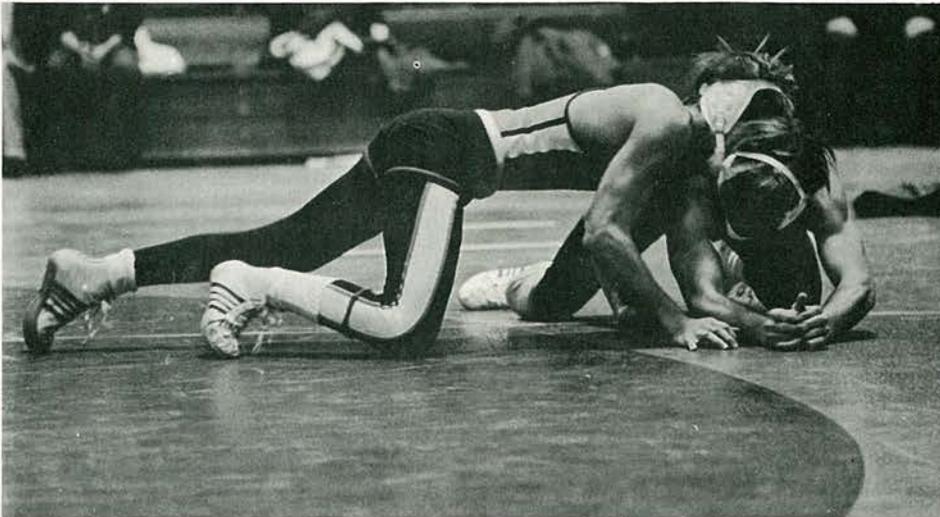


SCOREBOARD



Basketball Tigers Take Tourney

RIT won its own Invitational Basketball Tournament and the Tiger wrestlers placed a respectable third in opening action of the winter sports season.

During the first round of the December 3-4 basketball tourney, favored Scranton was upset by RPI of Troy, 86-67, as RIT hoopsters demolished Brooklyn Poly, 95-50. RIT's junior Jimmie Lee Hunter and senior captain Pete Wilson combined for 31 points while dominating the boards at both ends of the court as the hosts roared to a 49-22 halftime lead.

A hot shooting hand from the RPI squad, paced by 25 points from 6'6" center Tom Neuffer upended Scranton and set the stage for the final match between RIT and Rennselaer Poly.

RPI dominated the first half of the championship game, maintaining a comfortable bulge that ended in a 41-33 halftime advantage. But a tough RIT pressure zone in the second half proved to be the difference as the Tigers once again led by center Hunter, whittled away at the visitors' lead. With 2:08 to play, and the score knotted at 68-all, RIT took the lead for the first time on sophomore Dan D'Andrea's jumper with 1:14 remaining.

The hosts hung on, 74-72 for their second win in as many starts. Jimmie Lee Hunter was chosen Most Valuable Player of the Tournament, and headed the All-Tourney team, followed by Wilson and Neuffer of RPI.

Brockport State wrestlers over-

powered the competition with five individual winners and 114 points to win the sixth annual Invitational Wrestling Tournament on the RIT mats. Defending tourney champion Akron came in a distant second with 80½ points, followed by RIT with 78½, Notre Dame (73), and the University of Rochester (50).

The highpoint of the matchings was in the 142 lb. class where junior Kim Robinson of the University of Akron faced sophomore Ray Ruliffson of RIT. Defending champ Robinson was suddenly on the other end of things as Ruliffson scored a 13-6 upset decision. Ruliffson was awarded the Most Valuable Wrestler honors and emerged as the single RIT weight class champion.

TIME-OUT by Jim Bozony

Elsewhere on this page you will have the opportunity to read about the RIT sports scene, which hopefully will cover the events in athletics that bear the greatest interest to the reading public.

But when your eyes fall upon this column, I hope you will discover the other half of sports that news stories cannot relate, consider this, if you will as a literary voice in the home crowd or, at times, the soul of the RIT athlete.

I had the unfortunate displeasure of sitting within sight and sound range of an "enthusiastic" hockey fan at the December 5 game with St. John Fisher.

With megaphone in hand, this individual proceeded to swear his lungs out

every time the officials on the ice came near his locale. This abuse continued throughout the game; a steady, profane barrage directed at the men on the ice—not to criticize but to satisfy the childish immaturity of one inconsiderate person. There is a definite dividing line between fan support and inexcusable jeering. Having a vivid memory of the last Fisher hockey encounter, I personally felt we owed the refs a display of more adult manners, and in general, the crowd was healthy and orderly. But attention-starved 'fans,' I suppose, will always be present to mar what was otherwise a very enjoyable sports event.

Also some mention should be made to that Fisher game, in which the Ritter Rink had to be emptied at penalty of RIT forfeiting the game. A very embarrassing situation to administrators, aggravating to real hockey fans, and nothing short of disastrous to the players. It was said the remainder of the game was no more exciting than a practice scrimmage.

It's invigorating to see such 'support,' but the practical risks are too great for further such incidents. Now there is talk of canceling any more RIT-Fisher games, due to 'over-enthusiasm.' This would be a severe blow to a very lively cross-town rivalry, and certainly an injustice to both schools' fans.

Perhaps if we can preserve the peace and stuff our programs into the dragon-mouths next to us, this could be a great year for our hockey team, as well as for its fans.

Last Seconds: Special note on basketball: keep your eyes on Jimmie Lee Hunter this year. He's 6'4", a solid 220, and makes himself felt on the court. The junior center was chosen MVP for the Tech Tourney and could be a big factor in the team's results this year.

On hockey, All-American prospect Norm Reid is living up to his reputation, with Craig Winchester doing a more than adequate job.

Good games this week: St. Lawrence on the RIT hoop court Saturday, January 8 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, January 9, the RIT skaters host Syracuse University at 8:15 p.m.