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In 1978, Brockport State came into the NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships being held at Wheaton College in Illinois as the defending team champion, and finished in a disappointing seventh place. In 1983, Brockport was again the defending champion, the tournament had returned to Wheaton, and again the Golden Eagles were in danger of a disappointing finish. But it wasn't to be. Led by seniors Frank Famiano, Ron Winnie, and Anthony Cannetta, Brockport came from behind to win its second consecutive and fourth overall NCAA title out-pointing arch-rival Trenton State 85 3/4 to 80 3/4.

Heading into the Nationals, Trenton, the No. 1 ranked team in the nation, was favored to win its third team title. The Lions had defeated Brockport in a December dual match and beginning in 1979, had won the title on the odd years ('79, '81) while Brockport had won on the even years ('80, '82).

Early on, it appeared the Lions would keep the pattern in tact as they held a 39-33 1/4 point lead over the Golden Eagles at the conclusion of the first day of the two day competition. Brockport Head Coach Donald Murray and his squad had their sights set on Trenton but they also had to keep close tabs on Augsburg College of Minnesota and St. Lawrence University, both within striking range of the top. St. Lawrence, ranked third

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nationally, was an expected challenger, but Augsburg (a power in NAIA competition) was the surprise of the tournament.

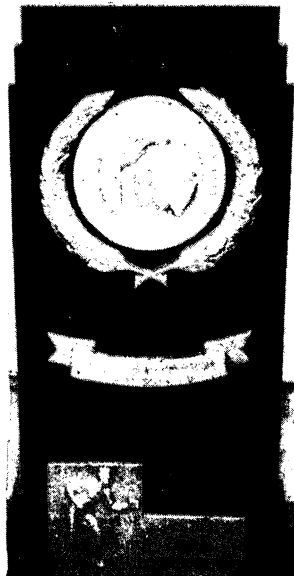
The results of Saturday afternoon's semi-final matches set up the possibility that any of the four teams could win the team championship. Augsburg went three for three in semi-final action advancing Bob Adams at 134 lbs., Shea Kennedy at 150 lbs., and Bruce Arvold at 167 lbs.

Brockport sent Frank Famiano at 126 lbs., Ron Winnie at 150 lbs., and Anthony Cannetta at 177 lbs. to the finals. At 167 lbs., Jeff Cox lost a semi-final bout to Arvold 13-1.

Todd Northrup at 167 lbs., Leland Rogers at 177 lbs., and Phil Lanzatella at 190 lbs. all moved on to the finals for St. Lawrence. Heavyweight Mike Conners lost to Molly McLeod of Concordia in a fall at 2:56.

Trenton missed out on a chance to possibly clinch the title when three of their five semi-finalists were defeated. At 126 lbs. No. 2 seed Orlando Caceres lost

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to Greg Dravis of the University of Minn. at Morris 15-8. In the 134 lb. weight-class Steve Fernandes dropped a 6-1 decision to Bob Adams of Augsburg. Finally at 158 lbs., Bob Glaberman fell to Mark Bowman of Oswego 6-4. (Both Fernandes and Glaberman were defending national champions). Only John Barna at 118 lbs. and Ron Bussey at 142 lbs. advanced to the finals for Trenton.

The stage was now set for one of the most exciting finishes in the tournament's 10 year history. Brockport, St. Lawrence, and Augsburg each had three wrestler in the finals, while point leader Trenton had two. The championship team would have to win at least two of the 10 weight-classes to take the 1983 NCAA title. Commenting on the three wrestlers whose performances would determine the fate of the Brockport team coach, Donald Murray said, "I had complete faith in them. I could not have had three finer men competing for us."

The 118 lb. weight-class final pitted top seed Greg Lonning of Luther versus No. 3 seed John Barna of Trenton. The two wrestlers battled through most of the three periods with Barna holding a narrow lead. With :38 to go in the match, Barna was slightly injured and the tide turned in Lonning's favor. The senior landed a pair of quick scoring blows as a 6-8 deficit turned into a 10-8 victory.

