

## GENESEE REGION LEAGUE WRESTLING ALL-STARS



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**WRESTLING STANDOUTS:** Members of the Genesee Region League wrestling all-star team for the 2005-2006 season are, from left, front: Steve McNally (Byron-Bergen), Mike McNally (Byron-Bergen), Dylan Dabolt (Attica), Matt Banks (Holley), Jamie Carpenter (Attica), Tim Banks (Holley); center: Coach of the Year John Grillo (Holley), Cody Lansberry (Kendall), Andrew Sapienza (Byron-Bergen), Cory Kumpf (Oakfield-Alabama), Justin Widrig (Holley), Dylan Rusiniak (Attica), Sam Damthongmivanh (Pembroke); back: Kyle Rupp (Alexander), Casey Doty (Holley), Matt Denning (Holley), Key McPherson (Holley), Andrew Vendetti (Holley) and Joe Hill (Pembroke).

# Holley grapplers dominate team

## Hawks have seven wrestlers on squad as well as Coach of the Year

By Michael Trupo

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Section 5 Class BBB champion Holley contributed the lion's share of athletes to this year's Genesee Region League wrestling all-star team.

Seven Holley wrestlers joined three each from Attica and Byron-Bergen, two from Pembroke and one each from Alexander, Kendall and Oakfield-Alabama.

Holley coach **John Grillo** was named Coach of the Year. The Hawks posted a 7-0 league record, 10-0 dual meet record and a 23-1 overall record. Grillo has amassed more than 410 career victories.

Hard work and support from all involved is the key to the success, Grillo said.

"You have to have supportive parents, you have to have a supportive administration, you have to have the work ethic as a head coach," Grillo said.

He also praised his assistant coaches, son Ashley John Grillo and Rich Hannan. The three work as a team Grillo said, combining their mix of experience and coaching techniques to make for an effective program.

While this season was impressive overall, the high point, Grillo said, was winning sectionals by more than 100 points.

"The big highlight of course was winning the class sectionals by scoring more than 300 points," Grillo said.

All seven Holley all-stars cited this year's sectional championship as a team highlight.

Grillo pointed to second-place finishes at the Genesee Valley tournament, the Liverpool duals and the Clayton-Barnard tournament in Hilton, as the best indicators of what his team was capable of. At

each of these meets, Holley was missing several of its key starters. Even so, Grillo said, impressive performances from other team members led to near victories.

The team will need to replace several seniors, including three all-stars.

"We have a lot of challenges for next year. We lose a lot of great kids," Grillo said.

The all-stars are:

**Tim Banks, Holley** — First-time all-star ... freshman wrestling in the 96-pound weight class, 40-1 season record, 51-7 career ... First place in the Clayton-Barnard tournament, Genesee Valley Tournament and the Depew Invitational.

**Justin Widrig, Holley** — First-time all-star ... junior wrestling in the 135-pound weight class ... 35-8 season record, 111-45 career ... two-time Section 5 class champion.

**Matt Banks, Holley** — First-time all-star ... junior wrestling in the 112-pound weight class ... 37-8 season record, 86-19 career ... 2004 Section 5 Class BBB champion, 2005 runner-up.

**Andrew Vendetti, Holley** — First-time all-star ... senior wrestling in the 160-pound weight class ... 36-4 season record, 82-37 career ... 2005-2006 Class BBB champion and Genesee Valley champion ... Future plans include attending Alfred State College this fall.

**Key McPherson, Holley** — Two-time all-star ... junior wrestling in the 171-pound weight class ... 24-6 season record, 124-33 career ... two-time Section 5 Class BBB champion.

**Matt Denning, Holley** — Two-time all-star ... 39-5 season record, 136-54 career ... two-time Section 5 Class BBB champion, first place in this year's

Depew tournament ... future plans include attending Monroe Community College to study criminal justice.

**Casey Doty, Holley** — First-time all-star ... senior wrestling in the 275-pound weight class ... 37-5 season record, 53-26 career ... champion at Depew tournament, Section 5 Class BBB champion ... future plans include attending SUNY Morrisville.

**Andrew Sapienza, Byron Bergen** — First-time all-star ... junior wrestling in the 152-pound weight class ... 30-9 season record ... team highlights include Section 5 Class BBB 2005-2006 runner-up, and a team trip to Florida.

