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* Brockport tops Oswego for SUNYAC crown

by Neil Scher

The weekend of February 11-12 marked the beginning of one of the biggest events in wrestling competition.

The 23rd Annual State University of New York Athletic Conference wrestling championship or better known to most as the SUNYAC's. The athletic association here at Oswego cordially accepted the invitation to host the championships and rolled out the mats.

The Brockport Golden Eagles, no strange name to Oswego wrestling fans, came back heading the eight school field. Don Murray's grapplers had won the title for the last three years, and nine of the last 11 tournaments. The matmen from Brockport also brought four returning champions with them: Frank Famiano at 126 lbs, Ron Winnie at 150, Jeff Cox at 167 and Anthony Conetta at 177.

The Great Lakers, who have won six titles and were runners up last year, featured returning champion Doug Morse at 190 lbs. Also competing, from the state's capital, the Albany State squad featured two of their own champions from last years SUNYAC's, Spero Theofilatos at 134 lbs and Andy Seras, a 142 pound grappler. SUNY Binghamton, SUNY Buffalo, Cortland State, Oneonta State and Potsdam State completed the eight schools represented.

After some vital clerical work was completed the action began with the 118 pound division. Representing the hosts was Mike Coddington. The battling sophomore, who faced no easy task this year by having to fill the shoes of departed All-American Dave Parisi, was matched up with Jeff Crossfeld of Oneonta. Coddington, the number five seed and Crossfeld the number four ranked grappler, wound themselves up in a tight low scoring battle and Crossfeld won it 2-0. Coddington received a bye in the consolation matching him up with Binghamton's John Leo in the next round. Leo came up with the victory and eventually went on to a third place finish. Despite dropping two straight bouts Coddington kept his composure and upended Ed Morales of Brockport to walk away with a fifth place finish.

Pat Wittekind, a consistent performer all year long for the Lakers, came up slated as the number three seed and drew Demond Basnight of Oneonta in round one. The soft-spoken 126 pounder dumped the Red Devil 8-4. The next round saw Wittekind wrestle his heart out only to drop a tough battle to Bill Murphy, the number two seed from Cortland 7-0. Wittekind once again spilled Basnight, this time in the consolations for a fifth place stand.

Mary Howard, a senior from Oswego, came in as the number five seed. Howard lost a tough opening round match in the 134 pound weight class as Buffalo's Andy Komarek slipped by him 3-2 in overtime. A fired up Howard entered the consolations with something to prove. He white-washed Duane Averill from Potsdam 7-0 and stopped Binghamton's John Egitto 5-2. Howard came out on the short end against Brockport's Mike Franklin, as Franklin pinned the Great Laker at 3:47. Howard walked away with a fourth place finish.

Mike Letcher, the senior from Kirkville was seeded fourth at 142 pounds. "Letch" drew Gary Bocher of Binghamton and stuck him at 1:56. After losing 21-6 to defending champion Andy Seras, Letcher headed straight towards the consolations breathing smoke. He put down Jim Tyrrell of Buffalo and covered him for the pin at 4:33. Then Letcher stuck Kregg Bruno of Potsdam at 2:50 for a solid third finish.

John O'Gorman, a tough young freshman wrestled at 150 lbs for the Great Lakers and although he didn't place, O'Gorman exhibited some talent which will make people anticipate his maturing as a wrestler in the years to come. One-hundred fifty eight pounder Mark Bowman, runner-up at 150 last year was planted fourth this year. Bowman defeated Brockport's Kevin Sistrunk twice, once in quarterfinal competition and then in the consolations to gather third place. Bowman won a squeaker, 5-4 for a bronze finish.

At 167 pounds the Great Lakers have one of the best in Tom Stanbro who is ranked fourth in New York State. Stanbro stuck Greg Vern of Oneonta and Don King of Cortland 30 seconds into the match. Then Stanbro took on the number one seed, Marty Pidel of Buffalo and in a tough see-saw battle, Pidel came out on top 7-6. Nevertheless a respectable fourth place finish for Stanbro, the senior from Johnson City.

Stanbro's pin 30 seconds into the match was pretty quick but before you could look the other way, 177 pound Paul Newman was on top of Oneonta's Harry Higgins in just 15 seconds. Newman then stuck Buffalo's Arthur Pittman at 3:55. Newman was to be pitted in the finals against defending champion Anthony Conetta of Brockport. Although Conetta pulled it off, hats off to Newman for a solid second place runner-up finish.

Morse cruised his way into the finals and stuck Guy Lucas of Buffalo for his third straight SUNYAC crown. Mark Glickman, the heavyweight for the Great Lakers, came in as the number five seed and promptly reeled off a 7-4 upset victory over Chris Mackin of Binghamton. Glickman then dropped a 7-4 bout to Chris Mackin for a fourth place finish in his first SUNYAC appearance.

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PAUL NEWMAN en route to a pin of Oneonta's Harry Higgins. The pin took Newman only 15 seconds and occurred just after team mate Tom Stanbro pinned his opponent in 30 seconds.

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Karate classes beginning today

Special to The Oswegonian

SUNY Oswego's Office of Continuing Education announces the formation of a series of classes in Okinawan GO-JU-RYU Karate beginning February 17th and continuing for ten weeks through April.

Instructors will be Thomas Ravesi, a 4th degree black belt, and Richard Burgur, a 2nd degree black belt. Classes will emphasize basic blocking, punching and kicking techniques as they apply to self-defense.

In addition to self-defense practice, Karate is an excellent form of exercise that increases total body rhythm and grace and utilizes total body flexibility. Knowledge of Karate techniques produces an awareness of one's self and adds confidence to daily activities.

Ravesi, a 4th degree black belt, is a certified instructor authorized to promote up to 2nd degree black belt by the Goshin do Karate do karate Association.

Interested persons should contact the SUNY Oswego Office of Continuing Education at 341-2270 or 341-4133. Cost for the classes will be \$25 per person.



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THE REFEREES take a break during the SUNYAC competition that took place in Laker Hall. They had their work cut out for themselves as the action got tight in many of the bouts but they seemed to make equal calls for each team.