# 1976 Niagara Frontier League All-Star Wrestlers Champion Niagara-Wheatfield places six men

also a victor in the Sec- (NIAG.-WHEAT.) - One

Hartel.

event.

SCOTT PINE (KEN-

EAST) - Finished the

crown at the Amherst

Invitational tournament

before taking the NFL

meet where he beat Reed in the finals. Scott was

League champion Niagara-Wheatfield dominated the 1976 Niagara Frontier League's All-Star Wrestling Team, taking one-third of the available berths on the "dream team."

The Falcons, who chalked up a brilliant 13-1 seasonal record, led the way with six grapplers being selected. The Falcons' only loss came at the hands of the Tonawanda, whose Red Warriors had five players named all-league. Kenmore East placed four wrestlers on the team. Both Tonawanda and Ken-East had 12-2 records.

Dick Meckes' LaSalle Explorers had two members on the listing while Lockport rounded out the selections with a single pick. Kenmore West, North Tonawanda, Niagara Falls and Lewiston-Porter were not represented with an allstar berth.

In four weight classes, the closeness of competition caused a deadlock in the balloting among the league's athletic directors

ROCK MILLER (TONAWANDA) - This pesky first-year man was impressive, especially in the rough going. The 93pound class is seldom wrestled for points, but when it was or when it came to tournaments, Rock was at his best.

In the NFL meet, he edged Ken-East's Dale Paolucci 4-2 to win the tourney crown. He was seeded second behind Paolucci. In the Section VI Division III championships, Miller took a second place finish as he lost to Williamsville North's Gerry Stirling 8-7 in the finals.



Warriors in take-downs with 19. It was Miller's ... 93 pounder victory in the last match

NFL regular season without a loss. However, despite the fine performance, he had to settle for a tie in the all-star voting with Lockport's George Reed. Scott, who wrestles under his, father Skip Pine at East, has lettered for the past three seasons. He has one more year left on the East crew. Pine won the 105-pound

> Pine ... 105 pounder

GUY MILLER that gave THS its victory junior, shares all-league (TONAWANDA) - Just over Niagara-Wheatfield honors at 145-pounds with a sophomore, Miller this past season. already has three Section VI Division III tournament crowns under his belt. As an eighth grader he won the event at 88-

ney.

pounds, followed with a victory at 98-pounds as a freshman and then won the event in 1976 at the 112-pound class. Guy led the Red

Miller

(KEN-EAST) - Posted a the finals of the NFL (KEN-EAST) - A trans- turned into one of the 7-0 93-pound record meet. Paolucci jumped fer from Cardinal just after the Obvistmes was unfortunate for the a doctor's order kept

> Two years ago, McArdle won the All-Catholic meet in the 105pound class. As a senior in '76, McArdle won the NFL meet with a narrow 6-3 decision over Miller. His efforts in the event won him the Outstanding Wrestler award as voted by the other wrestlers. He also finished the NFL regular season without a

McArdle went on to senior was the third take the 112-pound class seeded wrestler in the

> nual league meet. Russ led the Falcons in the most individual team points and was a runnerup in the Division III

PAT PITTMAN (NIAG.-WHEAT.) - For the second straight year, "Chick" has been named all-NFL in the 138-pound class.

He posted an unbeaten NFL regular season this past year finishing up a fine two-year career on the Falcon varsity unit. During the two seasons, he did not suffer a regular season defeat.

"Chick" won the NFL tournament with a 7-1 lashing of East's Ken Cramer. Pittman was also a winner in the Division III event.

MIKE HARTEL Red Warriors as Hartel outstanding football league teams. However, (TONAWANDA) - A in- was improving with each

jury late in the season match. kept the Red Warrior Mike did win the NFL senior out of any post-sea- meet at 145-pounds with son tournaments. This the injury but after that,

Mike from taking part in any more wrestling. At the George Miller

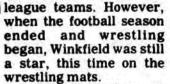


**Duane Hunt** ... 167 pounds

GREG KERR (KEN-EAST) - Without a doubt the best 215-pounder in the loop. Greg was another of the many unbeaten NFL matmen.

Kerr, who until this season was an avrage wrestler, came into his own when he outpointed highly regarded Paul Bartlett 7-4 to win the NFL meet. In the Division I tournament, Kerr took a second as he vale's Mike Murray 5-2.

JIM WINKFIELD player for LaSalle High. (LaSALLE) — This hulk He was so good that he of a young man was an was named to several all-



He was an NFL meet winner before taking the Division II event. In the state qualifier meet he won a trip to Syracuse by taking the 250-pound

attend Canisius College in the fall.

JOHN DeLORENZO doing well in the New





Paolucci ... 93 pounder

GEORGE REED (LOCKPORT) - The only member of the Lions to make the all-league team. Reed was one of the reasons why Lockport was considered the NFL "sleeper" in 1976.

