

Fulton Athletic Booster Club 1995 Wrestling Festival



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Saturday, January 21 at the G. Ray Bodley High School

Fulton coach welcomes tough competition to festival

Welcome to the 1995 Fulton Wrestling Festival. Eleven of the top teams from around that state have gathered for this event. As a coach and a fan of wrestling, I believe this tournament contains as much team and individual talent as any in the state. The competition should be fantastic.

The team title should be up for grabs. We have Suffern High School (ranked ninth in the state for large schools) from the New York City area that brings the defending New York State Champion at 91 pounds in P.J. Bory. Suffern also has state-place winner Griff Powell who hopes to lead the Mounties to a championship.

From the Adirondack region we have Saranac High School, which has five defending sectional champions and three state-place winners in Lance Eagle, Pat Clancy, and state finalist Seth Charles at heavyweight. Saranac is ranked as the No. 1 small school in the state and will be extremely tough to defeat.

Coming to the Fulton Festival from the Rochester area are three more tough teams in Wayne, East Rochester, and Canandaigua. Wayne is led by three Section Five champions in Bill Swedrock, Leo Urbinelli, and Chris Lambino in addition to a solid core of upperclassmen.

East Rochester has a great wrestling tradition and should add to the tournament.

Led by 145-pound Andy Gustafiero, Canandaigua has emerged as one of the top teams in the state. They are coming off an exciting 25-25 tie with wrestling power Spencerport High School. They are ranked fifth in the state.

Newark Valley will be representing the Southern Tier bringing a young team into the G. Ray Bodley High School gymnasium. The team is led by former Fulton assistant coach Eric D'Arcy. I would like to welcome Coach D'Arcy back and wish him team luck.

Finally, the host area of Section Three adds an abundance of talent to a tough field. South Jefferson (22nd in the state) is led by senior 119-pounder John Bliss. New Hartford brings defending New York State Champion David Caruso, who will compete in the tough 112-pound weight class. Caruso is headed to Syracuse University next season to continue his wrestling career.

Phoenix and Vernon-Verona-Sherrill bring young squads into the tournament. Phoenix is led by the Russell brothers--Clay at 91 pounds and Chad at 105 pounds. The Firebirds also have senior Jamie Richard-

son at 177 pounds. Vernon-Verona-Sherrill is led by 126-pounder Ben Oliver, and the Red Raiders are always one of the top wrestling powers in Section Three.

The host team, Fulton, is fresh off an exciting victory at the Union-Endicott Dual Meet Tournament. Seniors Matt Mahar, Jeremy Hutchinson, Harley Wakenan, Shawn Clark, Matt Wood, George O'Neil, and Jon Berghorn will lead the Red Raiders to a chance at the title.

In all there are 14 defending individual sectional champions in the tournament with nine state-place winners. Seven of the 11 teams competing are ranked in the top 25

in New York State. It should be a "war." As a coach, I'm proud to host an event of this magnitude.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the countless volunteers who will make the tournament a memorable one. Also, a special thanks to the Fulton Athletic Booster Club for all they have done for Fulton athletics this year and for sponsoring this tournament. Without them there would be no wrestling festival or athletics in the City of Fulton this year. Congratulations for a job well done.

-Best of luck,
Coach Mike Conners



Heading into the tournament it appears that the 112-pound weight class will be the toughest division in the festival. Andy Hammond, pictured throwing an opponent to the mat earlier this season, will be Fulton's top wrestler in that class. The favorite of the division is New Hartford's David Caruso. Caruso is a defending state champion and is 13-0. Suffern's P.J. Bory is another defending state champ that will be in this weight class and he is also perfect this season at 17-0. Hammond is 7-0 for the Red Raiders.

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 Indicating Wrestler in Control Left or Right Hand	 Defer Choice	 Stalemate
 Time Out	 Neutral Position	 Potentially Dangerous Hold Left or Right Hand

Toughest weight class

Fulton Wrestling Festival Schedule

Friday, Jan. 20 - Seedings and weigh-ins

Saturday, Jan. 21 - First round matches 9:30 a.m.

Consolation matches - approx. 4:30 p.m.

Finals - approx. 7 p.m.

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Fulton			
Wt.	Name	Grade	W-L
91	Randy Nichols	8th	3-3
98	Ryan Jacobson	Jr.	8-3
105	Nate Moore	Jr.	10-1
112	Andy Hammond	Jr.	7-0
119	Shawn Clark	Sr.	5-6
126	Matt Mahar	Sr.	12-0
132	Edgar Rodriguez	Soph.	9-2
138	Jeremy Hutchinson	Sr.	10-3
145	J.R. Taormina	Soph.	8-4
155	Kyle Barbera	Soph.	2-2
167	Mike Kitts	Jr.	10-1
177	Jason Turner	Jr.	8-3
215	Harley Wakeman	Sr.	8-1
250	Dave Lasher	Jr.	5-0

Coach: Michael Conners

South Jefferson			
Wt.	Name	Grade	W-L
91	Steve Porter	Fr.	12-8
98	No entry		--
105	Mark Ingalls	Sr.	18-4
112	Jacob Silsby	Jr.	10-4
119	John Bliss	Sr.	19-2
126	Brad Phelps	Sr.	17-5
132	Gary Cooper	Fr.	8-1
138	Brian Lawton	Sr.	21-0
145	Kevin Ramsey	Jr.	12-10
155	Brent Lynch	Jr.	6-8
167	A.J. Demianenko	Sr.	18-3
177	Paul Fuller	Fr.	4-7
215	No entry		--
250	Ed Palmer	Soph.	--

Coach: Pat Conners

Saranac			
Wt.	Name	Grade	W-L
91	Mike Douglas	7th	--
98	Pat Lamorra	Soph.	8-3
105	Steve Wood	8th	6-7
112	Kyle Reif	Sr.	10-4
119	Lance Eagle	Sr.	10-2
126	Jared Facticeau	Sr.	12-2
132	Mark McGuire	Sr.	11-3
138	Pat Clancy	Jr.	13-0
145	Artie Starke	Sr.	13-0
155	Dean LaClair	Soph.	6-2
167	Dave LaClair	Soph.	7-6
177	Pat Clancy	Jr.	10-5
215	Seth Charles	Sr.	13-0
250	Neil Napper	Sr.	6-7

Coach: Mike Hogan

138	J.C. Montroy	Fr.	12-3
145	Brian Harris	Jr.	--
155	Doug Wilbur	Soph.	--
167	Jim Carpenter	Jr.	12-3
177	Dave Tedesche	Sr.	6-8
215	No entry		--
250	Jeremy Spuck	Sr.	7-7

Coach: Scott Frieschlag

Phoenix			
Wt.	Name	Grade	W-L
91	Clay Russell	Fr.	13-3
98	Dan Logee	7th	6-1
105	Chad Russell	Fr.	10-3
112	Scott Wilcox	Soph.	2-8
119	No entry		--
126	Gregg Neish	Soph.	16-4
132	Brian Hart	Jr.	10-6
138	Matt Gabriele	Soph.	11-7
145	Mike Mogilewski	Sr.	8-8
155	Keith Stupp	Jr.	9-8
167	Ernie Mason	Fr.	--
177	Jamie Richardson	Sr.	16-1
215	Chris Virginia	Jr.	13-5
250	No entry		--

Coach: Dick Brown

Canandaigua			
Wt.	Name	Grade	W-L
91	No entry		--
98	Jimmy Simmons	Soph.	--
105	Wes Bennett	Sr.	--
112	James Klem	Sr.	--
119	Ken Giroux	Jr.	--
126	Jake Fox	Sr.	--
132	Wes Geramoto	Sr.	--
138	Andy Gustafarro	Sr.	--
145	Andy Bardeen	Sr.	--
155	Chuck Parmenter	Soph.	--
167	Andy Humphrey	Sr.	--
177	Brett Fleicher	Sr.	--
215	Mike Hernandez	Jr.	--
250	No entry		--

Coach: Rich Romeo

Wayne			
Wt.	Name	Grade	W-L
91	No entry		--
98	Bill Swedrock	Jr.	13-1
105	Leo Urbinelli	Jr.	14-0
112	Chris Lombino	Sr.	12-2
119	Josh Carey	Sr.	9-7
126	Aaron Malbone	Sr.	11-3
132	Jason Czadzeck	Soph.	--

