

Seven team tourney underway at high school

The Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament is down to seven teams but the quality of competition is superior as three of the squads bring undefeated records to the tourney.

The scheduled two-day tournament has been cut to one day as action got underway at noon today. The consolations will begin at 6:30 p.m. today with the finals at 8 p.m. at the high school.

The field was cut drastically from its original number of 21 teams down to seven as the blizzard, school closings, and gas shortage forced many to cancel out or just give up entirely in trying to make it down to the Southern Tier.

Several high schools from Buffalo began the trip to Salamanca yesterday but had to turn back and attempt to make the return trip. One in particular, Sweet Home, made it 12 miles from the school but then had to stop and seek shelter at a shopping mall as they could not return the short distance home.

Tournament Director George Whitcher said this morning that Falconer made the trip today and Portville is trying to get a contingent of wrestlers together to make the short trip.

They will join Xaverian, Olean, Pioneer, Maple Grove and the hosts, Salamanca, for the abbreviated tournament.

Xaverian of Brooklyn arrived in Salamanca Thursday while Olean, Pioneer and Maple Grove arrived Friday.

Olean comes into competition with a string of consecutive wins approaching 30 while Pioneer is nearing the 60 in a row mark. Xaverian is the other undefeated team as they have won ten while tying just one.

Some changes are to be made in the tourney as Whitcher said the scoring will only be to four places in each weight class. But the wrestlebacks will still be used and Whitcher has set up a schedule so that each wrestler will have at least two bouts.

"The finals are going to be super," said Whitcher. "Salamanca is the only team with a losing record while three are undefeated and one (Maple Grove) has just one loss (to Olean). The individual wrestlers that are here include some of the finest around and many of them are undefeated."

School officials had originally intended to call off the tournament

entirely yesterday but some schools had already begun making the trip here and could not be reached. Whitcher spent quite a bit of Friday afternoon on the phone trying to contact the schools but telephone service was so bad that, when trying to call Buffalo, a dial tone could not even be gotten.

Friday morning, school officials switched one furnace from natural gas to oil, with the approval of National Fuel Gas. The furnace had not been used on oil in three years but it successfully switched over and is sufficient to heat the gym and surrounding areas.

Conklin sets league record in B&O bowling

Clair Conklin led O'Laughlin's Garage to a sweep as they trail My Brother's Lounge by one and one-half points in the B&O Bowling league at Central Lanes.

Conklin rolled a 278 game to set a league record as he finished with seven



SALAMANCA HOSTS — These Salamanca wrestlers are hosting the seventh annual Invitational Wrestling Tournament that begins today at the high school with seven teams. Warrior squad members are, front 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; and back row, Marty Redeye, Mike Budzinski, Dan Ciolek, Joe Feichter, Rick Smith, Doug Taylor, Bud Herrick and Pete Lee. (Press Staff Photo)

Fazekas, limping, dooms Arizona

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Arizona's Herman Harris, the leading scorer in the Western Athletic

Star forward Marques Johnson scored 26 points, shooting 12-for-18 from