

— Old Favorites and Newcomers —

# W-FL Wrestling Mixture of Old and New Looks

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With the season just getting underway, the Wayne - Finger Lakes wrestling conference is a mixture of old and new looks this year.

The old look is provided by last year's top four finishers—Geneva, Canandaigua, Mynderse, Penn Yan and Waterloo—who are expected to be leading title contenders again this season.

Making up the new look are the addition of two teams to the league and the possibility that a couple of the league's former "weak sisters" will rise into contending positions.

The newcomers, Clifton Springs and Marion, are probably in for a rough winter, since several of the league's other nine teams are loaded with veterans. Heading the list is Canandaigua, which lost only to undefeated Geneva last year. The Braves, titlists two seasons ago, have nine veterans slated for starting berths and are favored by most coaches to regain the top spot.

Geneva, Mynderse Penn Yan and Waterloo are perennial threats and should offer stiff challenges. Last year's seventh and eighth place teams, Union Springs and Wayne Central, have key men returning and could break into the first division.

Union Springs' hopes were severely jolted, however, when Penn Yan scored a 35-13 upset victory Wednesday. Wayne

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### 1962-63 STANDINGS

	W	L	T
Geneva	8	0	0
Canandaigua	7	1	0
Mynderse	5	2	1
Waterloo	5	3	0
Phelps	5	3	0
Penn Yan	3	5	0
Union Springs	2	6	0
Wayne Central	1	6	1
Newark	1	7	0

opened the league season Tuesday by thrashing Phelps, 33-19. Here's the league outlook for this season:

**GENEVA** — The Panthers have seven starters back but Coach Joe Morrissette insists "We're rebuilding. We'll especially miss that big guy (graduated heavyweight champion Dick Moore) who more than once pulled out matches for us last year."

Among the key matmen returning are Larry Principio, league runnerup last year at 95, who will be at 112 this season; 154-pound league champion Dave Van Gordon; and co-captains Dick Collins at 138 and Bill Achilles at 127.

(For other starters, details see separate story.)

**CANANDAIGUA**—Says Coach John Palmer of his highly regarded Braves: "We're looking for trouble. We'll wrestle them one at a time and take what comes."

Palmer has only three new starters—freshman Stan Rogers at 95, Ethiopian exchange

student Yosef Adane at 103, and sophomore Fred Martino at unlimited. Martino, 6-2 and 270 pounds, is the biggest man in the conference.

Bill Barnum, a junior who wrestled at 95 last season, has moved to the 112 post. Tony Addante, sectional champion at 112 last winter, will open at 120. Senior Ralph Herzog is set at 127.

Seniors Bruce Johnson and Greg Thomas will be at 130 and 138. Senior Gary Carpenter, conference kingpin at 127, has moved to 145 this year.

Three more seniors round out the starting lineup. Bob Dixon is at 154, Dick Davis at 165 and Charles Carmel at 180.

**MYNDERSE** — Coach Abe Meyers hopes his club "will finish somewhere near the top. We're stronger in the light weights than before and we have several promising freshmen for reserve strength."

One of the Devils' top point-getters should be Bill Pagano in the unlimited class. Pagano, a four-year letterman, was runnerup to Geneva's Moore in the league last year.

Other returning lettermen are sophomore Albert Hurd at 103; sophomore Jim Uticone at 112; senior John Swan and sophomore Nick Gallina at 133; and senior Pat Cummings at 165.

Other probable starters are sophomore Tom Calabro at 95; junior Tom Grabbatin at 120; junior Jim Wilcox at 127; senior Jim Bowman at 138; sophomore

Fred Varricchio at 145; senior Ken Reigel at 154 and junior Dave Bellomo at 180.

**WATERLOO** — Coach Gordy Giffilian says "We have a good core to work with, but we're still developing. We'll have to think about sneaking in the back door."

The Indians will be without Joe Capone defending league champion at 120, for at least the first half of the season. Capone is nursing a football injury.

The Indians have two other conference titlists returning, George Lamson who moves from 112 to 120; and Jim Poorman at 180. Bill Stanton, a sophomore at 103, was league runnerup at 95.

Other expected starters are freshmen Bob Noone or Maynard Chilson at 95; junior Dean Chilson at 112; senior Tom Olschewski or junior Eugene Chilson at 127; senior letterman Bob Kime at 133; junior letterman Bill Dobbin or senior letterman Don Goodman at 138; senior co-captain Jerry Marshall at 145; senior Bill Rausch at 154; junior letterman Ed Loesch at 165; and either co-captain Poorman or junior Dick Zukowski at unlimited.

**PHELPS** — Three Veterans transferred and two more quit so Coach Lynn Tewksbury is left with both experience and depth problems. "The league is quote strong and we may wind up near the bottom," Tewksbury fears.

