

# Tourney has become the best in WNY

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Press Sports Editor

The premier wrestling tournament in Western New York.

That pretty much sums up the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

After starting as an eight team tournament six years ago, the Salamanca tournament has steadily grown in both size and stature, and in the past several years, coaches have been unanimous in proclaiming it THE top tournament in Western New York.

The only comparable tournament, coaches agree, is the state qualifier tournament, a tournament usually filled with wrestlers who competed in the Salamanca tournament, wrestlers who often find themselves competing for a state berth against an opponent they met in the championship round of the

Salamanca tournament.

Now in its sixth year, the Salamanca Invitational field has some of the most respected names in wrestling, both individual and team, and so prestigious has it become that there is a sizeable list of candidates waiting to jump at an invitation to the tourney.

After reaching an all time high of 21 teams last year, this year's tourney field has been reduced to 17 teams, yet the caliber has not changed. The top ten teams in each of the last three years will be back in this year's tournament, and indeed, of the 17 teams in this year's field, 15 are the teams that finished in the top 15 spots in last year's tournament.

In this year's tournament field will be winners of six of the eight Section VI divisional titles last year. Teams in the field have a total of seven tournament championships already this season, plus

countless numbers of high tournament finishes.

Beyond the top ranked schools competing in the tourney, there have also been a number of top ranked individuals. Each year, the tournament has sent at least two wrestlers to the state tournament, and since the expansion of the tourney in 1972, the minimum has skyrocketed to five, with the state meet at one time having a total of 12 wrestlers competing who had competed in the Salamanca tournament.

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, Gowanda 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, at 100 pounds, and Don Hintz, at 114, while the remaining winners included Salamanca's Gary Milnaowski, 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 with 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, Drasgow, the tourney's first twotime winner, at 157, Peru's Don Duprey at 169, and Jamestown's Gary Sorenson 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 106 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 was joined by Arnold, a 107 pound champ winning for the second time, and Keith Stearns, at 140 pounds.

Falconer has 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.



GEORGE WHITCHER  
Tournament director

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

Olean's Shahean Simon won the 179 pound title, while other winners included Medina's Tim Feitz, 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.

That new teams seek a berth in the tournament each year, adding even further prestige to an event, already known for its excellence, remains a strong tribute to the tournament. Peru coach Stan Riggs, after traveling 400 miles with his squad in 1972, termed both the caliber of the wrestlers and the caliber of the tournament 'outstanding'. Although the history of the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament is relatively short in years, it has become deep in a tradition of excellence.

An editorial:

## Welcome to wrestlers and to wrestling fans

The Salamanca Republican-Press again this year is publishing this special section in connection with the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament. Our aim is two-fold—to provide much-deserved recognition to the schoolboy athletes who are taking part, and to increase the understanding and enjoyment of the spectators at this outstanding event.

And the Salamanca Invitational is truly outstanding. In the six years since it was established, it has developed into the top scholastic wrestling tournament in all of Western New York.

Competing in this year's tournament are 200-250 wrestlers from 17 teams. The seventeen include the top ten teams from each of the last three Salamanca tournaments. Two of the teams are ranked among the Top Ten in high school wrestling in the whole of New York State. The caliber of the competition is terrific.

Wrestlers and coaches, fans and spectators—you all are welcomed to the tournament and to the community.

Latham B. Weber  
Editor and Publisher

## Salamanca High School proud to host tournament

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

In six 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 this year's addition of wrestlebacks is 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

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# What you see and how to score it

To the uninitiated, watching a wrestling match may be somewhat confusing. Two wrestlers wind up faced with the prospect of competing against each other. They walk out on the mat, and, when the referee blows his whistle, they come together and start rolling around for two minutes. If no pin is recorded, one gets on his hands and knees, the other gets on top of him and the process is repeated for another two minutes. If still no pin is recorded, they go back out to the center of the mat, switch positions and go at it for two more minutes. At the end of that time, both wrestlers stand up and shake hands. The referee holds the arm of one of the two up, declaring him the winner, and the two walk off.

In the simplest sense, that's really all there is to it. That, of course, does not take into consideration the long hours spent by each wrestler in training. The training starts with conditioning and dieting to arrive at the lowest possible weight that will at the same time maximize the strength and skill of the wrestler.

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 best wrestlers in each weight class and to place them in opposite brackets so that the two best wrestlers will theoretically meet for the weight class championship. With each win, the wrestler advances to the next bracket. Because wrestlebacks have been added to the Salamanca tournament this year, seeding will be done by tourney director George Whitcher.

Once on the mat, the wrestlers come forward from the corner, get instructions from the referee and shake hands. The referee then blows his whistle and signals 'wrestle.' Each wrestler then attempts to gain control of the other by getting behind him or on top of him and bringing him to the mat. This is called a takedown, and when a wrestler succeeds in taking down his opponent, he is awarded two points.

A takedown is also awarded any time during the match when a wrestler gains that advantage from a standing, or neutral position. A neutral position is signaled by the referee by holding his arms straight out from his body.

Once on the mat, the defensive wrestler, the wrestler on the bottom, attempts either to escape to neutral position or to reverse his position by getting on top of or behind his opponent. An escape earns a wrestler one point while a reversal is worth two points.

The offensive wrestler, usually the wrestler on top, is at the same time attempting to stay on top and to get a hold with which he can hold his opponent's shoulders to the mat for two seconds. Should he succeed, he is credited with a pin, or a fall, and the match is ended. A fall is signaled by the referee by slapping his hand to the mat and blowing his whistle.

The offensive wrestler can also score on a two-point near fall, or a predicament, in which he gets his opponent's shoulders to or near the mat, but not long enough for a fall. A three-point near fall is awarded when a wrestler puts his opponent on his back for longer than two seconds but fails to record a pin.

If neither wrestler has scored a pin in the first period, the wrestlers start the second period from the referee's position. Choice of position in tournaments is decided by the toss of a coin, with the winner choosing either up or down. In the referee's position, the bottom wrestler assumes a stance on hands and knees in the center of the mat. The top wrestler then places one hand on the bottom man's elbow and the other around his waist. Upon the referee's signal, they begin to wrestle. The third period starts with the positions of the second period reversed.

If at any time during the match the match is stopped (if the wrestlers go out of bounds, to attend an injury or to stop a potentially dangerous hold), the wrestlers resume from the referee's position, with the wrestler having the advantage at the time the match was stopped assuming the top position. If the match is stopped while the wrestlers are in a neutral position, they remain in a neutral position when the match is resumed.

Points are also awarded for stalling at the discretion of the referee. A wrestler is charged with stalling if he has a position of advantage and fails to make an honest attempt to secure a fall or for continually backing away in the standing position. If a wrestler is in a defensive position, he can be charged with stalling if he makes no effort to escape or to free himself from a non-pinning hold. A wrestler is usually warned for stalling prior to the awarding

of a point. Illegal holds also result in the awarding of a point to the opponent of the wrestler charged with the hold.

Stalling and illegal holds are both technical violations and points are awarded to the opponent on a basis of one for each of the first two violations and two for the third and fourth violations. A fifth violation results in the disqualification of the wrestler.

Matches are also stopped to attend to injuries sustained by either of the wrestlers on the mat. In case of bleeding, the wrestler is allowed the time necessary to stop the flow of blood. In the case of other injuries, each wrestler is allowed three minutes time, cumulative, to attend to it. If the wrestler uses more time than the three minutes allowed, he is disqualified and his opponent is awarded the match by default. A default is scored as a pin.

## INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Takedown	2 points
Escape	1 point
Reversal	2 points
Near fall	3 points
Predicament	2 points
Illegal hold	1 or 2 points to offended wrestler
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 point
First place	12 points
Second place	9 points
Third place	7 points
Fourth place	5 points
Fifth place	3 points
Sixth place	1 point

In addition to the individual points scored in a match, team points are also kept.

In a tournament with wrestlebacks, such as this year's Salamanca tourney, two sets of advancement points are awarded. For wrestlers advancing in the upper bracket, those wrestlers who continue unbeaten, each win through the semifinal round earns two advancement points, which are

added to the team score. There is no advancement in the final round.

In the lower bracket, the wrestlebacks, each victory through the bouts for fifth and third places, the final and consolation bouts in the wrestlebacks, is worth one advancement point.

For wrestlers drawing a bye in either bracket, advancement points are awarded if the wrestler wins the match following the bye. Thus a wrestler getting a bye in the preliminary round will earn two advancement points if he wins in the quarterfinal round, thereby eliminating any penalty for a seeded wrestler getting a first round bye by virtue of his record.

Wrestlers scoring pins receive two team points for each pin in either bracket, with superior decisions, decisions by a margin of 12 or more points, receiving one point, and major decisions, decisions by a margin of from eight to 11 points, receiving one-half point in team scoring.

With the wrestlebacks, points are awarded through six places, with the sixth place finisher receiving one point for his team, the fifth place wrestler three points, the fourth place wrestler five points, third place seven points, second place nine points, and first place 12 points.

Place points are awarded as they are determined, meaning that each wrestler who wins in the quarterfinals receives one team point because no worse than a sixth place finish is guaranteed. Semifinal winners receive an additional eight place points, with the champion receiving three more place points. In the lower bracket, the quarterfinal winners each receive one point, the semifinal winners four points, and the winners of the third place and fifth place bouts two points.

Scores will be kept at each mat table for the matches on the mat, with the pairings updated as soon as possible after each match. In addition, team points will be updated immediately after each match is concluded, with the team points projected on the wall as soon as the tournament director receives the ballots from the referee.

## Rogers allowed fewest points

Pioneer's Dale Rogers, 128 pound champion in the 1975 Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament gave up the fewest points in last year's tourney, allowing only a two point reversal in four bouts. Rogers scored three decisions and a pin in winning the title.

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# Pioneer seeking fifth straight crown

**YORKSHIRE** — In making the team awards following last season's Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament, tourney director George Whitcher quipped, "And the winner of the 1975 Dick Post Invitational, uh, make that Salamanca Invitational, is Pioneer."

While Whitcher's quip was made in jest, it held more than a little bit of truth.

Seldom has any one team shown such total dominance in a tournament field as has Pioneer in the Salamanca Invitational tourney, despite the fact that the Salamanca tourney features probably the most outstanding field in Western New York, and that the wrestlers who compete in the Salamanca tournament, especially the winners, usually find themselves finishing well in the annual intersectional qualifier tournament.

#### Johnson had quickest pin

Falconer's Pat Johnson came up with the quickest pin in the 1975 Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament as he scored a fall over Lake Shore's Randy Bendzula in 16 seconds in opening round competition at 167 pounds.

#### Stearns pinned way through tourney

Keith Stearns, from Pioneer, was the only wrestler to pin his way through the 1975 Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament. Stearns, who won the 157 pound champion, logged pins over Brian Haynes, Brian Eccles, Mike Walsh, Peter Caldwell and Dan Golando, with a 45 second pin over Haynes the quickest.

#### 1975 tourney field the biggest

The 1975 Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament had the biggest field in the history of the tournament, with 21 teams competing.

But Pioneer has dominated the tournament, setting record after record in nailing down title after title.

The Panthers first joined the tournament field in 1972, the second annual tourney. That year, they finished in a tie for first place with Portville with 61 points. Since then, it hasn't been close. Pioneer has won the last three titles outright, finishing well ahead of the rest of the field. Over the past three years, in fact, the tournament has come down to a contest to see which team will finish second.

In 1973, Pioneer became the first team to score 100 points, finishing with 105 points, nearly double the second place total of 56½ turned in by Falconer. A year later, the Panthers did double their closest rival, Olean. Pioneer came up with 107 points to Olean's 50.

Last year, the standings were a little closer, but Pioneer still outdistanced the rest of the field by scoring 111½ points while Olean had 77 as runner-up.

As usual, the Panthers lost a number of talented wrestlers to graduation last season, including Keith Stearns, who pinned his way through the tournament for the second year in a row en route to becoming the second three time winner at the Salamanca tourney and on the way to becoming the outstanding wrestler in the state tournament. But, as usual, the Panthers have a number of talented wrestlers returning.

#### Stebbins twice under a minute

Heavyweight champion Paul Stebbins, from Lake Shore, came up with two pins in less than a minute in the 1975 Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament. Stebbins pinned Gowanda's Norm Rogers in 28 seconds in the first round, then pinned Dunkirk's Mike Steffan in 45 seconds in the second round.

Heading up the list will be Kyle Grunwald, who finished third in last year's tournament after a tough loss in the semifinals to Olean's Bruce Meyers, who was named the outstanding wrestler of the tourney.

Grunwald, however, avenged that loss by beating Meyers in the semifinals of the state qualifiers and went on to finish third in the state meet.

This year, Grunwald, wrestling at 128 pounds, comes into the tourney with impressive credentials. Unbeaten this season, Grunwald won both the Caledonia-Mumford and Spencerport tournaments over the Christmas break, scoring a 3-0 decision over two-time state champ Jeff Thomas, of Huntington, for the title in the Spencerport tourney.

Also back are a pair of defending Salamanca tourney champs, senior Doug Tingue and junior Doug Keenen. Tingue, a 134 pounder, won last year's tournament at the same weight and wound up going on to the state meet, where he finished second after losing a tough 9-5 decision in the finals. Keenen, 100 pound champ last year and Section VI representative to the state meet at that weight class, will be at 107 pounds this year.

Both Keenen and Tingue have only one loss on their respective records, each losing in the finals of the Spencerport tournament. Both were winners at the Caledonia-Mumford tourney.

One of the top newcomers to the Pioneer squad this season is eighth grader Steve Arnold, wrestling at 93 pounds under the experimental program. Younger brother of three time Salamanca tourney champ Mike Arnold, Steve is unbeaten this season

and logged first place finishes in both the Caledonia-Mumford and Spencerport tournaments.

Filling out the line-up will be Dan Mason, a sophomore, at 100 pounds, junior Keith Floyd, a two-time fourth place finisher at the Salamanca tourney, at 114 sophomore Tom Bennett at 121, senior Brian Milks at 140, junior Bill Close at 147, junior Bill Glasgow at 169, junior Mark Slocum at 179, and junior Marcus Eaton at heavyweight.

Pioneer won the Caledonia-Mumford tournament and finished third at Spencerport behind Huntington and Spencerport. In dual competition, the Panthers are sporting the longest unbeaten streak in Western New York, with over 40 consecutive wins to date. Included in that streak was an incredible 69-0 win over Cleveland Hill this season, a meet which saw the Panthers come up with pins in 11 of the 12 bouts.

"We're really looking forward to the Salamanca tournament," said Post. "The tournament is easily the best in Section VI, and over the years, more sectional champions and state representatives have come out of this tournament than from any other one in the area. This year should be the same."

#### PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL

Yorkshire, New York  
 Nickname: Panthers  
 School colors: Green and white  
 Conference: ECIC, Division IV  
 Athletic director: Robert Chaddock  
 Coach: Richard Post  
 Assistant coaches: Ronald Brunner, Tom Brittain

#### Roster

Weight	Name	Year in school	Record
93	Steve Arnold	Eighth grade	8-0
100	Dan Mason	Sophomore	7-3
107	Doug Keenen	Junior	11-1
114	Keith Floyd	Junior	10-2
121	Tom Bennett	Sophomore	7-3
128	Kyle Grunwald	Junior	12-0
134	Doug Tingue	Senior	11-1
140	Brian Milks	Senior	8-3
147	Bill Close	Junior	8-2-1
157			
169	Bill Glasgow	Junior	9-2
179	Mark Slocum	Junior	5-4
Hwt.	Marcus Eaton	Junior	8-3
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# Can Huskies move into top spot?

