

Oswego: Indian for 'Site of Bald Eagle massacre'

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OSWEGO, N.Y. — You have to be a real wrestling fan to attend a National tournament, especially one the size of the College Division Championships held last weekend at the State University of New York at Oswego.

Backsides get mighty sore after 20 hours of bleacher-sitting, 11 on Saturday when semi-final, consolation and championship bouts were held non-stop from 12:30 p.m. to 11:30 at Laker Hall.

But there was plenty of exercise, too, as you moved back and forth from the main arena to the auxiliary gym when the matches of interest were called.

After watching Jimmie Rupp's first match in the auxiliary gym, for instance, it was back to the bigger area to see brother Tim and Jack Hopkins in action, then return later to the small area as another Eagle was on deck.

Tim Rupp was an early 6-1 casualty to Dave Bruner of Northern Colorado in the opening preliminary round. Twin Jim and Hoppy won a pair, but Lou Conway had lost 3-1 to Jeff Cohen

of Brockport at 142 and Don Adams was also knocked off.

Gary Ventimiglia won his first bout, and the biggest disappointment of the first day came at 167.

Jim Doster, ahead 5-1 heading into the third period, got a little conservative on the bottom and was cradled and pinned by Trenton's Max Calehuff. It hurt even more when Calehuff later dropped a referee's decision in overtime to third place finisher Doug Stone of Humboldt, who lost only 11-9 to eventual champion John Stevenson of F&M in the semi-finals.

The freshman from Allentown had a real shot at a place.

Friday night, Jim Rupp fell by the wayside when he bowed in overtime to Ray Fernandez of San Francisco State, the runner-up at 118. Each had an escape in regulation time and the big move for Fernandez was a third period takedown going off the mat in the extra time.

Next, it was Hoppy's turn to go down the drain. He and North Dakota State's Ken Tinquist were knotted at 1-1 in the third period when the senior from Mo Valley was caught in a punishing

reverse double-arm bar and pinned.

Venty moved past Mike Richart of Western Illinois, then he too bit the dust when he met Clarion's Wade Schalles in the quarter-finals at 150.

The Island Trees grad looked like he had the first takedown, but Schalles pulled one of those impossible moves, elevating Venty from a double underhook — just as he had John Chatman in the PIAA finals — and onto his back for a 5-0 lead.

Venty said later that, in on a tight double, he had hoped to move up and throw a half-nelson. Schalles confirmed that it was what he was counting on, elevating as Venty moved. The ex-Hollidaysburg sensation reported that the power in the move comes from his legs and that he can elevate a heavyweight if he catches him moving right.

On top to start the second period, Venty let his Clarion foe up, electing not to wrestle him on the mat, but was hip-locked onto his back and Schalles had his fourth straight fall.

When "Wondrous Wade" nailed Mike Lee of Wilkes in 53 seconds of their semi-final bout, he had spent only 10:53 total time on the mats in five bouts, registering earlier pins in 5:38, 1:01, 0:57, and 2:24.

South Dakota State's Mike Engels took the Clarion ace the

full eight minutes in the finals, but only because he 'wouldn't wrestle and Wade had to settle for a 15-3 decision.

And the 150-pound title. And the "falls" award. And the Outstanding Wrestler trophy.

With only Venty and Jim Rupp in the consolations, the chances of Lock Haven taking an entry to Maryland were slim. And nil when Ruppie was decked by Don Kessler of Elmhurst and Venty dropped a heartbreaker to Glenn Herman of Moorhead State.

Clarion Coach Bob Bubb also suffered a disappointment when 167-pounder Bill Simpson sustained a rib injury in the semi-finals and couldn't come back to wrestle for a place.

Schalles was in the finals, along with Slippery Rock's Rod Irwin, Tom Cox and Stan Dziedzic, so the Pennsylvania Conference would be well-represented.

Another wrestler of interest also made the championship round, Fletcher Carr, the former Erie East strongboy now at Tampa U. Carr's position looked a little shaky, however, until with 15 seconds to go in his semi-final match with Keith Leland, he pancaked the Cal Poly grappler for a 7-4 victory.

The long session of wrestles-backs remained, and the championship round.

(More on the CD tournament in tomorrow's Express)