

Brockport, SLU Loom As Top Competitors

At NYS Wrestling Tourney This Weekend

BY LEN SENEAL

Brockport State wrestling coach Don Murray says he doesn't really pay attention to the national ratings that have placed his team at the top of Division III. He also doesn't see his number one ranked Golden Eagles as the prime contender at this weekend's New York State Intercollegiate Wrestling Tournament, but everyone else does.

National runner-up by the margin of one quarter of a point last season, Brockport has seemingly picked up where they left off at the Humboldt, California finals. 9-0 in dual meet competition so far this year, the Eagles are one of 20 teams scheduled to participate in the two-day event. Even though coach Murray would like to deny the implications, when the first whistles are blown in Potsdam College's Maxcy Gymnasium, Brockport State will be the team to beat.

"I think other people see us, I don't see us as being the favorite," Murray said on Saturday just before his squad's tri-meet victories over Potsdam and University of Massachusetts. "I think you have to say St. Lawrence is the favorite." He cited the overall power of the defending N.Y.S. Tournament champions, and the fact that the Saints, from nearby Canton, will be wrestling in their own back yard as prime factors, saying "I just hope we can stay close to them."

"The one I'd like to win is the SUNY Conference," the coach continued, "the states would be a tune-up for the SUNY Conference match."

Murray called his squad, "young and still inexperienced in places," but said he looks forward to a good state meet. "We'll get a lot of wrestling," he said. One look at the list of competitors works to confirm that fact.

Along with top ranked Brockport and the eleventh-rated Saints, the Potsdam gathering will feature several other highly touted squads; seventh ranked University of Buffalo, number 13 Binghamton, and 14th rated Cortland, as well as Columbia University, recent victors over defending National Champions Trenton at the Coast Guard Tournament. Albany, Oneonta, Geneseo, Oswego, and the host Potsdam Bears will be among the SUNYAC competitors participating, with neighboring Clarkson College heading a list of I.C.A.C. teams that includes R.I.T., and R.P.I. Colgate, Ithaca, St. John Fisher, Syracuse "B" Army, and Cornell round out the list of 20 teams registered for the state tourney, with Cornell's Big Red also expected to be among the top contenders.

Headed by last year's outstanding wrestler, former 158 pounder Joe Belluci of Colgate, the list of returning champions, All-Americans, and promising newcomers reads like a matman's "who's who" with at least one state placer from the 1979 classic, back to compete in each classification.

All-American Tom Jacoutot from University of Buffalo, last year's state champ, heads the list of 118 pound specialists that also includes John McHugh (St. Lawrence), and Dave Parisi (Oswego), second and fourth respectively in 1979. Pat Alberti (Columbia) second in the Coast Guard Tournament, and Howie Rabin (Colgate) second in the states at 126 as a sophomore loom as top challengers in the 118 bouts, along with undefeated Pat

Miller (Binghamton).

I.C.A.C. Champion Craig Lewis (Clarkson) will be among the favorites at 126 with 1978 SUNYAC runner-up Joe Benenati (Binghamton), Mickey Messina (Oswego), Paul Deehan (Colgate), and last year's fourth place finisher, Chuck Tortorello (St. Lawrence) also in the running. Barry Barone (St. Lawrence), and Bob Carbo (Oswego), have returned at 134 after finishing first and third in 1979, with Potsdam's Rick Barry and 1978 SUNYAC Champion Greg Locke (Binghamton) also set to lock horns in that weight class. A pair of former high-school standouts, Chris Nakis (R.I.T.) and Greg Bray (Colgate) may be two other names to watch for in the 134 pound ring.

Brockport All-Americans John Parasella and Joe Giani lead the contenders at 142 and 150 with three of the top six placers from last year's 142 pound class back for action along with four prime finishers at 150. Sandy Spero (St. John Fisher) and Mike St. Armour (St. Lawrence) have returned after ending up second and third behind Parasella in 1979, and will be joined by Bob Jaekel (Columbia), Dale Smith (R.I.T.), and Keith Bruno (St. Lawrence), fourth in the 1979 state tourney, will receive stiff competition from 150-pounders Dave Galdi (Columbia), Brian Nagely (Potsdam), Jim Dilorio (Oswego), and Mike Reed (Clarkson).

