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**Saturday, January 20, 1996 G. Ray Bodley H.S.**

# Fulton coach welcomes increased field to festival

Welcome to the Fulton Athletic Boosters 1996 Wrestling Festival. This year's field has grown from 11 to 14 teams and again has gathered a tremendous amount of team and individual talent. Teams from five geographical sections of the state as well as Canada should lead to some great competition.

Returning from last year, Suffern High School possesses another outstanding team. Suffern, from the New York City area, is led by three defending champions from the tournament a year ago. Wrestlers to watch for the Mounties are P.J. Bory at 126 pounds, Greg Schneider at 132 pounds, and Griff Powell at 145 pounds.

The Rochester area is represented by Wayne Central, East Rochester, and Attica High School. Wayne brings a very strong team to the festival led by defending champion Leo Urbinelli at 126. East Rochester is much improved and led by Ryan Wilson, who is a defending champion from the 1995 festival. Attica is a newcomer and has an outstanding line-up led by sectional champion Greg Laude.

Northern New York is represented by three strong programs - South Jefferson, Canton-Potsdam, and Saranac. South Jefferson, which is coached by my brother

Pat, has another outstanding team led by lightweight Steve Porter and middleweight Gary Cooper. The Spartans are a good team and should be in the championship hunt. Saranac returns sectional champion and state-place winner Pat Clancy at 145 pounds as the team should score well. Canton-Potsdam in another newcomer this year and Coach Neil Riggs' team should add to an already strong field.

The Utica area sends Vernon-Verona-Sherrill and New Hartford to this year's tournament. The Red Devils are led by 145-pound defending Section III champion Derek Racino. To give you the idea of the talent at this tournament, Racino didn't place in top six at last year's festival and went on to capture a sectional title. New Hartford is led by middleweight Dan Perry, who placed third last year.

Newark Valley represents the Southern Tier and is coached by former Fulton assistant Eric D'Arcy. Coach D'Arcy returns lightweight Brian Foster and upper weight Jason Head.

Canada is represented by the Kahnawake Survival School. The school is a Native American school and is located just outside of Montreal. Coach Dave Canadian has an outstanding group and promises to

have an impact here.

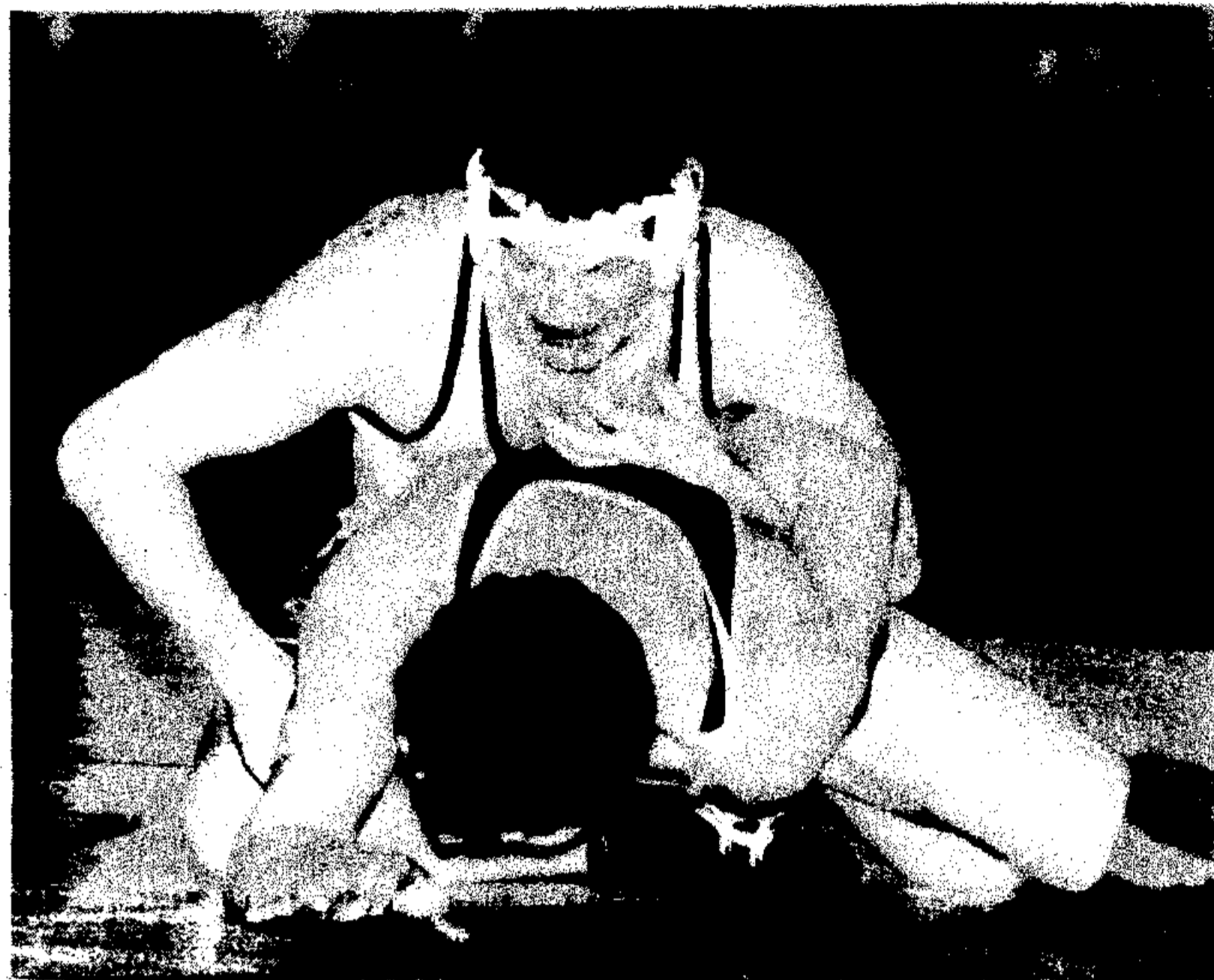
Finally, the local area is represented by Phoenix and Oswego. Coach Dick Brown's Firebirds are led by defending champion Clay Russell and middleweight Gregg Neish. Coach Greg Bailey's Buccaneers are led by middleweight Steve Watts and upper weight Jason Stock.

The host school is looking to defending champion Mike Kitts at 167 pounds and

David Lasher at 250 pounds to lead the Red Raiders to another victory.

I would like to welcome all of the competitors, coaches, and fans to Fulton and wish them all luck. Also, a special thanks goes out to everyone in our wrestling family who is working to make this festival another success.

Good luck,  
Coach Mike Conners



### Raider hopeful

Moving up a weight class for the Red Raiders at this year's tournament will be junior J.R. Taormina (top) at 155 pounds. He wrestled at 145 a year ago and took second. He is pictured picking up one of his 15 wins earlier this season against only one defeat.

-Valley News photo by Lyle Fulton

## Fulton Wrestling Festival Schedule

Saturday, Jan. 20

Varsity tournament at G. Ray Bodley H.S.

First-round matches 9:30 a.m.

(Varsity will wrestle continuously on four mats until finals)

Junior varsity tournament at Fulton Junior High School

(JV will wrestle on three mats through finals)

\*Tickets purchased for JV tournament also accepted for admission to varsity tournament.

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## 1996 tournament builds on last year's success

by Lyle Fulton

With a field of schools that were prominent in the state rankings attending the first Fulton Athletic Booster Club Wrestling Festival in 1995, the 1996 version of the tournament looks to be even better with not only a majority of the schools returning, but eight wrestlers taking to the mat to defend individual titles.

The field in Saturday's tournament will include 14 teams, an increase of three from 1995. Returning for the second year will be Phoenix, New Hartford, Vernon-Verona-Sherrill, South Jefferson, Suffern, Newark Valley, Wayne Central, Saranac, and East Rochester. Newcomers to the tournament include Oswego, Attica, Postdam-Canton, and the Kahnawake Survival School located in Quebec, Canada. Canandagua is the lone school that is not returning.

