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LAS VEGAS, NEVADA — Four more local athletes have joined Basic High's Anthony Salazar in signing national letters-of-intent to compete on UNLV's wrestling team starting this fall, head coach Dennis Finfrock announced Tuesday.

Finfrock, who coached the first-ever Rebel team to a 19-2 record this past year, said that "this year's seniors are the finest crop of talent our state has ever produced and we are extremely happy that at least five of them will remain in the state for their college career's."

Joining Salazar, who had a four-year record of 105-4, as new Rebels will be Eldorado's John Everett, Chaparral's David Pearce and Mark Tomlinson and Western High's John Washington.

Finfrock is very big on local athletes, commenting, "The strength of our program lies in our ability to work with a strong nucleus of local talent and to supplement it with a few out-of-staters. This past year's UNLV team featured five local starters on the 10 man squad and we had a great season."

"With this crop of recruits we can build on that strong unit," concluded Finfrock. The backbone on UNLV's team this year was team captain Mike Springer. A junior, Springer was a former three-time Nevada State champion for Basic High.

One of Southern Nevada's flashiest wrestlers and best college prospects, Everett has always been a crowd pleaser, and has been known for his ability to intimidate his opponents. He finished his varsity prep career with an overall record of 94-7, including an undefeated 35-0 his senior year. This spring he won his second state championship: he won his first as a sophomore and was second as a junior.

This highlight of this year's state meet was the showdown between Everett and Wooster High's Rudy Vallentin. Both wrestlers had perfect 34-0 records going into the match and Everett won an impressive 11-3 decision. He will go at 126 pounds for UNLV this fall.

The two new prospects from Chaparral High, Pearce and Tomlinson were both instrumental in helping the Cowboys

win the State AAA championships in both 1976 and 1977.

Pearce will compete at 118 pounds at UNLV and had an overall prep record of 46-5-1, while maintaining a 3.4 grad point average and being a member of Chaparral's marching band for all four years.

Tomlinson was a three-year varsity wrestler and runner-up at the state championships this year at 136 pounds. His prep record was 65-11, and Finfrock has high hopes for him, saying, "Mark has excellent strength, balance and determination, he'll be a good one on the college level."

Washington was the tragedy of this year's State tournament, entering as the defending champion. He was well on his way to his second straight title, when a broken arm in the semi-finals put an end to his gallant efforts.

Finfrock commented, "John has a great attitude and is anxious to get back into action next fall."

Several other outstanding local seniors are expected to sign with UNLV, Finfrock reports, as well as a few talented out-of-staters in the next few weeks.

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The Town Tavern Gent's went to Overton over the Memorial Day weekend to play in a tournament. The tournament started Friday night. The Town Tavern won two games on Friday, and played two games on Saturday winning one of two.

There were no games on Sunday. We returned on Monday and played four games and won all four. The Town Tavern beat the Trophy Room two games to win the tournament. The Gent's manager Lawrence Ducree had outstanding defensive play from Fred Lyons.

The offensive player's of the games were Luke Young, Joe Ducree, Greg Stricklen, and Lawrence Ducree. Joe Ducree had five homeruns in eight games.

The defensive player of the game was Fred Lyons.

**TEAM PLAYERS**

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| LAWRENCE DUCREE | FRED LYONS    |
| JOE DUCREE      | T. J. POOLE   |
| KEN TAYLOR      | LARRY CROSS   |
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