OLEAN — Will this be the year of the Huskies?

That's the big question in Western New York's Southern Tier as Olean heads toward the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament and a showdown with Pioneer.

One of the original teams in the Salamanca tournament, Olean has steadily moved toward the top of the standings, finishing fourth in the eight team field in the first tourney, sixth a year later, a distant eighth in 1973, then second in both 1974 and 1975.

This year, the Huskies are loaded. In two previous tournament appearances, they waltzed away to easy championships, and in dual competition, they haven't been pressed yet, twice scoring shutouts over their opponents.

Olean opened strong in tourney competition, winning the Southern Tier Conference title going away, sending nine wrestlers into the Division I finals and finishing with four overall championships.

The Huskies followed that performance with an even stronger performance in the Sweet Home Invitational, the biggest tournament in the state, winning four championships, and as the Salamanca tourney approaches, the Huskies are in top form.

"We're really looking forward to the tournament," said Olean coach Mike Foster. "The competition is good and it has a good Section VI flavor, with most of the top teams from the section in the field. It's just a really good tournament."

The Huskies this season have experience, depth and talent. Out of the 32 wrestlers on the Olean varsity squad, 25 have seen action in at least one varsity match, and Foster, in commenting on the program, could do little more than smile.

"We haven't had a set line-up for two meets in a row," he said, "and that's really given us a chance to give a lot of wrestlers varsity experience."

Heading into the tournament, the Huskies are ranked tenth on the New York State Sportswriters Association wrestling poll, a poll ranking the top teams in the state. How the Huskies fare in the Salamanca tournament may have a great deal of bearing on how they are ranked for the rest of the season.



OLEAN HUSKIES — Can the Huskies break Pioneer's stranglehold on the Salamanca tournament title? That question is one many are anxiously awaiting the answer to. Members of the Olean squad this year include, front row (l-r): Clar Anderson, Ricky Gould, Chris Branch, Eric

Simpson, Dave Crean. Second row: Steve Tripodi, Tom Bushnell, Chris Leichtweis, Bruce Meyers, Kevin Forrest. Back row: Tom Morton, Ray Pikulski, Dave Simon, Eric Bartholomew, Gary Bliss.

Pacing the Huskies will be a pair of unbeaten wrestlers and one once beaten wrestler.

Once-beaten is Bruce Meyers, who lost in the finals of the conference tourney, but came back to win the Sweet Home title. Meyers was the outstanding wrestler in last year's Salamanca tournament, becoming the second junior to win that honors as he won the 121 pound championship. This year, the senior will be at 140 pounds.

Unbeaten are senior Steve Tripodi, a 121 pounder, and Chris Leichtweis, a sophomore 134 pounder. Both won titles in both the conference tournament and in the Sweet Home tournament and both finished second in last year's Salamanca Invitational.

Other key wrestlers for the Huskies include Dave Crean, who finished second in the conference tourney, but came back to win the Sweet Home tourney. The senior 114 pounder placed fourth in last year's Salamanca tournament after forfeiting in both the semifinals and consolations due to an injury. At 91 pounds will be eighth grader Clar Anderson, a second place finisher in the conference tourney, while at 107 will be sophomore Eric Simpson, a conference tournament champ. Neither wrestled at the Sweet Home tournament.

Senior Ray Pikulski, a 169 pounder, won at the conference tourney and finished third at Sweet Home, while Dave Simon, a

junior 179 pounder, won the Division I crown in the conference tourney while finishing third at Sweet Home. Also winning a Division I title in the conference tourney was Gary Bliss, a junior who will be wrestling at 147 pounds at Salamanca.

Filling out the rest of the line-up will be eighth grader Ricky Gould at 100 pounds, senior Tom Bushnell or sophomore Kevin Forrest at 128, senior Eric Bartholomew at 157 pounds, and junior Tom Morton at heavyweight.

### OLEAN HIGH SCHOOL

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Weight	Name	Year in School	Record
93	Clar Anderson	Eighth grade	3-1
100	Ricky Gould	Eighth grade	2-0
107	Eric Simpson	Sophomore	8-1
114	Dave Crean	Senior	15-1
121	Steve Tripodi	Senior	15-0
128	Tom Bushnell	Senior	5-2
	Kevin Forrest	Sophomore	1-0
134	Chris Leichtweis	Sophomore	15-0
140	Bruce Meyers	Senior	13-1
147	Gary Bliss	Junior	10-4
157	Eric Bartholomew	Senior	8-6
169	Ray Pikulski	Senior	16-1
179	Dave Simon	Junior	14-2
Hwt.	Tom Morton	Junior	6-4
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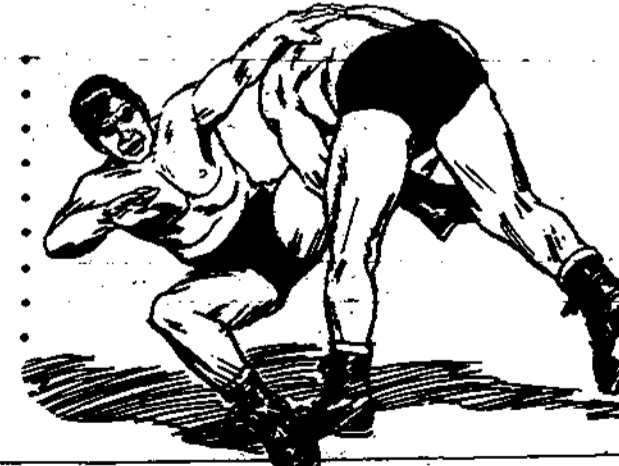
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# Iroquois big part of tradition

ELMA — Tradition plays an important role in all sports, and the traditions that are established in a tournament of the scope of the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament have a way of becoming an important part of the tournament.

One of the teams that added richly to the tradition of the Salamanca tournament is Iroquois Central High School.

Winners of the first Salamanca Invitational, Iroquois is a school endowed with one of the most outstanding wrestling traditions in Western New York.

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 254-17-1 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.

Additionally, Iroquois has a similarly outstanding record in sectional competition, having won more sectional meetings in wrestling than any other Section VI school in any other sport. From 1968 through 1965, the Chiefs won

eight straight sectional meets, with ten overall sectional championships through the present.

This year, Iroquois is under the direction of a new head coach, Rich Dechowitz, who took over this year after veteran coach Bob Steislinger resigned. Dechowitz is only the fourth man to hold the top spot at Iroquois, and faces the task of continuing the Iroquois tradition.

"We're a young team this year," Dechowitz said, "but we're improving as we go along. I think we've got a pretty solid team, and the only problem we've got is that we need to stop making first year mistakes. We're looking forward to the Salamanca tournament because it is a really fine tournament, and I think it will give our wrestlers the chance to go up against really good competition."

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 team in the tournament, and as one of the original teams in the tourney field add additional flavor and strength to the tourney.

Heading up the Iroquois line-up for the tournament will be senior co-captain Mark Malay, a 128 pounder. Malay comes

into the tournament as the champion in both the Lake Shore and Sweet Home tournaments this season after having made a strong showing in last year's tourney. Although he failed to place, Malay turned in some impressive performances before being eliminated by eventual tourney champ Vince Stirling in a tough 5-0 bout.

At 114 pounds will be sophomore John Hannah, a continually improving wrestler who placed second in the Lake Shore Tournament and fourth at the Sweet Home Invitational, while at 140 pounds will be senior Jerry Slade, team co-captain and second place finisher in the Lake Shore tourney.

Also in the line-up will be junior Ron Climenhaga at 179 pounds and senior Doug Sernoffsky, younger brother of Mike Sernoffsky, outstanding wrestler in the first Salamanca tourney, at 157 pounds.

The remainder of the line-up includes junior Al Sluberski at 93 pounds, freshman Joe Foucha at 100 pounds; freshman Leroy Moore or sophomore Carmen Todaro at 107 pounds; senior Bob Mariacher at 121 pounds; sophomore Pat Malay at 134 pounds; senior Scott Adams at 147 pounds; senior Jeff Miller at 169 pounds; and senior heavyweight Mark Darnell.

#### IROQUOIS CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Elma, New York  
 Nickname: Chiefs  
 School colors: Red and white  
 Conference: ECIC, Division III  
 Athletic director: Ken Young  
 Coach: Richard Dechowitz  
 Assistant coaches: Fred Marcheson, Ron Kaptrowski, Mike Abt.  
 Captains: Mark Malay, Jerry Slade

#### Roster

Weight	Name	Year in school	Record
93	Al Sluberski	Junior	3-3
100	Joe Foucha	Freshman	2-4
107	Carmen Todaro	Sophomore	1-3
	Leroy Moore	Freshman	1-0
114	John Hannah	Sophomore	11-4
121	Bob Mariacher	Senior	2-3
128	Mark Malay	Senior	11-0
134	Pat Malay	Sophomore	4-2
140	Jerry Slade	Senior	10-4
147	Scott Adams	Senior	4-1
157	Doug Sernoffsky	Senior	7-3
169	Jeff Miller	Senior	4-7
179	Ron Climenhaga	Junior	8-4
Hwt.	Mark Darnell	Senior	6-5
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# Portville among Southern Tier's best

PORTVILLE — Long recognized as one of the traditional wrestling powers in Western New York's Southern Tier and a respected name in Western New York wrestling for the past decade, the Portville Panthers will be making their fifth appearance in the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament this year.

The Panthers are heading into the tournament with a somewhat young squad, but at the same time a team with good balance and, befitting the strong Portville tradition, the crucial mat savvy often needed to pull out a tight match.

In their first tourney appearance, the Panthers finished in a tie for the tournament championship with Pioneer in what turned out to be the closest tournament in the five-year tourney history. In 1973, their second appearance, they dropped to tenth place, finishing in tenth again in 1974.

Last season, the Panthers started to climb back toward the top of the standings and wound up finishing eighth in the 21 field team field. This year, the Panthers will be taking aim at moving higher in the standings.

Portville comes into the tournament as a tournament-tested team. In two previous tournament appearances, the Panthers came home with two team championships, winning the Tri-County Conference Holiday tournament, then grabbing top honors in the Falconer Invitational early in January.

Heading up the Panther contingent this year will be three wrestlers who won claimed championships in both the Tri-County and Falconer tournaments.

Leading the list is senior heavyweight Dave Nease, ranked as one of the top heavyweights in Western New York this season. Co-captain of the Panther squad, Nease is unbeaten thus far and has won all but three of his matches by pin.

At 140 pounds will be junior Terry Miller. Miller's lone loss this season came in a tight bout with Olean's Chris Leichtweis, while his wins, for the most part, have been impressive. In addition to winning both the Tri-County and Falconer tournaments, Miller was named the outstanding wrestler in the Division VII sectional meet last season and finished second to Frontier's Dave Tundo in last year's Salamanca Tournament. Tundo went on to represent Section VI in last year's state tourney.



PORTVILLE WRESTLERS — Members of the 1976 Portville wrestling team include, front row: Terry Miller, Tom Sutter, Eric Doty, Jerry Christopher, Steve Martello. Second row: Jerry Newburg, Rick Burdick, Brad Bretzin, Mike Haberberger, Kirk Stephen, Scott Renner. Third row: Mike Faulkner, Stacy Sherman, Bill Witter, Jon Giberson, Greg Waldrip. Fourth row: Randy Williams, Steve Blue, Eric Parr, Wayne Stephen, Greg Auman, Walt Hollamby.

Portville's third double champ this year is 107 pounder Jerry Christopher, a senior and an experienced tourney wrestler, back for the fourth time at Salamanca. Knocked out in the early going last season, Christopher was a third place finisher in the Salamanca tournament two years ago.

Adding strength to the line-up will be senior co-captain Eric Doty, a 147 pounder who finished second in the Tri-County tourney while winning the Falconer tournament; Tri-County tourney winner and

outstanding wrestler Mike Faulkner, a sophomore 114 pounder; senior Tom Sutter, a 157 pounder who won the Tri-County tourney and finished second at Falconer; junior Mike Haberberger, a 169 pounder who finished third at Falconer while winning the Tri-County tourney; and junior 128 pounder Scott Renner, who placed in both the Tri-County and Falconer tournaments.

Filling out the line-up will be Steve Martello, a junior 100 pounder, Randy Williams, a sophomore 121 pounder, junior Brad Bretzin, a junior 179 pounder, and either freshman Greg Waldrip or junior Jerry Newburg at 134 pounds.

"We're looking forward to the competition," said Panther coach Joel Fowler, "and we're hoping we can do better than we have over the past few years. We've been improving all season long, and I think we'll be ready to go against the kind of competition there will be in the tournament."

**PORTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**  
 Portville, New York  
 Nickname: Panthers  
 School colors: Maroon and white  
 Conference: Tri-County  
 Athletic director: Mike O'Brien  
 Coach: Joel Fowler  
 Assistant coach: Lynn Sturdevant  
 Captains: Eric Doty, Dave Nease

Weight	Name	Year in school	Record
93			
100	Steve Martello	Junior	4-4
107	Jerry Christopher	Senior	10-2-1
114	Mike Faulkner	Sophomore	6-3-3
121	Randy Williams	Sophomore	2-6
128	Scott Renner	Junior	8-5
134	Greg Waldrip	Freshman	1-3
	Jerry Newburg	Junior	3-3
140	Terry Miller	Junior	10-1
147	Eric Doty	Senior	11-2
157	Tom Sutter	Senior	11-2
169	Mike Haberberger	Junior	10-3
179	Brad Bretzin	Junior	4-2
Hwt.	Dave Nease	Senior	12-0
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# Williamsville North again looks strong

WILLIAMSVILLE—The Williamsville North Spartans made their first appearance in the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling

Tournament last season, and the debut performance was an impressive one.

The Spartans, among the top teams in Western New York, finished third in last year's 21 team tourney, claiming one individual weight class championship and one second place finish.

as students were transferred to the new school.

All is not bleak for the Spartans, however, and coming into the tourney, they will have a number of experienced, tournament-tested wrestlers ready to compete.

The Salamanca tourney will be the third for the Spartans, who finished ninth in the Sweet Home Invitational and second, just a point and a half out, in the Town of Amherst tournament.

Heading up the squad will be 100 pound co-captain Jim Bender. Bender, a senior, was one of five Spartan wrestlers to win tourney crowns in the Town of Amherst tourney and last year finished third at Salamanca, dropping a tough 7-6 decision in the semifinals before winning impressively in the consolation round.

At 121 pounds will be senior Steve Stirling, younger brother of Vince, who was named the outstanding wrestler in winning the Town of Amherst tourney. He finished third in the Sweet Home tournament.

Other tourney winners include senior co-captain Greg D'Alba at 157 pounds, who has lost only to Maple Grove's Tim Prince this season and who finished third at Sweet Home; senior Brian O'Connor, a 147 pounder who was also third at Sweet Home and who is a defending sectional champ; and 93 pounder Jerry Stirling, a freshman who finished fourth at Sweet Home.

"The tournament is an excellent one," Ernst said, "in fact, it's the best tournament we'll be in. The competition is good and I hope we'll be able to make a good showing."

Filling out the Spartan line-up will be sophomore Bill Pfenner at 107 pounds, senior David Burstein at 114, senior Larry Slakter at 128 pounds, senior Mark Riggan at 134 pounds, senior David Heim at 140, senior Mark Patrick at 169, senior Griff Johnson at 179, and freshman Joe Carubba at heavyweight.

The heart of the Spartan line-up, however, was a senior line-up last year, and gone from the roster are 114 pound champ Vince Stirling and 121 pound runner-up John Caulfield.

"Team-wise, we're not as strong as we have been in the past," said Spartan coach Bert Ernst, "but we've got some good individual wrestlers and the tournament is one we're looking forward to."

