



*D&C Photo by Paul DePascale*  
RIT's Jim Hill tries to bring Brockport State's Lee Finch down to mat.



# 3 Eagles Crowned



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Brockport State's Long Island transplants dominated the New York State Intercollegiate Invitational Wrestling Tournament, crowning three champions in 10 events last night at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Bruce Biondi, Dave Foxen and Paul Bruns, all Long Island natives, won titles as the Golden Eagles won the event on their first try. State University of New York Athletic Conference teams joined the field this year, swelling it to 16 teams.

Next year, RIT coach Earl Fuller said, the Metropolitan Conference will change the date of its championships, so downstate schools will be added to make the event more truly a state championship.

Biondi, from Farmingdale, started the finals by edging Al Solomon of Geneseo State and Rush-Henrietta, 2-1, in the 118-pound weight class. His winning margin was his riding time advantage.

Doug Rutter of Buffalo (126 pounds) then pinned Oeonta State's Octavius Jones in the evening's fastest time, one minute, 21 seconds. Rutter was later named the two-day tournament's most valuable wrestler. He had beaten RIT's Tom Pearce, the defending champion, in the semifinals.

Foxen, from Garden City, knocked off the Tigers' other defending champ, Ray Ruliffson, 5-2, at 134 pounds.

The tournament's only suc-

cessful returning titleholder was Union heavyweight Howard Benedict, who pinned Albany State's Rudy Vido in 3:34. Greg Reilly of Binghamton State, runner-up at 167 last year, won this time, 9-7, over Potsdam State's Joe Galea.

The most exciting final was the 142-pound bout, in which Albany State's Larry Mims took a 7-1 lead after one period only to lose, 13-9, after Potsdam State's Tony Peraza picked up four stalling points in the third period.

Bruns, a freshman from West Babylon, shut out top-seeded Rich Molbury of Potsdam State, 6-0, at 177.

A fourth Golden Eagles finalist, 190-pounder Mike Parente of New Hyde Park, defaulted his match when "the cartilage went out in his knee," according to coach Don Muray, Long Islander from Huntington. Ithaca's Paul Iacovelli was the 190 champion.

Brockport amassed 95½ points to 77 for second-place Oswego State. Another SUN-YAC team, Potsdam State, was third with 69½. Host RIT finished ninth with 32, Geneseo State was 10th with 18 and Rochester placed 12th with 10.

## Cardinals Lose Finale

*Special to the D&C*

NEW YORK CITY — Bernard Baruch defeated St. John Fisher, 77-66, in the Cardinals' last basketball game of the season last night.

The home team led 39-30 at halftime and expanded the advantage to 52-33 early in the second half. Fisher could get no closer than nine points thereafter.

Al Gallmon scored 26 points to lead the Cardinals, including 14 in the first half. Fisher finished the season with a 15-7 record after posting 17-3 and 19-2 marks the previous two years.

**Baruch 77, Fisher 66**

St. John Fisher				Bernard Baruch			
G	F	T		G	F	T	
Richardson	2	1	5	Robinson	1	0	2
Sydlo	1	0	2	Stein	6	2	14