NCAA Division III wrestling tournament's opening an 8-ring show at SUNY.

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Wrestling 'em Wholesale

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Depending on your point of view, it's either a wrestling buff's dream or a nightmare.

Three talent-laden tournaments opened today, which is wonderful. But the decision on which one to attend could drive fans slightly bonkers.

If we may, we'd like to recommend the following:

 Wrestling addicts with sick cars, expensive baby-sitters or midnight bedtimes (or any combination thereof) would do well to stay close to home. In other words, the National Collegiate Athletic Conference Division III Tournament at SUNY-Binghamton is the one for you

 Wrestling addicts with sons, grandsons or boyfriends participating in the Section 4 Tournament are advised to drive to Cortland State. Those who prefer schoolboy wrestling to collegiate will also want to attend.

 Students or graduates of Lehigh University have been ordered to attend the Easterns at Syracuse's Manley Fieldhouse. All other fans may be excused to attend either of the other two tourneys.

But seriously, folks ...

The SUNY-Binghamton men's gym became a beehive today as 393 wrestlers, from a total of 99 colleges began the head-to-head battling that determines 10 weight-class champions.

Three Broome County wrestlers, past or present, are seeded, and another Section 4 product— of only a year ago—assured himself a spot in tonight's 6:30 quarterfinals, Cortland State freshman 118-pounder Bob Eddy (Spencer-Van Etten) a 5-4 second-round winner over Bill Plein of Central (Iowa).

The next two locals missed: North

grad John Gill (Scranton U.) pinned by Carl Calabria of Union, tied 2-2 at 1:33 of the third period and, on the adjoining mat, SUNY Binghamton's Steve Darling a 6-4 to Mike Arnold of Ashland, former state champ from Arcade Pioneer.

Earlier, in the 8-mat preliminaries:

118—Darling dec. Steve Smith (Dela. Valley), 4-2; 134— Pete Rossi, Cortland (Horseheads) dec. Brian Miluk, Ashland, 6-3; 142— Steve Cavayero, SUNY Binghamton, dec. Jeff Hanlon, Clarkson, 21-9; 158— Rick Armstrong, Cortland (Whitney Point) dec. Don Messerall, Wilmington, 10-5.

The choice seed, as far as Triple Cities fans are concerned, is the No. 1 tag given to Maine-Endwell grad Jim Hauptfleisch at heavyweight for Oswego State.

(Another M-E heavyweight, Broome Community College's George Kuzma, lost a 6-4 first-rounder yesterday in the National JUCO championships at Worthington, Minn., according to Coach Bill Beston in command at 4-3 until stunned by three illegal head butts that went unpenalized. John Ciotoli of U-E and Delhi Tech and teammate Mike Ruff of Sidney won first-rounders, Ciotoli a place-winner in the NCAA Div. III meet last year and intending to return to Cortland State next fall.)

SUNY-Binghamton earned two seeds, Long Island freshman Cavayero No. 3 at 142 pounds and sophomore Mark Palombo (from Union-Endicott) No. 8 at 158 pounds. Cortland State's Armstrong is No. 7, ahead of Palombo, whom he upset in the Section 4 finals two years ago en route to the state title.

One consolation round will follow the quarters tonight. Tomorrow's semifinals begin at 1:30. The third- and fifth-place consolation finals will be at 7, the championships at 8.

THE SCHOOLBOY spotlight continu-

ues to be on Ithaca's peerless Mark Iacovelli. With a 127-1-1 career record, the 119-pounder is aiming at becoming the second wrestler to win four Section 4 tournaments (Chuck Bush of Windsor completing his 15 years ago) and the second New York Stater to win three straight state crowns (1974 West Genesee grad Dan Hunt the other).

Union-Endicott, meanwhile, is in jeopardy of having its string of state champs broken at three. U-E produSidney has produced the most Section 4 champs, 24, since the inception of the state tournament in 1963 — although Ithaca far and away tops the all-time sectional chart — followed by Ithaca with 22 and U-E with 16. Those schools are also tops when it comes to turning out state title-winners, Ithaca with seven and Sidney and U-E each with six.