"We were real pleased with the tournament last year," Fulton Coach Mike Conners stated. "One of the ways we are measuring it as a success is all of the schools that are returning and we have added teams," he continued. "It is an outstanding individual tournament."

The balance at last year's tournament

was evident in the fact that nine of the schools had champions. Fulton and Suffern shared the honor of winning the most titles with each school earning three. All three of Suffern's champions will be back to defend their titles including P.J. Bory (105), Greg Schneider (132), and Griff Powell (138). Fulton has two champions returning in Mike Kitts (167) and David Lasher (250) while Matt Mahar (126) graduated.

Phoenix's Clay Russell is the defending champion at 91 pounds, while East Rochester's Ryan Wilson at 98 pounds and Wayne's Leo Urbinelli at 119 pounds are the other champions coming back.

While the tournament features many highly regarded individuals, there are a few ranked teams that will be vying for the team crown. Fulton, the defending champion, is the highest ranked team in the second spot for large schools while Section I's Suffern is seventh and Wayne Central is 17th.

In dual meets this year, Fulton is 7-1, Suffern is 5-1, and Wayne Central is 5-0.

A year ago Fulton won the tournament with 205.5 points followed by Saranac in second with 122 points, Canandagua with 117.5, South Jefferson 115, and New Hartford with 115.

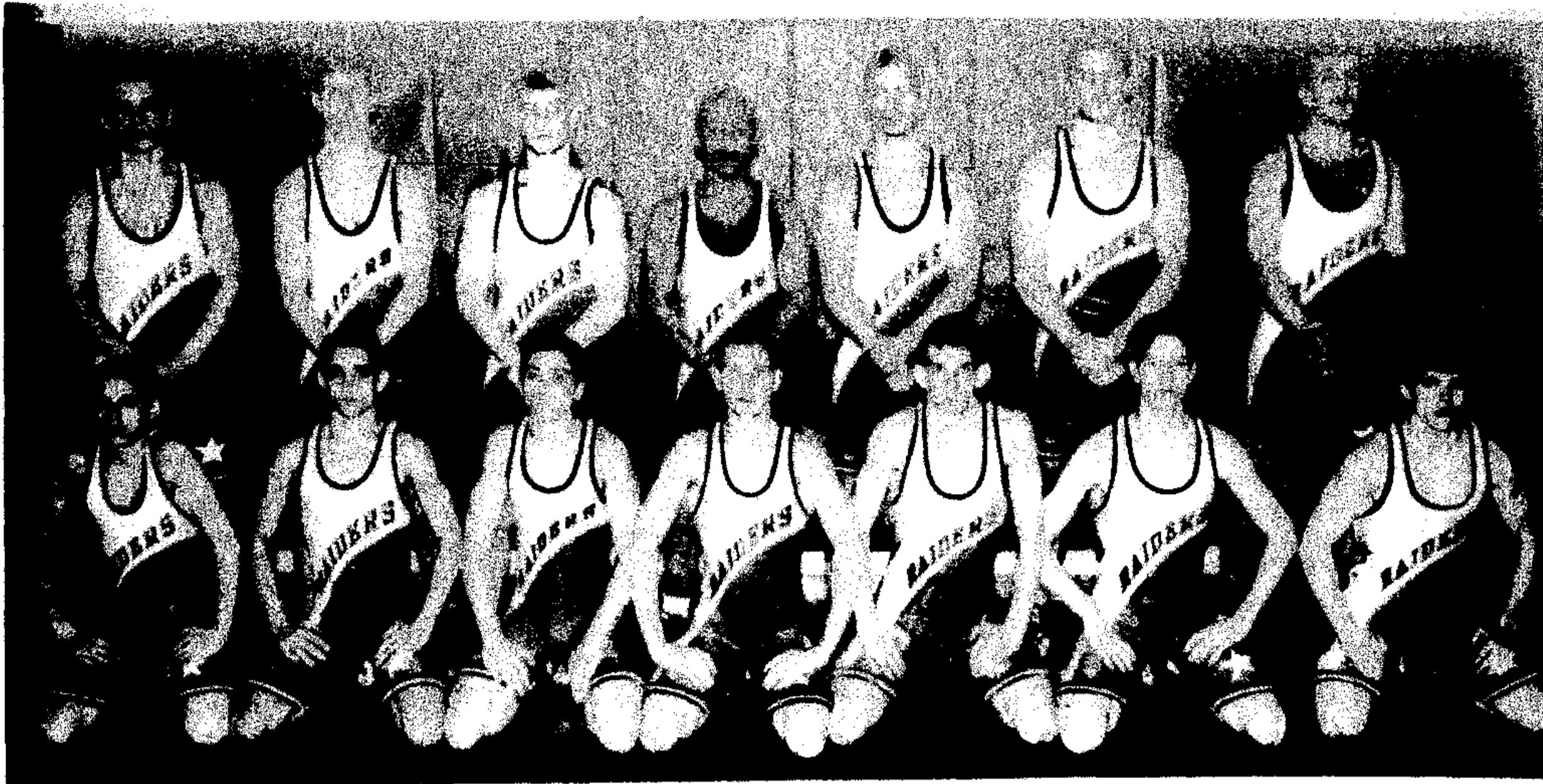
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## Fulton varsity Red Raiders

Members of the 1995-96 Fulton varsity wrestling team who will be competing in the Fulton Wrestling Festival include, from front left, Randy Nichols, Andy Hammond, Ryan Jacobson, Nate Moore, Chad Bush, Sam Froio, and Jeff Bleau. In back are Kurt Kimball, Aaron Scaringi, J.R. Taormina, Edgar Rodriguez, Mike Kitts, Jason Turner, and David Lasher.

-Valley News photo by Lyle Fulton

## Saturday's probable line-ups —

### Fulton

Name	Wt.
Randy Nichols	98
Andy Hammond	105
Nate Moore	112
Ryan Jacobson	119
Sam Froio	126
Edgar Rodriguez	132
Jeff Bleau	138
Aaron Scaringi	145
J.R. Taormina	155
Kurt Kimball	167
Mike Kitts	177
Jason Turner	215
Davud Lasher	250
Coach Mike Connors and Tim Moore	

### East Rochester

Name	Wt.
Shane Sallerson	91
Ryan Wilson	98
Adamo Furgiuele	105
Steve Wright	112
Matt Nentarz	119
Keith Pittinaro	126
Keith Arnold	132
Jason Majewski	138
Kevin Smith	145
Allen Ludolph	155
Greg Solarek	167
Steve Williams	177
Jason Kuhn	215
Ben Delmore	250
Coach Mike Cronmiller	

### Newark Valley

Name	Wt.
Steve Stocking	91
Pete Houston	98
Brian Foster	105
Brian Sharp	112
Josh Belokur	119
Mike Daly	126
Adam Zukowski	132
Ed Schaeffer	138
Chuck Creeley	145
Larry Goodrich	155
Manny Foresterio	167
Jason Head	177
Rob Kaufman	215
Shawn Toher	215
Coach Eric D'Arcy	

### Wayne

Name	Wt.
Bill Swedrock	98
Leo Urbinelli	105
Jason Czadeck	132
J.C. Montroy	138
Brian Harris	145
Doug Wilbur	155
Jim Carpenter	167
Coach Scott Frieschlag	

### Saranac

Name	Wt.
Mike Carter	91
Ryan Liberty	98
Mike Douglas	105
Steve Wood	112
Allen Darrah	119
Terry Goddean	126
Pat Clancy	145
Pat Chambers	167
Bill Perry	215
Mark LaPointe	250
Coach Chris Baker and Matt Taylor	

### Canton-Potsdam

Name	Wt.
M. Mazzotta	98
A. Mazzotta	105
Allen	112
Ward	119
Atchie	126
Clark	132
J. LaPlantney	138
Smithers	155
Locey	167
LaPlantney	177
Fuller	215
Coach Neil Riggs	

