

# Maroon Mat Tournament Slated Tomorrow at ACC

Four of last year's champions along with the defending team champion Geneva High will be featured tomorrow when eight schools compete in the sixth annual Auburn High Schools' Invitational Wrestling Tournament at Auburn Community College gymnasium.

Pete Achilles and Dave Van Gordon are the returning champs from Geneva while Rome has two champs in Larry Plunkett and Curtis Foulks back to defend their crowns.

Last year the five top teams finished within 20 points of each other and veteran mat observers figure this year's tournament will be even closer.

Auburn, only school to win the tourney twice, will be strong contenders again this season with a 5-0 record in dual meets. Other top teams are Rome, Baldwinsville, East Rochester and Geneva. Mynderse Academy of Seneca Falls, West Genesee and Oneida also have topnotch individual performers but are not rated strong enough to win the team title.

Preliminary events start at 11 a.m. with the semi-finals set for 3 p.m., third place matches at 6:30 and the finals at 8 p.m.

Two mats will be in action throughout the day until the final events. Approximately one hundred bouts will be conducted between the 96 competitors from the eight participating schools.

Trophies will be awarded to winners of first and second places and a team trophy will go to the championship team. Points are earned for every victory at every level of competition to achieve the team total, with additional point recognition given to wins by falls as contrasted to wins by decision.

Meet referees this year will include Al Gentile, from Wayne Central, and Pete DeBottis, two of Section 5's best officials. Al Emmi, Auburn's outstanding man will also be an official as will Jim Williams of Union Springs. Jim Cranfield will be the announcer. Kurt Beyer is tourney director.

Trophies are also awarded for the fastest pin in the semi-finals, or finals and to the best wrestler in the tournament as selected by vote of the competing coaches.

Each grappler entered in competition will wrestle at least twice as consolation is also conducted.

A total of 12 classes will be crowned champions with a new weight division in high school this year. The State Athletic Association now limits heavy-weight competition to boys weighing 185 to 235. Boys over this weight cannot wrestle anyone less than 235 pounds.

The top contenders in each weight class are:

The 97 pound class finds Lou Gilliotti of Geneva rated a strong contender, along with Larry Cristifulli of Oneida. Pat O'Connell of West Genesee has a strong chance. Auburn's contender is Bob Patten who is a newcomer on the squad.

### Defends Title

Peter Achilles, Geneva's Finger Lakes League tournament champion, leads the competition in the 105 pound class. A winner in last year's Auburn tournament, Peter has won 26 of his last 27 matches. Auburn's hopes rest on John Lattimore who is off to a splendid start this year, with five wins in as many starts. Other possible winners include Jim Rogers of Mynderse Academy, Bill Schrader of Baldwinsville, Tom Tortica of East Rochester and Keith Kinna of Rome.

Competition in the 114 pound class promises to be most interesting with no favorite for the title. Tom Calabro, Mynderse; Steve Morgan, Baldwinsville, and Carl Catalano of Auburn appear to be the leaders in this division but Tom Kostecke of East Rochester could be a dark horse candidate as could Steve Achilles of Geneva.

West Genesee's captain, George Kirkwood looks like a possible champion in the 122 pound class of competition, with Carl Marchese of Geneva certain to be tough opposition. The third of the Litterbrandt family of Baldwinsville, Brandy, could also be a real surprise in this weight class. Steve Walker of East Rochester also will be an outstanding contender. Auburn's Fred Waters will be in tough competition to score for Auburn in this weight class.

Larry Plunkett of Rome will be the center of attention as he tries for his fourth Auburn championship, this time in the 129 lb. class. Ron Ross, Auburn senior, will be a strong contender as will Jack Butler, of Baldwinsville; Carey Cerea of East Rochester; and Terry Dillon, ace West Genesee competitor. All five of the boys mentioned are undefeated as yet this season.

Perhaps the most wide open weight class is the 135 pound division where there is but one wrestler still undefeated this season: He is Bruce Parker of West Genesee. Bruce will have keen competition from Jim Wilcox of Mynderse, with Wayne Edkins favored as champion by some. Pete Stephenson is Auburn's entry.