East Rochester			
Wt.	Name	Grade	W-L
91	Adamo Furginele	8th	14-2
98	Ryan Wilson	Soph.	17-2
105	Matt Mentarz	Fr.	7-7
112	No entry		--
119	Jason Majewski	Jr.	10-4
126	Tony Furginele	Sr.	16-5
132	No entry		--
138	No entry		--
145	No entry		--
155	Greg Solarek	Soph.	7-9
167	Bill Norman	Jr.	3-11
177	No entry		--
215	No entry		--
250	Brad Williams	Sr.	8-0

Coach: Mike Cronmiller

New Hartford			
Wt.	Name	Grade	W-L
91	No entry		--
98	Dan Winn	Fr.	10-4
105	No entry		--
112	Dave Caruso	Sr.	13-0
119	Dave Cahill	Soph.	10-5
126	Dan Perry	Fr.	5-0
132	Ryan McEnery	Sr.	11-4
138	Scott Strika	Sr.	2-8
145	Tom Perry	Sr.	11-2
155	Dan Catlin	Soph.	--
167	Vito DiCiola	Sr.	9-5
177	Justin DeWalter	Soph.	--
215	No entry		--
250	No entry		--

Coach: Tom Pauley

Suffern			
Wt.	Name	Grade	W-L
91	Steve Pregiato	Soph.	13-3
98	Jesse Zrleak	8th	5-3
105	Jamie Ryan	Soph.	9-3
112	P.J. Bory	Jr.	17-0
119	Matt Zrleak	Jr.	7-5
126	Ron Kansky	Sr.	11-2
132	Gregg Schneider	Jr.	13-1
138	Griff Powell	Soph.	17-0
145	Andy Guccione	Sr.	15-4
155	Khyl Farrison	8th	3-2
167	James Bory	Jr.	8-8
177	Mike Adduce	Jr.	8-8
215	No entry		--
250	No entry		--

Coach: Mick DeSimone

Vernon-Verona-Sherrill			
Wt.	Name	Grade	W-L
98	Joey Stadmiller		
105	Jeff Southworth		
112	Todd Enquist		
119	Carl Herrick		
126	Ben Oliver		
132	Stan Green		
138	Chris Gafner		
145	Derrick Racino		
155	Tom Dorman		
167	Doug Schlick		
177	Matt Dauksza		
215	Todd Racino		

Newark Valley			
Wt.	Name	Grade	W-L
91	No entry		--
98	Brian Foster	Fr.	11-3
105	No entry		--
112	Marc Daly	Sr.	1-2
119	Mike Daly	Soph.	10-5
126	Brian Ackley	Sr.	11-4
132	Larry Goodrich	Jr.	7-8
138	Charlie Creeley	Jr.	7-5
145	Matt Stark	Sr.	5-4
155	Tom Scott	Jr.	2-4
167	Jason Head	Jr.	13-1
177	Matt Hildreth	Sr.	2-6
215	No entry		--
250	Shawn Toher	Soph.	3-6

Coach: Eric D'Arcy



Fulton senior Harley Wakeman (top) will be one of the top contenders to win the 215-pound title at the Fulton Wrestling Festival. Wakeman, 8-1 so far this season, has a tough road in front of him with Saranac's Seth Charles in the same weight class. Charles was a state finalist last year and is off to another good season with a 13-0 record while Saranac is ranked first in the state among small schools.

—Valley News photo by Lyle Fulton

Heavyweight contender

Red Raiders eye tournament titles

When the Red Raiders take the mat in the Fulton Wrestling Festival, several Fulton grapplers will be vying for titles in their respective weight classes.

In some cases, certain weight classes are loaded with talent making the path to the finals a difficult one. That is the case for Fulton's 112-pounder Andy Hammond.

Hammond is 7-0 for the season, but in order to win the tournament crown he has to go through two defending state champions plus three other wrestlers who have at least 10 wins.

Fulton heavyweight Harley Wakeman is another wrestler who has a tough road as he must beat defending Section-V champion Seth Charles to win that division.

Matt Mahar, one of three Fulton wrestlers who is undefeated this season, will wrestle at 126 pounds. This division will be one of the more experienced groups with six seniors in the weight class. Mahar and New Hartford's Dan Perry (5-0) are the lone unbeaten in the division, but Gregg Neisch (16-4) of Phoenix and Jared Facticeau (12-2) of Saranac are also having strong seasons.

Joining Wakeman in the upper weight divisions for the Red Raiders will be Mike Kitts at 167, Jason Turner at 177, and David Lasher at 250. Kitts has had a solid season so far going 10-1 while Turner has been a pleasant surprise for Coach Mike Conners with an 8-3 mark. When Lasher has taken the mat he has been perfect going 5-0.

Senior Jeremy Hutchinson brings a 10-3 record into the tournament and will compete at 132 or 138 pounds with Edgar Rodriguez (9-2) wrestling in which ever weight class Hutchinson doesn't.

Filling the Red Raider line-up will be eighth grader Randy Nichols (3-3) at 91 pounds, Ryan Jacobson (8-3) at 98 pounds, Nate Moore (10-1) at 105 pounds, Shawn Clark (5-6) at 119 pounds, J.R. Taormina (8-4) at 145 pounds, and Kyle Barbera (2-2) at 155 pounds.

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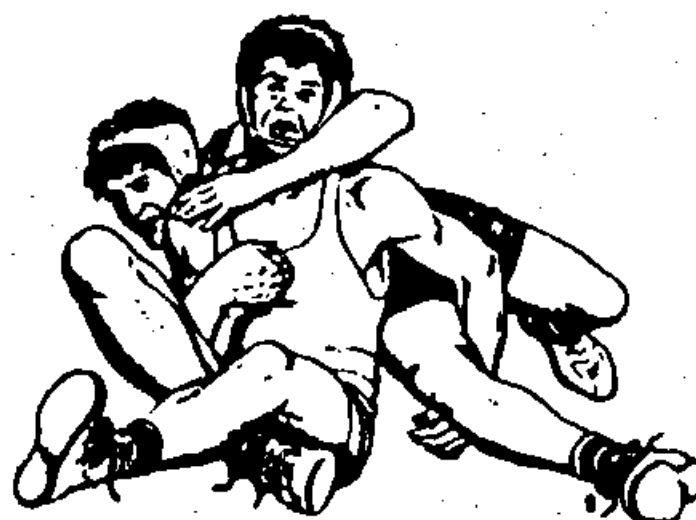
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Firebirds ready for the challenge festival has to offer

by Lyle Fulton

Needing a stiff test for some of his more experienced wrestlers, Phoenix varsity wrestling Coach Dick Brown entered his team into the Fulton Athletic Booster Club Wrestling Festival. The tournament will not only show him how the Firebirds stack up against Section III's best, but some of the top wrestlers from other sections in the state will also be present.

"It's going to be a real challenge for all of our kids," Coach Brown said. "It will tell how good our kids are. I needed to challenge the real good kids and that is why I got into (the tournament)," he continued. "It's a good chance to test those kids to see where they are and where they have to go."

One Firebird who already has plenty of tournament experience this season is Jamie Richardson. Richardson, who will wrestle at 177 pounds, placed first in the Central Square Tournament and added a second-place finish at the Anderson Tournament, which was held at Cicero-North Syracuse.

Richardson, who is in his fourth year on the varsity team, entered the season 16 victories shy of tying the school record for most career wins at 80. It didn't take the senior too long to reach that goal as he won his 16th match of the season, against one defeat, Thursday in Cortland to tie the record. Richardson had a shot to break the record Tuesday when the Firebirds wrestled Marcellus.

Two other Firebirds who hope to have the opposition seeing double are freshmen Clay and Chad Russell. Clay won the title at

91 pounds in the Anderson Tournament and followed that up with a second-place finish at Central Square. Chad matched his brother, also placing first at the Anderson Tournament at 105 pounds and second at Central Square. So far this season Clay has a 13-4 record while Chad is 10-3.

Coach Brown also noted that sophomore Gregg Neish has been wrestling well and could have a strong tournament. Neish will wrestle at either 119 or 126 pounds and is 16-4 this season.

Rounding out the Firebird line-up will be Dan Logee at 98 pounds, Scott Wilcox at 112, Brian Hart at 132, Matt Gabriele at 138, Mike Mogilewski at 145, Keith Strupp at 155, Ernie Mason at 167, and Chris Virginia at 215. In 18 matches this season

Virginia has posted 13 victories.

By already having participated in three individual tournaments prior to the Fulton Wrestling Festival, Coach Brown hopes that it will give his team that much more experience come Saturday.

