

To Clash Saturday

East Rochester To Challenge Raider Matmen

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FULTON Move over Canastota, there's a new pretender killer on the horizon. Since the Red Raiders of onion country have retreated from Fulton's front lines, a new star has erupted on the western flanks. East Rochester, 6-0, a team worthy of this week's

Number Four state ranking after an impressive 34-20 victory at last night's Canandaigua 4-4 last night, is going hog wild over the state champs coming to town Saturday.

In fact, early warning notices have been posted every where you look for Fulton 11-0, and its entourage. E.R. is pumped to the gills and waiting with

held breath to hand Fulton its top ranking on a platter.

The good thing about this sport wrestling. Unlike the other team sports where a simple error could cost the battle, to win a wrestling dual you have to take out one man at a time. And E.R. hasn't shown the ability to saw through Fulton's weathered lineup one man at a time. At least not in the

past two seasons where the Raiders have won 45-14 and 39-11.

Still, Wayne Bleau is fretting. "They're good," he said softly, "they don't have a hole anywhere." So, it's going to take still another bold effort for the champs. Another Canandaigua. Another Union Endicott.

Bleau figures he's going to really find out what his team

is made of in this one.

Star Wars III warmed up for the monster mash with a rather "par for the course" 60-0 bomb over Cicero North Syracuse last night.

The Northstars left seven holes in their five-man lineup, conceding a romping 42 points by forfeit to help Fulton extend its win streak to 12 straight, which is 43 shy of the longest ever in Section

Three.

So numbers don't mean anything Saturday, unless you're the host team. Don Quinn, the illustrious E.R. ~~gene~~, has an emotional factor working for his team. A victory could bring him Number 300 and you know how such incentives go.

But before you go clamoring about those magic numbers, remember the

important thing. This is one on-one competition.

Two years ago a greenhorn Raider team arrived in Kodak Town with four sophomores in the lineup.

Three of them earned the star on their chest. The fourth figures to play the intricate role in Fulton's victory Saturday, but we won't say who cause the same three who won last time have to come through again.

Since both New Hartford and Brighton bailed out of the double dual, it'll be the jayvees going at 1 p.m. and the varsity at 3:00. There were no presale tickets but authorities say the gym is big enough to accommodate. What some advice? Get there early.

Strange thing Saturday. It's the day before another

Raider team goes to war in Tampa, Florida, trying to squelch an other Indian uprising in a different kind of game. Either way, you have to love the Raiders in both events.

The Minute Men (Mike Maxam, Jeff Merritt, Handy Cotton), who figure to be vital to Fulton's chances at E.R., will bring in a 49-1 log, 42 by pin.

Merritt chalked up his 16th consecutive last night when he broke down Lou Virginia in 57 seconds. That's why they call him the Minute Man.

Fulton will also field four who haven't been beaten. Angel Angeleri is 16-0, Chuck Atkinson is 13-0 and Merritt and Cotton share 17-0 slates, 29 falls between them.

