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NCAA DIVISION III WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Brockport State entered this weekend's NCAA championships seeking its fifth national championship in 11 years. The history of the Division III tournament since it began 14 years ago:

Year	Champion (points)	Runner-up (points)	Area individual champions (weight class)
1974	Wilkes, Pa. (135 1/2)	John Carroll, Ohio (86 1/2)	Frank Calabria, Brockport (177)
1975	John Carroll, Ohio (111)	Montclair, N.J. (96)	John Martellucci, Brockport (142)
1976	Montclair, N.J. (143)	John Carroll, Ohio (112 1/4)	None
1977	Brockport St. (99 1/4)	Humboldt, Calif. (93)	R. Sippel (177), M. Tindall (hwt), Brockport
1978	Buffalo (91 3/4)	Millersville, Pa. (90)	None
1979	Trenton St. (77 3/4)	Brockport St. (77 1/2)	None
1980	Brockport St. (111 1/4)	Trenton, N.J. (88 3/4)	Kevin Richard, Brockport (126)
1981	Trenton, N.J. (111 3/4)	Brockport St. (100)	J. Giani (150), W. Vandenburg (167), Brockport
1982	Brockport St. (111 1/2)	Trenton, N.J. (93 1/2)	Frank Famiano (126), Ron Winnie (150), Jeff Cox (167), Brockport
1983	Brockport St. (85 3/4)	Trenton, N.J. (80 3/4)	Frank Famiano (126), Ron Winnie (150), Anthony Conetta (177), Brockport; Darryl Leslie, RIT
1984	Trenton, N.J. (96 3/4)	Augsburg, Minn. (68 1/2)	None
1985	Trenton, N.J. (67)	Central Iowa (59 1/4)	Scott DeTore, Brockport (134)
1986	Montclair, N.J. (87 1/4)	Brockport St. (78)	Todd Slade, Brockport (158)

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WRESTLING

Division III National Championship

At Buffalo

Team scoring

(Through quarterfinals and three rounds of consolation)

Trenton St. 45½, Buffalo 36, Brockport 35¾, Delaware Valley 28, Albany 25¼, John Carroll 24½, Montclair State 19¾, St. Lawrence 19, Ithaca 16½, St. Thomas, Minn. 15¾, Buena Vista 13½.

Individual

118—Troy Monks (Brock) dec. Mike Stillson (Buena Vista), 13-8, Shawn Sheldon (Albany) dec. Monks, 14-5; **126**—Pete Hayak (John Carroll) dec. Jose Munoz (Brock), 3-2, Munoz dec. Scott Arneson (Wisconsin-Platteville), 6-3; **134**—Andy Lonning (Luther) dec. Keith Peavy (Brock), 9-3, Peavy p. Glen Locke (Ithaca), 5:39; **150**—Dave Recor (Brock) dec. Paul Amoruso (Wesleyan), 12-5; Recor dec. John Verdes (Heidelberg), 4-1; **158**—John Leone (Brock) ff. Matt Parmely (Cornell, Iowa), 6:10, Leone dec. Dave McLaughlin (William Penn), 18-4; **167**—Todd Slade (Brock) p. Mike Jackson (Kean), 1:49, Randy Worrell (Delaware Valley) p. Slade, :58; **177**—Joe Errigo (Buf) dec. Timm Slade (Brock), 10-5, Slade dec. Jim Jefferis (York), default; **heavyweight**—Rusty Middlebrook (Brock) dec. Al Nardone (Kean), 10-3; Pat Connors (St. Lawrence) p. Middlebrook, 4:44.

WRESTLING

BUFFALO — Brockport State, which has been ranked No. 1 nationally all season, fell 20¼ points behind after two rounds of the NCAA Division III championships at the University of Buffalo, but then rallied to within 9¾ points after the consolation wrestlebacks.

Trenton (N.J.) State, which has won the national title two of the past three years, totaled 45½ points after the first day of the two-day meet, followed by Buffalo (36) and Brockport (35¾).

Dave Recor (150 pounds) and Penfield's **John Leone** (158) are the only Brockport wrestlers with two victories through the quarterfinals. Recor deci-

sion Wesleyan's **Paul Amoruso**, 12-5, and Heidelberg's **John Verdes**, 4-1, while Leone scored a technical fall over **Matt Parmely** of Cornell (Iowa) and decisioned William Penn's **Dave McLaughlin**, 18-4.

Leone, seeded No. 1, wrestles St. Thomas' **Dale Massop** in the semifinals.

The biggest upset in the quarterfinal round came at 167 where second-seeded **Todd Slade** of Brockport was pinned by seventh-seeded **Randy Worrell** in :58.

Cardinal Mooney graduate **Joe Errigo** of Buffalo decisioned Brockport's **Timm Slade**, 10-5, in the first round at 177.

The semifinals begin today at noon followed by the championship round at 7:30.

