

Two-Day Tourney Begins Friday

Olean Mat Field: Largest Ever!

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A 31-school field, one of the largest in the East, is in the high school wrestling tournament that will be Friday and Saturday in St. Bonaventure's Reilly Center.

It's the fourth annual event that is the brainchild of Dan (Tiger) Krick, but this year's renewal is being sponsored by the Olean High School Wrestling Club and Manufacturer's Hanover. The first three tournaments were under the sponsorship of the Olean Jaycees, with Krick as general chairman.

Six of last year's tournament champions are back. Also, two who competed in the New York State championships at Syracuse last March — Jeff and Rob Waddington of Falconer — are in this year's field.

The 31-school field is the largest ever for the event. In 1980, 24 schools were entered, in 1981 it was 26, and last year it was 27.

The schools entered:

Allegany, Bolivar, Bradford, Cassadaga Valley, Cattaraugus, Churchville-Chili, Dunkirk, Falconer, Franklinville, Iroquois, Johnsonburg, Kane, Kenmore East, Lewiston-Porter, Maple Grove, Niagara-Wheatfield, Olean High, Olean Walsh, Oswayo Valley, Pine Valley, Portville, Ridgway, Rochester McQuaid, Salamanca, Smethport, Southwestern, Sweet Home, Warsaw, Wellsville, Williamsville North, Youngsville.

FRIDAY'S MATCHES start at 3 p.m.

with eight mats in use. In all, two championship rounds and two wrestleback rounds are scheduled opening day, making for approximately 600 bouts.

The action resumes at 11 a.m. Saturday, and the championship bouts are scheduled for approximately 7:30 p.m.

Teams coming into the tournament with perfect dual meet records include Salamanca (8-0), Maple Grove (6-0), Falconer (5-0), McQuaid (5-0), Sweet Home (4-0), Wellsville (3-0), Youngsville (3-0), Ridgway (2-0).

Among the returning defending tourney champs are Falconer's Joel Sopak (19-2 last year, 5-0 this year at 98 pounds), Iroquois' Mike Monile (98), Maple Grove's Mark Hetrick (24-3 last year, 10-0 this year at 112), Falconer's Jeff Waddington (33-2 last year, 104-16 over four years, in New York State championships past two years, this year at 119).

Two area matmen also will be back to defend tourney titles: Salamanca's Dave Zariczny (8-0 this year); Olean High's Lee Anzivine (31-4 last year, back from December injury).

This year's field should be one of the more impressive in New York and Pennsylvania tournament wrestling. Besides the returning 1982 champions, there will

be Olean Walsh sophomore Rob Klucik (8-0, all by pins in 132), Smethport's Rob Trovetti (5-1, 155), Salamanca's Ron Leder (8-0, 128), Portville's Tim Emley (8-0, 155) and Doug Doty (8-0, 167), and Rochester McQuaid's Dave Lanzatella (30-4 last year, 167).

Ridgway was the team winner in 1982, Falconer the winner in 1981 and Sweet Home the winner in 1980.

A Most Outstanding Wrestler will be selected and awards (provided by Manufacturers Hanover) will be presented to the top six place-getters in each class.

The seedings meeting is scheduled for tonight. Ed Forrest, longtime member of the Olean Booster Club, is tournament director, with Olean High athletic director John O'Malley and Olean High coach Jim Myers also on the tournament committee.

Last year's individual winners:

91: Joel Sopak (Falconer)
98: Mike Monile (Iroquois)
105: Mark Hetrick (Maple Grove)
112: Jeff Waddington (Falconer)
119: Dave Woodford (Ridgway)
126: Jeff Wolfe (Johnsonburg)
132: Dave Zariczny (Salamanca)
138: John Jaekle (Olean High)
145: Lee Anzivine (Olean High)
155: Al Lindquist (Falconer)
167: Ted Fleming (Churchville-Chili)
177: Jim Beichner (Cassadaga Valley)
Hwt: Job Johnson (Cassadaga Valley)
Unl: Ritt Smith (Kane)