

Too Late for Early To Chat With Lary?

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GRAPPLING ABOUT:

G Ithaca insuranceman **Frank Bettucci**, a former NCAA champ and a 1956 Olympian who has 1960 Olympic ideas, will be in the field at Saturday's Binghamton YMCA Invitational wrestling meet as may several Ithaca High, Cornell frosh and Ithaca College individuals. . . . **Jim Howard** will bring in almost his entire Windsor team, giving Binghamtonian wrestling fans their first look here at the two little Bush wizards and strongman **Norm Kohlbach**. . . . With **Chuck Bush** (83 straight) and **Kohlbach** (37 in a row) seniors, Section 4's longest streaks at the start of next year will be Ithacan **Bob Franciamone**, with 43, and a Chenango Forks pair, **Jerry Everling** with 20 and sophomore **Geoffrey Stephens** with 16. . . . Neither Forks boy will wrestle in the Y Tourney

partly because coach **Ken Spenard**, who unofficially broke **Dallas Long's** hours-old record by shot-putting Stephens' sweat-clothes over the Cortland State rafters when the soph beat Ithaca's **Fuzzy Iacovelli** Saturday night, can't see them against the likes of Bettucci. "I wrestled him when I was at Ithaca College and he was national collegiate champ, and that wasn't very recently, I'll tell you." . . . **Kohlbach's** brother **Richie**, who'll be at the Y, too, is one of the reasons why **Chuck Bush** became the first 4-time sectional champ in history. The elder **Kohlbach** stopped Ithaca's 3-time winner, **Orlando Iacovelli** in the finals of Londo's freshman year. . . . **Greene's Carlton Orr** came equally close, losing as a freshman in the finals to Ithaca's **Dave Auble**. . . .



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Howard, Cortland's **Ross Shafer** and others are campaigning to change comparative value of decision and pin, currently 3 points and 5 points, to 2 and 5. . . . "Make 'em need three decisions to compensate for a pin and you'll step up the excitement tremendously," they agree, Howard adding that pinning-style wrestling is what the U.S. should build for, to improve Olympic performance. It's worth noting, that Windsor supplied 4 of the 7 pins achieved in the 46 matches wrestled Saturday, Vestal's **Bob Walker**, North's **Ed Winterstein** and CV's **Gary Hall** racking up the others and Ithaca High settling for a nice, neat, workmanlike non-pinning championship. . . . Ithaca can lay claim to any mythical state title since the supposedly so-so Valley Stream team which it beat in a dual meet pulled out the sectional crown in the Long Island hotbed. One of Valley Stream's individual champs was a fellow whom **Dale Benninger**, Ithaca hero for his 7-4 upset of **Bill Bush**, dispatched in perfect 5-0 fashion. . . . Ithaca mat fans have been sticking pins into effigies of **Jim Abbott** of Coopersburg, Pa., ever since he referred the dual-meet loss at Windsor but it was Abbott who awarded Saturday night's border-line first-period takedown of Bush that gave Benninger a 4-1 lead and completely changed the complexion of the match. . . . Even with **Auble** and **Jim Carter** through, Cornell is apt to field a 9-man lineup next fall in which **Al Rose** and **Phil Oberlander** are the only non-Section 4 men.

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