

Eight Teams Entered in Auburn Wrestling Tournament

Matches Tomorrow at ACC

The Seventh Annual Auburn High School Invitational Wrestling Tournament will be held at Auburn Community College tomorrow with eight teams participating.

Competition between defending champion Auburn and the guest teams from Geneva, Mynderse Academy at Seneca Falls, East Rochester — from the Section Five area and Rome F.A., Oneida H.S., Baldwinsville, and West Genesee from Section Three — will get underway at 11 a.m. with quarter-final bouts.

Semi-finals will be staged at 3 p.m. with third place matches at 6:30 and finals at 8 p.m. Consolation bouts will be conducted in between the above events for those boys defeated in first round competition.

Only two of last year's individual champions will be returning to defend their crowns in the 12 classes of competition.

Pete Achilles, Geneva's exceptionally talented 114 lb. class competitor was tournament champion in the 105 lb. class last year and continued his winning habits throughout the season — culminating his year with the Section V championship. Brandy Litterbrant, the Baldwinsville muscle man at 122 lbs., won this weight class and returns this year in the 135 lb. class.

Team defending champion Auburn High appears to be out of the running this year since all four of its tournament champions in 1964 graduated, leaving a void that is impossible to fill.

Auburn High has been particularly successful in its own tournament, winning three championships in six years of competition — scoring wins in 1959, 1962 and 1964. The loss of 22 senior squad members has reduced the 1965 team to one of basically young and inexperienced grapplers hardly capable of winning in a tournament of this class. Other team winners have been West Genesee, 1960, East Rochester, 1961, and Geneva, 1963.

A summary of team chances finds Auburn, and Rome F. A. in the doubtful class this year. All other teams appear to have a chance at winning the team championship. A brief summary of the teams follows:

Baldwinsville

Led by Leo Johnson, one of Section Three's most successful coaches, the scarlet-clad grapplers of B'ville are certain to make a strong drive for their first Auburn Invitational Tournament championship in seven tries.

The 1965 team ready for the competition, his team being undefeated to date, with Brandy Litterbrant as one of the two returning champions. Ted Snavlin, 114 lb. competitor, was second in his league championships last year and has all pins to his credit this year.

Cal Wright, 156 pounder, has an excellent record as Onondaga County champion in the 168 lb. class last year and a 17-3-1 record. Steve Morgan, 122 lb. class, also is a strong threat in his class with a 15-6 record. Gene Power brings an excellent record into the tournament at 140 lb. class competition, with 17 wins last year and 4 losses, with four wins so far this season.

Al LaFrance, heavyweight, rounds out the many strong contenders although Ralph Atwater's record in the 105 lb. class is an excellent one. The other team members are also going strong this year and will contribute many additional points to the Baldwinsville score.

East Rochester

Section Five's wrestling chairman, Don Quinn, will be bringing his Brown Bombers to the local tournament for the fourth time. During their previous competition this strong Monroe County perennial champions won the tournament in 1961, placed fifth in 1962 and second last year.

They were second in individual championships with three to their credit, as Ron Kostecke (140), Larry DeClantis (147) and Mike Maxwell (182) were successful in their divisions. The present team is a veteran team with nine lettermen returning, and a string of 20 consecutive dual meet victories going for them.

The team is led by co-captains Bob Cialini (167) and Steve Walker (140), both undefeated this year and with excellent records from 1964-65. Quinn's excellent record of 81 wins, 3 losses and 2 ties has to be one of the best upstate.

Six of the present squad are undefeated, Tom McGarry (97), Jim Tortoise (105), Don Lege (135) and Dan Lanzone (156) joining their co-captains in this regard. Tom Kostecke (129) will be endeavouring to match his brother Ron's fine record in becoming an Auburn Invitational Champion.

Mynderse Academy

The Blue Devils of Seneca Falls, under Coach Ave Meyers, will also present a strong threat for tournament honors on Wednesday when they bring one of their finest teams to Auburn. Favored to win their league, our westerly neighbors have eight



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returning lettermen and expect to make things mighty interesting for the rest of the schools.

Captained by Aage Hanson, who is presently undefeated, the 1965-66 squad has considerable talent including Jim Rogers (114), Lee Burchim (122), Al Hurd (129), Paul Straton (140), Nick Gallina (147), Steve Ritter (156) and Bill Simson (Heavyweight). Jack Stubbs (182) is also a very capable 182 pounder who will give the Blue Devils additional team strength. Competing in the strong Wayne-Finger Lakes league the Blue Devils are accustomed to rugged competition and will make their presence known it is certain. The team sport a fine 25 wins, 11 loss and 2 tie record.

Geneva

Led by the terrific Pete Achilles, Geneva also has eight additional lettermen who hope to wrap up their second Auburn championship—the team having won the 1963 honors. Their fine team record under Coach Joe Morrissette shows 40 wins, 8 losses, and 2 ties — the latest win being a close one over Auburn High at Hobart College last week Wednesday.

They have won the Wayne-Finger Lakes championship twice in the last four years and Geneva had two sectional championships last year in Achilles and Dave Van Gordon.

Geneva's Panthers have fine entries in Laury Bienert (97), Steve Achilles (122), Karl Marchenese (129), Lionel Frank (147), Brian Whitaker (167), Bob Vogt (182) and Don Jones (Heavyweight). Karl Marchenese joins Peter Achilles as co-captains for the Panther team.

