



# Thirty Second Annual

**Ohio Valley Athletic Conference**

## **WRESTLING TOURNAMENT**

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**GEORGE E. KOVALICK**

(1923-1984)

THE OHIO VALLEY WRESTLING COACHES ASSOCIATION HONORS THE MEMORY OF GEORGE KOVALICK--A MAN MARVELOUSLY COMPETITIVE, METICULOUS IN ORGANIZATION AND ENDOWED WITH AN ENORMOUS CAPACITY FOR WORK.

**Wheeling Civic Center**

**Wheeling, West Virginia**

**Thursday-Friday-Saturday**

**January 24-25-26, 1985**

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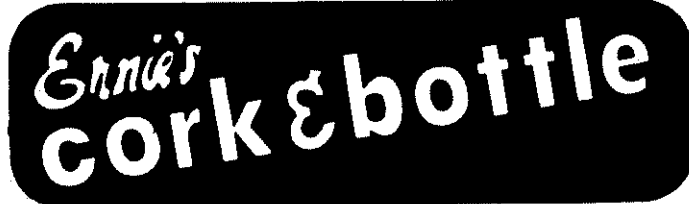
## **Wrestling Fans of the OVAC**

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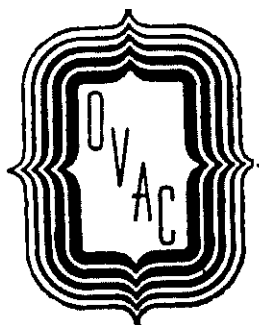
A Word of Welcome to All . . .

On behalf of the OVAC, I want to sincerely welcome each and everyone of you to the annual OVAC Wrestling Tournament. Our warmest expressions of good luck are extended to each team and its supporters entering the great event.

From its meager and uncertain start in 1943, the OVAC Wrestling Tournament has grown into one of the major sport attractions in the Ohio Valley.

We do not hesitate to say the tournament is actually a demonstration of high character, good conduct, under the rules of the games, and on ethical relationship with one's opponent.

As you cheer for your favorite team, may the highest standards of sportsmanship prevail throughout the tournament.



I am proud to act as Director for the annual OVAC Wrestling Tournament. It is our wish that your visit be pleasant and rewarding. Since only a few will reach the pinnacle of total victory, in our hearts you shall all be champion. May I extend a sincere congratulations to all the schools participating and wish you the very best of luck.

In closing, let us all work in the spirit of good sportsmanship and remember the motto of the conference is "Serving the Youth of the Upper Ohio Valley."

**Ronald Mauck  
Brooke High School  
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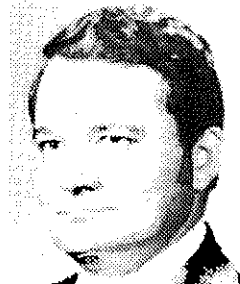
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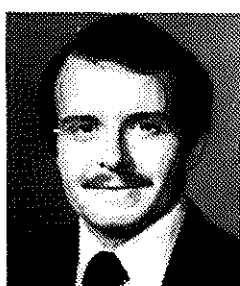
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# OVAC

## Wrestling Tournament Schedule

# 1985

### Meet Sessions

8 Mats

**First Session, January 24, Thursday, 6:00 P.M.**

8 Mats

**Second Session, January 25, Friday, 2:00 P.M.**

8 Mats

**Third Session, January 25, Friday, 6:00 P.M.**

8 Mats

**Fourth Session, January 26, Saturday, 1:00 P.M.**

Semi-Finals and Consolations

3 Mats

**Fifth Session, January 26, Saturday, 6:00 P.M.**

Championship Finals First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth,  
Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Place

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Dean Johnson . . . . . Glen Dale, West Virginia

Jim Rodgers . . . . . Brooke High School

Dennis Morris . . . . . Bellaire, Ohio

Bob Straight . . . . . John Marshall High School

Anthony Johnson . . . . . Bellaire, Ohio

Greg Jewell . . . . . Wheeling, West Virginia

Rusty Jewell . . . . . Wheeling, West Virginia

Gary Davis. . . . . Beallsville High School

Vince Surino . . . . . Cadiz High School

Mike Mousadis. . . . . Weir High School

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Sid Stolz . . . . . Bellaire, Ohio

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**"Gone But Not Forgotten"**  
**In Memoriam**  
**George E. Kovalick**  
**1923 - 1984**



**George E. Kovalick**  
Administrator, Teacher, Coach

To your hundreds of former students and athletes, you were a giant of a man with many facets, each shining brightly on those you touched. You enriched many lives with your wisdom, guidance and compassion. Your life shines upon us now, but nothing eases the pain of our loss and the heartaches we endure. You will be eternally loved, remembered and missed by all whom you touched in your meaningful life.

Bellaire School District presents this Memoriam with respect and fondest regards to a man who devoted his life to the youth of this area. His leadership and friendship will never be forgotten, and his glowing smile will live on in the hearts forever.

**From the Administration, Faculty and Students at Bellaire  
High School, we'll always remember you.**

# Hail to the OVAC champions of 1960!



These wrestlers are the 1959-60 season Ohio Valley Athletic Conference champions. Kneeling, from left, are Jerry McDaniel (103) and Jeff Jones (112) of Martins Ferry, Bobby Douglas (120) and Frank Cunningham (127) of Bridgeport, and John Heiniger

(133) and Jack Kardules (138) of Martins Ferry. Back row, are Walter Tolarchyk (145) of Bridgeport, Bob Bruney (154) of Martins Ferry and three more Bridgeport performers, Dennis Bowman (165), Ted Wierzbicki (175) and Phil Ward (heavyweight).

ROYD NELSON PHOTO

## Bridgeport captures OVAC mat tourney seventh time

### Ferry finishes runnerup to Kovalick's Bulldogs

Bridgeport, the perennial champion, again reigns supreme in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference.

The Bulldogs won the conference crown for the seventh straight year Saturday as they outdistanced a field of six rivals at the Martins Ferry High gymnasium. The host Ferrians were runnersup and offered the Blue its only serious competition.

In fact, the finals nearly turned into another Ferry-Bridgeport dual meet, 10 Bulldogs and eight Purple Riders qualifying for the championship round, along with three matmen from Weirton and one from Linsly.

Bridgeport and Ferry swept the individual honors, with six Bulldogs and five Ferrians winning titles. Coach George Kovalick's champs scored 65 points to 52 for the Purple, coached by John Vrotsos.

Weirton was a distant third with 17 points, followed by Linsly with seven, Steubenville with six, Barnesville with two and Wheeling with one.

The tourney was divided into two sessions, preliminaries and semifinals being run off in the matinee hours and the championship bouts taking place at night. Saturday's heavy snow reduced the size of the turnout for the night session, but nevertheless, an enthusiastic audience was on hand to hail the champs.

Three Bridgeport grapplers — captain Walter Tolarchyk, Frank Cunningham and Bobby Douglas — won OVAC titles for the third straight year. Tolarchyk, defending state champion, pinned Ferry's Bill Schmidt to repeat as 145-pound kingpin; Douglas, moving up from the 112-pound class where he was state champ last year, decisioned Weirton's Larry Ritchie for 120-pound laurels; and Cunningham, last year's OVAC 120-pound titlist, won the 127-pound championship with an 8-1 nod over Ferry's Dick Dunbar. Tolarchyk has not lost a match the last two years, while Douglas and Cunningham have

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# OVAC OVER-ALL Tournament Team Champions 1954-1984

1954	Bridgeport	George Kovalick
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1961	Martins Ferry	John "Corky" Vrotsos
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1967	Martins Ferry	John "Corky" Vrotsos
1968	Martins Ferry	Art Hehr
1969	St. Johns	Joseph G. Bates
1970	Wheeling Central	John Hibbert
1971	St. Johns	Dennis Bowman
1972	John Marshall	Bill Hinegardner
1973	John Marshall	Bill Hinegardner
1974	John Marshall	Bill Hinegardner
1975	Warwood	Eric Carder
1976	Weirton	Charles "Skip" Murray
1977	John Marshall	Bill Hinegardner
1978	Wheeling Park	Eric Carder
1979	Wheeling Park	Eric Carder
1980	Steubenville	John Craig
1981	Cadiz	John Stephenson
1982	Steubenville	John Craig
1983	John Marshall	Ed Dugas
1984	Steubenville	John Craig

## 1960 Champions

dropped only one apiece during that span.

One of the 1959 champions, Ferry's George Toundas, was dethroned. He and 280-pound Bridgeport junior, Phil Ward, were tied at 1-1 at the end of regulation time in the heavyweight final. Each scored a point in overtime and a referee's decision was necessary to decide the match in favor of Ward, unbeaten although tied by Toundas in an earlier bout this year.

Bridgeport's other winners were Dennis Bowman, who decisioned Weirton's Harry Burns, 7-5, in the 165-pound final, and Ted Wierzbicki, who decisioned Linsly's John Dezio, 3-1, for the 175-pound crown.

Ferry swept the first two finals of the night, Jerry McDaniel pinning Bridgeport freshman Craig Burley in the 103-pound class, and co-

captain Jeff Jones taking Weirton's Gary Virtue, 4-0, at 112-pounds.

Thus, McDaniel and Jones preserved perfect season's records, as did Rider co-captain Bob Bruney, who decisioned Bridgeport's John Mastusek, 6-3, in the 154-pound class. Another Rider, Jack Kardules, is unbeaten though once tied. He topped Bridgeport's Bob Kuhar, 8-2, in the 138-pound final.

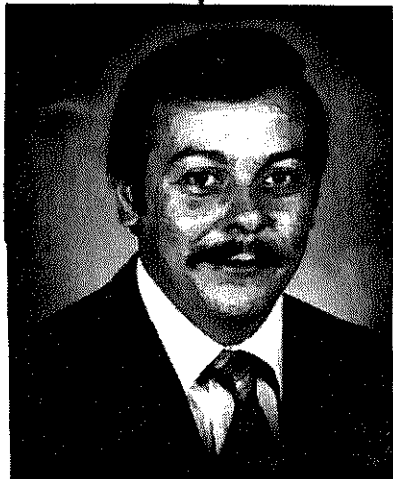
A surprise winner for the Riders was John Heiniger, at 133 pounds. Pinned by Bridgeport's John O'Hara in a regular season match, Heiniger got even by scoring an 8-5 decision in the exciting rematch.

*(This story, authored by Sports Editor Bill Van Horne, appeared in the Feb. 15, 1960, edition of The Times Leader).*

# 1960 OVAC CHAMPIONS

This Saturday Night the following Dignitaries of the Mats will be honored on the 25th Anniversary of their O.V.A.C. Championships. These past winners will receive beautiful wall plaques from the Ohio Valley Wrestling Coaches Association to commemorate that victorious moment in their lives.

## 103 Lb. Champion



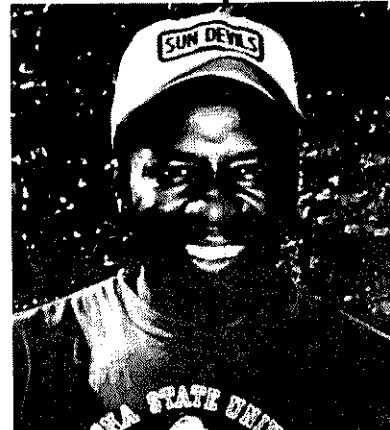
Name: JERRY McDANIEL  
Wgt. Class: 103 lbs.  
School: Martins Ferry High School  
Wife: Cookie Albert McDaniel  
Children: Terri, Tom  
Occupation: Stock Service, Rubbermaid, Inc.  
Honors/Clubs: Member American Legion

## 112 Lb. Champion



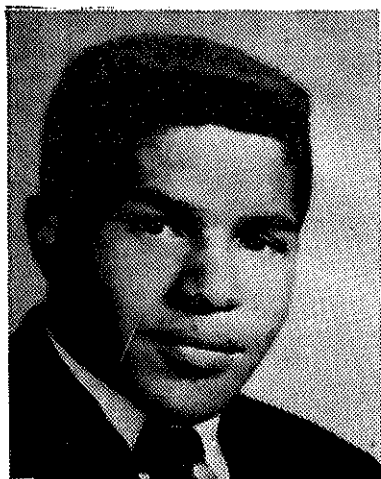
Name: JEFF JONES  
Wgt. Class: 112 lbs.  
School: Martins Ferry High School  
Wife: Janet  
Children: Todd, 19; Bethany, 16; Susan, 14  
Occupation: Mechanical Engineer  
Residence: 1102 Strathaven Court East  
Worthington, Ohio 43085  
Honors/Clubs: Am Soc of Heating, AC Ref and Engineers Const Spec Institute

## 120 Lb. Champion



Name: ROBERT "BOB" DOUGLAS  
Wgt. Class: 120 lbs.  
School: Bridgeport High School  
Wife: Jackie Davison Douglas  
Children: Robert Fredrick  
Occupation: Head Wrestling Coach at Arizona State University  
Residence: 2610 West Kiva  
Mesa, Arizona 85202  
Honors/Clubs: Assistant Coach U.S. Olympic Team; Author of four books about wrestling; Former Medal Winner in both Pan-American Games and Olympics; Former Ohio State Wrestling Champion; ASU Team ranked No. 4 in nation

## 127 Lb. Champion



Name: FRANK CUNNINGHAM  
Wgt. Class: 127 lbs.  
School: Bridgeport HS  
Occupation: Architect  
Residence: California

## 133 Lb. Champion



Name: JOHN HEININGER  
Wgt. Class: 133 lbs.  
School: Martins Ferry High School  
Wife: Joan  
Children: Holly, Jeff, Nicole  
Occupation: Certified Public Accountant  
Residence: Lansing, Michigan

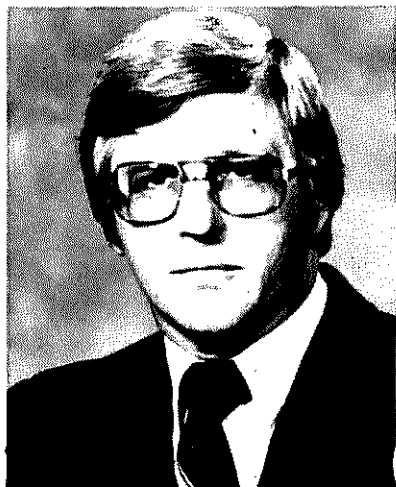
## 138 Lb. Champion



Name: JACK KARDULES  
Wgt. Class: 138 lbs.  
Wife: Barbara  
Children: Stefanie, 17; Julie, 16  
Occupation: Social Work Supervisor  
Honors/Clubs: Wrestling Coach Wayland Academy. We qualified 8 to State meet 1984 and had two place winners. Also won Conference.

