

Gridley Named Outstanding Wrestler ★

Gridley, Locascio Lead Grapplers To 3rd Place in NYSIAC Tourney; Fast Moving Cortland State Romps To Finish First

Senior Captain Leon Gridley and sophomore Dave Locascio led the Oswego grapplers to a 3rd place in the first annual New York State Intercollegiate Athletic Council Tournament held in Cortland on February 25.

Gridley copped the 167 pound championship by defeating an old rival of his, Al Scheer of Cortland. Gridley lost earlier this year to Scheed.

As those who have seen a home

meet know, Leon's overwhelming strength has blown the whistle on many opponents this year. This upset victory also earned for Leon the tournament's outstanding wrestler award. The outstanding wrestler was picked by the coaches of the competing schools: Oswego, Cortland, Oneonta, and Albany.

Locascio Still Going

Dave Locascio, perhaps the most prolific wrestler on the

squad, never batted an eye in raising his season's record to 10 wins against only one loss. Dave, suffering from a cough and a cold, hardly looked well enough to wrestle but pinned his first opponent, Mike Zollo of Oneonta, in 1:46.

In the finals, Dave met Ed Thomson of Cortland, beating him in the 1 point time advantage rule, 4-3. This rule states that the wrestler who held the most cumulative seconds in advantage is allotted one point. The coincidence is that Dave beat the same boy 2-1 earlier this year, again on time advantage.

Coach See has said that even though Oswego placed third in the tournament, the grapplers gave a fine showing. He has also indicated that the tournament has been invited to be held at Oswego next year. With a possible addition of new state schools, this could become a tournament of wide standing.

Lakers Wrap Up Successful Year

The matmen finished their regular season with a fine 4-6 record despite the handicaps of many injuries, weight problems, and losses due to practice teaching. The best individual performances were, of course, produced by Locascio and Gridley with overall season and tournament records of 10-1 and 10-2 respectively.

Graduation will claim Leon Gridley, Jim Fraioli, and Jim Burdigan, but a fine freshman squad is expected to move up next year.



PROUD BEARERS OF TROPHIES are Leon Gridley, center, (167 lb. champ and outstanding wrestler), and Dave Locascio, 177 lb. champ). Coach Dave See, left, plans to take these two grapplers to Cleveland for the coming 4-1 tournament.

It has been announced that the 1962 NYSIAC Wrestling Tournament will be held at Oswego. This year, the first annual tournament found Oswego coping third place.