Ernst took over as head coach this season when former coach Jim Calandra took over coaching reins at the new Williamsville East High School, a school which made a few cuts into Ernst's roster

Weight	Name	Year in school	Record
93	Jerry Stirling	Freshman	10-2
100	Jim Bender	Senior	8-2
107	Bill Pfenner	Sophomore	9-2
114	Dave Burstein	Senior	2-8
121	Steve Stirling	Senior	14-2
128	Larry Slakter	Senior	14-2
134	Mark Riggan	Senior	7-4
140	David Heim	Senior	6-2
147	Brian O'Connor	Senior	15-1
157	Greg D'Alba	Senior	15-1
169	Mark Patrick	Senior	5-5
179	Griff Johnson	Senior	7-4
Hwt. Uni.	Joe Carubba	Freshman	3-5

## Medina seeks repeat finish

MEDINA — Always tough, the Medina Mustangs will be back for their third appearance in the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament this year in hopes of at least duplicating last year's strong performance.

The Mustangs, the first team from north of Erie County to compete in the Salamanca tourney, finished 11th in their first tourney appearance, winding up only ten points away from the upper division in the 17 team field.

Last year, Medina more than made up for what may have been a less-than-impressive showing in their first appearance as they came in a strong fifth in the 21 team field, less than ten points away from third place.

A member of the Niagara-Orleans League, the Mustangs have lost only one match this season, that a 29-15 decision to Spencerport, the number six team in the state.

Medina also turned in an impressive

performance in the Caledonia-Mumford tournament, the only tourney the Mustangs have competed in thus far, as they came in third overall, trailing only tourney winner Pioneer and second place Rush Henrietta. The Mustangs also finished second in sectional competition last season.

"The Salamanca tournament is an outstanding tournament," Mustang coach Bill Ossont said, "and it's one we look forward to. This year, I'm not really sure how we'll do, because we lost four starters after the season started and injuries are still keeping a couple of kids out of the line-up. We hope to have everyone back for the tournament, though, and if we do, I think we should do fairly well."

Heading up the Mustang squad will be co-captains Bill Nice and Steve Fuller, both Cal-Mum tourney winners.

Nice, a senior, will be at 169 pounds and will be making his third tourney appearance. As a sophomore in 1974, he finished

fourth, then wound up taking second last season. In both tournaments, however, he wrestled at 179 pounds. This year, he has dropped to 169.

Fuller, also a senior, failed to place last season in the Salamanca tournament, and will be wrestling at 140 pounds.

The Mustangs do have one defending Salamanca tourney champ on the roster this season, senior Tim Feltz. Feltz will be wrestling at 107 pounds, up two classes from the 90 pound weight class in which he claimed the Salamanca title with a 2-1 decision over Len Woods last year.

The remainder of the Mustang line-up will find Charles Morley, a sophomore, at 93 pounds, freshman Tom Hess at 100 pounds, freshman Kurt Rosentreter at 114 pounds, Kevin Kenward, a junior, at 121 pounds, senior Paul Wilson at 128 pounds, junior Mike Cardone at 134 pounds, sophomore David Dean at 147 pounds, senior Todd Roberts at 157 pounds, senior Pat Holman at 179 pounds, sophomore Dan Bennett at heavyweight, and sophomore Karl Barna at unlimited.

Weight	Name	Year in school	Record
93	Charles Morley	Sophomore	6-3
100	Tom Hess	Freshman	4-2
107	Tim Feltz	Senior	5-1
114	Kurt Rosentreter	Freshman	5-5
121	Kevin Kenward	Junior	2-4
128	Paul Wilson	Senior	8-1
134	Mike Cardone	Junior	6-1
140	Steve Fuller	Senior	9-1
147	David Dean	Sophomore	2-4
157	Todd Roberts	Senior	2-5
169	Bill Nice	Senior	9-1
179	Pat Holman	Senior	5-3
Hwt. Uni.	Dan Bennett	Sophomore	0-1
	Karl Barna	Sophomore	5-4

**MEDINA HIGH SCHOOL**  
 Medina, New York  
 Nickname: Mustangs  
 School Colors: Red and blue  
 Conference: Niagara-Orleans  
 Athletic director: John Loughlin  
 Coach: Bill Ossont  
 Assistant coach: Mike Crandall  
 Captains: Steve Fuller, Bill Nice.

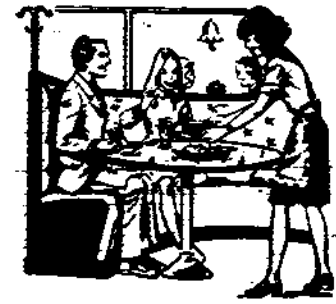
**WILLIAMSVILLE NORTH HIGH SCHOOL**  
 Williamsville, New York  
 Nickname: Spartans  
 School colors: Green and gold  
 Conference: ECIC, Division II  
 Athletic director: Hank Schoelles  
 Coach: Bert Ernst  
 Assistant coach: Tony D'Alba  
 Captains: Jim Bender, Greg D'Alba

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# Warsaw has experienced squad

WARSAW — A new coach, but an experienced team.

That pretty much describes things for the Warsaw Tigers, who will be making their third appearance in the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament this season.

At the helm of the Tigers is former assistant coach Sam Linser, who will be spurring his charges toward another strong finish.

A Section V team, Warsaw finished in a tie for fourth place in 1974, the first appearance by the Tigers in the tourney. Last season, Warsaw finished sixth place overall, eight and a half points away from duplicating their 1974 finish.

"We really enjoy coming down to Salamanca for the tournament," Linser commented. "It gives our kids a chance to wrestle against top competition, because the tournament is a tough one. In fact, if we can finish in the top five again, I think we can say that we've made quite an accomplishment."

Heading into the tourney, Linser is optimistic about his team.

"We feel very strong this year," he said. "We've got a good senior line-up and all of our seniors are four year veterans."

The Tigers are sporting an impressive 6-2 record in dual competition and again won the eight team Churchville-Chili tournament, claiming four individual championships in that tourney.

### Five overtime matches

Five matches in the 1975 Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament went into overtime after the wrestlers involved finished tied for points at the end of regulation time. All five, however, were decided by decisions on the mat rather than forcing a referee's decision.



**GLENN HACKEMER**  
Senior 134 pounder

Leading Warsaw will be senior co-captains, Warren Bush and Mike Fuller, both Churchville-Chili tourney winners.

Bush, a 147 pounder, is unbeaten thus far this season and has placed in both of his previous appearances, finishing third as a sophomore in 1974, then coming back to finish fourth last season after dropping out of the consolation round due to an injury.

Fuller, heading into the tourney with a 10-1 record, finished third last season, losing to eventual champ Vince Stirling before winning it in the consolation round.

A second place finisher in last season's tourney, junior John Patt will be back at unlimited for the Tigers this season and heads into the Salamanca tourney with a Churchville-Chili title under his belt.



**WARREN BUSH**  
Returning for third tourney

Warsaw's remaining tourney winner is 169 pounder Vern Price, a senior making his third appearance at Salamanca. Last season, 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 is unbeaten this season.

Filling out the roster will be sophomore Paul Schell at 100 pounds, senior Ken Hiller at 107, sophomore Mitch Hiller at 121, senior Claude Goodenow at 128, senior Glenn Hackemer at 134, sophomore Ray Coveny at 140, senior Rich Amberger at 158, senior Steve Ziarkowski at 179, and senior Jim Burns at heavyweight.



**MIKE FULLER**  
Tourney champ at 114

### WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL

Warsaw, New York  
Nickname: Tigers  
School colors: Black and orange.  
Conference: Livingston County  
Athletic director: Jack Hackemer  
Coach: Sam Linser  
Assistant coach: Jeff Bush  
Captains: Mike Fuller, Warren Bush

### Wide representation in tourney

A total of 26 different teams have competed in the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament since its inception in 1970, representing a total of seven different counties in two states.

### Roster

Weight	Name	Year in school	Record
93			
100	Paul Schell	Sophomore	6-3
107	Ken Hiller	Senior	3-2
114	Mike Fuller	Senior	10-1
121	Mitch Hiller	Sophomore	1-1-1
128	Claude Goodenow	Senior	3-3-1
134	Glenn Hackemer	Senior	9-2
140	Ray Coveny	Sophomore	3-1
147	Warren Bush	Senior	11-0
157	Rich Amberger	Senior	2-9
169	Vern Price	Senior	10-0
179	Steve Ziarkowski	Senior	5-5
Hwt.	Jim Burns	Senior	9-1-1
Unl.	John Patt	Junior	5-1



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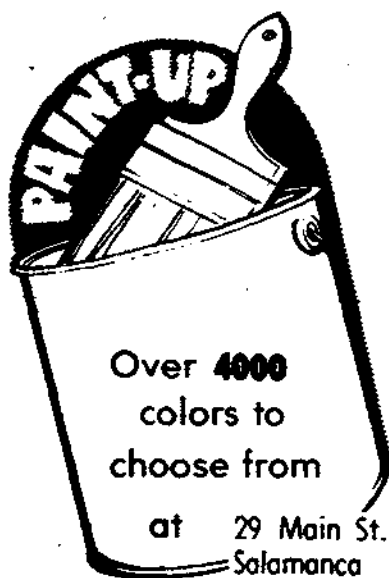
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# Falconer prospects are bright

FALCONER — Despite having a young team, the prospects are fairly bright for the Falconer Golden Falcons as they make their fourth appearance in the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament this season.

The Falcons, regarded as being among the top teams in the Southern Tier, head into the tournament unbeaten in dual competition and with a pair of strong tournament performances behind them.

Falconer finished third in the Southern Tier Wrestling Conference tournament, then placed fourth in their own eight team Falconer Invitational early in January, with the Falcons boasting of three tournament champs on the roster.

Traditionally, Falconer has been one of the top teams in the tourney, posting a second place finish in their 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 last year, winding up 13th in a 21 team field.

This year, the Falcons will be attempting to get back on track and to finish again up near the top of the standings.

"The tournament is an outstanding one," Falconer coach Bill Davenport commented, "probably the best tournament, competition-wise, in Western New York. I think this year's tournament is going to be especially tough because of the kind of year Olean and Pioneer are having."

Pacing the Falcons will be three experienced wrestlers, all of whom competed in last year's Salamanca tournament and all of whom have placed well in the two tournaments the Falcons have competed in thus far.

Heading up the list is senior John Ognibene, a 134 pounder. Brother of former tourney winner Mike Ognibene, John comes into the tourney with only one loss, that suffered in the finals of the Southern

### Stearns second three time champ

Pioneer's Keith Stearns became the second wrestler to win three Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament titles last season as he claimed the 157 pound championship. He won at 141 pounds as a sophomore and 147 pounds as a junior after having finished fourth in his first appearance in the Salamanca tournament as a freshman. The only other three time champion in tournament history was Pioneer's Mike Arnold, who won his third title in 1974.



FALCON MATMEN — Members of the Falconer High School wrestling team for the 1976 Salamanca tournament include, front row: Mike Digirolamo, Ken Richir, Bob Betts, Dick Betts, Steve Moore. Second row: Dale Rahr,

George Seekings, John Ognibene, Mike Garvey, Brian Eccles. Back row: Dave Walker, Jim Pike, Dave Johnson, Rich Schulz, Rich Pavlock.

Tier Conference tourney. He won the Falconer tournament title. Co-captain of the Falcons, he placed fourth in last year's tournament and was a sectional winner last season, helping to pace the Falcons to a sectional title.

At heavyweight will be senior co-captain Jim Pike. Pike, who has one tie blemishing an otherwise unbeaten record, was the Southern Tier tourney champ at heavyweight, then dropped down to 179 pounds to win the Falconer tournament.

At 140 pounds will be sophomore Mike Garvey, a sectional champ last year and runner-up in both the Southern Tier and Falconer tournaments. In the conference tourney, he lost on a referee's decision in overtime.

The Falcons also have a tourney champ in Rich Pavlock, a senior wrestling at unlimited. Pavlock won the division I title in the conference tourney and claimed the Falconer tourney title.

The remainder of the Falcon line-up will include freshman Mike Digirolamo at 93 pounds, freshman Ken Richir at 100 pounds, sophomore Bob Betts at 107, sophomore Dick Betts at 114, sophomore Steve Moore at 121, sophomore Dale Rahr at 128, sophomore Dan Thomas at 147,

junior Brian Eccles at 157, sophomore Dave Walker at 169, and sophomore Rick Schulz at 179.

### FALCONER HIGH SCHOOL

Falconer, New York  
 Nickname: Falcons  
 School colors: Blue and gold.  
 Conference: Southern Tier, Division I  
 Athletic director: William Rice.  
 Coach: Bill Davenport  
 Assistant coach: Jim Jacobson  
 Captains: John Ognibene, Jim Pike.

### Roster

Weight	Name	Year in school	Record
93	Mike Digirolamo	Freshman	2-1
100	Ken Richir	Freshman	2-0
107	Bob Betts	Sophomore	6-3
114	Dick Betts	Sophomore	2-0
121	Steve Moore	Sophomore	5-4
128	Dale Rahr	Sophomore	3-3
134	John Ognibene	Senior	11-1
140	Mike Garvey	Sophomore	10-2
147	Dan Thomas	Sophomore	0-1
157	Brian Eccles	Junior	8-3-1
169	Dave Walker	Sophomore	1-1
179	Rich Schulz	Sophomore	4-5
Hwt.	Jim Pike	Senior	12-0-1
Unl.	Rich Pavlock	Senior	5-1

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# Frontier always a tough team

**HAMBURG** — Always a strong contender, the Frontier Falcons will be making their fourth appearance in the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament this season.

The Falcons, who have finished in the top ten in each of their previous appearances, have left an indelible mark on tourney history, regularly landing at least one wrestler in the championship round and adding further tradition to the competition.

### Closest match at 90 pounds

The closest match in the finals of the 1975 Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament came at 90 pounds, where Medina's Tim Feltz decisioned Lake Shore's Len Woods, 2-1. Each wrestler was awarded a point for stalling in the second period, with Feltz getting a third period escape for the winning point.

### Meyers MVP winner as junior

Olean's Bruce Meyers became the second junior to win the outstanding wrestler trophy in the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament as he was awarded the trophy for his performance in the 1975 competition. Wrestling at 121 pounds, Meyers scored wins over the third, second and first seeded wrestlers in that weight class.

The name most closely linked to Frontier and the Salamanca tournament is that of Tundo, and the Tundo brothers have made a major contribution to the tourney.

Vince Tundo started the tradition in 1972, Frontier's first appearance in the Salamanca tourney, when he won the outstanding wrestler award and went on to finish second in the state meet. Last year, Gene Tundo followed in his brother's footsteps by winning at 140 pounds, then advancing to the state tourney, where he also finished second.

This year, a third Tundo brother, Dave, will be attempting to carry on the tradition. A junior, he will be wrestling at 121 pounds after having finished second at 114 pounds last year. He finished fourth in the Sweet Home Invitational and is sporting an 8-2 record this season.

Vince, who won the national junior

### Two pins in finals

There were only two pins in the championship round of the 1975 Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament. The first was recorded in the 147 pound championship bout, where Pioneer's Gary Devin pinned Sweet Home's Dave Izard in 1:08. Keith Stearns, Pioneer, followed with a pin at 157, getting a fall over Southwestern's Dan Golando in 2:55.

college championship, is now 20-1 at Montclair State College while Gene is wrestling as a freshman on the University of Buffalo varsity.

