

Matmen Vying for Section Team Slots

By NEIL KERR

As time for sectional scholastic events approaches, area wrestling standouts are now practicing in earnest with the goal of earning a spot on the 13-man Section Three team uppermost in their minds.

Section Three is the defending state champion, and many Central New York coaches are aiming at a repeat performance at this year's state Intersectional Meet, scheduled March 12 and 13 at the Onondaga County War Memorial.

Although the Long Island powerhouses, Sections Eight (Nassau County) and Eleven (Suffolk County) again appear strong, it's possible that Section Three will again possess a talented 13-man unit, despite the loss of graduated state champions such as Bob Medina of Baldwinsville, Mike Phillips of Cooperstown and Keith Rose of Watertown.

"I'm not too confident just now that we can take the

state title again, but there definitely are some talented wrestlers in this section again," observed coach Jack Williams of Indian River (Frontier League) recently.

And, one of the best is Indian River's own Rod Buttry, a muscular 112-pounder who has a three-year record of 65-4. Buttry earned a Section Three title as a sophomore, then lost to Bob Modeland of Liverpool in the finals of sectional competition last year. Now he is 5-0 this winter, and wants a state championship very badly, according to Williams.

Other outstanding area lightweights include unbeaten Terry Atwater (9-0) of Baldwinsville at 98 pounds; John Janiak (7-1) of North Syracuse, Dale Bowers of Cazenovia, Guy Dugas of Watertown and Charley Seifert of Sherburne at 105 pounds, plus John Pudney of East Syracuse-Minoa at 112.

Possibly the No. 1 119-pounder in this section is Norb Sit-owner of a 45-7-2 career record in the lower weights. He has looked unbeatable this season.

Two stickouts at 126 look like Roger Voorhis of Indian

River and Mark MacAnally of Fayetteville-Manlius. Voorhis was a sectional place winner last year, while transfer pupil MacAnally took second at 112 pounds at the Virginia state tourney last year before coming to New York.

Sophomore Tom Capone of Watertown, at 132 pounds, has looked every bit as fierce as the notorious Capone of prohibition days, and Tom may be just as hard to overcome. Ken Wilson of Jordan-Elbridge is

another good one in that weight class.

Carl Swerdoski of Lowville was an Intersectional runner-up last season at 138, and he returns, trying to move up just one notch. Ed Gerace of East Syracuse - Minoa, Stu Gillette of Indian River and Cliff Barrack of North Syracuse also occupy that division, but will be hard-pressed to top "classy Carl."

One of the state's best at 145 is Nick Porillo, owner of a 53-3 career record for North Syracuse at his weight. Nick was second in the sectionals

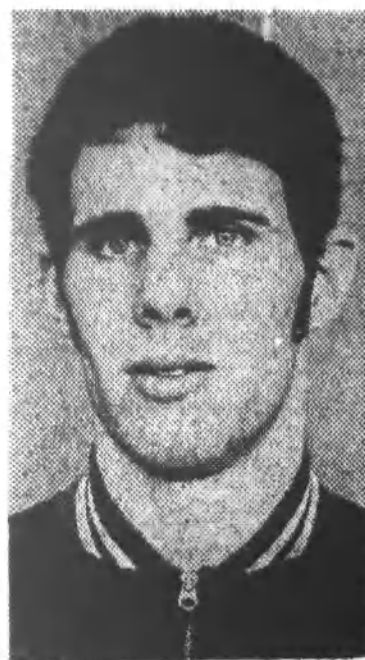
last year, and should move up, although he will be challenged by Keith Lyndaker of Lowville, Dale Porter of South Jefferson and Fred Wingrath of Thousand Islands.

Utica Proctor's Ozell Bembry, champion at 145 last year over Porillo, looks like the best at 155 this year, but Ken Rogers of Thousand Islands also is hard to beat.

Bill Miller of Sandy Creek and Dave Jenne of Sherburne are rugged 167-pounders, while Eric Bratt of Westhill, Carl Ford of Central Tech and Doug Benzle of Sherburne all are undefeated at 177.

