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## N-W Falcons dominate NFL mat stars

As expected, unbeaten league champion Niagara-Wheatfield dominated the 1980-81 Niagara Frontier League Wrestling Coaches' All-Star Team. The Falcons had four wrestlers named to the first team and seven more selected to the second team.

For the first time in several years, the NFL was represented by a pair of wrestlers in the New York State Inter-sectional Tournament and the duo highlighted the all-star squad.

N-W's Vince Schiffert was named All-NFL at 138 pounds. He was 13-0 in league action and went on to finish sixth in the state tourney after winning the NFL tournament and the Section VI Qualifier.

Schiffert, a senior, set two school records this season. His 30 takedowns was a school standard as well as his 239 individual points. He also led the Falcons in team points and was tied for the most pins in a minute or less. His teammates voted him the Most Valuable Wrestler on the squad at N-W's season-ending

awards banquet.

Steve Behrns was Tonawanda High's lone pick on the first team all-stars. The 177-pound senior was unbeaten in the NFL and suffered his only losses of the entire season in the state event. He lost his opening match, but managed to battle back and take fourth.

Behrns led the Warriors in several categories and was the star of the sixth annual George H. Miller Wrestling Booster Club Awards Banquet, which honors the THS matmen.

He had the most takedowns on the team 14, quickest takedown (three seconds), most pins (six), quickest pin (24 seconds) and most team points (81). He was also selected as the Most Valuable Senior on the squad.

The icing on Behrns' sparkling high school career may have been at the awards banquet when he was named the 1980-81 recipient of the George Miller Award. The award is given in memory of the late George Miller who started wrestling at



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THS as well as several other youth activities in the Twin Cities.

Sherman Greene, Dan Roeser and Doug Mt. Pleasant joined Schiffert as N-W's representatives on the first team.

Greene wrestled in the seldom-used 250-pound class. He pinned Kenmore East's Mike Rowe in 56 seconds to win the NFL tournament title and tied Schiffert for the team-lead with three pins in a minute or less.

Roeser was unbeaten in league competition with a 13-0 record. The senior was the runner-up in the NFL tourney at 132.

Mt. Pleasant posted a 7-0-1 mark in the NFL and won the NFL title at 112. He was 1-of-4 juniors named to the first team and is one of the tri-captains of next year's N-W squad.

Kenmore West was the "sleeper" in the NFL this season and tied Tonawanda for second place in the standings with an 11-2 mark. Three Blue Devils were selected to the first team all-star squad.

The Baron brothers — Kurt and Vic — led the Ken-West picks. Kurt, a junior, was tabbed at 105 and Vic, a senior, was the 145-pound star. Blair Chattley, another junior, was named at 126.

Kenmore East and Grand Island were next in line with a pair of wrestlers apiece on the elite team.

Frank Verdi, a sophomore, was picked at 98 while senior Gary Cacciatore was named at 119 for Ken-East.

Leading the way for Grand Island was 10th-grader Earl Wright at 91 and senior Ken Carter at 155.

North Tonawanda junior Paul Lukaszonas (167) and Lewiston-Porter senior Scott Freischlag (215) rounded out the first team picks.

Headlining the second team was N-W freshman Dom Cianchetti at 167. He was the Most Valuable Wrestler in the NFL tourney. Lockport had two grapplers named to the second team while Ken-West, Tonawanda, Ken-East, Niagara Falls and Grand Island had one each.

### NIAGARA FRONTIER LEAGUE 1980-81 WRESTLING COACHES ALL-STAR TEAM

FIRST TEAM			
Name	Grade	School	Wt.
Earl Wright	10	Grand Island	91
Frank Verdi	10	Kenmore East	98
Kurt Baron	11	Kenmore West	105
Doug Mt. Pleasant	11	Niagara-Wheatfield	112
Gary Cacciatore	12	Kenmore East	119
Blair Chattley	11	Kenmore West	126
Dan Roeser	12	Niagara-Wheatfield	132
Vince Schiffert	12	Niagara-Wheatfield	138
Vic Baron	12	Kenmore West	145
Ken Carter	12	Grand Island	155
Paul Lukaszonas	11	North Tonawanda	167
Steve Behrns	12	Tonawanda	177
Scott Freischlag	12	Lewiston-Porter	215
Sherman Greene	12	Niagara-Wheatfield	250

SECOND TEAM			
Name	Grade	School	Wt.
Dave Pietrzykowski	9	Niagara-Wheatfield	91
Rich Cosiglia	9	Niagara-Wheatfield	98
Chuck Montedoro	10	Lockport	105
Tom Ochs	11	Kenmore West	112
Dave Ziemendorf	12	Niagara-Wheatfield	119
Doug DeVoogel	12	Lockport	126
Jamie Smith	12	Tonawanda	132
Paul Barr	11	Niagara Falls	138
John Martino	11	Niagara-Wheatfield	145
Karl Brusino	12	Niagara-Wheatfield	155
Dom Cianchetti	9	Niagara-Wheatfield	167
Scott Culbert	12	Grand Island	177
John Antone	11	Niagara-Wheatfield	215
Mike Rowe	11	Kenmore East	250



Sherman Greene



Paul Lukaszonas



Blair Chattley



Vince Schiffert