"We've always enjoyed the Salamanca tournament," said Frontier coach Mike Santoro, "and we're hoping to continue our tradition there. Injuries have been a problem for us in dual competition this season, but I think we've got some fine individuals and we're hoping we can do well. I'm glad to see the wrestlebacks this year, because I think that's going to help us as well as some of the other teams in

### Salamanca tourney field tough

Out of the 268 wrestlers who competed in the 1975 Salamanca tournament, 92 went on to finish either first or second in sectional competition to earn a berth in the state qualifier tournament.

### Pioneer wins five titles

The Pioneer Panthers won five weight class championships en route to claiming the 1975 Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament team title, sending six to the finals.

the tournament."

Leading the Falcons this season has been senior co-captain Dennis Marker, a 169 pounder. Winner in the Sweet Home Invitational, Marker is an experienced wrestler and comes into the tournament with only one loss on his record.

Frontier finished 13th in the 26-team Sweet Home tourney.

Other members of the Falcon squad include sophomore Rich Coburn at 107 pounds, junior Howard Burkett at 114, senior Greg Garvin at 128, sophomore Jeff Eimers at 134, junior Bernie Quinn at 140, sophomore Angelo Tornambe at 147, senior Ed Cosnyka at 157, senior co-captain Mike Golonbeck at 179, and sophomore Matt Levendofsky at heavyweight.

### FRONTIER HIGH SCHOOL

Hamburg, New York  
 Nickname: Falcons.  
 School colors: Blue and white  
 Conference: ECIC, Division I  
 Athletic director: Laurens Dietz.  
 Coach: Mike Santoro  
 Assistant coach: Ron Biersbach.  
 Captains: Dennis Marker, Mike Golonbeck.

## Tournament records

### INDIVIDUAL

Most pins, single tournament: 5, Keith Stearns, Pioneer, 1975.  
 Most pins, career: Keith Stearns, Pioneer, 13, 1972-75.  
 Quickest pin: 16 seconds, Pat Johnson, Falconer, over Randy Bendzuta, Lake Shore, 169 pounds, 1975; Tom Everett, Peru, over Bill Phearsdorf, Allegany, 147 pounds, 1972.  
 Most points scored for team: 79, Keith Stearns, Pioneer 1975.

### TEAM

Most points scored: 111 1/2, Pioneer, 1975.  
 Most individual champions: 6, Pioneer, 1974.  
 Most pins by team: 13, Pioneer, 1975.

### TOURNAMENT

Three time champions: Mike Arnold, Pioneer (1972, 73, 74).  
 Keith Stearns, Pioneer (1963-74, 75).  
 Two time champions: Eric Drasgow, Iroquois (1972-73).  
 Phil Roblee, Pioneer (1973-74).  
 Kirk Anderson, Olean (1973-74).  
 Dale Rogers, Pioneer (1974-75).  
 Gary Devin, Pioneer (1974-75).  
 Most team in tournament: 21, 1975.  
 Most pins in tournament: 92, 1975.  
 Most pins in finals: 3, 1971, 73, 74.  
 Fewest pins in finals: 1, 1972.

### Roster

Weight	Name	Year in school	Record
93			
100			
107	Rich Coburn	Sophomore	0-0
114	Howard Burkett	Junior	1-4
121	Dave Tundo	Junior	8-2
128	Greg Garvin	Senior	2-2
134	Jeff Eimers	Sophomore	0-4
140	Bernie Quinn	Junior	3-2
147	Angelo Tornambe	Sophomore	2-1
157	Ed Cosnyka	Senior	5-3
169	Dennis Marker	Senior	10-1
179	Mike Golonbek	Senior	3-3
Hwt.	Matt Levendofsky	Sophomore	2-3
Unl.			

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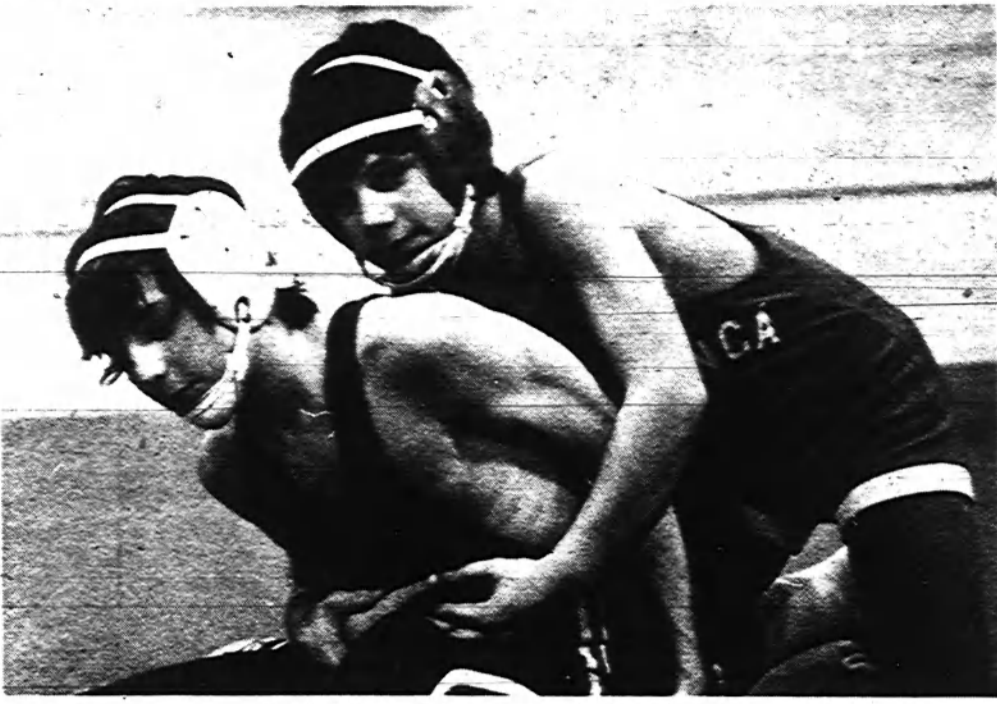
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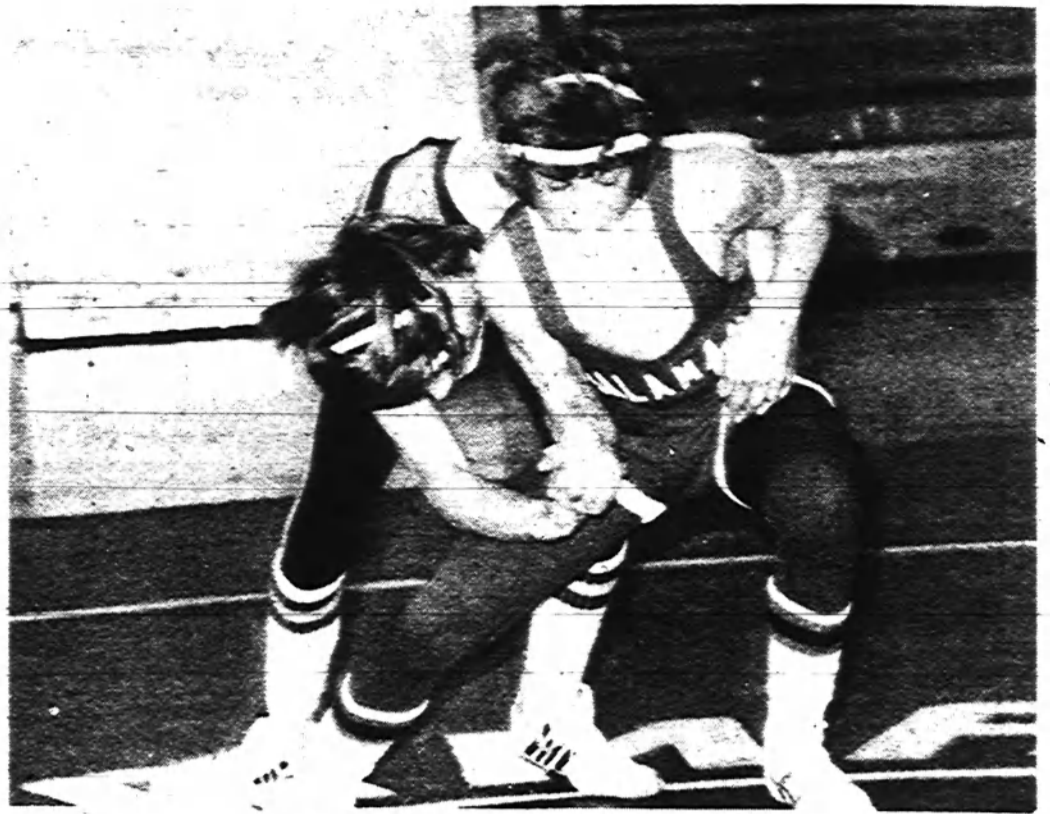
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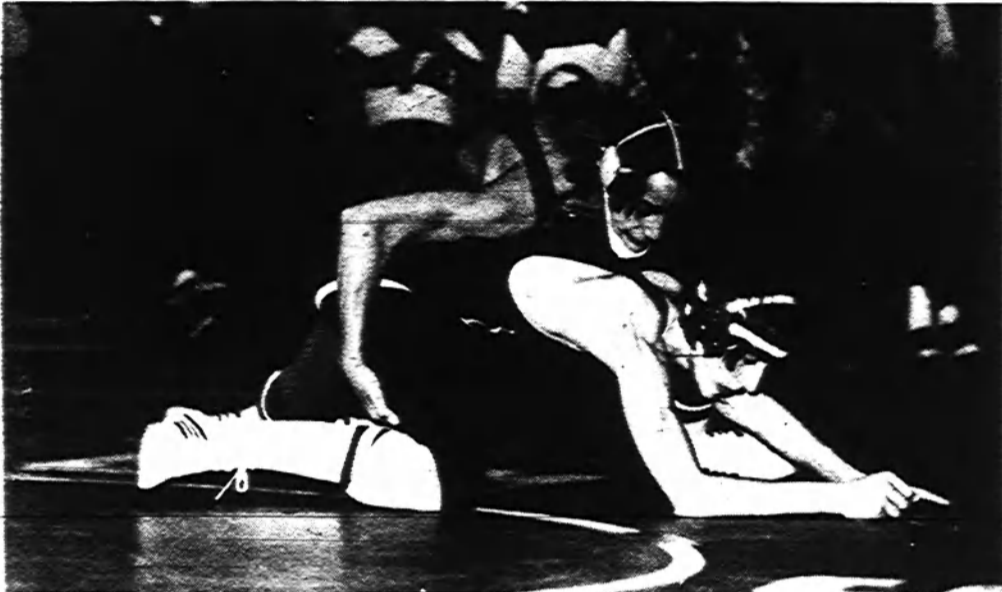