Heading the squad are the senior co-captains, Phil Beniamino at 154 and Ron Hilfiker at

180. In line for the other starting positions are freshman Lee DeRuyter at 95; sophomore letterman Morris Wilkes at 103; freshman Jim Kenney or sophomore letterman Mike Ottley at 112; junior Rodger Burnisky at 120; junior letterman Dale Brown at 127; junior Bob Jensen or sophomore Dan Donk at 133; senior Bill Johnson at 138; junior Forrest Manzer at 145; and junior Bob Scott at 165.

At the moment, the Bulldogs have no one in the unlimited division.

**PENN YAN** — The Mustangs weren't expected to be strong this year but their upset over Union Springs may spring them into title contention. Coach Dave Currier has "a young but eager team that should improve with each match."

Returning lettermen are junior Jeff Parkman, league champion at 95 and moving to 103 this season; junior Jack Jones at 120; junior Roger Gavette at 138 and senior Dick Mulberger at 145.

Other probable starters are sophomores Paul Dailey or Dan Benulis at 95; junior Mike Lynn at 112; sophomore Ron Fritz at 127; sophomore Don Fox at 133; senior Dave McElwee at 154; sophomore Bob Mulberger at 165; Sophomore Bill LaRock at 180 and junior Jim Benedict at unlimited.

**UNION SPRINGS** — Coach Jim Williams has been at Union Springs four years and he feels "We should have our best

season since I've been here." The big question is whether his team can recover from the Penn Yan loss.

Williams has lettermen at every post except 95, where freshman Bob Howard will wrestle. Key performers are five boys who were Cayuga County champions last year—sophomore George Zakielarz at 120; senior Scott Coapman at 127; junior Ron Minturn at 133; senior Rich Hartwell at 165 and senior Jim Sproull at unlimited.

Hartwell missed the Penn Yan match because of lack of enough practices.

Other starters will probably be sophomore Ed Duckett at 103; sophomore Frank Walters at 112; senior Barry Cummings at 138; junior Warren Solfiell, a transfer from Ledgworth, at 145; Warren's twin brother Walte at 154; and sophomore Dave Soucy at 180.

**WAYNE CENTRAL** — Coach Gary Thompson's squad, with its opening win over Phelps, has already matched last year's victory total. Wayne had a 1-6-1 mark for eighth place last winter but should take a big leap up the ladder this time around.

Thompson has six lettermen back, including conference titlist Ralph Moak at 165. The others are senior Paul Dutcher at 103; sophomore Mike Cass at 112; senior Chuck Henry, league 95 champion two years ago, at 120; junior Dan Switzer at 138 and senior Kevin Cass at

145. Completing the starting lineup are freshman Mike Switzer at 95; junior Mike Doyle at 127; sophomore Dick Abrams at 133; junior Ken Albert at 154; junior Brad Frost at 180 and senior Bill Laird at unlimited.

**NEWARK** — "Next year should be our year," says Coach Nick Neuhard whose club is liberally dotted with sophomores and the few seniors on the club will have to work hard against more underclassmen.

"By the end of the season, we should have a good team. Although we have only a few lettermen, almost all of these boys are out for the second year."

Returning lettermen are sophomore Bob DeVey at 103; senior Carl Fredericksen at 127; senior Bob Campbell at 138; senior Dan Britt at 145; senior John Smith at 180 and senior Casper Cupricks at unlimited.

Other likely starters are freshman Doug Munn at 95; and sophomores Joe Lawrence at 112; Larry Stevens at 120; John Boeckman at 154 and Tim DeJohn at 165, plus senior John Elzufon at 133.

**CLIFTON SPRINGS** — Coach Joe Bugliosi reports that "We're coming along slow and learning from the ground floor up" as Clifton tries wrestling for the first time.

Singled out as "most promising" by Bugliosi are senior Barry Croucher at 112; junior Den-ny Christiansen at 145 and soph-

omore Abe Griffin at 165.

Other likely starters are freshman Gordon Smith at 95; freshman Paul Lasner at 103; sophomores Steve Roeland, Terry Button or Tom Farnsworth at 120; sophomore John Wilson at 127; sophomores John Everdyke or Chris Wells at 133; sophomore Ed Campbell or senior Tom Rolland at 138; sophomore Brad Overacre at 154; sophomore Roger Clark or freshman John Castle at 180; sophomore Gary Hamburg or junior Andy Goodrow at unlimited.

**MARION** — Marion opened its season with a 35-16 loss to Victor, which joins the conference next year, but Coach Jim Lewis expects improvement. "For a new club, we look fairly good," he believes.

Lewis singled out sophomore Jack Fisk at 120, senior Marvin Love at 138 and sophomore Tom Logue at 145 as his best wrestlers.

Other starters are freshman Carl Brooks at 95; freshman Bob Murphy at 103; freshman Alvis Humphries at 112; junior Dick Bellefontaine at 127; junior Steve Short at 133; freshman Dave Logue at 154; sophomore Dick Clark at 165; senior Karl Green at 180 and senior Ray DeGroat at unlimited.

Sophomore Don Love missed the Victor match but will probably break into the starting lineup at 133 when he's ready.