

Rome Free Academy Enters AHS Wrestling Tournament

Rome Free Academy returns to the Auburn Invitational Wrestling Tournament at ACC on Friday for its third try for championship honors. Top honors won by the Romans in 1960-61 wrestling competition were the winning of the Central N.Y. Interscholastic League tournament with Fred Wampfler (127) and Frank Perano (165) winning their classes to lead the way. Both men return this year but will be competing in different weight classes.

3-0 Record

Coached by Ed Weed, former Norwich and Ithaca College wrestling captain, the Rome team has done exceedingly well these past years, coming into the tournament with a 3-0 record for meets so far this year. Ed's boys also finished fourth in the Section 3 Championship Tournament, not far behind West Genesee and Watertown, who were co-winners.

Rome has been a strong contender in the Auburn tournament each year, finishing second last year and fourth two years ago.

Five of the wrestlers who parti-

icipated in the Auburn Invitational last year will be returning for another try at individual championships, although both men who won championships last year, John Lambino (95) and Tom Spargo (154), are not listed as entries this year.

Romans Vets

The returning contestants are Louis Reese, who won third place in the 112 pound class, Frank Perano, league champion but wrestling here in the 154 pound class; Jim Simele, who was 145 pound class finalist in 1960 but has moved up to the 165 pound class for competition this year; and Al Pratt who finished fourth in the 180 pound division in 1960.

Coach Weed lists as his entries for the competition the following men: 95-pound, Larry Plunkett; 103-pound, Richard McPhillips; 112-pound, Rocco Luren; 120-pound, Louis Reese; 127-pound, Frank Urbanski; 133-pound, Bob Wentworth; 138-pound, Fred Wampfler; 145-pound, Jeff Allen; 154-pound, Frank Perano; 165-pound, Jim Simele; 180-pound, Al Pratt; and unlimited class, Tom Myslinski.