

RIT Wrestlers

118: Don Porter; Fr.; Endicott, N.Y.    167: Carl Lyman; Fr.; Urbana, Ill.  
126: Tom Pearce; So.; Geneva, N.Y.    Steve Ritter; Sr.; Lynnfield, Mass.  
134: Larry Fuller; Jr.; Amsterdam, N.Y.    177: Mike Wilson; Jr.; Spencerport, N.Y.  
'69-70: 6-3 (10-5 overall)    190: Marv Wilcox; Fr.; Silver Spr., N.Y.  
142: Ray Ruliffson; Fr; Conesus, N.Y.    Section 5 champion  
150: Lee DeRuyter; Jr.; Phelps, N.Y.    Hwt: Fred Buehler; Fr.; Fairport, N.Y.  
158: "Skip" White; Jr.;    Jim Miller; Fr.; Lewiston, N.Y.  
Fayetteville, N.Y.    Section 6 champion  
'69-70: 8-2 (19-5 overall); won  
RIT and Binghamton tournaments;  
Placed seventh in NCAA College  
Division; team captain

Other Standouts

University of Rochester: Don Mitchell (10-1 at 118) and Tony Macavarro (7-4 at 126) are fighting it out for the 126-pound spot. John Howell was 11-1 at 150. Three-time city champ Reggie Wilcox (Madison High) at 134, and New England Champion John Stichnoth at 158 are top freshmen.

Notre Dame: Team captain Tom Ciaccio (ex-Bishop Kearney) is within reach of the school victory record. Bob Habig (Indianapolis) set school freshman records last year with wins (16) and pins (9). Dave DiBacco won three Catholic titles at Rochester's Cardinal Mooney.

Akron University: Tri-captains Tom Wolff (150), Skip Hull (158), and Dan McGrath are the only returnees from last year.

RPI: Bob Coleman (5-1-1) at 177; Bob Koch (4-2) at 126; Vince Peloso (8-7) at 190.

Ithaca: Wayne Ferguson (6-3 with 5 pins) at 167.

Lowell Tech.: Bob Martin (17-1) at 150; Dick Benard (9-1) at 158; Alan McCarter (7-1) at 167; and Marcus Samale (7-3) at 126. Bob Cann (Hwt.), a Massachusetts State High School champion, is a top freshman.

Case: Dan Jones (15-1, plus President's Conference title) at 190; and Ken First (16-2) at 126.

OVERALL OUTLOOK: Several teams are relying on freshmen, particularly RPI, Akron, and Notre Dame. Lowell Tech, which lost only one man from an 8-2 season, is an exception. Lowell added a pair of transfers and several strong freshmen to help the cause. Notre Dame, which has won the last two RIT team titles, has only one of its four individual winners -- Ken Ryan -- back. As many as seven freshmen may wrestle for the Irish, but don't count them out in their bid for a third championship. Case has a pair of outstanding competitors in Jones and First, and is relatively experienced.

RIT, which has never won the title, finished second to Notre Dame last year. Skip White, last year's Outstanding Wrestler, will lead the RIT bid, which will rely on as many as five freshmen. The University of Rochester, looking for its first winning year, has six returnees, led by three consistent winners, and some good-looking freshmen to pose a challenge. Akron and RPI, both depleted by graduation, are rebuilding. Ithaca is relying on freshmen and several part-timers from last year.

The tournament looks wide open, with Notre Dame, Lowell, Case, Rochester, and RIT all in the running for the trophy.