### Phoenix

Name	Wt.
Dan Logee	105
Mike Tigerina	112
Scott Race	119
Scott Wilcox	126
Gregg Neish	132
Bryan Hart	138
David Moore	145
Matt Gabrielle	155
Ernie Mason	167
LeRoy Sabin	177
Chris Virginia	215
Coach Dick Brown	

### New Hartford

Name	Wt.
Greg Kershaw	112
Dan Wynn	119
Will Karratt	126
Jason Greene	132
Dan Cahill	138
Joe DeMauro	145
Dan Perry	155
Dan Catlin	167
Dave Freedman	177
Tom Pauley	

### South Jefferson

Name	Wt.
Scott Dingman	91
Steve Porter	98
Chuck Dibble	105
Justin Turner	112
Jacob Silsby	119
Andy Snyder	126
Brad Phelps	132
Joe Ramus	138
Gary Cooper	145
Kevin Ramsey	155
Brent Lynch	167
Paul Fuller	177
Darrick Pleskach	215
Coach Pat Connors	

### Attica

Name	Wt.
Ernie Conway	91
Isaac Everett	98
Tyler Conway	105
Jeff Mye	112
Josh Everett	119
John Gerhardt	126
Dan Smalley	132
Justin Calmes	138
Dave Perfaontaine	145
Greg Laude	155
Corey Bucholz	167
Tim Becker	215
Andy Paetzold	250
Coach Eric Romesser	

### Oswego

Name	Wt.
Luke Waldron	98
Bill Ruggio	105
Bill Kerr	112
Steve Ericksson	119
Steve Watts	126
Dustin Winterhalt	132
Joe Clark	138
Pete Gorman	145
Rob Doolittle	155
Jason Stock	167
Eric Syrell	177
Jarrod Haselbauer	215
Coach Greg Bailey	

### Suffern

Name	Wt.
Frank Pregiato	98
Steve Pregiato	105
Jasmes Ryan	112
Mario Gomez	119
P.J. Bory	126
Ross Dowton	132
Greg Schneider	138
Griff Powell	145
Khyl Farrison	155
James Bory	167
Geoff Schneider	177
Mike Adduce	215
Coach Mickey DiSimone	

### Vernon-Verona-Sherrill

Name	Wt.
Matt Allen	98
Mike Rathburn	112
Jon Warner	119
Dan Bushnell	126
Brian Racino	132
Adam Faulkenmeyer	138
Derek Racino	145
Chris Gafner	155
Stan Greene	167
Tom Dorman	177
Todd Racino	215
Coach Mark Peavey	

# Best of Luck Raiders!

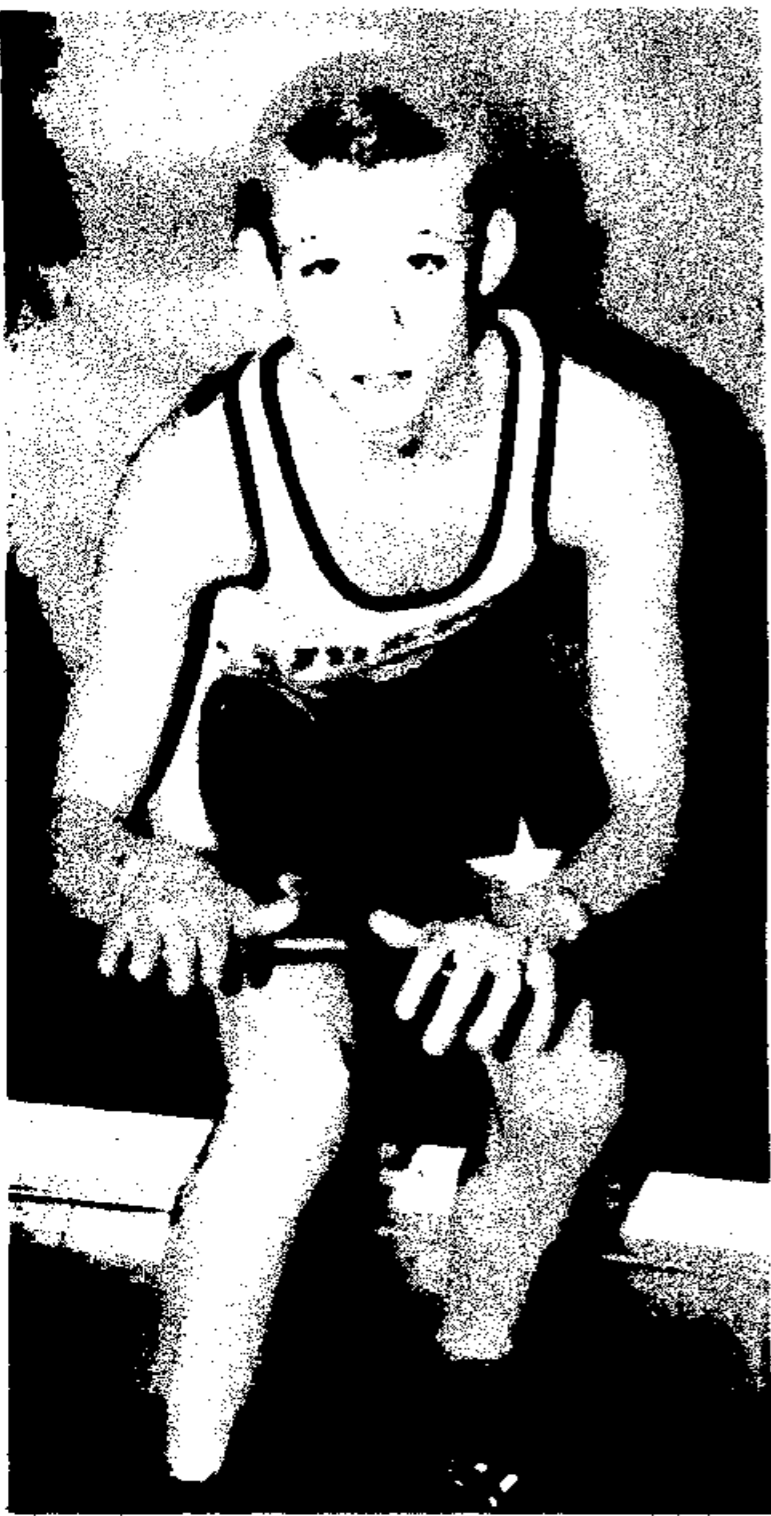
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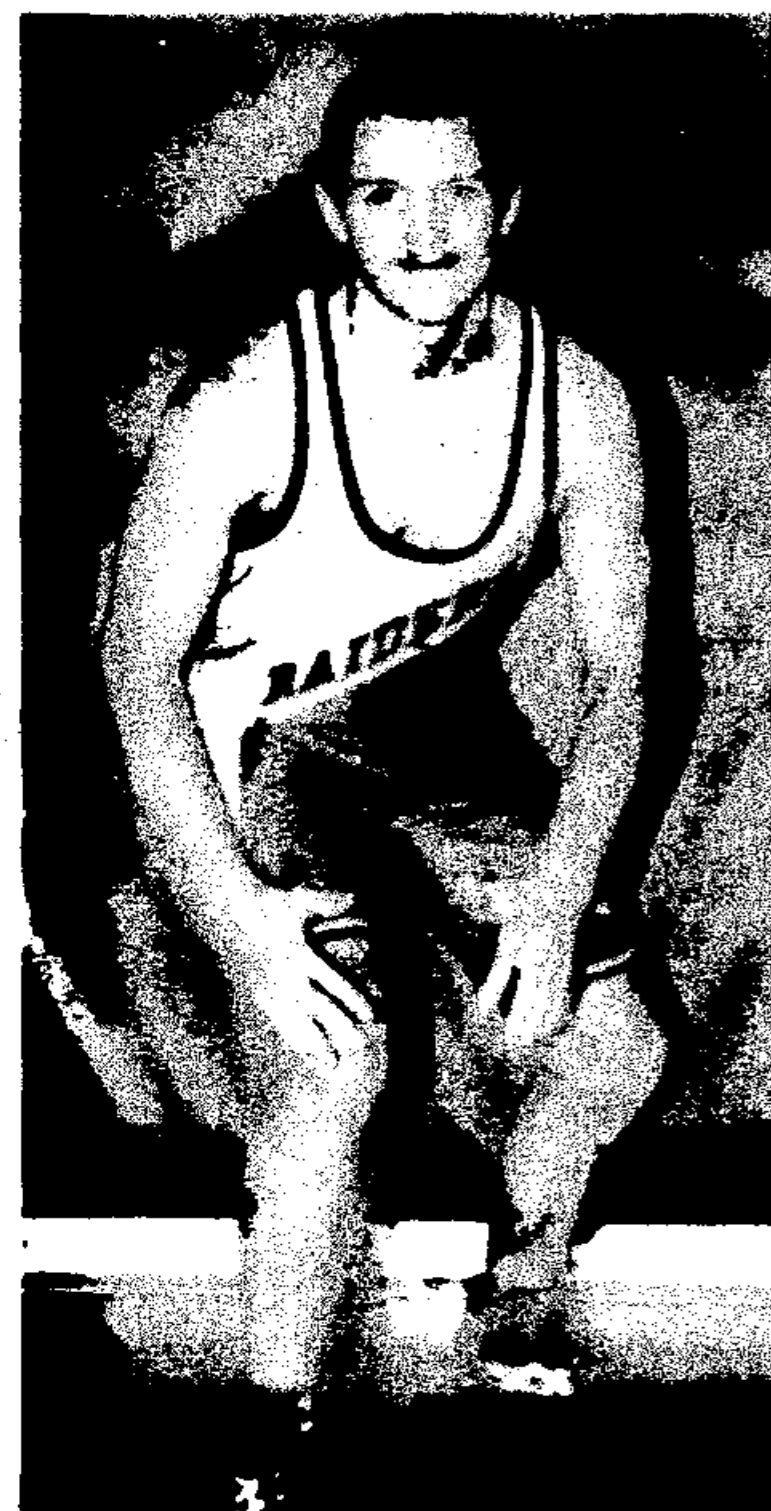
Nate Moore  
119 pounds