**BOB EARLEY: 93 pounds, Freshman**

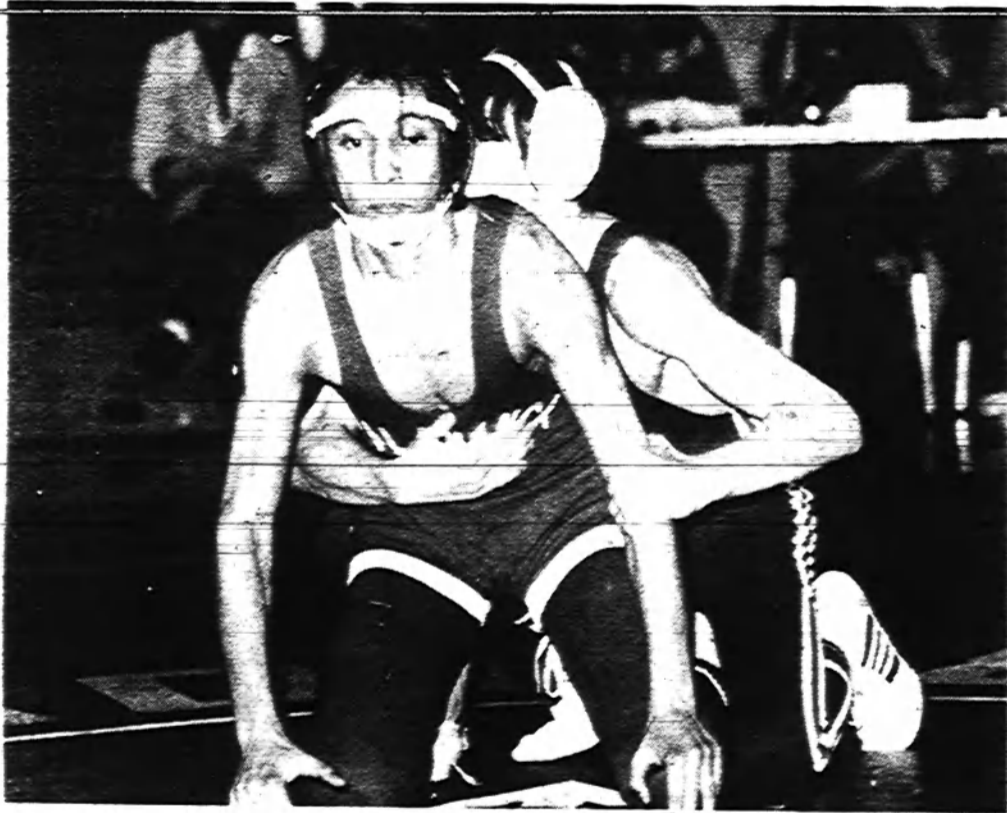


**RANDY DRY: 100 pounds, Freshman**



**JEFF MOHR: 197 pounds, Freshman**

**Warrior Wrestlers:  
the lower weights**



**DOUG HAINES: 114 pounds, Freshman**



**JEFF ZOLNER: 121 pounds, Sophomore**



**DAN DRY: 128 pounds, Sophomore**



**LANCE OAKS: 134 pounds, Junior**





TOM CIOLEK: 140 pounds, Senior

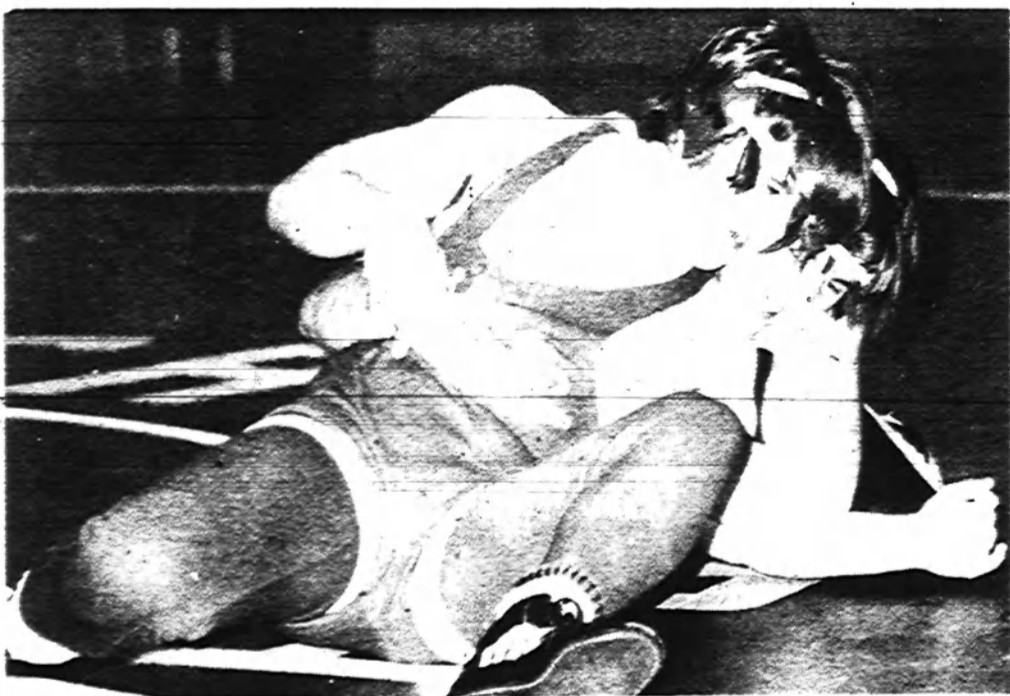


TODD FLINCHBAUGH: 157 pounds, Senior



JAY WEITZEL: 145 pounds, Sophomore

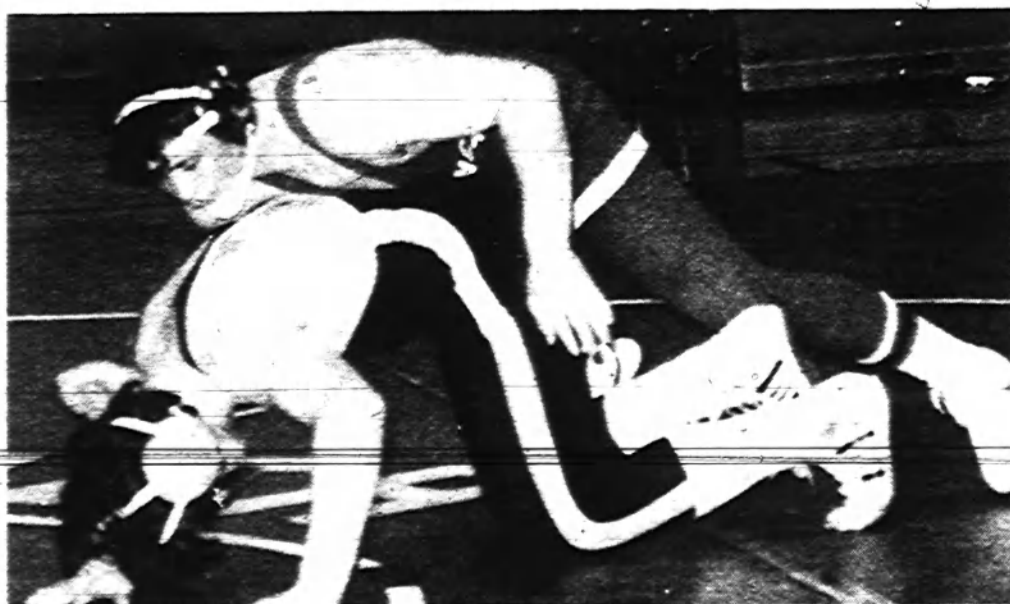
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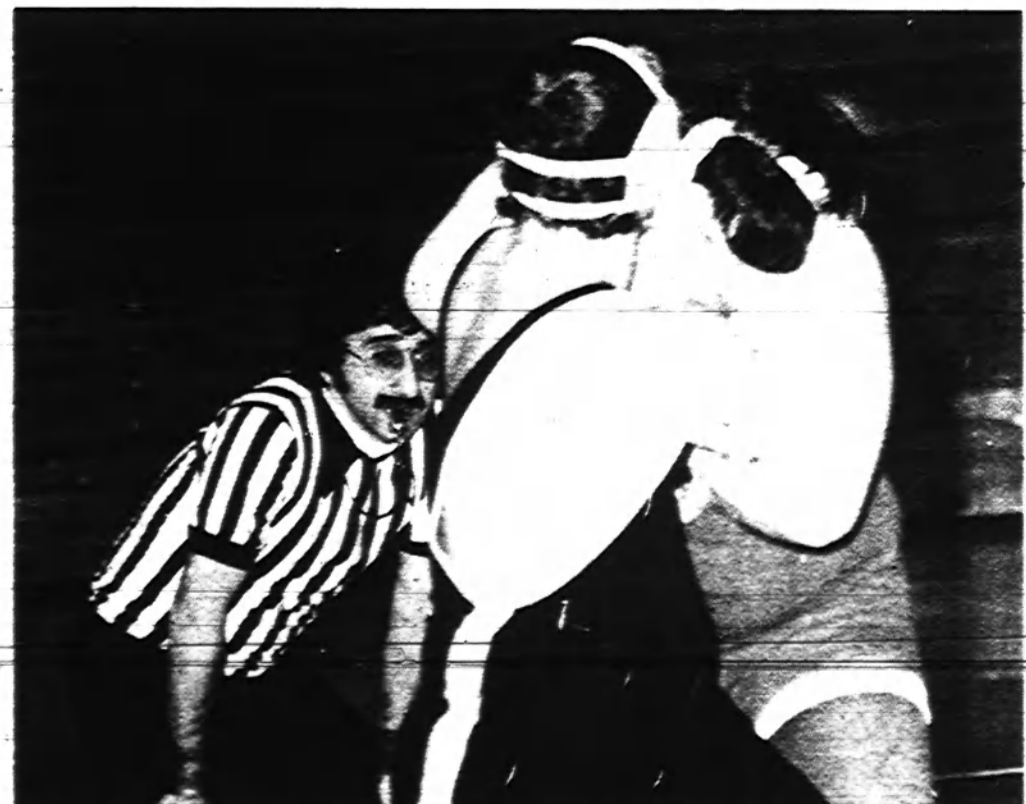
JIM O'ROURKE: 169 pounds, Senior



MARTY REDEYE: Heavyweight, Eighth grade



JOE ROOSA: 179 pounds, Senior



PETE LEE: Unlimited, Eighth grade

# Sweet Home in second appearance

AMHERST — Back for their second appearance in the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament, the Sweet Home Panthers will be shooting for another strong finish.

The Panthers finished ninth in last

year's tourney, 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.

Finishing second last year was Dave Izard, who later went on to win a spot on

the Section VI team for the state tourney. Sweet Home will be a predominantly young team this year, as the Panthers were last, but have some strong tourney wrestlers and the good team balance needed to place well in a tourney like the Salamanca Invitational.

In their own Sweet Home Invitational, a 26-team tourney, the Panthers finished second, winding up with two second place finishers, two third place finishers and one fourth place finisher.

Heading up the Panther squad will be senior co-captain Bill Gallagher, a 114 pounder who finished third in the Sweet Home Invitational, with his semi-final loss in that tourney the only loss on his record.

Second place finishers in the Sweet Home tourney include sophomore 93 pounder John McHugh and junior 147 pounder Craig Tolnay.

In looking ahead to the Salamanca tourney, Sweet Home coach Joe Shifflet pointed out some of the impressions the team picked up last year.

"We were impressed by the tourna-

ment," Shifflet said. "There are a lot of good wrestlers in it and it's going to provide a lot of benefits because it will give our kids a chance to see a variety of styles, which is the kind of thing we'll run into in the sectionals and intersectionals. I think it's going to be another good tournament this year and I think it comes at a good time because it's a heck of a preparation for the sectionals."

Other place winners in the Sweet Home tourney on the Panther roster for the Salamanca tourney include sophomore Paul Reed, who came in third at 128 pounds in the Sweet Home tourney and who had lost only once this season, and fourth place tourney finisher Mark Teresi, a senior 169 pounder.

The remainder of the roster will include sophomore Kevin Gallagher at 100 pounds, junior Derrick McClemon at 107, senior co-captain Jay Schwartz at 121, junior Calvin Crippen at 134, junior Eric Huer at 140, sophomore Bob Vogel at 157, junior Chris McNamara at 179 and sophomore Cedric Hinton at heavyweight.

Gallagher reached the intersectional qualifiers last season after turning in a strong finish in the Division I sectionals. As a team, Sweet Home was fifth in the sectionals.

### SWEETHOME HIGH SCHOOL

Amherst, New York  
 Nickname: Panthers  
 School colors: Blue and gold.  
 Conference: ECIC, Division I  
 Athletic director: Bob Barczak  
 Coach: Joe Shifflet  
 Assistant coaches: Bob Barczak, Paul Calandra  
 Captains: Bill Gallagher, Jay Schwartz.

### One tie for title

In the five year history of the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament, there has been only one tie for the team championship, that occurring in the second tourney when Portville and Pioneer each finished with 61 points. Southwestern was third with 59½ points, Frontier fourth with 56 and Peru fifth with 55½, making it the closest tourney in terms of the final team standings.

### Nine tourney wrestlers to state meet

Nine of the wrestlers who competed in the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament in 1975 went onto compete in the state tournament. They included Pioneer's Doug Keenen at 98 pounds, Salamanca's John Callen at 112, Pioneer's Kyle Grunwald at 119, Pioneer's Dale Rogers at 126, Pioneer's Doug Tingue at 132, Frontier's Gene Tundo at 138, Sweet Home's Dave Izard at 145, Pioneer's Keith Stearns at 155, and Medina's Ron Taylor at unlimited.

### Roster

Weight	Name	Year in school	Record
93	John McHugh	Sophomore	8-2
100	Kevin Gallagher	Sophomore	5-3
107	Derrick McClemon	Junior	0-2
114	Bill Gallagher	Senior	10-1
121	Jay Schwartz	Senior	5-3
128	Paul Reed	Sophomore	11-1
134	Calvin Crippen	Junior	4-4
140	Eric Huer	Junior	2-4
147	Craig Tolnay	Junior	7-3
157	Bob Vogel	Sophomore	7-3
169	Mark Teresi	Senior	7-3
179	Chris McNamara	Junior	6-6
Unl.	Cedric Hinton	Sophomore	7-4

# Dunkirk has young team

DUNKIRK — A newcomer to the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament last year, the Dunkirk Marauders are a relative newcomer to the Western New York wrestling scene as well.

In only their second full season of competition in the Southern Tier Conference this season, the Marauders are still developing, but while the program is developing, some outstanding individuals have helped to buoy the team's spirit.

Last season, the Marauders finished low in the standings as a team, but saw 169 pounder Dennis Long go on to win a tourney title as he turned in a decisive 6-0 victory over Dan Hackett in the finals.

This season, the Marauders are under a new head coach, Steve Ranus, a former assistant who took over for Jim Batesky

when Batesky returned to school to work on an advanced degree.

In looking ahead to the tournament, Ranus pointed out some of the problems the Marauders face.

"We've got a lot of young kids this season and we're not doing too well in dual meets," he said, "but we have got some experienced wrestlers on the team and we're expecting a good showing from them. Injuries have been a problem, but I hope that everyone will be back for the tournament."

The Marauders competed in the conference tourney earlier in the season, finishing last in team standings, but coming up with four second place finishes.

Heading up the roster for the tourney will be senior Mike Steffan at

heavyweight: Steffan finished second in the conference tournament this season, with the loss in the finals of that tourney the only blemish on his record.

Another of the second place finishers was Mike McLaughlin, a 157 pounder, while 179 pound senior Jon Arnold and 100 pound sophomore Dan Corsi also finished as runners-up in the conference meet.

Both Arnold and Corsi have been plagued by injuries this season, but both are expected to be at full strength for the Salamanca tournament.

Arnold, McLaughlin and Steffan serve as tri-captains for the Marauders this year.

The remainder of the Dunkirk line-up will include Willie Rosas, a freshman, at 93 pounds, junior Willie Cortese at 107 pounds, sophomore Hector Rosas at 114 pounds, senior Lorey Campese at 121 pounds, freshman Tim Dutton at 128 pounds, sophomore Jerry Arnold at 134 pounds, senior Chuck Pulawski at 140 pounds, sophomore Phil Begier at 147 pounds, junior Carl Steffan at 169 pounds, and senior Jeff Smith at unlimited.

### DUNKIRK HIGH SCHOOL

Dunkirk, New York  
 Nickname: Marauders  
 School colors: Maroon and white.  
 Conference: Southern Tier, Division I  
 Athletic director: All Stuhimiller  
 Coach: Steve Ranus  
 Assistant coach: Jim Gibbons.  
 Captains: Mike McLaughlin, Jon Arnold, Mike Steffan.

### Roster

Weight	Name	Year in school	Record
93	Willie Rosas	Freshman	1-10
100	Dan Corsi	Sophomore	2-1-1
107	Willie Cortese	Junior	5-2
114	Hector Rosas	Sophomore	1-10
121	Lorey Campese	Senior	2-9
128	Tim Dutton	Freshman	2-5
134	Jerry Arnold	Sophomore	2-4
140	Chuck Pulawski	Senior	0-5
147	Phil Begier	Sophomore	0-4
157	Mike McLaughlin	Senior	8-1-2
169	Carl Steffan	Junior	1-10
179	Jon Arnold	Senior	4-1-2
Hwt.	Mike Steffan	Senior	9-1
Unl.	Jeff Smith	Senior	0-1

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# Cattaraugus looking for success

CATTARAUGUS — After a surprisingly strong showing in their first appearance in the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament in 1974, the Big Red of Cattaraugus had a disappointing finish last year as they wound up near the bottom of the standings.

This year, making their third appearance in the tourney, the Big Red is looking forward to repeating 1974's success.

"We're looking forward to the tournament," said Cattaraugus coach Don Walter. "The tournament will have some of the top wrestlers in the area in it, and we're looking forward to the chance to wrestle with the best. We've had some disappointments this season, but I think we've got some good personnel and the tournament will give us the chance to go against the competition that will make us better."

Cattaraugus has turned in two strong tournament performances already this season, finishing second in the Tri-County Conference Tournament, then coming in fourth in the Oil City, Pennsylvania, Invitational.

In the Tri-County tourney, Cattaraugus sent six wrestlers to the finals, winning two titles and finishing second in four other classes. In the Oil City tourney, the Big Red had one champion and three second place finishers.

Leading Cattaraugus into the tourney will be tri-captains Randy Miller, Jim Lange and Jeff Roselle.

All seniors, Miller is a 147 pounder won the Tri-County tourney. Lange, a 169 pounder, finished second in the conference tournament, while Roselle, a three year starter at heavyweight, placed second in both the Tri-County and Oil City tournaments.

Another key senior in the line-up is 157 pounder Bob Stone, currently the team's leading wrestler. Stone is sporting a 15-1 record, having won the Oil City tourney



CATTARAUGUS GRAPPLERS — Members of the Cattaraugus wrestling team who will be competing in the 1976 Salamanca tournament include, kneeling (l-r): Bill Graser, Keith Miller, Fred Van Duesen, Bob Stone, Randy

Miller. Standing: Joel Dudley, Jerry Case, Jim Lange, Jeff Roselle, Mark Miller, Ken Forness. Missing are Steve Waite and Ray Brown.

after finishing second in the conference tournament, losing a close 2-0 decision to Portville's Terry Miller in the finals of that tourney.

The remaining tournament champ in the

line-up is junior Keith Miller, a 134 pounder who won the conference tournament crown.

At 114 pounds will be junior Bill Graser, who placed second in both the Tri-County and Oil City tournaments, while at 107 pounds will be junior Ray Brown, a second place finisher at Oil City.

Adding strength to the line-up will be senior 121 pounder Fred Van Duesen, who missed both tournaments, but who will be heading into the Salamanca tourney with an unbeaten slate, going 8-0 in dual competition thus far.

Filling out the roster will be freshman Ken Forness at 93 pounds, freshman Steve

Waite at 100 pounds, freshman Joel Dudley or freshman Mike Miller, at 128 pounds, senior Jerry Case at 140 pounds, and senior Dave Rupp at 179 pounds.