"It does help that we have had a lot of matches and it does give us a little bit of an edge, although we haven't seen the competition we will see in the Fulton tournament. It will be a new experience for us," Coach Brown observed.

On the dual meet side of things this season, the Firebirds are 7-2 overall and 1-0 in the Metro League. Coach Brown noted that his team's win against East Syracuse-Minoa, which is in the Onondaga High School League North American

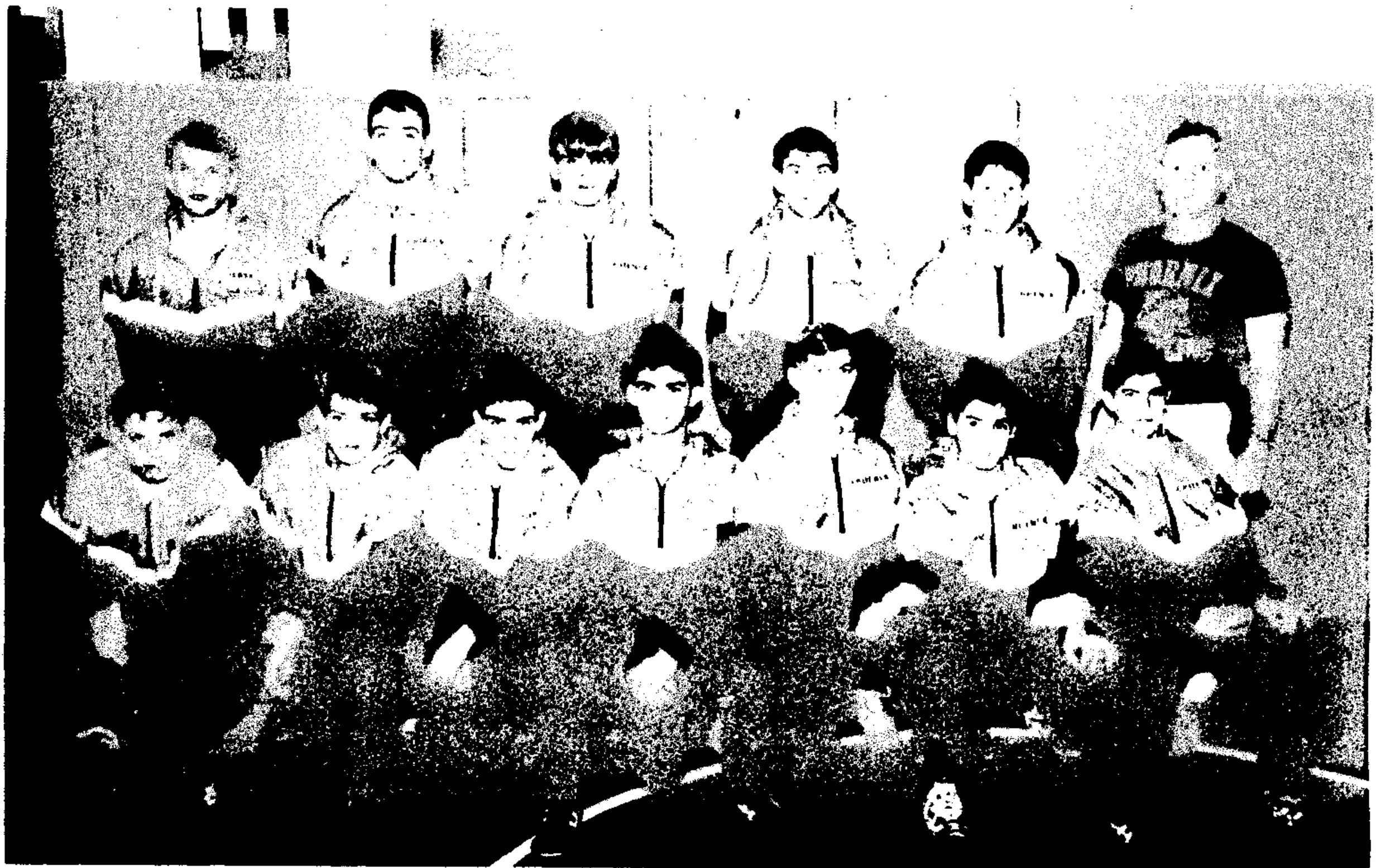
Division, was a boost for the team.

"ES-M was a good win for us," he said. "They are usually a pretty good team."

While Coach Brown considers this team better than some in the past few seasons, he thinks that his wrestlers fare better when they compete at individual tournaments.

"It's a better individual team than a dual-meet team," the coach admitted. "We have a couple of kids that are capable of winning tournaments."

The Firebirds will find out where they stand in the course of the next few weeks. After the Fulton Wrestling Festival, Phoenix may compete in the Section III Dual Meet Tournament before the Metro League Meet and the Class B Tournament.

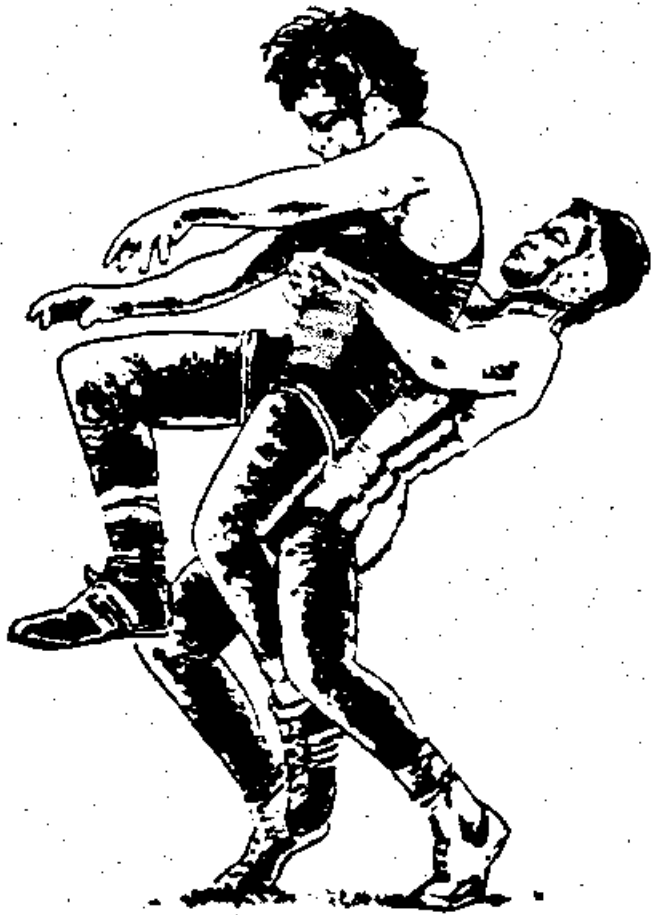


Firebird wrestlers

Members of the Phoenix varsity wrestling team that will be participating in the Fulton Wrestling Festival include, from front left, Bryan Hart, Gregg Neisch, Scott Wilcox, Mike Tijernia, Chad Russell, Dan

Logee, and Clay Russell. In the back row are Chris Virginia, Jamie Richardson, Keith Stupp, Mike Mogilewski, Matt Gabriele, and Coach Dick Brown.

