

# Barons pick to repeat as league champions

By ROBERT A. SKLAR  
Deep in veteran talent, Bloomfield Hills Andover looks like a blue-chip bet to repeat as Wayne-Oakland-League (WOL) varsity baseball champion this spring.

Last year, Coach Hal Henderson's Barons took the WOL title with a 7-3 mark in conference competition. Overall, they finished 13-9.

During the state tourney, Andover didn't fare quite so well. The Barons failed to survive beyond the tourney districts.

**THIS SEASON**, Henderson says, with eight returning lettermen including practically his whole pitching staff, he's particularly optimistic.

"There's simply no substitute

for experience," Henderson observed.

Prominently cast in Henderson's latest script for success are Randy Turner and George Roth, both 1973 All-WOL second-team picks.

**TURNER**, A junior, is an intimidating righthanded hurler who also can hit. In 1973, he rang up a 6-2 record and 1.43 earned-run-average on the mound, while batting a team-leading .343.

Roth, a senior, will help tend the outfield. He's coming off a year when he rocked opposing pitchers at an even .300 clip.

Playing supportive parts are John Peters and Steve Henderson. Both are seniors who saw only limited service last season. Peters is a

catcher; Henderson is a third-sacker.

**COMPLETING THE** pitching rotation are seniors Jeff Pierce and Scott Laing. Last year, Pierce, a sophomore, won four and lost four; Laing, a righthander, ended 0-2.

Bolstering the roster are return-

ees Ross Berlin and Mark Rydzon plus newcomer Mike Jaap. All are seniors, and all, according to Henderson, appear headed for a spot in the starting line-up.

Berlin is an infielder, Rydzon an outfielder and Jaap a shortstop.

**TURNER, PETERS and Jaap** are being especially counted on by

Henderson to act as team bel-lwethers.

As members of Coach Dick Dietz's Rochester squad which is defending state American Legion champion, they already know what's needed to win the big ones, Henderson explained.

The Barons have been in training for about two weeks in Andover's gymnasium.

**TO HELP** enrich their practices, they conducted during March a community drive selling tote bags, with proceeds ticketed for purchasing a pitching machine. This week, Andover will hold

three scrimmages against other area teams which provided the weather cooperates.

The Barons will christen their 1974 campaign Monday, when they host Coach Dick Yaroch's Madison Heights Lamphere Rams in a non-leaguer.

**ON WEDNESDAY**, the Barons will host Coach Ken Seislowicz's Madison Heights Bishop Foley Ventures in another nonleaguer.

After a two-week spring break, the Barons will have their WOL opener April 22 when they host Coach Jerry Gancel's Milford Redskins.

Game time each day is 3:30 p.m.



Andover's Randy Turner

## OWC qualifies 22 boys for state

Bloomfield Hills' Olympic Wrestling Club (OWC) gained statewide respect as a wrestling power Saturday in regional tournament action by capturing six individual championships and qualifying 22 grapplers for the state meet this weekend.

The regional, hosted at Pontiac Catholic High, was one of eight regionals conducted Saturday throughout the state and featured more than 300 boys between the ages of 5 and 14. It was also OWC's finest hour as they doubled their number of state meet qualifiers over 1973.

"This is the club's fourth year," said head coach Al Kehl, "but for the first two years we simply tried to promote interest in wrestling in our area. Last year we began to stress tournament competition . . . and this year everything is starting to jell."

**"TWENTY OF THE 22** boys headed for the state tournament are first year wrestlers. This proves how we've developed. We're getting more and better coaching. We're getting fantastic parent support . . . and our experienced boys are serving as great examples to our newcomers."

Understandably, Kehl added, "I couldn't be prouder of all our boys."

Heading the list of Olympic's regional champions was Dick Hastings, one of the "great examples" Kehl was talking about.

**HASTINGS WON** the title for the second straight year by pinning Chris Dohn of Adray in 1:49 in the final match. This clinched the 10-year-old, 72-pounder as OWC's all-time ace with 25 pins for the season.

Another OWC record was chalked up by sophomore Duke Wilson, who increased his 58-pound undefeated streak to 31-0.