Aaron Scaringi  
145 pounds



J.R. Taormina  
155 pounds



Jason Turner  
215 pounds

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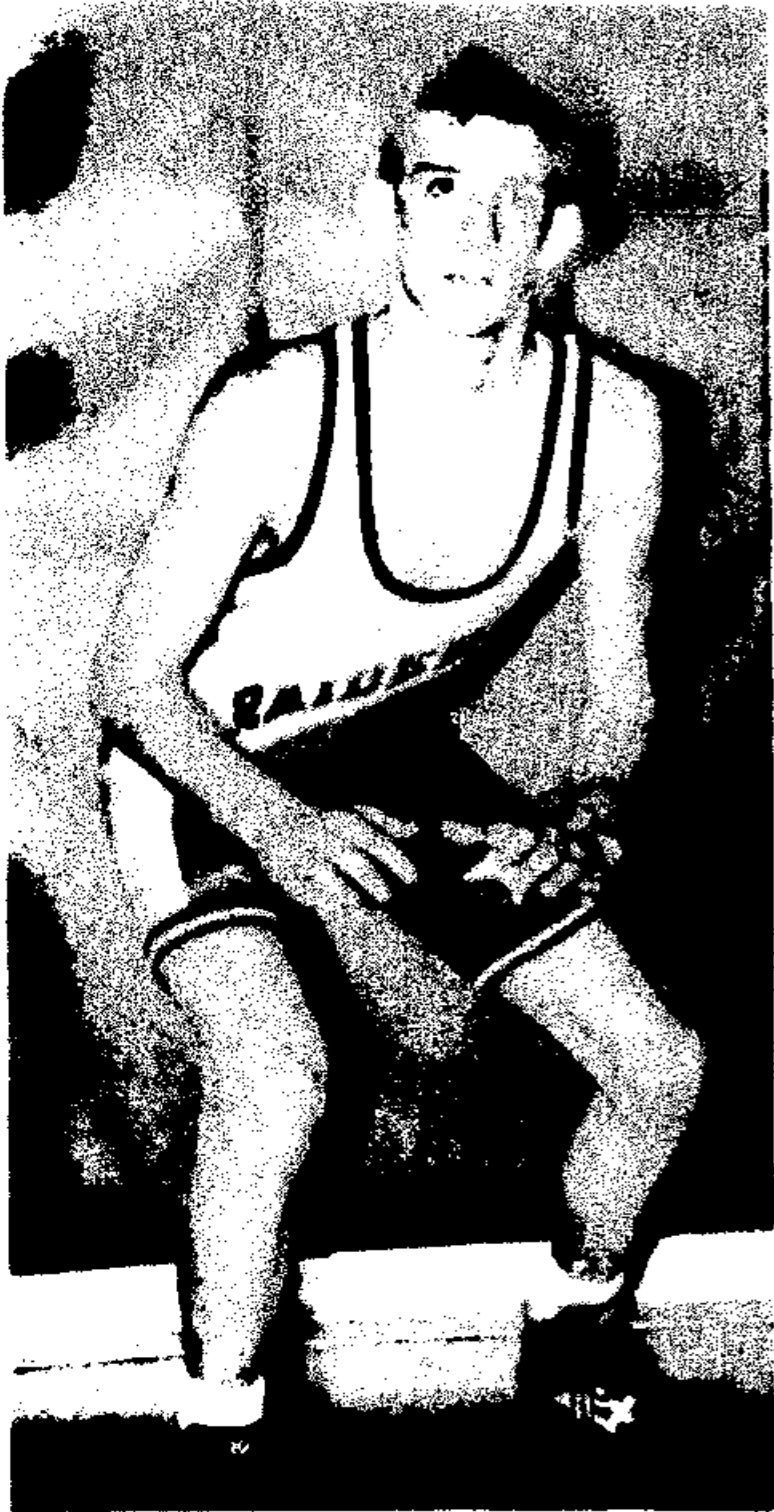
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