-Valley News photo by Lyle Fulton



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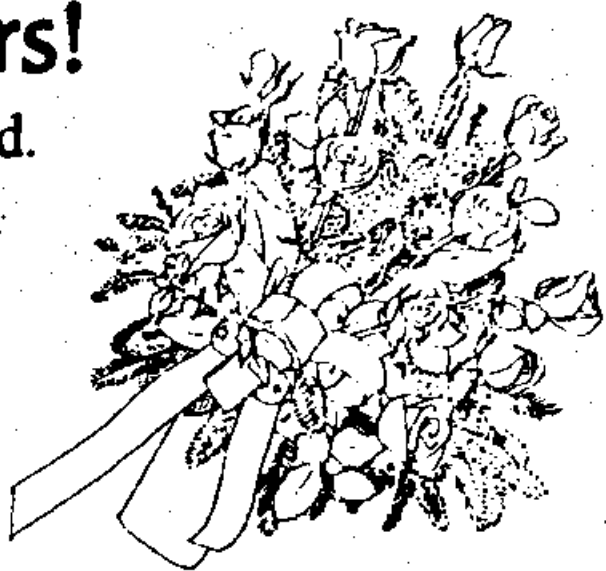
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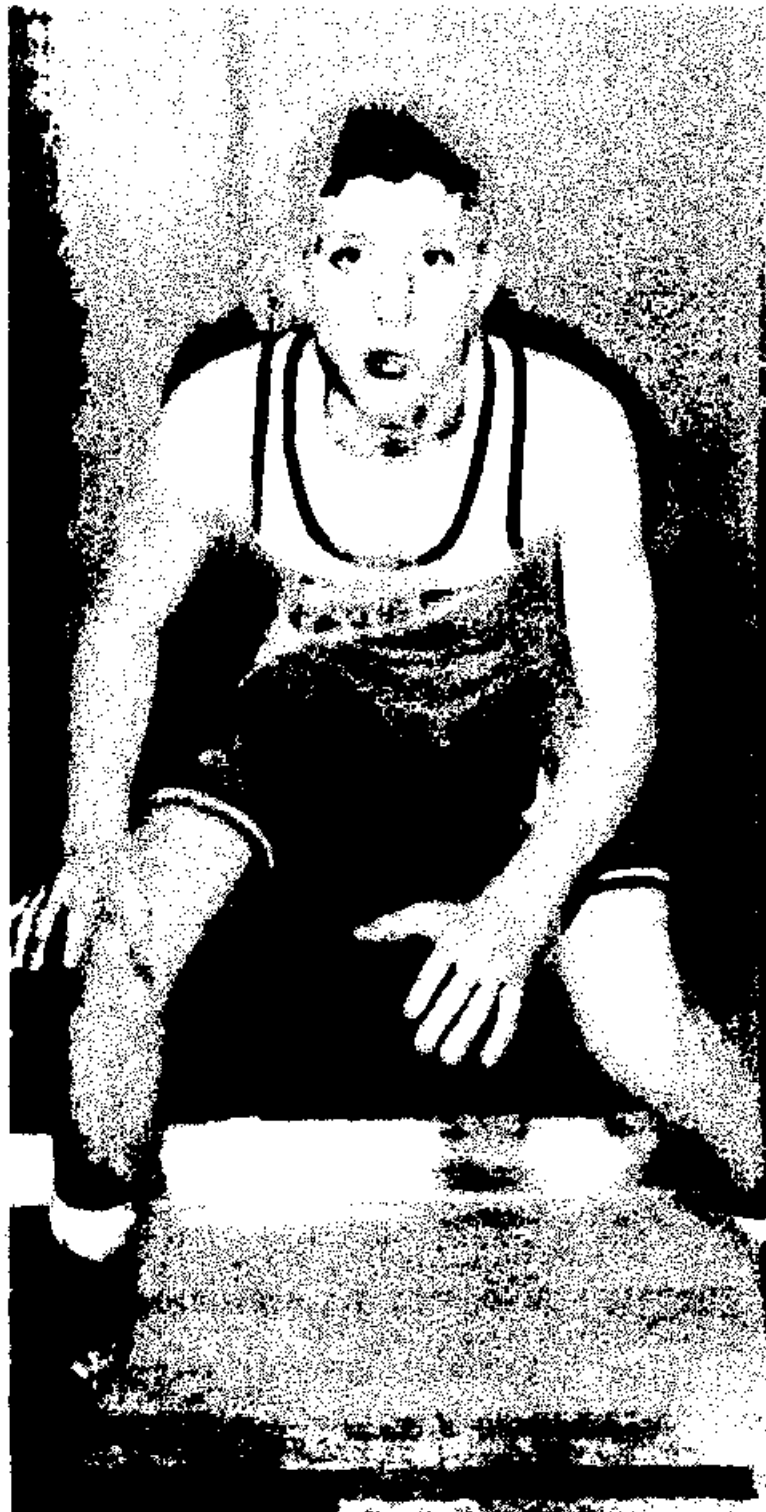


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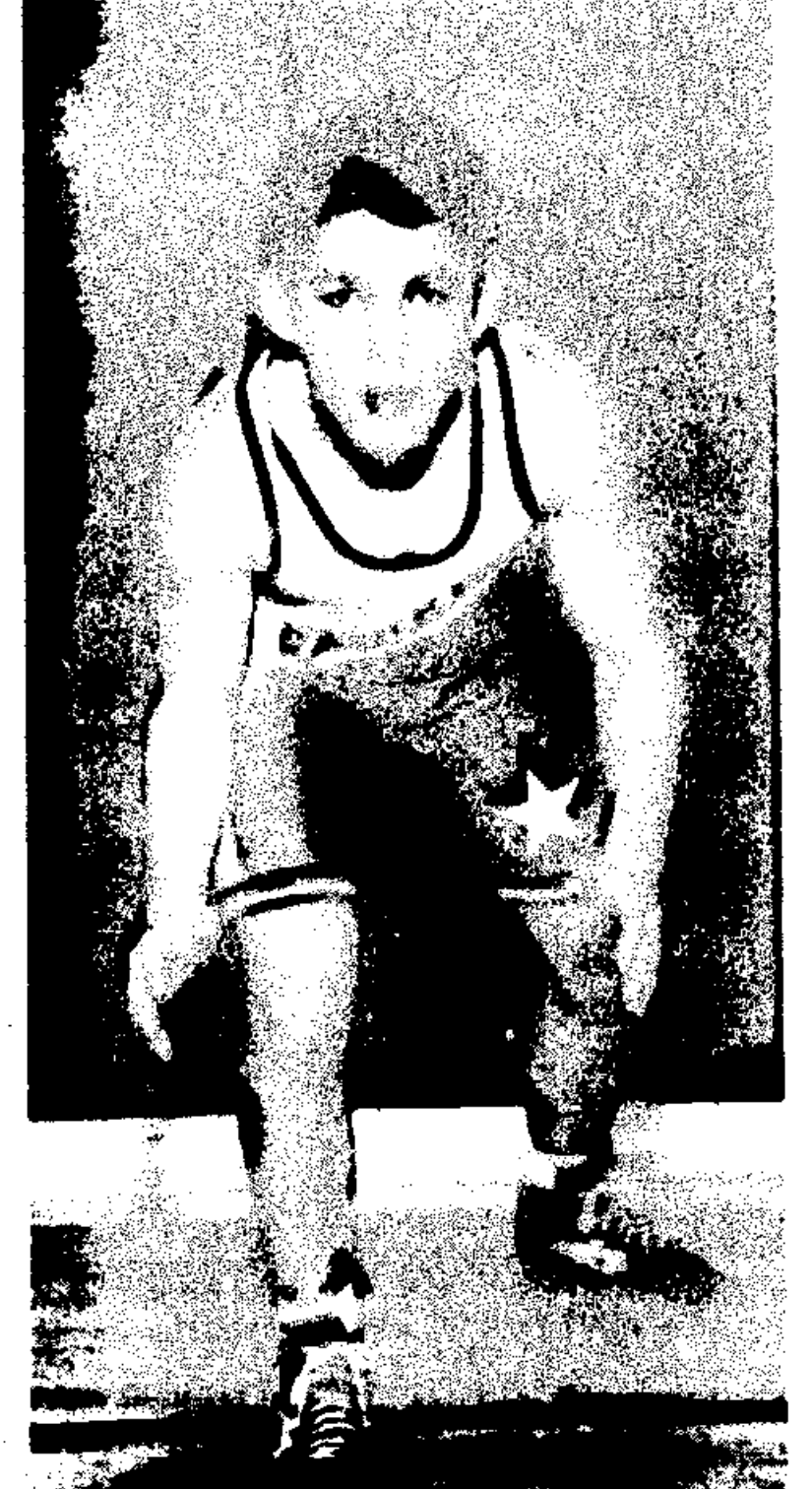
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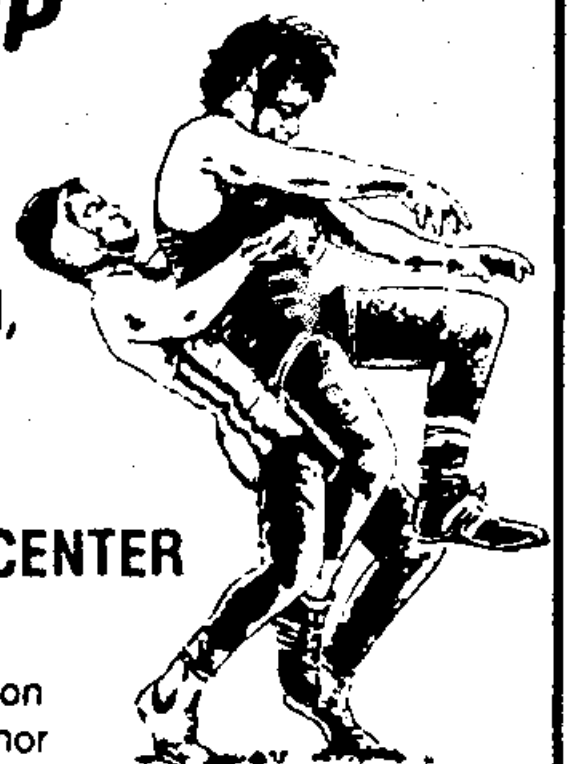
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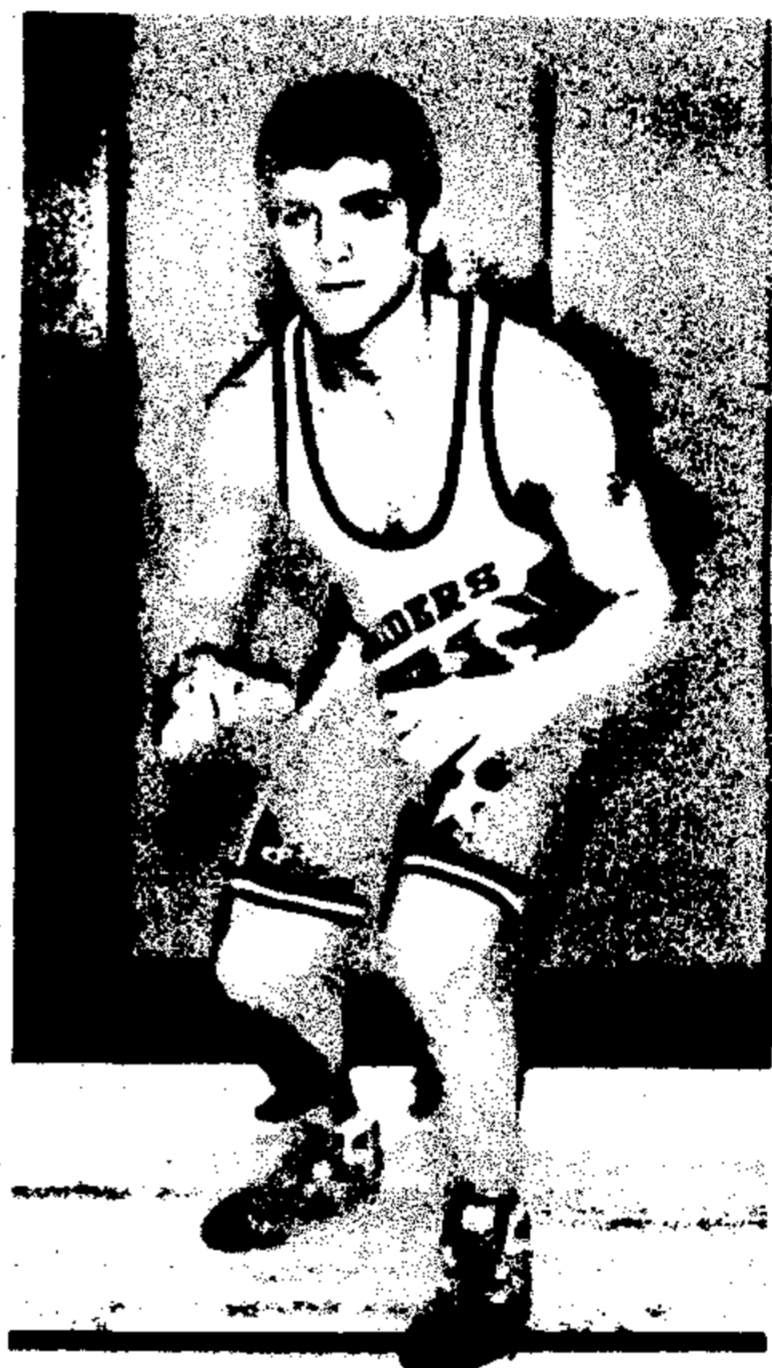
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Harley Wakeman
215 pounds



