# Five Unbeaten Teams in Auburn's Wrestling Tourney

# Action All Day Tomorrow On ACC Gymnasium Mats

A wide open wrestling tournament is predicted at Auburn Community College tomorrow when the wrestling teams from Geneva, Edison-Tech of Rochester, Mynderse Academy of Seneca Falls, Rome, Oneida, West Genesee and Baldwinsville join Auburn High in the Fifth Annual Auburn Invitational Tournament.

Five of the teams sport undefeated records with three of the teams the top three in last year's Section 3 tournament competition which was won by Rome.

Establishing a tournament favorite is almost impossible as only two of last year's champions are returning. Larry Plunkett, Rome's 120 pounder, and Dave Ruetsch, Auburn's fine 180 pounder, are the sole returning champions. This leaves ten classes of competition wide open.

Competition continues throughout the day with the quarter-finals at 11 a.m., the semi-finals at 3 p.m. and the finals at 8 p.m. There will also be consolation matches at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. and third place matches at 6:30 p.m., with two mats in constant action until the finals are held.

Scoring in tournaments gives additional points for wins by pins so that the wrestling is aggressive and interesting as wrestlers also strive to be chosen as the best individual wrestler in the tournament and to achieve the fastest pin in the semi-finals and finals. Special trophies are awarded those who achieve these goals.

A team trophy is presented the winning schools and individual trophies will be presented to the first and second place winners by Bob Hole, president of the Auburn Board of Education, after the concluding bouts on Friday night.

Team chances are summarized briefly:

**Auburn** — Champions in 1959 and 1962 the Maroon grapplers are certain to be a strong contender for team honors despite the loss of three of last year's tournament champions in Kurt Kuppinger, Bill Bergan, and Bill Pestell. Dave Ruetsch, a favorite in the 180 pound class, will lead his Auburn teammates in an all out effort for the win. He should receive strong support from fellow seniors Hobie Romi (165); Jack Hilbert (138), Randy Randall (145) and from other squad members Fred Prentice (127), Art Cross (154), Dave Weinstein, (Unlimited), Carl Catalano (95), Herb Waters (103), Ron Ross, (120) and Mike Bergan (112) and Steve Weldon (133).

**Baldwinsville** — Third place finisher last year in the local tournament and second in the section, John Arcaro's 1963 squad could well be established as the favorite for the crown this year. Despite the loss of the "mighty mite," Terry Litterbrant, the B'ville team has fine all around strength with no weak spots in the entire squad. To date this team has not been pressed and has established very one-sided wins in all competition Terry's brothers, Brandon and Lee, give the scarlet real strength in the light weights. Brandon was undefeated in his last nine matches while Lee is team captain at 112 lbs, finishing second in his league championships last year and third in Section 3. Jim Dunham, 120 pounder, has lost but once in the last two years in regular season competition, and finished second in league competition a year ago. Bob Cooper, senior 127 pounder, has a fine record as does Pete Nostrant, competing in the 138 lb. class. Dave Loveless, at 180, and William Assenheimer, are other strong wrestlers who will aid the Baker High boys in their strongest bid for tournament honors in the last four years. This team could be it.

**Edison Tech, Rochester** — New to the tournament this year Edison Tech replaces East Rochester as Monroe County representative. One of the City of Rochester's finest wrestling teams, the Techmen are coached by Frank Mielnicki, a Springfield College graduate, who had tremendous coaching success at Spencerport High School in Section 5, where his team won 28 matches while losing three and tieing once. A former New England championship wrestler, Coach Mielnicki, gives his team real leadership which is furthered by his co-captains Stanley Urbanski, undefeated in the 103-lb. class, and Jim Schweitzer, outstanding performer in the 145-lb. class. Obviously a "dark-horse" entry, this team may prove the surprise of the meet.

**Geneva** — Undefeated Geneva High would like nothing better than to cop the Auburn tournament in their fifth try. Coach Joe Morrisette's team will be led by two fine wrestlers, Dave VanGordon, in the 154-lb. class, and Larry [illegible]. Each man has lost but twice in [illegible] 35 bouts. Brothers Peter and Bill Achilles, 95 and 127-lb. contenders, add real strength also as they sport fine individual records to date. Dick Collins (140), Bruce Davie (145), Joe Rollo (165), Wayne Klue (180) and Don Jones (unlimited) are all capable wrestlers and will add much to the Geneva chances. Dave Marks (133), Jason Wiley (103) and Richard Schading (120) complete the Geneva entry. A strong challenger this could be their year.

**Mynderse Academy** — The loss of champion Nick Barbi, 145 pound champion in 1962, will hurt the chances of the Blue Devils as they enter the Auburn tournament for the second time. Coach Richard Meyers has a very young squad in this year's competition which will handicap its chances to some degree. The team will be led by Bill Pagano in the unlimited division, who is undefeated this year and established 15 wins and 8 losses last year. Veterans Tom Calabro (95), Al Hurd (103), Jim Uticone (112), John Swan (133), Nick Gallina (138) and Pat Cummings (180) will bolster the chance of the Section Five team as they contend for the winner's laurels in their various divisions.

**Oneida** — Coach Bill Farlel's Oneida Indians have hit several years of tough luck and may be on their way back up the ladder to the success they achieved in 1959 and the years preceding. During the first two years of the Auburn tournament the Indians won trophies for the outstanding wrestler, with Bob Perling 1959 winner and Hugh Moyer, 1960 winner. George Hornyak (145), Mel Spear (127), Blake Becker (112), Bill Hatfield (138), and Dan Hoffman (165) are the best of the Oneida Indian Tribe this year and will be leading their team in individual performances.