TRACK AND FIELD

CORTLAND — Fredonia State scored 141 points to outdistance runner-up Albany by 12 and win its seventh State University of New York indoor championship in eight years. Cortland State finished third with 105 points while Geneseo State scored 13 for eighth and Brockport State six for ninth.

Penfield graduate **Steve Hoyser**, now with Fredonia, won the pole vault.

MEN'S SWIMMING

GENESEO — Meet records were established in five of six second-day events at the SUNYAC championships at Geneseo State.

Cortland's **Art Boyko** established two records, winning the 400-yard individual medley (4:18.44) and the 100 breaststroke (1:00.44). Geneseo's **Tim Farry** set a meet, conference and school record with a :52.83 in the 100 butterfly while New Paltz's **Jim Healy** established a meet and conference record of 1:43.85 in the 200 freestyle.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — In the second of the three-day ECAC championships, Boston College leads with 665 points, followed by Northeastern (345) and Colgate (325). Nazareth is 11th with 135.

Fairport's **Suzette Lyons**, now swimming for Connecticut, won the 50 butterfly in :27.18.

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NOTES: The team title was Trenton's fifth in the tournament's 14-year history. Brockport has won four (1977, '80, '82 and '83) and finished second four times (1979, '81, '86 and '87) . . . UB's **Joe Errigo**, a junior from Cardinal Mooney, earned All-American honors by placing fifth at 177 pounds. Trenton's **Dave Icenhower** was named coach of the year . . . **John Monaco**, a three-time national champion from Montclair (N.J.), was named the outstanding wrestler after pinning Albany's **Matt Ryan** at 1:10 in the 167-pound final.

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team against Nazareth on Saturday.

"It woke them up," Nazareth men's Coach **Mike Daley** said after an 86-63 loss in the North Country. "They realized they were going to have to play to win. They weren't just going to walk in."

Defending national champion Potsdam, ranked No. 1 in Division III with a 28-0 record (60-0 over two seasons), edged Ithaca, 57-53, to reach the East Regional final. Hello, Nazareth.



Mike Daley

"Ithaca, too, was a little bigger and stronger (than Nazareth)," Daley said. "They were better suited for that game. We played hard Saturday, but the difference was they were a more physical team."

While Ithaca had the manpower to effectively pack in a 2-3 zone against the poor perimeter-shooting Bears, 16th-ranked Nazareth was forced to play man-to-man. That enabled Potsdam to beat the Golden Flyers inside.

Nazareth finished 22-6 and bid adieu to its five starting seniors — **Joe Convertino**, **Todd Calman** of Canandaigua, **Chris McCaffrey**, **Ray Perry** and **Richard Sparks**.

Daley, in his first season after six as an assistant at Niagara, is looking forward to the return of **Kevin Broderick**, **John Garbinski**, 6-6 **Tom Sommers** and 6-7 **Alan Wood** of Pittsford Sutherland.

Tastes great? Less filling

Top-ranked Brockport State wasn't hungry enough. That's the only way Coach **Don Murray** could explain his wrestling team's mediocre second-place finish in the Division III nationals.

"I wasn't thrilled with the way we were wrestling all year," the 17th-year coach said Saturday as No. 3

Trenton (N.J.) State easily outdistanced his four-time champion Golden Eagles and 68 other teams at the University of Buffalo. "I don't know what to attribute that to. I think they got satisfied."

John Leone, a 158-pound senior from Penfield, was Brockport's only national champion. He will advance to the Division I championships March 19-21 in College Park, Md.

• **Brian Kurlander**, a James Madison junior from Brighton, was the 158-pound champion at the NCAA East Region tournament Saturday. He, too, will wrestle in the Division I nationals.

Kurlander was a high school state champion in 1984 at 155 pounds.

• **Dean Salvaggio**, a UB junior from Cardinal Mooney, earned All-America honors by placing fifth at 142 pounds. Salvaggio was a junior college All-American two seasons ago at Monroe CC.

Ithaca's **Bob Panariello** (third at 118) and **Tom Mankowich** (sixth at 158) also were named Division III All-Americans. It was Panariello's third such honor.

• **Bill Jacoutot**, Spencerport High School's coach, has been appointed to a four-year term on the NCAA Executive Committee.

No. 2 down, No. 1 to go

Gordie Mapes of Rush-Henrietta Roth scored three goals and one assist as Syracuse downed Johns Hopkins, 15-14, in its lacrosse season opener Saturday before a Carrier Dome-record crowd of 11,198. **Pat Rossi** scored a man-up goal with 2:45 to play to give the Orangemen a 15-12 lead en route to its 31st consecutive victory at home.

The two teams were tied for No. 2 in *The Baltimore Sun* pre-season Top 10. Defending national champion North Carolina was No. 1. SU plays at Carolina at 2 p.m. Saturday.