DIVISION III SEEDS

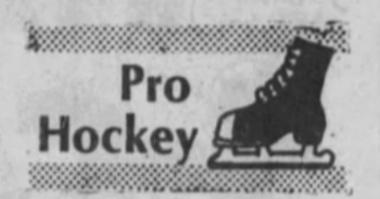
118 pounds: 1-S. Puzia (Trenton St.), 2-Eric Mast (Elizabethtown), 3-Ortenzio (Gettysburg), 4-Goodfellow (Brockport), 5-T. Drew (Humboldt, Calif.), 6-J. Smith (Upper Iowa). 126: 1-Craig Helmuth (Gettysburg), 2-Andy Zook (Millersville), 3-Evangelista (John Carroll), 4-M. Tobin (Mass. Maritime), 5-J. Mase (Montclair); 6-Englert (Cornell, Iowa).

134: 1-K. Puzia (Montclair); 2-M. Murray (Mass. Maritime); 3-P. Rossi (Cortland); 4-J. Jackson (John Carroll); 5-S. Deike (Wartburg); 6-G. Bouchard (Potsdam). 142: 1-R. Freitas (Montclair); 2-H. Shaw (Lycoming); 3-S. Cavayero (SUNY Binghamton); 4-N. Cipollo (J. Carroll); 5-Massiello (Hiram); 6-Bittenbender (Kutztown).

150: 1-Savitsky (Lycoming); 2-Keeler (Calif.-Stanislaus); 3-M. Harr (Humboldt); 4-Brandenburg (Hiram); 5-Knapp (NY Maritime); 6-M. Blakely (Montclair). 158: 1-O. Brown (St. Lawrence); 2-S. Borja (Lycoming); 3-M. Karges (Humboldt); 4-W. Rawding (Swarthmore); 5-L. Harkness (Coe); 6-K. McNamer (St. Thomas).

167: 1-J. Weir (J. Carroll); 2-K. Henry (Humboldt); 3-D. Bauchman (Grove City); 4-J. Bruck (Coe); 5-M. Jarosz (Salisbury St.); 6-Castellanos (Glassboro). 177: 1-B. Bowman (J. Carroll); 2-W. Durin (Maryville); 3-M. Kowalski (Coast Guard); 4-Callahan (Ursinus); 5-D. Fleet (Olivet); 6-J. Davitt (St. Lawrence).

190: 1-L Dunnarn (Mass. Mari.); 2-E. Woolsey (Humboldt); 3-K. Hinkel (J. Carroll); 4-J. Collins (Ashland); 5-B. Menz (Cortland); 6-Valentine (Maryville). Heavyweight: 1-J. Hauptfleisch (Oswego); 2-G. Long (Coe); 3-B. Kahl (J. Carroll); 4-M. Tyndall (Brockport); 5-A. Sopelsa (Montana); 6-Andrew (Upper Iowa).



BRUINS 4, RANGERS 1— New York Rangers Coach John Ferguson, apparently infuriated by his team's performance, has taken action against the club's lethargic play by slapping a midnight curfew on his players after last night's loss to Boston.

CANADIENS 5, PENGUINS 1 — Steve Shutt scored two goals raising his total to 52 for the season and Guy Lafleur notched No. 49.

ISLANDERS 4, RED WINGS 2 — Billy Harris scored two third-period goals and Lorne Henning added his sixth shorthanded tally of the campaign to carry New York. Injury-depleted Detroit, which has won just three times in its last 26 games, managed just 11 shots on goal — at home — despite five power play opportunities.

SABRES 7, KINGS 2 —First-period goals by Gary McAdam, Craig Ramsay and Billy Hajt started Buffalo to its 11th victory in the last 13 games.

FLYERS 5, CANUCKS 2 — Rick MacLeish scored his 39th goal of the season to break a 1-1 tie and start Philadelphia to its victory.

CAPITALS 7, BLACK HAWKS 4—Guy Charron scored two goals—one of them in a 4-goal Washington third period—and added two assists to carry Washington.

'A' Hoop Showdown Easy for SV Home

Only one of the three 20-point-plus scorers in last night's title-deciding Binghamton 'A' Youth League basketball game played for Susquehanna Valley Home, but that didn't stop the Home from rolling to an easy win.