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# Tourney has become tops in WNY

By PHIL AMEELE  
Press Sports Editor

If it is not the best, then it certainly is not far behind.

The Salamanca Invitational wrestling Tournament, now in its seventh consecutive year, has grown from an eight-team field in 1971 to 21 this year. Attesting to the fact of its caliber and reputation is that this year's field includes three of the top four state ranked teams from Section VI — Pioneer, Olean and Maple Grove — and a team from New York City.

It is a tournament that draws the elite from not just Cattaraugus County but Western New York. The only time such an assemblage can be otherwise seen is at the end of the year in the Section VI Qualifier where all 54 high schools in this part of the state compete.

And that is almost a repeat of the Salamanca Invitational as last year, in the 14 weight classes. 19 of

the wrestlers in the finals had seen action at Salamanca. At the end of the qualifier, ten of those winners could claim experience from Salamanca as they competed in the state tournament.

This year's field is back to its largest total ever — 21 schools — as the previous high was established in 1975. The field was enlarged this year because of wrestlebacks, beginning only after the quarter-finals, which allow for approximately the same number of bouts while increasing the field.

Tournament Director George Whitcher, who works as hard as any of the competing wrestlers and puts in almost, if not as much, time as some of the wrestlers, looks for another good tournament.

"I look for this year to be even closer than last year," said the former wrestling coach. "Most of the tournamens are around Christmastime when the wrestlers

have only had three or four matches and they are not as sharp as they are now. They are four to five weeks further along and the cream is just starting to develop now.

"I look for the top spot to be a battle between Churchville-Chili, Iroquois, Maple Grove, Olean, Pioneer, Sweet Home and possibly Xaverian," he said. "Strong performances will also be given by such schools as Falconer, Frontier, Geneseo, Jamestown, Lake Shore, Medina, Southwestern, Warsaw and Wellsville. The rest of them are in rebuilding years."

In talking about the wrestlebacks, initiated last year, he said that they eliminate eight bouts per weight class but it allows more teams to enter. With 17 teams last year, a total of 364 bouts were wrestled while this year's estimate, with 21 teams, shows 360 bouts.

The first tournament was held February 5 and 6, 1971. Iroquois won the tournament that year with 81 points while Randolph finished second with 68 and Salamanca third with 49. The remainder of the field found Olean in fourth place with 46 points, Alden fifth with 45, Cassadaga sixth with 39, Allegany seventh with 33, and Jamestown with 30.

The outstanding wrestler award went to Mike Sernoffsky, Iroquois' 140 pounder, with teammates Pat McMahon, at 128 pounds, Bill Kapotos, at 134 pounds, Eric Drasgow, at 169 pounds, and Joel Puleo, at heavyweight, joining him in the winner's circle.

Gowanda had two tourney champs, Dan Braymiller, a 100 pounder, and Don Hintz, at 114, while the remaining winners included Salamanca's Gary Milanowski, at 107, Olean's Mark Shaw, at 121, Alden's Ron Parker, at 147, Randolph's Dave Lerow, at 157, and Allegany's Ed Williams, at 179.

The tournament's second year saw the field doubled, as the original eight teams were joined by eight more. Two of those eight teams, Peru and Portville, brought with them lengthy win streaks, with Peru coming in with the then longest current streak in the state, 113, while Portville had picked up 75 straight wins.

Competition proved to be as tough, if not tougher, than in the first year. Portville and Pioneer wound up in a deadlock for the tourney title with 61 points apiece. Southwestern was a close third with 59½ and Frontier not that far behind with 56. Peru was fifth in the standings and finished within less than ten points of first with 55½.

Finishing fifth in the standings was Salamanca, followed by Olean, Iroquois, Jamestown, Lake Shore, Alden, Eden, Gowanda, Randolph, Kane and Allegany.

Frontier's Vince Tundo, 114 pound titlist, was the outstanding wrestler of the tournament, with teammate Walter Sikes giving Frontier another title at 179.

Other winners included Pioneer's Mike Arnold at 100 pounds, Olean's Dan Shembada, at 107, Southwestern's Jeff Swan at 121, Portville's Bob Reynolds at 126, Lake Shore's Al Stangl at 134, Portville's Jeff Sargent at 140, Peru's Tom Everett at 147, Dras-

gow, the tourney's first two time winner, at 157, Peru's Don Duprey at 169 and Jamestown's Gary Sorensen at heavyweight.

A 17th team was added to the tourney line-up in 1973, and four new teams were added, replacing three that had dropped out. Missing were Kane, Peru and Randolph, but coming in were Falconer, Grand Island, Hamburg and Maple Grove.

The addition of the new teams seemed to make little difference to Pioneer, however, as the 1972 co-champions rolled to an impressive first place finish with 105 points while runner-up Falconer was far behind at 56½. Maple Grove was a close third with 54 and Southwestern only six points off the Falconer pace with 50½.

Grouped in the middle of the standings were Jamestown, Lake Shore, Iroquois, Olean, Frontier, Portville and Alden, while Hamburg, Gowanda, Eden, Grand Island, Salamanca and Allegany rounded out the standings.

Phil Roblee set a new precedent as he became the first junior to win the outstanding wrestler award. The 128 pounder from Pioneer was one of three Pioneer wrestlers to win a title as he joined by Arnold, a 107 pound champ winning for the second time, and Keith Stearns, at 140 pounds.

Falconer, had four titlists, Don Boyd at 90 pounds, Vince Ognibene at 121, Dick Johnson at 179 and Bruce Johnson at heavyweight, with other winners including Rick Rothfuss, Iroquois, at 100, Doug Truver, Southwestern, at 114, Olean's Kirk Anderson at 134, Portville's Tim Miller at 147, Maple Grove's Tim Gribbon at 157, and Jamestown's Eric Johnson at 169.

In 1974, it was again Pioneer, making an awesome display of wrestling. The Panthers claimed an incredible six individual championships while setting a new team scoring record of 107 points, over 40 points ahead of second place Olean's 50. Salamanca was third with 46½, followed by Falconer, with 43½, Warsaw, with 43½, and Iroquois, with 38.

The remainder of the field included Southwestern, Cattaraugus, Maple Grove, Portville, Medina, Gowanda, Eden, Jamestown, Allegany, Grand Island and Alden.

Roblee set another precedent as he was named the tourney's outstanding wrestler for the second year, winning this time at 134 pounds. Both Arnold, at 114 pounds, and Stearns, at 147, joined him as repeat winners, with Arnold capturing an unprecedented third straight crown. Other Pioneer winners were Bill Fuller, at 121, Dale Rogers at 128, and Gary Devin, at 157.

Olean had three winners, with Anderson repeating at 140, Jim Diehl winning at 90 pounds, and Dave Crean at 107. Warsaw won championships with Ed Sunderland at 169 pounds and Jay Hackemer at unlimited.

Other winners were Falconer's Mike Ognibene at 100, Gowanda's Dick Garnett at 179, and Salamanca's Mark Sartori at heavyweight.

Last year, Pioneer made it four in a row, again setting a new scoring record by piling up 111½



GEORGE WHITCHER  
Tournament director

points while Olean again finished as runner-up with 77. Newcomer Williamsville North with third with 55½ points, followed by Maple Grove, Medina, Warsaw, Portville, Southwestern, Sweet Home, and Frontier.

The remainder of the field, the biggest ever in tourney history, included Iroquois, Dunkirk, Falconer, Allegany, Lake Shore, Jamestown, Alden, Eden, Salamanca, Cattaraugus, and Gowanda.

Pioneer's Stearns became the second three time winner in the tournament's history as he claimed the 157 pound title, but outstanding wrestler honors went to a junior for the second time in history as Olean's Bruce Meyers picked up the trophy after winning the 121 pound championship.

Stearns was one of five Pioneer winners, with others including 100

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### An editorial:

## Welcome to wrestlers and to wrestling fans

For the fourth year, the Salamanca Republican-Press is publishing this special section in connection with the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament. We do so with a dual aim—to give much-deserved recognition to the high school athletes who will take part, and to help the spectators understand and enjoy this outstanding event.

This year's Salamanca Invitational—like the six tournaments which have preceded it—is truly outstanding. It is the top scholastic wrestling tournament in Western New York.

Over 275 wrestlers from 21 teams, including one from as far away as New York City, are competing in this year's tournament. Back again are most of the top teams from tournaments of yesteryear. Three of the teams rank among the Top Ten in high school wrestling in the entire state. The competition is superb.

To the wrestlers and their coaches, to the fans and spectators, we say welcome to the tournament and to the community.

Latham B. Weber  
Editor and Publisher

## Salamanca High School proud to host tourney

Once again, we the students, faculty and administration and citizens of Salamanca welcome you to our wrestling tournament.

In seven years, the quality of competition and the accomplishments of our entrants, here and in subsequent competition, has made this a highly regarded event throughout the state.

We know that you will enjoy not only our tournament but our wonderful community and school. The entire community takes pride in hosting this tournament and we know you'll see wrestling at its very best.

Wrestling is a fast growing, dynamic sport and the individual and team aspects of the tournament make it a great spectator sport. We have innovated a great deal in past tournaments in our school and the addition of wrestlebacks last year was a major step, we feel, in adding to the fairness and credibility of the final team standings. We felt this was a vital addition to the tournament because so many outstanding teams are our guests and we want to be certain that the best team wins.

Once more, a sincere welcome, and may our tournament bring you a great weekend of pleasurable viewing. Good wrestling!

William O. Valent  
Salamanca Superintendent of Schools

# What you see and how to score it

A wrestling match may seem like a lot of action happening on the mat although sometimes, two wrestlers can go through the complete six minutes just rolling around.

But that rolling around on the mat can mean points for one of the participants while to the uninitiated, it is just a lot of, well, rolling around.

But there is scoring involved with takedowns, holds, reverses, penalties and escapes with all of that going to decide the winner of the match, if there is no pin.

For tournament competition, each team enters one wrestler in each weight class. Pairings for competition are decided by seeding prior to the start of the tourney.

In determining the seeds, the relative merits of each wrestler in terms of record, past performance and overall experience are considered. An attempt is made to determine the wrestlers in each weight class and to place them in opposite brackets so the two best will, theoretically, meet for the weight class championship.

With each win, the wrestler advances to the next bracket. Wrestlebacks were initiated in the Salamanca Invitational last year and seedings will be done by Tournament Director George Whitcher.

**INDIVIDUAL SCORING**

Takedown	2 points
Escape	1 point
Reversal	2 points
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Stalling	1 or 2 points to offended wrestler

