

Winningest Coach

Quinn Aims For Wrestling Crown

Fresh off a gridiron season in which his East Rochester High School football team copped the Monroe County Division II championship and was rated the second best squad in the county, Coach Don Quinn has his sights set on another league wrestling crown.

Quinn is rated the most successful wrestling coach in the area. In his 13 years at East Rochester, his clubs have won 184 matches, lost only seven and tied one. No other coach comes near that impressive record.

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Last year, the Bombers had to settle for second place in the county wheel, though they had a lustrous 12-1 record. They finished behind champion Rush-Henrietta after losing a close 20-18 match that decided the Eastern Division championship.

The hard-working, discipline minded ER coach has been aided by outstanding matmen who set area and state marks. Two years ago, Timmy Gay was a New York State champion and Mike Duffy was a close state champ.

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Quinn's strongest member of last season's squad, Dick O'Lena, has enrolled at East Carolina University on a scholarship and has joined Gay on the mat squad. Gay in his sophomore year is rated one of the East coast's strongest wrestlers.

Quinn gives ER athletes sound coaching and strict rules. "The members of the team play their hearts out for the competitive and firm coach," many East Rochester rooters say.

He is the dean of county mat mentors at 39 years of age. Besides coaching football, he is also the school athletic director.

His football team was also the league champion in 1970.

He has had 34 Monroe County wrestling champions. Eight were the best in Section 5. Gay is his superior product as a state champ.

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Quinn's club opened its season yesterday afternoon with a match here against Cardinal Mooney. Next Wednesday, the club travels to Greece Athena and on the 16th plays its first loop scrap at Fairport.

On Dec. 18, the Bombers perform in the Webster Invitation Tournament, and on Dec. 28 and 29 move into Windsor for the annual Christmas Tourney.

The first night matches will be played against Brighton away on Jan. 8 starting at 7:30. On Jan. 13,

afternoon scuffle.

Other Bomber matches schedule Irondequoit here Jan. 21; Penfield, here, Jan. 27; Rush-Henrietta here, a night match Jan. 29.

Quinn's 1971-72 club lists 29 members, eight of whom are seniors. They are Ron Whitcomb, Keith Cotroneo, Joe Marion, Marc Young, Mark Morono, Dan Duffy, Steve Rock and Dennis Prescott. The junior members are Billy Schick, Arman Marianetti, Jimmy Smith and Bob Miller.

The soph players are Jeff Verzella, Dominick Aloisio, Lou Marion, Richard McPhee, Jimmy VanThof, Steve Morono, Tim Duffy, Phil Pettinato, Dan Goodman and Don Verni. The freshmen are Jim Hire, Chris Bourne, Patrick Farchione, Don Quinn, Mike Beauchamp, Ron Ricotta and Dan White.

Last season, Cotroneo and Whitcomb were undefeated. Both had 13-0 marks. Young, Dan Duffy and Schick were 9-4; Marianetti, 10-3; and Tim Duffy, 10-3.