# 1960 OVAC CHAMPIONS

## 145 Lb. Champion



Name: WALTER TOLARCHYK  
 Wgt. Class: 145 lbs.  
 School: Bridgeport High School  
 Wife: Susan Taylor Tolarchyk  
 Children: Lynette, David  
 Occupation: North Canton Hoover High School, North Canton, Ohio, Teacher, Asst. Football, Head Wrestling Coach  
 Residence: Pershing Avenue  
 North Canton, Ohio  
 Honors/Clubs: NCEA, OEA, NEA, Ohio Wrestling Coaches Association

## 154 Lb. Champion



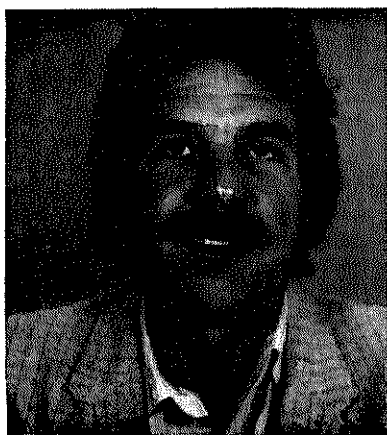
Name: ROBERT BRUNEY  
 Wgt. Class: 155 lbs.  
 Wife: Judith N. Bruney  
 Children: Tommy, 21; Bobby Dean, 18; Fred, 14  
 Occupation: Teacher — OWE Coordinator Martins Ferry High School  
 Honors/Clubs: Past President of MFEA, OEA, NEA

## 167 Lb. Champion



Name: DENNIS BOWMAN  
 Wgt. Class: 165 lbs.  
 School: Bridgeport  
 Wife: Loretta Fusco Bowman  
 Children: Audrey Ann, 18; Amy Marie, 14  
 Occupation: Teacher — OWE Work-Coordinator, Bellaire High School  
 Residence: 221 Wagner Ave.  
 Bellaire, Ohio 43906  
 Honors/Clubs: Vice-President Ohio Valley Wrestling Coaches Assoc.; BOA., OEA., NEA, OWCEA

## 175 Lb. Champion



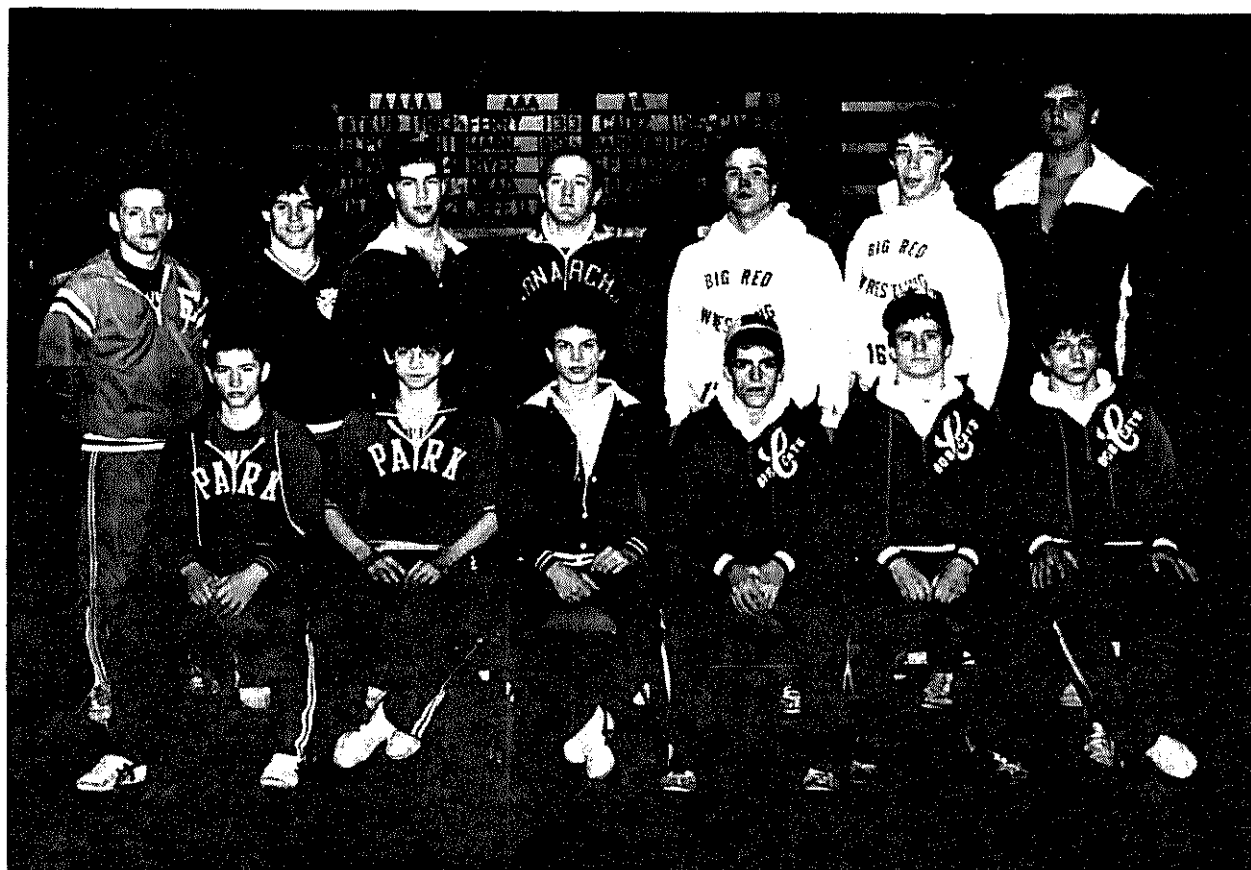
Name: TED WIERZBICKI  
 Wgt. Class: 175 lbs.  
 Children: Ted, 17, Mike, 13  
 Occupation: Pipefitter and own Landscaping and Tree Farming Business  
 Residence: 68800 Pine Terrace Road  
 Bridgeport, Ohio 43912  
 Honors/Clubs: Pipefitters Local No. 83; Eagles.

## Hwt Champion



Name: TIM WARD  
 Wgt. Class: Heavyweight  
 Occupation: Owner of Glass Company  
 Residence: 500 Woodcraft Parkway  
 Apartment 8A  
 Durham, North Carolina  
 27713  
 Honors/Clubs: American Contract Bridge League

# 1984 OVAC INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS



1984 Over All Team  
Champions Steubenville

AAAA Champions  
Steubenville

1984 Outstanding Wrestler  
Heath Beardmore 126 lbs.  
Cambridge

AAA Champions  
Martins Ferry

Coach of the Year 1984  
John Craig Steubenville

AA Champions  
Cadiz

Bierkorette Award 1984  
Heath Beardmore  
Cambridge

A Champions  
Cameron

Kovalick Scholarship  
Tim Ward Beallsville

# *Mr. Mat Award*

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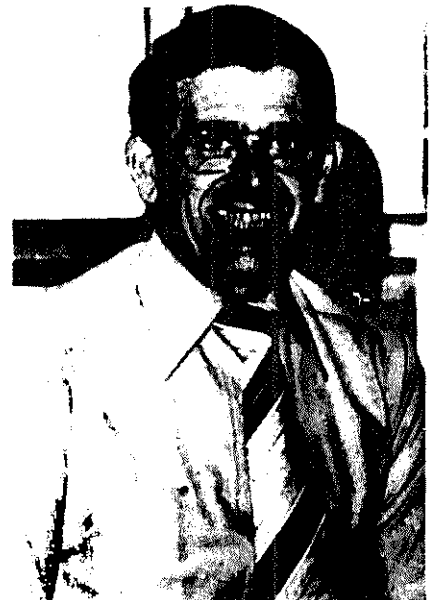
**GEORGE KOVALICK  
BELLAIRE**

1977



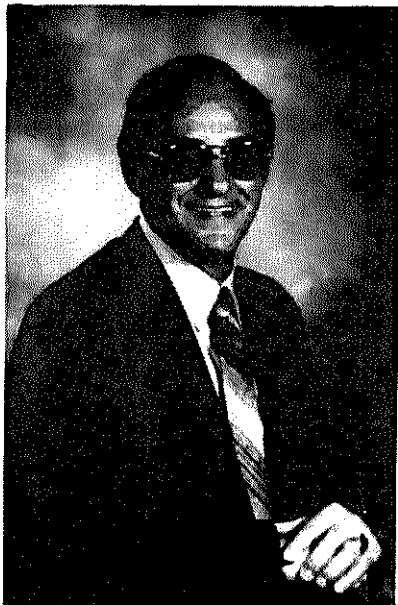
**WILLIAM VAN HORNE  
SPORTS EDITOR  
WHEELING NEWS  
REGISTER**

1978



**JOHN VROTSOS  
MARTINS FERRY**

1979



**RICHARD EDGE  
SPRINGFIELD LOCAL**

1980



**GEORGE WALLEY  
JOHN MARSHALL**

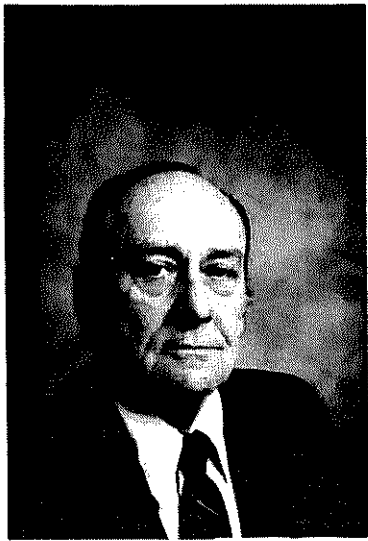
1981



**BOB HEDMOND  
STEUBENVILLE**

# Mr. Mat Award

1982



**PAUL CRAIGO  
JOHN MARSHALL  
FORMERLY MOUNDS-  
VILLE HIGH SCHOOL**

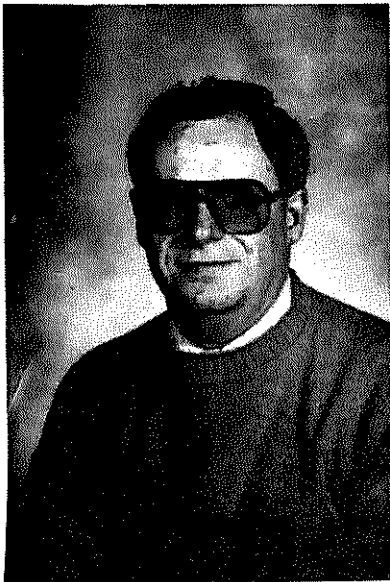
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**VINCE MONSEAU  
WEST LIBERTY  
STATE COLLEGE**

1984 DAVE BIERKORETTE OUTSTANDING  
WRESTLER AWARD

1984



**BILL HINEGARDNER  
JOHN MARSHALL**



Heath Beardmore ..... Cambridge HS  
126 pounds

# SUMMARY OF SCORING

Individual Match	
Takedown .....	2 pts.
Escape .....	1 pt.
Reversal .....	2 pts.
Near-Fall .....	2 or 3 pts.

## Tournament

Fall .....	2 pts.
Default .....	2 pts.
Forfeit .....	2 pts.
Disqualification .....	2 pts.
Advancement	
Champ Bracket .....	2 pts.
Consol. Bracket .....	1 pt.
Superior Decision .....	1 pt.
Major Decision .....	1/2 pt.



### DAVE BIERKORETTE WRESTLING AWARDS

Date	Name	School
1971	Don Blum .....	Martins Ferry
1972	Art Jones .....	Bellaire
1973	Dan Claugus .....	Barnesville
1974	Sheldon Grace .....	Weir
1975	Mike Kovalick .....	Bellaire
1976	Randy Davia .....	Cadiz
	Ed Covey .....	Bridgeport
1977	Rich Davis .....	Jefferson Union
1978	Carl Stanley .....	Wheeling Park
1979	Randy Pryor .....	Weir
1980	Trent Iachini .....	Steubenville
1981	Mike Tluchowski .....	Steubenville
1982	Larry Isleman .....	Toronto
1983	Brian Miller .....	Barnesville
1984	Heath Beardmore .....	Cambridge

Presented during the Spring Banquet by  
Wheeling Central Catholic Boosters Club

# Top Eight in 1984

## WEIGHT CLASS: 98 lbs.

Wrestler	Grade	School	Placement
Todd Rowe	Sr.	Wheeling Park	1st
Paul Coffland	Fr.	Cadiz	2nd
Scott Kinemond	Soph.	Shadyside	3rd
J. R. Sigler	Fr.	Union Local	4th
Randy Mowder	Soph.	John Marshall	5th
Bill Wounaris	Sr.	Weir	6th
Darren Delande	Fr.	St. Clairsville	7th
Mike Imbroscio	Soph.	Bellaire	8th

## WEIGHT CLASS: 105 lbs.

Wrestler	Grade	School	Placement
Richard Digiandomeniar	Jr.	Wheeling Park	1st
Tim Young	Jr.	Steubenville	2nd
Shawn Bell	Soph.	Barnesville	3rd
Brent Stillion	Jr.	Meadowbrook	4th
Todd Mizer	Soph.	Cadiz	5th
Tim Gamble	Jr.	Brooke	6th
Brad Kasper	Jr.	St. Clairsville	7th
Todd Mercer	Jr.	Wellsville	8th

## WEIGHT CLASS. 112 lbs.

Wrestler	Grade	School	Placement
Jesse Outward	Sr.	Martins Ferry	1st
Darin Heavilin	Jr.	Cadiz	2nd
Scott West	Jr.	John Marshall	3rd
Harry McDonald	Sr.	Steubenville	4th
Gary Ice	Fr.	East Liverpool	5th
Rick Opic	Sr.	Wheeling Park	6th
Damon Stewart	Sr.	Bridgeport	7th
Tom Ralston	Sr.	Oak Glen	8th



# Top Eight in 1984

## WEIGHT CLASS: 119 lbs.

Wrestler	Grade	School	Placement
Dennis Daugherty	Sr.	Cambridge	1st
Rick Brown	Jr.	Oak Glen	2nd
Steve Pryor	Jr.	Barnesville	3rd
Dave Hinerman	Soph.	Cameron	4th
Paul Johnson	Jr.	St. Johns	5th
Brian Mallory	Sr.	Steubenville	6th
Buddy Mitchell	Sr.	Martins Ferry	7th
Jim Orr	Sr.	East Liverpool	8th

## WEIGHT CLASS: 126 lbs.

Wrestler	Grade	School	Placement
Heath Beardmore	Sr.	Cambridge	1st
Reggie Foston	Sr.	Bridgeport	2nd
Todd Hibbs	Jr.	Jefferson Union	3rd
Steve Polinsky	Jr.	St. Clairsville	4th
Mike Ciofani	Sr.	Bellaire	5th
Steve Kosky	Sr.	St. Johns	6th
Frank Crain	Soph.	Oak Glen	7th
Brad Griffin	Fr.	Cadiz	8th

## WEIGHT CLASS: 132 lbs.

Wrestler	Grade	School	Placement
Tim Pontius	Sr.	Cambridge	1st
Tim Ward	Sr.	Beallsville	2nd
Alvin Crooks	Sr.	Martins Ferry	3rd
Kevin Ornouski	Sr.	Cadiz	4th
Roger Simmons	Sr.	John Marshall	5th
Dave Underwood	Sr.	Weir	6th
Dallis Dawson	Sr.	East Liverpool	7th
Bill Devore	Sr.	Oak Glen	8th

# *Top Eight in 1984*

## WEIGHT CLASS. 138 lbs.

Wrestler	Grade	School	Placement
Brent Taggart	Jr.	East Liverpool	1st
Joe Leightner	Sr.	St. Clairsville	2nd
Mike Knox	Jr.	John Marshall	3rd
Jerry Armann	Sr.	River	4th
Ken Eshler	Sr.	Barnesville	5th
Mike Underwood	Soph.	Weir	6th
Ron Trowbridge	Jr.	Cameron	7th
Todd Bowman	Sr.	Martins Ferry	8th

## WEIGHT CLASS: 145 lbs.

Wrestler	Grade	School	Placement
Mike Miller	Sr.	Shadyside	1st
Paul Ice	Soph.	East Liverpool	2nd
Chuck Thomas	Sr.	Magnolia	3rd
Doug DelBenzio	Sr.	Steubenville	4th
Nick Bendel	Sr.	Springfield	5th
Paul Weigel	Sr.	Weir	6th
Bill Deaton	Sr.	Martins Ferry	7th
Shawn Bernert	Sr.	Steub. Central	8th

## WEIGHT CLASS: 155 lbs.

Wrestler	Grade	School	Placement
Ron Hilton	Sr.	Martins Ferry	1st
John Schramm	Sr.	Bellaire	2nd
Curt Jerrome	Soph	Wheeling Park	3rd
Andy Sawka	Jr.	Jefferson Union	4th
Randy Shust	Sr.	East Liverpool	5th
Brian Flanagan	Jr.	Oak Glen	6th
Ted Toothmann	Sr.	Wintersville	7th
Mike Gilson	Soph.	Steub. Central	8th

# *Top Eight in 1984*

## WEIGHT CLASS: 167 lbs.

Wrestler	Grade	School	Placement
Paul Simmons	Sr.	John Marshall	1st
Paul Current	Jr.	Steubenville	2nd
Robert Marke	Jr.	Cadiz	3rd
Mike Herron	Sr.	Oak Glen	4th
Mike Scheid	Sr.	Bridgeport	5th
Mike Mitchell	Sr.	Wintersville	6th
Dave Richards	Jr.	Springfield	7th
Robert Borher	Sr.	Magnolia	8th

## WEIGHT CLASS: 175 lbs.

Wrestler	Grade	School	Placement
Brian Young	Soph.	Steubenville	1st
Mark Nice	Sr.	Springfield	2nd
Chad Street	Jr.	Magnolia	3rd
Dave Morgan	Sr.	Martins Ferry	4th
Terry Potts	Sr.	River	5th
Bill Reiner	Sr.	East Liverpool	6th
Jack Long	Sr.	Wheeling Park	7th
Phillip Mokros	Jr.	Bellaire	8th

## WEIGHT CLASS: 185 lbs.

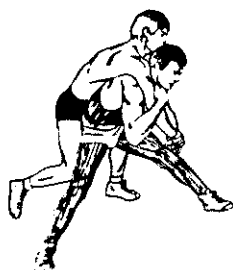
Wrestler	Grade	School	Placement
Charlie Keenan	Jr.	Steubenville	1st
Dave Matta	Jr.	Springfield	2nd
Chris Fry	Sr.	Bellaire	3rd
Andy Vincent	Sr.	Linsly	4th
Ray Larkey	Sr.	Weir	5th
Tracy Bartimus	Sr.	River	6th
Joe Mayhugh	Jr.	Barnesville	7th
Sam Francis	Sr.	Cameron	8th

# Top Eight in 1984

WEIGHT CLASS: HWT.

