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# SCHOOL MAT TOURNAMENT UNDER WAY

The preliminary round of the city inter-scholastic wrestling tourney will get under way this afternoon at Tech High School. Semi-finals will follow tomorrow afternoon at Tech, followed by the final round Thursday or Friday at Tech or Monroe.

Nine weight classes are scheduled for the event. Unlimited division has been added. These run from the 105-pound to the 175-pound class.

All high schools in the city are eligible, although only four were in the league, East, Tech, Monroe and West, all of which have entered large numbers of men.

Tech, winner of the local league championship for the past several years, ran off with honors in last year's tourney with four city champions. East followed with three.

The shopmen copped the inter-scholastic grappling crown this season. The Orientals finished one point behind Coach Hoff's men, who won all but one of their meets, while "Pete" McKay's grapplers copped all but two, losing to Tech in one and tying West in another.

Only one city champ crowned in last year's tourney is entered in this season's event. He is Morris Shapiro, star 105-pounder who captained the East High wrestlers this year. Shapiro won last season, after winning two close extra-period bouts on the same day in semi-final and final rounds and is favorite to repeat in the present event.

"Red" Kelly of Charlotte, winner of the 126-pound crown last year, is ineligible for competition.

Hard fights are expected to be put up in the 105, 126, and 175-pound classes. The latter group will feature the De Prez brothers of West High and Tech.