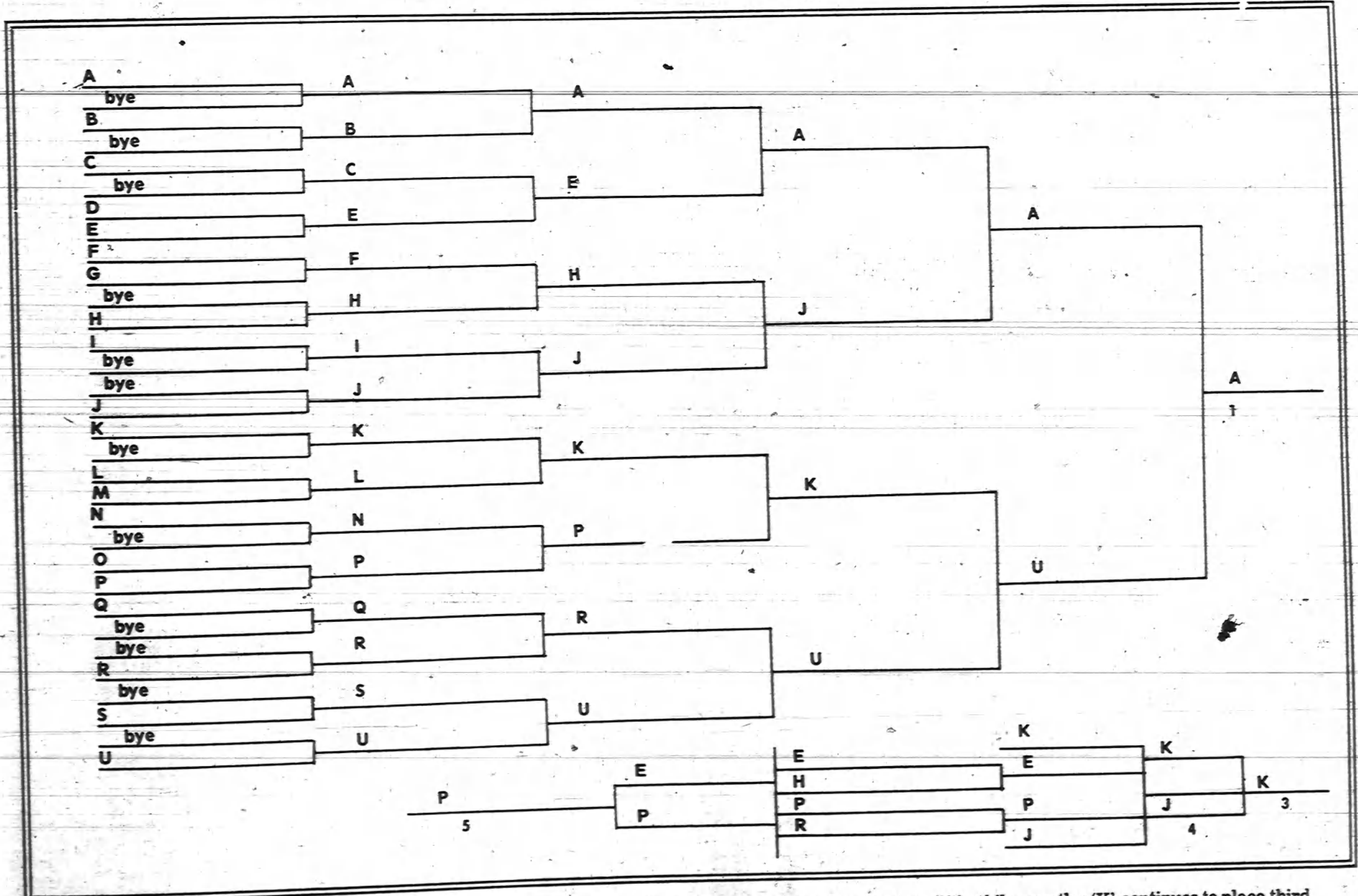
**TEAM SCORING**

Advancement (upper bracket)	2 points
Advancement (Wrestlebacks)	1 point
Pin	2 points
Superior decision (by 12 or more points)	1 point
Major decision (by 8-11 points)	½ points
First place	16 points
Second place	12 points
Third place	9 points
Fourth place	7 points
Fifth place	5 points
Sixth place	3 points



**1976 TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS**—Individual winners in last year's Salamanca Invitational were, front row from left, Doug Tingue, Pioneer, 134 pounds; Kyle Grunwald, Pioneer, 128; Dave Tundo, Frontier, 121; Mike Fuller, Warsaw, 114; Doug Keenen, Pioneer, 107; Steve Arnold, Pioneer, 93; and back row, John

Patt, Warsaw, unlimited; Dave Nease, Portville, heavyweight; Dave Simon, Olean, 179; Ray Pikulski, Olean, 169; Bob Stone, Cattaraugus, 157; Warren Bush, Warsaw, 147; and Greg Wefing, Maple Grove, 140. Jim Bender, Williamsville North, 100, was not present.



**WRESTLEBACKS**—Sample brackets showing how the wrestleback system works. In the upper bracket, the championship bracket, wrestler 'A' goes all the way to win the weight class. Below, wrestler 'P', a loser in the quarter

finals, continues out to place fifth while wrestler 'K' continues to place third in the weight class. The loser of the third place bout, wrestler 'J' finishes fourth.

# Can the Huskies handle Pioneer?

OLEAN — Last year, the question was whether the Huskies could tackle Pioneer.

This year, it is whether the Huskies can hold onto the title they grabbed from Pioneer as champions of the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

Pioneer was co-champion of the tournament in 1972 and enjoyed sole possession of that spot for the next three years. But last January, Olean kicked the Panthers out of the top spot and did it by a 179½ to 169 score.

Olean is one of the original eight teams when the tournament began

in 1971 and came close with second place finishes in 1974 and 1975 before copping the trophy last year. They finished fourth in 1971, sixth in 1972 and eighth in 1973.

The Huskies had two individual winners last year as senior Ray Pikulski took the 169 pound honor by decisioning Vern Price of Warsaw, 2-1, and junior Dave Simon won at 179 pounds over Pat Holman of Medina by 4-3.

Heading into last year's tournament, Olean was ranked 10th in the New York State Sports Writers Association poll that ranks the top teams in the state.

The most recent ranking this

season (last week) placed the Huskies in sixth place with an 8-0 mar which pushed their dual meet record to 27 straight wins in the past three years. However, Pioneer was listed in fourth place, also undefeated, although they had won just three matches.

Olean has made its presence felt already this season as they recently recorded an incredible, 72-0, decision over Dunkirk and walked away with honors in the Southern Tier and Sweet Home tournaments.

Simon, Chris Leichtweis at 145 pounds, and Clar Anderson, at 91, all took honors in both of the

prestigious tournaments. Gary Bliss, at 132 pounds, took a first in the Southern Tier and finished second to Dave Tundo of Pioneer (last year's outstanding wrestler in the Salamanca Invitational) at Sweet Home.

Kevin Forrest also took a first in the Southern Tier and a third at Sweet Home at 126 pounds. Anderson beat Charles Morley of Medina in the Sweet Home tourney and both will be competing this weekend.

"This year's team is much younger than last year," said Huskie coach Mike Foster, "which is nice because they can get the experience with the same lineup each time.

"We are the defending champions and there is some pretty good competition," he said of the Salamanca Invitational.

"We know Pioneer will be there so it will be difficult. The field will be a pretty good group with them, the team from Brooklyn (Xavier High School) and Churchville-Chili forming a very tough tournament."

But Olean will be sending some big guns of its own into action as

they have three wrestlers with perfect records and one who has not lost but taken a draw.

Anderson, a freshman at 93 pounds, carries a 16-0-1 record into the tourney; Eric Simpson, a junior at 114, is 11-0; Leichtweis, a junior at 147, is 16-0; and Simon, a senior, at 177 is 17-0.

At 100 pounds, either senior Ed Jennings (11-3) or sophomore George Pancio will get the nod. Pancio or Andrew Taylor, a sophomore at 6-3-1, will be in at 107 pounds.

The rest of the lineup includes senior Jim Diehl (2-2) at 121 pounds; Kevin Forrest (junior, 17-1) at 128; Gary Bliss (senior, 15-1) at 134; sophomore Bill Thomas (11-4) at 140; sophomore Kirk Stephen (6-5-1) at 155; senior Randy Hill (7-7) at 167, and senior Tom Morton (16-2) at heavyweight.

"We will have good competition and face some teams we haven't seen before," said Foster. "The teams from outside this area and sections should give the tournament a good flavor and the kids are really looking forward to it."



OLEAN HUSKIES — Comprising the Olean wrestling team, coached by Mike Foster, are front row from left, Ralph Greco, Clar Anderson, George Pancio, Pat Scwabebauer, Steve Pancio, Ricky Fie, John Forrest; second row, Pete Gilbert, Joe Silluzio, Phil Yanella, Mark Darrow, Chris Branch, Les Blue, Ron Inzana, Jim Yurick, Larry Sassani, Chris Young, Rich

Kennedy, Ed Jennings; and back row, coach Jim Myers, Marty Welch, Louis Marra, Randy Hull, Chris Leichtweis, Kirk Stephen, Tom Morton, Gary Bliss, Dave Simon, Bill Thomas, Kevin Forrest, Eric Simpson, Andy Taylor, Jim Diehl, Chris Morton and coach Mike Foster.

### Roster

Weight	Name	Grade	Record
93	Clar Anderson	Freshman	16-0-1
100	Ed Jennings	Senior	11-3
	or		
	George Pancio	Sophomore	11-3
105	George Pancio		
	or		
	Andrew Taylor	Sophomore	6-3-1
114	Eric Simpson	Junior	11-0
121	Jim Diehl	Senior	2-2
128	Kevin Forrest	Junior	17-1
134	Gary Bliss	Senior	15-1
140	Bill Thomas	Sophomore	11-4
147	Chris Leichtweis	Junior	16-0
157	Kirk Stephen	Sophomore	6-5-1
169	Randy Hill	Senior	7-7
179	Dave Simon	Senior	17-0
HWT	Tom Morton	Senior	16-2

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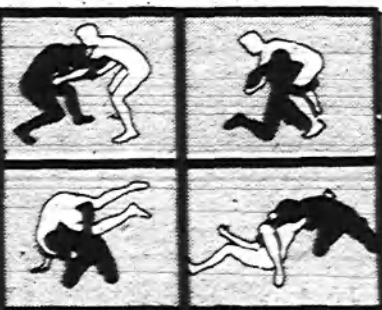
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# Pioneer looking to regain top spot

**YORKSHIRE** — Last year came the almost inevitable for Pioneer as it found itself looking up in the standings instead of down upon the rest of the high schools in the annual Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

But in the four previous years, the tournament may well have been called the Pioneer Invitational as the school from the northern part of the county had a hammerlock on the top spots.

They did not compete in the first tournament but made up for it by taking honors the next four years, although they were co-champions with Portville in 1972.

In 1973, Pioneer became the first school to score 100 points as they totaled 105, nearly double the 56½ score of second place Falconer. A year later, the Panthers did more than double their closest rivals, Olean, by taking the trophy with 107 points to Olean's 50.

The team standings were a little closer in 1975 but they still outdistanced the rest of the pack by scoring 111½ points while Olean had 77 as runner-up.

But on the last day in January last year, the Panthers saw their domination come to a halt although they had one second, four third place finishers, one fifth place finisher and one sixth place finisher.

Olean, meanwhile, took two

individual titles, seven seconds and three thirds as they advanced seven wrestlers to the finals while Pioneer had five.

Last year, Pioneer took individual honors as four of their representatives won—Steve Arnold at 93 pounds, Doug Keenen

at 107, Kyle Grunwald at 126 and Doug Tingue at 134.

Two of those are back as Arnold, only a freshman, will return to defend his title, although at 98 pounds, and Grunwald, a senior, will be holding down in the 138 pound class. He and Marc Eaton, a

senior at heavyweight, are both defending state champions.

"We are young in a lot of spots," said coach Dick Post, "and we have a lot of young kids wrestling. But we do have some back from last season to form a pretty good nucleus."

Besides Arnold, Eaton and Grunwald, others returning include junior Dan Mason at 112 pounds, junior Tom Bennet at 119, senior Keith Floyd at 132, senior Bill Glasgow at 167 and senior Mark Slocum at 177.

Helping Pioneer continue on its streak of 54 straight dual meet wins in the last five years are two other freshmen—Lee Friend at 91 pounds and Mike Wagner at 145.

The rest of the lineup fills out with sophomores Mark Davies at 105 pounds, Jeff Pettit at 126, and Jim Devin at 155.

Last year's Section VI Wrestling Qualifier, at Sweet Home Senior High School, saw Pioneer qualify four wrestlers for the states and two lose in the finals.

Advancing to the states were Arnold at 91 pounds, Keith Floyd at 112, Grunwald at 126 and Doug Tingue at 132. Losing in the finals were Doug Keenen at 105 pounds



Roster			
Weight	Name	Year in School	Record
93	Lee Friend	Freshman	8-4
100	Steve Arnold	Freshman	9-3
107	Mark Davies	Sophomore	7-1
114	Dan Mason	Junior	10-2
121	Tom Bennet	Junior	6-6
128	Jeff Pettit	Sophomore	7-1
134	Keith Floyd	Senior	12-0
140	Kyle Grunwald	Senior	2-4
147	Mike Wagner	Freshman	5-6
157	Jim Devin	Sophomore	8-1
169	Bill Glasgow	Senior	2-3
179	Mark Slocum	Senior	10-0
HWT	Marc Eaton	Senior	7-5

# Frontier looking for tough competition

**HAMBURG** — Last year, for the first time in its four years of existence, Frontier finished one of the top 10 in the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

But the Falcons, despite a 13th play team finish, continued to leave their mark on the splended history of the tournament as, for the second time in the seven-year history, they had the outstanding wrestler.

Of course, the wrestler was a Tundo (Dave) and that name has been synonymous with Frontier and wrestling for several years.

Dave took a 6-4 decision over previously unbeaten Steve Tripodi in a championship bout last year.

That was the third won by a Tundo as Vince won the 114 pound title in 1972 and, after decisioning Portville's Neal Payne in the finals, was awarded the outstanding wrestler trophy.

In 1975, Gene Tundo continued the family tradition by decisioning Portville's Terry Miller in the finals to win the 140 pound championship.

Dave is back as a senior this year and carries a streak of 12 straight

wins into the tournament. Backing him up this season are seniors John Edington (8-2) at 110 pounds and Bernie Quinn (6-3-1) at 148.

Assistant coach Bill Wild said the Falcons have a 2-3 record this year and finished fifth among eight teams in the Lake Shore Invitational and 22nd of 31 teams in the Sweet Home Tournament.

