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## ★ Reynolds And Foster Learned Lessons Well! 1-9-81

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Don't look now, but Portville's Larry Reynolds is at it again.

The mighty mite who came out of Coach Bob Kluck's Portville Central School program of years ago and turned Salamanca Central High's wrestling program into a big winner between 1974 and 1979, is at the top of the heap in the New York State high school rankings.

The current rankings list Canandaigua Central School (Section V) first, Sachem High (Long Island Section XI) second and Baldwinsville (Section III) third in New York State.

In its first three dual meets this season Canandaigua beat Merion 63-0, Palmyra-Macedon 60-0, Medina 58-3 and during the holidays won two prestigious tournaments. Reynolds' men won the North Syracuse tournament, totaling 275 points, and the Windsor Tournament with a 256 point total.

The schedule that was made up a year ago, prevented Reynolds from bringing his talented squad to the Olean Jaycee's classic at St. Bonaventure University but he is looking toward a visit next season. "The Jaycees and director George Whitcher run a first class tournament," said the former Salamanca coach. "It would provide excellent competition for us."

GETTING REYNOLDS to Canandaigua had to be a real catch for Mike Foster, former Olean High football and wrestling coach who is now the Canandaigua athletic director.

Foster guided the football fortunes for Canandaigua the past two seasons, recording 6-2 and 7-1-1 records.

His last year's edition won the Finger Lakes Conference Championship.

In addition, he has put together an outstanding

coaching staff and his program last fall saw his teams also take championships in cross-country and soccer. Not bad for a school that has not been known as a world beater in past years.

WHEN 14-YEAR veteran wrestling coach Weidon Canough resigned last spring after personal problems, Foster knew he had to bring in a coach who was a big winner and someone who could carry on a successful program.

"There were a lot of applicants" said Foster, "but I knew where the coach was, if I could persuade him to move".

As it turned out, getting Reynolds away from Salamanca was not a big problem. Olean had shown an interest in Reynolds an aide to Coach Jim Meyers. However, Reynolds is now the leader of the top wrestling program in New York State.

Last year at Salamanca, Reynolds sent Mike LoPresto, Marty Redeye and Pete Lee to the state tournament, representing Section VI. Predictions this year note that the Section V state team may end up with five from Canandaigua.

However, the soft spoken Reynolds is not the type of coach who goes around blowing his horn. "I inherited a great bunch of kids from Coach Canough and it's a challenge to keep this program going in high gear," he said. "Mike Foster has an outstanding sports program under way here and I'm proud to be a part of it. 'He's the best A.D. any coach could ask for,'" Reynolds added.

The bottom line turns out to be that both communities, Olean and Portville can talk proud about Mike Foster and Larry Reynolds. Both of them evidently learned their lessons well while in our midst and everyone knows you just can't get much better than Number One.