David Lasher
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-Valley News photos by Dave Davger

Red Raiders own Section III Dual Meet Tournament

by Lyle Fulton

Since its inception six years ago, the Section III Dual Meet Tournament has been dominated by Fulton varsity wrestlers. The Red Raiders are a perfect 30-0 in the tournament and have claimed all six titles.

In two weeks the Red Raiders will look to make it seven consecutive crowns entering the tournament as the favorite. The 16-team tournament will take place Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Paul V. Moore

High School in Central Square with Fulton taking on the best Section III has to offer.

Last year Fulton concluded another undefeated season by edging Canastota 24-23 in a showdown of top-ranked teams. Fulton entered the 1994 finals as the No. 1 ranked team in the state for large schools while Canastota was top among small schools. The Red Raiders won the final four matches of the contest to defend the team's crown. Bob Galini (155 pounds), Mike Kitts (167), Jason Willis (177), and Harley Wakeman (215) all recorded

dramatic victories to keep Fulton's streak alive.

Entering the 1995 tournament, Fulton will have many familiar faces in its line-up when they take the mat as both Kitts and Wakeman return along with many other Red Raiders. Matt Mahar (126), Andy Hammond (112), Ryan Jacobson (98), Jeremy Hutchinson (132 or 138), Nate Moore (105), and J.R. Taormina (145) were also members of that team.

This year the road to the finals will include several tough teams. Although the final 16 teams haven't been chosen yet, Fulton Coach Mike Conners has a good idea of who will be standing in the Red Raiders' way.

"There are some real goods teams," Coach Conners noted of the upcoming tournament. Among those that will be challenging Fulton will be Lowville, Beaver River, Carthage, South Jefferson, and Fowler. Of those schools, four are ranked in state polls for either small or large schools. Fowler is 21st in the large school poll followed by South Jefferson in the 22nd spot, while Lowville is fourth among small schools and Beaver River is sixth.

Each team has to apply to be entered into the tournament; a committee from Section III will make the final selection. Fulton is as close to a guaranteed participant as a team can be, as a six-time

defending champion that is undefeated again this season.

While other teams work toward knocking Fulton from the top, the Red Raiders will use the week before to keep the winning tradition alive.

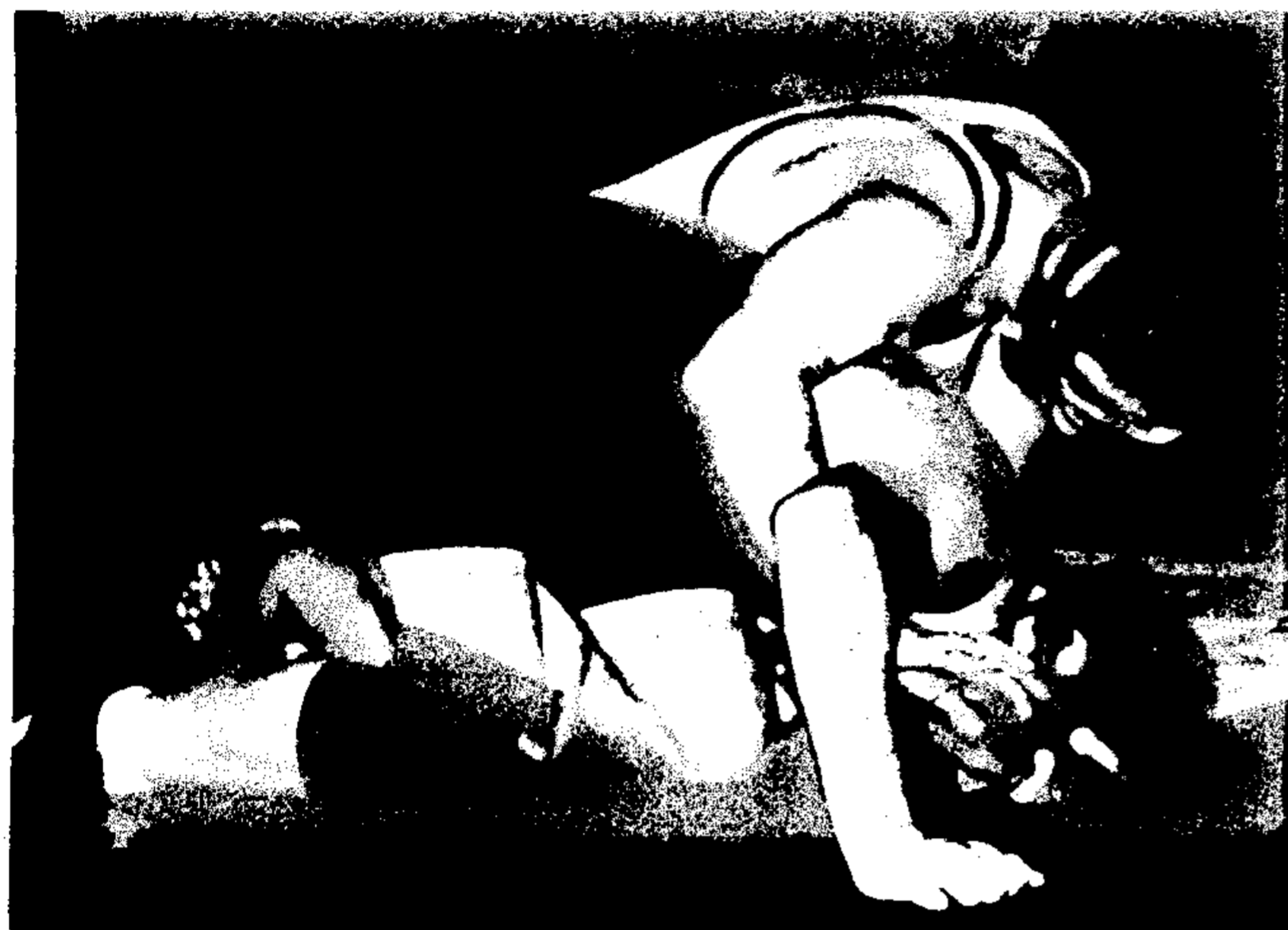
"It's one of our favorite tournaments," Coach Conners said. "We work hard in practice because of the success in previous years. Some years we didn't wrestle great as a team, but when someone didn't wrestle well someone picked up the slack," he added.