Tundo took firsts in his weight class in both of those tournaments while Quinn also nailed down a title at Lake Shore. Edington picked up a second at Sweet Home.

"There is a lot of hot competition down there," said Wild of the Salamanca Invitational, "and we are really looking forward to competing in it."

The other senior on this year's team is Steve Ritcher who wrestles at 167 pounds.

The rest of the team is comprised of eighth graders Tom Griffith at 93 and Scott McSherry at 100; freshmen John Kisinski at 107 and Mike Natto at 112; and juniors Carl Pornambe at 126, Jeff Eimers at 140, Mike Buschen or Warren

Lease at either 157 or 177 and Matt Levindofske at heavyweight. They do not have a wrestler at unlimited.

Roster			
Weight	Name	Year in School	Record
93	Tom Griffith	Eighth Grade	1-6
100	Scott McSherry	Eighth Grade	0-9
107	John Kisinski	Freshman	0-7
112	Mike Natto	Freshman	1-8
119	John Edington	Senior	12-3
126	Carl Pornambe	Junior	4-2
134	Dave Tundo	Senior	14-0
140	Jeff Eimers	Junior	2-4
147	Bernie Quinn	Senior	9-2
157	Mike Buschen or Warren Lease	Junior	0-7
167	Steve Ritcher	Senior	1-5
177	Warren Lease	Junior	1-6
HWT	Matt Levindofske	Junior	---
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# Cattaraugus hurt by graduation

CATTARAUGUS — Graduation is the soft spot in this year's Cattaraugus Big Red wrestling team as they enter the Salamanca Invitational Tournament for their fifth showing.

Due to graduation, the Big Red team is comprised mainly of three seniors, one junior, two sophomores and three freshmen. Those back from last year's tourney club are Bill Graser, a 112 pound wrestler and also captain of the Cattaraugus team; Ray Brown a senior, at 119, Joel Dudley at 134; and senior Keith Miller, wrestling at 145. Dudley wrestled at 128 as a freshman last year but this season moved up to 134.

After a surprisingly strong showing in their first Salamanca tourney in 1974, the Big Red went into sort of a tailspin in the 1975 tournament as they wound up near

the bottom of the standings, but brought back some pride as they finished ninth in a 17 team tournament. The Red fell just one point short, 74-73, of tying for eighth place with Sweet Home.

Cattaraugus saw one of its top seniors in the finals last season at 157 as Bob Stone, decisioned Brian Eccles of Falconer, 2-1. Eccles is a senior this year for the Falcons and he is currently wrestling at 167 pounds. In the consolation round, the Big Red squad brought two men to the mat as Keith Miller took third place by decisioning Larry Slakter of Williamsville North, 8-7. At 147, Randy Miller lost to Tim Stevens of Southwestern, 10-0, in overtime. Stevens took fifth place in the tournament.

Cattaraugus has experience this year in tournaments as they have been to two of them — the Holiday

Wrestling Tournament at Cuba where they finished fifth out of eight schools and they finished at the bottom of the Falconer Wrestling tourney.

Big hopes for a tourney bid this year are at 112 with Bill Gaser, a senior who has a record of 10-2; Miller, 11-1 on the year so far as his only defeat came at the hands of Steve Garvey, a Falconer matman.

Also trying for a place in the Invitational is Ray Brown at 119, another senior, and is currently holding a record just over the .500 mark for the year. The only doubtful sign for Brown is that he has hurt his back in the early going and may not be at 100 percent for the tourney.

The Big Red club will forfeit five weights, compared to just one last year when they came to the tournament.

"We're quite inexperienced this season," remarked Big Red coach Don Walter. "Graduation hurt a bit this year, compared from seven seniors last year and only three this year. But wait for the boys to mature in two or three years, and we will be back in the thick of things."

Coach Walter has brought to Cattaraugus three years of tasting three sectional wins to the Big Red school. Walter has a life time record at Cattaraugus of 47-12-2. So far this season for the Big Red team they have a dismal 1-4 record. But in those two or three future years, the story could be the same as in 1975.

Completing the Cattaraugus Big Red tournament team are

freshmen Gary Gardiner at 91 pounds; Don Graser at 98, the younger brother of 105 pounder Bill Graser; and Bary Wienk, 140. The

lone junior on the squad this year is Gary Layman at 126. Along with Dudley in the sophomore class is Joe Frenz at 177.

### Roster

Weight	Name	Year in School	Record
91	Gary Gardiner	Freshman	2-6
98	Don Graser	Freshman	1-9
105			
112	Bill Graser	Senior	11-2
119	Ray Brown	Senior	7-4
126	Gary Layman	Junior	0-1
134	Joel Dudley	Sophomore	8-5
140	Bary Wienk	Freshman	2-7
145	Keith Miller	Senior	11-1
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177	Joe Frenz	Sophomore	1-8
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1971: Mike Sernoffsky, Iroquois, 138, First (MVP), DNP; Joel Puleo, Iroquois, Hwt., First, Second.

1972: Mike Arnold, Pioneer, 98, First, Fourth; Jim Adams, Peru, 105, DNP, DNP; Vince Tundo, Frontier, First (MVP), Second; Jeff Swan, Southwestern, 119, First, DNP; Thomas Lloyd-Jones, Pioneer, 126, Second, DNP; Mike Agoney, Peru, 138, First, DNP; Tom Everett, Peru, 145, First, Third; Ron Parker, Alden, 145, Second, DNP; Mike Kivett, Peru, 155, Second, DNP; Dan Duprey, Peru, 167, First, DNP; Tab Bourgeois, Peru, DNP, DNP.

1973 — Mike Arnold, Pioneer, 105, First, Second; Phil Roblee, Pioneer, 126, First, (MVP) Fourth; Kirk Anderson, Olean, 132, First, DNP; Keith Stearns, Pioneer, 136, First, DNP; Bruce Johnson, Falconer, Hwt., First, DNP.

1974 — Mike Ognibene, Falconer, 98, First, DNP; Mike Arnold, Pioneer, 112, First, Second; Bill Fuller, Pioneer, 119, First, Second; Phil Roblee, Pioneer, 132, First (MVP), Second; Kirk Anderson, Olean, 138, First, Third; John Hackemer, Warsaw, Unl., First, Fourth.

1975 — Doug Keenen, Pioneer, 98, First, DNP; John Callen, Salamanca, 112, DNP, DNP; Kyle Grunwald, Pioneer, 119, Third, Fourth; Dale Rogers, Pioneer, 126, First, DNP; Doug Tingue, Pioneer, 132, First, Second; Gene Tundo, Frontier, 138, First, Second; Dave Icard, Sweet Home, 145, Second, DNP; Keith Stearns, Pioneer, 155, First, First (MVP), Ron Taylor, Medina, Unl., First, Second.

1976 — Steve Arnold, Pioneer, 91, first, DNP; Keith Floyd, Pioneer, 112, third, DNP; Steve Tripodi, Olean, 119, second, DNP; Kyle Grunwald, Pioneer, 126, first, first; Doug Tingue, Pioneer, 132, first, second; Bruce Meyers, Olean, 138, second, fourth; Terry Miller, Portville, 145, second, third; Ray Pitulski, Olean, 167, first, DNP; Dave Simon, Olean, 177, first, DNP; Dave Neese, Portville, Hwt. first, fifth.

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# Maple Grove one of power teams

BEMUS POINT — Young but very strong tells much the story for the Maple Grove Dragons as they enter their fifth trip to the Salamanca Invitational Tournament with high hopes. Those high hopes are Seth Becker at 119, Clete Caskey at 112, and Tim Prince wrestling at 167. Two years ago, Becker won his own weight class, in the tournament.

In past performances at Salamanca, the Dragons have done well, finishing third in their first appearance in 1973, ninth in 1974, and have finished fourth for the last two years. The Tournament will be the third for Maple Grove this season, and in

both previous tournaments they have had strong showings, taking second place in the Olean Holiday tournament and finishing third in the Sweet Home tournament. The tournament was comprised of 32 teams with Maple Grove finishing very high considering their team status and their size. They did not have three main starters in the line-up Hallberg a junior at 107, Pat Kristock a sophomore wrestling at 145, and Jack McCall at 177.

Returning from last years team are Clete Caskey at 112, Dan Dahlbeck at 126, Tim Marucci at 132, and Dave Boughton at 138. All are of junior status. Bill Hoch, along with Becker, will be the two lone seniors on the squad for the tourney. Both have plenty of tournament experience and they will be looking for another tourney win to put under their belts.

"This is going to be one of the strongest teams I have brought down to the Tournament,"

Weight  
91  
98  
107  
112  
119  
126  
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138  
145  
155  
167  
177  
HWT  
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Roster		
Name	Year in School	
Scott Babbage	Freshman	
Joey Santilli	Freshman	
Dan Hallberg	Junior	
Clete Caskey	Junior	
Seth Becker	Senior	
Dan Dahlbeck	Junior	
Tim Marucci	Junior	
Dave Boughton	Junior	
Pat Kristock	Sophomore	
Bill Hoch	Senior	
Tim Prince	Senior	
Jack McCall	Junior	
Cris Meekins	Junior	
Paul Hagerman	Senior	

commented coach Dick Errico. "It's the best tourney ever and it helps the boys a lot."

"So far this season we have been tested quite a bit he added. "At 98 pounds, for instance, Joey Santilli had to face Clar Anderson of Olean three times in the Sweet Home tournament and lost three times in the wrestlebacks which were his only defeats of the season so far."

A big loss to the Dragons this year will be Bari Hallberg, older brother of Dan Hallberg. Bari was a three-time sectional champ, who wrestled at 93 pounds. In competing in the Invitational last year, Hallberg lost in the finals to Steve Arnold of Pioneer, who decided him 5-0.

In last year's tourney, Maple Grove brought one to the finals,

(Hallberg the only qualifier) and had three men in the consolation rounds—100 pounder Dan Dahlbeck finished fifth, 107 Clete Caskey finished third and at 121, Dan Woodfield finished fourth. Woodfield was a senior on the club last year.

Tri-captains for this year's Dragon team are Caskey, a junior, Becker, a senior, and Prince, also a senior.

Coach Errico also figures that all his men have a good shot at taking a spot in the tournament.

Maple Grove is 6-0 on the season with only one tough dual competition meet against Falconer, taking it by nine points, 25-16. The Dragons had a very easy time with Eisenhower as one of their six wins so far this season.

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## Cassadaga Valley progress

SINCLAIRVILLE — Cassadaga Valley won only its first league match in seven years and they still have a long way to go but are making strides.

The Cougars picked up their first league win, at the expense of Salamanca, as they handed the Warriors a 31-27 defeat in mid-December, which was Salamanca's first league loss this year.

"We have a young team," said Cougar coach Cliff Blom, "and the school has had several wrestling coaches in the last few years. It is hard to get consistency this way but we are making progress."

Blom got his team into the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament because he likes the idea of the competition and because he and Salamanca coach Larry Reynolds were roommates

at the University of Massachusetts.

When the Warriors traveled to Cassadaga Valley for the December match, 'Battling Blom' took on 'Rambling Reynolds' in an exhibition bout and, as might be expected, the two ended tied at 5-5.

"The wrestlers are really looking forward to competing in the tournament," said Blom. "And I like the idea because it gives them more than one match at a time as they have to wrestle three in one day. It is nice to get them used to it, to prepare for sectionals."

The Cougars have a 4-5 overall mark and in the league, have lost to Olean, Maple Grove, and Falconer.

Leading the Cougars this year is captain Randy Bly who has nine wins and no losses at 138 pounds. The senior has recorded four pins and four superior decisions among those wins.

Mike Anderson, a junior at 177 pounds, has won six times without a loss and has two pins and two superior decisions. Steve Pacitti, another senior, has just a 4-4 mark at 105 pounds but was seeded second in last year's sectionals at 98 pounds.

The rest of the Cougar lineup includes freshmen Todd Norris at 91 pounds, Kevin Weller at 98, Joe Beicher at 119 and Todd Winton at unlimited; sophomores Eric Spinler at 112 and Dan Carlson at 126; and juniors Kim Weller at 132, George Olmstead at 145, Ken Morley at 155, Bill Finch at 167 and Rod Wise at heavyweight.

