

# Veteran Medina Mat Squad Favored To Retain N-O Title

With no less than 11 regulars returning including two league champions, the Medina High wrestlers are strong favorites to repeat as Niagara-Orleans league champions this winter.

"The potential is definitely there," said Mike Crandall, who is beginning his fifth season as varsity wrestling coach at his alma mater. "There aren't any holes in the lineup as it's basically the same squad as last year. If they all keep working hard it looks like it could be one of my best teams."

Heading the contingent of returning lettermen are defending league champions junior Tim Menz (98) and senior David Maiorana (167).

Menz, who posted a 30-6 overall record last year won the Section VI title and became the first MHS sophomore ever to compete in the state championship meet. His two year varsity record is 54-15 after finishing second in the league and fourth in the sectionals as a freshman when he went 24-9.

Maiorana posted a 27-3 record last year to raise his three-year varsity record to 70-20. Although ousted in the first round of the sectionals, Maiorana finished third in Section VI as a sophomore when he registered a 26-11 record.

Other lettermen returning are seniors Louis Pecci (215), Jeff Green (155), Jerit VanAuker (145), Tom Jakes (145), Jesse Balcerzak (138), George Pogel (119) and Kevin Pask (112), along with juniors Joe Maiorana (132), John Kaderli (128) and Theo Morley (105).

Balcerzak and Jakes both earned second place finishes in the N-O league and participated in the sectionals. Morley, Pecci and VanAuker all finished third in the league while Kaderli earned a fourth place finish.



**MHS VETERANS**--Medina High wrestling coach Mike Crandall has a large contingent of veteran grapplers on hand as the Mustangs look for a second straight Niagara-Orleans league title. In the front row from left are Jerit VanAuker, Jesse Balcerzak, Jeff Green, Louis Pecci, David Maiorana and Mike Green.

Menz, Morley and Pogel all gained added experience by participating in the Empire State games last summer.

The biggest battle for a starting spot looks to be in the 145 lb. class where Jakes and Jerit VanAuker are being challenged by junior John Blount, sophomore Todd

VanAuker and freshman Tom Bedford.

In the 91 lb. class sophomore Bob Cavers looks to get the start while in the 177 lb. class junior Carl Armstrong and sophomore Larry Stockwell are competing for the start.

Rounding out the squad are seniors Bucky Boyd (215) and

Bob Trembly (132) along with juniors Norm Bennett (167), Rogies Hardin (155), By Dunham (105) and Chris Zinkovich (105) and sophomores Mike Green (132) and Charlie Hartway (138).

The Mustangs will get a good season opening test this Friday night when Canandaigua, which finished in the top three rankings in the state, visits Medina for an intersectional clash.

Here's a capsule summary of how the other Niagara-Orleans league wrestling teams are shaping up.

**Albion Purple Eagles**  
Six returning veterans form the nucleus of the 1980-81 Albion High wrestling squad which will be coached this year by Marc Cohen, who handled the JV's last year.

Senior tri-captains Chris Nolan (138), John Knight (145) and Joe Sacco (119) should form the mainstays of the squad according to Cohen who also has seniors Tom Edgeston (112) and George Hildreth (155) and junior Brent Buckner (215) back.

Scott Neri (105) who is up from the JV's also looks to start along with junior Jay Goudger (126) and senior Eric Erway (132).

"I'm expecting quite a bit this year," said Cohen. "I think we've got some good experience although we are a little thin experience-wise in the lighter weights and we've got some pretty tough new guys."

**Roy-Hart Rams**  
The loss of six starters through graduation looks to

make 1980-81 a rebuilding year for coach Joe Massaro's Rams.

"We're very young and inexperienced and we've got a small squad but the kids have shown a lot of potential and enthusiasm," said Massaro.

Mainstays of the squad look to be seniors Randy Woodworth (155) and Craig Querns (126), along with juniors Bill Rarick (126), Ken Johnson (132) and Kevin Pierce (138) and freshman Mike Lang (105).

**Akron Tigers**  
Three returning league champions Pete Snyder (112), Charlie Krun (126) and Dan Tordy (145) are back to anchor coach Jerry Drayer's Tiger mat squad.

Snyder posted a 20-5-1 overall record last year while Krun was 22-2-1 and Tordy 20-5.

Also back is Rusty Bower who finished second in the league to state representative Calvin Swanson at 119. Bower posted a 20-2-1 overall record.

"Our experience is mainly in the lower and middle weight classes," said Drayer.

**Newfane Panthers**  
Four returning All-league champions look to make the Newfane Panthers very competitive in 1980-81.

Ross Livergood, who returns to coaching the Panthers varsity after having previously handled the job from 1964-71 has league champions Calvin Swanson (112), Russell Scufari (98), Paul Marshall (177) and Pete Russell (215) all back. Swanson who went on to win the sectionals and participate in the state meet is a junior as is Scufari while Marshall and Russell are both seniors.

