

Wrestlers sixth in Nationals; Brockport first again

by Neil Scher

The Oswego State Great Lakers wrestling team finished sixth in the nation in the 1983 Division III Nationals at Wheaton College in Illinois last weekend.

Seventy-five teams competed in all and the Brockport Golden Eagles won their fourth

crown since 1977. Trenton finished second, Augsburg third, St. Lawrence fourth, Augustana fifth, Oswego sixth and Albany seventh.

Coach Jim Howard guided the six competing Great Laker grapplers in what he said was a "tight tournament through the top ten."

The Golden Eagles, who were the

SUNYAC champions as well, amassed 85.75 points. The Golden Eagles also had three national champions: Frank Famiano, Ron Winnie and Anthony Conetta. Along with those three will be RIT's Darryl Leslie and they will travel to Oklahoma University later this month to compete in the Division I National Championships.

The six Oswego grapplers represented the number five team in Division III. Mark Howard has been a consistent performer this year for the Lakers. Howard posted a solid eighth place finish with some tough, hard-nosed mat work. Howard dropped his first encounter with Bob Adams in the 134 pound weight class. Adams went on to take the championship and Howard went on to compete in the consolations. Howard dumped Fred Stoyer 8-5 and then he steered away Andy Komarek of Buffalo 7-3, yes the same Komarek that upended Howard at the SUNYAC championships held here last month.

The interesting thing about these kind of tournaments is that once you lose you are not eliminated, there's still that second chance to reach the All-American status. Howard turned right around to win those two matches and coach Howard (his father) was pleased. "The pressure was on Mark and he rose to the occasion. He really showed how much he really wanted to be an All-American."

"It's a great accomplishment and a stunning upset." That's how Howard described senior, 158 pounder Mark Bowman's second place finish. Bowman opened the competition up by whipping Don Valesky 4-1. He then got by Barry Broome in overtime and he followed that up by slipping past Bob Glaberman of Trenton who was the number one seed. For Bowman, it was the first time in his Great Laker career that he has been an All-American.

"For him to be there was something. For him to be an All-American was really something." That's how Howard summed up 177 pounder Paul Newman. Newman earned himself a very admirable eighth place finish. He opened up with a 10-4 victory over John Lelwica. Newman then was beaten by Brockport's Anthony Conetta and he went into the consolations with something to prove. In the consolations, Newman stuck John LaCrosse at 2-12 to finish eighth and

receive his first ever All-American recognition.

Tom Stanbro, a defending All-American, despite wrestling with five stitches in his chin, picked up a seventh place stand at 167 pounds. The senior's chin was cut in the first bout against Dwayne Groshek which he lost. But Stanbro came back to roll Rick Miller around and then got his chance for revenge against Groshek and stuck him at 1:48. Stanbro completed his second All-American season by sliding past Jim Andrich 5-3 to take seventh.

Mike Letcher, the easy going 142-pounder of the Oswego Great Lakers came off a personal high, finishing third in the SUNYAC tournament. At Wheaton, "Letch" drew tough competition and was pitted against the eventual winner in the first round, Leslie of RIT. Leslie, the third seeded wrestler defeated Letcher 10-3. Letcher wrestled back and lost 13-2 to Glassboro's Kevin Brockway.

Doug Morse has been asked to do it all this year and he has responded. Morse won the SUNYAC title for the second consecutive year, and was named as an All-American for the third consecutive year. Morse placed third overall losing a tight one to eventual champ Nick D'Angelo, 12-8. "Doug is very tough and he put up a heck of a fight," said Howard. The junior blue-chip went 4-1 in the tournament and he stuck James Maurer, and York's Bill Mays to pick up the bronze standing. Unfortunately Morse was not able to go up against Tony Lanzatella, his St. Lawrence arch-rival.

"I was happy on the whole, but we were better than what we finished," said Howard. "We really didn't even reach our full potential." Howard believes that this was one of the better teams he has ever coached.

"There's a loaded field of talent out there and being in the top ten in the nation the last two years won't hurt us," he said. With the new people, there will also be a top group returning, including Pat Whitekind, Mark Glickman, Lou Chartrand, Ted Fleming, John O'Gorman and Mike Coddington.

Departing will be Bowman, Stanbro, Newman, Letcher, John Wilcox and Lou Golando.



But, coach...

Wrestling coach Jim Howard has a chat with husky Mark Glickman during a recent home match. Glickman will be one of six returning Lakers next year.

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Dave Parisi recently honored

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In ceremonies held at Laker Hall recently, former Laker Dave Parisi was honored for his achievement as three-time NCAA Division III Wrestling All-American. He achieved the designation for the years 1980-82.

Parisi, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Parisi, of Kirkwood, N.Y., is presently completing his Master's Degree program in

Graphic Arts at RIT, where he is Assistant Wrestling Coach.

Parisi joined the student body at Oswego State in 1978. He graduated in 1982 with an Industrial Arts major and a cumulative average of 3.0.

Parisi's overall record in wrestling is 64-13-1, and in his last season he had 13 pins. During his senior year as National Champion, he was the mainstay of the Oswego State Grapplers, and led them to a third place finish in the Nationals.