

# AHS Plays Host

# 8-Team Mat Tournament Opens Tomorrow at ACC

The 8th Annual Auburn Invitational Wrestling Tournament will be held tomorrow at the Auburn Community College gym.

The first round matches will start at 10:30 a.m. with the semi-finals scheduled for 2 and the finals at 8 p.m. Consolation matches for the losers in early round matches will be held throughout the day.

Eight teams are entered in the tourney besides the host Auburn High team. They are: East Rochester; Geneva; Oneida; Mynderse Academy of Seneca Falls; Rome; Rush-Henrietta and West Genesee.

The only new team this year is Rush - Henrietta Central School who replaces last year's champion Baldwinsville team. The Baldwinsville school has dropped out to take part in their own Christmas Tournament.

There are only three defending champions returning this year they are:

Larry Blernet of Geneva, last year's 97 lb. champion; Jim Tortolci of East Rochester, 105 lb. winner last year and Paul Stratton from Mynderse Academy who won at 140 lbs. last year.

All three boys will be in different weight classes this year with Blernet at 105 lbs; Tortolci in the 114 lb. class and Stratton at 147 lbs.

Returning 2nd place finishers from last year will be Douglas Pietra of East Rochester who was 2nd at 85 lbs. last year; Larry Cristifulli of Oneida who was runnerup at 105 lbs.; Pete Obit of West Genesee, 2nd place winner in the 114 lb. class; Jim Narehood of Oneida 2nd in the 120 lb. class and Don Leege of East Rochester who was 2nd in the 135 lb. class.

**New Classes**  
All of these boys will be in different weight classes with the exception of Pete Obit who will again be in the 114 lb. class.

In the 97 lb. class the outstanding wrestlers are Jim Casella of Oneida with a 6-0 record this year with Emedio Sabastian of East Rochester, Tony Sebastian of Geneva and Allen Calabro of Seneca Falls all expected to do a good job during the day.

Larry Bienart of Geneva who won the 97 lb. championship last year will be trying to make it two in a row as he goes at the 105 lb. class. Doug LaPietra of East Rochester, Harris Rogers of Mynderse and Dave Hill of Oneida will provide the main opposition in the weight class.

The 114 lb. class promises to be one of the strongest and most exciting weight classes of the tournament with Jim Tortolci of East Rochester, Section V champion as well as Auburn Tournament champion last year at 105 lbs., and winner of 19 straight matches, trying to make it two championships in a row.

Pete Obit of West Genesee who was runnerup last year at 114 lbs. will also be making a strong bid for the title, as will be Larry Cristifulli of Oneida who was runnerup to Tortolci at 105 lbs. in 1965.

Doug Chapin of Auburn and Bennie Uticone of Seneca Falls are also expected to provide plenty of opposition for all the boys in the weight class.

Keith Kirma of Rome and Dick Guibaugh of Rush-Henrietta appear to be the best in the 122 lb. class along with Jim Rogers of Mynderse Academy.

Jim Narehood of Oneida, 1965 Runnerup in the 122 lb. class will be taking a 6-0 record into

day. The action at 129 lbs along with Bob Simmonds of Auburn who has a 5-0 mark, Lee Burchim of Mynderse 3-0 and Ralph Clapp of Rush-Henrietta, 3-0.

Dennis Lo Comba of East Rochester, Dick Beauchine Auburn and Phil Davis of Geneva, seem to be the standouts in the 135 lb. class with Lo Comba being the only undefeated grappler in the class.

**Good Bet**  
Auburn's Stan Rogers has a fine chance to go all the way at 140 lbs. with his chief opposition coming from Tom Kostecke of East Rochester, Wells Tooke of Oneida and Lou Gigliotti of Geneva.

Paul Stratton, the third returning champion from last year moves up to the 147 lb. class along with Don Leege from East Rochester, 2nd place finisher at 135 lbs. a year ago. Andy Pomeroy of Oneida and Pete Cataloo of Rome will also challenge for the No. 1 spot in the weight class.

Steve Ritter of Mynderse will be the favorite in the 155 lb. class with his chief opposition coming from Dan Lanzoni of East Rochester and Stan Pederson of West Genesee.

The 167 lb. class looks like it will prove to be a very exciting class with Doug Werth of Seneca Falls, Martin Shearer of Rome, Butch Bloom of Rush-Henrietta and Bill Moon of Auburn all having fine records.

In the 180 lb. class Ron Bianchi of West Genesee is the leading contender with Louis Marucci of Rome and Bill Sroka from Auburn close behind.

In the always popular heavy-weight division Bill Simpson of Mynderse, Ron Rakowski from Rome and John Simmonds of Auburn are the leading grapplers.

There will be competition in the Unlimited class if there are at least 4 wrestlers. The unlimited division is for grapplers over 235 lbs.

In the team competition the favorites are undefeated East Rochester and Mynderse Academy teams. Both have good balance and at least 2 or 3 potential champions. Oneida High will also rate as a strong contender as the Indians have good balance this year with several outstanding grapplers.

The host Auburn team is expected to give a good account of it self and could be a threat for the title.

The Auburn line up will be: 97 lbs. Dan DeChick, 105 lbs. Marty Hickey, 114 lbs. Doug Chapin, 122 lbs. Dave DiFabio, Dick Beauchine, 140 lbs. Stan Rogers, 147 lbs. Dave Rodman, 156 lbs. Dave Walsh, 167 lbs. Bill Moon, 183 lbs. Bill Sroka, Hvyt. John Simmonds, Unk. Carl Petrosino.

## Army's Cahill Top Mentor

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The Football Writers Association of America has named Tom Cahill, coach at the United States Military Academy, as coach of the year.

Cahill, a 1942 graduate of Niagara University, steered the West Point squad to an 8-2 record this season, his first as head coach at Army.

Trailing Cahill were Ara Parseghian of Notre Dame, Duffy Daugherty of Michigan State, Vince Dooley of George and Paul Bryant of Alabama.

## Maroon Cagers Play at Norwich

Auburn High Schools varsity basketball team competes in the Norwich Christmas Tournament tonight against Cazenovia. In the other tourney game, the host school will take on North Syracuse. The finals and consolation games will be played tomorrow night at the Norwich High School gymnasium.

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By Norm Chadwick

Here's one that's hard to believe — but it's true . . . Did you know a major college team was once selected to play in a football bowl game even though they lost more games than they had won! . . . The team was SMU . . . They were picked for the 1964 Sun Bowl game after winning only four games all season and losing six . . . That's the only time that's ever happened in the history of major bowl games.

Seventeen years ago last