

# Wrestlers Are Third In SUNYAC

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Cortland State's varsity wrestling team placed four wrestlers in the finals of last weekend's SUNYAC championships, but all four had to settle for second place.

Brockport State won their third consecutive title with Cortland placing third behind Binghamton.

Finishing second were Pete Rossi 134, Lou Rosati 142, Rory Whipple 150, and Bill Hedges 177. Mo Robinson 118, John Ciotoli 126, Rick Armstrong 158, and Cliff Moore 190 all placed third. Dave Whelan at 167 was fourth. Bill Rasbeck the heavyweight had to default.

At 118 Robinson lost in the first round, then wrestled back to take third. In the consolation finals he beat the wrestler he lost to in the first round.



*Cortland's Kevin Lewis (standing up) placed second along with teammates Pete Rossi, Lou Rosati, and Rory Whipple in SUNYAC*

## Woman Wins Target Title

Linda Magratten, a student at the State University College at Cortland, scored 501 at the New York State Collegiate Archery Championship to win the title of Champion Woman. The tournament was held on Valentine's Day at the State University at Albany.

The round was a Double FITA, that is, 60 arrows at 18 meters at a 10 ring, 40 cm. face, and according to the same stringent rules that will be used at the Olympic Games. In the first FITA, Linda has achieved a 243. In the second FITA, she had gotten accustomed to the conditions and she scored a 258.

There were two ways to win eligibility to participate in the National Collegiate

Championship, and Linda did both. One way was to place among the top three and the other was to score at least a 250 for a FITA. The National Collegiate Archery Championship will be held in May at Cerritos College at Norwalk, California.

Ms. Magratten participated in the Annual New York State Archery Championship at Greene last July and earned a ranking 5th place among the New York Women.

A student from Cornell won the title of State Collegiate Archery Champion Man. Brooklyn College archers won both Men's Team and Women's Team Championships.

Freshman John Ciotoli at 126 had a 17-1-1 record going into the tournament, but was upset 8-5 in the semifinals and ended up placing third. Earlier this year Ciotoli had beaten the same wrestler 7-4.

Cortland's other outstanding freshman, Pete Rossi, lost a 15-4 decision to Abe Lang from Brockport. Lang is a two time SUNYAC champ and placed in the nationals. Pete's record is now 19-3.

Co-captain Lou Rosati also ended up in second place. He lost a 4-1 decision to Walt Wilce of Binghamton. Earlier he had won 8-6 and 11-7 decisions to reach the finals.

The 150 pound weight class had the tournament's two best wrestlers by far. Cortland's Rory Whipple lost 5-3 to Tony Peraza of Potsdam. Peraza placed second in the nation in a division III while Whipple was last year's SUNYAC 158 pound champ.

Rick Armstrong just missed the finals at 158 and finished third. He was taken down with only fifteen seconds left and lost a 6-5 decision in the semifinals.

Placing fourth for Cortland at 167 was Dave Whelan who lost twice to the same man. In the first round he was pinned, but only lost 7-5 in the consolation finals.

Cortland's fourth runner up was 177 pounder Bill Hedges. After winning 8-1 and 6-2 decisions he was pinned in the finals by a tough wrestler from Oswego.

A pleasant surprise for coach Vince Gonino was Cliff Moore placing third at 190. Cliff was a 177 JV wrestler for most of the year, but when he had his chance, performed well. He lost 8-5 to the champion in the first round.

Coach Gonino said that he was pleased with the team's performance and pointed out that most of the wrestlers are freshmen and sophomores. He added that if John Ciotoli at 126 and Rick Armstrong 158 had made the finals the Red Dragons could have placed first.

Today and Saturday the wrestlers will be competing in the New York State College tournament at Oswego. More than 20 schools will be there and among the top teams should be Buffalo, Colgate, St. Lawrence, Syracuse, Binghamton, and Brockport.

Cortland State will be represented by five wrestlers in the national tournament.

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