West Genesee

One of the fine wrestling teams in the Onondaga County League is West Genesee of Camillus. Tom Montgomery (129) is a topnotch wrestler, undefeated this year with a 13-4-1 record a year ago.

Marke Kane also will give the Wildcats team strength as he is an excellent heavyweight with one loss in four bouts this season. Kane was a finalist in the local tournament last year. Terry Pearl, undefeated 147 lb. contender, Ronald Bianchi (182), Tim Chadwick (114) and Peter Obit (122), all are winning competitors. The team is coached by George O'Sullivan.

Auburn

Auburn's fine 1964-65 team was almost totally annihilated by graduation. Most valuable wrestlers of the 1964 tournament Art Cross, joined Carl Catalano, Pete Stepherson and Dave Weinstein as individual champions a year ago. The Maroons have yet to win a 1965-66 meet—yet each meet has gone down to the wire before the Maroons lost.

Coach Dick Jones has brought Auburn wrestling a long ways in the past six years — his three tournament wins being an outstanding accomplishment. During the last three years Auburn had 29 wins and 4 losses.

Jay Robinson, Auburn 156 pounder, is the leading Maroon grappler, and will face his first big test in the Wednesday competition. Dave Underwood (182) and John Lattimore (114) also are great competitors with considerable experience. Marty Keough had a good start this season at 147 lbs. Other local contenders will be Ed Fantasia (97), Bob Patten (105), Bob Simmonds (122), Mike Bergan (129), Dick Beauchine (135), Harry Dodge (140), Jim Kleiber (167) and either John Simmonds or Bob Farrell in the heavyweight division.

Oneida

Oneida's Indians are making a strong wrestling comeback under their veteran coach, Bill Fariel after several years of frustrating results. The team is captained by co-captains Larry Crisafulli (105) and John Schaub (156). Ken Mohr (114) is undefeated as is Charley Narehead (122), Tom Dunigan (167), and Tony Soriano (129) also have very outstanding records.

The Oneida tribe sport an excel-

lent 85 win, 55 loss, 3 tie record under Coach Fariel.

Rome

Rome's Ed Weed suffers from the same fate as Auburn's Dick Jones. Graduation has riddled the RFA team — yet the annual strength cannot be overlooked. Curtis Foulks, a 167 pounder who won Auburn honors last year, has graduated as has Larry Plunkett, 120 pound winner a year ago who is the only wrestler to have won a championship in the local tournament each of the four years he has participated.

Rome has five men who will be contenders — Keith Kinna (114), Tom Thomas (122), Len Grieco (147), Pat Trophie (156) and Martin Shearer (167). The others are rapidly improving and may present some interesting upsets.

Rome has always been a strong contender in the local tournament, finishing second in 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963; third in 1964 and fourth in 1959.

Dolan of ACC Leading League In Foul Shooting

Ralph Greenwood of Paul Smith's has moved into the Empire State Conference basketball spotlight by virtue of his outstanding early-season shooting and rebounding.

His fine play has made him the league's top scorer and most accurate shooter, while ranking third in rebounding.

Statistics for the first quarter of the season, released today, show that Greenwood is averaging 25.8 points a game, sinking 67 per cent of his shots, and grabbing 13.3 rebounds an outing.

Bill Dolan of Auburn Community College is the most accurate shooter from the free-throw line. He has made 12 of 13 shots, which is 92.3 per cent, just a shade above Don Beary of Broome Tech, whose 11 of 12 foul shots give him 91.7 per cent accuracy.

A freshman from New York City, this 6-foot-3 190-pounder has been one of the few bright spots for Paul Smith's, which has lost all four of its ESC games.

Other individual standouts among the leaders in more than one offensive department are Canton Tech's Willie Shields, Onondaga's Russ Sampson and Mohawk Valley's Mike Ballet.

Shields is second in scoring with a 25-point average and third in shooting by making 62.2 per cent of his shots. Sampson's 15 rebounds a game make him the leader, and his 21.7 point average ranks fourth. Ballet has made 56 per cent of his shots (No. 5) in averaging 21.4 points (No. 6).

Joe Peeler of Erie Tech, last year's top ESC rebounder, is second to Sampson off the boards to date. He has averaged 13.5 grabs a game.

Halas Gives Up Rights to First Draft Selection

CHICAGO (UPI) — Owner-coach George Halas of the Chicago Bears announced today the team was withdrawing from pro football's "money derby" and offered rights to the club's No. 1 draft selection to any National Football League team.

Halas said the negotiating rights to Louisiana State tackle George Rice were available to any team "which might be interested."

"The Bears are withdrawing from the money derby, which is getting ridiculous and is not conducive to good squad morale," he said.

Halas said he will work out a trade for the rights, perhaps a future draft choice "or something."

Halas said the Bears "found out what the other fellow was offering and it's beyond reason."

It was obvious that Rice's demands were the factor which induced Halas to give up on his attempts to sign the 250-pound tackle.

Rice was drafted by Houston in the rival American Football League, and the Oilers bid high for No. 1 pick Tommy Nobis of Texas before losing him to the NFL's new Atlanta team.

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Detroit at Boston

Wednesday's Games

Montreal at Toronto

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