#### CATTARAUGUS HIGH SCHOOL

Cattaraugus, New York  
 Nickname: Big Red.  
 School colors: Red and white  
 Conference: Tri-County  
 Athletic director: Bob Johnson  
 Coach: Don Walter  
 Assistant coach: Ed Lindsay  
 Captains: Randy Miller, Jim Lange, Jeff Roselle

#### Roster

Weight	Name	Year in school	Record
93	Ken Forness	Freshman	2-6
100	Steve Waite	Freshman	1-8
107	Ray Brown	Junior	6-5
114	Bill Graser	Junior	11-3-1
121	Fred Van Duesen	Senior	8-0
128	Joel Dudley	Freshman	2-3
	Mike Miller	Freshman	2-9
134	Keith Miller	Junior	10-3
140	Jerry Case	Senior	2-8
147	Randy Miller	Senior	10-4
157	Bob Stone	Senior	15-1
169	Jim Lange	Senior	10-5
179	Dave Rupp	Senior	7-6
Hwt.	Jeff Roselle	Senior	12-3
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# Lake Shore a growing power

ANGOLA — A team earning increasing respect throughout Erie County as an up-and-coming wrestling power, the Lake Shore Eagles will be making their fourth appearance in the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament and are again expected to make a strong showing.

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

Last season, Lake Shore finished low in the standings, but the Eagles were heard from as they claimed one championship and one runner-up spot, with heavyweight Paul Stebbins dominating the class while Len Woods finished second at 90 pounds.

Both wrestlers were seniors, however, and the Eagles this year have a young, but rapidly improving team.

Lake Shore has competed in two tournaments thus far this season, winning their own Lake Shore Invitational and finishing seventh in the 12 team Mayvale tourney, but placing six wrestlers in that tourney.

"We always look forward to the Salamanca tournament," Eagle coach Norm Backus commented. "It's the finest tournament we're in, and as far as I'm concerned, it is the tournament in Western New York. It's just an outstanding tournament and it's produced some outstanding wrestlers."

The Eagles will again be seeking to carry on what has become a tradition, placing at least one wrestler in the finals.

In their first two appearances in the tournament, Lake Shore saw Al Stangl claim one title and finish second, while last year, Stebbins and Woods both reached the final round. Stangl is currently wrestling in college, as are a number of other former Lake Shore wrestlers who competed in the Salamanca tournament.

The Eagles will have only two seniors in the line-up for the Salamanca tourney, with 121 pounder Tom Wood heading up the squad. Wood, a senior, comes in with a 10-2 record and with a tourney title in the Lake Shore tourney and a second place finish in the Mayvale tourney. The remaining senior is 157 pounder Keith

Galfo, who finished second in the Lake Shore tourney.

Two other Lake Shore tourney champs will be on the roster, however, junior Jerry Nugent at 128 pounds and sophomore Bill Guiher at 100 pounds. Both

#### Four tourney wrestlers later MVPs

Four wrestlers who competed in the 1975 Salamanca tourney went on to win outstanding wrestler honors in their respective sectional wrestling tournaments. Wrestlers who were so honored included Rick Rothfuss, Iroquois, Keith Stearns, Pioneer, John Callen, Salamanca, and Terry Miller, Portville.

#### Tourney wrestlers continue success

Winners in ten of the 14 weight classes in the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament in 1975 went on to win sectional championships.

placed in the Maryvale tourney as well.

Other members of the squad who place in both tournaments include 169 pounds Mark Ralph, a freshman, and sophomore Bill Caldwell, at 140 pounds.

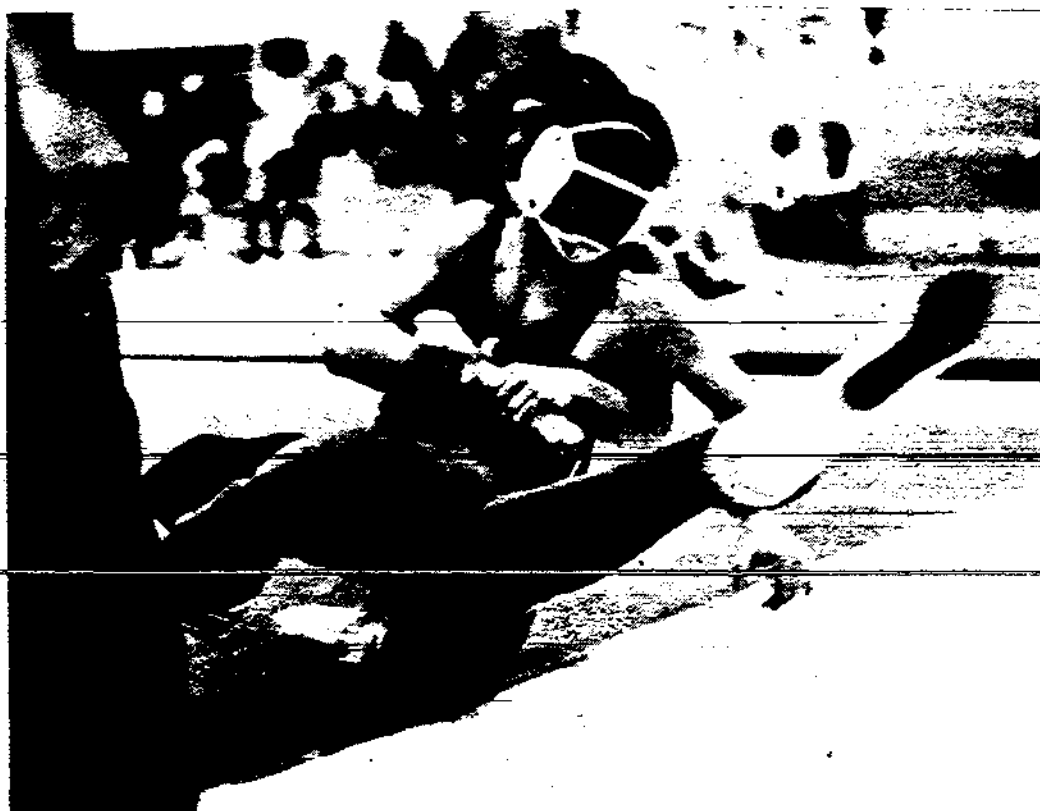
Filling out the roster will be freshman Jeff Perry at 93 pounds, freshman Dave Waddell at 107, freshman Andy McKeown at 113, sophomore Jack Graber or sophomore Ross Guarino at 134, junior Randy Bendzula at 147, sophomore Jim Wood or sophomore Tim Merk at 179, and junior Chuck Guzzotti at heavyweight.

#### LAKE SHORE HIGH SCHOOL

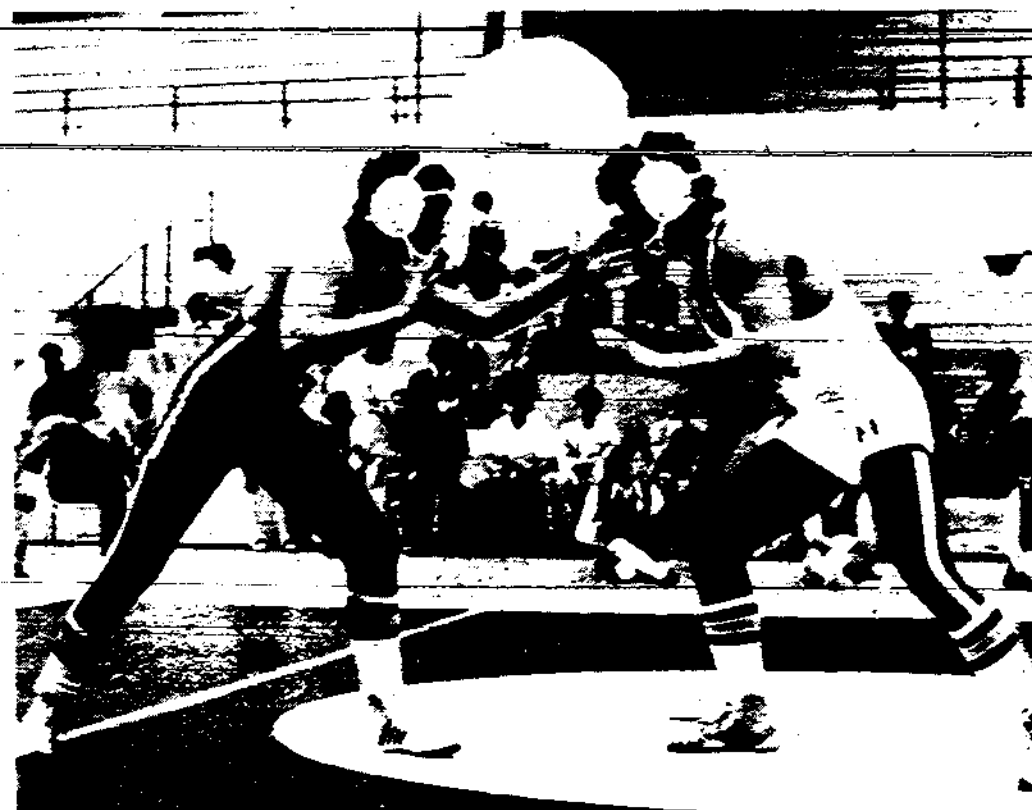
Angola, New York  
 Nickname: Eagles  
 School colors: Green and white  
 Conference: ECIC, Division III  
 Athletic director: Don Grundtisch  
 Coach: Norm Backus  
 Assistant coach: Frank Nictora.  
 Captains: meet captains.

#### Roster

Weight	Name	Year in school	Record
93	Jim Perry	Freshman	3-3
100	Bill Guiher	Sophomore	8-2-1
107	Dave Waddell	Freshman	3-2
114	Andy McKeown	Freshman	1-1
121	Tom Wood	Senior	10-2
128	Jerry Nugent	Sophomore	10-1
134	Jack Graber	Sophomore	4-1
	Ross Guarino	Sophomore	2-2
140	Bill Caldwell	Sophomore	10-2
147	Randy Bendzula	Junior	5-3
157	Keith Galfo	Senior	7-3
169	Mark Ralph	Freshman	7-3
179	Jim Wood	Sophomore	2-2
	Tim Merk	Sophomore	3-1
Hwt.	Chuck Guzzotti	Junior	5-4
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# Southwestern among tourney's tops

LAKEWOOD — Perennially one of the strong teams in the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament, the Southwestern Trojans will be making their fifth appearance in the tourney this year.

The Trojans made their tournament debut an auspicious one in 1972 when they finished third, just a point and a half behind Pioneer and Portville, who tied for the team championship. A year later, they came in fourth, then finished among the top ten in each of the next two years.

Southwestern will be under the direction of a new head coach this year, marking the first coaching change at Southwestern in over two decades.

At the helm of the Trojans will be Walt Thurneau, former assistant coach who moved up when veteran mentor Falsb Olson retired from the coaching ranks last spring. Olson, in his tenure as coach, saw his team compile over 200 dual meet victories, with one of the major milestones a 1973 victory over Portville to end an 84 meet winning streak.

Thurneau, a popular figure at the Salamanca tournament in past years, is faced with the difficult task of continuing the Trojan tradition.

"There's a lot more things to wrestling when you're a head coach than when you're an assistant," Thurneau said, "but we are looking forward to coming to the Salamanca tournament. It's a tournament we always look forward to. The kids are very pleased to be invited because of the caliber of the competition, and as far as the competition goes, the only place it's any better is at the state qualifiers."

A young team this year, the Trojans have still made a solid showing, going unbeaten through their first five matches and placing well in two tournaments. In the Southern Tier Wrestling Conference tourney, the Trojans finished fourth, winning two individual championships and claiming five other places. That performance was followed by a third place finish in the Oil City, Pennsylvania, Invitational where the Trojans won three weight class titles and claimed two other places.

Leading the Trojans into the Salamanca tournament will be Jon Swan and Tim Stevens.

Swan, a junior, will be wrestling at 140



SOUTHWESTERN TOURNEY TEAM — The tournament team for the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament from Southwestern includes, front row (l-r): Tom Whitermore, Kurt Jeeves, Lou Golanda, Mike Blake, Ron

Nelson. Middle row: Tim Stevens, Jon Swan, Todd Levan, Al Fredrickson. Back row: Bruce Janowsky, Bruce Lucas, Steve Stoeltzing, Neil Magnuson.

pounds, where he claimed both the conference tourney and Oil City tourney titles. Stevens, a 147 pounder, also claimed double titles as the senior came up with wins in both the conference and Oil City tournaments.

At 128 pounds will be junior Al Fredrickson, a third place finisher in the conference tourney who went on to win the Oil City championship.

Other place winners in the tournaments include junior Kurt Jeeves at 114 pounds, junior Bruce Janowsky at 157 pounds,

senior Bruce Lucas at 169 pounds, and senior Steve Stoeltzing at 179 pounds.

Filling out the roster will be freshman Ron Nelson at 93 pounds, junior Mike Blake at 100 pounds, freshman Lou Golanda at 107 pounds, sophomore Tom Whitermore at 121 pounds, junior Todd Levan at 134 pounds, and senior Neil Magnuson at heavyweight.

SOUTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL  
Lakewood, New York  
Nickname: Trojans.  
School colors: Red and blue.  
Conference: Southern Tier, Division I.  
Athletic Director: R.G. Shevalier.  
Coach: Walt Thurneau  
Assistant coach: Tom Prohaska  
Captain: meet captains.

Weight	Name	Year in school	Record
93	Ron Nelson	Freshman	2-2
100	Mike Blake	Junior	4-3
107	Lou Golanda	Freshman	1-5-1
114	Kurt Jeeves	Junior	6-3
121	Tom Whitermore	Sophomore	1-6
128	Al Fredrickson	Junior	10-1
134	Todd Levan	Junior	1-6
140	Jon Swan	Junior	10-0
147	Tim Stevens	Senior	10-1
157	Bruce Janowsky	Junior	7-4
169	Bruce Lucas	Senior	4-3-1
179	Steve Stoeltzing	Senior	8-3
Hwt.	Neil Magnuson	Senior	3-2
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# Maple Grove solid tourney team

BEMUS POINT — Record-wise, the Maple Grove Dragons are always among the top teams in Western New York's Southern Tier, but the performances are even better in tournaments.

The Dragons, making their fourth appearance in the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament, will be bringing another strong tourney team to Salamanca.

The tournament will be the third for the Dragons this season, and in both their previous tourney performances they made a strong showing. Maple Grove finished second in the Southern Tier Wrestling Conference tournament, then wound up a strong third in the Sweet Home Invitational.

In past performances at Salamanca, the Dragons have also done well, finishing third in their first appearance in 1973, ninth in 1974, then fourth last year.

"This is the toughest tournament in Western New York, there's no doubt about that," said Dragon coach Dick Errico in looking ahead to the Salamanca competition. "And it's a tournament we're looking forward to because of that. I think we have a good tournament team this year and we're looking forward to a good finish."

Headlining the Maple Grove line-up will be senior Bari Hallberg and junior Tim Prince.

Hallberg, a three-time sectional champ, will be wrestling at 93 pounds. This year's tournament will be Hallberg's fourth, and he will be attempting to shake off the hard luck that has dogged him at Salamanca. Two years ago, he finished second after losing an 8-2 decision in the finals. Last year, he finished third, losing a 5-3 decision in the semifinals before winning in the consolation round. Hallberg avenged the semifinal loss, to Lake Shore's Len Woods, by defeating Woods in the finals of the inter-sectional-qualifier tournament.

This year, Hallberg won both the Southern Tier Conference tourney



MAPLE GROVE WRESTLERS — Members of the Maple Grove wrestling team who will be competing in the Salamanca tournament include, front row (l-r): Bari Hallberg, Dan Dahlbeck, Clete Caskey, Lee Traynor. Second row: Bill Hoch, Greg Wefing, Dave Boughton, Tim

Marucci, Dan Woodfield. Back row: Tim Prince, Jack McCall, Gary Whitcomb, Mark Wannewetsch. Not pictured are Seth Becker, defending 105 pound champ in the tournament, and Dale Gorman.

championship and the Sweet Home Invitational tourney championship at 93 pounds and heads into the tourney with a 13-1 record, his only loss coming at 100 pounds, one weight class up.