The heavyweight battle will be interesting. Willie Henry Humphrey of Auburn, Jim Rosecrans of West Genesee and Scott Fairclough of Cicero all rate with New York's finest. Already, Rosecrans and Humphrey have battled to a draw, and Rosecrans has nipped Fairclough by a point. It would behoove one of these three (probably Rosecrans or Fairclough) to jump to the 250-pound class at sectional time, because all three are good enough to win that division as well.

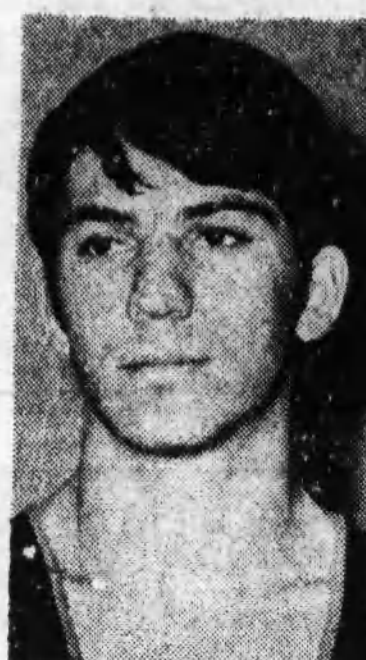
MAT NOTES — Former Watertown star Don Dixon (167 pounds) has transferred from New York Maritime to Northern Michigan College after winning the College Division 167-pound title last year . . . Pete Culotti (9-0) of Corcoran is another good one at 119 pounds . . . Sectional meet action begins Feb. 20 with Class A-B-C-D meets and Section Three finals are March 6 at the War Memorial . . . State third-place finisher Ted Kinder (177) of Marcellus now attends Penn State, but suffered a head injury there recently and is out of action for two weeks . . . Sophomore Stan Sotherden of Springfield College is a varsity star. Stan was a standout at North Syracuse, and a state meet place winner two years ago . . . 503 schools in New York State have wrestling this year, a total of 68 per cent of all high schools in the state . . . The number is growing, since 12 per cent of NYS schools were wrestling in 1950 and 39 per cent in 1960.



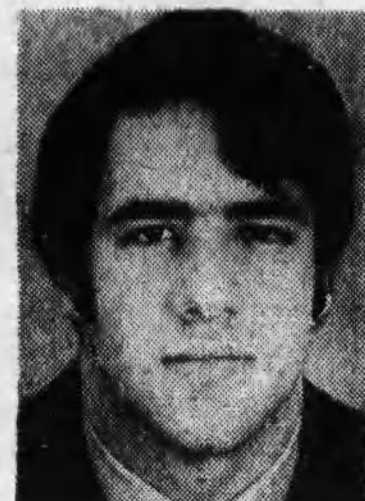
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Be Subtle, Cool With Older Girl

PLANNING AHEAD: (Q) Last summer I worked in a boat yard and pumped gas. A family lived just up the street from the boat yard. Three girls from the family always came in for gas. They were very nice girls. The one especially liked was 17. I am 15 but will soon be 16.

Every time she came in I made it a point to give her special service, and I think she knew it. She was nice to me. She went water skiing with another boy and me.

I will be working at the boat yard next summer and would like to date her then. I will be able to drive. She is a heck of a lot different from other girls. There is something very

Just writing it will tell her you're interested.

If she answers you and if the distance and expense are not too great, call her on the phone occasionally during the winter.

Let her know about your hopes for next summer, but don't appear too eager. And don't build up your dreams too high, because they may not come true.

She is older than you, and to succeed with her you must really play it subtle and cool.

GI LETTERS: (Q.) I'm writing to a guy in Vietnam whom I have never met in person. This is the first time

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Study Shows Young View Television Less

NEW YORK (AP) — Young persons are reading newspapers more and watching television less, according to a study released Friday at a conference of newspaper advertising executives.

The findings of a study for the Bureau of Advertising of media habits and attitudes of a national sample of 1,600 young persons between the ages of 14 and 25 showed that 73 per cent of those in the 14-25 age group read one or more daily newspapers on the average weekday.

ly to read the newspaper on any given day. —As young persons grow up, they read newspapers more and watch television less.

The research results showed that 72 per cent of freshmen and sophomores and 81 per cent of juniors and seniors in high school read the daily newspaper on the average weekday.

Meanwhile, 65 per cent of the high school pupils said they were watching less television, compared with 16 per cent