

Eight wrestlers qualify for Nationals

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have won the tournament.

Three key matches against Cortland made the difference between first and second places. Kevin Richard lost his semi-final match, John Parasella lost to Pete Rossi of Cortland in the consolation finals and Tony Smith lost a heartbreaking 3-2 decision in the Championship Final.

Smith was leading 2-1 with 19 seconds remaining when he was taken down, giving his opponent the victory.

While those matches were disappointing to coaches Murray and Habel, several matches saw the Brockport grapplers scoring outstanding wins.

In the 150 lb. final, Joe Giani defeated Chris Bourn of Cortland 11-1. In the 167 lb. Consolation Final, Prince Green downed Frank Kiff of Cortland in overtime. Heavyweight Chris Haley defeated Rick Gonzales of Cortland 10-3.

Habel commented that Rich Sippel was again outstanding. As was mentioned earlier, Sippel took first place for the third year in a row.

Woody Vanderburg also turned in an excellent performance. He was edged out in the 158 lb. final 7-6 by Rick Armstrong of Cortland, the defending



NCAA Division III National Champion.

Habel feels that if the team can correct a few mistakes and deal a little better with tournament pressure, it should finish high in the National Tournament, possibly in the top four.

This weekend the Eagles will be participating in the New York State Tournament. This tournament will include all the SUNY teams and many private schools such as Colgate, Union and St. Lawrence.

Brockport will be entering five of the men from the SUNYAC Tournament as

well as five others that were not in the tournament.

Both Coach Murray and Coach Habel feel this tournament does not hold as much importance as the SUNY Tournament because the wrestlers cannot qualify for the Nationals in this meet.

Along with regulars Kevin Richard, John Parasella, Prince Green, Tony Smith and Chris Haley will be: Steve Kennedy at 118 lbs., Mark Bianco at 126 lbs., Pat Saedel at 150 lbs., Derek Bickford at 158 lbs. and Rod McDowell at 167 lbs.

Women win title

by Patty Schwartz

This past week the Women's Basketball Team, in the Consolation Round of the Elmira Invitational, beat Mansfield 60-55. They lost to Manhattanville in the initial round 60-51. On Tuesday, the Eagles lost to Geneseo 50-44.

Due to a late arrival, the team had very little warm up time before their game against Manhattanville. This, and what Coach Young considered "inconsistent officiating" threw the team off in the first half.

Coach Young felt that the team was having trouble at the foul line. "We outshot them from the field but they beat us at the foul line." At halftime the Eagles' were down by 13. But they came back in the second half to outscore Manhattanville 31-27.

In the Mansfield game, the coach thought the team played a sluggish first half but came up with a good team effort in the second.

The top scorers in the tournament were Lori Jaros with 21 and Vicki Sendbeck and Kathy Knudsen with 15 each. The top rebounders were Cheryl Lee with 16 and Kathy Knudsen with 12.

Coach Young felt "We weren't clicking on offense at all, but we had good hustle man to man" in the Geneseo game. She also felt the girls' timing was off and that there was a general lack of concentration. Again the Eagles' outscored their opponent from the field and the coach said the officiating was poor. "There was a lot of delay in the foul calls."

Cheryl Lee was the top scorer and rebounder with 15 and 18 respectively. Coach Young said, "Lee has played very well in the last three games." Kathy Knudsen, Maureen Sharrow and Phyllis Sava also had a good game.

This Thursday the Eagles will travel to the RAC Tournament at the University of Rochester. Teams from St. John Fisher, Alfred, Nazareth, Monroe Community College, University of Rochester, Geneseo and Brockport will be participating in it. Tuesday night at 7:00 is the team's next home game when they take on the University of Buffalo in the Tuttle North Gym.

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All American, Rich Sippel, defended his title for the third straight year.

by John Stitt

Brockport State's Wrestling Team finished second this past weekend in the State University of New York Athletic Conference Tournament at Albany State. This was the first time in 5 years that Brockport lost the SUNYAC title.

Cortland State won the tournament with 77½ points while Brockport had 72½ points.

With their second place finish, the Eagles placed eight men in the NCAA Division III National Tournament in Humboldt, California, on March 2nd.

Eagles qualifying for the Nationals and finishing first were Joe Giani at 150 lbs. and Rich Sippel at 177 lbs., who also took first for the third year in a row.

Woody Vanderburg at 150 lbs., Terry Smith at 190 lbs. and Chris Haley at Heavyweight all took second place and qualified for the Nationals.

Also qualifying for the Nationals but finishing third were Kevin Richard at 126 lbs. and Prince Green at 167 lbs.

John Parasella who wrestled at 142 lbs. and finished fourth also qualified for the Nationals.

Assistant Coach Jim Habel said that "the team has come a long way this season" but he still feels the team should



John Parasella took fourth and also qualified for the Nationals.

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