

Auburn to host mat tourney Thursday

Bishop McQuaid of Rochester and East Syracuse-Minoa will be the favorites when they roll into Auburn Thursday at the height of the holiday season for the 15th Annual Auburn Invitational Wrestling Tournament. FSM and McQuaid were 1-2 in last year's tourney and both are looking very strong once again. FSM captured last year's title in convincing style, garnering 74 1/2 points to 39 for runner-up McQuaid, and the bulk of their

squad is back, including two individual titlists from last year. McQuaid is somewhat of a surprise this year. They have gone with four sophomores and four juniors in their lineup and come up with a 5-1 record so far, including an impressive win over powerful East Rochester. Their only loss has been to a tough Bishop Kearney team. Auburn, Corning, East, Mynderse

Academy, Oswego, Port Byron and Rome Free Academy all will have contenders for individual titles in the tournament which will begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday. Weigh-ins will lead off the day, starting at 8:30 a.m., and the finals will close out the one-day event at 8 p.m. Co-favorites in the 96-pound class are McQuaid's John Smallridge and Herb Casey of Port Byron. Smallridge, a sophomore, is

unbeaten even though he only weighs 92 pounds. Last year he weighed just 85, and was 6-0 on the varsity competition. Casey has three victories and one loss. Auburn's Mark Brannigan will have little chance, probably gaining sixth or seventh seed. Junior Dave Catalano of Auburn, who was a winner at 98 last year, should get the first seed in the 105 pound class. John Heyer, a senior from McQuaid, is out with a knee injury. He won the Rochester City-Catholic League championship at 98 pounds last year. East Syracuse-Minoa's Rick Bready is a heavy favorite at 112 pounds. Sophomores Chuck Lawless of McQuaid and John

Petrosino of Auburn could be darkhorse candidates. Each has exceptional quickness. Four undefeated wrestlers are making the 119-pound class looking like the one which will be most hotly contested. Prime contenders are Auburn junior Tony Petrosino, Port Byron star Terry Brown, Joe Nessar, a junior from McQuaid and Oswego's Rick Czirr. Steve Wu of McQuaid is undefeated and favored among the 126 pounders. His main competition is expected to come from Eric Parr of Oswego and senior Chris DePalma of Auburn. DePalma is exceptionally strong and considered an important link for the

Maroons. McQuaid coach John Roselli says that Wu is a very intelligent wrestler. The defending Onondaga High School League champion and last year's tournament winner, Vin Gerace is back at 132 and is an established favorite. He was second two years ago. John Bruckel, one of the few seniors on the McQuaid squad and Mike Flangan of Auburn, also a senior, are considered outside threats. McQuaid sophomore Jeff O'Hara and Auburn senior Bob Landis are the favorites in the 138-pound class. Landis was seeded fifth at 155 last year. Dave DeLorenzo, a junior from Auburn, has been defeated in his last two outings but is considered one of the favorites at 145 pounds. He was seeded last year at 138. Also favored are Pete Greiner of East Syracuse-Minoa and Mike Brennan of McQuaid, a senior. George Todd of McQuaid, one of four outstanding juniors on that squad, is favored to cop the 155-pound class. Terry Martino of East Syracuse-Minoa and junior Bobby Richardson will try to take the title away from Todd. Senior Scott McCortrick, co-captain of the Auburn team, is expected to get the first seed at 167. McQuaid junior Chris Polunakis is 4-1 this year and Al Hamilton of FSM is also a contender. Sophomore Craig Kennedy of McQuaid and Ed Whalen of East Syracuse-Minoa are favored in the 177 pound class with Auburn's Scott Clifford, 0-4 on the year, doubtful of a good showing. Just as doubtful is freshman Jim Dunster in the heavyweight class, with the favorite's spot being held by Howard Mulcahy of Oswego. Joe Roff of McQuaid has an outside shot at the title. Final seeding will be determined Wednesday at a meeting conducted at Auburn High.



McGraw nips SCC five 74-72

Tim Mulcahy sunk two free throws with 17 seconds left to propel McGraw past the Southern Cayuga Chiefs 74-72 Saturday night in McGraw. The Chiefs led at the end of each of the first three periods, but never by more than two points in a game which saw the lead change hands many times. Southern Cayuga was led by Norm Shields with 28 points and Rob Todd with 21. Mulcahy topped McGraw with 22. SCCS was up 30-28 at the end of a very physical first half and hung on to a one point lead, 50-49, at the end of the third quarter when both teams settled down to play better basketball. The game was decided at the foul line. Both teams scored 27 field goals, but McGraw sunk 20 of 28 free throws to 18 of 25

for the Warriors. Mulcahy, field leader of the McGraw team, was backed up by a balanced scoring attack that included Mike Abbatiello with 17 and Mark Reif and Mike Denhart with 10 each. The McGraw javees won 52-48 to pin the first loss of the year on the Southern Cayuga junior varsity, now 3-1 on the year. The Chief varsity, 1-1 in the Inter-scholastic Athletic Conference and 2-2 overall, will make their next appearance Thursday in the opening round of their tournament which also will include Weedsport, Port Byron and Union Springs.

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Todd	6	9	21	Reif	4	2	10
Bachich	5	2	12	Dehart	2	6	10
Shields	11	6	28	Mulcahy	7	8	27
Fitzgerald	1	0	2	Jones	1	0	2
McGuire	2	0	4	Abbatiello	2	0	4
Dempsey	1	0	17	Mi Abbatiello	8	1	17
Nielsen	1	1	3	Mowry	3	3	9
TOTALS	27	18	72	TOTALS	27	20	74

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