

Eagle wrestlers stun competition to win NCAA Division III National Championship

Six grapplers named All-American

Coach Murray: 'Greatest pleasure'

BY GARY SULLIVAN

The glory of a national championship became reality for the Brockport State wrestlers as the squad, finished at the top of a field of 96 schools containing 400 wrestlers from across the nation in the AA Division III finals held at Binghamton March 4-5.

Eagles, who led for virtually the entire meet were predicted to do no better than third. The locals surprised everyone but themselves by racking up 99 points to edge Humboldt of California with 94. Taking third was Millersville of Pennsylvania missing 86 points.

Pacing the way for the Eagle matmen were an amazing six all-Americans two of whom were national champions. The standouts receiving this prestigious ranking are: Jerry Goodfellow, 118 lbs.-4th place, Steve Cella, 125 lbs.-3rd place, Scott Hill, 142 lbs.-5th place, Bob Brenton, 150 lbs.-3rd place, Rich Sipple, 77 lbs.-1st place, Mackey Tyndall, heavyweight-1st place. Both Sipple and Tyndall are NCAA division III Champions.

Brockport was the leader from the start

with all but one weight division contributing to the Eagle point total. The Eagles temporarily lost their hold on first place in the semifinals but fought their way to the top through the wrestlebacks. With Humboldt breathing heavily over the Eagle's backs, the Brockport State wrestlers won when the pressure was most severe. Rich Sipple clinched the meet with a victory in the 177 lbs. class. Mackey Tyndall's triumph as just "icing on the cake," that cake being a team championship for Brockport.

For Coach Murray this was "the most enjoyable victory I ever had. I enjoyed it more than going to the Olympics. Everyone did an outstanding job during

the two days of the tournament. I can never be more proud.

"The team is ecstatic, this is the greatest thing that ever happened to them," remarked Murray while describing the jubilation of his victorious squad. "For a \$3200 budget the school sure got its money's worth—a national championship." Murray mentioned that fact that the triumph gives the school good recognition throughout the state.

Coach Murray's grapplers finished their season with an impressive meet record of 9-2. Eagles Sipple and Tyndall will be given the opportunity to defend their championships in the Division I finals, but for the majority of the squad, the season has come to a triumphant close.



Rich Sipple: All-American

Administrative control of athletics antagonizes coaches

BY JAMES EVANGELISTA

The inadequate administration and functioning of Brockport State's athletic department is rampant while coaches are distressed and giving up hope of any fair solutions. What is not such common knowledge is the reasons behind the turmoil and the coaches' surrender.

When President Albert Brown said, "personnel changes are an attempt to end controversy and align the department with the students' concern," the validity of this purpose is contradicted.

Does the dismissal of a successful basketball coach, the resignation of a veteran volleyball coach with teams of

regional competence, and at least eleven intentions of withdrawal from the department, warrant quality athletics for the future?

The alleged 'bad publicity' does not improve matters, it climaxes the problems. The administration of athletics was placed under the jurisdiction of Student Affairs, (Pat Smith) by president Brown five years ago and the results explain themselves.

Since that time, the coaches have had no input into the decision making process explains one coach. The Board of Athletic Control, (BAC) which meets with the Athletic Director to make decisions on athletic policy, is hand picked by president Brown. The BAC is composed of only two physical education members this year; Bill Freedman and Shirley Carmichael.

The only means of communication between the administration and the coaches is the BAC. Coaches submit issues to be considered and determined, many of the issues are scratched from the meetings agenda and determined solely by administrative personnel. Even those issues discussed are determined irrationally by the BAC. The travel and practice squad size issue was dealt with by persons unaware of the exact subject matter. For example, a field hockey game has 11 players on the field from each team but the practice squad is limited to 20 players, thus, scrimmaging is thwarted.

Alter such a departmental policy is determined the conflict between the coaches and the athletic director becomes evident. The A.D. is to enforce this policy and the coaches want the policy abtained. If the A.D. is aware of the irrationality behind a policy, an alteration should be made. Yet, if substantial evidence rationalizes the decision, a clarification should be revealed. But, if the administrative dictates absolutes to the A.D. administration/coaches mediator, then the democratic process is wiped out, the administrative authority sustains, and coaches' rebuttals are not heard.

One such rebuttal was made by volleyball coach, Sandy Vanderstoep, during the regional volleyball play-offs. The team had a number of games scheduled for 10 p.m. at Geneseo. Coach Vanderstoep requested overnight commodities and was denied. The team suffered at a most crucial time after working all semester for an opportunity to compete.

On the other hand, Linda Arena explained she contested the practice squad limitation of the field hockey team with Dr. Crawford and had it placed on the BAC agenda for discussion. The issue was never brought up at the meeting and Dr. Crawford told her it would be discussed at the next meeting. The next meeting's agenda did not include the issue nor did Crawford bring it up. Crawford later told arena that he disagreed with her on this issue but told the BAC that she (Arena) never followed it up.

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Concrete beams in new gym crumble

BY JIM PETTY & W.A. STEINMAN

"Stresses" in several of the vertical and horizontal beams located in the gymnasium of the new PER building have caused spalling (surface cracking) of the concrete.

According to Clifford A. Bishop, Plant superintendent, the surface cracking has been a problem since the construction of the new gym "and always will be."

Spalling is caused by stresses in the concrete girders, due to a drop in temperature, high winds and shifting of the building. A member of the custodial staff explained that the architects and the contractor did not take into account that the building would shift as much as it has.

This has been an intermittent problem since the new gym was turned over to the College. Some of the

chipping occurred during construction, and was fixed by the contractor by patching it with concrete.

Dr. Bert Wolin, Vice President for the Administration, said that a structural engineer, David Miller, was sent from Cadill, Rowlett, and Scott (the original architects) because "what bothered us most was that one of the beams had chipped more than the others."

The present solution is to wait until the surface cracking in a particular area has ceased, then patch it when all loose and semi-loose pieces of concrete have been removed. "It is expected that the spalling will be occurring intermittently throughout the life of the gym," Bishop said.

Other Problems

The roof leaks in the classroom area, the gym and the tunnel connecting the old and new PER building. Dr. Wolin commented: "We have a plan to fix the leaks in the tunnel and have been approved a restricted amount of money...but we are not really confident it will fix the problem."

According to Dr. Wolin, there is a "Permanent traffic pattern problem" built into the gym. In the original plan there was to be a ten foot corridor running from the gym to the classroom

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