Varsity Grapplers Decision Hobart Statesmen 18-8

It's "get-even" time on the Brockport wrestling mats. Tomorrow the win-hungry Eagle grapplers play host to arch rival Cortland in a match that should make the visitors wish they hadn't made the trip.

After a brilliant 18-8 triumph over Hobart last Saturday, Brockport would like nothing better than to continue its record of never being beaten on its home mats. In the Eagle's inaugural meet last season, the Cortland junior varsity tripped Brockport 19-12 and also topped the Green and Gold in the state tournament.

But, as many have noticed, things are changed on the Eagle mats and only time will tell if they have changed enough. Starting time for the meet is 2 p.m. and it would be wise to come early to be assured of a seat.

Brockport's first meet of the season might be tabbed "the jitters eliminator." And Tom McIntyre, spirited head coach, stated that there's a lot of work to be done.

"We've worked mainly on pinning combinations this week," he said. "The boys are really up for tomorrow's meet so they've been working hard."

One thing can be sure. If Brockport exhibits the brand of wrestling it did last Saturday, Cortland will have its hands full. Little Skip Sutton started things off for the Eagles with a neat 5-0 victory over Hobart's Pete Rodgers, and Paul Kaczmarski, added three more to the home team score with a 6-3 win over Fran Bremson. Bob Bonnes was not to be outdone so he added three more points, topping Bob Parrish 5-2 and Bill Lawlor nipped Steve Snyder 5-4 to make the score 12-0, Brockport's favor. Rangy Bill Mull kept the ball rolling with a 4-0 decision over Al Long, lifting the score to 15-0.

Terry Mather was victim of a mis-calculated takedown and was decisioned by Hobart's Bob Simmons 6-3 but Jim Alessi, wrestling at 177, evened the score with a 5-0 win over John Brackett of Hobart. Steve Tiza, ahead at the time, was disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct, so Hobart's Chuck Diman carted home the heavyweight honors for the day.

The go-go junior varsity squad proved that McIntyre has built a great deal of depth when it downed R.I.T.'s jayvees 25-10. Highlight of the preliminaries was Greg Kuzniar's pin over his opponent, Pete Serafin, in the 157 pound weight class. Benny Samler looked good in his debut and won as did George Sievers. Bob Monroe and Frank Loturco won by forfeit while Dan Hodack drew. Ira Goldstein lost in an exhibition battle as did Doug Hoover.

Mat Memos . . . Coach McIntyre, assisted by jayvee coach, Chuck Blackwell, taped information on a tape recorder as the matches went along . . . Six of Hobart's eight varsity wrestlers are seniors while only one is on the Eagle first team . . . the gymnasium was near capacity filled . . . Mr. Boozer acted as announcer . . . Brockport was by far in the best condition.

Hoopsters Down Roberts Wesleyan

Last Friday in their home opener, the Brockport Golden Eagle basketball team defeated Roberts Wesleyan 57-43. High man for the Eagles was Paul Buntich, a 5'11" junior guard. He scored 13 points, 8 in the first half. Senior captain Jim Dugan hit for 12 points and junior guard Bill Nelson dumped through 10 points. Dave Winchell took scoring honors for Roberts as he scored 12 points.

Dr. Gaylord emptied his bench, using all 14 players on the roster. The Eagles jumped off to an early 13-3 lead and never trailed from there. They led 32-17 at the half, and Dr. Gaylord called for a ball control second half. The Eagles responded, taking only the good shots. They only attempted 19 shots in the second half, as compared with the 32 attempted by Roberts. This type of ball does not prove very exciting for the fans but if a win is the result, the excitement must be forfeited.

Next Friday the Eagles play host to the Lakers of Oswego at 8 p.m.