.

Doug Capogrossi has been impressive at 138 but may get a challenge from the 127-pound wrestle-off loser, either Auble or Garside. Neal Riggs has the edge over Eric Knuutila in the 145. Knuutila still

is sweating out a football injury. Ed Shippos wrestles at 165.

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After observing Ithaca wade through Canisteo, Homer and Horseheads, Coach Turco is convinced "We're looking a little better than last year."

The meat of the schedule is still to come, though. One of the toughest rivals is expected to be Elmira Southside, which opens the Bliss gym season Saturday, Jan. 5.

Turco rates Southside only a little bit behind Union-Endicott. Then he figures Windsor, Chenango Forks and Vestal to be tops, in that order.

The Little Red jayvees did right well in the Endicott Invitational last Saturday, bringing home five firsts. Winners were John Galt, 112; Garside, 127; Joe Lee, 133; Capogrossi, 138; and Rick Holley, 165.

Mat observers said that if there had been an "outstanding wrestler" award it would easily have been grabbed by Lee. The young football player has been showing great progress.

Dave Benson was fourth in the 103 and Luoma third in the 180. Some other youngsters might have been high in the ranks except for losses in the last 20 seconds of their bouts. They were C. Poole, 95; John Terboss, fine frosh hopeful, 120; Ken Barber, 145; Carlison, 154; and Greg Lucas, 179-pound frosh heavyweight.

Baron Goalie Gets Shutout

By The Associated Press

Quebec goalie Charlie Hodge and the Cleveland Barons were still talking about their Christmas presents today.

Hodge had played in 32 games for the American Hockey League's Eastern Division leaders without registering a shutout. In game No. 33 Tuesday night, he kicked out 33 shots for his first shutout, a 3-0 victory over Baltimore's Clippers.

The Barons went into a Christmas night clash at Hershey winless in 16 road games. Second period goals by Cal Stearns and Bill Masterton proved the key as they finally made it by whipping the Bears 4-2.

In the only other game scheduled, Providence kept pace with Quebec, remaining three points back of the leaders as they defeated Springfield 4-2 on third period goals by Jim Bartlett and Ed Mazur.

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