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Cards features grappling tourney

Two of the teams to beat in the State University Conference Wrestling championships, which will be held at Plattsburgh

State Saturday appear to be defending champ Oswego State and Brockport State. Both squads have been im-

pressive in dual meets this season and appear healthy for the championship competition, which begins at the PSUC gym at 1 p.m.

with Brockport and their loss to Oneonta. The Lakers have some of the finest "leg" wrestlers in the conference.

A year ago, the Lakers rolled up an 11-1 record in dual meets. They topped off the season by winning seven individual conference crowns, the SUNY title and competing in the NCAA college division national tourney.

This season, against a somewhat stiffer schedule, the Lakers have slipped to a 6-3 record in dual meets. And only three of last year's conference champs are back. One of the three, Frank Friscano, has moved up in weight.

Friscano, a senior from Rochester with a 7-1-1 record this season, is wrestling at 130 pounds. He won the 123-pound title in 1965. Two other Oswego champs will be trying to retain their 1965 weight titles.

Tom Gustainis, a senior from Windsor with a 7-1-1 record, is the reigning 167-pound SUNY titleholder. Terry Ryan, a senior from Brentwood with a 4-2

record, is defending his 177-pound crown.

Other Oswego hopefuls include Carl Reiström, senior heavyweight from Syracuse who has a 4-2-3 record. Reiström was third in the tourney last season in the 191-pound class. Steve Mullady, a senior from West Babylon with a 1-1 record, hopes to improve upon his fourth place finish in the 115-pound class last year.

Laker Coach Jim Howard forecasts a wide open battle for the team title.

"Individual championships will probably be evenly distributed," says the former NCAA and AAU wrestling star. "Second and third place depth will determine the team title."

Howard rates Oneonta, which recently beat Oswego 22-17 in a dual meet, as the No. 1 tourney choice. He considers Cortland, Brockport, and Oswego as the next choices in that order. Wrestling newcomers Plattsburgh and Potsdam are his darkhorse picks.

THROUGH THESE PORTALS PASS THE HARDEST NOSED WRESTLERS IN THE EAST



FAVORED KINGS — Oswego State wrestling coach Jim Howard (right) tells three of his defending SUNY Conference kings he wants the Lakers to be No. 1 again in the SUNY tourney Saturday at Plattsburgh State. Left to right are Frank Friscano of Rochester, 1965 SUNY 123-pound champ; Terry Ryan of

Brentwood, defending 177-pound SUNY titlist and Tom Gustainis of Windsor, defending 167-pound SUNY king. Oswego has won SUNY Conference crowns for the past two seasons, but faces a strong challenge this year from Oneonta, Cortland, Brockport, Potsdam and Plattsburgh.



DARKHORSE — Plattsburgh State's hopes in the heavyweight class ride with John Jacques, caught throwing Randy Jonas to the mat dur-

ing practice session Wednesday afternoon in preparation for Saturday's State tourney.



ONE OF THE FAVORITES — Ed Gomez, weighing in at 137 pounds, reaches for the mat as Alan Audus flips him and places the undefeated Gomez in a difficult predicament

during rugged practice session. Gomez is yet to taste defeat in his division this season and according to his coach, Don Lindell, should be one of the favorites.

(P-R Photos by Matt Kelsh)

Shoe gets Buckpasser home

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Buckpasser whipped his stabimete, Stupendous, in a furious stretch drive in the \$30,400 Everglades Stakes at Hialeah Wednesday.

Buckpasser, champion colt of 1965, ran the 1 1/4 miles in a swift 1:47 4-5 under 122 pounds with Willie Shoemaker aboard and stamped himself as the big favorite for the \$100,000-added Flamingo Stakes March 3.

Stupendous, owned by Mrs. Henry C. Phipps of New York and ridden by Braulio Baeza, carried 115 pounds, led nearly all the way and lost only by a head.

Coming down the stretch, Buckpasser moved in and bumped Stupendous lightly, but no foul claim was made. Baeza said the bumping threw Stupendous off stride.

Abe's Hope closed fast to be third and Blue Skyer finished fourth in the eight horse field.

The entry of Buckpasser and Stupendous, both trained by Eddie Nelroy, was the prohibitive favorite at 20 cents on the dollar and returned \$2.40 and \$2.20 to win the place. There was no show betting.

Buckpasser's time was only four-fifths seconds slower than the track record of 1:47 set by Bold Ruler in the 1957 Flamingo. Fractional times on a track labeled fast were :22 4-5, 45 2-5, 1:09 and 1:34 3-5.

Buckpasser earned \$19,760 in the Everglades to add to his

NIT makes 1st selections

NEW YORK (AP) — St. John's, the defending champion, Boston College, Virginia Tech,

play. DePaul, which won the tournament in 1945, has a 16-5 mark and Penn State was 15-4