Wrestler	Grade	School	Placement
Tim Moxley	Jr.	Barnesville	1st
Jim Stillwagoner	Sr.	Magnolia	2nd
Brian Little	Jr.	East Liverpool	3rd
Mark Yaich	Sr.	Wintersville	4th
Ed Acconey	Soph.	Steubenville	5th
Phil Rowe	Sr.	Oak Glen	6th
Joe Bonaventura	Jr.	Brooke	7th
Travis Bartimus	Sr.	River	8th

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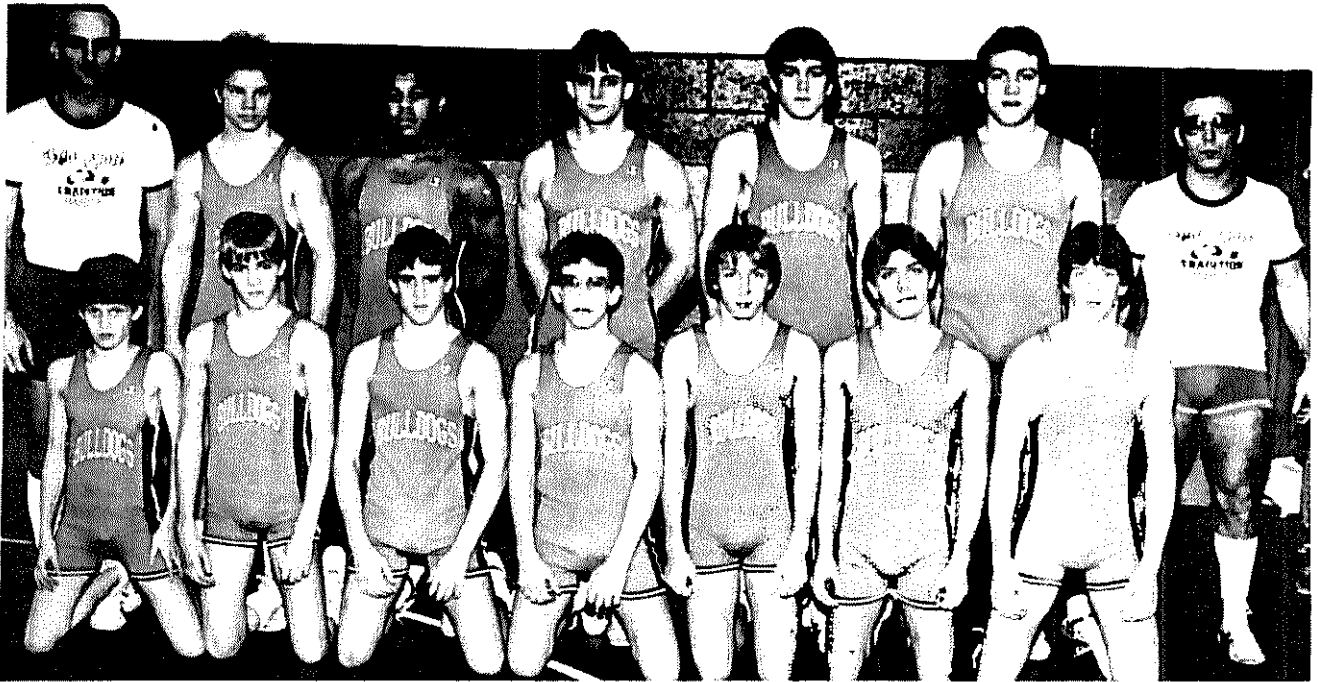
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Front Row: Eric Lyle, Jeff Scales, Dean Burk, Chick LaMotte, Russell Scheid, Keith Romado, Bryan Oliver; Back Row: Assistant coach Lou Vazquez, Jody Johnson, Orlando Foston, Rod Hammer, Rick Burlenski, Mike Vargo, head coach Dave LaMotte.

Principal: Paul Klenowski  
Athletic Director: Frank Baxter  
Head Coach: Dave LaMotte  
Asst. Coach: Lou Vazquez  
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Don Ickler  
Eric Petho  
Sam Jones  
Jim Snyder  
Joe Hughes

## JUNIORS

Doug Hartlieb  
Bob Cicogna  
Kevin Flanagan  
Jim Cramer

## SOPHOMORES

John Ferguson  
Phil Zita  
Chad Forgacs  
Mike Laslo  
Jeff Lowe  
Mark Black

## FRESHMEN

Valen Fabry  
Joe Weyrick

## REMEMBER

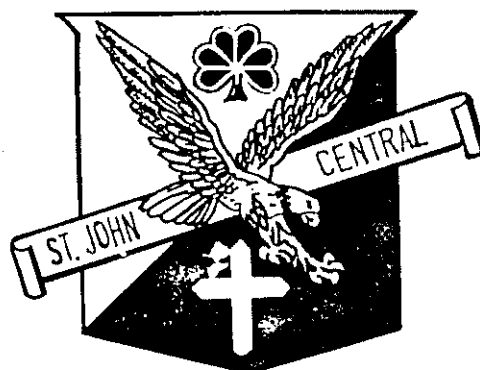
Past OVAC Champions

1968

122 - Rex Fronnapfel  
167 - Jim Venesky  
HWT - Frank King

1969

167 - Ed "Buzzy" Evans  
HWT - Frank King



TRADITION AND PRIDE

Good Luck Irish  
St. Johns Central Boosters

1971

145 - Gary Kosky  
175 - Rick Link  
185 - Ed "Buzzy" Evans

1972

175 - Rick Link

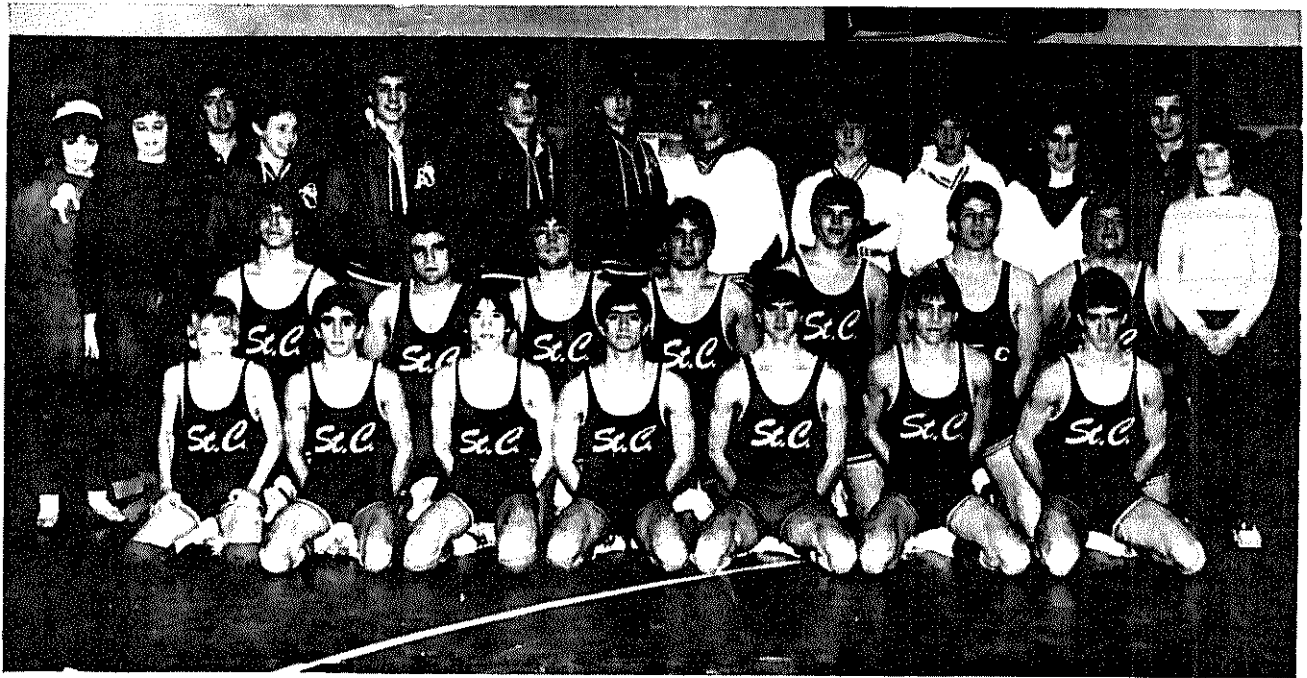
1973

119 - Frank Hotlosz  
132 - David Kosky

1980

126 - Mark Kosky

# St. Clairsville High School "Red Devils"



Front Row: Ricky Swaro, Tom Mox, Darren Delande, Cihan Calis, Rob Wolfe, Brad Kasper, Steve Polinsky; Row 2: John Sarvas, Rich Vannest, Scott Hayden, Rick Shutek, Dustin Heath, Todd Poe, Lance Heath, statistician Kim Taylor; Back Row: Statistician Kristi Hayden, assistant coach John Vrotsos, statistician Susan Wisvari, Tony Godaway, Mark Gaynor, Jimmy Breedlove, Matt Bulian, Mike Schumacher, Robert Sproul, Dave Vannest, statistician Kerry Thurnes, head coach Rick Oberdick; Absent: statisticians Darla Dombroski and Susan Rozanski

HEAD COACH RICH OBERDICK, ASSISTANT COACH JOHN VROTSOS, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR RICHARD HALL

Good Luck-"Red Devil" Wrestlers!