Ronnie Kostecke, East Rochester captain, rates as favorite in the 140 lb. class. Jay Robinson, Auburn, and Tom Duxbury are still undefeated this season. Steve Wachowski of Geneva, Paul Stratton of Mynderse could be trouble as could Tom Montgomery of West Genesee.

Undefeated Larry DeCiaris of East Rochester also rates top honors but the competition in the 147 pound class will be the closest in the entire tournament. There are so many fine wrestlers in this division that every bout is certain to be outstanding. Auburn's Captain, Fred Prentice is still undefeated this year and will be at his best attempting to continue this fine record as he leads his team in a strong drive for the tournament championship. Ed Hatten of Baldwinsville and Bruce Davie of Geneva could also be strong competition in this weight class.

### Section Champ

Undefeated Dick Van Gordon, Geneva's splendid wrestler and Section V champion, will be putting his more than 29 consecutive wins on the line in the 156 lb. division, with Auburn's Art Cross, with 20 wins in his last 24 bouts, apt to be his strongest challenger. Dick was selected the tournament's outstanding wrestler last year. Capt. Abe Hanson of Mynderse will be a strong challenger also with Cal Wright of Baldwinsville and Pat Lamone of East Rochester.

Curtis Foulks, Rome outstanding 165 pounder and returning Auburn Invitational Tournament champion, leads the fight to retain his title. Wayne Klue, Geneva Co-captain, is a vastly improved competitor over last year and

could be a serious contender, along with Bob Cialini of East Rochester and Jack Stubbs of Mynderse Academy. Auburn's sophomore Dave Underwood is a very aggressive and rapidly improving competitor and could make things very interesting in this weight class.

The 182 pound class lacks the undefeated wrestlers present in several of the other classes with the ultimate champion difficult to estimate. Mike Maxwell of East Rochester appears to be leading the class with Dave Belome, of Seneca Falls, and Brian Whittaker also possible contenders. Auburn's Bob Sincerbeaux may prove a surprise in this class.

The heavyweight class looks like an interesting weight class with Don Jones, of Geneva, and Joe Vengo, East Rochester, having the best two year records of the contenders. Auburn's Dave Weinstein, providing he continues the aggressive wrestling he has shown in his last several matches, could be a factor in this class. Mark Kane, of West Genesee, and Jack Zook of Rome may also figure in the competition.

The tournament, which is expected to be an annual holiday event, will play two rounds Saturday at Central High court—at 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The finals will be played Sunday with the consolation games slated for 12:15 p.m. and the championship duel set for 4 p.m.

## Central Square '5' Faces C-M Tonight

It will be Cato-Meridian and Central Square Central School basketball teams in the finals tonight of the Holiday Basketball Tournament sponsored annually by the Cato-Meridian Athletic Department.

The C-M hoopsters gained the finals by defeating Union Springs 70-66. Central Square came from behind in the final quarter to down Southern Cayuga Central 64-61 in the other semi-final game last night at C-M gymnasium.

The two losers meet in the consolation game at 7 p.m. today while the championship contest is scheduled for 8:30 p.m.

Don Boyd's strong Southern Cayuga cagers had a good lead for most of three quarters but in the final eight minutes the proteges of Billy Hoepfel rallied to eke out the victory.

Maurice Reynolds paced the offensive attack for the Cayuga County lads with 28 points. Bob Cahalan dunked in 18 points while Johnny Shields hit for 17 and George Reynolds netted 14. Marty Sheils was strong off the boards for the losers.

Bill Sheldon was outstanding for the Central Square club with 29 markers while Whittaker rammed home 19.

Bob Loveless and Ross Fred-

enburg sparked the Cato tossers of coach Ron Kaupplia with 18 points each. Dick Price collected 15 while Brian Woods hit for 10.

Union Springs had four players in double figures with Mike Jones leading the way with 18. John Gentile was runnerup with 16 while Joe Ptaszek and Glen Jorgensen had a dozech each.

The Springers took a 14-12 lead the first quarter but the host club moved out front at the half by three points and held a 56-50 margin at the end of the third period. Cato stayed out front during the final quarter.

Charlie Downer, athletic director at C-M, will award trophies at the end of the final game tonight.

