

# 'Basically a young team'- BK's Chadwick

"Basically this is a young team," observed Bishop Kearney varsity wrestling coach Brian Chadwick as he watched his boys work out last Tuesday afternoon. "Over 60 freshmen came out for the team," he pointed out.

As the coach spoke, around 50 grapplers were receiving instruction from an assistant coach on one mat. On the closer mat, Coach Chadwick's more experienced matmen were working on moves. Little Mike O'Connell, who won the Catholic State championship at 98 pounds last winter, was practicing moves with Ernie Hanna. Hanna plans to compete at 98 this year as O'Connell moves up to the 105 pound bracket.

Pat Coughlin, who also won a Catholic State title last winter, was working out with Pete Alano not far from O'Connell and Hanna. Coughlin won his championship at 105 pounds but this year will go up to the 112 pound class. Alano, another strong veteran performer, will wrestle at 119 pounds along with another experienced team-

mate, Dave DiRaimo.

Coach Chadwick went over to the mat and demonstrated a move on Bob Brucato as the rest of the grapplers watched carefully. Brucato, who missed most of last winter's wrestling due to injury, has been looking good and should do the job this year for the Kings at 167 pounds.

Having shown his charges what to work on for the next few minutes, Coach Chadwick returned to the interview for The Press. Asked which opponent will be BK's toughest in the City-Catholic league this season, he replied, "I'll have to go with Madison." For non-league activity the King mentor feels it will be Eastridge and Caledonia-Mumford.

"The one disappointment we've had this season is in not being able to schedule Irondequoit," the coach noted. He explained that the Indians cancelled out of an original meet date because of their scheduled appearance in the two day Windsor Invitational Tournament.

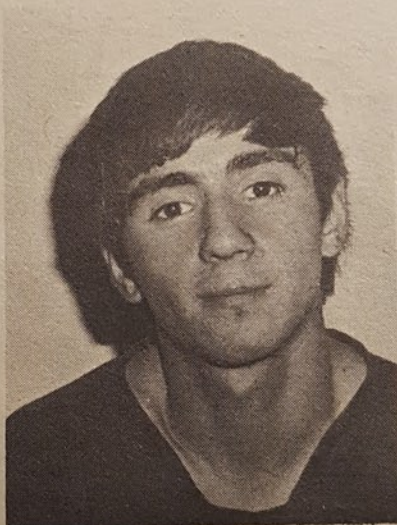
Bishop Kearney opens its 1971-72 season on Dec. 4 at home against Eastridge beginning with a junior varsity meet at 6:30 p.m. Loyal King mat fans will no doubt be sporting the new red, white and blue team pins which are now on sale. The pins feature a drawing of a King running over a downed wrestler, along with the inscription "Sock it to 'Em--BK Wrestlers".

Around 70 matmen were working out at last Tuesday's practice, but Coach Chadwick explained "Another 20 or so kids from football will be starting tomorrow." This included Jerry Oberst, letterman last year at 126 pounds who is moving up to 145 this season. Other veterans back this winter include Mark Caulfield, who will remain at 138 pounds, and Bob Walsh, moving up from 119 pounds to 126.

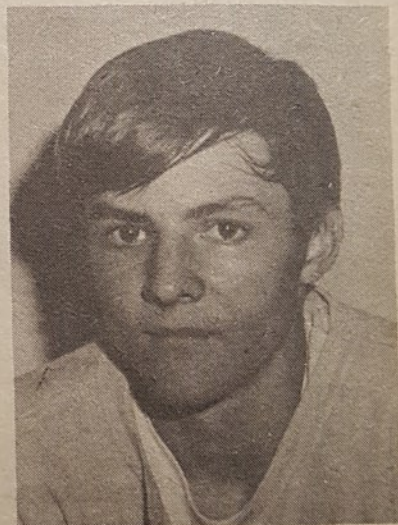
The Kearney grapplers showed good enthusiasm at last week's practice, which could be a good sign of things to come in the campaign ahead.



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