C. TAYLOR (WP) I

1 P. MONTEOURI (WM) 79 287

E. DIGAS (RD) 80

V. LASHLEY (RIVER)

T. GODAWAY (ST. C) 81

K. BODO (STEELE) 288

D. BAKER (BEALLS) 82

B.J. STILLION (WAD) V

T. BYERS (JU) 83

2 L. STOAKES (WELLS) 289

L. WHITEHEAD (MAG)

J. DIPIETRO (MID) 84

B. STAMM (CADIZ) 85

I. VANDRUFF (BR) 290

3 M. CASTELLO (BARN) 86

P. MAIDENS (JM) IV

D. FENWICK (CAMP) II 87

4 T. FRANCIS (BELL) 291

E. LYLE (RPT) 88

C. FENEST (CAM) 89

G. WAGGONER (STAN) 292

J. LONG (TOR) 90

5 M. TAKASCH (STEB) 293

C. NELSON (MF) VI 91

S. WILLIAMS (UL) VII 92

J. LABANNA (WINT) 294

G. PEPPERLING (SPRING) 93

J. RUIZ (WEIR) 94

S. HAGER (EL) 294

T. GEORGE (BKE) 95

6 E. SWANN (LIN) 294

N. BEAVER (OG) II 96

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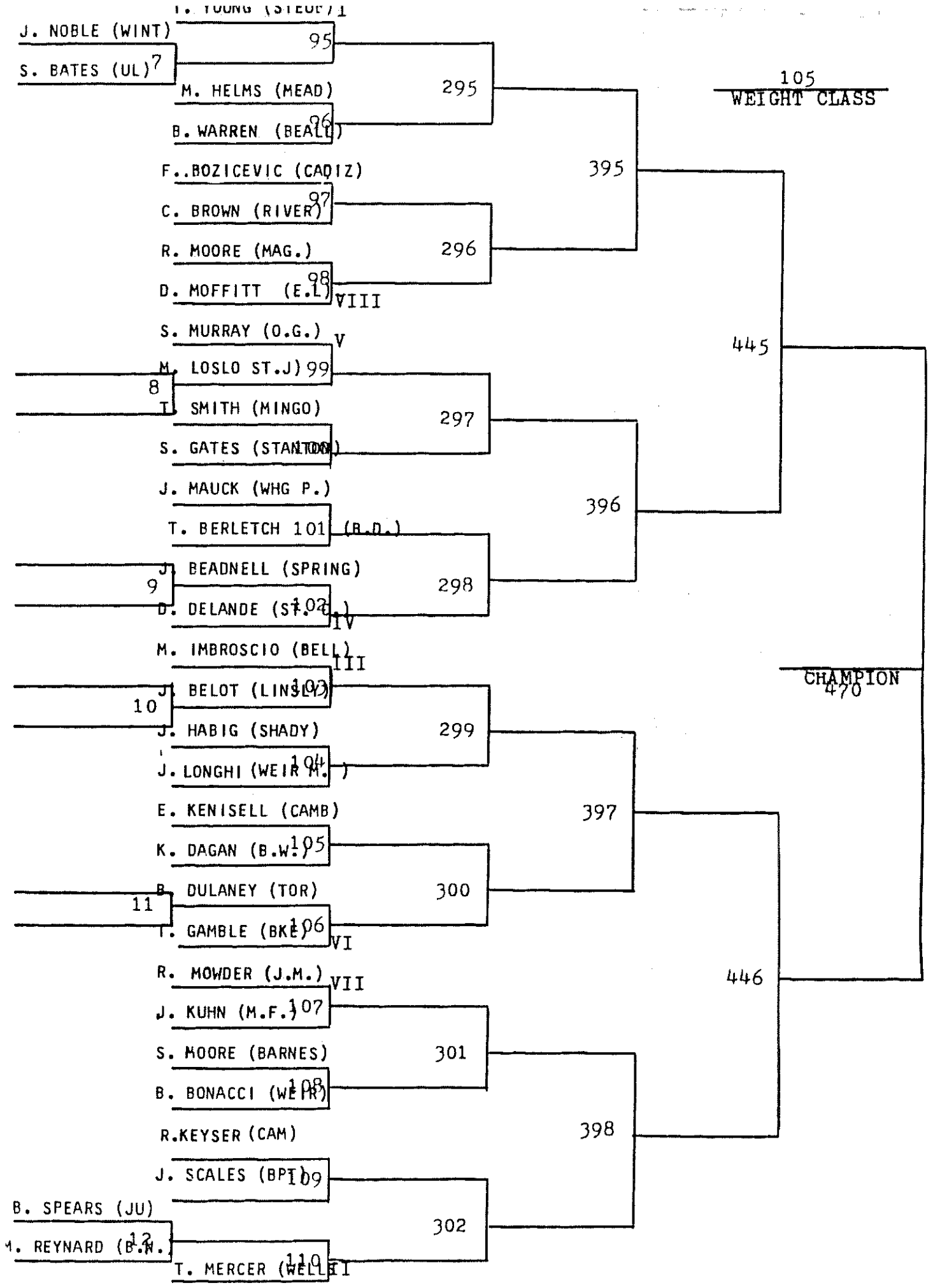
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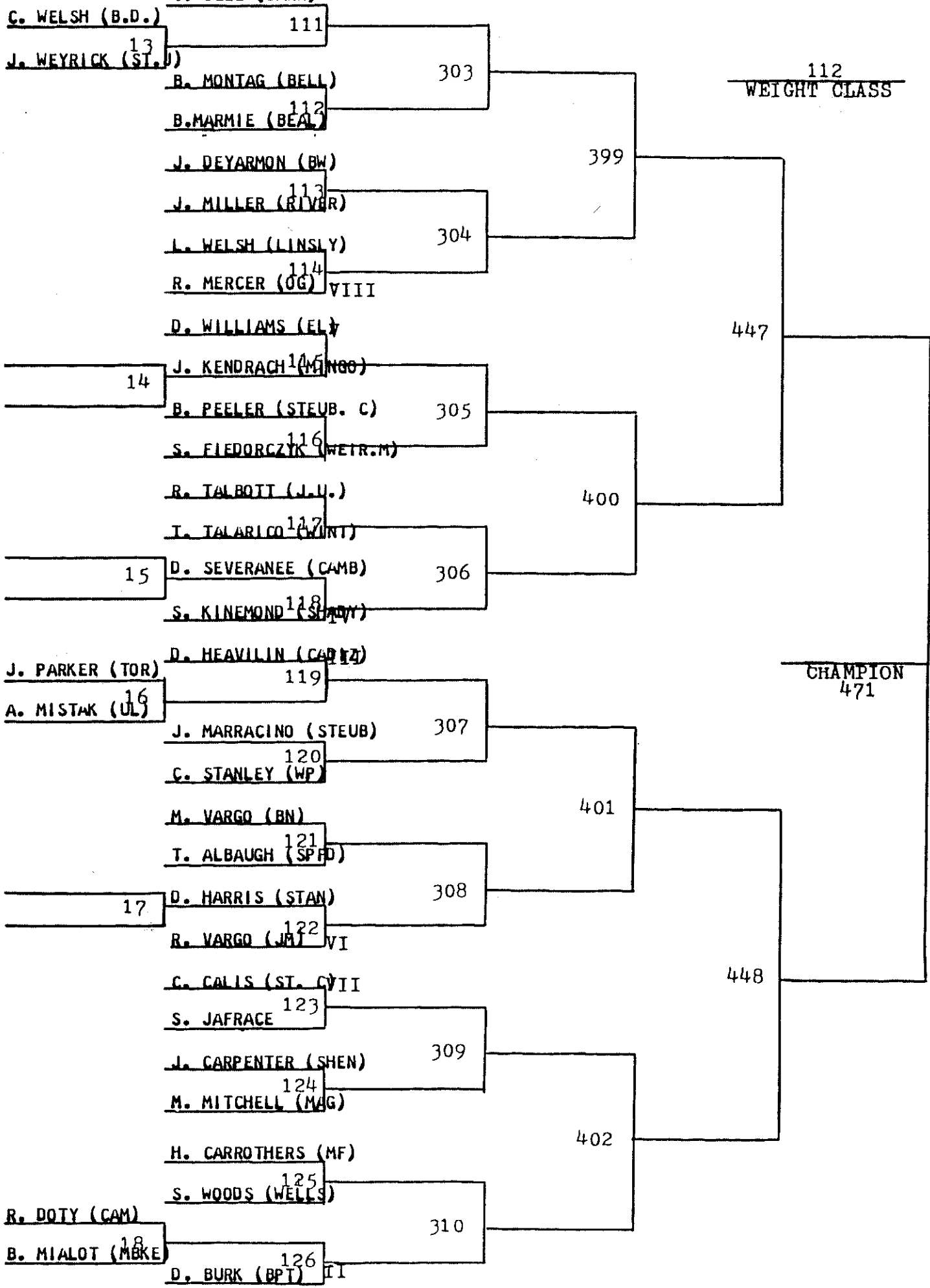
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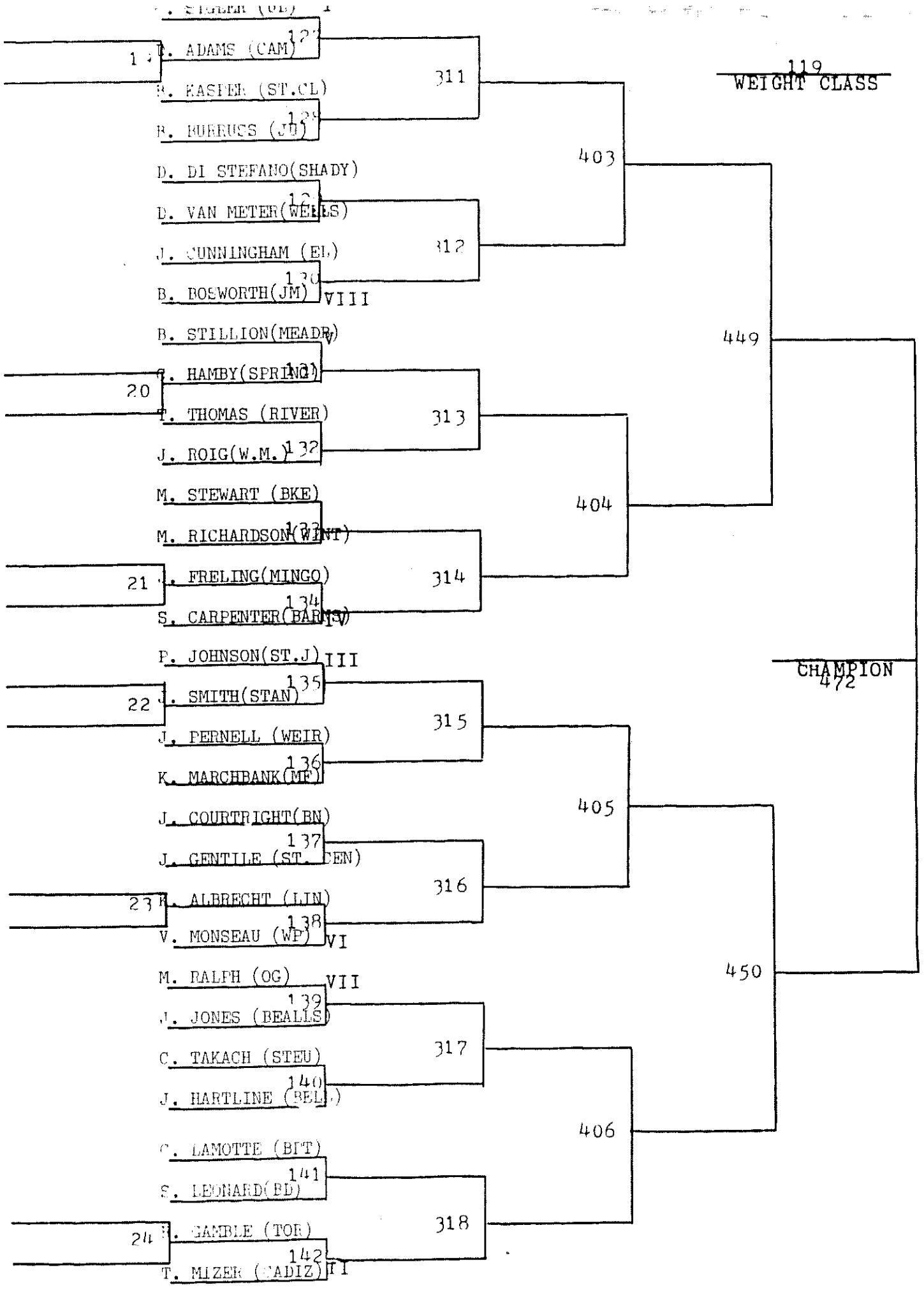
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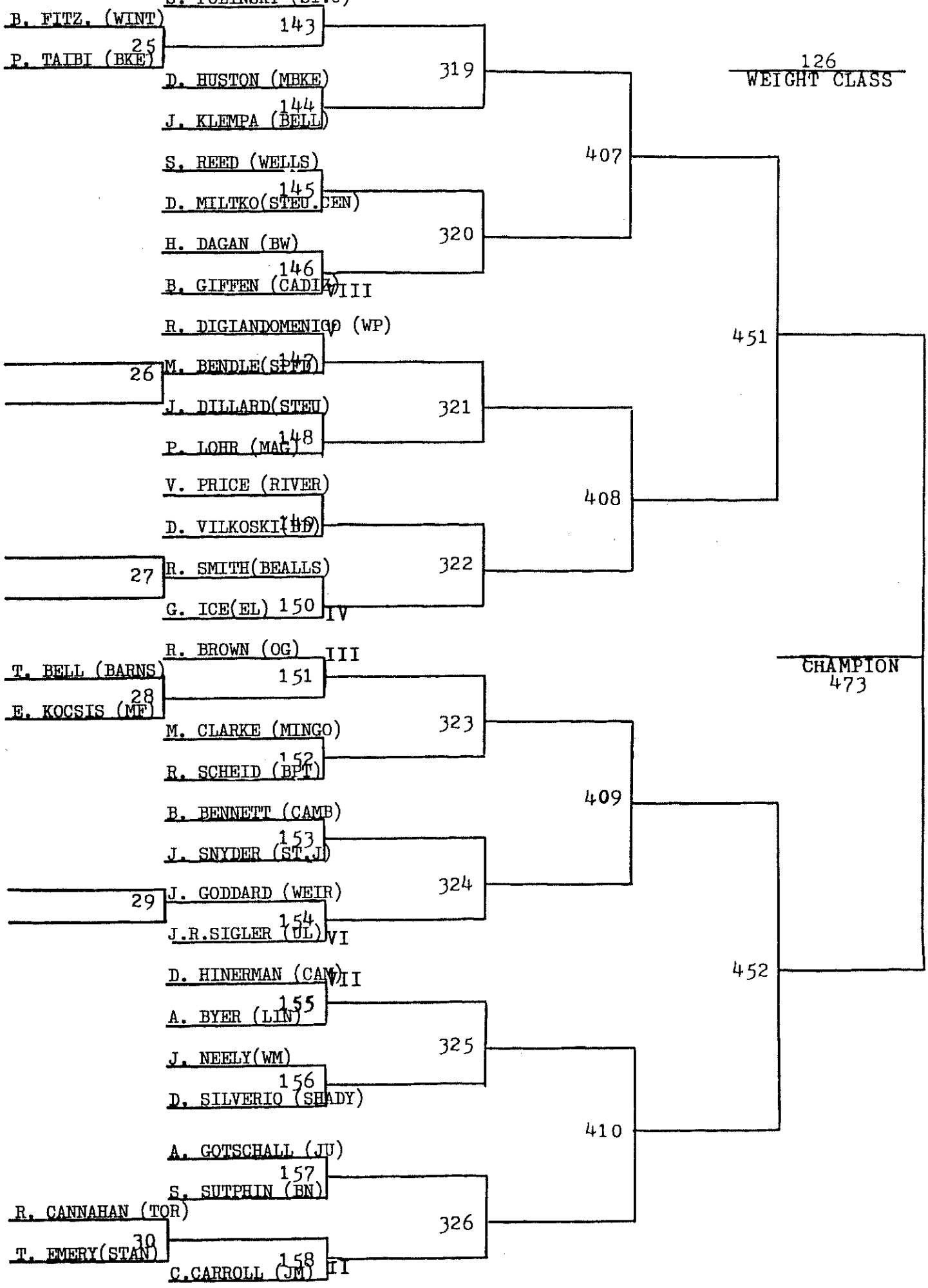
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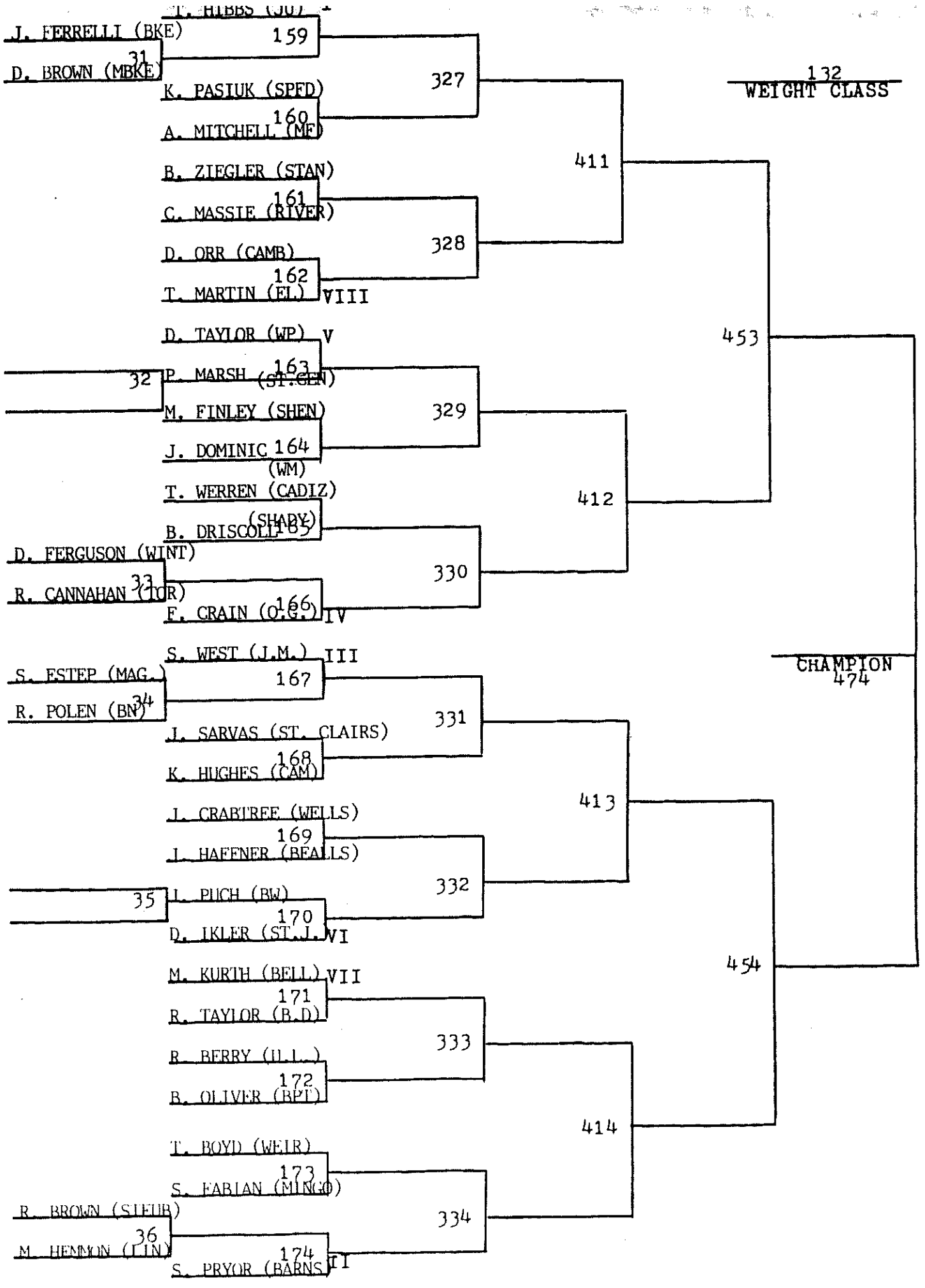


