

E. Rochester Favored In Mat Tournament

GENEVA — East Rochester High, winner of 35 straight dual meets, is a top favorite to take the fourth annual Christmas holiday wrestling tournament at Auburn Community College today.

The tourney opens at 8 o'clock this morning. Final round is listed for 8 p.m.

East Rochester won last winter, but the Monroe County aggregation is expected to find more competition today. Also entered are teams from Geneva High, Mynderse Academy, Rome Free Academy, Oneida, Baldwinsville, Waterloo and Auburn High, which is the host.

Kurt E. Beyer, director of athletics at Auburn High, said the tourney was restricted to eight despite the growing number of entries.

Auburn won in 1959, West Genesee of Syracuse in 1960 and East Rochester in 1961.

Champions who will defend their individual crowns will

be Larry Plunkett of Rome, 103-pound division; Joe Capone of Waterloo, 120; Terry Litterbrant of Baldwinsville, 112; Kurt Kuppinger of Auburn, 154, and Frank Perano of Rome Free Academy, 165. All but Litterbrant are grappling in heavier classes than they did last season.