

Former ER Matman Is Southeast Champ

A former East Rochester High School wrestler moved into national ranking this week following victories last weekend in the Southeastern Intercollegiate tournament at Memorial Stadium in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

He is Keith Cotroneo, son of Frank Cotroneo, West Ave. Cotroneo, a 1972 graduate at East Rochester High was one of the finest 126 pounders ever to perform for Coach Don Quinn of the Bomber club. In March of 1972, Cotroneo was the No. 2 wrestler in the New York State tournament 126 ranks, losing in the finals when he was struck by illness. He also was a steady fullback on a pair of Quinn coached high school football championship elevens.

* * *

Cotroneo received a scholarship to Auburn University, Alabama and made a big hit as a matman even as a freshman member of the varsity. Last weekend, he had to take a 4-1 decision over another formidable one time luminary in the Monroe County area when he outlasted Mike VanSchoick of Alabama and a graduate of Spencerport High.



Keith Cotroneo

In his first two tournament matches, Cotroneo a sophomore, scored two pins that took just 2 minutes and 28 seconds. The first one came in 56 seconds. Coach Virgil Milliron of the Auburn Tigers had high praise for Cotroneo who was one of four members of that team to gain division crowns and move into the March 13-14-15 NCAA tournament at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

Cotroneo is 15-1-1 for the season. His father was a spectator at the Conference matches.