### Roster

Weight	Name	Year in School	Record
93	Todd Norris	Freshman	2-4
100	Kevin Weller	Freshman	4-5
107	Steve Pacitti	Senior	4-4
114	Eric Spinler	Sophomore	0-6
121	Joe Beicher	Freshman	4-4
128	Dan Carlson	Sophomore	2-7
134	Kim Weller	Junior	4-5
140	Randy Bly	Senior	9-0
147	George Olmstead	Junior	4-2
157	Ken Morley	Junior	4-4-1
169	Bill Finch	Junior	2-5
179	Mike Anderson	Junior	6-0
HWT	Rod Wise	Junior	4-5
UNL	Todd Winton	Freshman	0-4

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# Trojans bring tradition to tourney

## Roster

Weight	Name	Year in School	Record
93	Dave Proctor	Freshman	2-6
100	Ron Nelson	Sophomore	5-6
107	Todd Propheter	Sophomore	2-2
114	Mike Blake	Senior	9-4
121	Jay Smith	Freshman	3-6-1
128	Steve Swan	Freshman	11-3
134	Kurt Jeeves	Senior	8-5
140	Tom Whittermore	Junior	2-8
147	Al Frederickson	Senior	11-3
157	Jon Swan	Senior	13-0
169	Bruce Janowsky	Senior	7-4-1
179	Bob Nau	Senior	4-4
HWT	Herb Stenander	Junior	7-6



**SOUTHWESTERN TOURNEY TEAM** — Members of the Southwestern wrestling team, coached by Walter Thurneau, are, front row from left, Dave Proctor, Bob Oltrazewski, Ron Nelson, Mike Blake, Lou Golando, Tim Matteson, Dave Palmer, Jay Smith, Steve

Swan, Kurt Jeeves, Tom Whittermore, Brad Proctor, and back row, Tom Consla, Tom Swan, Dana Williams, Al Frederickson, Randy Pike, Jon Swan, Bruce Janowsky, Bob Nau, Herb Stenander and Steve Gedz.

LAKESIDE — The Trojans of Southwestern, in the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament for the sixth straight time, finished 12th last year but have always been one of the stronger teams.

Southwestern made its first appearance in 1972, the second year of the tourney, and immediately made everyone take notice as they finished third, just a point and a-half behind Pioneer and Portville, who tied for the team championship. The last three years, they finished in the top 10 each time.

Second year coach Walt Thurneau lost four seniors from last year's squad and has brought his team to a 5-2 mark this year,

with two more matches, at this writing, to be wrestled against Maple Grove and Frewsburg.

The Trojans, also this year, have participated in the Southern Tier Tournament, finishing fourth, and the Oil City Tournament, taking fifth.

Jon Swan, undefeated at 13-0, took firsts in both of those tourneys at 157 pounds and as a senior, is in his fourth year with a 26-6 record last season.

Herb Stenander, a junior at the Southern Tier and placed second at Oil City. Steve Swan, a 128 pound freshman, also took a first in the league tourney and Al Frederickson, a senior at 147 pounds, took a second.

"We lost to Olean and Fairview, Pa.," said Thurneau, "and have some pretty tough teams, such as Maple Grove, Falconer, Portville and Jamestown, in our league."

"But the Salamanca tournament is where you go to find out what you've got," he added. "Going into the tournament undefeated and coming out the

same way will mean a lot for the rest of the season. The kids and I are really looking forward to the tourney."

The rest of the Trojan squad shapes up as Dave Proctor (freshman) at 93 pounds; Ron Nelson (sophomore) at 100; Todd Propheter (sophomore) at 107; Mike Blake (senior) at 114; Jay Smith (freshman) at 121; Kurt

Jeeves (senior) at 134; Tom Whittermore (junior) at 140; Bruce Janowsky (senior) at 169; and Bob Nau (senior) at 179.

"They are going to go up against a lot of good guys," said Thurneau, "and they will see some competition they don't normally see during the year. And this year, it will be an especially tough tournament."

## First tourney for Jamestown

JAMESTOWN — Making their first Salamanca Invitational Tournament bid, the Jamestown Red Raiders will be competing in a tournament which is one of the tops in Western New York.

Although the Red Raiders were invited to the Invitational last year, they turned it down.

The Red Raiders are a young team consisting of four seniors, three juniors, five sophomores and two freshmen. So far this season the Red Raiders have entered two tournaments, finishing sixth in the Big Eight tourney, and they took second in the Falconer Invitational also with eight teams competing.

Leading the Red Raiders this season in mat victories is senior Tom Jordan, a 167 pounder. So far this season, Jordan has a record of 12-1, his lone loss coming to the hands of Olean's Dave Simons. Jordan is the captain of the Red Raiders this season.

Others on the squad who have winning records this season are 145 pound Chris Fitzpatrick, 9-3-2 this year with two of the losses in Erie competition; Mike Carney at 132 is 8-4; Roger Sigular, a sophomore 8-3-1, and Dan Moran wrestling at unlimited is 7-2 and has not been defeated in New York State so far this season.

"The team is young," commented Red Raider coach Jim Painter. "The kids are looking forward to coming down to wrestle in this fine tournament. The team is in the youth stage and needs all the possible tough wrestling this Invitational offers. In years ahead I think the Southern Tier is going to be a big, strong and very tough

powerhouse in New York State."

Jordan looks to be a big cog for the Red Raiders when the Tourney begins, and don't be surprised if he makes it to the finals, depending on the way the seedings come about. Other strong contenders are Sigular, Carney, Fitzpatrick and Moran.

Completing the Jamestown Red Raider squad are seniors Bob

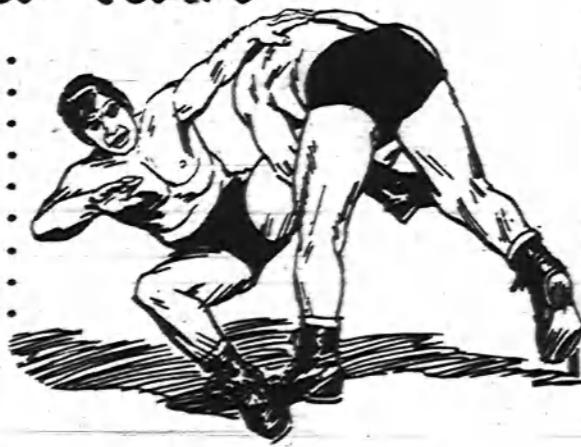
Hagstrom at heavyweight, Greg Johnson at 177, Rick Katzenberger at 155; Junior Arnie Williams at 128, sophomore; Ron Mitchell at 107, Roger Sigular at 114, Chuck Jambumtar at 121, and Al Jordan, the younger brother of Tom, wrestling at 138. Freshmen on the team are Rob Heintzelman at 93 pounds and Scott Malin, a 100 pounder.

## Roster

Weight	Name	Year in School	Record
93	Rob Heintzelman	Freshman	6-3
100	Scott Malin	Freshman	4-4
107	Ron Mitchell	Sophomore	4-4
114	Roger Sigular	Sophomore	8-3-1
121	Chuck Jambumtar	Sophomore	—
128	Arnie Williams	Junior	6-4
132	Mike Carney	Sophomore	8-4
138	Al Jordan	Sophomore	4-5
145	Chris Fitzpatrick	Junior	9-3-2
155	Rick Katzenberger	Senior	5-6-1
167	Tom Jordan	Senior	12-1
177	Greg Johnson	Senior	4-2
HWT	Bob Hagstrom	Senior	7-4
UNL	Dan Moran	Junior	7-2

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# Lake Shore looks for strong finish

ANGOLA — After 18 years at the helm, of Lake Shore Norman Backus has tied down to the easy way of life as he gives the ropes to new but eager new coach Frank Nictora. Nictora was the Lake Shore assistant under Backus last season.

This will be the fifth appearance for the Eagles, who last season finished 15th out of 17 teams in the annual Salamanca Invitational wrestling Tournament.

The Eagles finished tied for eighth in their first tourney appearance in 1972, then finished fifth in 1973 before missing the tournament in 1974 as a victim of the energy crisis, which forced the curtailment of numerous school activities.

In 1975 they had another finish of 15th place but out of 21 teams in the tournament that year.

Lake Shore is a team earning increasing respect throughout Erie County as an up-and-coming wrestling power house. The Eagles are again looking for high finishes in the Invitational and a good strong showing as well.

Riding high this year for the Eagles is Jerry Nugent, a 134 pound junior who at this time last season came into the tournament with a record of 10-1.

Another big hopeful for Lake Shore is Bill Caldwell, wrestling at 157, who is on the varsity squad for the second year. Caldwell is a junior this year and is a co-captain with the injured Jack Graber. Graber was involved in an auto crash this season and will be lost to the club for the remainder of this season.

The Eagles have already been in one tournament this season, finishing in third place in their own

Lake Shore Invitational Tournament, with eight teams in competition, and took part in last weekend's Maryvale Tournament before coming down to take part in the Salamanca Tourney.

"We have a young team this season," commented Eagle coach Frank Nictora. "The kids are young but have the talent to produce this season. I try to stress nutrition along with plenty of good conditioning. I expect a lot of the boys this season along with the tournaments that we go to this season."

Lake Shore will be forfeiting in three weight categories—121 and 128 due to the fact of the auto mishap, and unlimited, as it was last year when they entered the tournament.

## Wellsville brings impressive stats

WELLSVILLE — A few strong individuals mark the Wellsville Lions wrestling team as they compete in the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament for the first time this year.

Lion coach Bob Mountain has been trying to enter his team in this, one of the biggest and most well thought of tournaments several years and now that they are among the 21 teams in the field, he has some impressive wrestlers.

Wellsville has lost a match to Olean (but who hasn't over the past three years) and has compiled a 4-2 dual meet record this year while also competing in two other tournaments.

The team took a fifth in the Falconer Wrestling Tournament as 126 pounder Kevin Mott won in

individual competition. The sophomore also placed second in his weight class at the Tri-County Tournament in Cuba.

Dan Barnett, a sophomore now at 100 pounds, placed in the Tri-County tourney at 105 pounds where he has done most of his wrestling this season. He currently is wrestling at the 105 pounds, and has pinned his opponent for seven of those wins.

Bill Barnett, a senior at 112 pounds, comes into competition this weekend with a 9-4 record while Glenn Hall, a senior wrestling at 155 pounds, enters with 10 wins and three losses.

"We have some strong individual wrestlers and six seniors on the team," said Mountain, "and we are really looking forward to this tournament. We have been trying to get in for several years and now that we are, will make the best of it."

Rounding out the Lion lineup are sophomores Jeff Monroe at 105 pounds and Alan Foote at 138; juniors Kurt Ritter at 91 and Ron Johnson at 145; eighth grader Walter Cole at 119; and seniors Chris Foote at 132, Roger Blaisdell at 167, Mark Fuschetti at heavyweight and Don Cole at unlimited.

Weight	Name	Year in School
93	Duane Woods	Sophomore
100	Greg Coss	Freshman
107	Tony Guino	Freshman
114	Dave Waddell	Sophomore
121		
128	Jerry Nugent	Junior
134	Jeff Edison	Freshman
140	Ross Guarino	Junior
147	Bill Caldwell	Junior
157	Tim Merk	Junior
167	Jim Wood	Junior
177	Chuck Guzzotti	Senior
HWT		
UNL		

Weight	Name	Year in School	Record
91	Kurt Ritter	Junior	0-0
100	Dan Barnett	Sophomore	8-3
105	Jeff Monroe	Sophomore	4-1
112	Bill Barnett	Senior	9-4
119	Walter Cole	Eighth Grade	7-2
126	Kevin Mott	Sophomore	9-1
132	Chris Foote	Senior	5-6
138	Alan Foote	Sophomore	6-5-1
145	Ron Johnson	Junior	4-7
155	Glenn Hall	Senior	10-3
167	Roger Blaisdell	Senior	6-6-1
177			
HWT	Mark Fuschetti	Senior	—
UNL	Don Cole	Senior	0-0