While Coach Conners can recall all of the team's wins in the tournament, there are a couple of specific matches that stand out in his mind.

"We had two blowout wins against VVS (Vernon-Verona-Sherrill) in previous years and that was exciting, but Canastota was probably the most nail-biting," Coach Conners remembered.

The blowouts Coach Conners spoke of were when there were 32 teams entered in the tournament and the Red Raiders faced VVS twice in 1990 beating them 40-20 the first time and then 52-6 in the semifinals. Fulton also beat VVS in the semi-finals in 1993 and in the finals in 1989, the first year the tournament was held.

The first round of matches at the annual tournament will begin at 10 a.m. with the consolation match tentatively scheduled for 5 p.m. and the finals at 7 p.m.



Dual meet veteran

Now in his junior season, Mike Kitts (top) has established himself as one of Fulton's top wrestlers competing at 167 pounds. Kitts played a major roll in last year's Section III Dual Meet Tournament winning a key match in the finals to help the Red Raiders to their sixth straight title. The Red Raiders are 8-0 in dual meets this season and have won 35 straight. In the Section Three tournament, Fulton has won all 30 of its matches and is the only team to claim the title.

The road to six straight titles

The following is a recap of each team the Red Raiders have defeated on their way to six straight Section III Dual Meet Tournament titles. From 1989 to 1991, 32 teams were entered into the tournament and from 1992 to the present only 16 teams are entered. Over the past six years Fulton has compiled a 30-0 record.

1989 Section III champs

Fulton 47	Marcellus 14
Fulton 63	Camden 0
Fulton 28	South Jefferson 24
Fulton 50	Jordan-Elbridge 6
Fulton 34	Baldwinsville 15
Fulton 38	VVS 27

1990 Section III champs

Fulton 67	Mt. Markham 2
Fulton 63	Frankfort-Schuyler 3
Fulton 40	VVS 20
Fulton 57	Carthage 3
Fulton 52	VVS 6
Fulton 28	South Jefferson 18

1991 Section III champs

Fulton 47	Mohawk 15
Fulton 45	New Hartford 18
Fulton 48	Carthage 6
Fulton 42	Central Square 21
Fulton 42	Carthage 15
Fulton 36	Baldwinsville 18

1992 Section III champs

Fulton 41	Liverpool 29
Fulton 59	Port Byron 3
Fulton 42	C-NS 21
Fulton 46	Lowville 9

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Fulton 45	VVS 15

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Fulton 46	Fowler 15
Fulton 30	Carthage 22
Fulton 24	Canastota 23



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Fulton to host Class A Tournament next month

by Lyle Fulton

The Fulton Wrestling Festival isn't the only major tournament the Red Raiders will host this season. The G. Ray Bodley High School gymnasium will also be the site of the Section III Class-A Tournament Saturday, Feb. 18.

The tournament will bring together all 15 Class-A schools in Section III. Teams from Auburn, Liverpool, Oswego, Rome Free Academy, West Genesee, Central Square, East Syracuse-Minoa, Cicero-North Syracuse, Baldwinsville, Watertown, Whitesboro, Fayetteville-Manlius, Fowler, and Utica Proctor as well as Fulton will participate in the tournament.

An individual tournament that also keeps track of team points, the Fulton Wrestling Festival will determine which wrestlers advance to the Section III Tournament. Wrestlers who finish in the top four places of each weight class will

earn the right to move to the next level.

The Red Raiders have won the tournament the past five seasons and could make it six straight in their home gym. Fulton has two wrestlers on the team who have been Class-A champions the last two years. Senior Matt Mahar has two titles to his credit and will be going for his third. A year ago Mahar wrestled at 119 pounds and this year will be moving up to the 126-pound division.

Another Fulton wrestler who is a two-time Class-A title holder is Andy Hammond. Hammond is only a junior and is a likely candidate to join the exclusive 100-win club in the near future. So far in his career Hammond has a 73-7 record. When he takes to the mat next month he will be competing at 112 pounds.

Heavyweight Harley Wakeman is the final Red Raider wrestler to earn a Class A crown last season. In order for Wakeman to repeat as champion he must get past two other top wrestlers. Standing in his way will

be Fowler's Jarnon Howard and Central Square's Rob Eggerling.

Along with Howard at 215 pounds, the 21st ranked Falcons will bring several other solid athletes to the tournament. Antoine Smith was the fourth seed in the sectional tournament last winter and finished the season going 15-3 as a junior. Other Falcon standout wrestlers who will have a say on the outcome of certain weight classes are Jason Briare at 126 pounds and Dave Richardson at 112. Richardson placed fourth in the sectional meet while Briare also participated in the sectional tournament.

Besides Fulton and Fowler, several other teams have top-notch wrestlers who could earn titles. Whitesboro has Dave and Dan Marsch with Dave wrestling at 132 pounds

and Dan at 167. The Warriors also have Brett Bernard at 138 pounds.

Rome Free brings Matt Sobolowski (177) and Paul Delano (98) into the tournament while the Cyclones from Watertown will be looking to Larry Perie (132) and Shawn Ramsdell (250) to win titles. In addition to Eggerling, Central Square will bring Doug Tripp (112) and Ron Recquir (155) to the Class A meet.

Other wrestlers to watch during the tournament will be East Syracuse-Minoa's Dave Heigle at 145 pounds, Baldwinsville's Dave Boudreau at 138 pounds, Liverpool's Mark Rauli at 126 pounds, and Cicero-North Syracuse's Louie Chamoun at 167, along with Oswego's Jon Schladebeck at 112 and Jason Burns at 132.