**Mike McNally, Byron Bergen** — Three-time all-star ... senior wrestling in the 119-pound weight class ... 43-0 season record, 157-18 career ... captured the state title this year, the first wrestler from B-B to ever win a state crown ... had finished runner-up in states the two prior seasons ... 2005-2006 Section 5 co-wrestler of the year, five-time sectional class champion, three-time SuperSectional champion ... future plans include attending college to study engineering.

**Steve McNally, Byron Bergen** — Two-time all-star ... senior wrestling in the 125-pound weight class ... 37-5 season record ... 2005-2006 Section 5 Class BBB Most Outstanding Wrestler ... two-time sectional champion, two-time state qualifier/finalist ... future plans include attending the University of Buffalo to study architecture.

**Jamie Carpenter, Attica** — Two-time all-star ... senior wrestling in the 96-pound weight class ... 46-5 2005-2006 season record ... two-time sectional

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champion, placed fifth in 2005-2006 state tournament, won Attica Blue Devil classic, won the STWOA tournament at Fredonia, placed third at the Top Gun tournament in Alliance, Ohio, placed second at the Fred Bell tournament, Grove City, Pa. ... team highlights include seeing two Attica wrestlers compete in the state tournament ... future plans include attending Genesee Community College to study computer science.

**Dylan Dabolt, Attica** — Two-time all-star ... junior wrestling in the 112-pound weight class ... 40-7 record in 2005-2006, 131-30 career ... Jamestown Holiday Classic champion, also champion in the Fred Bell tournament in Ohio ... team highlights include two Attica wrestlers competing in the state tournament.

**Dylan Rusiniak, Attica** — Four-time all-star ... senior wrestling in the 130-pound weight class ... 155-40 career record ... three-time sectional champion, placed third in state tournament, second at the Top Gun tournament in Ohio, placed first at the Attica tournament ... three-time state tournament qualifier ... future plans include attending SUNY Morrisville to study automotive tech and continue his wrestling career.

**Sam Damthongmivanh, Pembroke** — Two-time all-star ... junior wrestling in the 125-pound weight class ... 43-

6 2005-2006 season record ... finished in first place at the Le Roy tournament, first at Lockport, first at Depew, first at Ken-Ton, third in the Section 5 Class BBB sectional tournament, first at the Section 5 state qualifier (where he was named Most Outstanding Wrestler), third in the state championships ... named 2005 Junior Greco-Roman All-American.

**Joe Hill, Pembroke** — First-time all-star ... sophomore wrestling in the 152-pound weight class ... 28-5 2005-2006 season record ... placed fourth in sectionals.

**Kyle Rupp, Alexander** — First-time all-star ... senior wrestling in the 275-pound weight class ... 28-9 2005-2006 season record ... placed first at the Alexander tournament, second at Pavilion, third at Marshall and fifth at Genesee ... team highlights include seeing Alexander win dual meets after going a couple of years without doing so ... future plans include attending college, where he will play football and wrestle.

**Cody Lansberry, Kendall** — First-time all-star ... sophomore wrestling in the 152-pound weight class ... 5-1 division record ... placed third in sectionals, and third in the Batavia Christmas Tournament ... team highlights include defeating Alexander for the division title.

**Cory Kumpf, Oakfield-Alabama** — First-time all-star ... junior wrestling in the 145-pound weight class ... compiled a 19-5 2005-2006 season record ... placed first in the Genesee Valley tournament, first at Depew and first at Ken-Ton ... three-time sectional champion.

# BASKETBALL

## Chaney retires

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — John Chaney retired after 24 seasons as Temple's basketball coach, ending a Hall of Fame career in which his temper sometimes got the better of him.

The 74-year-old Chaney, a fiery sideline presence admired as much for his mentoring as his success on the court, guided Temple to five NCAA regional finals and 17 NCAA tournament appearances and was twice the national coach of the year.

Chaney has 741 wins as a college coach, including a 516-252 record at Temple.

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## 'Nick' Barone dies

SYRACUSE (AP) — Carmine "Nick" Barone, who fought Ezzard Charles for the world's heavyweight title in 1950, died Sunday. He was 79.

Barone, known as "the Fighting Marine," compiled a 47-11-1 record, mainly as a ranked light-heavyweight.

## BOXING