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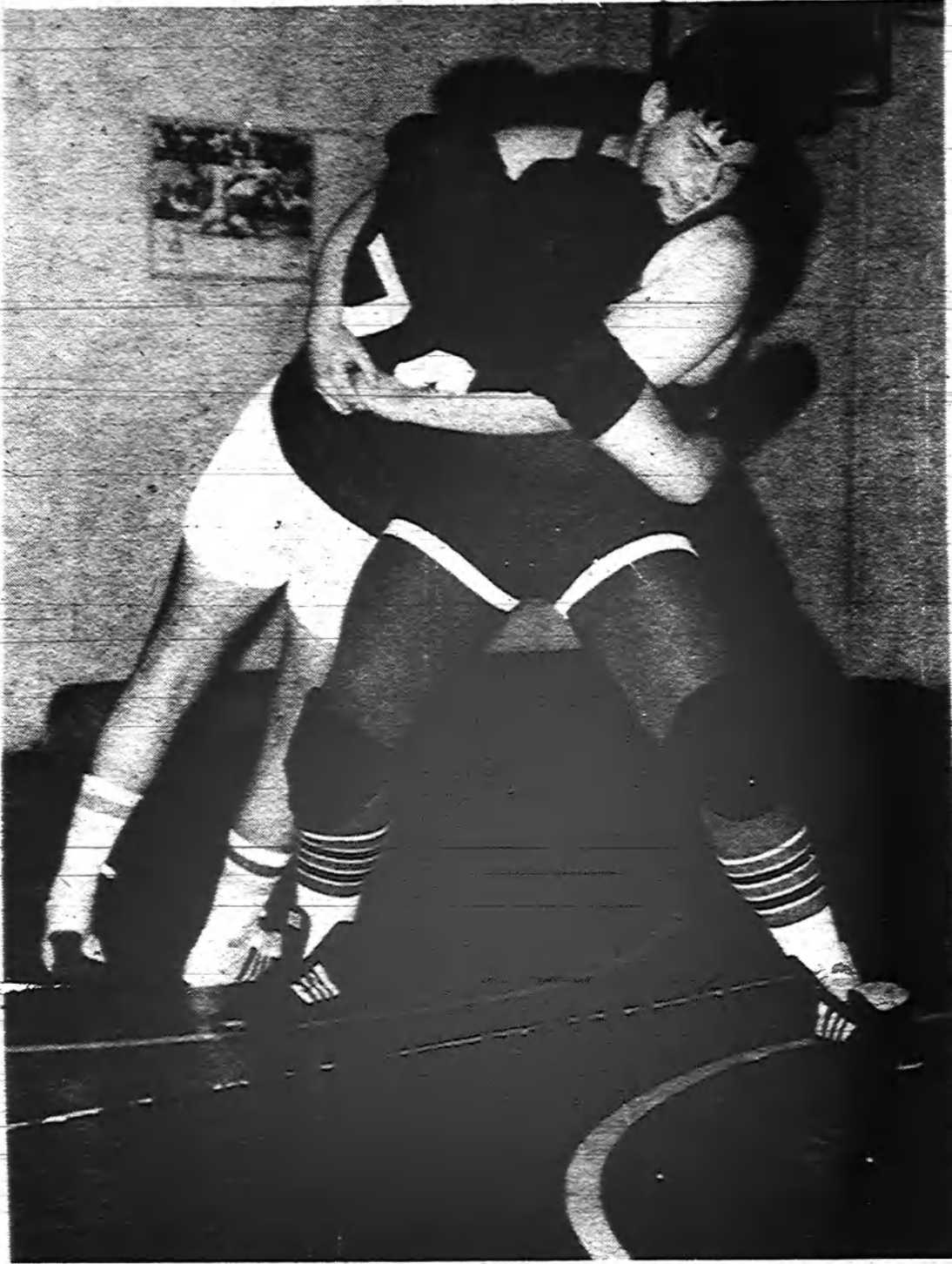
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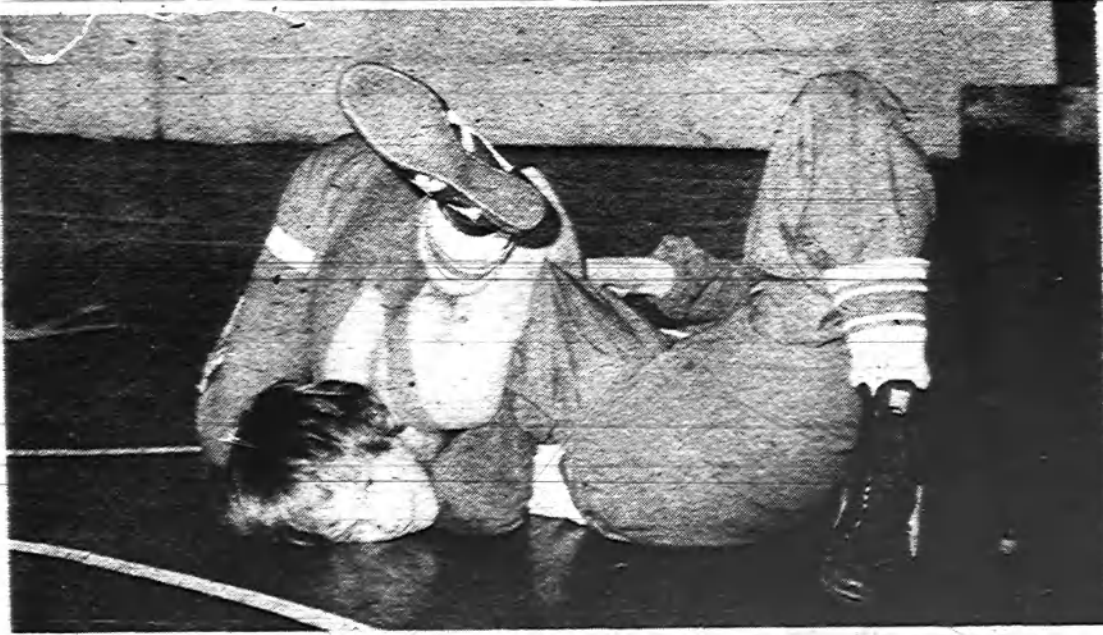
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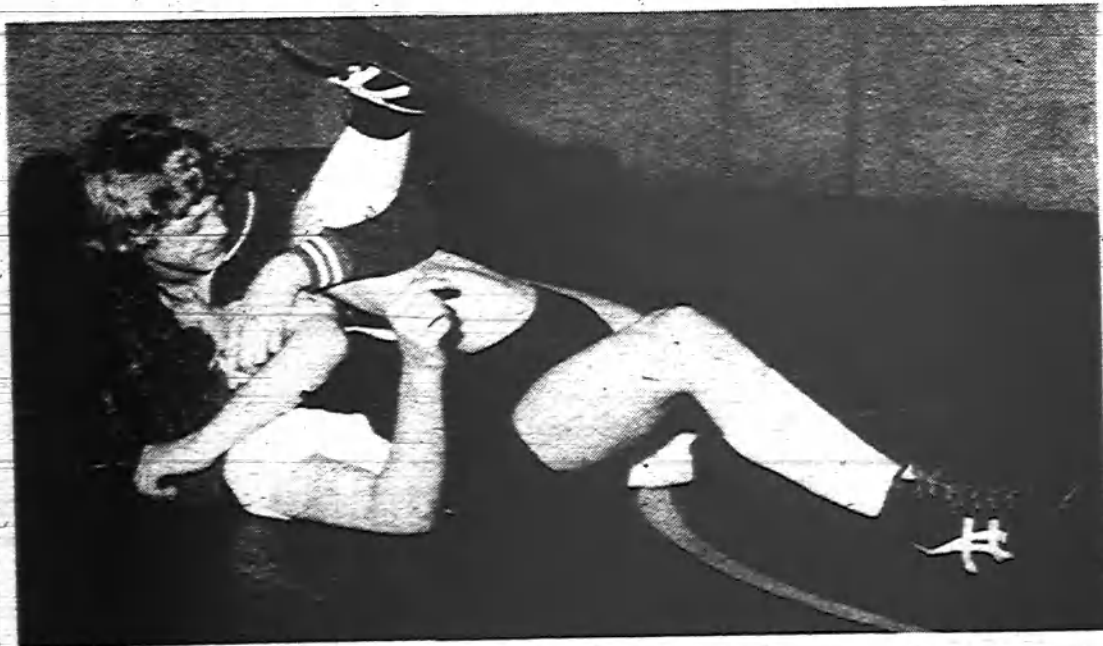
**BUD HERRICK: 179 pounds, Sophomore**



JOE FEICHTER: 157 pounds, Junior



TODD BULLERS: 128 pounds, Freshman



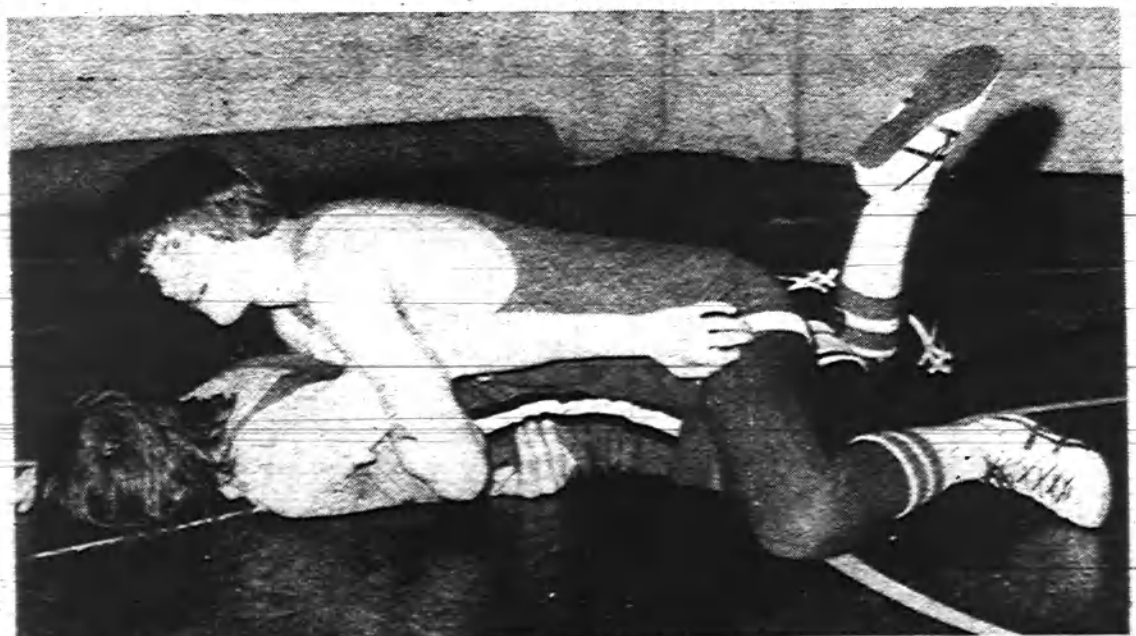
ANDY MUZI: 121 pounds, Sophomore



MIKE BUDZINSKI: 140 pounds, Freshman



RANDY DRY: 114 pounds, Sophomore



DAN CIOLEK: 169 pounds, Freshman

# Outlook promising for Falconer

Roster			
Weight	Name	Year in School	Record
91	Paul Moore	Freshman	10-1
98	Mike Digirolamo	Sophomore	7-3
105	Dave Carlson	Freshman	4-2
112	Bob Betts	Junior	12-1
119	Jeff Sopak	Senior	10-3
126	Steve Moore	Junior	7-2
132	Dale Rahr	Junior	6-5
138	Dick Betts	Junior	11-3
145	Mike Garvey	Junior	11-1
155	Mike Walker	Freshman	3-7
167	Brian Eccles	Senior	10-3
177	Dave Walker	Junior	8-4
HWT	Bill Soldano	Junior	—
	Dave Johnson	Junior	2-5
UNL	Ed El Fort	Senior	7-2

**FALCONER** — Although finishing seventh in last year's Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament, the outlook is a much brighter one for the Falcons as they enter this year's tournament with seven returning for the action. Brian Eccles, a 167 pound senior who finished second in last year's Tournament, is back along with fourth place finisher Mike Garvey wrestling at 145 and Bob Betts 112, finishing fifth in the Tournament. The Falconer squad is comprised of eight juniors, three seniors, one sophomore, and two freshman. The falcons were hurt a bit some in graduation as they lost three main wrestlers, John Ognibene at 134, Jim Pyke Heavyweight, and Rich

Pavlock who wrestled at Unlimited. Falconer won its annual Christmas this year, with eight teams competing with them. Traditionally, Falconer has been one of the top teams in the tourney, posting a second place finish in its first appearance in 1973 and winning five weight class championships that year. In 1974, the Falcons wound up tied for fourth place, then plummeted in the standings in 1975, winding up 13th and in the 1976 tourney, finished seventh among 17 teams. "Last years tourney was a fine one," commented Falcon coach Bill Davenport. "The wrestlebacks

were also a fine feature in the tournament." "This years team is pretty good in depth, and we have a very well balanced team," he added. "The loss of Ognibene, Pyke and Pavlock hurt us a bit but every team hurts from graduation some time or another." Pacing the Falcons will be three inexperienced freshman wrestlers — Paul Moore at 98 pounds, Dave Carlson at 105 and Mike Walker at 155. Heading the list are three seniors, Jeff Sopak 119, Eccles at 167, and Ed ElFort wrestling at Unlimited.

