

Wrestlers Finish Fourth in SUNYAC Tourney ★

By Andy Rose

Oswego's wrestlers took fourth place in this year's SUNYAC (State University of New York Athletic Conference) tournament this past weekend at Binghamton.

The final team scores were as follows: 1st-Brockport (76½ pts.); 2nd-Binghamton (70¼ pts.); 3rd-Cortland (67 pts.); 4th-Oswego (63½ pts.); 5th-Potsdam (45½ pts.); 6th-Geneseo (7¼ pts.); 7th-Oneonta (3 pts.); 8th-Albany (2 pts.).

In this type of competition, the first four places are point gainers. The points awarded for the four places are 10, 7, 4 and 2 respectively. The scores of the first four teams before the consolation finals were: Brockport (60); Binghamton (57¼); Cortland (57); and Oswego (54½).

134 - 1st- Lang (Brock) 2nd-Rossi (Cort.) 3rd Borshoff (Bing.) 4th-Bouchard (Pots.)

142 - 1st -Wilce (Bing.) 2nd-Rosati (Cort.) 3rd-Gager (Os.) 4th-Nettleton (Genes.)

150-1st Peraza (Pots.) 2nd- Whipple (Cort.) 3rd-Brenton (Brock.) 4th-Schlick (Bing.)

158 - 1st - Palombo (Bing.) 2nd-Chacona (Os.) 3rd- Armstrong (Cort.) 4th-Geer (Pots.)

167 - 1st- Habel (Brock.) 2nd-Lobdell (Os.) 3rd-Carr (Pots.) 4th-Whelan (Cort.)

177- 1st- Corley (Os.) 2nd-Hedges (Cort.) 3rd-Sippel (Brock.) 4th-Carra (Bing.)

190- 1st-Harmon (Brock.) 2nd-Wolff (Pots.) 3rd-Moore (Cort.)

ded beating Jordan of Albany 14-8 in the quarter-finals, Sippel of Brockport 4-0 in the semi-finals and Hedges of Cortland in the finals by a pin.

Some interesting facts of the match:

-The MVP award was won by Lang from Brockport.

-Rich Lobdell lost a tough 2-0 match in the finals to Habel of Brockport. Habel got one point for an escape and one point for riding time to win the match.

-Marc Chacona lost first place by three points to Palombo of Binghamton. The final score was 7-4.

-Steve English also lost first place by three points to Tyndall of Brockport. The final score of that match was 5-2.

With the scores as close as they were, it is apparent that first place in the New York State Invitational is still up for grabs. The determinant factors will be 1) who advances the most men up through the finals and 2) who is ready to wrestle!!

The N.Y.S. Invitational is this coming Friday and Saturday, Feb. 20-21 here on the SUCO campus.



126. Lb. Champion in SUNY AC Tournament, Gary Battistone hopes to complete his senior season with a first place finish at Oswego Invitational.

To a person not familiar with wrestling scoring, these figures may not mean much but the important thing to remember is that any team could have won going into the consolation finals and Oswego was one of these teams.

Brockport had five finalists. They won four and took two third places. Binghamton had four finalists. They won three, took two third places, and three fourth places. Cortland entered four finalists. They won one, had four third place winners, and one fourth place winner.

Oswego proudly advanced five finalists. They won two, took one third and one fourth. Potsdam had two finalists. They won one, had one third place winner, and three fourth place winners.

The following indicates Oswego's placings:

118 lb. - John Marnell (4th)
126 lb. - Gary Battistone (1st)
142 lb. - Eric Gager (3rd)
158 lb. - Mark Chacona (2nd)
167 lb. - Rich Lobdell (2nd)
177 lb. - Paul Corley (1st)
H.W. - Steve English (2nd)

Overall placings were:

118-1st-Berti (Bing.) 2nd- Good-fellow (Brock.) 3rd-Robinson (Cort.) 4th-Marnell (Os.)

126- 1st- Battistone (Os.) 2nd-Darling (Bing.) 3rd-Ciotoli (Cort.) 4th-Shaw (Pots.)

4th-Jansen (Bing.)

H.W. -1st- Tyndall (Brock.) 2nd-English (Os.) 3rd-Schlosberg (Bing.) 4th-Nally (Oneon.)

One of Oswego's first place winners, Gary Battistone, didn't wrestle on Friday because of a "Bye" match. A "Bye" match is what happens when a team fails to enter a wrestler in a particular weight class.

Due to a vacancy in one of the quarter-final slots, a wrestler (chosen by drawing) is advanced automatically. This prevents him from two things: 1) wrestling and keeping in shape for the semi's and finals and 2) possibly picking up points. The only advantage of a "Bye" match is the fact that the wrestler automatically advances to the semi-finals.

Considering both sides, it is apparent that the negative side of a "Bye" match outweighs the positive. Coach Howard said that he is "haunted" by this every year. Anyway, Battistone had some trouble on Saturday because he hadn't wrestled at all on Friday. He had to come from behind 2-1 going into the second period.

A series of takedowns and escapes led the score to 8-8 at the end of the match. Battistone finally beat Darling of Binghamton 1-1 in overtime.

Oswego had another first place winner. Paul Corley (177 lb.). Corley's outstanding feat was that of a pin at 6:00. It was the only pin in the finals. Corley's road to victory inclu-



Oswego's Paul Corley, 177 lb. First Place Winner in SUNY AC Tournament will compete in New York Invitational Championships this weekend.

Laker Hosts Wrestling Tourney

More than 200 of New York's leading collegiate wrestlers will battle here Friday and Saturday (Feb. 20-21) in the seventh annual New York Intercollegiate Invitational Wrestling Championships.

Over 20 teams are entering the two-day tourney, where fans will see five bouts simultaneously in early rounds. Among entries are defending champion State University at Buffalo, and other pre-tourney favorites St. Lawrence University, SUNY Binghamton, Brockport State and Cortland State.

Five former champs are back. Three from last year are Colgate's 142-pound king Scott Perkins, a junior from Saratoga Springs; St. Lawrence's 158 pound sophomore Mitch Brown of Williamsville, and Buffalo's Ray Pfeifer, a Kenmore sophomore who won at 118 last year but now

wrestles at 126. Two other former champs are Potsdam State's Tony Peraza, a senior from Ridge who won at 142 in 1973, and 1974 heavyweight champ Mackey Tyndall, a Brockport State junior from Madrid.

Tyndall will face a strong challenge from St. Lawrence's Ron Pelligra, a senior from Syracuse who was runner-up last year.

The host Oswego State team has a quartet of highly regarded contenders including senior 126-pounder Gary Battistone of Northport, 150-sophomore Jerry Oberst of Rochester, 167-junior Rich Lobdell of McDonough, and 177-freshman Paul Corley of Syosset.

All bouts will be held in Laker Hall, which accomodates 5,000 spectators for wrestling. Sessions begin Friday at 2:30 and 7 p.m., Saturday at 12 and 6:30 p.m.



Oswego State mat coach Jim Howard (left), meets in planning session with committee members Cy Parr (center), community coordinator, and Bill Foley, publicity director, for New York State Intercollegiate Wrestling Tournament at Oswego State Friday-Saturday, Feb. 20-21.

More than 300 bouts will be wrestled in the event, New York's biggest collegiate tourney this season. As many as 26 New York college teams will be represented. Major sessions first day are at 2:30 and 7 p.m. Second day, major sessions are at noon and 6:30 p.m. Fans will be able to view five bouts simultaneously.