Three-time All-American and defending champion Frank Famiano of Brockport began the tournament as the overwhelming favorite to take the 126 lb. title. In his match with Greg Dravis of the U. of M. at Morris, Famiano proved the predictions right as he scored an easy 16-3 win. The Brockport senior sprang to an early 5-0 lead as he quickly took his opponent to the mat. Famiano barely missed a first period pin of Dravis as he totally dominated the match. Famiano was awarded his second consecutive "Outstanding Wrestler" trophy based on



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his fine performance throughout the tournament.

The 134 lb. match-up paired Bob Adams of Augsburg versus Pat McMahon of Augustana. Adams showed just why Augsburg was challenging for the team title in its first NCAA tournament appearance, as he upset McMahon (a third place finisher in 1982) by a 10-5 margin.

At 142 lbs. the Brockport wrestlers and fans were in the unusual situation of rooting for RIT participant, senior Darryl Leslie. Leslie's match against Ron

Bussey would decide the fate of the Trenton State team. Taking advantage of his superior quickness and mat speed, the 1982 third place finisher disposed of Bussey and Trenton with a 6-2 victory.

The fate of two more teams would be decided in a match between Brockport's Ron Winnie and Augsburg's Shea Kennedy for the 150 lb. title. Winnie, using his slow deliberate style, gradually built up his 9-2 winning margin in a bout marked by stalling penalties against both wrestlers. Winnie's performance clinched

the 1983 team championship for the Golden Eagles. Winnie also became one of the only two wrestlers to successfully defend their 1982 titles, the other being teammate Frank Famiano.

At 158 lbs., Chris Casey of Augustana easily defeated Mark Bowman of Oswego, 9-1.

St. Lawrence's Todd Northrup earned his team's only individual championship, as he defeated his 167 lb. opponent Augsburg's Bruce Arvold, 7-2.

# Wrestlers national champs again

In 1982, Brockport's Anthony Cannetta was narrowly defeated in the finals of the 177 lb. weight-class, so in 1983 the senior was not about to let it happen again. Cannetta opened his match against Leland Rogers of St. Lawrence in a slow tentative manner, but at the opening of the second period he exploded—landing a series of aggressive take-downs to take a 11-5 victory.

In the 190 lb. final John Carroll's Nick D'Angelo upset defending champion Phil Lanzatella of St. Lawrence 9-5.

Bob Muth of Allegheny edged Molly McLeod of Concordia 6-5 to capture the heavyweight title.

Here is a summary of the remaining Brockport wrestlers performances in the tournament:

**Jeff Cox:** the sophomore who won the 167 lb. title in 1982, lost a semi-final match to Augsburg's Bruce Arvold but bounced back to beat Mark Morgan of Lycoming 3-0 in this first consolation match. Cox then edged Guy Ventura of Hunter 4-2 to take third place.

**Scott Nichols:** a pin of 2:24 against Doug Rubins of Claremont advanced the sophomore to a second round bout with eventual heavyweight champion Bob Muth. Nichols was defeated 7-2 but worked his way through the consolation rounds to finish in sixth place and earn All-American status.

**Mike Franklin:** the freshman lost his opening match to 134 lb. finalist Pat McMahon 5-0. Franklin also lost a 13-8 match to Joe Thrash of LaVerne.

**Dave Recor:** the 142 lb. freshman defeated Tony Munato of Heidelberg 14-7 to advance to the quarter-finals. There Recor was pinned by Marty Joseph of John Carroll at 2:36.

**Kevin Sistrunk:** the sophomore lost 10-4 to eventual champion (158 lbs.) Chris Casey in his first match. In the consolation round Sistrunk was defeated by Jon Beuter of Buena Vista with a pin at 2:26.

**Tournament Tid-bits:** This year's tourney was the closest since Trenton nipped Brockport by 1/4 point in 1979...Brockport has now won the New York State, SUNYAC, and NCAA Championships, duplicating their "triple" of 1980...the Golden Eagles may be the first team to win the title with only five All-Americans...Brockport now trails John Carroll 14-13 in the number of individual champions from each school...Frank Famiano has now been a member of three championship teams...six of the top 10 finishers were NYS schools...eight of the twenty finalists were from NYS schools...four of 1982's individual champions failed to defend their titles...Binghamton will host the 1984 NCAA Tournament.