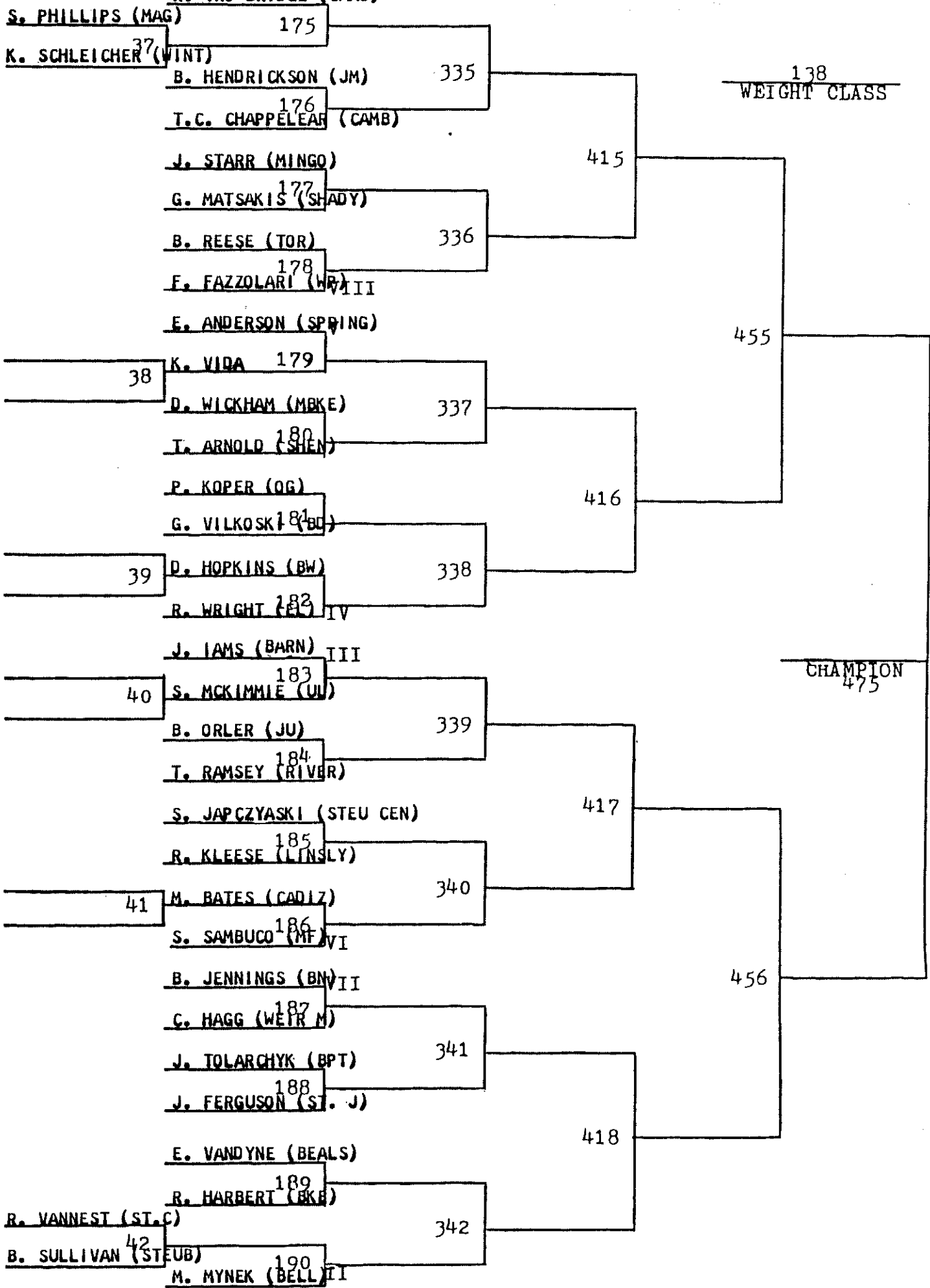


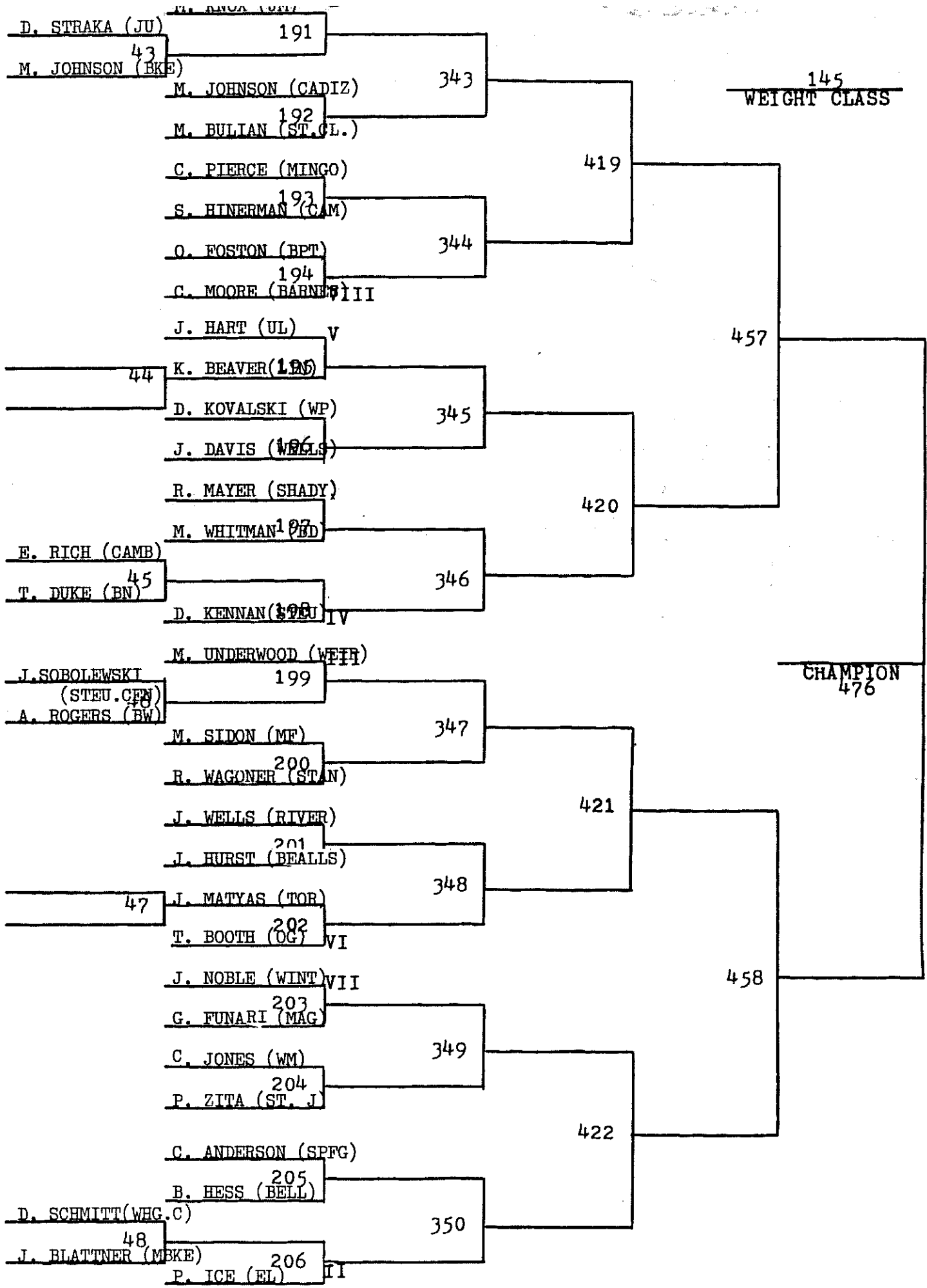


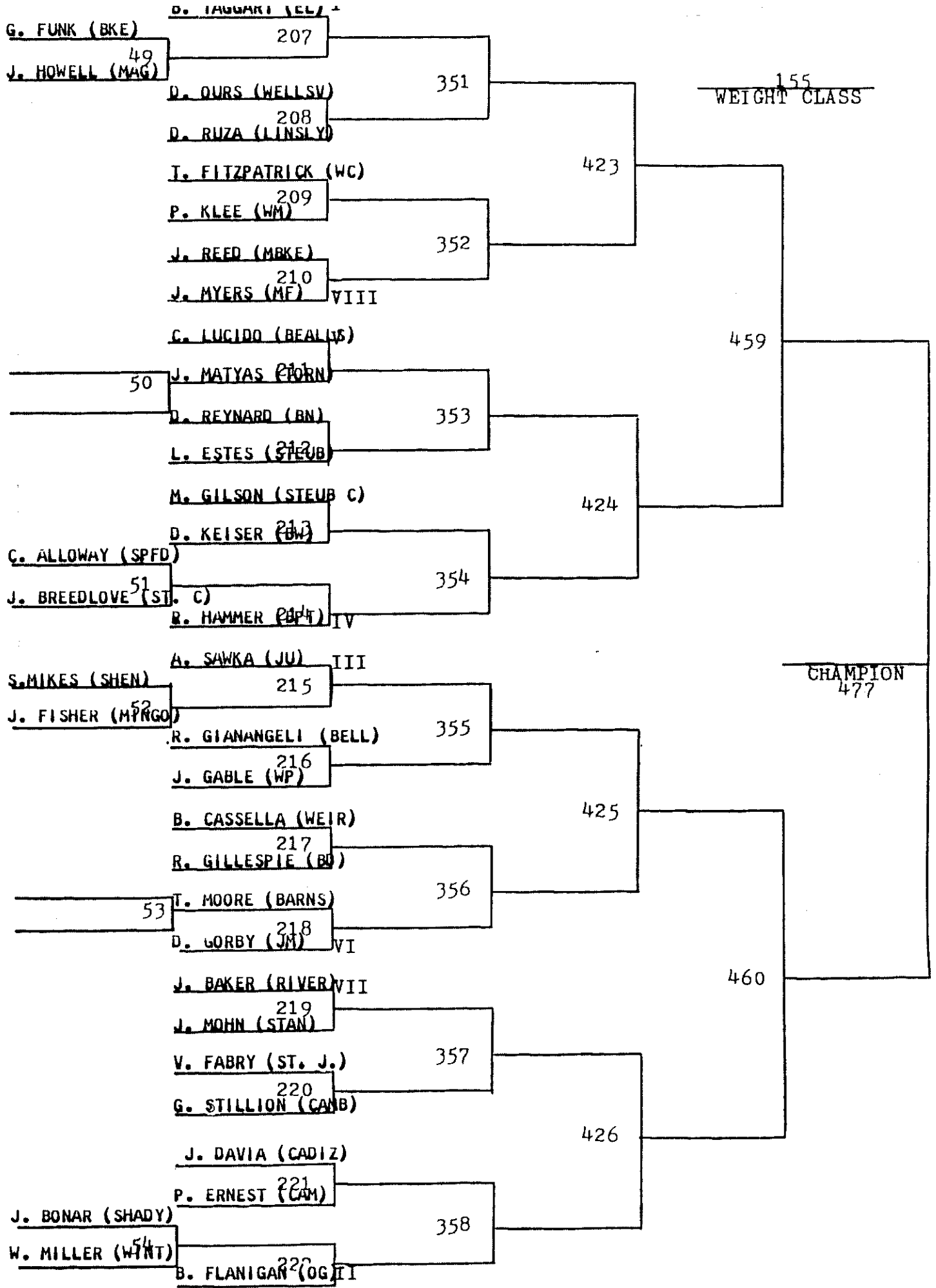




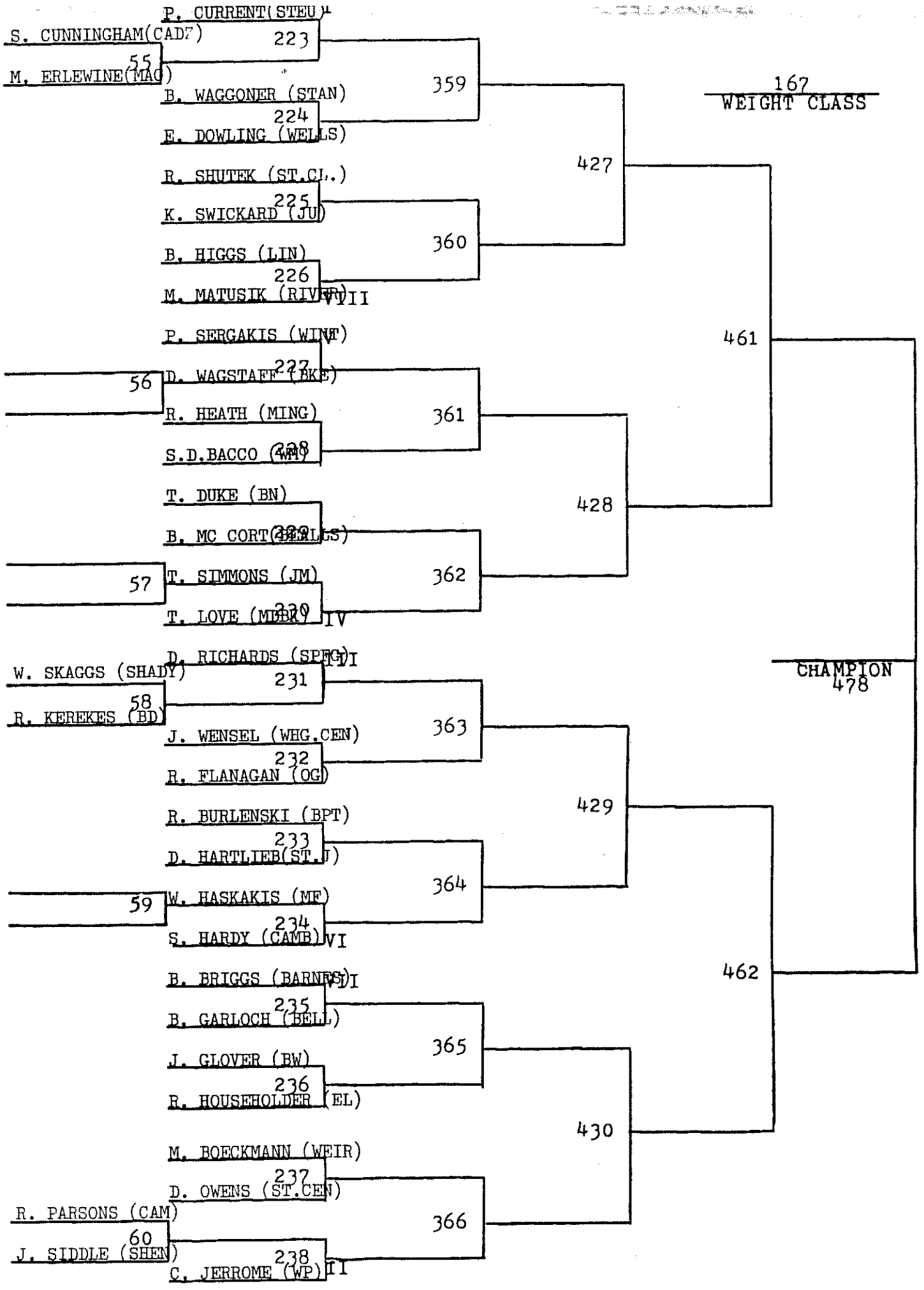


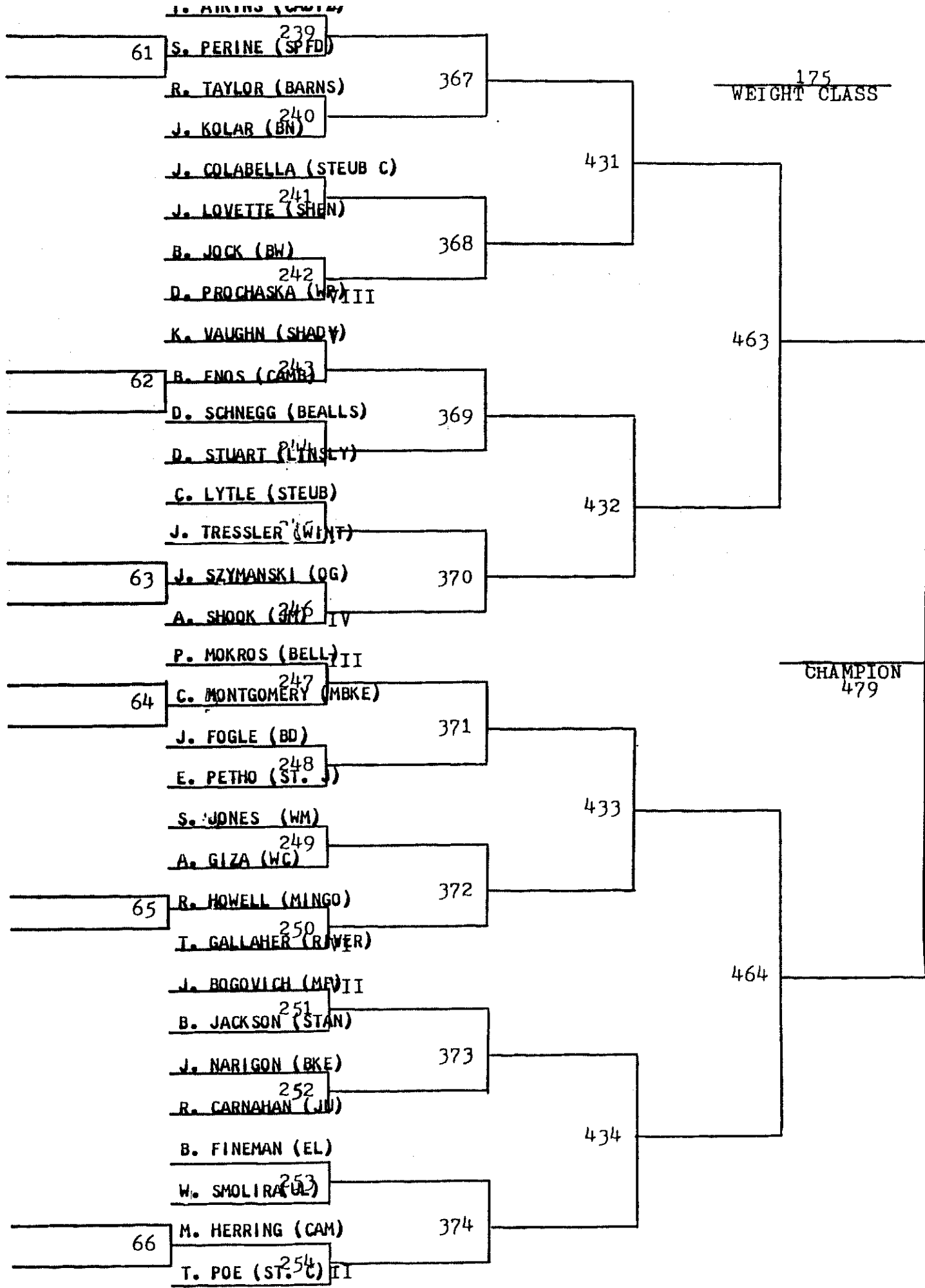


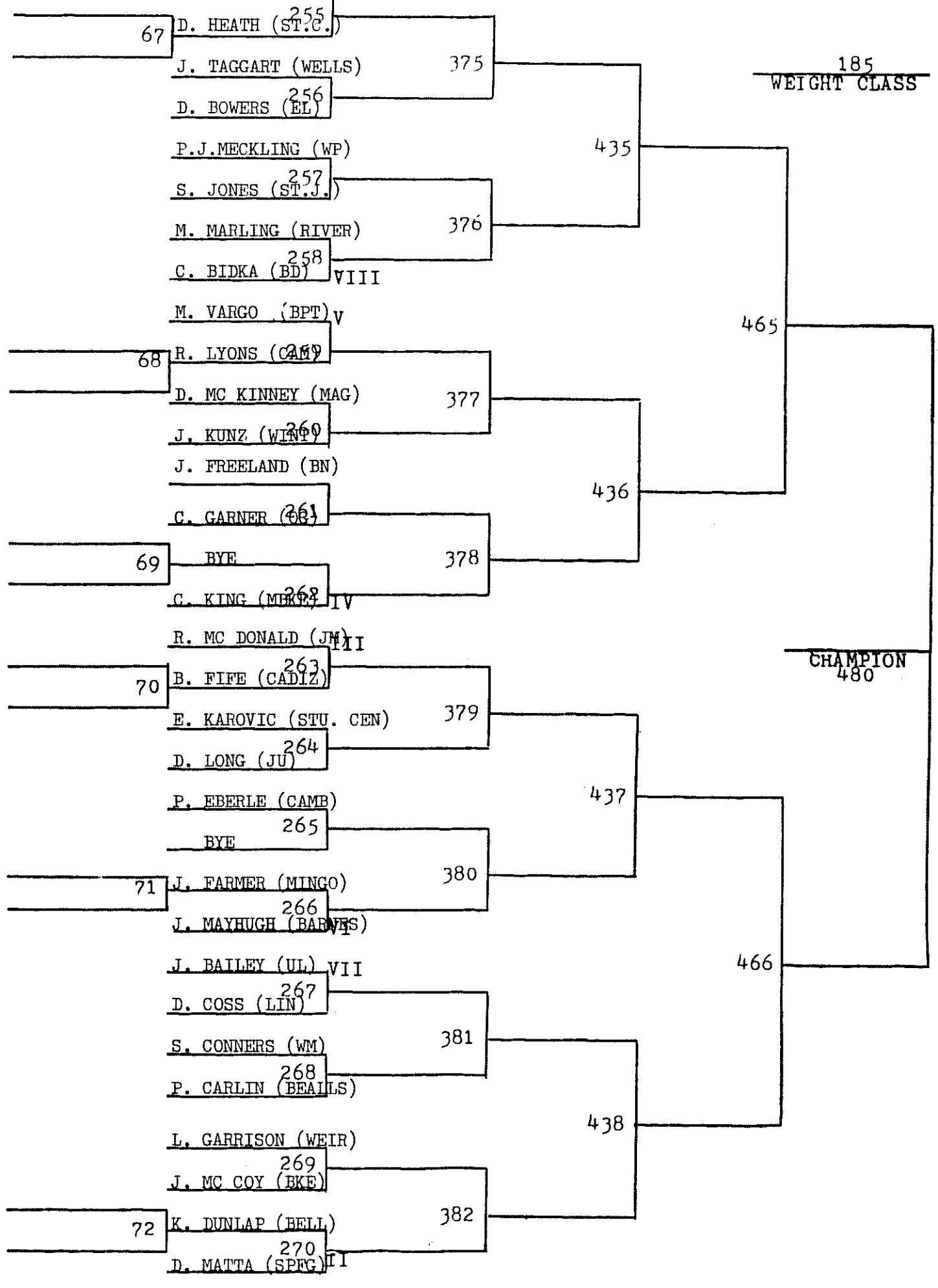












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M. HAAPAPURD <sup>274</sup> (ME) VIII