**Other returning lettermen** include seniors Bob Kennedy (167), Albert Kramp (126), Bob Gooding (119) and Rich Holtling (105) along with junior Mark Marshall (155) and freshman Jamie Felvus (91).

"I think we'll be very competitive. We should be right in there," said Livergood.

**Barker Raiders**  
The Barker Raiders return to the Niagara-Orleans league for the first time in a dozen years with what coach Roger Harrison calls an "awfully young and inexperienced squad."

Returning lettermen include senior co-captains Todd Zanow (145) and Dan Donaldson (138) along with Jeff Ruest (215) and Mike Layman (112) also both seniors and Dave Harrison (132), a junior. Also back with some varsity experience is senior Norm Pollock (155).

"The other kids are all very young," said Harrison, who added "our objective this season is to see progress."

**Starpoint Spartans**  
Eight returning lettermen who didn't come out for the team either because they have

## RANALLO'S 4-MAN FRATERNAL DEC. 2

	W	L
Four Fathoms	34½	21½
Walsh Hotel	33	23
Barns Metal Rfnsh.	31	25
Genesee Beer	30	26
Lakeland Park	27	29
Wells Farm	26½	29½
Jr. Wilson Sppts.	22	34
Tylec Ins.	20	36

High ind. game: S. Barber, 208; High ind. series: D. DiCureia, 554; High team game: Wells Farm, 691; High team series: Genesee Beer, 1999.

Other 200s: J. Gonzalez, 206; D. DiCureia, 205.

Other 500s: S. Barber, 528; J. Gonzalez, 528; J. Parada, 509; F. Ranallo, 527; M. Biernacki, 535.

Splits converted: D. DiCureia, 3-10 (twice); D. Miller, 6-10; J. Gaygen, 4-9; M. Biernacki, 3-10; F. Szatkowski, 5-10; Lewis Torres, 3-10.

## WEDNESDAY INDUSTRIAL DEC. 3

	W	L
Marine Midland	34½	21½
McElwain Elec.	33	19
Club 31	30½	25½
V.F.W.	29	27
Maui Inn	27	29
Sylvia's Bty. Sln.	27	29
Corky's Bakery	22	34
Sacred Heart	17	35

High ind. game: F. Beyer, 239; High ind. series: R. Thomas, 599; High team game and series: Marine Midland, 933-2634.

Other 500s: B. Herman, 581; T. Boyle, 577; F. Ranallo, 574; F. Beyer, 565; R. Seefeldt, 565; D. Garlock, 548; G. Moden, 543; T. Dotts, 541; K. Sylvester, 539; D. Hall, 535; B. Seefeldt, 534; Ev. Furness, 525; W. Lewandowski, 525; D. Sills, 522; J. Heveron, 516; P. Warne, 502.

Other 200s: R. Thomas, 235; D. Sills, 222; T. Boyle, 213; A. Potrubacz, 211; B. Herman, 206; F. Ranallo, 204; B. Carver, 200.

## 'Y' Planning Leagues for Volleyball

The Lake Plains YMCA, located in Medina's Pearl Street Armory, will sponsor volleyball leagues for men and women beginning in January.

The women's league is scheduled to begin Thursday, Jan. 8 at 8 p.m., with the men's league to start the following night at 7 p.m. Both leagues will play eight week schedules, and will conclude with a playoff between top teams.

Each team should consist of 8-10 players, and team lists and registration fees must be submitted to the "Y" no later than Jan. 5. Registration is \$8 per person plus membership. Registration forms are available at the YMCA.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the YMCA at the Armory or by calling 798-2040.

taken part-time jobs or are no longer in school have hampered the building efforts of Starpoint wrestling coach Roger Gatley.

"We've been building for two years and I had figured that this year we could move up some but when all of those lettermen failed to come out we're right back to rebuilding again," said Gatley who noted his squad will be composed mainly of freshmen and sophomores.

Dave Quast (145) is the lone senior on the squad which also has three-year veteran, junior Tom Walld (91) back.

**Wilson Lakemen**  
At Wilson coach George Mayer lost 13 seniors to graduation but still looks for the Lakemen to have a good season.

"We've got quite a lot of rebuilding to do but I think we'll be right up there," said Mayer.

Steve Martin and Jim Mangan head up the list of returnees which also includes Rick Wiltse, Mike Fornier and Shawn Higgins as well as Dennis Carroll, a transfer from Newfane.

The Niagara-Orleans league season gets underway on Jan. 6.



**ALBION LEADERS**--New Albion High wrestling coach Marc Cohen is here flanked by two of his three senior team captains Chris Nolan, left, and John Knight. The missing captain is Joe Sacco. The Purple Eagles host Attica tonight in their non league season opener.



**RAM WRESTLERS**--Roy-Hart varsity wrestling coach Joe Massaro is shown here with the Rams six returning lettermen. In the front row are Craig Querns, left, and Randy

Woodworth. Standing from left are Ken Johnson, Kevin Pierce, Massaro, Mike Lang and Bill Rarick. The Rams open their season at Lyndonville tonight in a non league match.



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