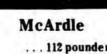
Reed was a runner-up



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... 112 pounder

JEFF TOTH (TONAWANDA) - This

... 112 pounder DALE PAOLUCCI Tonawanda's Miller 4-2 in TIM MCARDLE O'Hara, he quickly

just after the Christmas

loss in the 112-pound RUSS KOK (NIAG.-



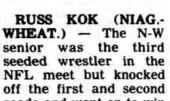
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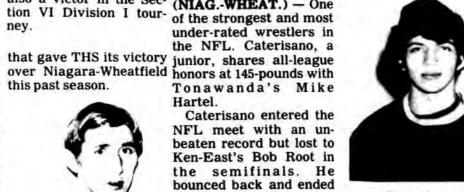
... 138 pounds

BILL CATERISANO

up third. He did go on to

win the Division III







Caterisano ... 145 pounder

Kerr lost in the finals to Mary-.... 215 pounder

DUANE HUNT (LaSALLE) - As a

sophomore, Hunt picks

up his second consecutive

selection on the all-league

team. Last year Hunt was

the circuit's top 177-

Hunt started the season

at the 177-pound bracket

but moved down for

tournament wrestling. He

won the NFL meet at 167-

pounds before finishing

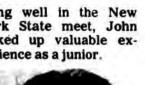
below par at third in the

Division II champion-

pounder.

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class. Winkfield plans to ... Heavyweight



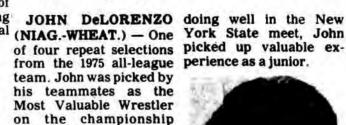
Hartel

in the Section VI Division NFL meet but knocked off the first and second seeds and went on to win the NFL title in the an-

... 145 pounder

Memorial Awards Dinner honoring the Red Warrior wrestlers, Tonawanda coach Glenn Bateman named Hartel the Most Valuable Wrestler on the team. Up to the time of

his injury, he was leading the Warriors in several (NIAG.-WHEAT.) - One York State meet, John wrestling categories.



team.

Winkfield

in the NFL meet when he lost to Pine 7-2 in the finals. He was also a second-place finisher in the Section VI Division II tourney.



Bob Holler, Kurt Lilly banged out two hits

Montaldi had two hits led the losers with a two-

apiece as Holler In- run single.

surance nipped the

Eldredge Club 3-2 in

home runs for the losers.

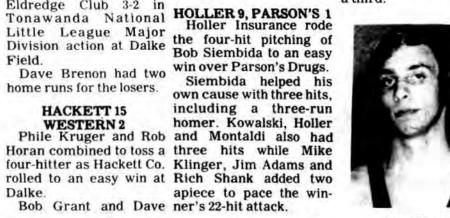
HACKETT 15

WESTERN 2

Dalke

Red warrior senior iound the going rough early in the season but came out on top at the end of the year. He was a 1975 selection at 112-pounds. ... 105 pounder Toth, who was the topseeded wrestler in the Holler tops Eldredge

NFL meet, lived up to expectations and beat Lockport's Art Galvis in the finals 3-2. He was also a winner in the Division Kowalski and Mike apiece while Jeff Swan III meet. In the state qualifier meet, Toth was impressive and picked up a third.



### Jim Heuer ... 126 pounds

Doll, who was selected

by his teammates as the

Most Valuable Senior and

the Tonawanda High

ADAA

Shawn Bush

Seven-Eleven scored provided the early inning nine runs in the early fireworks while Kevin D A N D O L L frames and then held on Anger made a fine (TONAWANDA) — Mr. NFL meet and the to nip Turtle Optician, 9-6 defensive catch to Pin himself in the in North Tonawanda prevent Turtle from Frontier League. to the put state qualifier meet. Marking the team in the before placing third in the before placing third in the before placing third in the tate qualifier meet. Marking the team in the before placing third in the before pl

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Major Division action at Ramsay Field.

Ron Keaton led Turtle's pins during the season Barry Davignon, Ray five run fifth inning with and finished the year with Burgler and Sean Gray a bases loaded double.

Groggery is unbeaten

Bob Grant and Dave ner's 22-hit attack.

Seven-Eleven wins 9-6

remained unbeaten by Stenzil.,

ST. JOHNSBURG WINS St. Johnsburg ran its Ponytail action.

Heidi Schuster had four pace the win. hits and five runs batted in while Jean Moses had two hits and three RBI.

Post at Ramsay Field.

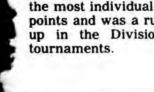
The Groggery League Softball action at Varsity Club Outstanding blasting Benny's 12-2 in Jack Waugaman Warriors in three other North Tonawanda "B" earned the mound victory categories. He had the

while giving up only four most reversals (14), the hits. Joe Takacs, Jack the most team points record to 2-0 with a 10-4 Waugaman and Wally (78). win over the American Wolanske each had a Legion in Wheatfield double and a triple to

VANNER'S WIN 5-0 Bob Ehms rapped home runs in the fifth and

GRATWICK IS WINNER sixth innings to back the Richard Omahen had three-hit shutout pitching three hits to lead Grat- of Tim Eldridge as wick Hose to a 16-9 North Vanner's BSAC blanked Tonawanda American Willowgrove, 5-0 in a Little League Senior Town of Tonawanda Division win over Sikora Junior League game at Brighton.