Prince, a 157 pounder, comes into the tournament undefeated, with weight class titles in both the Southern Tier and Sweet Home tournaments. He finished third in last year's Salamanca tournament.

Also returning will be junior Seth Becker, a 114 pounder who won the Salamanca tournament at 107 pounds last year. Becker finished second in both tournaments the Dragons have competed in this year.

Another place winner in last year's tournament back again this year is senior co-captain Greg Wefing, who finished third at 140 pounds, where he will be competing this year. Wefing took third in the conference tourney.

Other wrestlers who placed in the conference tourney who will be adding depth to the Dragon squad in the Salamanca Invitational include sophomore Clete Caskey, at 107 pounds, sophomore Dave Boughton, at 134 pounds, senior Dale Gorman, at 169 pounds, and

senior Dan Woodfield, at 121 pounds. Filling out the line-up will be sophomore Dan Dahlbeck at 100 pounds, Bill Hoch, a junior at 147 pounds, sophomore Gary Whitcomb at 179 pounds, and sophomore Mark Wannewetsch at heavyweight.

**MAPLE GROVE HIGH SCHOOL**  
Bemus Point, New York  
Nickname: Dragons  
School colors: Red and white  
Conference: Southern Tier, Division I  
Athletic director: Mel Lewellan  
Coach: Dick Errico  
Assistant coach: Mike Richner  
Captains: Greg Wefing, Tim Prince

**Roster**

Weight	Name	Year in school	Record
93	Bari Hallberg	Senior	13-1
100	Dan Dahlbeck	Sophomore	4-0
107	Clete Caskey	Sophomore	9-3-1
114	Seth Becker	Junior	11-2
121	Dan Woodfield	Senior	13-2
128	Tim Marucci	Sophomore	0-1
134	Dave Boughton	Sophomore	9-6
140	Greg Wefing	Senior	9-1
147	Bill Hoch	Junior	7-3
157	Tim Prince	Senior	14-0
169	Dale Gorman	Senior	7-4
179	Gary Whitcomb	Sophomore	1-4
Hwt.	Mark Wannewetsch	Sophomore	1-7
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# Allegany one of original teams

ALLEGANY — One of the original teams in the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament, the Allegany Blue Devils have been involved in each year's tournament since, and, making their sixth appearance this year, have made a strong contribution to tournament history and tradition.

In the Salamanca Invitational, the Blue Devils have seldom finished high in the standings, but have always had outstanding individuals, and carry into the tournament the tradition of having at least one wrestler place in the standings.

This year, Allegany will be coming into the tournament with less-than-impressive record in dual competition, but in two tournaments have shown themselves to be highly competitive, and on a basis of past tourney performances this year, should have little trouble maintaining their tradition.

For the Blue Devils, injuries have played a big role in the season, and since the start of the campaign, Allegany has been decimated by those injuries. Five wrestlers who had earned starting berths when the season opened have been sidelined, with the result a series of forfeits which have proven costly in dual competition and which will hurt the Blue Devils in the Salamanca tournament.

Allegany is without wrestlers at 160 and 128 pounds, as well as at 93 and unlimited.

Still, the Blue Devils finished fourth in the Tri-County Conference tournament, winning three weight class titles and finishing second in a fourth, and despite a

seventh place finish in the Falconer Invitational placed three wrestlers in that tournament.

"This tournament is the toughest tournament in the area" commented Allegany coach Bob Karl, "and even though there aren't as many teams in the tournament this year as there were last year, I think the competition is going to be just as tough, if not tougher. The wrestlebacks are going to help the tournament and I think they'll definitely help us, and overall, I think this will give our kids a chance to warm up for the sectionals by giving them the chance to wrestle against top competition."

The Allegany entry this season will be largely a family affair, with three Nannen brothers filling out the bottom of the line-

#### Four teams in sixth year

Four of the teams in this year's Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament field were members of the original tourney field when it started in 1971. They include Olean, Iroquois, Allegany and host Salamanca. Iroquois was the winner of the first tourney.

#### Highest scoring match

The highest scoring bout in the 1975 Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament was a 20-8 match, with Williamsville North's Larry Slater taking the decision over Frontier's Dana Dervay. The bout was a 128 pound match-up in the first round.

up while the Crisafulli brothers will be in the middle.

Heading up the squad will be junior Jay Nannen, the oldest of the trio, at 121 pounds. Winner of the Tri-County Tournament and second place finisher at Falconer, he comes into the tourney sporting an impressive 13-2-1 record.

At 134 pounds will be junior Larry Crisafulli, another Tri-County Tourney winner and a fourth place finisher at Falconer, sporting a 12-3-1 record.

Jeff Crisafulli, a sophomore, will be at 140 pounds, where he won the Tri-County Tournament, while the remainder of the Nannen trio will include freshman Eric at 167 pounds and sophomore Brad at 114 pounds.

Another key cog in the line-up will be

junior Bruce Faulkner at 179 pounds. Faulkner finished second in the Tri-County tourney and fourth in the Falconer tournament.

The remainder of the squad will include junior Jim Lennon at 147 pounds, junior Mark Sauln at 157 pounds, junior Jim Barrett at 169 pounds, and junior Jim Robertson at heavyweight.

#### ALLEGANY HIGH SCHOOL

Allegany, New York  
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School colors: Blue and white.  
Conference: Tri-County.  
Athletic director: Fred Grace.  
Coach: Robert Karl.  
Assistant coach: Dave Lippert.  
Captains: meet captains

Weight	Roster		
	Name	Year in school	Record
93			
100			
107	Eric Nannen	Freshman	6-9
114	Brad Nannen	Sophomore	4-7
121	Jay Nannen	Junior	13-2-1
128			
134	Larry Crisafulli	Junior	12-3-1
140	Jeff Crisafulli	Sophomore	9-2
147	Jim Lennon	Junior	4-8
157	Mark Sauln	Junior	0-3
169	Jon Barrett	Junior	3-7
179	Bruce Faulkner	Junior	12-4
Hwt.	Jim Robertson	Junior	1-3
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# Youth, inexperience mark Warriors

Young, and for the most part inexperienced, the Salamanca Warriors again take on the task of being the host team in the toughest wrestling tournament in Western New York, the Salamanca Invitational.

The Warriors have been at both ends of the standings in the tournament in the five year history of the event, twice finishing as high as third and twice finishing just off the bottom. Last season, the team finished 19th out of 21 teams, and in this year's tournament, the Warriors will be looking for an improvement.

"Being the host team in a tournament like this one is a real challenge," commented Warrior coach Larry Reynolds. "I know the team takes pride in hosting the tournament and that the tournament is a definite help to our program because of the publicity it receives and the kind of wrestling that there is here, but that competition makes it tough to do well, especially when the team is still developing."

The Warriors have only four seniors in the line-up for the tournament, with one junior, just up from the junior varsity squad, while the remainder of the line-up is filled by sophomores, freshmen and eighth graders.

"We're going to go out there and do the best we can," Reynolds said. "With a team as young as our's is this year, it's unrealistic to plan on finishing in the top five, but I think we can do fairly well if everyone is ready and everyone wrestles up to the best of their ability."

"I know we certainly look forward to the tournament," he continued, "because we know that it has the best competition available, and the experience we gain here is going to help in sectional and inter-sectional competition."

The experience factor was borne out last season when senior John Callen, despite failing to place in the Salamanca tournament, went on to become the first Salamanca wrestler to compete in the state meet.



**WARRIOR WRESTLERS** — Members of the 1975-76 Salamanca wrestling team include, front row (l-r): Joe Conlan, Randy Dry, manager Stan Grochowina, Mike Zolner, Mike LoPresto. Second row: Rod Gilbert, Jeff Zolner, John C. Newark, Dan Dry, Rod Pierce, Chris Woodworth, Matt Printup, Doug Haines. Third row: Joe

Feichter, Mike Newark, Jay Weitzel, Marty Dry, Charlie Cappellino, Lance Oaks, Rick Smith, Stuart Schwab. Back row: Joe Roosa, Jim O'Rourke, Tom Ciolek, Todd Flinchbaugh, Marty Redeye, Pat Shinnners, Jim Collins, Pete Lee.

Topping the tournament roster for the Warriors will be senior co-captain Tom Ciolek, who will be wrestling at 140 pounds.

Ciolek, a four year starter for the Warriors, will be wrestling in his third Salamanca tournament and will be looking for the championship that has eluded him in the past. Despite a somewhat less-than-impressive 10-4 record, Ciolek is in the midst of something of a banner year.

In the Lake Shore Invitational early in the season, Ciolek pinned his way through the tournament, getting a pair of first period pins and a second period pin in the finals, and wound up earned outstanding wrestler honors as well as the weight class title. In the Southern Tier Conference tournament, he finished third, losing a 10-4 decision in the semifinals before scoring a pin in the finals. In all, six of his victories have come via pin.

At 145 pounds will be sophomore Jay Weitzel, in his second year of wrestling and a place winner in last year's sectionals. In the Lake Shore tournament, Weitzel finished second, rallying late in the third quarter of the championship bout to nearly pull out the win. He then took fourth in the conference tournament.

Todd Flinchbaugh, senior co-captain and 157 pounder, finished third in the Lake Shore Invitational, while heavyweight Marty Redeye, an eighth grader, was fourth in the conference tourney. Eighth grader Pete Lee, at unlimited, finished second in the conference tournament, while freshman 100 pounder Randy Dry was fourth in the Lake Shore tourney.

Filling out the Warrior line-up will be freshman Bob Earley at 93 pounds, freshman Jeff Mohr at 107, freshman Doug

Haines at 114, sophomore Jeff Zolner at 121, sophomore Dan Dry at 128, junior Lance Oaks at 134, senior Jim O'Rourke at 169, and senior Joe Roosa at 179.

The Warriors finished fifth in the Lake Shore tournament as a team while placing sixth in the conference tournament.

**SALAMANCA HIGH SCHOOL**

Salamanca, New York  
 Nickname: Warriors  
 School colors: Red and gray  
 Conference: Southern Tier, Division I  
 Athletic director: Roger Crandall  
 Coach: Larry Reynolds  
 Assistant coach: Bill Stephen  
 Captains: Tom Ciolek, Todd Flinchbaugh.

**Six most champs from one team**

Pioneer's 1974 team captured six weight class championships in the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament, the most titles won in the history of the tourney. Iroquois, in 1971, and Pioneer, in 1975, won five individual titles while Falconer claimed four titles in 1973. The 1972 tourney saw three teams win two titles each, Frontier, Portville and Peru.

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100	Randy Dry	Freshman	0-11
107	Jeff Mohr	Freshman	0-7
114	Doug Haines	Freshman	0-0
121	Jeff Zolner	Sophomore	0-8
128	Dan Dry	Sophomore	2-6-2
134	Jay Weitzel	Sophomore	6-8
140	Tom Ciolek	Senior	9-4
147	Lance Oaks	Junior	0-0
157	Todd Flinchbaugh	Senior	5-5
169	Jim O'Rourke	Senior	0-9-1
179	Joe Roosa	Senior	5-5
Hwt.	Marty Redeye	Eighth grade	2-9
Unl.	Pete Lee	Eighth grade	0-2

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# Wrestlebacks added to tourney

For the first time, wrestlebacks will be a part of the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament, and for the most part, the coaches who will be involved in the Salamanca tournament have been unanimous in their approval of the system.

Wrestlebacks are in a sense a type of double elimination competition and allow scoring through six places in a tournament.

The term 'wrestleback' is derived from the fact that a wrestler who loses can still wrestle his way back into the tournament and take a place in the final standings.

Salamanca tournament director George Whitcher explained the advantage of

adding wrestlebacks and how the system will work.

"There are a number of advantages to having wrestlebacks," Whitcher said. "I think the biggest is that in a tournament like the Salamanca tournament, it's very difficult to determine just who the best wrestlers are, and with a wrestleback system, any good wrestlers who get upset or who wind up going against an equally good wrestler, still have the chance to score for their teams."

Among the problems in determining the best wrestlers in a given weight class are a lack of common opponents, differences in the caliber of opponents, differences in the number of matches (as Whitcher

pointed out, "How do you differentiate between a kid with a 9-1 record and a kid with a 13-2 record), and circumstances such as early season injury or illness which may sideline a wrestler for a number of matches.

Under the wrestleback system, there will still be seeding in an attempt to keep the obviously outstanding wrestlers in a given class apart. However, any mistakes made in seeding, such as seeding a wrestler better than he should be, won't necessarily guarantee a score for a team, while wrestlers who get upset or who lose to an outstanding wrestler still have chance to score points by wrestling back with the opportunity to place as high as third.

With a tournament of the scope of the Salamanca tournament, involving teams from a wide geographic area, wrestlebacks also guarantee half the wrestlers in a given weight class a second chance to wrestle despite a preliminary round loss.

Under the single elimination system, used in the past, quality wrestlers often wound up traveling a long distance only to be eliminated after one bout.

Wrestlebacks will also make for more exact team scoring, with points being scored through sixth place and with advancement points and bout points (for major or superior decisions and pins) also being awarded in both brackets.

Wrestlebacks are being used as an experiment this year because of the distances involved for the teams in the tournament. Seedings will be handled by Whitcher on a basis of portfolios provided by the coaches, indicating the records and accomplishments of each wrestler as well as particular circumstances pertaining to his record.

Whitcher pointed out that the use of the wrestleback system and the use of the portfolios in seeding pretty much precludes the possibility of a team getting unfairly treated and of giving the host team, in this case Salamanca, an unwarranted advantage.

"This tournament has a high degree of integrity," said Whitcher, "and there's really no way to set up the brackets to give any one team an advantage it doesn't deserve without being obvious about it, which in turn would hurt the tournament. I'm sure there will probably be some complaints, but we run into those with seeding meetings anyway, and with the

wrestlebacks, things should be pretty much evened out in the long run."

The major disadvantages to a wrestleback system is that it will be adding nine extra bouts per weight class, which, figured on a basis of six minutes per match, means roughly 800 extra minutes of wrestling, and additional cost in fees for officials.

In coping with the time factor, Whitcher pointed out that it will be of absolute necessity to finish the quarterfinals of the upper bracket on Friday night, the first night of the tournament.

For the reason, four mats will be used from 5 p.m. the start of the competition, until 8 or 8:30 p.m., which should be the end of the preliminary round. Four mats will also be used in the first rounds of the wrestlebacks Saturday morning, from about 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. The first rounds of the wrestlebacks will be completed before the start of the semifinal round in the upper bracket.