**Rome** — Sectional champions for the last two years, Rome has always been stymied in its efforts to become Auburn champion. The team has finished second in the last three tournaments and Coach Ed Weed is desirous of copping the real bacon on this occasion. The loss of Frank Peraino and other veterans, leaves Larry Plunkett (120) as the team's outstanding wrestler. Larry has previously won twice in Auburn and will be a strong contender for his third individual championship. Strong support will come from the following undefeated wrestlers as of this date: Neil Weisman (95), Keith Kinna (103), Richard McPhillip (127), Pat Trophia (138), John Green (145), Joe Vescio (154) and Curtis Foulks (165).

**DICK JONES**
**... AHS Mentor**

**West Genesee** — The Camillus squad is returning to the Auburn tournament after a year's leave and is now coached by Ed Craig, who replaced Jim Menapace under whom the Wildcats had outstanding wrestling success. Jim led his team to the Auburn championship in 1960 and to Section 3 honors in the same year. To date the team has been very successful and is captained by Robert Salvaterra, 133-lb. class representative, whose brother, Phil, does an outstanding job at 145 lbs. Jim Patsos is a fine contender in the 103-lb. class as he lost but once in his last two years. Other outstanding wrestlers are Brian Kaiser (112), George Kirkwood (120), Dick Galka (127), Terry Dillon (138), Richard Britt (154), Jim Norcross (165) and Mark Kane (180).

**Bring Sneakers Along**

# *Giants Will Be Prepared For Any Type of Weather*

NEW YORK (AP)—Coach Allie Sherman is leaving the fashion footwear for Sunday's National Football League title game to the individual choice of his New York Giants.

If Wrigley Field in Chicago is frozen, the choice of shoes could be vital.

A number of Giants have said they would wear sneakers instead of the conventional cleats if frozen conditions prevail. The team will take along several dozen pairs of sneakers.

"I'm leaving that up to the players," Sherman said on Wednesday about the shoe problem. "Anyone who wants to wear sneakers may do it."

The condition of the field, of course, could help determine the outcome of the Giants' clash with the Bears. One expert sized it up this way:

"If it snows or rains, the odds undoubtedly will switch in favor of the Bears. If it is cold and the field is frozen, it will be in favor of the team with the best passing attack and that gives the Giants and Y. A. Title the edge. The passing team has th advantage because the receiver knows where he's going to go and can get that vital step on the defender. Of course, the Bears can pass, too."

The Giants resumed practice today after a day off for Christmas. Sherman planned to work the Eastern Division champions hard today and Friday before ending the sessions.

# Finley May Move Ball Club Out of Kansas City Stadium

KANSAS CITY (AP)—Charles O. Finley's man Friday says he is going hunting today for a cow pasture to convert into a baseball field for the Kansas City Athletics.

And said Pat Friday, general Manager for A's owner Finley, movers' vans will be moving the tangible assets of the baseball club out of Municipal Stadium and into a bank building.

These startling developments, if they occur, are an outgrowth of an impasse over rent between the controversial but never dull Finley and the city administration. The A's lease expires Dec 31.

Mayor Ilus Davis and the city council have responded less spectacularly than Finley but they say it is only practical, if a new lease is not negotiated, that the club pay rent on this city property at the present rate

The move out of the stadium, said Finley from his Chicago home, is to keep the city from getting him into a negotiating corner.

"I have been advised," said Finley, "that if we are in the stadium on Jan. 1 we will have committed ourselves to maybe another four-year lease or at least a one-year lease."

The principal bone of contention in the proposed lease is an escape clause that Finley insists on—that the A's could get the stadium for $1 a year—after the first four years—if the attendance doesn't go over 900,000. He says the city gave the Kansas City Chiefs American Football League club a comparable deal when they moved here from Dallas this season.

## Bowling Scores

**Starlite Lanes**

Saturday Night Mixed League—Paul Camileri, 611-256; John McNabb, 608-226; Red O'Sullivan, 569-212; Virgil Seal, 568-220; Joan Gleason, 538-219; Laura McLaughlin, 512; Pat Usowski, 484.

Splits picked: Peg Loveland, 3-7-10; Howard Loveland, 6-7-10.

5-20 League — D. Middleton, 568; B. Wayne, 567; P. Gagliano, 556; [illegible] 534; Jim Shevnesky, 532; Steve High picked the 6-7-10 and Sandy Shank picked the 5-6-10.

Sunday Mixed League — Bob Gallup, 589-226; Tom Mallon, 579-217; Nancy Pease, 495-191; Viola Stoddard, 485.

**Falcon's**

Falcon Juniors' — Ted Kioski, 415-165; Rick Pasik, 414.

Civic — Rollie Sennett, 578; Cyril Smith, 571; Max Wawrzek, 568; Ed [illegible]

**KELSO BIG WINNER**

NEW YORK (UPI) — Kelso, horse of the year for four consecutive years, never has lost more than two races in a row and over the 1960-61 seasons won 11 straight races.


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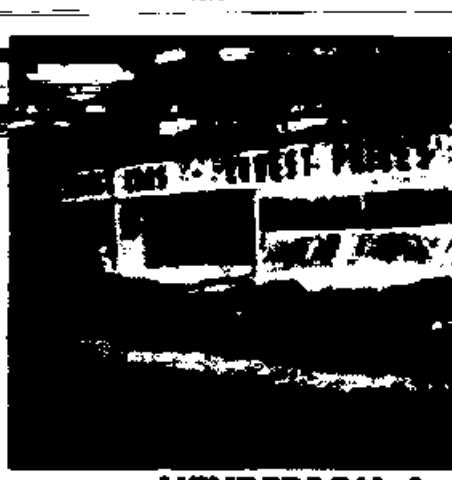
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