



## Brockport wrestlers finish 6th at Nationals Zagorski 'knocked out'; Quick falls to Vega in finals, 9-2

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Although many expected the SUNY Brockport wrestling team to finish better than sixth at last weekend's NCAA Division III Championships in Rock Island, IL, SUNY Brockport wrestling head coach Don Murray was not disappointed.

✓ Brian Quick, who won the national title at 190 pounds last year, lost in this year's final and finished second.

✓ Chris Stevens, making his third trip to the nationals, became an All-American for the first time, taking fourth at 134 pounds.

✓ Fritz Zagorski, the defending 126-pound champ, was sixth this year after suffering two broken bones in his right cheek in the semifinals.

✓ D.J. Simonton, the only sophomore in SUNY Brockport's six-man contingent, finished eighth after not placing last year. He became the 79th All-American wrestler at SUNY Brockport. All but two have wrestled for Murray.

"First of all, I'm pleased to see Brian and Fritz repeat as All-Americans and see Chris and D.J. make All-American. I'm sad we didn't finish higher, but if Fritz hadn't gotten hurt..."

The word "if" has had a major influence on the team since the SUNYAC Championships ended Feb. 16. "If" the team had qualified more than six wrestlers for the nationals, the chances of winning a fifth Division III title under Murray would have been greater.

"I would have been more comfortable with two more kids at the nationals," Murray said. "I think the kids will work even harder to win it next year. The incentive is there to do better."

With the six wrestlers, Murray hoped

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to still finish in the top three this year. Instead, the second-ranked Golden Eagles finished sixth behind top-ranked Augsburg of Minnesota (92 points), Trenton State of New Jersey (59.5), St. Thomas of Minnesota (50.5), Central of Iowa (46), and Augustana of Illinois (44), the host school.

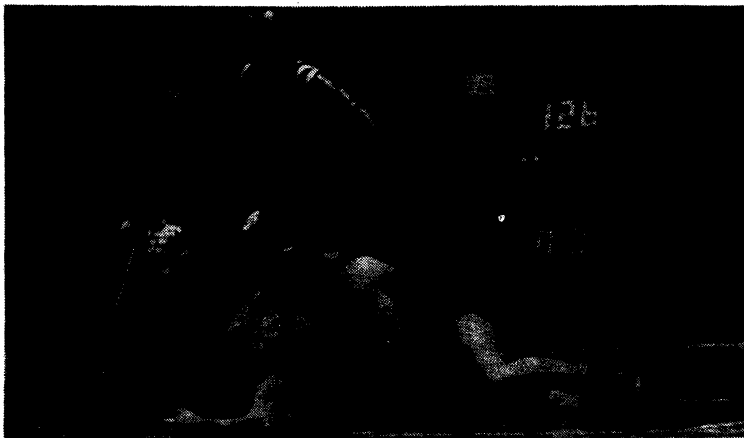
Finishing in the top three would have been possible, "if" Zagorski had not been hurt.

Zagorski, who has dominated Division III competition for the past two years, was third in the nation as a freshman and first last year. The number one seed for this year's tournament won his first match against Kurt Christensen of Loras (4-3) to advance to the quarterfinals against Russ Terlecki of Trenton State.

Just 14 into the match, Terlecki's head gear opened up a cut over Zagorski's eye. The injury was patched up by a bandage that SUNY Brockport head trainer Lee Cohen had to wrap around Zagorski's head.

In the final minute of the match, with Zagorski leading 4-3, Terlecki "took a full shot when he turned" and landed a solid elbow to Zagorski's right cheek. The junior went down in pain and struggled through the final moments of the match, winning 4-3.

After the match, Zagorski iced the injury, made weight for Saturday's semifinals, and was taken to the local hospital for x-rays. The x-rays proved



Golden Eagle Fritz Zagorski [top], the defending 126-pound NCAA champion, finished sixth this year after suffering two broken bones in his right cheek in the semifinals.

[File photo]

negative, and Zagorski was permitted to compete in Saturday's matches, provided he wear an awkward face mask that looked like an old-time ice hockey goalie mask to protect the injured cheek.