L. HEATH (ST.C) V

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E. STOTT <sup>275</sup> (GADZ)

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*Welcome:*

*On behalf of the City of Wheeling and Wheeling City Council, we would like to welcome all of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestlers to the City of Wheeling and the Wheeling Civic Center for this important event.*

*We wish each and every one of you the very best of luck and congratulate you for your hard work and efforts which have enabled you to advance this far.*

*We hope that you enjoy your visit to Wheeling and that you will find time to come visit us again.*

*Again, congratulations. In our eyes, you are all*

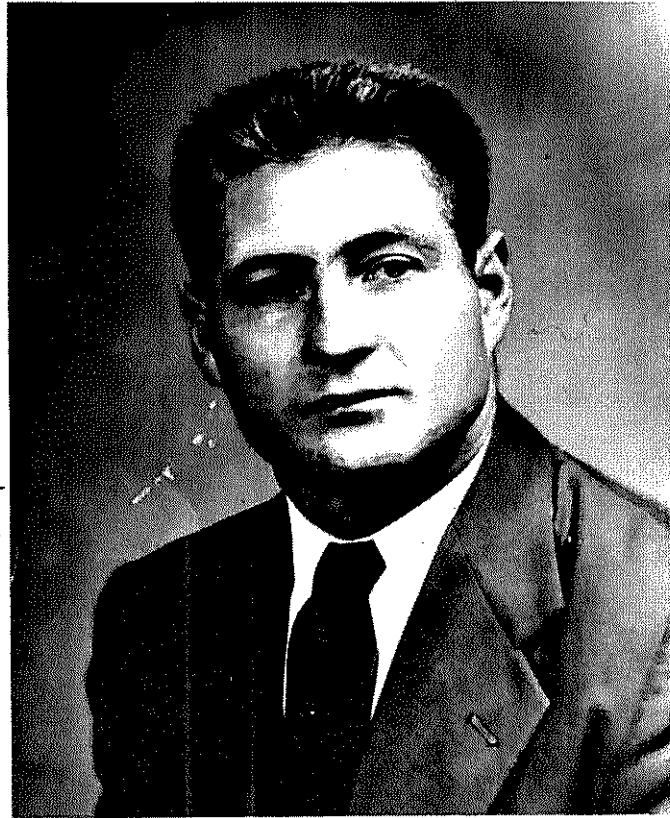
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**INTRODUCTION**

**SPECIAL THANKS**

**PRESENTATIONS**

**COACH OF THE YEAR . . . . . John Craig (Steubenville HS)**

**Presenter: Ron Mauck, tournament director**

**JUNIOR HIGH COACH OF THE YEAR . . . . . ROB REMBOLD (Harding Junior HS)**

**Presenter: John Craig, Steubenville High School**

**OHIO VALLEY WRESTLING COACHES SERVICE AWARD . . . . . Carl Fodor**

**(Hancock County, Weir HS)**

**Presenter: Rudy Mumley, former President, OVAC**

**INTRODUCTION OF 1960 OVAC CHAMPIONS**

**INTRODUCTION OF OFFICIALS**

**NATIONAL ANTHEM . . . . . sung by Bellaire St. John Choralettes**

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**CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES**

**CLASS A RUNNER-UP**

**CLASS A CHAMPION . . . . . Presented by Bill Hinegardner**

**CLASS AA RUNNER-UP**

**CLASS AA CHAMPION . . . . . Presented by Richard Edge**

**CLASS AAA RUNNER-UP**

**CLASS AAA CHAMPION . . . . . Presented by Sam Mumley  
(OVAC Executive Secretary)**

**CLASS AAAA RUNNER-UP**

**CLASS AAAA CHAMPION . . . . . Presented by Ron Trowbridge  
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**DAVE BIERKORETTE AWARD WINNER**

**(Outstanding Wrestler of 1985 Tournament)**



A MAT SALUTE TO  
***DENNIS BOWMAN***  
"OVAC Wrestling's Trouble-Shooter"

Dennis Bowman has been associated with Ohio Valley Wrestling for more than twenty-five years as a wrestler, coach, official, and promoter.

Denny's participation in wrestling began at Bridgeport High, a school that has developed many great athletes. He was on George Kovalick's 1959 Ohio State Championship squad. Moreover, Bowman was a two-time OVAC champ (1960 and 1961) for the "Bulldogs." Dennis Bowman then followed the man he revered (Coach "K") to West Liberty State College, where he lettered for four seasons and was captain of the wrestling team his junior and senior years.

In 1965, Dennis Bowman began his coaching career when he initiated the first wrestling program at Bellaire St. John Central High School. Furthermore, his 1971 "Fighting Irish" team won the OVAC Tournament Championship. Denny then moved across the street to Bellaire High where he again produced many fine matmen, including Mike Kovalick who became the Big Reds' first Ohio State Champ at 185 pounds in 1975.

After leaving coaching, Dennis Bowman truly became a "troubleshooter" for area wrestling. First, Denny spent some time as a very competent official (Who would dare to question his calls!). Second, he co-sponsored the idea of recognizing past OVAC individual champions on the 25th anniversary of their victories. Third, Bowman has literally become the "historian" for wrestling in the Valley. There are very few mat facts that Denny doesn't know. And finally, Mr. Bowman yearly assists at all OVAC Tournament meetings, helps coordinate the souvenir program, and fills in as announcer during the competition.

In closing, Dennis Bowman is affectionately referred to as "The Beast," but he is as gentle as a lamb when it comes to his athletic love — Ohio Valley Wrestling!

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# Cadiz High School "Cardinals"



OVAC AA DUAL MEET CHAMPIONS: 1976, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984

OVAC AA TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS: 1976, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984

OVERALL OVAC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS: 1981

HEAD COACH: JOHN STEPHENSON

ASSISTANT COACH: JEFF RAY

JUNIOR HIGH HEAD COACH: LOU COFFLAND

ASSISTANT COACH: JOEL DAVIA

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Good Luck CARDINALS in "85"

# Union Local "Jets"



Front Row: Steve Williams, Shawn Bates, Jay R. Sigler, Carl Sigler, Andy Mistak, Mark McIntire, Ron Berry; Back Row: Head Coach Rick Link, Scott McKimmie, Joe Hart, Wade Smolira, John Bailey, Klay Davis, Jim McIntire, statistician Trena Sigler.

Principal: Philip Roudebush

Athletic Director: Jake Olsavsky.

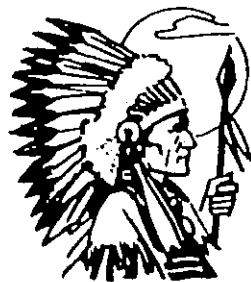
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## Good Luck 'JETS'

# Mingo High School "Indians"



**GO INDIANS**



**Mingo Colors**  
Red & Black

**Nickname: Indians**

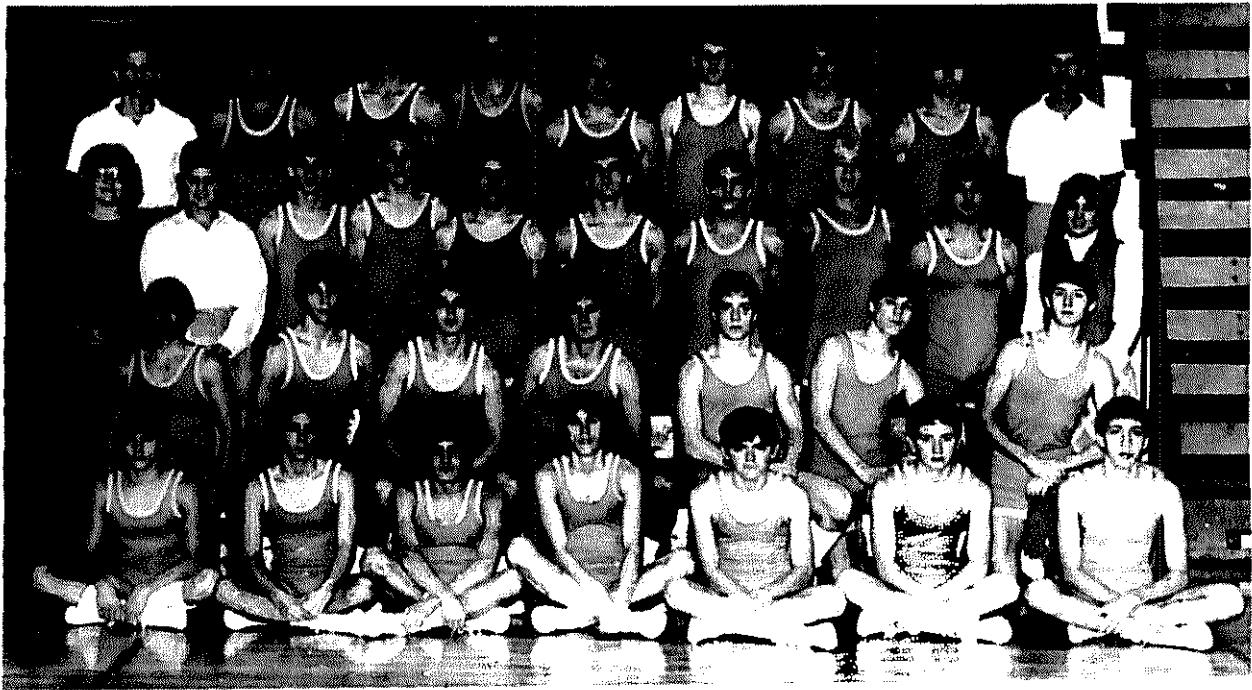
**Head Coach: Ted Galuschik**  
**Athletic Director: Paul Sogan**  
**Principal: William D. Welch**  
**Superintendent: Joseph Aguiar**

**"Good Luck"**

## **BOOSTERS**

**President: William Brettell**  
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# Oak Glen High School "Golden Bears"

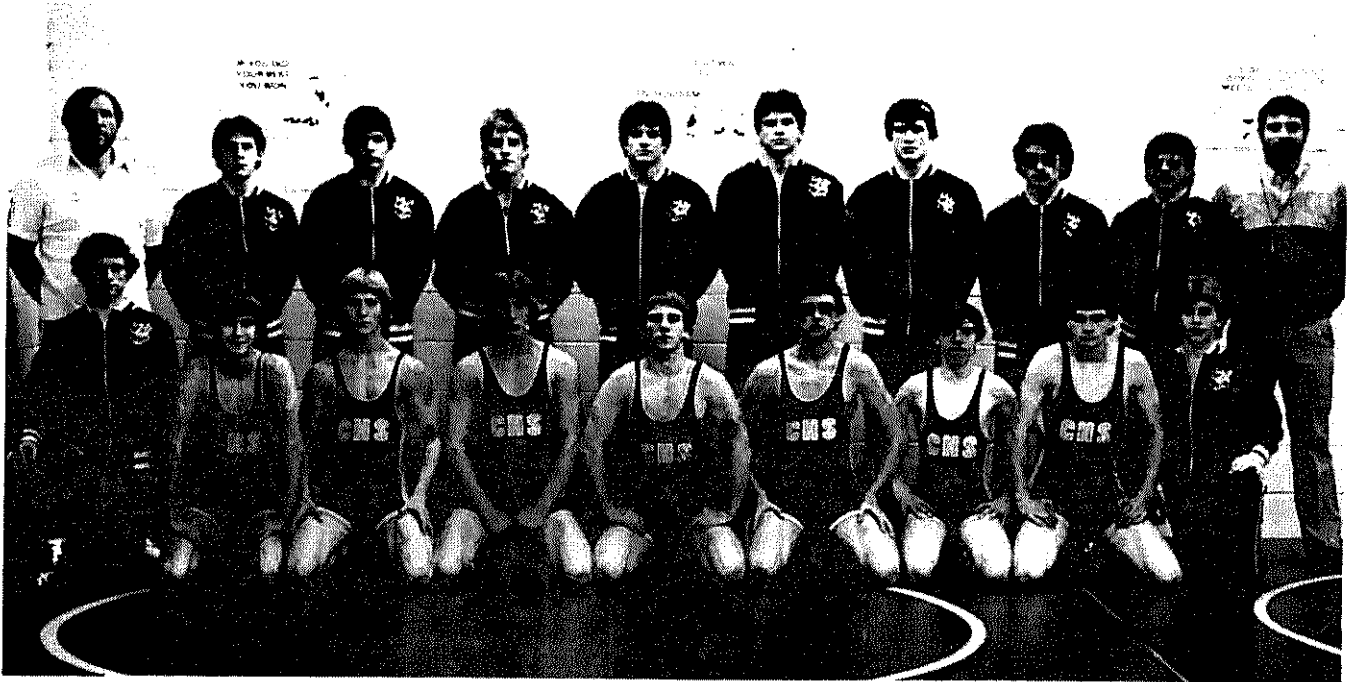


First Row, L-R: Nick Beaver, Jeff Sobel, Sean Murray, Mark Ralph, Bob Noland, Rick Mercer, Butch Geer;  
 Second Row, L-R: Pat Hoder, Dave Baier, Frank Crain, Rick Brown, Rex Cline, Rich Chaney, Paul Tate;  
 Third Row, L-R: Kim Conkle, Tonya Swiger, Paul Koper, Kendall Duffield, Andrew Perkins, Carl Starrett, Dave Oliver, Greg Hawkins, Candi Weltner;  
 Fourth Row L-R: Head Coach Larry Shaw, Mike Lancaster, Jim Szymanski, Carl Garner, Randy Flanigan, Steve Fryer, Brian Flanigan, Tom Booth, Assistant Coach Bill Wells;  
 Not Pictured: Tasha Gobert.

## PAST OVAC CHAMPS

1964	165	Steve Harris
1967	103	Rick Price
	145	Dave Lowther
1968	138	Fred Miller
1970	HWT	Ed Fields
1971	105	Calvin Price
	112	Harry Williams
1972	119	Harry Williams
1974	145	Dean Patterson
1975	138	Bob Walker
1976	145	Chuck Martin
1979	145	Jeff Hobbs
1980	98	Tim Ralph
1981	105	Tim Ralph

# Cameron High School "Dragons"



Front Row: Randy Doty, Darrell Boley, Dave Hinerman, Scott Hinerman, Ron Trowbridge, Keith Hughes, Roger Keyser, John Alley, Cary Ernest; Back Row: Coach Jim Potts, Dave Adams, Chad Aston, Pat Ernest, Rich Parson, Mark Herring, Rob Lyons, Jerry Fletcher, Dave Winters, Coach Bob Triveri.

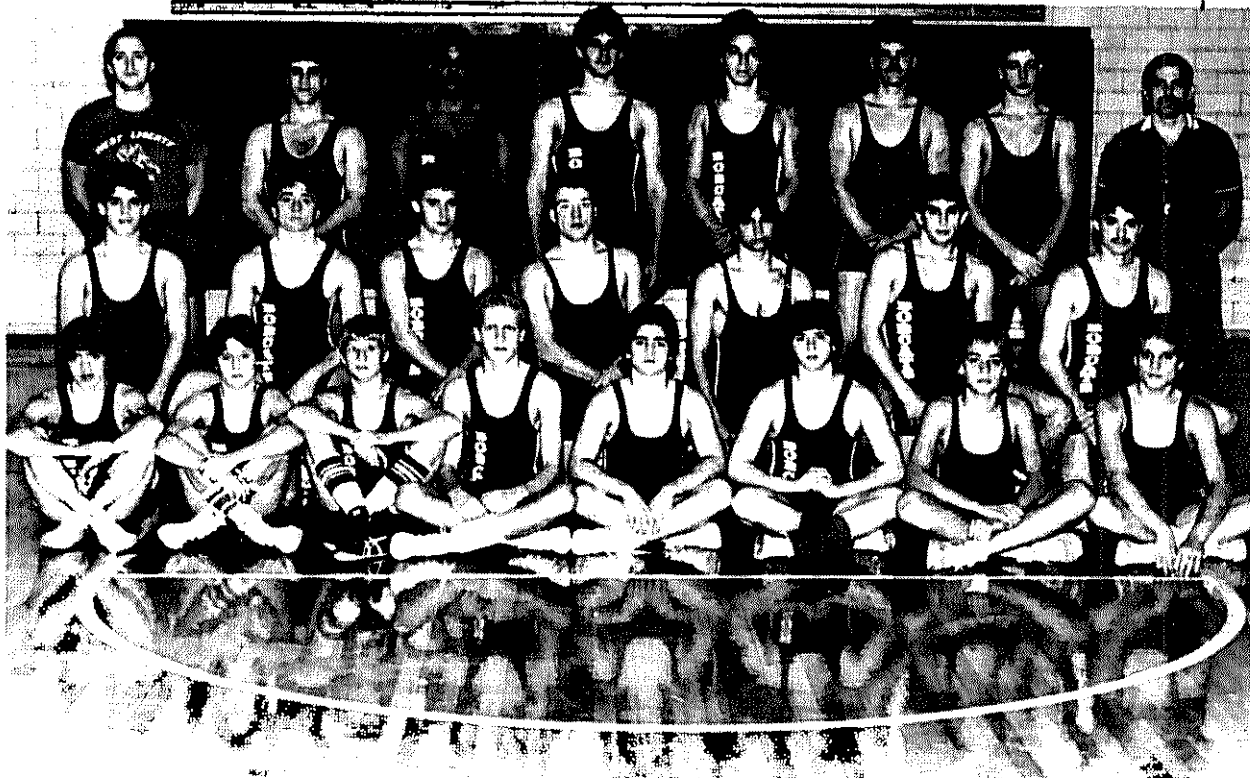
Cameron Colors  
Blue & Gold

Mascot  
Dragon

*Good Luck OVAC Champs*

Sponsored by Cameron Athletic Board Boosters

# Cambridge High School "Bobcats"



First Row: Don Fenwick, Don Severance, Ed Kenisell, Jean Jorgenson, Sean Crum, Bob Bennett, Frank Simmon, Bo Burt;

Second Row: Dan Orr, T.C. Chappellear, Eric Rich, Tim McConahy, Bob Walker, Jerry Mathews, Clay Johnson;

Third Row: Coach Jeff Carroll, Kelly Sovka, Don Peterson, Paul Eberle, Steve Hardy, Mike Spilker, Ty Shoemake, Coach Rick Spencer.