With Joe Bellucci moved up to the 167 pound weight class, the race for 158 pound honors appears to be up for grabs with former 150 champion Steve Leslie (Colgate) heading the list. Last year's I.C.A.C. Champion Bill Catersano (R.I.T.) and runner-up Scott Cook (Clarkson), will also be trying to garner team points for their schools with high placements, along with Frank Kriff (Cortland), and Tom Stanbro (Oswego), 5-2 in dual meets so far this year.

Scott Slade (University of Buffalo), Steve Olesiuk (Potsdam), and Tony Green (Brockport) have all looked strong at 167, and should be prepared to give Colgate's Bellucci tough going if he is to repeat his 1979 wrestling heroics at the State meet. Lynwood Bandenberg, (Brockport) All-American and national runner-up at 158 last year looks like the man to beat at 177, but will be hard pressed by Dudley Knight (R.I.T.), an NJCAA finalist last season, and Rick Fre' (University of Buffalo) who has placed well in early tournaments at Cortland and R.I.T.

Defending champion Bill Francke (Binghamton) will have no easy time repeating at 190 with five of last year's top six finishers back for the upperweight battles. All-American Tony Smith (Brockport), Dave Hudson (St. Lawrence), Fred O'Malley (Oneonta), and Ron Van Antwerp (Albany) were all among the top placers in 1979, and should help make the 190 pound competition among the tournament's best. Bob Dunlop (Colgate), third in the 177 pound class last year, and Bob Amann (Cortland) add further strength to the already powerful group at 190.

Brockport's Chris Haley is the only returning unlimited placer from 1979, but he will not lack for opposition. Dana Dobson (Cortland), Tony Fiocco

(Potsdam), and Lester Ware (Binghamton) join Haley in the heavyweight class, with Columbia's Jay Graddock also scheduled to compete. Graddock, second in the E.I.W.A. last season already has three tournament titles under his belt this year and will be looking to add a fourth honor at the New York State finals.

Wrestling will commence at 12:30 p.m. on both days with up to five mats being utilized during the early rounds. Last year St. Lawrence University scored a ten point victory over second place Colgate, with Brockport, University of Buffalo, and Potsdam holding down the other top spots. This year the tournament title looks to be up for grabs with five or more teams expected to vie for the New York State Tournament crown.

Based on their dual meet performances and last year's incredible showing at the Division III finals many people feel that it will be the Brockport Golden Eagles who leave Maxcy Hall Saturday night with the N.Y.S. wrestling laurels. Coach Don Murray would be the last person in the world to agree, but they're probably right.

NEW YORK STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Jan. 25 and 26
at Potsdam State

FRIDAY

7:30-11:00 a.m. registration
8:00-10:30 a.m. weigh-in verifications
10:00 a.m. seeding meeting
12:30 p.m. pre-preliminary round (5 mats)
1:00 p.m. preliminary round (5 mats)
6:00 p.m. quarter-final round (4 mats)
7:30 p.m. preliminary consolation round (5 mats)

SATURDAY

12:30 p.m. semi-final round (2 mats), quarter-finals consolation (2 mats)
2:30 p.m. semi-finals consolations (4 mats)
3:30 p.m. third place consolation finals (2 mats), fifth place consolation finals (2 mats)

Community Swim Program Will Resume Thursday

The Potsdam Community Swim Program is once again underway at the State University College Merritt Hall Pool. The program will start Jan. 24 from 7:30-9 p.m. and will continue on Sunday from 2-4 p.m.

Only those who can swim (at least 25 feet or the pool width) will be permitted in the pool or on the pool deck. Loitering in the area by non-swimmers is discouraged. There is no charge for the program.

Qualified lifeguards and supervision of the pool area will be provided by the Potsdam Recreation Commission. Questions may be directed to Steve Yianoukos, Recreation Office, 265-4030.

GOLF

PHOENIX (AP) — Jeff Mitchell shot a 4-under-par 67 and scored his first career victory on the pro golf tour in the Phoenix Open.

Mitchell, from Lubbock, Texas, in his fourth season of PGA Tour activity, claimed the \$54,000 first prize with a 272 total.

6:00 p.m. opening ceremonies and special awards

6:30 p.m. championship finals (1 mat)
Awards will be presented for all six places in each weight class, the first three teams, and the outstanding wrestler of the tournament. The placers also earn All-State status and a certificate designating such.



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A petition having been filed by William Smith Palmer residing at Evans Mills, New York praying that a certain paper writing bearing the date the 6 day of April, 1971, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament and a certain right of v Restaurant pursuant dinance o Potsdam, above app inspection Village Center. Persons at the he Communic relation th with the f this hearin Date of No S
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