On Saturday, less than 15 minutes before Zagorski's scheduled semifinal with fifth-seeded Chad Beck of Central, the tournament doctor told Zagorski, Cohen, and Murray that the hospital had read the x-rays incorrectly. Zagorski had at least two broken bones in his cheek but he would be allowed to wrestle.

In the match, Zagorski wrestled cautiously. After three periods, the match was tied 2-2. In sudden death

overtime, Zagorski tried a single-leg takedown, but was unable to complete the move. Beck was able to shake off the attempt and score a takedown attempt himself and score a 4-2 win.

For Zagorski, the mask was definitely a problem. "Every time we locked up, it (the mask) moved up my face and I was looking at the nose," Zagorski said. "And when he would hit me in the face, I would feel it all the way through my teeth."

Terlecki's tactics in the semifinals were highly questionable. "He came out trying to hurt Fritz," Murray said. Terlecki was head-butting Zagorski throughout the match but was never warned by the referee. Zagorski was

forced to default his last two matches. He was 16-4 this year.

Quick, the defending national champion at 190 pounds and the top-seed, waltzed through his first three matches and into the finals. He dominated Frank Dachler of Case Western Reserve, 5-1; punished Corey Bowser of John Carroll, 15-6; and easily dispatched of fourth-seeded Jon Dawley of Wartburg, 8-2, in the semifinals, setting up a rematch with Scott Vega of Montclair.

In last year's championship match, Quick beat Vega, 14-5. But this year,

the New Jersey native got the upper hand, handing Quick his first loss since the championship match of the New York State Tournament. Vega's 9-2 victory was the first time this season that Quick had lost to a Division III wrestler.

"The other kid really wanted it this year," Murray said. "Brian may have underestimated him. Vega is a natural athlete, a real animal. He's like Jim Brown. Just give him the ball and he'll run."

Quick trailed 2-1 after the first period but escaped to start the second and tied the match up at 2-2. But Vega scored the final seven points of the match for the win. Quick finished the year 21-5-1.

Stevens was the fifth-seed at 134 pounds and beat David Carr of Luther

(14-3) to set up a match with fourth-seeded Rich Elliot of St. Thomas in the quarterfinals. Elliot, who ended up finishing second, handed Stevens a 17-9 defeat, sending the junior to the consolation bracket.

Stevens wrestled extremely well to make it to the consolation finals, beating Chris Steinbacher by fall at 4:55; Brian Allen of Rhode Island College (11-1); and sixth-seeded Joe Hoialmmen of team-champion Augsburg (8-0). In the third-place match, Stevens lost to the defending champion and top-seed, T.J. McStravik of Glassboro State, 10-4. Stevens had the best record on the team this year (26-6).

Simonton drew fourth-seeded Tim Tousignant of Augsburg in his first

match and battled to the wire, dropping a 7-3 decision. In the wrestle-backs, he beat Dan Magayna of Upper Iowa (11-4), pinned Carl Skefchik of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (5:59), and stopped Shawn O'Meara of Trenton State (7-1) to earn All-American status.

Saturday, in a close match with eighth-seeded Bill Mallin of Albany, Simonton sprained his ankle and was forced to default 3:00 into the match.

Badly limping in the seventh-place match, he was pinned by Keith Albert of Loras (5:51). Simonton was 17-13-1 this winter.

Bryant Ranger (118 pounds) and Nelson Colley (158 pounds) did not place but wrestled well. Ranger lost to

the eventual third-place finisher, Keven Sheehan of Plymouth, 9-8 in his first match. In the wrestle-backs, Ranger beat Brian McClenahan of NYU, the New York State Champion, 8-5. In his final match, Ranger lost to Nick Salatino of John Carroll, 3-2. A freshman, Ranger was 8-9-1 this year.

Colley had the worst draw of the six SUNY Brockport wrestlers. He lost to top-seeded Rob Llorca of Wisconsin-Whitewater (TF, 5:22), beat Dave Rourke of Ohio Northern (10-5), and lost to Kevin Ahern of St. Thomas (10-5). Llorca was the 158-pound weight class and was named Outstanding Wrestler at last year's nationals. Ahern finished third this year. Colley was 14-8 as a junior.

