

Bomber Mat Hopes Are High

Don Quinn has coached wrestling at East Rochester High School for the past 21 years. He has come up with some gilt-edged matmen in those two past decades. Kids like John Zito, who won the State 167 championship last year; Timmy Gay and Richard McPhee, who brought it back before that.

There have been county championships in the East Division, Section 5 titles, All-County selections, and several other claims to superiority on the mats.

Last year, the Bombers were County East wizards, champs of the combined East-West, winners of the Section 5 "A" division, and posted a 13-2 record.

Immediately following the end of the football season, Quinn moved into the wrestling world again. There was a good response from the call for matmen. But the roundup showed only three seniors. The rest were nine juniors, 11 sophomores, 10 freshmen, and seven from eighth grade junior high.

Unlike past years, when the heavier weights put the most points in the Bomber column, it will be the lighter weights who have to come up with wins to provide victories this season.

Zito graduated last June and posted a record that put him at the top of all Bomber matmen, and so did Rick Sidor and Dennis Essom.

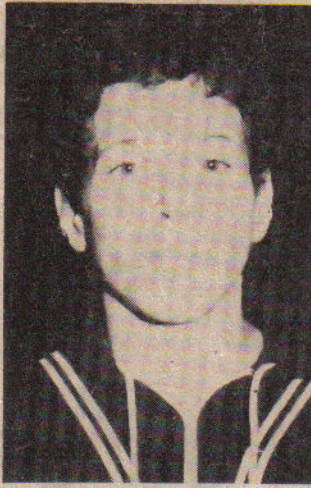
Zito was one of the nation's most recruited high school graduates, and Syracuse got him. He has already wrestled in four tournaments and has clinched a post on the Syracuse U. varsity.

Quinn's seniors are capable of putting points in the Bomber columns. They are Romeo Battazzi, Mike Kuhn, and "Bill" Condon. Battazzi can be one of the area's premiere 144 pounders, and Kuhn can be among the best of the 134 scrappers. Condon will test the 196 ranks.

Junior members are led by 140 pounder Joe Walczyk, who can win in that division; Curtis Doreen, a 144 pounder; and the McIntosh twins, Scott and Mike, who will challenge in the 116 and 144 pound divisions.

Others are Don Fornataro, 122; Paul Della Pietra, 114; Dan Cappiello, 153; Dan Morey, 140; and Joe Santucci, 215.

The sophomores out are Pat Zito, 130; Larry Battazzi, 185; John Walczyk, 120; Frank Argento, 120; Dave Ballinger,



Tom Pagano

199; Steve Mosher, 236; Craig Venette, 148; Herman Schojan, 145; Charles Gorman, 144; Tom Pagano, 110; and Rich Tambasco, 117.

The freshmen out are Gary Odenski, Richard Prince, 154; Tom Greco, 132; Todd Elsbree, 112; Don Blair, 153; John Sweeney, 148; John Morabito, 114; Mark Rosati, 101; Tony Rossi, 175; and Cliff Stocking, 149.

From the eighth grade turnout, the list includes 104 pounder Timmy Quinn; John Hanselman, 90; Nick LaPietra, 137; Kevin Condon, 151; Joe Taveritte, 81; Bill Fornataro, 105; and Anthony Marcoccia, 105.

The season opens Dec. 12 with Sutherland here at 7 p.m. ER will be at Irondequoit Dec. 15 and at Schroeder on the

19th. Fulton tests the locals here Dec. 22; the Monroe County Tournament is on tap Dec. 28 and 29; Jan. 5 the team is at Brighton; Jan. 10 is open; Jan. 12 at Mendon; Jan. 16 Penfield here; Jan. 18-19, the Canandaigua Tournament; Jan. 24 at Fairport; Jan. 25-26 at the Sweet Home Tournament; Feb. 2, takes on Sweet Home and Olean, both state powers in the Canandaigua Tournament; Feb. 5 is an open date; Feb. 8 at McQuaid; Feb. 9, Rush-Sperry here; Feb. 12, Palmyra-Macedon here; Feb. 16, East-West day; Feb. 19 at Canandaigua; Feb. 22-23, Class A sectionals; Feb. 29 - March 1, Interclass tournament at RIT; March 7-8, intersectionals at Syracuse.