## Iroquois tradition a part of tournament

ELMA — Since the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament was formed in 1971, the Iroquois Chiefs, being in the first tourney which they won, have played an important part in the tradition of this tournament.

the most outstanding wrestling traditions in Western New York. Although the Chiefs have failed to duplicate the success they enjoyed in the first Salamanca tournament, they have always finished among the top half of the teams in the tournament, and as

and Climehaga are back this season for the Chiefs. "Youth is our major factor this year," commented Chief coach Dick Dechowitz. "With only four seniors on the squad this season, its going to be tough. But I know we can overcome and learn from past mistakes." The chiefs hold the national record for consecutive dual meet wins with 150, established over a 12-year period ending in 1968. Since the 1954-55 season, the year Iroquois was started as a system, the wrestling teams there have compiled an impressive 234-17-1 record, a continuing tribute to the program started by the late Milt Latimer, a well-known and highly respected figure in Western New York's Southern Tier as well as in Erie County.

In the Invitational last year, Iroquois took 10th place with 17 teams in competition. In the tourney the Chiefs had a second place winner in Mike Malay who wrestled at 128 for the Chiefs in the tourney, but lost a 2-0 decision to Kyle Grunwald of Pioneer in the final.

The consolation round found four chief wrestlers, with Scott Adams a third place winner over Mike Garvey at 147 pounds. John Hannah decisioning Dave Burstien of Williamsville North, 9-3 for fifth place, and Ron Climehaga, 177, decisioning Bruce Faulkner, 2-1 to take fifth in the tourney. Adams

and Climehaga are back this season for the Chiefs. "Youth is our major factor this year," commented Chief coach Dick Dechowitz. "With only four seniors on the squad this season, its going to be tough. But I know we can overcome and learn from past mistakes." The remainder of the Falconer line-up will include sophomore Mike Digirolamo at 98 pounds, Steve Moore, a senior at 126 pounds, junior Dale Rahr at 132, Dick Betts, a junior at 138, and Dave Walker, a senior at 177. Heavyweights Bill Soldano and Dave Johnson both are juniors and they will be vying for the spot.

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Roster			
Weight	Name	Year in School	Record
93	Bob Sluberski	Sophomore	14-1
100	Al Sluberski	Senior	11-1
107	Mike Willard	Junior	0-1
114	John Hannah	Junior	12-3
119	Mark Sly	Freshman	—
126	Ron Planter	Sophomore	6-3
132	Dan Planter	Junior	9-3-1
140	Frank Kester	Senior	8-4
147	Joe Gnojet	Senior	10-4
157	Scott Slade	Junior	11-4
169	Brad Keem	Junior	2-6-1
177	Rod Climehaga	Senior	12-3
HWT	Frank Teranova	Junior	3-3
UNL			7-5

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# Is Churchville to be a contender?

**CHURCHVILLE** — If a convincing, 32-21 win over Brockport, listed at 10th in New York State, is any indication, the Churchville-Chili wrestling team will be one to be reckoned with this weekend.

However, Churchville-Chili is currently second in their Monroe County West league to Spencerport, ranked fourth in the state, but they are breathing down their necks with a 4-1 league mark and 8-2 overall.

Coach Rufus Mansfield has his team in this seventh annual Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament that is the first one for the school where they will stay overnight.

They hosted their own tournament, with eight varsity and eight junior varsity teams, and came out on top in that one, 40 points ahead of Greece-Olympia.

Taking wins in their own tourney were Gary Peters, a sophomore at 100 pounds, currently with an 8-1

mark; Mark Wilson, a senior at 134 pounds who is now 12-0; Bob Coyne, a 179 pound junior with a 9-2-1 record; and Glenn MacIntyre, a senior at unlimited who carried a 2-1 mark.

Willson began wrestling as a freshman and has compiled a 32-4 record for the past two years. He was fifth in the Junior Nationals in Tennessee this past summer and wrestled freestyle over the summer with a 38-4 record.

While going in freestyle, the senior went against Kyle Grunwald of Pioneer three times and lost to him all three times by a total of two points as once they drew. The co-captain was also second in Section

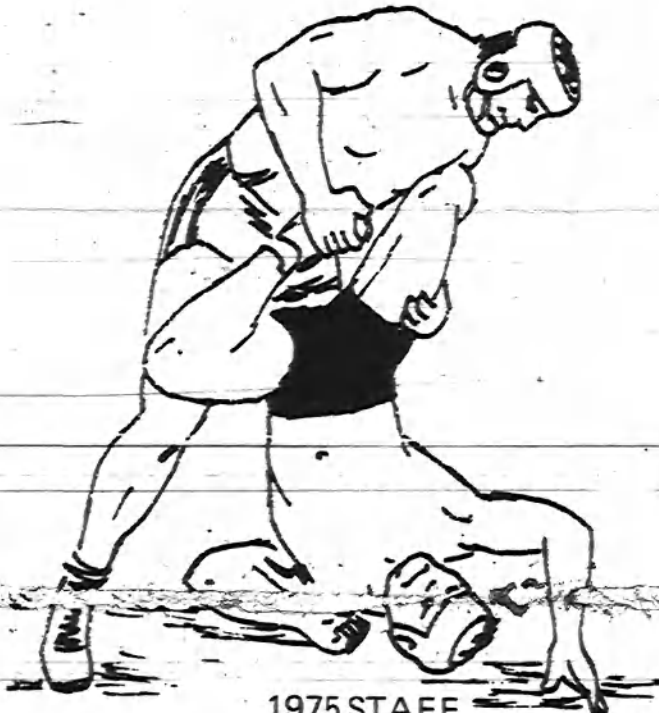
V AA competition last year.

Others with impressive statistics include: sophomore Tim Archer at 93 pounds — who was Section V AA champion with a 9-1 overall mark and 7-0 dual competition; Peters who was third in the Monroe County tournament last year; Tim Mathis, a 107 pound junior with a 2-0 mark who was JV county champ last year; Neil Thomas, a 121 pound sophomore with a 6-2 mark and was on the United States team that wrestled in South America last year; and Karl Bumbarger, a 114 pound senior who has an 8-2 record and was an all-star Monroe County Coaches selection.

The rest of the squad includes

sophomore Doug Wheeler at 169 with a 2-1 record; juniors Bill Breon at 128, Ron Huff at 140, Steve Denner at 157, Curtis Delaughter at heavyweight; and senior Nate Cole, with a 9-0 mark, at 147.

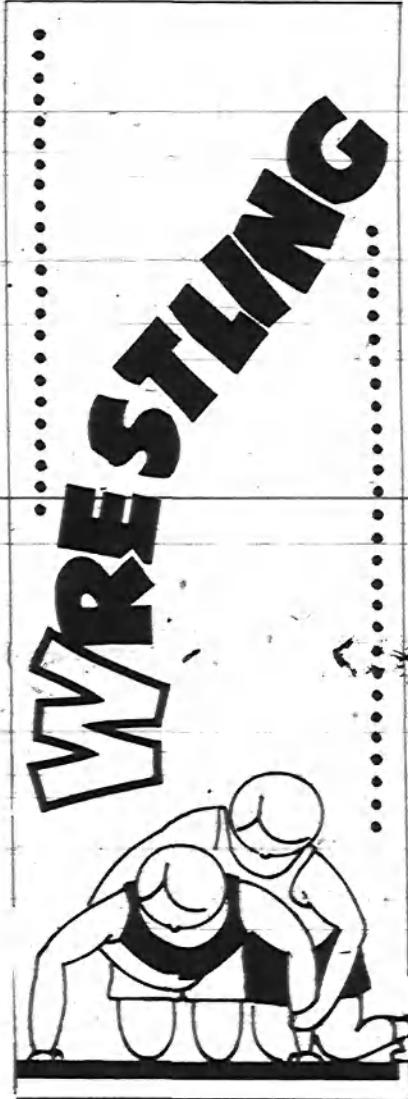
The team also had three seconds (Archer, Cole and Delaughter) in their own tournament and was second in Section V AA with a second, third, and fourth and four fifths.



1975 STAFF

### Roster

Weight	Name	Year in School	Record
93	Tim Archer	Sophomore	9-1
100	Gary Peters	Sophomore	8-1
107	Tim Mathis	Junior	2-0
114	Karl Bumbarger	Senior	8-2
121	Neil Thomas	Sophomore	6-2
128	Bill Breon	Junior	7-1-1
134	Mark Willson	Senior	12-0
140	Ron Huff	Junior	2-3
147	Nate Cole	Senior	9-0
157	Steve Denner	Junior	7-2
169	Doug Wheeler	Sophomore	2-1
179	Bob Coyne	Junior	9-2-1
HWT	Curtis Delaughter	Junior	7-4
UNL	Glenn MacIntyre		



# Xaverian comes a long way with a lot

**BROOKLYN** — Xaverian High School of Brooklyn has not had a varsity wrestling team for too many years but it has certainly taken hold this season.

The Clippers have compiled a 6-0-1 mark that included winning their own holiday tournament and a tie against Holy Trinity, ranked

second in New York State among private and parochial schools.

Joe Farnatino went to Xaverian to coach soccer but began a wrestling team two years ago that earned varsity status last year. They compete in the Nassau-Suffolk CHSSA and have to do a lot of traveling to their matches finishing at 4-14 last season.

But the tie with Holy Trinity, after being behind by 34-22, six wins, and a showing in a tournament in Virginia Beach, Virginia, have buoyed the fortunes at Xaverian.

Some of the team's leading wrestlers, according to Farnatino, are:

Frank Rivera — sophomore at 100 pounds; has record of 6-3; five of those wins have been on first period pins;

Chris Amico — senior at 114; first in his school's tournament; 6-2 record; one of those losses was to the 1975-76 state private and parochial school champ;

Rich Notarmuzi — senior at 126; undefeated in ten bouts; first in the Clipper Tournament; has not yet wrestled three full periods as all of his wins have been by pins;

Bruce Naman — senior at 132; 12-1 record; nine of his wins by pins; first in the Clipper Tournament and third at Virginia Beach where he avenged his only loss by beating the wrestler that beat him in the opening round when they met in the semi-finals;

Greg Gaglioti — sophomore at 138; 8-2 record; two of his losses were to the Little Ivy League champion in the finals of the Clipper Tournament.

Joe Mandala — junior at 155; 10-2 record; only losses were at the Virginia Beach tourney; placed first in the Clipper tourney;

Jim Reinhardt — senior at heavyweight; 12-1 record; only loss was in the finals at Virginia Beach; ten of his 12 victories have been by pins; first in the Clipper tourney and second at Virginia Beach.

Others include freshmen John Egitto at 93 pounds and Joe Nicotra

at 107; sophomores Frank Azzarelo at 121 and Dean Colucci at 167; and seniors Tom Tafone at 147, Gerry McHugh at 179 and Mike Doherty at unlimited.

### Roster

Weight	Name	Year in School	Record
93	John Egitto	Freshman	0-2
100	Frank Rivera	Sophomore	6-3
107	Joe Nicotra	Freshman	0-2
114	Chris Amico	Senior	6-2
121	Frank Azzarelo	Sophomore	1-2
128	Rich Notarmuzi	Senior	10-0
134	Bruce Noman	Senior	12-1
140	Greg Gaglioti	Sophomore	8-2
147	Tom Tafone	Senior	5-2
157	Joe Mandala	Junior	10-2
169	Dan Colucci	Sophomore	4-1
179	Gerry McHugh	Senior	5-2
HWT	Jim Reinhardt	Senior	6-4
UNL	Mike Doherty	Senior	12-1



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# Warsaw a young and eager team

WARSAW — Six juniors from what could be a young Warsaw team that enters the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament for their fourth try at it.

What it means is that the team is young but is very eager to wrestle. Last year's Warsaw team that

entered the Tournament consisted of nine seniors, only one junior and three sophomores. This year's squad has only two wrestlers back that were on the starting team when they entered the Invitational tournament—Paul Schell who was at 100 last season

but is at 114 this year, and Mitch Hiller at 134. He wrestled at 121 in last year's tournament.

The Tigers are sporting a record so far this season of 4-2 in dual competition but lost the Churchville-Chilli tournament, finishing in last place with eight teams in competition.

Pacing the Tigers in this year's Salamanca tournament will be four hopefuls. They are Schell at 114, Allen Goodenow at 121, Paul

Ryce 128, and Mich Hiller wrestling at 134.

Graduation losses from the team from last year are Mik Fuller, Warren Bush and Vern Price. Price was a tourney winner at 169 who is replaced by Tim Ryce, a sophomore in his first year starting. Two seasons ago, Price made a strong first round showing but wound up losing in the second round of the tourney to Dunkirk's

Dennis Long, the eventual tourney champ.