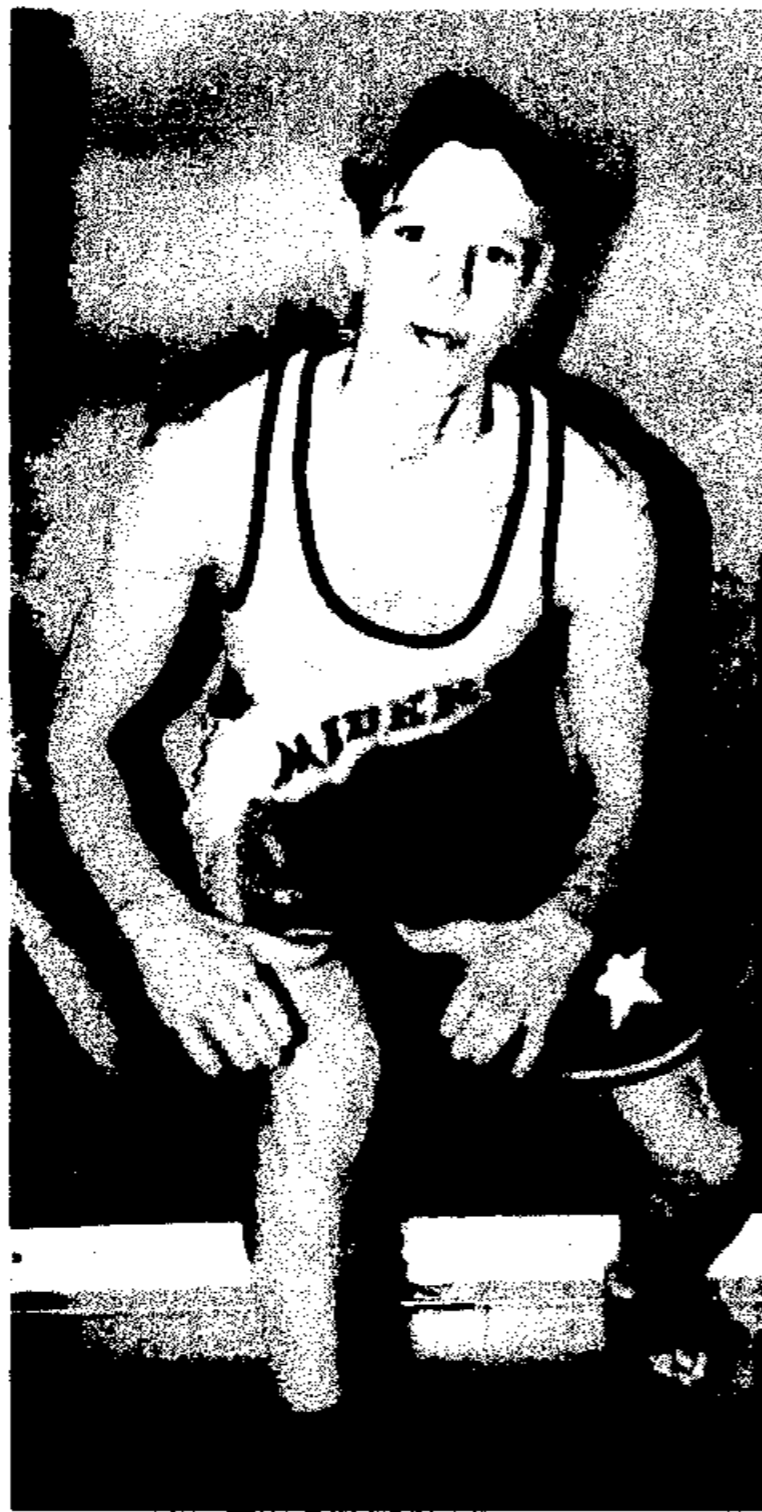
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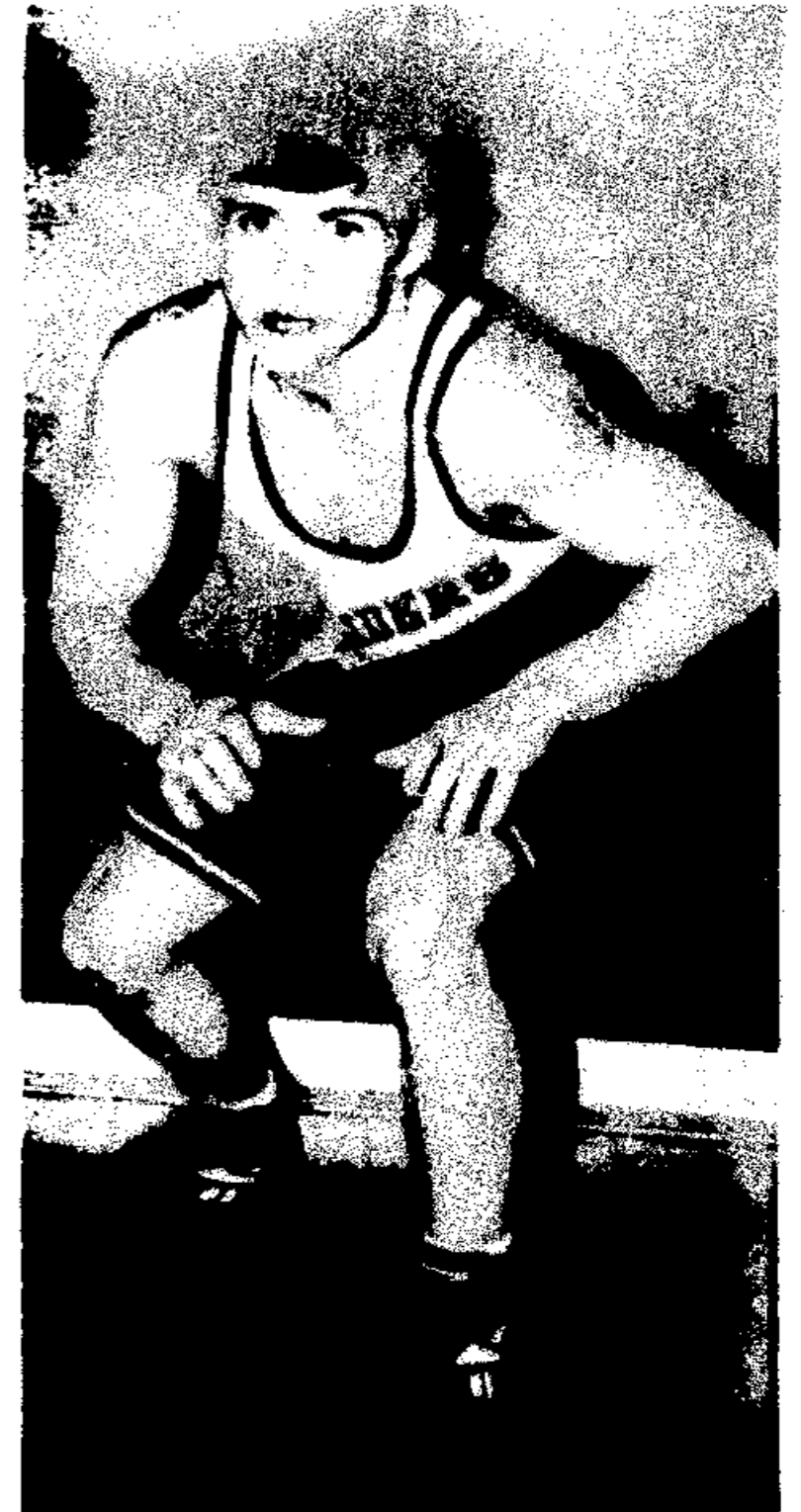
Chad Bush  
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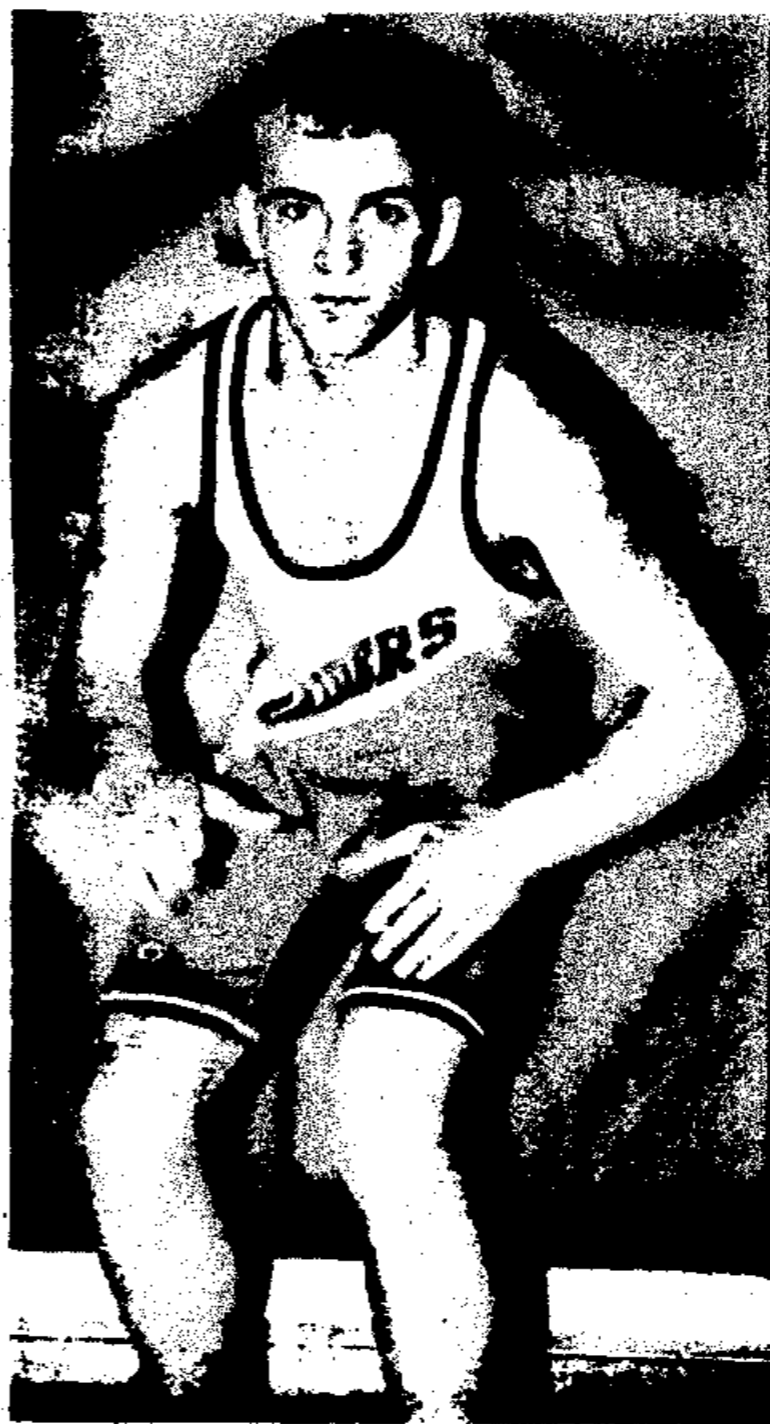