Career record against opponents

Auburn	9 - 3 - 1	Johnson City	2 - 1
Baldwinsville	12 - 17 - 1	Jordan Elbridge	3 - 0
Bayshore	1 - 0	Kempsville Va.	0 - 1
Binghamton	1 - 0	Liverpool	20 - 2
Bishop Grimes	4 - 0	Longwood	1 - 0
Bishop Ludden	4 - 0	Lowville	2 - 0
Brentwood	1 - 0	Maine Endwell	0 - 1
Burnt Hills	2 - 0	Marcellus	7 - 0
Camden	1 - 0	Mexico	18 - 1
Carthage	4 - 0	McQuaid	1 - 0
Canandaigua	4 - 0	Mohawk	1 - 0
Canastota	12 - 2	Mt. Markham	2 - 0
C.B.A.	6 - 0	Newfield	1 - 0
Central Square	27 - 2 - 1	New Hartford	4 - 1
Central Tech	7 - 0	No. Syracuse	12 - 1 - 1
Chittenango	2 - 0	Nottingham	7 - 0
Cicero	4 - 6	Ogdensburg	1 - 0
Cicero-N.Syra.	10 - 0	Onondaga Cent.	2 - 0
Corcoran	6 - 0	Orangeburg S.C.	1 - 0
Cortland	18 - 3	Oswego	29 - 0
Dryden	2 - 0	Owego	1 - 0
E. Rochester	7 - 1 - 1	Patchogue	1 - 0
E. Syracuse	1 - 1 - 1	Phoenix	4 - 0
E.S.M.	20 - 5	Port Byron	2 - 0
Edison	1 - 0	Rome Free Acad.	3 - 1 - 1
Elmira Free Acad.	2 - 0	Sachem	4 - 0
Elmira Southside	1 - 0	Skaneateles	1 - 1
Falconer	1 - 0	Solvay	2 - 0
F.M.	10 - 2 - 1	S. Jefferson	4 - 1
Frankfort Sch.	1 - 0	Spencerport	1 - 0
Fowler	15 - 0	Suffern	4 - 0
Geneva	1 - 1	Union Endicott	7 - 0
Great Bridge Va.	0 - 1	Union Springs	1 - 0
Hannibal	2 - 0	Valley Central	2 - 0
Henniger	6 - 0 - 1	Vestal	2 - 0
Homer	4 - 0	V.V.S.	12 - 1
Horseneads	3 - 0	Watertown	5 - 5
Huntington	0 - 1	Waverly	3 - 1
Indian River	3 - 0	West Genesee	13 - 6
Irondequoit	2 - 0	West Hill	3 - 2
Ithaca	1 - 0	Whitesboro	8 - 0
Jamesville Dewitt	14 - 1	Williamsville N.	1 - 0



Two-time champ

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Comebacks part of Red Raider tradition

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There have been many close matches and rallies, but here are four of Fulton's best comebacks.

The first was in 1983 when the Red Raiders trailed Canandaigua 23-2. Fulton then won five of the last six matches to pull out a narrow 27-26 victory.

In that same year, Fulton overcame an 18-point deficit against Brentwood of Long Island. Fulton erased that 18-0 Brentwood lead by winning six of the last seven matches at the Gold Cup held at West Point.

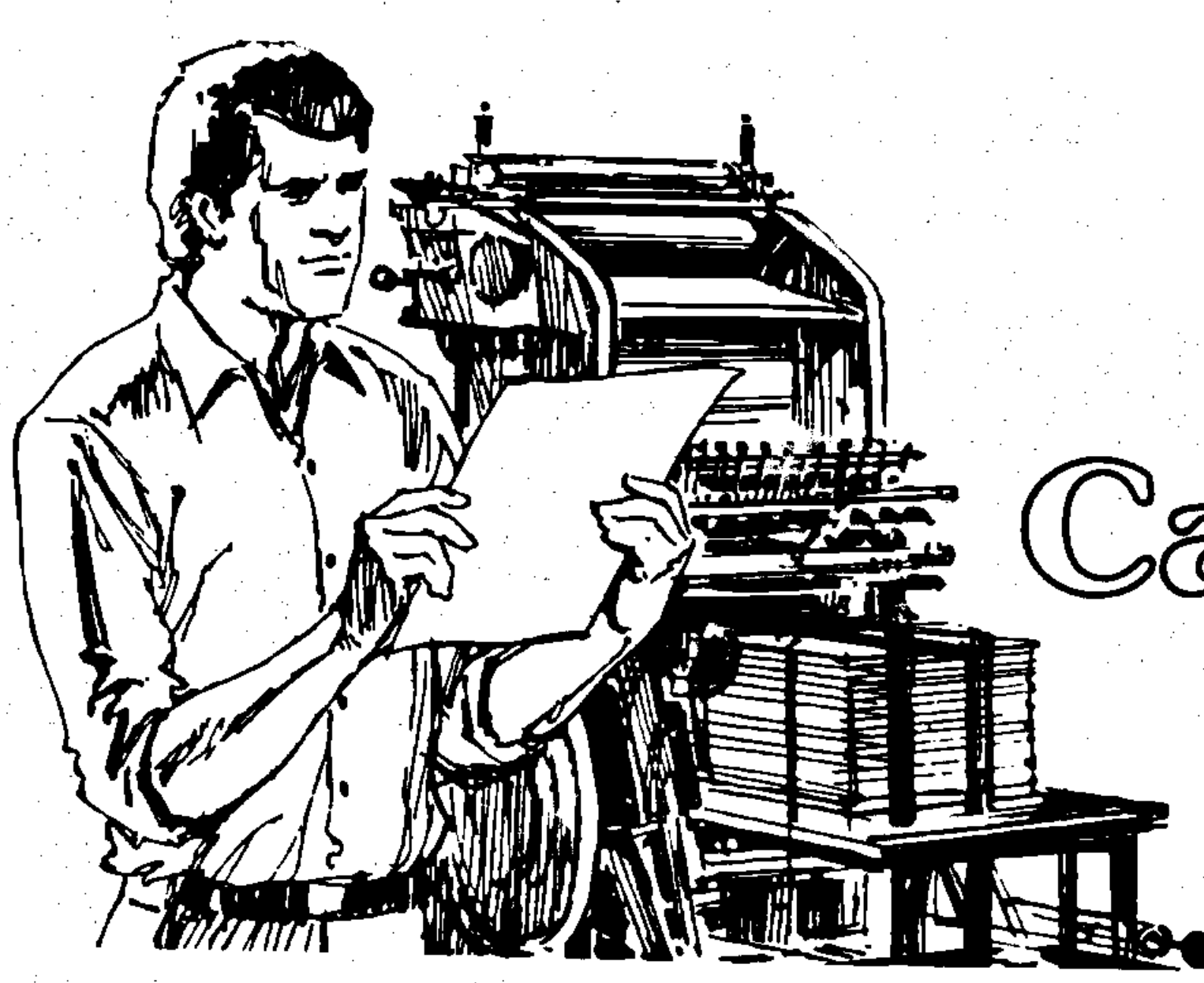
The following year, Canandaigua again held a sizeable lead against Fulton, but the Red Raiders were able to overcome. Canandaigua led 18-0 before the Red Raiders won the final five matches of the contest, all by pins, to win 40-23.

The other top comeback came last

season as Fulton trailed Canastota, the top ranked team in the state among small schools, 23-12 in the finals of the Section III Dual Meet Tournament. The Red Raiders rallied for a 24-23 win, clinching the final four matches and capturing their sixth straight dual meet title.

Fulton's record year by year

	W	L	T
1960	6	6	
1961	6	3	1
1962	11	0	1
1963	7	5	
1964	10	1	
1965	9	3	
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1993	19	1	
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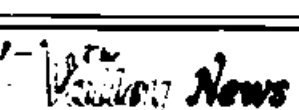
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Waverly 38 Fulton 18	Fulton 44
	1995
1988 U-E Tournament	Fulton 48
Fulton 56 Elmira Southside 6	Fulton 36
Fulton 31 Valley Central 24	Fulton 44
Fulton 30 Waverly 19	
	1989 U-E Tournament
Fulton 62 Owego 3	Fulton 48
Fulton 57 Horseheads 3	Fulton 36
	Fulton 30

Comebacks part of Red Raider tradition

While the Red Raiders have enjoyed plenty of wrestling success over the past 15 years, they have had some close calls when the wrestlers were called upon to rally from behind to earn a victory.

There have been many close matches and rallies, but here are four of Fulton's best comebacks.

The first was in 1983 when the Red Raiders trailed Canandaigua 23-2. Fulton then won five of the last six matches to pull out a narrow 27-26 victory.