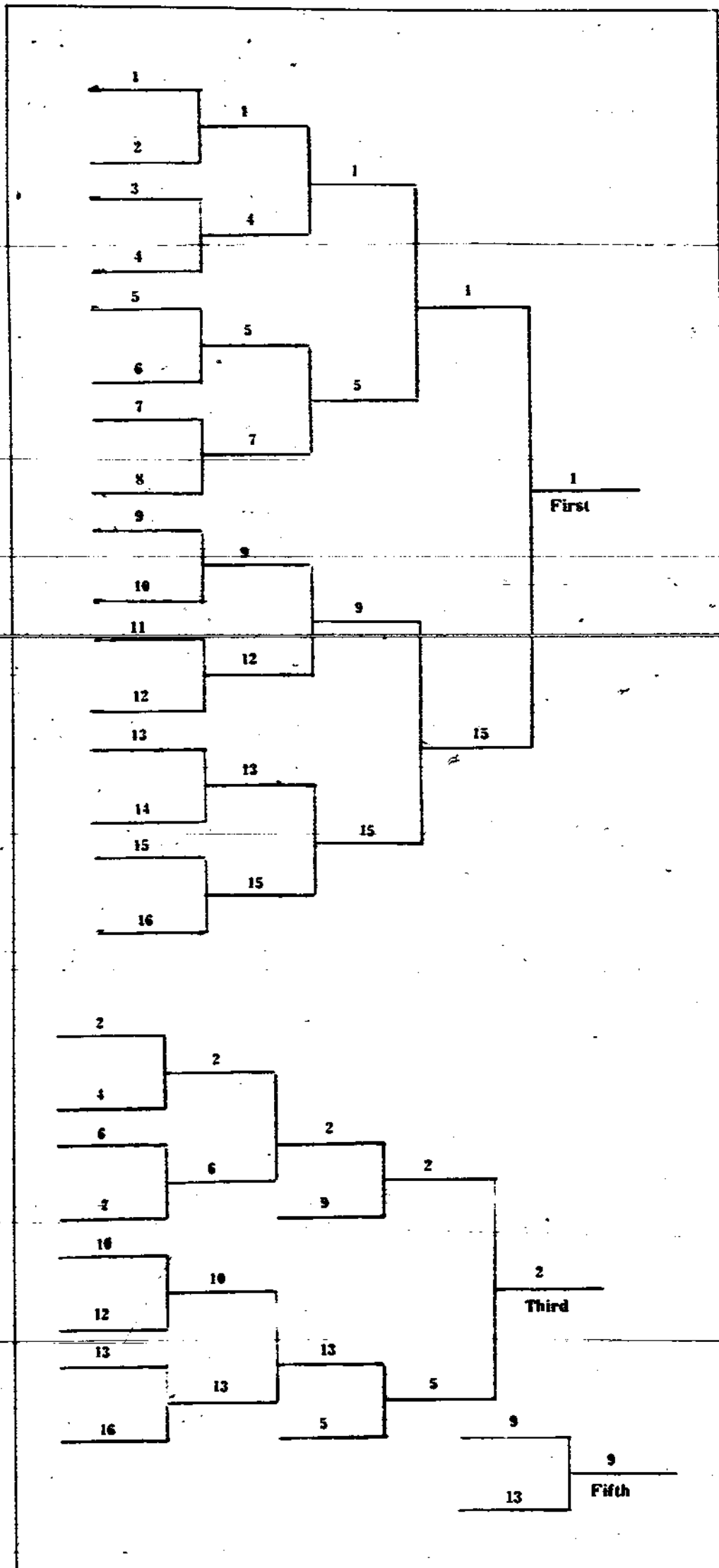
The additional fees for the officials have been offset by an increase in the tournament fees, spreading the additional cost evenly among the teams competing.

The wrestlebacks begin after the quarterfinal round in the upper bracket, a total of 24 bouts per weigh class. Wrestlers who lost in either the preliminary or quarterfinal round to the quarterfinal winners then drop to the wrestleback or consolation bracket, meaning eight of the wrestlers in a weight class. After the first two rounds of the wrestlebacks, competition goes back to the upper bracket for the semifinals, with the losers of the semifinal round getting cross-bracketed in the wrestleback for the wrestleback semifinals. The losers of the semifinal round in the wrestleback then meet for fifth place, with the winners meeting for third place.

Wrestlers in the upper bracket receive two advancement points per win through the semifinal round while wrestlers in the wrestleback bracket receive one advancement point per win through the semifinals of the bracket. Place points are awarded on a basis of 12-9-7-5-3-1 from first through sixth place.

#### Tourney pin record set

There were a total of 92 pins scored in the 1975 Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament, the most pins ever recorded in the history of the tourney.



**WRESTLEBACKS** — Sample brackets showing how the wrestleback system works. In the upper bracket, the championship bracket, wrestler '1' goes all the way out to win the weight class title while wrestler '2' drops to the wrestleback bracket after losing in the first round and continues out to place third. Wrestlebacks will begin after the completion of the second round of the tourney. Note that cross-bracketing occurs only in the semifinals of the wrestlebacks, with wrestler '9' placing third by winning the consolation.

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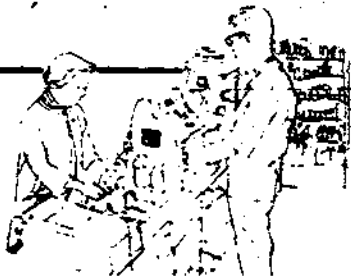
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# Officials add skill, experience to tourney

An important part of wrestling is the officiating, that much goes without saying.

The officials, ignored until the match starts, seldom get anything but verbal abuse from the fans, who are never willing to acknowledge anything but what they feel is a poor job done by the man in the striped shirt. Ask any fan about a particularly close match and nine times out of ten, he'll probably point out where the wrestler he was shooting for lost points or got robbed by stalling that the official didn't call.

Usually, however, that's not completely accurate. The gentlemen in the striped shirts have a solid knowledge of the rules and see their primary responsibility as keeping the wrestlers from getting injured.

The referee is also responsible for keeping the tempo of the match going. It is up to the referee to decide when a move has been completed and when to award points, to decide which wrestler is in control and which wrestler is stalling. The referee must stop the bout to allow injuries to be administered to, to watch for and stop potentially dangerous holds, and to keep the pace of the match going.

Because of the size of the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament, six officials will be working this year, and all six are highly competent officials, among the best in Section VI, as befits a tournament of the caliber of Salamanca's.

This year's tournament team will include Don Wishart, Norm Thomas, Jim Lucey, Dan Lounsbury, Carl Hutchison and Tim Miller.

Wishart, a guidance director at Randolph High School, is considered one of the top wrestling officials in the state. The former wrestling coach at Randolph, he has been an official for the past 15 years and has been a regular at the Salamanca tournament. Former wrestling chairman for Section VI, Wishart was one of nine officials selected from New York's 11 athletic sections to officiate at the 1973 state wrestling championships.

Thomas is another top official with a solid background. The former Jamestown High School coach, Thomas was a part of



**DON WISHART**  
Neutral position



**NORM THOMAS**  
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the Salamanca tournament as a coach for four years before becoming an official, and last year was one of the officials working for the tourney. Noted for this flamboyant style in officiating, Thomas has become one of the most sought-after officials for tournaments in the area.

Lucey, a physical education teacher at Maple Grove, is another ex-coach and veteran official and has also been a member of the officiating team in the state championships, working the 1967 state tourney at Niagara University. Noted for his calm style, a veteran of many tight matches, is much in demand for his officiating services in sectional competition.

Lounsbury is a member of the faculty at Falconer High School and was formerly a highly successful mat coach. A regular member of the officiating team at the Salamanca tournament, the veteran official manages to retain both a sense of humor and ever-present calmness while officiating.

Hutchison, a Pennsylvania resident, works both sides of the border as a member of both the Southern Tier Wrestling Officials Association in New York and the Association's counterpart in northwestern Pennsylvania. This year will mark Hutchison's second in the Salamanca tournament.

Miller is a newcomer to the ranks of officiating, and is currently in his first year as an active official, but is no stranger to the Salamanca tourney. A former standout at Portville High School, Miller was a sectional champ during his career and won the Salamanca tourney as a 147 pounder in 1973 after having finished fourth in 1972. By returning to the tourney as an official, he becomes the first former competitor in the tournament to return in another capacity.

The officials will work on a rotational basis throughout the early rounds of the competition, with each official getting time off after working three or four individual bouts. While not working a bout, however, officials may be called on to help judge any bout going into overtime.



**DAN LOUNSBURY**  
Checking for the fall



**JIM LUCEY**  
Announcing the winner



# Outstanding wrestlers enhance tourney

The reputation of the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament, now in its sixth year, is firmly entrenched. Like any tournament wishing to boast of its strength, the Salamanca Invitational has the kind of credentials that make it a must stop on the list of any college coach hoping to recruit in the area. Past performances leave no doubt about the caliber of teams and individuals entered.

The list of wrestlers who have gone from the Salamanca Invitational to further success is a long one. Since the tournament first started, at least two, and sometimes as many as six individual weight class champions have gone on to compete in the New York State tournament, and each year, at least one Salamanca tournament champ has reached the state finals.

In five years, the Salamanca tourney has been represented by a total of 29 wrestlers in the state tournament, and four of those wrestlers have made repeat trips to the state tourney.

Beyond the high school level, the list of competitors who wrestled successfully in the Salamanca tournament that have gone on to success at the collegiate level is almost incalculable.

Heading up the list, of course, are the wrestlers who have been cited as the most outstanding wrestlers in the tournament.

Four wrestlers have been so honored thus far, with one wrestler twice being named. Pioneer's Phil Roblee won the award in both 1973 and 1974. Olean's Bruce Meyers was the winner of the trophy in 1975. Frontier's Vince Tundo was the outstanding wrestler in the 1972 tournament. Mike Sernoffsky, Iroquois, was the winner of the first tournament outstanding wrestler award in 1971.

Meyers, wrestling at 121 pounds last year, turned in what had to be one of the most stellar tournament performances ever for a single individual. Coming into the tournament with an unimpressive 6-1 record, Meyers wound up getting the number six seed and a spot in the lower bracket

In the first round, he scored a 4-1 decision over Medina's Paul Wilson, which paired him against third seeded Jon Swan, Southwestern, in the semifinals. After falling behind by a 2-0 count, Meyers came back strong in the second and third periods to claim a 10-6 decision.

In the semifinals, Meyers met Pioneer's Kyle Grunwald, the second seed in the class, and came up with another upset, this one a 5-4 decision, putting him into the finals against top seeded John Caulfield, Williamsville North. Caulfield was 18-0 heading into the tournament, and in advancing to the finals had scored a pair of pins and an 8-4 decision. Against Meyers, however, he managed only a pair of escapes while Meyers scored on a takedown, a predicament and a reversal for a 6-2 decision.

The win all but guaranteed Meyers the outstanding wrestler award, and when he received it, he became the second junior to be so honored.

Meyers finished second in the sectionals and was eliminated in a rematch with Grunwald in the semifinal round of the intersectional qualifiers.

Roblee became the first wrestler to win back-to-back outstanding wrestler recognition when he claimed his second tournament championship in 1974 by winning the 134 pound weight class.

In the 1974 tourney, Roblee came up with a pin in the opening round of competition, then logged a 22-0 decision in the quarterfinals. He scored a 5-0 decision in the semifinals over Grand Island's Al Grimes, the number four seed in the weight class, then met Falconer's Kim Richir for the championship.

Richir, the number two seed, had advanced with three easy decisions, but against Roblee was dumped for a first period takedown and reversed in the second period before Roblee finally ended things with a third period pin.

The number two seed at 128 pounds as a junior, Roblee won the outstanding wrestler award primarily on the strength

of his upset win over top-seeded Jeff Swan, Southwestern, in the finals. Heading into the third period, Roblee led by a 7-6 count, and in that period, he put Swan on his back to get the pin.

Roblee went on to compete in the state tournament as both a junior and a senior, finishing fourth in the state meet as a junior and second as a senior while helping to lead Pioneer to the state team championship.

This year, Roblee is wrestling at Jamestown Community College and has turned in several impressive performances for the Jayhawks.

Although his team failed to win the team title, Frontier's Tundo had little trouble in rolling to his outstanding wrestler award in 1972.

Competing as a senior in the 114 pound weight class, Tundo picked up the outstanding wrestler award for his final round victory over Portville's Neal Payne, as well as for his performances leading up to the championship.

Payne came into the tournament with an unblemished record and was the number one seed in the weight class. Against Tundo, however, he was just about helpless as Tundo rolled to an easy 13-4 decision. Tundo had pinned his way through the tourney to reach the finals.

After the Salamanca Tournament, Tundo went on to finish second in the state meet, then attended Alfred Tech, where he was undefeated in his freshman year. He also won the National Junior College championship and went on to win the Men's National AAU title.

The first outstanding wrestler award went to Sernoffsky for his performance in the 140 pound weight class in the tourney's first year. The number one seeded wrestler in his class with an unbeaten record, he pinned his way through the early rounds of the competition before reaching the finals, where he met Randolph's John Sluga. Sernoffsky totally dominated Sluga in the finals to pick up a 10-0 major decision and win the outstanding wrestler award.

Sernoffsky went on to compete in the state tournament, then attended Duke University on a wrestling scholarship, lettering as a freshman.

But while the outstanding wrestler award is limited to one per meet, there is no limit on the number of outstanding efforts, and they are numerous.

Among the most impressive are the performances of Mike Arnold and Keith Stearns, both from Pioneer and currently the only three-time winners in the Salamanca Tournament.

Arnold was the first three time champ, competing in his first Salamanca tournament as a sophomore in 1972, when he won the 100 pound title. As a junior, he won at 107, then made it three in a row as a senior by taking the 114 pound championship.

In each of those seasons, Arnold went on to the state meet, and after finishing fourth in 1972, came in second in both 1973 and 1974.

Stearns was even more impressive. As a freshman in 1972, he finished fourth, then came in first at 138 pounds a year later, going on to compete in the state meet that season. He pinned his way through the tournament in 1974 at 147 pounds to win the title, but lost a tough decision in the finals of the qualifier meet to miss out on another trip to the state meet.

As a senior last year, however, he more than made up for it. Again pinning his way through the tourney, he won the 157 pound title, then won outstanding wrestler honors in the sectional and qualifier tournaments, pinning his way through both to go to the state meet with an incredible record of 34-0, 33 of those wins via pin. In the state tourney, he came up with three more pins and was hands down winner of the outstanding wrestler award there. He is currently wrestling at the University of Oklahoma.

Stearns is the only wrestler from the Salamanca tourney to win a state championship, but tourney wrestlers have claimed nine runner-up spots in state meet, including those logged by Tundo, Arnold and Roblee.

Joel Puleo, Iroquois, was the first to reach the state finals from the Salamanca tourney, winning the heavyweight title at Salamanca in the first tournament before winding up second in the state meet.



**MIKE SERNOFFSKY**  
First tourney MVP



**VINCE TUNDO**  
Outstanding wrestler in 1972

Tundo finished second in 1972, while in 1973 it was Arnold.

In 1974, Arnold and Roblee were second in the state meet, as was teammate Bill Fuller, wrestling at 121 pounds. Then in 1975, three more wrestlers came in second: Frontier's Gene Tundo, younger brother of Vince at 140 pounds, Pioneer's Doug Tinguie, at 134 pounds, and Medina's Ron Taylor, at unlimited.

Other wrestlers from the Salamanca tourney to place in the state meet include Peru's Tom Everett, third at 147 in 1972, Olean's Kirk Anderson, third at 140 in 1974, Warsaw's John Hackemer, fourth at unlimited in 1974, and Grunwald, fourth at 121 in 1975.

The success of the wrestlers competing in past tournaments continues to point up the quality of the teams involved in the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament, and in the quality of the individuals who wrestle for them. The reputation of the Salamanca Tournament as one of the best in the state is one well deserved.

How have wrestlers from the Salamanca Tournament fared? Following is a list of wrestlers who competed in the tournament, then went on to compete in the New York State meet. Included are school, weight class, Salamanca Tournament finish, and how the wrestler fared in the state meet.

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 Agony (Peru), 138, DNP, DNP; Jeff Sargent (Portville), 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 Tinguie (Pioneer), 132, First, Second; Gene Tundo (Frontier), 138, First, Second; Dave Izard (Sweet Home), 145, Second, DNP; Keith Stearns (Pioneer), 155, First, (MVP), Ron Taylor (Medina), Unl., First, Second.



**PHIL ROBLEE**  
Twice named outstanding



**BRUCE MEYERS**  
Second junior selected

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