Mark Reddinger had-a Ehms drove in four





Jeff Toth ... 119 pounds

JIM HEUER (NIAG.-WHEAT.) — Another allpicks up the 1976 126held in the 1975 balloting.

trouble in picking up the Pirates, will launch the everyone in the majors and also a star first Mike Geschwender had title, beating Ken-East's 1976 New York-Penn wearing the Pittsburgh baseman. two key hits in the rally. Manny Cacciatore in the Baseball League cam-uniform will have gained Rick was one of the few Direct of the few finals 1.7.2 Hener was a

home to duel the same Salem and we've been manager with his pit-



SHAWN BUSH (NIAG.-WHEAT.) - The 180- four or five days ago," he Saturday and spent most four hits while working in League action at Payne pounder posted an un- said. of a welcoming luncheon all six New York Yankee Field. beaten record in the NFL. He was also a fine missed the entire training of directors meeting his named Monday the PRAY PACES LIONS baseball pitcher on N-W's session at Pirate City. sectional runner-up nine.

win over Tonawanda's Salem, that one for our. It was: "Hi, what's. in New York's sweep of action at Emcoln Park. Bruce Wilson in the farm in Bradenton. We're your-name? Are you Minnesota and Chicago. Mark Condgon was finals. He was also a bound to make mistakes ready to go? Can you hit? runner-up in the Division on assignments, but we Etc.



... 155 pounds

in the Pittsburgh family, stadium.

Short training session

for Falls Pirate team

the players."

Murray Cook, the however, that we have Michigan.

player personnel, said The players checked in with a shortstop and a Monday night at Hyde to Pirate City right from second sacker who never

Most of them, in fact, tossed by the club's board wins last week, was

a Florida stopover.

direct to the Falls without Stadium.

Section taking the Division III tournament. In the state qualifier meet, John gained a berth on the Section VI team by winning the 98pound class. Despite not

DeLorenzo ... 98 pounds

## **VFW** rally wins 13-8

The VFW came up with 10 runs in the fifth and

wasn't enough time to see at Hyde Park Saturday sixth frames to pull out a cook speaks for the game pitcher, Rick Tonawanda American As far as Manager entire Pittsburgh Honeycutt, was im-Little League Senior Glenn Ezell is concerned, organization when he pressive. Ironically, it Division win over star selection from the the Niagara Falls Pirates says they are highly was not on the mound, but Harold's Auto Tops at

jammed their "spring pleased with the Falls in the batting cage as he O'Hara. training" program into Pirates each year. time and again rifled Rick I pound spot that former this past Sunday and Told that well over 30 shots over the fence or to VFW cause when he teammate Bill Mowrey Monday at Hyde Park ex-Falls Pirates are still the outer-reaches of the tossed three innings of shutout ball in relief after

### **Pirates** top Mets

burgh's Pirate City in knowing, what with the No. 1 draft choice, James pitching of Brian Rider. Bradenton, Fla., each way we have to select the Parke, a 6-foot-4 Cliff Wolf, Tom Krull

players. We do know, righthander from and Andy Holesko each had two hits to pace the Pittsburgh club's some excellent talent and Manager Ezell looks winners. McGowan had a assistant farm director even though they did not for anything and home run and a triple for who is in town for several work together in training, everything to happen in the losers. days to help sort out the they should be in shape." early-action, especially SPAILDING FIBRE.

SPAULDING FIBRE ASTO'S 10

Park that this has been a high school or college worked together until Bob Siezega pitched a tougher grind than campuses and some they met at Hyde Park fine four-hitter while his teammates supplied him with 10 hits as the Astros draft was held later than Manager Ezell, here NEW YORK (UPI) - bombed the Gastown usual and we didn't sign for a second year with the Relief pitcher Sparky Sportsmen Cards in many of the players until Baby Bucs, arrived Lyle, who allowed only North Tonawanda Senior

American League player Kyle Pray pitched a aseball pitcher on N-W's session at Pirate City. players. American League player Kyle Pray pitched a ectional runner-up nine. "We had to use guess- Asked how many he of the week. three-hitter, striking out Bush was picked the work, saying this one worked with in Florida he Lyle, who lowered his nine as Mushroom beat best bet to win the NFL would go to Niagara began counting and ERA to 1.77, pitched 10 2-3 the Lincoln Park Lions meet and lived up to Falls, this one can play, stopped short of using the innings in the six games 25-2 in Town of expectations with a 6-2 for our farm club in fingers on both hands. and picked up four saves Tonawanda Grasshopper

Runnerup honors went four-for-four and Vic to California Angel pit- Baron hit a home run for

LYLE TOPS

Wrestler, also led the most pin points (22) and Dan Doll .... 132 pounds

By BOB LOWE **NEWS Sports Editor** 

"The major league

Stadium in the Falls. He was the top seed in The Baby Bucs, pride he mentioned that in He was 8-2 for the Harold's posted an 8-3 trouble in picking up the of their parent Pittsburgh another four or five years University of Tennessee lead.

finals 1 7-2. Heuer was a paign this evening in experience in the Falls. who made it to Pirate runner-up in the Division Batavia before returning "That's true now of City and impressed his