Central Square		Southern Cayuga	
	B F T		B F T
Sheldon	10 8 28	Shells	2 0 4
Gonsalowski	4 0 8	Shields	8 1 17
Hall	7 2 18	Cahalan	9 0 18
Noble	8 2 8	M. Reynolds	9 10 28
Whittaker	8 5 19	G. Reynolds	7 0 14
Kimber	1 3 5		
Totals	29 18 94	Totals	36 11 81

  

Cato-Meridian		Union Springs	
	B F T		B F T
Stock	2 0 4	Gould	2 0 4
Loveless	6 6 18	Curtis	1 0 2
Woods	5 6 10	Ptaszek	2 9 12
Fredenburg	7 4 18	Bowman	1 0 3
Price	7 1 15	Gentile	7 2 18
Moore	0 0 0	Jones	6 6 18
O'Mell	0 2 2	Jorgensen	4 4 12
Blaedel	0 3 3		
Boyd	0 0 0		
Totals	37 18 70	Totals	23 20 60

## Wolverines Hold Top Spot In AP College Cage Poll

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today's seminar on how to stay on top of The Associated Press' weekly basketball poll will be taught by Michigan's Wolverines, who seem to have mastered the subject.

The Wolverines, ranked No. 1 for the second straight week, gave Manhattan a basketball lesson in the opening round of the Eastern College Athletic Conference's Holiday Festival at New York's Madison Square Garden Monday night.

Cazzie Russell's 36 points overcame some early Garden jitters suffered by Michigan and carried the Wolverines to a 90-77 victory.

Wichita, still second but closing the gap, kept pace with an 86-74 triumph over previously unbeaten Villanova in the Quaker City Tournament. Dave Stallworth scored 29 to lead the Shockers.

Michigan polled 23 first-place votes and 350 points in the voting, by 38 sports writers and

broadcasters. Wichita, which was 70 points back a week ago, collected 322 points in the tight race for the top spot.

Third-ranked Minnesota had a scare Monday night but held on for a 77-76 victory over Washington in the Los Angeles Classic. In the same tournament, fourth-ranked UCLA ripped Arizona 99-79.

San Francisco, completing the top five, routed Pepperdine 100-64 in the Western College Athletic Conference tourney at San Jose, Calif.

Illinois, up to No. 6, lost to 10th-ranked St. Joseph's 75-71. The Hawks grabbed the final in the rankings, ousting Davidson.

Sixth-ranked Indiana, down by two points at the half, came back to rout No. 9 St. Louis. The undefeated Hoosiers are 8-0.

The voting was based on games through Saturday and points were awarded on a basis of 10 for a first-place vote, 9 for second etc.

## Minnesota-Duluth Picked To Win RPI Hockey Battle

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Upstate College hockey scene Monday night saw two New York teams lose to out-of-state schools at the RPI Invitational tourney in Troy and four New England teams battle on the ice at the Lake Placid Holiday tourney.

McGill of Montreal, Que., jumped off to a 4-1 lead, then checked a furious third-period rally by the host Rensselaer Engineers for a 5-4 triumph in the nightcap of the opening round of the RPI tourney.

The opening game saw Minnesota-Duluth perform like the pre-tourney it was, burying Colgate, 10 - 3. The Minnesotans scored in five of six shots in 4 1/2 minutes during the first period. The Red Raiders did not register a tally until the third period when they already were snowed under, 9-0.

Second - round action in the

round-robin tourney tonight has RPI facing Colgate and Minnesota-Duluth meeting McGill.

At Lake Placid, Middlebury, held scoreless by Bowdoin, exploded with two minutes of regulation time to play and went on to a 4-3 overtime victory in the second game of an opening-round twin bill at the Holiday Festival.

It took two overtime periods to decide an earlier contest between Norwich and Colby. Bob Priestly gave Norwich a 5-4 triumph with the decisive goal at 1:54 of the second overtime.

Norwich meets Middlebury for the championship tonight while Colby and Bowdoin tangle for third place.

SWATTEES  
ST. LOUIS (UPI) — Rogers Hornsby hit .424 in 1924 for the St. Louis Cardinals, a modern major league mark.