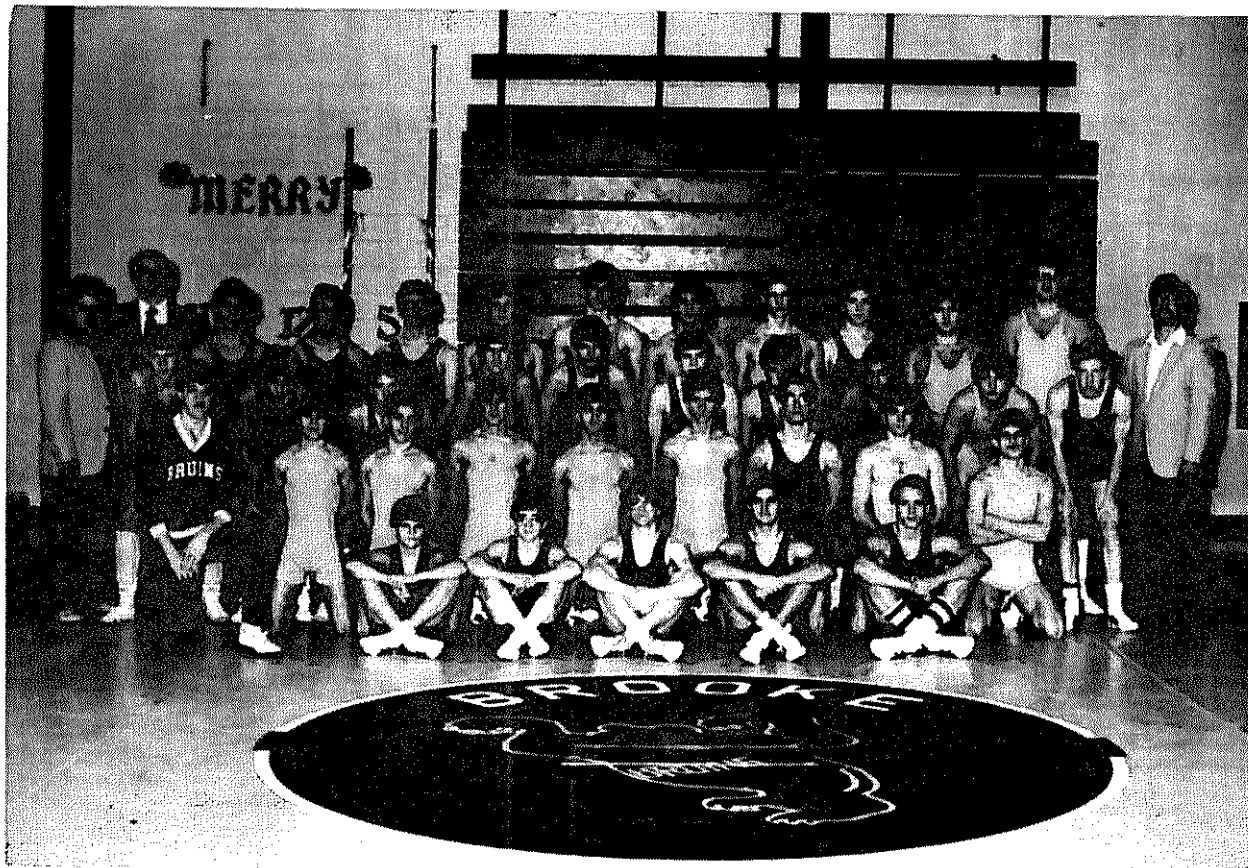
Athletic Director: Jim Cox  
Principal: Steve Farnsworth  
School Colors: Blue and White

Superintendent: Lou Cardamone  
Head Coach: Jeff Carroll  
Assistant: Rick Spencer



84-85 AAAA

# Brooke High School "Bruins"



Compliments of Brooke Wrestling Club

President: Curt Edgar  
Secretary: Karen Williams  
Treasurer: Eileen Wood

Coaches: Merle Tournay, Marty  
Baitt, Randy Wepler.

Trainers: Joe Starcher, George  
Brindley, John Zumpetta.  
Statistician: Frank Ferguson  
Athletic Director: Edward Watkins  
Principal: Anthony Paesano  
School Colors: Green and Gold  
OVAC Class: AAAA

## CONGRATULATIONS BRUINS

1984 Place Winners:

105 lbs. — Tim Gamble — 6th

HWT. — Joe Bonaventura — 7th

1980 — OVAC Runner-Ups  
1980 — Dual Meet Champions  
1980 — W. Va. AAA State Champs

## *Good Luck "BRUINS"*



# The Legacy of George E. Kovalick

by Bill VanHorne  
WHEELING NEWS REGISTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

This program is dedicated, with love and respect, to the late George Kovalick, who won more championships in more sports than any other man ever to coach in this area, and who was, to a great degree, responsible for the growth in the popularity of Ohio Valley high school wrestling.

Coach Kovalick died on his 61st birthday, April 8, 1984, but left as his legacy to wrestling a group of inspired people who are determined to carry on the program which he developed and nurtured with such energy, vision, and devotion.

"Coach K" was not the founding father of high school wrestling in our valley but did more to promote and expand interest in the sport than any other individual. He always stood ready to help any coach or any school which wanted to develop a wrestling team. He also led by example for he enjoyed unparalleled success.

The first seven OVAC wrestling tournaments were won by Kovalick-coached Bridgeport High teams. The next eight were won by Martins Ferry, where John "Cocky" Vrotsos introduced the sport after being indoctrinated into the finer points of wrestling by his good friend, George Kovalick.

A man who was marvelously competitive, meticulous in organization and detail and with an enormous capacity for work, George was driven not so much by the need to excel as by a sense of responsibility that would not permit him to leave any stone unturned, any avenue unexplored. He was a disciplinarian with little patience for incompetence and even less for laggardly performance.

Coach Kovalick was a man concerned with more than victory and defeat. He cared about his athletes as boys and men and he cared about what happened to them outside the athletic arena. A great number of coaches, as well as people who have succeeded in other pursuits, were touched by his influence. He never promised them a rose garden but he taught them how to survive the brambles and tangles. He made them winners — not only on the scoreboard but in life.

A graduate of Bridgeport High School himself, Coach "K" served with the U.S. Army in the China-Burma-India Theatre of Operations during World War II. He subsequently enrolled at Kent State University. He played four years of varsity football for the Golden Flashes and captained the team in his junior year. He made All-Ohio collegiate guard as a senior.

George Kovalick began his coaching career in 1950 at Bridgeport as an assistant football and head baseball coach and also initiated wrestling and gymnastics programs. He was to coach for 28 years.

By 1955, he produced a wrestling team which was runner-up in the Ohio state tournament. In 1959, his Bulldogs made history as they broke a stranglehold on the Ohio state championship which Cleveland schools had held since 1942. He produced six individual state champions while at Bridgeport and his teams not only were dominant in the OVAC but won five straight Eastern Ohio district titles.

The versatile coach also guided Bridgeport's baseball team to four Eastern Ohio championships, four district tournament titles and three OVAC crowns. Promoted to head football coach in 1960, he moulded a team that lost only one game.

His work at Bridgeport won him a coaching post at West Liberty State College. Originally hired as head mentor in wrestling and baseball and as an assistant in football, he became head football coach in 1962 and his team that year lost only one game. The following year, his Hilltoppers dropped their opener to Glenville and bounced back to go the rest of the way unbeaten to capture the West Virginia Conference title.

Coach Kovalick, who received his master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh, was presented the 1963 achievement award at the Ohio Valley Coaches banquet at Belmont Hills Country Club to celebrate his feat of directing conference title-winning teams in three sports at West Liberty. He promptly followed up by directing his baseball team to the NAIA championship in 1964.

At West Liberty, one of

his wrestling stars was Bob Douglas, who won an NAIA championship in 1962 and was runnerup in both the NAIA and NCAA tournaments in 1963 before transferring to Oklahoma State University.

Coach Kovalick subsequently moved on to Moundsville High, where he served as football, wrestling and track coach. His wrestlers won the Mountaineer League title in 1967 and were Region One champions and fourth in West Virginia in '68.

In May of 1968, the veteran coach accepted an appointment as wrestling coach at Barstow, California, High School. He returned to the Ohio Valley in 1971 at the behest of his friend and former coaching associate, Gene Remenar, then principal at Weir High. Two years later, he guided Weir High's football team to an OVAC "Big School" championship, a Mountaineer League crown, and to the finals of the state playoffs.

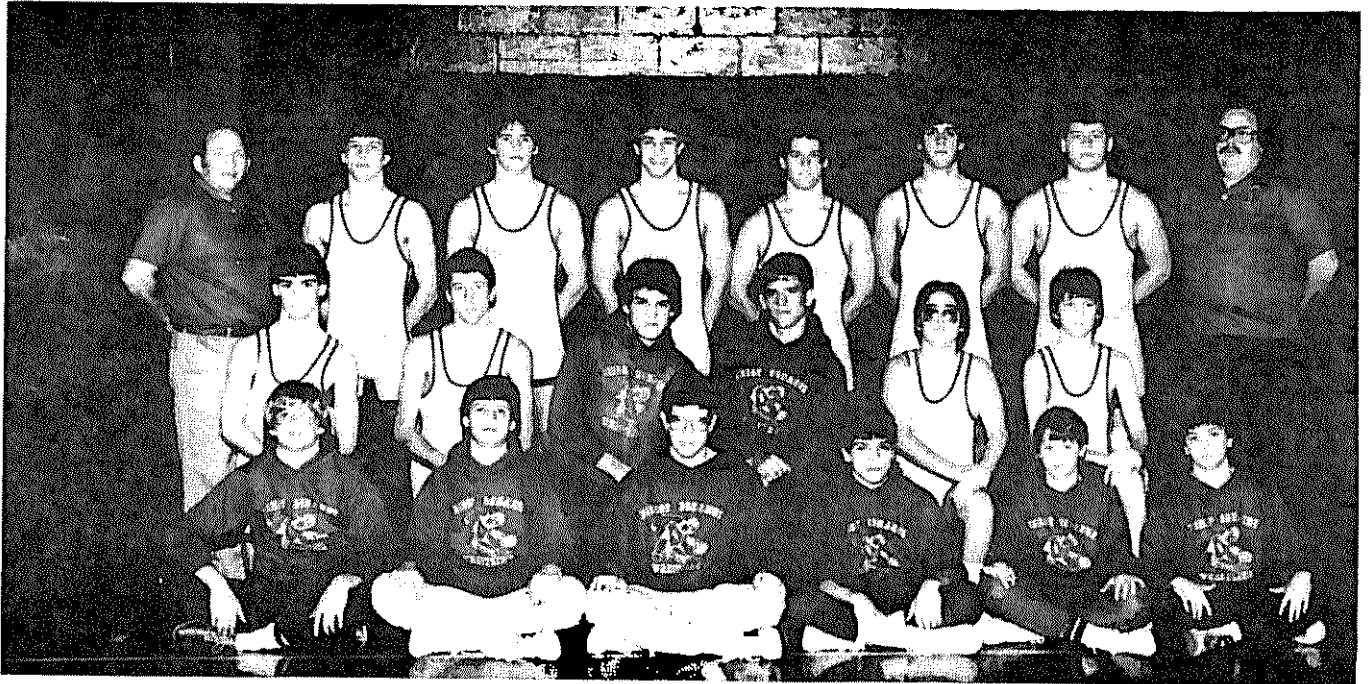
All four of Evelyn and George Kovalick's sons — George, Mike, Will, and Joe — wrestled and played football with distinction. Mike Kovalick accomplished the unique feat of being a state champion in West Virginia as a high school junior in '74 and an Ohio titlist in '75 as a senior — after his father had accepted duties at Bellaire High as transportation chief and assistant football and wrestling coach. Will Kovalick became a state champion at John Marshall High.

Retiring from coaching in 1978, "Coach K" served as athletic director at Bellaire High until the time of his death. He continued to give of his energies and knowledge to the OVAC as baseball and track chairman, as head of the football all-star selection committee and as the sage of the wrestling committee.

Coach Kovalick is a member of four Halls of Fame — at Kent State University, West Liberty State College, the Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association, and the Ohio High School Athletic Directors Association.

He was the first recipient of the OVAC's prestigious "Mr. Mat" Award because of his contributions to high school wrestling. The Ohio Valley Wrestling Coaches Association has named its annual scholarship award in his memory.

# Bishop Donahue High School "Bishops"



First Row: Mike Gordon, Jim Halovonich, Chris Taskalines, Troy Berlitch, Ed Dugas, Neil Brown;  
 Second Row: Ralph Taylor, Doug Vilkoski, Tom Welsh, Rich Kerekes, Scott Leonard, Chris Welsh;  
 Third Row: Coach Nardone, Greg Vilkoski, Mike Whitwam, Rob Gillespie, Jim Fogle, Chris Bidka,  
 Tom Cunningham, Coach Espina.

