

simmons. Paul Harvey has moved from Starpoint to Albion. Mike Windhorst has taken over at Starpoint.

ALTHOUGH Olean again is virtually conceded the throne in the Southern Tier, Division I schools Falconer and Maple Grove — defending sectional Division VI and VII champions, respectively — are also strong.

New coaches are Terry Leja at Dunkirk and Al Bean at Eisenhower, Pa.

In Division II, Silver Creek won the league title in duels, Randolph took the league tourney and Panama won the sectional Division VIII crown last year.

New coaches are Greg Bridges at Panama, Wayne Volentine at Fredonia and Kim Wefing at Frewsburg.

The league has scrapped its Christmas tourney and will go with divisional tourneys at the end of the year.

PORTVILLE will defend its title in the Tri-County League although Wellsville is expected to furnish strong competition.

TOURNAMENTS include the Tri-County Dec. 17 at Cuba, Sweet Home Dec. 29-30, Maryvale and Falconer Jan. 20-21, and Salamanca Jan. 27-28.

Paradiso Paces North Collins In Title Game

SHERMAN — North Collins Central School won the Sherman basketball tournament Saturday evening, led by Dan Paradiso, as the Eagles stopped Sherman, 46-42.

Paradiso, a 6-foot 1-inch senior forward, scored 24 points and pulled down 18 rebounds as the Eagles, down 10-9 at the quarter, scored the first goal of the second quarter and never looked back.

"They started pressuring and came back. I got close," sighed Coach Paul Cummings, who also pointed to the work of guard Dave Gier, with 8 points, 6 assists and 4 steals.

In the consolation game, For-

High School Wrestling Roundup

Pioneer, Olean: Super Streaks

By STEVE SCHUELEIN

In 1969, Olean High School began varsity wrestling and Pioneer Central School of Arcade moved west from Section V.

Things have not been the same since on the Western New York mats of Section VI.

The two schools have dominated wrestling to such a point that Pioneer will put a 63-match winning streak on the line and Olean will risk a 33-duel skein this week when most WNY schools begin competition.

Pioneer Coach Dick Post senses his streak may be in jeopardy. Olean's streak appears safe through the 1980s unless Coach Mike Foster can sneak Lehigh onto the schedule.

PIONEER, a Division IV member of the Erie County Interscholastic Conference, has been unbeaten in duels since losses to Niagara-Wheatfield and Rochester Eastridge in 1972-73.

Post's mat powers won the school division of the intersectionals in 1974 and shared the top spot with Spencerport in 1975.

Intersectional champs include Keith Stearns, a junior at Oklahoma, and two-time winner Kyle Grunwald, a freshman at Louisiana State.

"The streak will get broken this year," said Post, in his eighth year as head coach. "Only 26 kids are out, the least I've had coaching here. And Williamsville North, Iroquois, Lancaster, Depew and Baldwinsville will all be tough."

Post lost five seniors to graduation, including Grunwald, but seven returning regulars should provide enough of a nucleus for the Panthers to remain a power in the ECIC.

Pioneer appears strongest in the lightmiddleweight area, where senior Tom Bennett, who qualified for the intersectionals last year, is back at 119 pounds, senior Dan Mason returns at 112 and junior David Sanders is at 126. Sophomore Steve Arnold, an intersectional qualifier as an eighth-grader 2 years ago, is also back but may have trouble finding a spot in the 112-119 area.

Other returning regulars are Lee Friend at 91, Jeff Pettit at 132, Mike Wagner at 138 and Jim Devin at 155.

Pioneer opens Friday against Cleveland Hill.

OLEAN, which dominated the Section VI intersectional lineup last year and finished third in the school competition, should be even stronger this year at the top of the WNY heap.

Foster, who piloted the Olean football team to its first unbeaten season since 1951 this fall, should do much better than won-8 lost-0 on the mats.

The Southern Tier Division I power regains three of the four wrestlers it sent to the 1977 intersectionals: senior Chris Leichtweis, state runner-up at 145 last year, who will go 145 or 155; sophomore Clar Anderson, third at 91 and up to 105; and senior Kevin Forrest, the football star who will go 126 or 132. Leichtweis and Anderson won



CHRIS LEICHTWEIS
Olean middleweight



JOHN McHUGH
Sweet Home star

state AAU junior competition to earn berths in the national free-style tourney this summer.

Olean lost only three regulars from its lineup. Eric Simpson (119), Andy Taylor (112), Steve Pancio (132), Bill Thomas (138), Kirk Stephen (167), Rick Fie (177), George Pancio (126) and Joe Silluzio (112) provide awesome depth.

Leichtweis, Forrest, Simpson and Steve Pancio are the only seniors on a 40-man roster. The Olean dynasty may only be in its infancy.

"It's a positive attitude thing," said Foster, who has seven of his football players in the wrestling lineup. "We have a lot of good athletes who believe in themselves."

THE ECIC has undergone a number of changes. New member Jamestown is in Division I, Lake Shore has moved up to Division II and Williamsville North and South have dropped to Division III.

New coaches include John Grieser at West Seneca West in Division I, Joe Rotundo at Clarence in Division II, Rick Kosiorok at Williamsville South in Division III and Larry Wheeler at Cleveland Hill in Division IV.

Depew, Iroquois and Williamsville North are expected to give Pioneer its sternest competition in III-IV.

Division I-II should offer a more balanced race. Defending champion Lancaster, won-12 lost-1 in duels last year, defending sectional Division I champion Sweet Home, Clarence, Orchard Park and Williamsville East all expect to be strong.

SWEET HOME, won-11 lost-1 tied-1 last year under Joe Shifflet, returns a strong four-man nucleus in Cedric Hinton (177), Bob Vogel (155), Paul Reed (132) and John McHugh (105). McHugh, a former National Junior AAU competitor, finished sixth in the intersectionals at 98 last year.

Orchard Park and Williamsville East may be the two most improved teams in the league after .500 finishes last year. Second-year OP Coach Tony Policare has 10 returning lettermen, including National-Junior AAU champ Tony Damiani at 167 heading a powerful heavy-weight crew.

Roy Guarino has a strong group of returnees at the lower and middle weights and has been bolstered by four able transfers at Williamsville East.

New member Jamestown is the mystery team, won-6 lost-8

last year in an independent schedule mostly from the strong Erie, Pa., area. Football star Dan Moran, a 235-pound unlimited standout, is back after competing in last year's intersectionals.

TONAWANDA, defending champion in the Niagara-Frontier League, is a heavy favorite to repeat. Glenn Bateman has most of his lineup back from last year, including standout Guy Miller.

New coaches in the league include Mike McAvoy at Lockport, Bill Wessels at Niagara Falls and Pat Cerminara at LaSalle.

The league has split into a Niagara Division of Niagara Falls, Niagara-Wheatfield, Lewiston-Porter and LaSalle and the Frontier Division of Tonawanda, North Tonawanda, Kenmore East, Kenmore West and Lockport.

BILL BRECHUE has taken over for the Rev. Lehr Barkenquest at DeSales of Lockport, defending champion in the Msgr. Martin Association.

All-Catholic and Smith League winner DeSales has two returning league champions in Ed States (145) and Dan Yousett (98).

Defending Burke League winner O'Hara — upset Saturday by Turner — has defending league champion Fred Ruocco at 91 pounds.

DEFENDING champion Newfane, runner-up Albion and Medina are leading contenders in the Niagara-Orleans League.

Newfane, which edged Albion by a point for the league title, has three good returnees in Bob Talladay, Steve Perry and Tom Houghtaling for Coach Ed Fitz-

Places to Go, Things