Olympic's youngest regional champion was five-year-old, 43-pound Dusty Wilson. Wilson scored three impressive victories and one tie on his way to the title. He and his brother, Duke, are one of four sets of brothers who will represent OWC in the state finals.

**DAVID SEGULA**, regional champion at 65 pounds in the nine-10 age division, helped demonstrate OWC's development by scoring a 13-7 win in his final match against Doug Holcomb of Lake Orion. Segula is only a second-year wrestler.

Charley Parretta, another two-year grappler, rejoined the OWC program late in the season, but still dominated his 72-pound weight class in the eight-and-under age division, winning his final match 15-2.

OWC's only intermediate divi-

## Rates set at Sylvan

The Sylvan Glen Municipal Golf Course in Troy was scheduled to open Monday, April 1, with rates announced by the Troy Parks and Recreation Department.

Troy residents pay \$3 for nine holes and \$4.75 for 18 holes on weekdays, with non-residents paying 50 cents more for each nine holes. On weekends and holidays, residents pay \$3.75 and \$6, and non-residents fee is \$4.25 and \$7.00. After 2 p.m., residents cost is reduced to \$2.50 for nine holes and \$4 for 18 holes.

In leagues beginning after 3 p.m., residents pay \$3.25 and non-residents pay \$3.50.

Senior citizens pay \$1.50 for nine holes and \$2.25 for 18 holes on weekdays before 2 p.m. Non-resident senior citizens (ages 62 and over) may purchase a senior rate card for \$5 to use special senior rates.

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sional champion was 14-year-old David Reyes, who went undefeated for the second straight week in the rugged 148-pound class.

**LISTED-BY** weight classes, other high place finishers and state meet qualifiers (\*) were:

8 and under  
Second Place—"Chris George (49), \*Tom Kalts (52).  
Third Place—"Doug Miles (43), \*Scott Dyer (52), \*John Dumas (63).  
Fourth Place—"Scott Isaacson (49), \*Ted Pulling (52), \*Shawn Wyzant (53).  
Fifth Place—"Bobby Hastings (46), \*Kelly Kehl (52).

9-10  
Second—"Ken Berman (53), \*Andy Boddy (60).  
Third—"Dino Miles (75).  
Fourth—"Mark Nichols (85).  
Fifth—"Jeff Childs (92).

11-12  
Second—"Tom Barnes (78).  
Third—"John Segula (73).  
Fifth—"Jeff Dumas (73).

13-14  
Second—"Mike Williams (80), \*Pat Williams (83).  
Fourth—"Dave Nichols (90).  
Fifth—"Dan Foster (90).

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## Wrists duel at Oakland

The fourth annual Michigan wrist wrestling championships will be held Saturday, April 6, at Oakland University's sports and recreation building.

Eliminations will be from 1 to 5 p.m. and finals from 8 to 11 p.m.

Winners advance to the national wrist wrestling tournament in Las Vegas May 18 and the world's tournament will be held in Petaluma, Calif., Oct. 12.

Categories for the Michigan championship include featherweight, up to 150 pounds; lightweight, from 151 to 175 pounds; middleweight, from 176 to 200 pounds; and heavyweight, over 201 pounds. There also is a women's class, not distinguished by weight.

A Detroit metropolitan championship will be held Saturday, March 30, at the Pontiac Mall. Winners will advance to the Michigan championships at Oakland University and will be exempt from the elimination rounds to be held in the state meet at O.U.

## Major second in tourney

Rochester High's Mike Major placed second in the unlimited (heavyweight) class of the third annual Rhino Wrestling Club invitational Saturday in Ypsilanti.

Major pinned two of his four opponents.

Avondale's Roger Lee placed second at 112 pounds with one pin and two decision victories, and Jim Saunders of Avondale was third at 105 pounds with one pin and two wins on decisions.

Other local participants were Rochester brothers Ed Fisher at 105 pounds and Bill Fisher at 105, Don Maskill of Rochester at 102 and Mike Kemler of Rochester at 154 pounds. Avondale's Mitch Hall (154), Rick Strohschein (165) and Pat McGuire (heavyweight) also wrestled in the tournament.

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