Bishop Donahue Colors  
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Nickname: Bishop

Athletic Director: Paul Vargo  
Principal: Paul Vargo

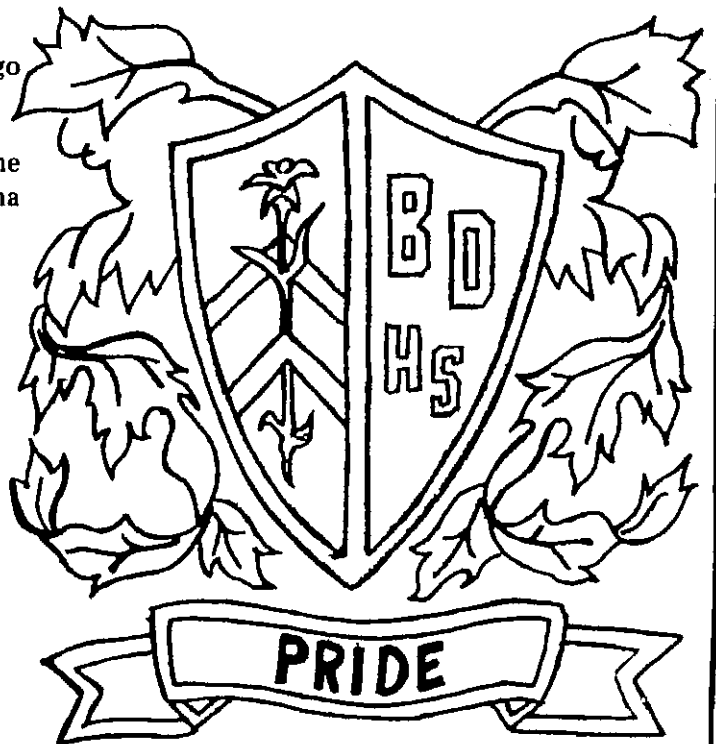
Head Coach: Emil Nardone  
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# Bellaire High School "Big Reds"



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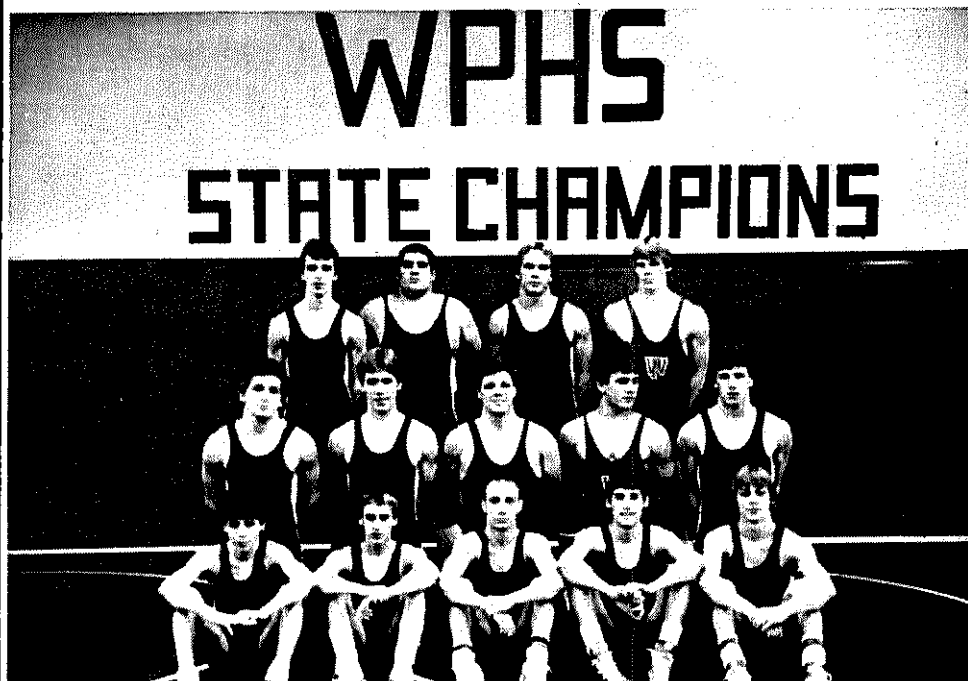
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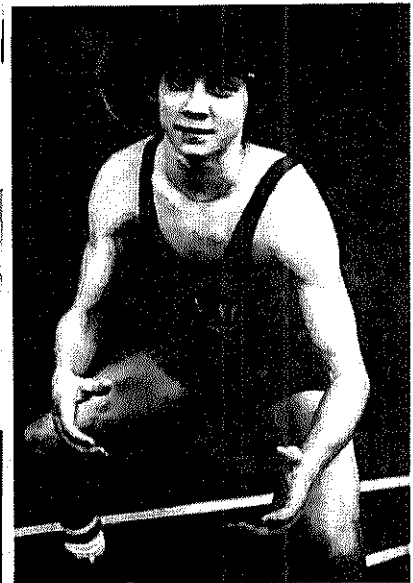
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# Words to the Wise

by William A. Welker

"A man of success is idolized, but a man of values is immortalized."

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"Talk may be cheap, but it can cost you a lot of friends."



"Being handicapped is not a state of body, but a state of mind."

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"Every man is capable of performing something unique; that which only he alone can perfect."

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"What you don't say sometimes says more."

"Talent is no match for hard work, determination, and perseverance."

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"Individuals who act too 'cool' often freeze under pressure."

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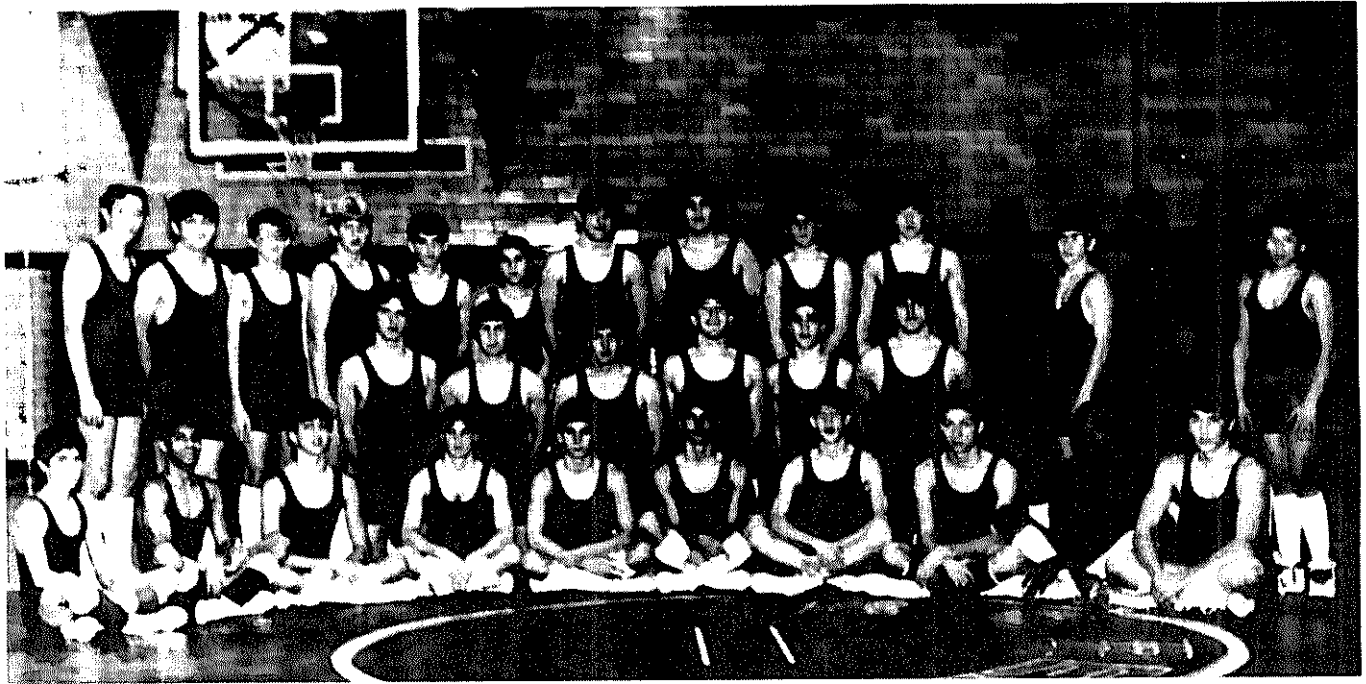
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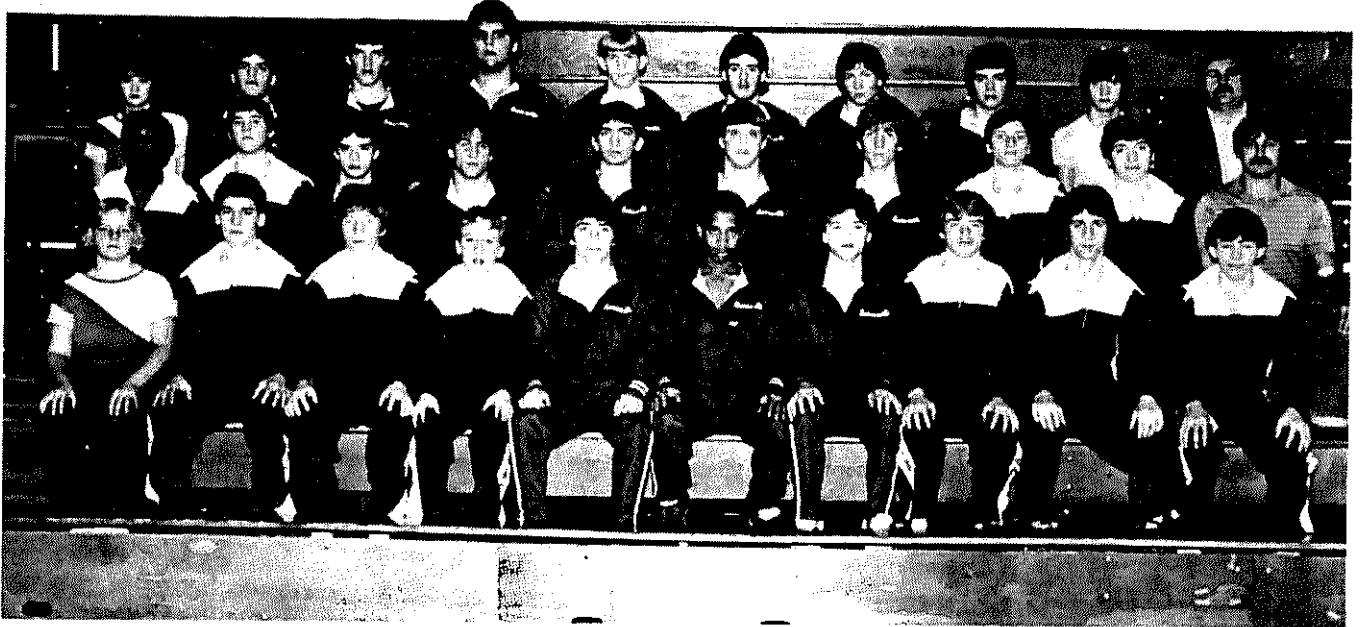
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# Barnesville High School "Shamrocks"



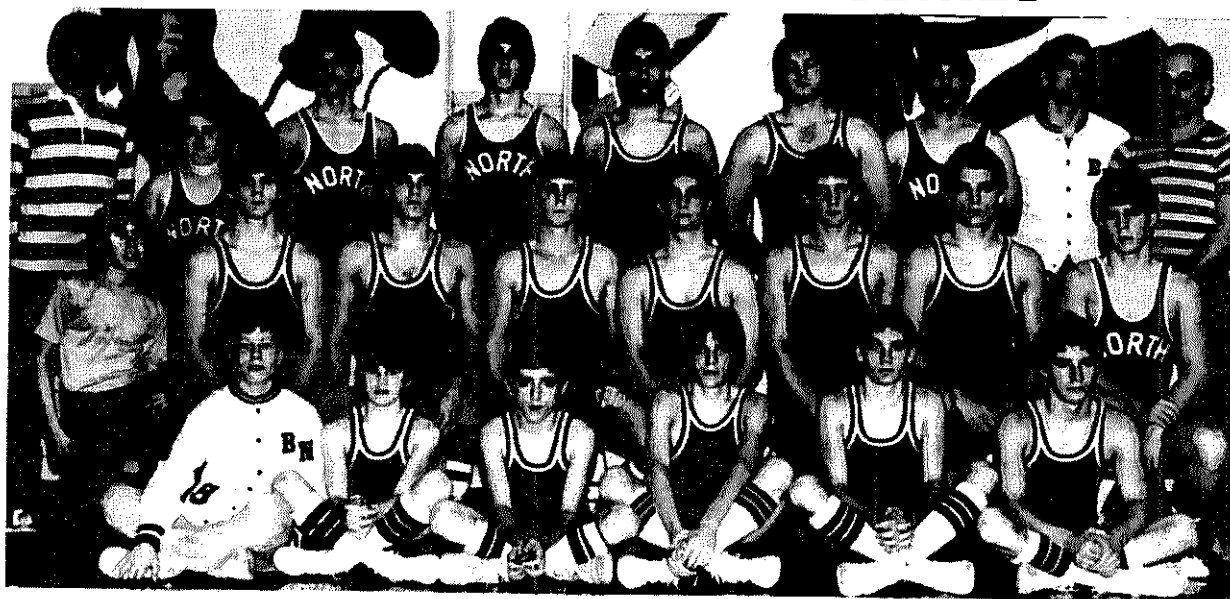
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Third Row L-R: Head Coach Robert "Pete" Frye, Ryan Doan, Tim Clevenger, Dan Reynard, Jeff Freeland, Ed Murphy, Orville Kelley, Doug Ferguson, Assistant Coach Greg Kinsey;  
Not Present when taken: Mike Reynard, Dan Cameron

"Good Luck"

# HIS LEGACY

As we pause to honor the Memory of Coach George Kovalick

Let us ever be mindful of the true nature of the man for whom the scholarship is named.

For if we simply remember him as a great coach who won a lot of games we have lost the essence of a man.

Rather his Legacy to us lies in the lives he touched:



— In his kindness and gentle humor,

— In his love for the OVAC,

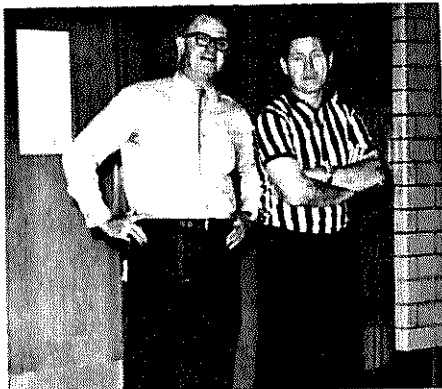
— In his talent for seeking and for building character in those he taught,

— In his ability to inspire others to greatness and most of all — in his ability to live, quietly and subtly and sincerely, those ideals others merely talk about.

This is the Legacy of Coach Kovalick

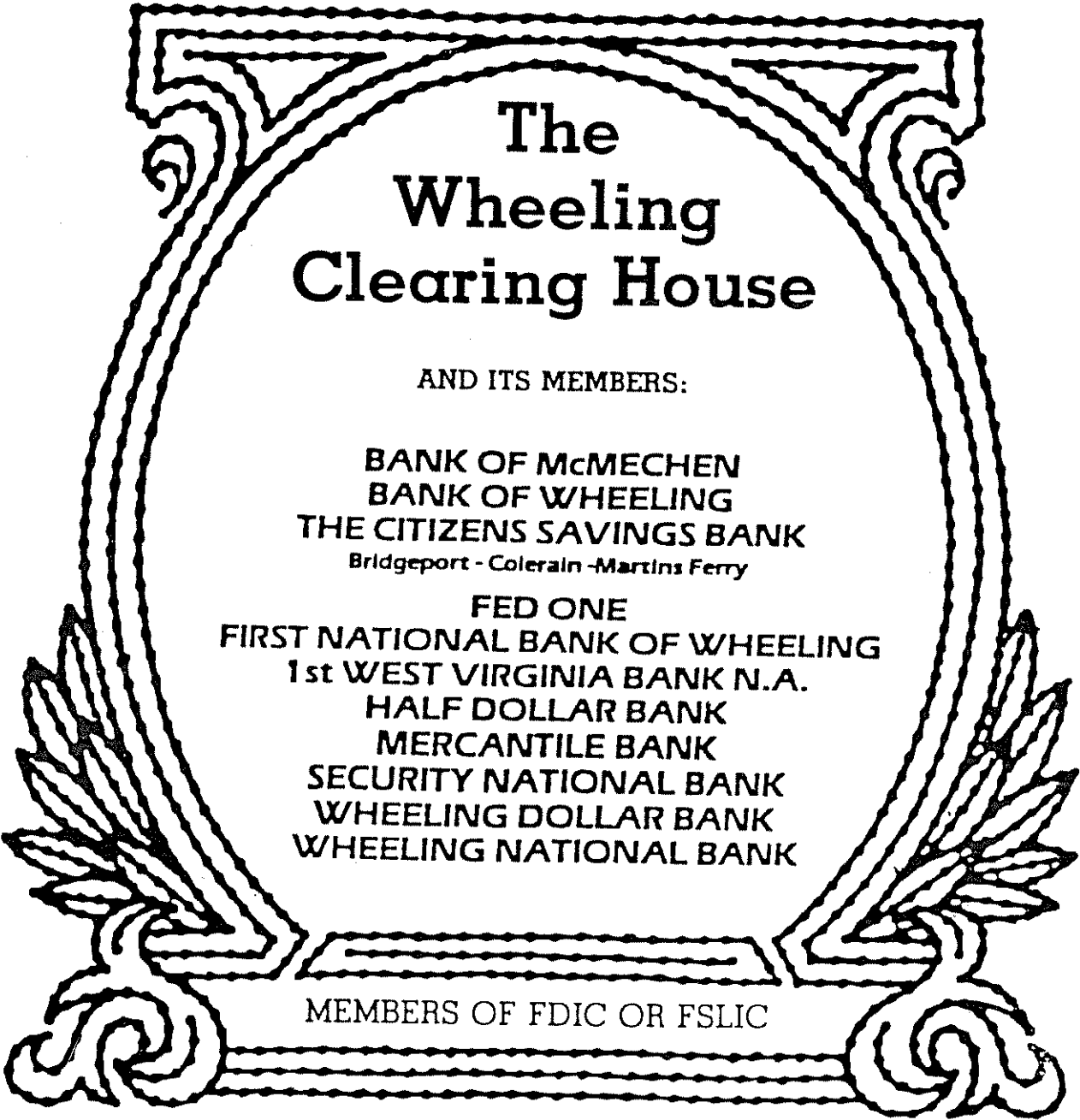
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3. Martins Ferry	133	21. Jefferson Union	45
4. Cadiz	125½	22. Meadowbrook	44½
5. Barnesville	125	23. Brooke	41½
6. Wheeling Park	124	24. Steubenville Central	35½
7. John Marshall	121½	25. St. Johns	25½
8. Oak Glen	102	26. Linsly	24
9. Cambridge	94½	27. Weirton Madonna	20
10. Bellaire	89½	28. Union Local	19
Magnolia	89½	29. Mingo	18½
12. Springfield	78	30. Buckeye North	15
13. St. Clairsville	75½	31. Toronto	8½
14. River	74	32. Buckeye West	6
15. Weirton	66½	33. Wellsville	6
16. Bridgeport	58½	34. Bishop Donahue	4
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