

SUCP's Molbury becomes third SUNYAC champion

Freshman Rich Molbury became the third SUNYAC conference wrestling champion in Potsdam State's history Saturday as he led Coach Neil Johnson's Bears to second place overall in the conference tournament at Geneseo.

The freshman 177 pounder defeated Dan Cook of Brockport 7-1 in the finals to join his cousin, Bob Funk, and Don Eldred as champions.

Brockport State's exceptionally strong aggregation won the title with 99 points and six champions. Potsdam had 65, while Cortland scored 59, and Oswego 45½.

Taking second places for Potsdam were Ron Lewis at 118, Bob Johnston at

167, and Fergus Murphy at 190. Joe Galea was upset in the semifinals and had to settle for third, while Keith Lyndaker, Phil Richardson, and Doug Petroff were fourth place finishers.

Potsdam had never finished higher than fourth in previous tournaments as they joined Brockport in moving up two places. Both teams are exceptionally young and have depth, and the future rivalry promises to be exciting.

The Bears will send an entire squad to this weekend's NCAA College Division championships at Oswego State. Coach Johnson sees this as great seasoning for his young wrestlers, and a fitting climax to the careers of Johnston and Lewis.