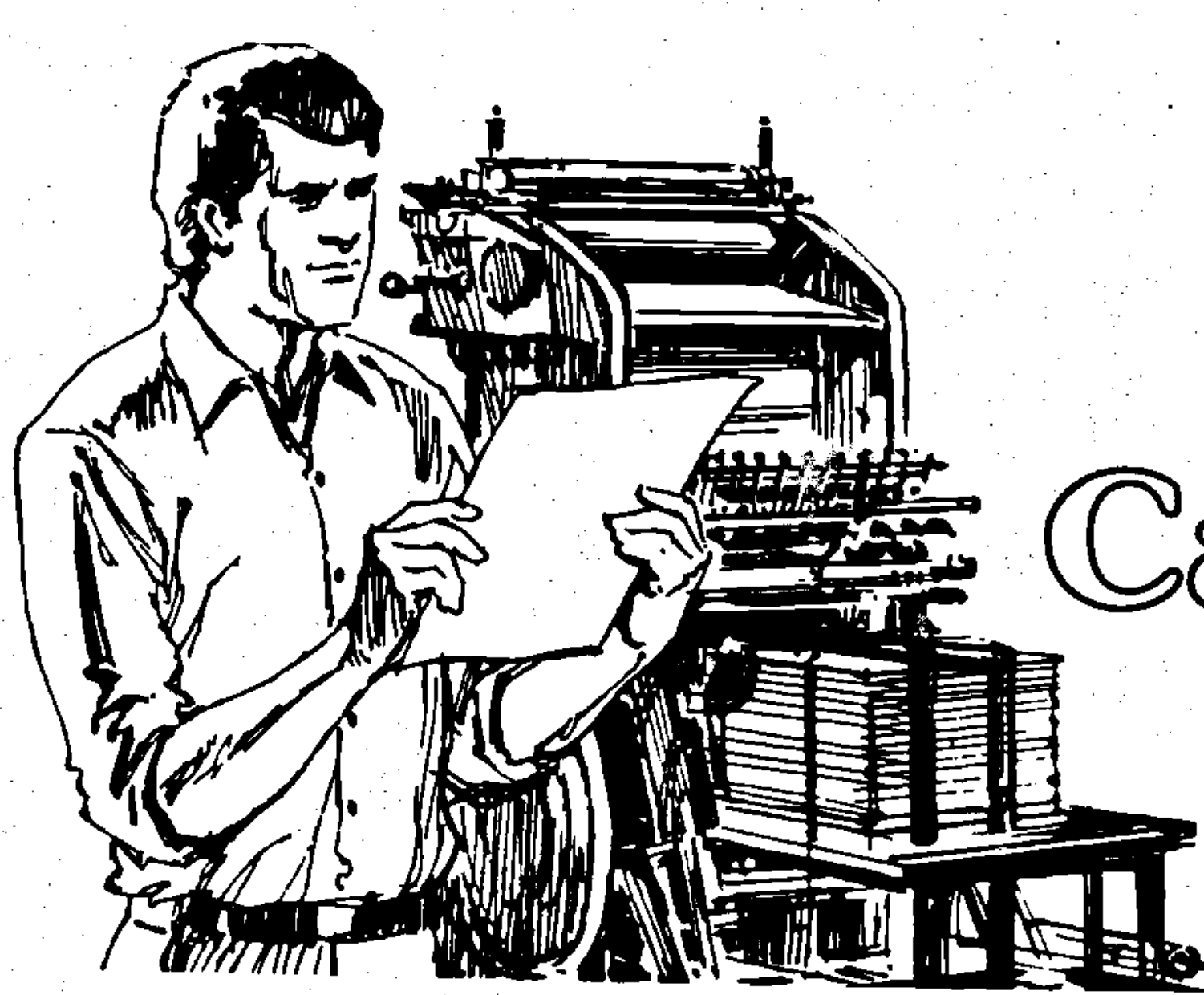
In that same year, Fulton overcame an 18-point deficit against Brentwood of Long Island. Fulton erased that 18-0 Brentwood lead by winning six of the last seven matches at the Gold Cup held at West Point.

The following year, Canandaigua again held a sizeable lead against Fulton, but the Red Raiders were able to overcome. Canandaigua led 18-0 before the Red Raiders won the final five matches of the contest, all by pins, to win 40-23.

The other top comeback came last

season as Fulton trailed Canastota, the top ranked team in the state among small schools, 23-12 in the finals of the Section III Dual Meet Tournament. The Red Raiders rallied for a 24-23 win, clinching the final four matches and capturing their sixth straight dual meet title.

Fulton's record year by year			
	W	L	T
1960	6	6	
1961	6	3	1
1962	11	0	1
1963	7	5	
1964	10	1	
1965	9	3	
1966	9	1	1
1967	11	0	1
1968	7	3	1
1969	10	3	
1970	10	3	
1971	12	1	
1972	5	7	1
1973	11	3	
1974	8	3	1
1975	6	9	1
1976	12	3	
1977	6	6	
1978	12	3	
1979	14	1	
1980	13	1	
1981	14	1	
1982	14	0	
1983	17	0	
1984	16	1	
1985	14	4	
1986	16	1	1
1987	15	2	
1988	15	1	
1989	22	0	
1990	17	2	
1991	23	0	
1992	20	0	
1993	19	1	
1994	19	0	
Total	436	78	9



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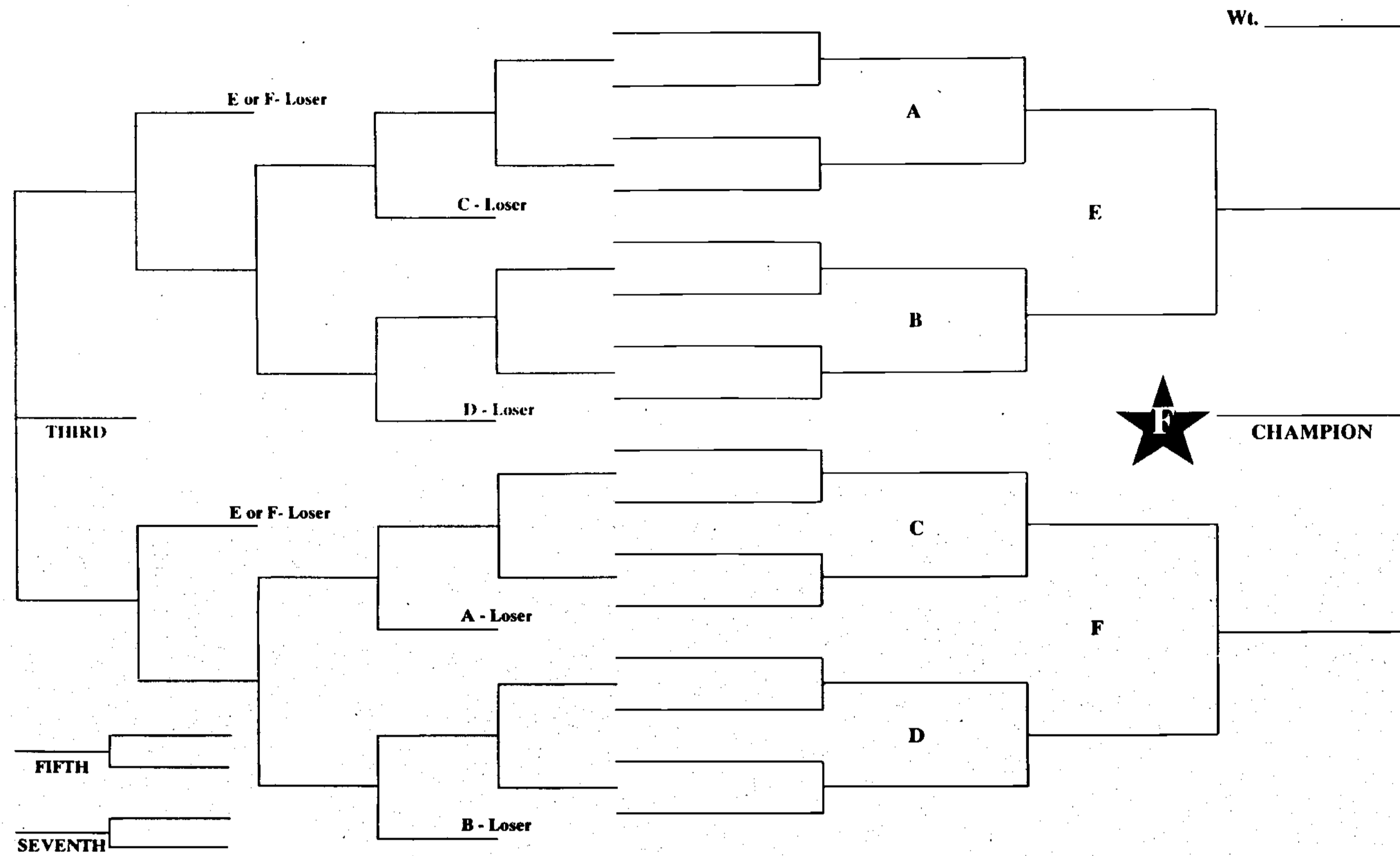
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