Jeff Bleau  
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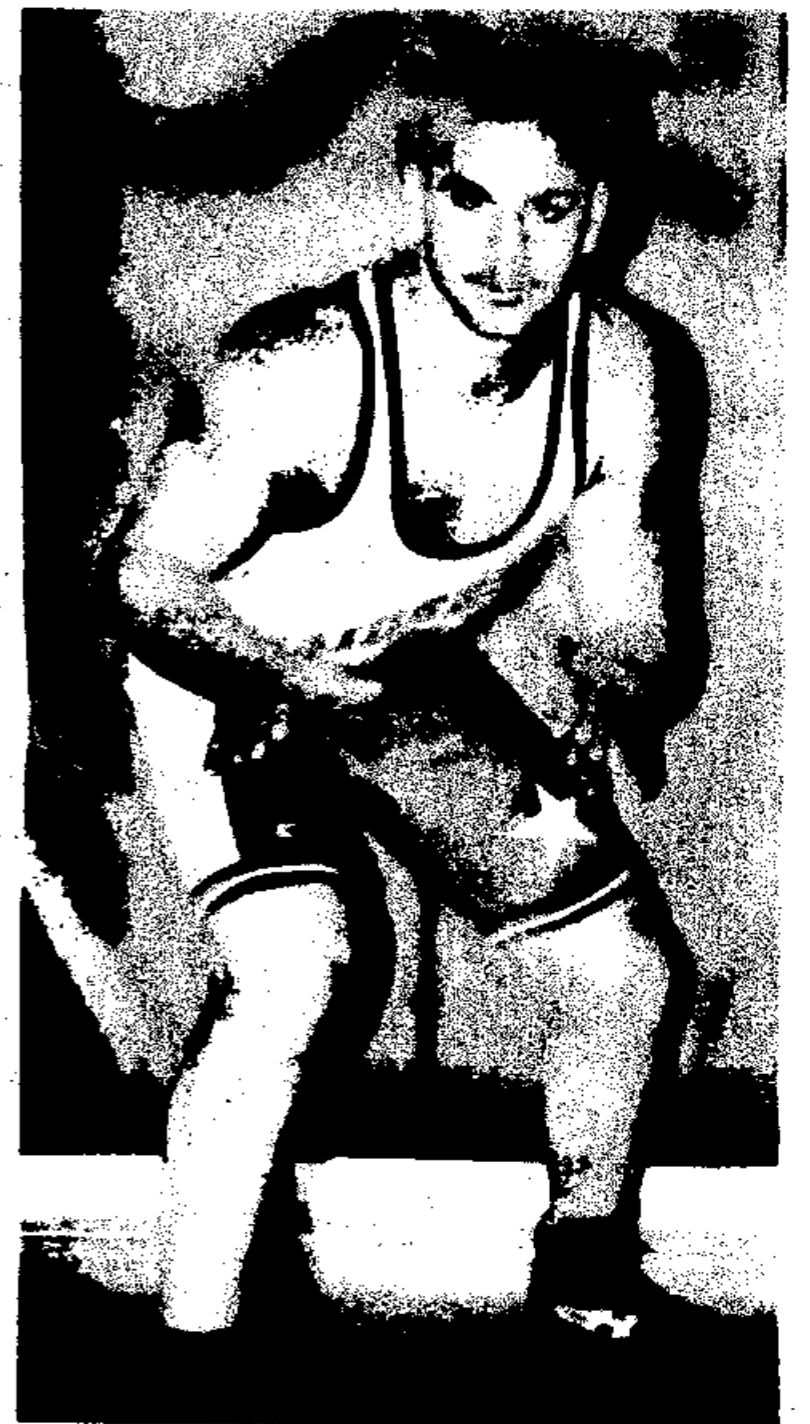
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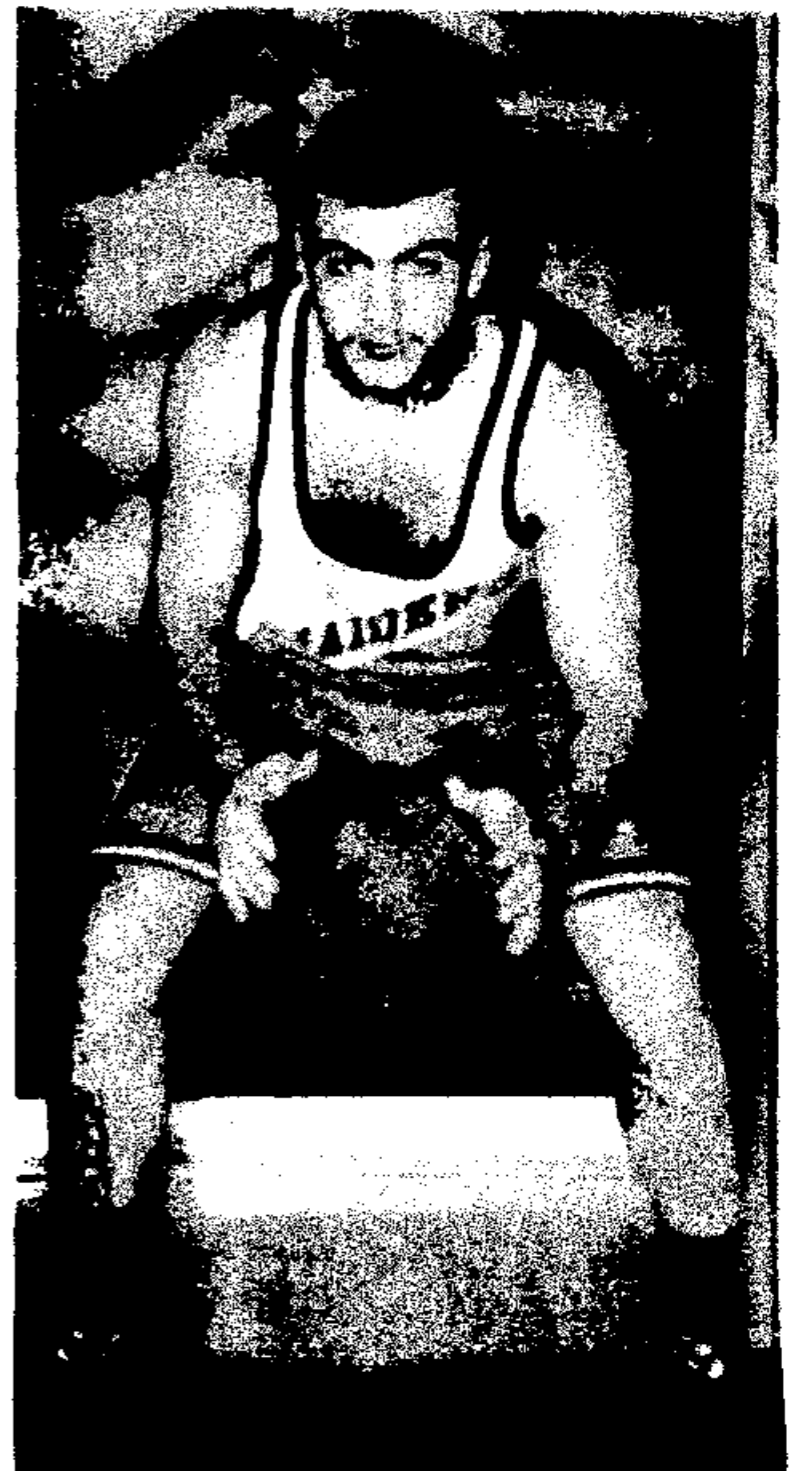