Price was a second place finisher in the Salamanca Tournament, along with first place finisher Mike Fuller at 114, who decisioned Dave Crean of Olean. Bush pinned Terry Miller of Portville in overtime after both had finished in a 4-4 tie at the end of regulation. Finally, John Patt who was a junior last season, decisioned Falconer's Rich Pavlock, 8-0.

"We have a young team," commented first year coach Ed Bulgin. "We're getting better and better every time we step on the mat. I hope we have a few boys that can place in the tournament. Its going to be a good tournament and I am looking forward to it."

Ones coach Bulgin hopes to see place are Allen Goodenow at 121; who is the captain of the Tigers this year, Paul Ryce at 128, and Hiller at 134.

Warsaw competes in the Livingston County wrestling Conference as they are 4-2 on the season.

Rounding out this year's Tiger team are Todd Burger, a freshman at 93 pounds; Steve Chen at 100, also a freshman; Jeff Tucker at 107; and Rich Davis, Timmes,

and at 169; and Jeff Hackemer at heavyweight. Jeff is the younger brother of last years senior werestler Glenn Hackemer, who was a 134 pounder. Juniors included in the squad are Kevin Hopkins at 140 and Mike Donahue at 179.

Warsaw, compared to last year, was experienced, but now has to look to the youth which may, in the long run, prove either a plus or a minus for the young but eager Tigers in this years tourney.

heavyweight; juniors Pete Hainey at 128, Steve Orman at 132, Jon Erwin at 179; and seniors Rick Kemp at 147, Gary Pascalar at 169 and Nick Orlando at unlimited.

"We have our own tournament," said DeBadts, "but it is not as tough as Salamanca's. This is the biggest one we have ever gone to. We are looking forward to it and because of Shawn, we will be staying overnight at the homes of the Salamanca wrestlers."

Rounding out the Geneseo lineup with be two eighth graders, Dana Richard at 91 pounds and Rob DiFranco at 98; freshmen Paul Richard at 114 and Don Carman at 121; sophomore Chris Sica at



ALLEN GOODENOW  
Warsaw captain at 121 pounds



PAUL ROYCE  
Junior at 128 pounds

### Roster

Weight	Name	Year in School	Record
93	Todd Burger	Freshman	3-3-1
100	Steve Chen	Freshman	5-3
107	Jeff Tucker	Sophomore	3-5
114	Paul Schell	Junior	3-0
121	Allen Goodenow	Junior	8-3
128	Paul Royce	Junior	3-5
134	Mitch Hiller	Junior	7-0
140	Kevin Hopkins	Junior	5-2
147	Rich Davis	Sophomore	5-2-1
157	Tom Salomone	Senior	3-5
169	Tim Royce	Sophomore	3-2
179	Mike Donahue	Junior	3-5
HWT	Jeff Hackemer	Sophomore	2-5
UNL			

# Geneseo here for friendly reunion

### Roster

Weight	Name	Year in School	Record
93	Dana Richard	Eighth Grade	7-6-1
100	Rob DiFranco	Eighth Grade	0-0
109	Kevin Richard	Junior	13-0
114	Paul Richard	Freshman	10-5
121	Don Carman	Freshman	0-6
128	Pete Hainey	Junior	9-5
132	Steve Orman	Junior	2-7
140	Shawn Hughes	Junior	9-4-1
147	Rick Kemp	Senior	9-4-1
157	Jon Gay	Senior	11-4
169	Gary Pascalar	Senior	10-4
179	Jon Erwin	Junior	2-7
HWT	Chris Sica	Sophomore	9-5
UNL	Nick Orlando	Senior	4-6

GENESEO — It will be a reunion of sorts as the Blue Devils of Geneseo participate for the first time in the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

Geneseo coach Don DeBadts heard about the tournament from Robert F. Hughes, a former principal at Jefferson St. school, and got in touch with Tournament Director George Whitcher to become one of the 21 teams.

Also, Hughes' son, Shawn, was a manager of the Salamanca wrestling team as an eighth grader and now will be coming back to renew acquaintances with the Warrior wrestlers, although now, Shawn is a junior and competes in the 140 pound class.

The Blue Devils, 7-1 on the

season, have their own wrestling tournament which includes 16 teams. They won this year and took an individual championship with Kevin Richard at 107 pounds.

The junior is undefeated this season and is the defending Class B and Section V champ. He has been wrestling since he was a freshman and was the runner-up at 91 pounds in last year's state qualifier.

Jon Gay, a senior, has lost just two matches this season at 157 pounds.

Geneseo competes in the Livingston County Conference League and has lost only to LeRoy in the league. The Blue Devils, a Class B school, have had to compete with Warsaw, a Class A school, and York, a Class B school, which both won Section V titles last season.

Rounding out the Geneseo lineup with be two eighth graders, Dana Richard at 91 pounds and Rob DiFranco at 98; freshmen Paul Richard at 114 and Don Carman at 121; sophomore Chris Sica at

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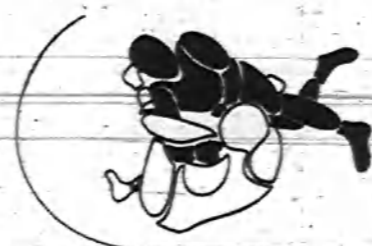
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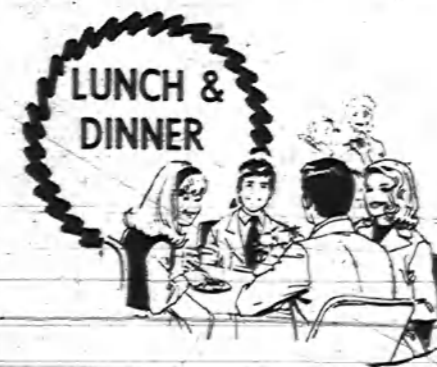
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# Allegheny will be testing its strength

ALLEGANY — Just a short ride east on Route 17, Allegheny Central School has found it easy to travel as this will mark the seventh straight appearance for the Blue Devils in the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

They were one of the eight original teams when the tourney began in 1971 and have continued,

along with Iroquois, Olean and the hosts, to make this invitational one of the most prestigious in New York State.

Allegheny this season has lost a dual meet—to Wellsville—and has taken a second at the Tri-County Wrestling Tournament in Cuba and a fourth at the Falconer Tournament.

The Blue Devils advanced seven wrestlers into the final at Cuba, taking five firsts, and placed four into the Falconer finals, taking three firsts.

Most of the wrestlers have competed in the Salamanca tournament before and four of them who bring good credentials into it are Jay Nannen, Larry Crisafulli, Jeff Crisafulli and Jeff Waxel.

Nannen, who lost in the finals at Falconer, is a senior at 132 pounds; Larry Crisafulli is another senior

at 138 pounds; Waxel, also a senior, goes at 167 pounds; and Jeff Crisafulli is a junior at 155 pounds.

Three are coming into the tournament with just one loss and one, Bruce Faulkner, a senior at 177 pounds, is undefeated with 12 straight wins. The team, as of this writing, has two more meets before the invitational.

"The team is doing alright," said third year coach Bob Karl, "but the older ones, more or less, are carrying the team. We are stronger in the higher weights and do not have wrestlers at 93 or 107 pounds."

The rest of the Blue Devil lineup includes freshmen Jeff Scacchi at 98 pounds and Steve Keim at 119; sophomore Eric Nannen at 112; juniors Brad Nannen at 126 and Jeff Crisafulli at 155.

Seniors are Jay Nannen at 132,

Larry Crisafulli at 138, Jim Lennon at 145, Waxel at 155, Faulkner at 177 and Jon Barrett at heavyweight.

"This is always the toughest tournament in the area," said

Karl. "It is definitely a 'Class A' tournament. The kids are going to find out how tough they really are as they will be going against those who will compete later in the state qualifier."



## Portville moves up year after year

PORTVILLE — Some wrestling coaches might be satisfied with just two losses over the course of a season, but Portville is an exception.

Coach Sturdevant said that last season his team finished with its worst season in a number of years

as the Panthers lost twice. They have already equaled that loss figure this year but have seven wins on the plus side.

"We have always had a pretty good team," said Sturdevant. "There are only two schools smaller than us in the field while the rest are our size or bigger."

Portville entered its first Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament in 1972 and tied with Pioneer for the top spot in what turned out to be the closest tournament finish.

Since then, the Panthers have finished tenth twice, eighth in 1975 and a strong fifth last year, just one point behind fourth place Maple Grove.

Last year, Terry Miller was the only Panther to advance to the finals but he made a strong showing, losing in overtime to Warren Bush of Warsaw after the two had tied at 4-4 in regulation time.

Miller, a senior at 155 pounds, was third in the sectionals last year and is currently undefeated this season, riding at 12-0.

Mike Haberberger, another senior, at 167 pounds, lost his first match this season but since has won ten in a row. Brad Bretzin, a co-captain along with Miller and Haberberger, has an 8-3 mark and is also one of the wrestlers that Sturdevant figures to do well.

The rest of the team consists of eight grader Dave Gleason at 91 pounds; freshman Todd Sherry at 98; sophomores Norm Grabbit at 105, Steve Blue at 112 and Mark Jaekle at 145; juniors Randy Williams at 119, Mike Faulkner at 126, Stacy Sherman at 132 and Rick Burdick at heavyweight; and senior Jerry Newburg at 138.

### Roster

Weight	Name	Year in School	Record
93			---
100	Jeff Scacchi	Freshman	9-5
107			---
114	Eric Nannen	Sophomore	---
121	Steve Keim	Freshman	---
128	Brad Nannen	Junior	---
134	Jay Nannen	Senior	12-1
140	Larry Crisafulli	Senior	8-2
147	Jim Lennon	Senior	12-1
157	Jeff Crisafulli	Junior	12-1
169	Jeff Waxel	Senior	13-0
179	Bruce Faulkner	Senior	---
HWT	Jon Barrett	Senior	---

### Roster

Weight	Name	Year in School
93	Dave Gleason	Eighth Grade
100	Todd Sherry	Freshman
107	Norm Grabbit	Sophomore
114	Steve Blue	Sophomore
121	Randy Williams	Junior
128	Mike Faulkner	Junior
134	Stacy Sherman	Junior
140	Jerry Newburg	Senior
147	Mark Jaekle	Sophomore
157	Terry Miller	Senior
169	Mike Haberberger	Senior
179	Brad Bretzin	Senior
HWT	Rick Burdick	Junior
UNL		

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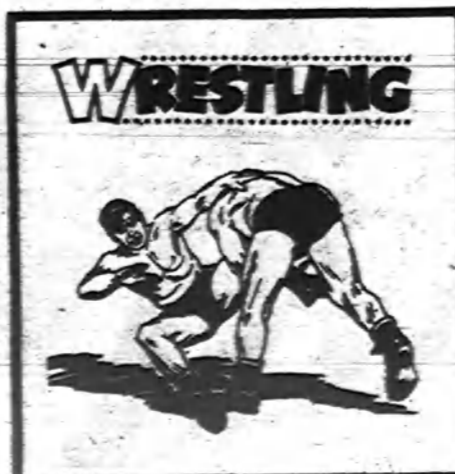
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# Sweet Home moving up in standings

AMHERST — If past performances hold true, Sweet Home should finish better than eighth place in this, its third straight Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

Two years ago, Sweet Home finished ninth, a point and a-half behind eighth place Southwestern and only seven points away from sixth place while claiming one runner-up berth in the tourney.

Last year, the Panthers placed one better at eighth just five points behind seventh place Falconer.

The Panthers have compiled a 6-1 mark under coach Joe Shifflet and have one undefeated wrestler while four have just one loss. The unbeaten wrestler is junior John McHugh at 100 pounds who was second in last year's sectional qualifier at 94 pounds and this year, won in the Sweet Home and Amherst tournaments.

Those with one loss are:

Junior Paul Reed at 128 pounds—sectional champ at 128 last year; won in Amherst; second in the Sweet Home tourney; record of 10-1;

Senior and co-captain Calvin Crippen at 140 — sectional champ last year and second at Sweet Home; 6-1 record; Co-captain and senior Craig Tolnay at 147 — second in last year's sectionals;

won at Amherst; placed second at Sweet Home in losing to Chris Leichtweis of Olean; 9-1-1 mark;

Junior Bob Voegel at 157 — 9-3-1 mark; placed second in the Amherst tourney.

Senior Chris McNamara (5-6) at heavyweight, compiled a 20-9 record last year in that weight class and was second at Amherst; junior Cedric Hinton (9-4) at 179, took a second at Amherst; and senior Frank Rubino, at unlimited, won at Amherst.

