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VARSIITY WRESTLING 2ND IN NNY TOURNEY

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On Saturday, December 1, Potsdam State hosted the sixth annual Northern New York Wrestling Tournament, which involved eight colleges of several different conferences. Preliminary rounds began at 1 p.m. and the consolations began at 3 p.m. The consolation finals were held after a dinner break at 7 p.m., and the finals started at 8 p.m.

ten wrestlers into the semi-finals, and they picked up five pins, one decision, and three byes (a wrestler who advances into the next round without wrestling due to an off number of wrestlers.) In the consolations Potsdam fared well, with four out of the six wrestlers that were eliminated advancing to the consolation finals. We lost in the top two weight divisions, 190 pound

Nizol of Buffalo State with a 19-3 superior decision in the first round bout. Jim Beggar of SLU went down to defeat at the hands of Britt in the semi-finals. In the finals, Steve Ernst wrestled Britt St. John in an exciting bout (Britt was strongly supported by the Potsdam fans). Britt scored the initial take-down, but from then on Ernst took control, except when Britt

title. The time of the pin was 6:54. Coach Johnson felt Tony should have won the outstanding wrestler award for his performance.

Scott Roop probably has seen enough of Stan Smart. Scott, who hails from Buffalo State was beaten by Stan twice. In the first round Stan won by decision over Roop 15-6. Smart was then pinned in the semi-

the consolations he pinned his opponent, Carl Chivara of Buffalo, in 3:55. Mike Kevett lost to Mike Schmid in the consolation final 9-6.

Tom McCue, the only survivor this semester of Potsdam's famed Murder's Row (Galea, Molbury, Murphy, McCue) and third place winner at last year's NNY tourney at unlimited, pinned his first opponents and



Colgate, who was heavily favored in the tournament, took the team championship trophy with a point total of 135½. Potsdam finished a strong second, collecting 118½ team points, which was 21 points ahead of St. Lawrence, even though St. Lawrence had one more champion than Potsdam, the rest of the team results are as follows: St. Lawrence 97½, Buffalo State 77 Guelph 42½, Clarkson 42, Hobart 28½, and Plattsburgh had 13½ points.

Colgate took an early lead in the preliminaries with all weight classes of Colgate advancing into the semifinals with four pins, two superior decisions, and one default. Potsdam did well in the first round, obtaining four pins (falls), a superior decision, and two decisions. However, three Bear grapplers were eliminated. The Bear wrestlers all advanced in the lightweight (118-158) except the 134 pound class. St. Lawrence advanced nine of its

and the unlimited class.

Colgate advanced seven men to the finals while Potsdam came up with four finalists as did St. Lawrence, Clarkson and Guelph both had one finalist. In the consolation finals, Buffalo State had six wrestlers, Potsdam 4, Hobart 3, Colgate 2, SLU 2, and Plattsburgh, Guelph, and Clarkson each had 1.

Jerry Pleskach of Potsdam repeated as the Northern New York champion. Pleskach, who was top-seeded in the Tourney, pinned John Huber from Plattsburgh (who took third place) in the first round, and came back with another pin in the semi-finals. The victim was Wayne Accardi of Buffalo, and he fell in four minutes. In the final, Jerry came out on top in an exciting match, taking a decision by the score of 9-7 over John Graziaoci of Colgate.

Britt St. John, defending NNY champ and top-seeded in the tourney at his weight class of 126, easily outpointed Tom

scored on a reversal to come up with one point, 7-6. But the Colgate wrestler took the advantage and finally won, 10-6.

Joe Creighton faced top-seeded Kevin Hunt of Buffalo in the first round and was pinned. Joe, a freshman, came back in the consolation rounds, pinning Tom Roberts of Plattsburgh in 5:54, then taking a superior decision (more than a ten point difference) over Jim Hopkins of SLU, 15-3. In the consolation finals he won by decision over Nash of Clarkson, 8-3. He took third place in the Tournament.

At the 142 pound class, Tony Peraza, top-seeded in that class, pinned Pete Robinson of SLU in 4:48. In the second match, Jim Ernie of Plattsburgh was hurt wrestling Tony and he had to default the match. In the finals, Tony who fell behind in the first period by two points, came back with a reversal and an escape from Ralph Indorf of Clarkson. In the third period, Tony pinned Indorf to take the

finals by Mike Clark, a scholastic All American, from Colgate in 2:35. In the consolation semi-finals Smart came up with the fastest pin in the tournament, pinning Dan Bryant of Plattsburgh in :38. Stan met Scott Roop again in the consolation finals, in which Stan won 7-2. He placed third in the tournament for Potsdam.

A senior from Johnston, Chris Johnson pinned his first opponent, who was Baker from Hobart College. In the semi-finals he was outpointed 8-1 by Bill Genthert from SLA. In the consolations he pinned Ralph Schniedre of Plattsburgh to find himself facing Baker again in the consolation final. He won by decision 8-1 to take third place in the 158 pound class.

Mike Schmid took third place at the 167 pound class. After winning by decision 9-6 over Tom Bethune of Guelph. Mike faced top seeded Jim Rich of Colgate and lost 14-6, by decision. In the semi-finals of

advanced to the finals. His victims, third placer Doug Morsback of Hobart and Jim Fiacco of SLU, went down in 4:42 and 3:15 respectively. McCue faced heavily favored and top-seeded Rich Defchatle in the finals, and Tom came out on the short end, losing 6-0. Rich Defchatle had placed third in the Junior World (18 and under world wide) and was the top wrestler in his weight class in Canada. The loss to Defchatle gave McCue, the second Lowville native to place for Potsdam (Pleskach was the other), second place.

Tom Ayotte, a freshman from Rochester, and Mike Vidulich, a freshman from Tribes Hill, lost both of their two bouts each. Tom Ayotte, Potsdam's 190 pounder, lost by a superior decision, 15-4. Barrable, of Guelph, who took second place, was the winner. In the consolations Ayotte lost in a close match 5-4 to Fran

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