Mike Kitts  
177 pounds

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## Phoenix JV/varsity grapplers

Taking the mat for the Phoenix Firebirds in the both the junior varsity and varsity portions of the Fulton Wrestling Festival will be, from front left, Clay Russell, Dan Logee, Scott Wilcox, Shane Brock, Scott Race, and Paul Thomas. In the middle row are Kris Walter, John Van Valkenburg, Ron Bergman, Carl Clothier, Mike Paine, and Andrey Vieru. In the back are Erny Mason, Dave Moore, LeRoy Sabin, Matt Gabrielle, Chris Virginia, Gregg Neish, and Bruce Lorette.

-Valley News photo by Dave Dayger



## Oswego varsity wrestlers

Members of the Oswego varsity wrestling team who will be taking part in the Fulton Wrestling Festival include, from front left, Peter Gorman, Rob Doolittle, Steve Watts, Bill Ruggio, Bill Kerr, and Rich Dunn. In back are Dustin Winterhalt, Terrance Planty, Eric Syrell, Jarrod Haselbauer, Jason Stock, and Joe Clark.

-Valley News photo by Lyle Fulton

## Red Raiders set sights on team title

by Lyle Fulton

Following up last year's impressive showing at the inaugural Fulton Wrestling Festival may be a tough task for the current Red Raiders, but there are more than a few returnees who could help the team capture the crown for the second time. Among those wrestlers are a pair of champions and another duo that placed second. In all, the Red Raiders have nine wrestlers returning who placed in the top six.

"There are going to be a lot of good teams," Fulton Coach Mike Conners said. "Suffern and Wayne are solid teams and Attica has a good team. Those are some of the teams along with us that are probably the top teams."

Senior Mike Kitts enters the tournament with a perfect 15-0 record with 14 of those wins coming by pins. He won the 167-pound weight class last year and could stay in that division or move up 177 this time around. Earlier in the season he won the 177-pound division at the Shenedehowa Tournament.

The other returning champion is David Lasher at 250 pounds. Like Kitts, he was also a champion at Shenedehowa and currently is 10-1 on the season. The tandem also were first-place finishers at the Anderson Tournament at the beginning of the season.

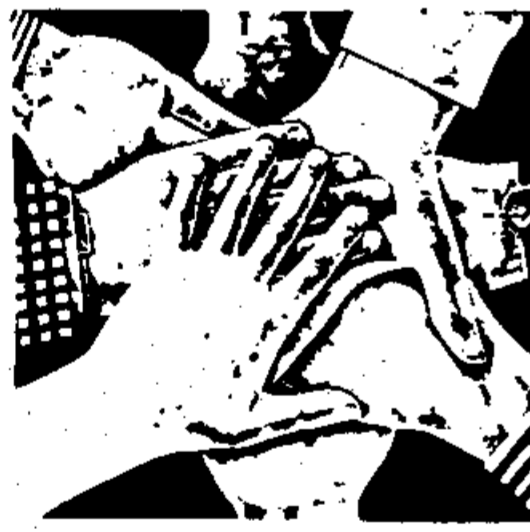
Andy Hammond, who placed second at 105, is off to another good start for the Raiders having posted 15 wins in 16 matches.

Along the way he collected his 100th win making him the ninth Fulton wrestler to accomplish that feat. Hammond's current number stands at 104 wins putting him only 20 shy of the all-time record set by Matt Mahar last season with plenty of matches ahead of him to reach the mark. He has already proven he can win the big match as he upended the defending state champion in North Adirondack's Trent Curry in the title bout at Shenedehowa.

The other Fulton grappler who took second at the first festival was J.R. Taormina. This season the junior has a 15-1 record and took the title at 155 pounds at Shenedehowa.

Other place winners for the Raiders who will be looking to improve their finishes are Randy Nichols (98), Ryan Jacobson (105), Nate Moore (112), Edgar Rodriguez (132), and Jason Turner (215). All placed in the top six. Two of those wrestlers have already won at least 10 matches this year with Rodriguez posting a 15-1 mark while Turner is at 11-3. Both were also champions at the Shenedehowa Tournament and Rodriguez added a title at the Anderson Tournament while Turner finished second.

Five first-year varsity wrestlers will be taking the mat for the Red Raiders in Chad Bush at 126 pounds, Sam Froio at 126, Jeff Bleau at 138, Aaron Scaringi at 145, and Kurt Kimball at 167. Despite being on the varsity team for the first time, Bleau and Kimball have had good seasons so far with Bleau earning 14 victories and Kimball scoring several key wins along the way.



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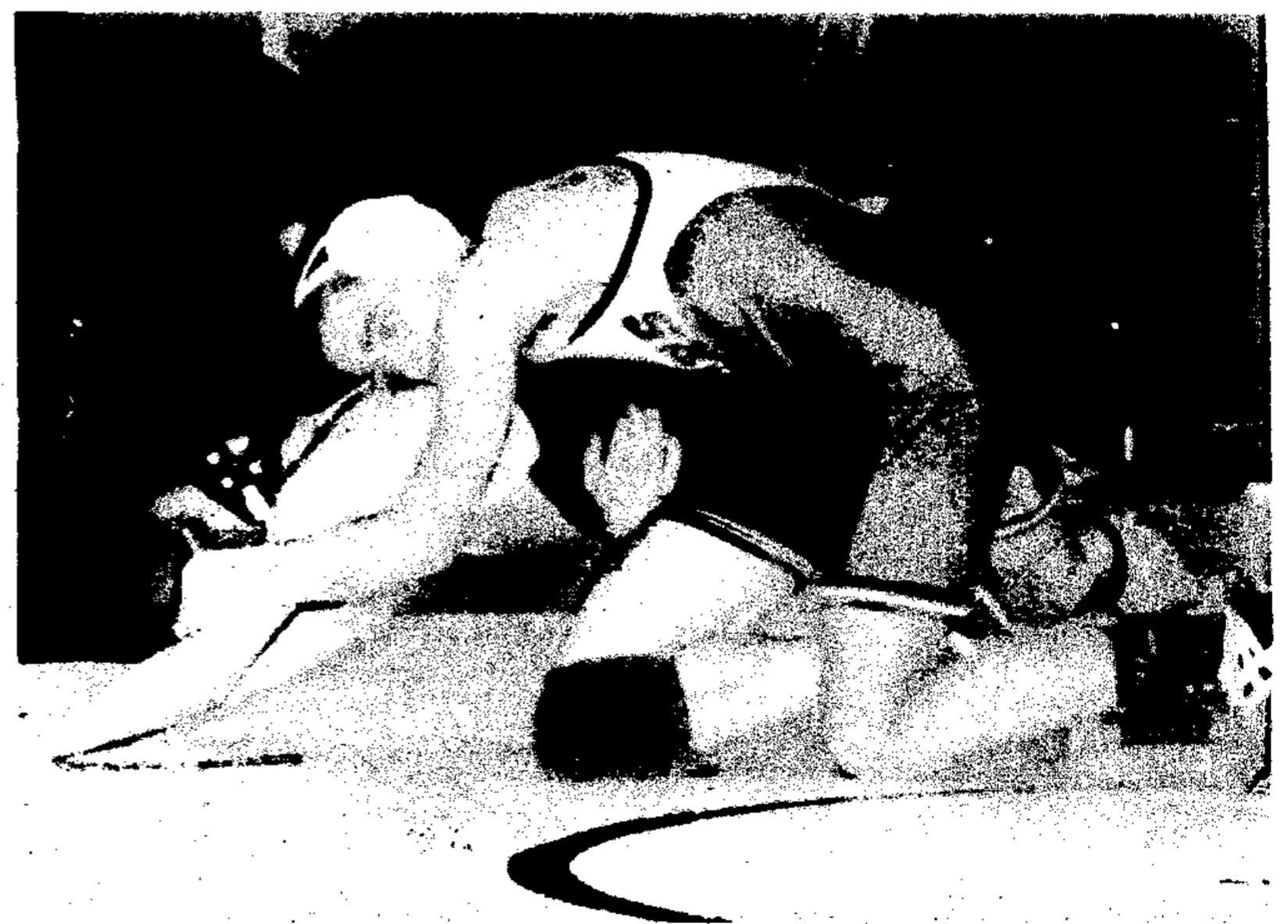
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## Contender at 105