Rounding out the squad are eighth grader Pete Rao at 93 pounds (second at Amherst);

freshman Meltzer Wilkins at 107; junior Kevin Gallagher at 114; either sophomore Ed Ruffin or junior Darryl McClemmon at 121; junior Larry Pike (11-3 mark) at 134; and sophomore Dennis McNamara (10-2 record) at 169.

"We are really looking forward to the Salamanca tournament," said Shifflet. "There will be a lot of good wrestling and good competition for the kids and it gives them excellent experience against someone they have not wrestled this year. It is a well organized tournament and George Whitcher does a fantastic job."

## Medina Mustangs rebuilding

Roster			
Weight	Name	Year in School	Record
93	Charles Morley	Junior	10-2-1
102	Mike Morley	Freshman	2-2
107	Jeff Winans	Sophomore	3-8
114	Tony Dunkentell	Freshman	2-2
121	Kurt Rosentreter	Sophomore	11-3
126	Tim Brown	Freshman	0-9
134	Mike Cardone	Senior	8-3-1
140			
147	David Dean	Junior	5-7
157	Scott Crandall	Senior	5-8-1
167	Bob Balschnieter	Sophomore	
177	Steve Pettine	Sophomore	2-5
HWT	Karl Barna	Junior	1-1
UNL			

MEDINA — First year coach Mike Crandall faces a rebuilding year this season as his Medina Mustangs prepare for their fourth straight appearance in the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

"We are in a rebuilding year," said Crandall. "We lost some from last year but I am pleased so far with the results. We have a tough schedule in the Niagara-Orleans League with such teams as Spencerport, Irondequoit, and also Cortville. "But our league looks pretty tame after we compete in this Salamanca tournament," he added. "We are currently 2-6 and missed two matches last week because of the school closings."

The Mustangs were seeded third in the Sweet Home Tournament and had two wrestlers place in it. Senior captain Mike Cardone, currently sporting an 8-3-1 mark, took sixth at 134 pounds while junior Charles Morley placed second at 91 pounds and comes into this weekend's action with an 10-2-1 record.

Also back with the team is sophomore Kurt Rosentreter, 11-3, who was a sectional champion at 119 pounds last year.

Last year, Medina finished 11th out of 17 teams in the invitational, down from a strong fifth place showing in 1975, also among 21 teams, as they were less than ten points away from third place. The first year saw the Mustangs finish 11th, winding up only ten points away from the upper division.

Rounding out the Medina squad is senior Scott Crandall at 155 pounds; juniors David Dean at 145 and Karl Barna at heavyweight; sophomores Jeff Winans at 105, Bob Balschnieter at 167 and Steve Pettine at 177; and freshmen Mike Morley at 100, Tracy Dunkentell at 112 and Tim Brown at 126.

Medina does not have wrestlers at 140 pounds or unlimited.

Roster			
Weight	Name	Year in School	Record
93	Pete Rao	Eighth Grade	6-3
100	John McHugh	Junior	13-0
107	Meltzer Wilkins	Freshman	5-4
114	Kevin Gallagher	Junior	5-3
121	Ed Ruffin	Sophomore	2-3
	or		
	Darryl McClemmon	Junior	0-0
128	Paul Reed	Junior	10-1
134	Larry Pike	Junior	11-3
140	Calvin Crippen	Senior	6-1
147	Bob Vogel	Junior	9-1-1
157	Bob Vogel	Junior	9-3-1
169	Dennis McNamara	Sophomore	0-2
179	Cedric Hinton	Junior	9-4
HWT	Chris McNamara	Senior	5-6
UNL	Frank Rubino	Senior	4-4

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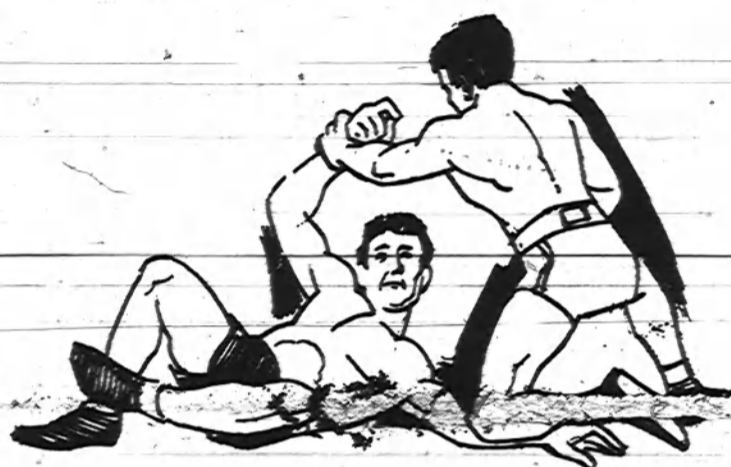
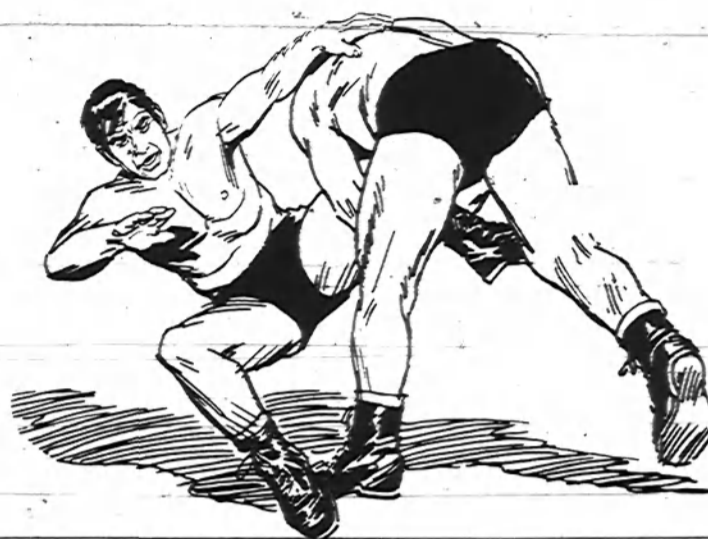
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pounder Doug Keenen, 128 pounder Rogers, winning his second crown, 134 pounder Doug Tingué, and Devin, claiming the 147 pound title for his second crown.

Olean's Shahean Simon won the 179 pound title, while other winners include Medina's Tim Feltz, at 90 pounds, Maple Grove's Seth Becker at 107, Williamsville North's Vince Stirling at 114, Frontier's Gene Tundo at 140, Dunkirk's Dennis Long at 169, Lake Shore's Paul Stebbins at heavyweight, and Medina's Ron Taylor at unlimited.

Last year was a record-breaker of sorts as Olean finally made it to the top, besting Pioneer by ten and a-half points. The Olean Huskies had been close for several years and finally came through with a convincing victory.

While the tradition of Pioneer winning was broken, another one was carried on as Frontier's Dave Tundo was voted the winner of the 1976 Outstanding Wrestler Award by the coaches.

His victory at 121 pounds, over previously unbeaten Steve Tripodi of Olean, was the third for a Tundo and the second time an outstanding wrestler award was won by one.

Pioneer, for the third straight year, had the edge in the championships as four of the Panthers finished first. Olean had two individual winners.

The Huskies however, advanced seven wrestlers to the finals while Pioneer advanced five. Going down through sixth place, Olean finished with a one point edge, getting 90 points on the two firsts, five seconds and three thirds.

Olean finished with a total of 179½ points while Pioneer had 169. Third was Warsaw with 113½ points.

The championship round saw the first overtime bout since 1973 and only the third in the tournament's history as Warsaw's Warren Bush pinned Portville's Terry Miller for the 147 pound title, leaving Miller a runner-up for the second straight year.



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# Warriors young and inexperienced

A young team that has gotten its share of ups and downs so far this season marks the Salamanca Warriors as, for the seventh time, they take the task of being the host team in one of the toughest wrestling tournaments in Western New York State, the Salamanca Invitational.

The Warriors have been both up and down in their own tourney although they have never won it. Twice, they finished as high as third and twice they have finished just off the bottom.

Two years ago, Salamanca finished 19th out of 21 teams and then took a 14th last year out of 17 competing teams. This weekend, the tournament equals its highest field ever with 21 schools participating.

Iroquois was the initial winner in 1971 when the tournament began with eight teams. The next year, Portville and Pioneer tied for the top spot but the next three years saw Pioneer walk away with the title each time. Olean finally broke the stranglehold with a 10-point victory over Pioneer last year.

"We do have a very young squad with a lot of inexperience but all are improving," said Salamanca coach Darryl Reynolds, "and they can gain a lot more experience and knowledge from a tournament of this size and caliber."

"But being the host team is a real challenge," he went on, "and I know the team takes a lot of pride in hosting it and it definitely is a help to our own program because of the publicity it receives and the kind of wrestling that is done here."

"With this year's team," he continued, "it is going to be awfully tough but I think at least two of our wrestlers have a strong chance at placing in the tournament."

Those two, both freshmen, are Mike LoPresto at 107 pounds and Pete Lee at unlimited.

LoPresto enters competition with a 7-3 mark as he picked up four of those wins last weekend in the Maryvale Tournament in Cheektowaga. He was seeded fifth at Maryvale and immediately pulled off an upset in his first match as he won a 9-8 overtime decision against Corsi of Dunkirk who was a sectional champ last year.

LoPresto won another bout to advance to the semi-finals but lost his first match there. In the consolations, he won both of his matches by decisions to take third place.

Lee, now with a 10-3 record, was seeded second at Maryvale and took his first match with an 11-0 decision over Bill Holovics of North Tonawanda as the Warrior dominated.

From there, Lee recorded a pin in the semi-finals and then lost to John Lally of Clarence in the finals to take secondplace. Lally, well over six feet tall, is the top ranked wrestler at unlimited in Western New York, was the defending Maryvale champ and also won in the Sweet Home tourney.

"Both have real good shots," said Reynolds. "Lee has been improving since the Southern Tier Invitational when he was beaten. LoPresto also has gained quite a bit of experience, as his record shows."

Salamanca is fielding just 12 wrestlers as they do not have

entries at 100 pounds or heavyweight. Part of that is due to an early season injury to Marty Redeye but he is expected to be back on the team at unlimited towards the end of the season. George Bryant, also on the injury list, won two of his three decisions, one by a pin, as he would be the Warriors' entry at 100.

So Reynolds and assistant coach Regis Vail have had to do a lot of substituting and they presently have six freshmen, four sophomores and two juniors in the lineup.

The rest of the freshmen include Dave Brewer at 93 pounds with a 1-4 record, Todd Bullers at 128 with an 0-6 mark, Mike Budzinski at 140 and sporting an 0-4 slate and Dan Ciolek at 169 with a 2-6 record.

Sophomores are Randy Dry at 114 and 1-5-1, Andy Muzi at 121 and 1-4, Rick Smith at 134 and 2-4 and Bud Herrick at 179 at 1-7.

The two juniors are Doug Taylor at 147 and a 1-7 mark and Joe Feichter at 157 with an 0-2 record.

The youth of the Warrior team makes it difficult as most are in their first year of varsity competition and have been going against those who are seniors and juniors, some looking for two or three years.

"These ninth graders are gaining experience going against juniors and seniors," said Reynolds. "This is a tough year for most of them and they will have to learn not to get discouraged. They do have a better attitude than last



**WARRIOR WRESTLERS** — Members of the 1976-77 Salamanca Warrior wrestling team are, front row from left, Darryl Bowles, Andy Muzi, Randy Dry, Mike LoPresto, Dave Brewer, Dale Colton, Todd Bullers; second row, Ned Watson, Dave Phearsdorf, Lance

Oakes, Todd Dry, Chris LoPresto, Jamie Reynolds, George Bryant, Bill Waite, George Metzler; back row, Marty Redeye, Mike Budzinski, Dan Ciolek, Joe Feichter, Rick Smith, Doug Taylor, Bud Herrick, Pete Lee. (Press Staff Photo)

year's and have been doing a good job for being so young."

Salamanca opened its schedule with wins over Fredonia and Gowanda but then have lost meets to Cassadaga Valley, Eisenhower, Bradford, Southwestern and Jamestown.

**ROSTER**

Weight	Name	Year in School	Record
93	Dave Brewer	Freshman	1-4
100			
107	Mike LoPresto	Freshman	7-3
114	Randy Dry	Sophomore	1-5-1
121	Andy Muzi	Sophomore	1-4
128	Todd Bullers	Freshman	0-6
134	Rick Smith	Sophomore	2-4
140	Mike Budzinski	Freshman	0-4
147	Doug Taylor	Junior	1-7
157	Joe Feichter	Junior	0-2
169	Dan Ciolek	Freshman	2-6
179	Bud Herrick	Sophomore	1-7
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UNL	Pete Lee	Freshman	10-3

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