# Golden Eagle Extra Points

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## Wrestling

- 3/1 and 2 at Augustana College
6. **SUNY Brockport** 40.00
- 118-lb.—Kevin Sheehan over **Bryant Ranger** 13-4; **Ranger** over Mat McCleahan 8-5; Nick Salatino over **Ranger** 3-2; Record 8-9-1.
- 126-lb.—**Fritz Zagorski** over Kurt Christensen 4-3; **Zagorski** over Russ Terlecki 4-3; Beck over **Zagorski** 4-2 OT. 6th Record 16-4-0.
- 134-lb.—**Chris Stevens** over David Carr 14-3; Rich Elliot over **Stevens** 17-9; **Stevens** over Chris Steinbacher F 4:35; **Stevens** over Brian Allen 11-1; T.J. McStravik over **Stevens** 10-4. 4th Record 26-6-0.
- 150-lb.—Tim Tousignant over **D.J. Simonton** 6-4; **Simonton** over Dan Magayna 11-4; **Simonton** over Mike Scheurich F 5:59; **Simonton** over Shawn O'Meara 7-1; Bill Mallin over **Simonton** due to injury. 8th Record 17-13-1
- 158-lb.—Rob Llorca over **Nelson Colley** TF 5:22; **Colley** over Dave Rourke 4-2; Kevin Ahern over **Colley** 10-5. Record 14-8-0.
- 190-lb.—**Brian Quick** over Frank Dachtler 5-1; **Quick** over Corey Bowser 15-6; **Quick** over Jon Dawley 8-2; Scott Vega over **Quick** 9-2. 2nd Record 21-5-1.

All-Americans:

**Fritz Zagorski**  
**Chris Stevens**  
**D.J. Simonton**  
**Brian Quick**

## Swimming

- Geneseo 432
  - Binghamton 404.50
  - Cortland 372.50
  - New Paltz 345
  - Potsdam 331
  - Buffalo State 135
  - Plattsburgh 84
  - Brockport** 79
  - Oswego
- 200 freestyle relay—Consolation final 8th 1:35.59  
50 freestyle—**Dan Swift** 2nd :22.16  
400 medley relay—Consolation final 9th 4:05.27  
200 medley relay—Consolation final 8th 1:49.28  
100 butterfly—**Dan Swift** 3rd :53.73  
100 backstroke—**Jason Kantak** 10th :59.26  
800 freestyle relay—Consolation final 9th 8:12.09  
200 backstroke—**Jason Kantak** 12th 2:11.72  
100 freestyle—**Dan Swift** 9th :49.79  
3-meter diving—**Scott Miller** 13th 251.8  
400 freestyle relay—Consolation final 8th 3:31.22

## J.V. Basketball

field goals, free throws, free throw attempts, total pts.

### Season Totals

John Vlogianitis	101-223	35-42	246
Williams	87-188	17-38	199
Martin	69-147	23-36	169
Jim Vlogianitis	55-110	27-39	146
Wilcox	42-183	44-63	144
Younglove	61-100	20-42	142
Vernier	31-83	3-6	89
Miller	23-58	10-14	58
Monroe	13-32	17-38	45
Drake	13-26	7-11	37
Bortnick	6-21	2-2	14
Kopec	4-15	3-5	11
Brophy	3-3	4-5	10
Roberts	2-4	1-4	5
Lahue	1-3	0-0	2
Reddick	0-0	1-2	1

## Track and Field

3/1 and 2 at NYSCT&FA  
Championships at Colgate

16th place finish

- 35-lb. weight throw—**Derek Howlett**  
44 ft. 9 1/4 in. 7th
- Shot put—**Jim Jackson** 39 ft. 2 1/2 in.
- 200-meter—**Brian Quinn** :24.00
- 800-meter—**Bill Sheffield** 2:00.8
- Distance medley relay—

**Greg Engel**  
**John Bartley**  
**Bill Sheffield**  
**Dan Goodwin**  
10:44.40

## Athlete-of-the-Week

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Terri Gordon (Endicott/Maine-Endwell High School) of the women's swimming and diving team is this week's honoree.

A freshman, Gordon finished ninth in the three-meter diving competition at the SUNYAC Championships at Oswego Feb. 28-March 2, but set a school record with 273.20 points, breaking the mark of 265.0 points set by Terry Adams in 1984. Gordon also finished 11th on the one-meter diving board with 248.75 points.