For the second straight Fulton Wrestling Festival, Red Raider Andy Hammond (top) will be one of the leading wrestlers at 105 pounds. Hammond placed second last year losing to Suffern's P.J. Bory. Bory also returns, but is could move up a couple of weight classes. Hammond is tied for the most wins this season on the Fulton team with 15 and earlier this year earned his 100th win.

-Valley News photo by Lyle Fulton

# JV wrestlers to compete at Fulton Junior High School

A full field of teams will be participating at the Fulton Junior High School in the junior varsity tournament. The tournament will begin at 9:30 a.m. with matches running throughout the day. There will be no break between the early matches and the finals with all of the matches being held on three mats.

Spectators who attend the junior varsity tournament can use that ticket to enter the varsity tournament at the high school.

Raider wrestlers who will be competing in the Fulton Wrestling Festival for coaches

Mel Hansen and Mark Woodworth include Mike Van Wie (98 pounds), Dwain Storrs (98), Jason Hutchinson (105), Chris DeMars (112), Mike Gioia (119), Joe DeMars (126), Jason Keffer (126), Shawn DeMars (126), Nick Hansen (132), Brett Kimball (132), Matt Smith (132), Jason Yablonki (132), Joe Vieni (138), Jeff Holcomb (145), Nick Vieni (167), Jeremy Stacey (177), Mike Guyette (215), and Gary Yablonki (250).

In dual meet competition this season, the JV Red Raiders are 4-1.



*Fulton JV wrestlers*

Representing the Red Raiders in the junior varsity tournament will be, from front left, Shawn DeMars, Jeff Holcomb, Jason Keffer, Mike Gioia, Matt Smith, Brian Jenkins, Nick Hansen, Dwain Storrs, and Greg Emeterio. In back are Joe DeMars, Brett Kimball, Chris DeMars, Ron Chrestler, Nick Vieni, Jeremy Stacey, Gary Yablonki, Mike Guyette, Joe Vieni.

-Valley News photo by Lyle Fulton



*Junior varsity Buccaneers*

Competing for the Oswego High School junior varsity team will be, from front left, Shawn Strong, Chris Eriksson, Joe Stock, and Tim Farley. In back are Matt DuBord, Matt Bort, Dave Siemboz, and Phil Pelky.

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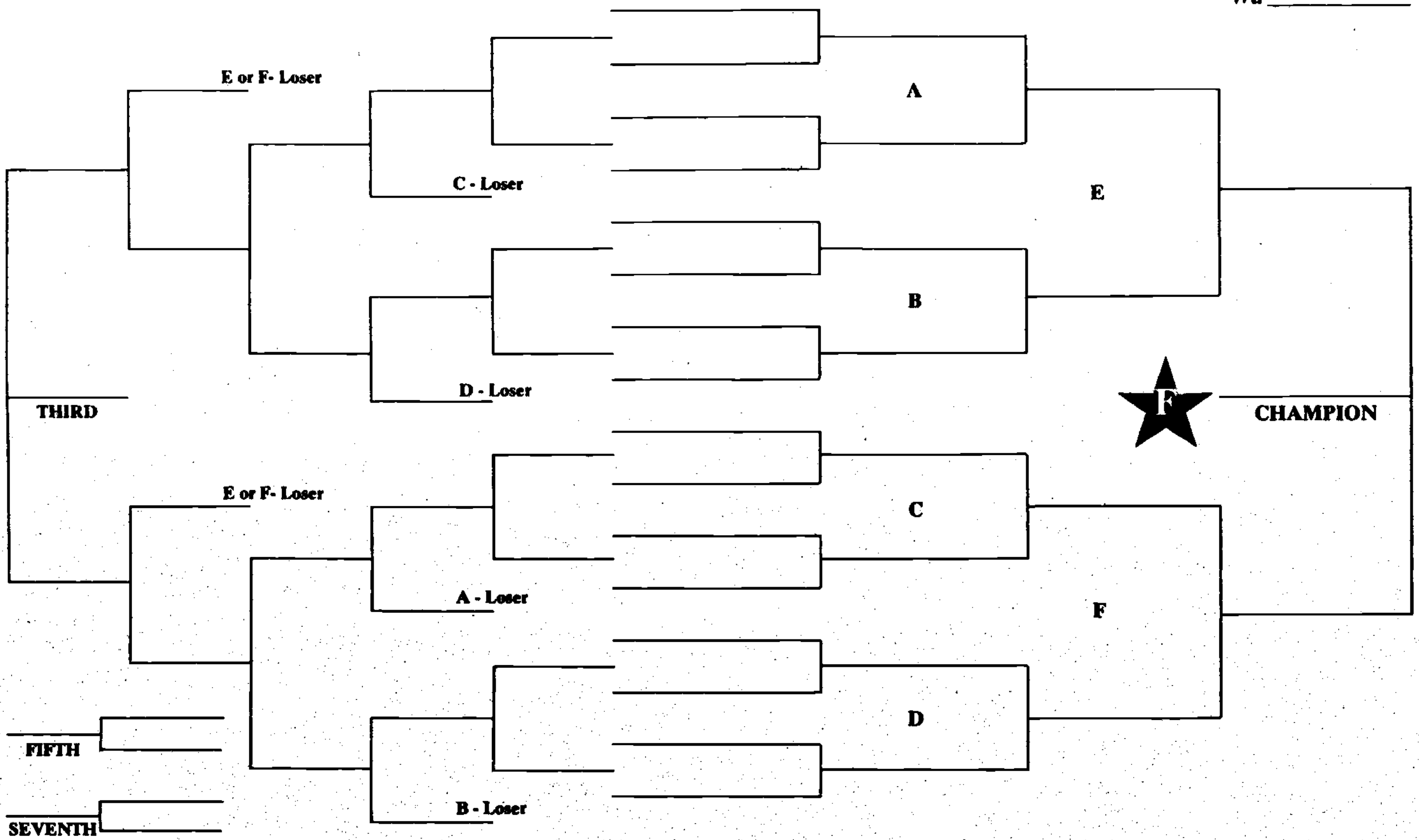
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