

## WRESTLING

# Attica tourney has new name, new format

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ATTICA — Attica's annual wrestling tournament has traditionally drawn top-level competition from throughout New York State and Pennsylvania.

This year the tournament has a new name and format — with the same strong field.

The first Sgt. Richard Romesser Attica Blue Devil Challenge takes place today and Saturday at Attica High School and Attica Middle School.

The tournament is in memory of the 1966 Attica High School graduate who died in the line of duty while serving his country in Vietnam in 1969.

Richard Romesser was a two-time sectional champion and Junior College All-American at Fulton-Montgomery Community College and the uncle of current Attica High School wrestling coach Eric

Romesser.

This year's event will feature a dual-meet format with each of the 10 teams in the field wrestling a dual meet against the other nine teams. Each team will wrestle four matches today and five more matches on Saturday.

"We expect it is going to be a great weekend of wrestling," Eric Romesser said.

In addition to Attica, the other teams in the field are Belle Vernon (Pa.), Brockport, East Aurora, Fulton, Greece Olympia, Lancaster, Letchworth, Palmyra-Macedon and Warsaw.

"Eight of the nine New York teams entered finished last year state ranked," Romesser said.

In addition, 25-30 wrestlers in this year's event competed in the state tournament last March.

There will be two dual meets going on at the same

time in the main gym, one in the auxiliary gym, and two more in the middle school gym.

Times for matches today are 1:30, 3:15, 5 and 6:45 p.m.

Times for matches on Saturday are 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. and 2, 3:45 and 5:30 p.m.

Dual meet tournaments have become more popular in recent years. The Union-Endicott tourney is well known throughout the state.

"Outside of that (tournament), this is probably the toughest dual meet tournament in the state," Romesser said.

Attica is scheduled to battle Letchworth at 6:45 tonight and will face Warsaw at 11:15 a.m. Saturday. Letchworth and Warsaw square off at 3:45 p.m. Saturday. A complete match schedule is available on [armdrag.com](http://armdrag.com).

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