

Parisi regains All-America

by Beth Wojciechowski

John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio was the site of the NCAA Division III National Wrestling Championships this past weekend where 300 wrestlers, representing 93 colleges and universities from the west coast to the east converged to decide the National Championship.

The defending national champion, Brockport State was back to try retaining its title with eight wrestlers qualifying for the national tournament. Six of the Golden Eagle qualifiers won first place honors in the tough SUNY conference tournament two weekends ago. Brockport was hard pressed by the 1979 National Champs and last year's second place finisher, Trenton State College who out powered Brockport to regain the title of national champion with their first place 111.75 finish.

This year Trenton was even stronger than when they won the championship in 1979. They qualified all ten wrestlers for the nationals and nine of those were first place finishers in their Regional qualifier. Trenton walked away with three national champs, two third place finishers and a fourth place.

The only other school in the tourney that qualified all ten wrestlers was the



PARISI ACCEPTING his deserved award.

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host school John Carroll University. The Blue Streaks won their 15th consecutive Presidents Athletic Conference Championship two weeks ago

by taking first place finishes in six weight classes. A total of sixteen teams qualified five or more athletes for the Championship.

The 142 pound weight class had the largest number of entries with 33. All other weight classes had 32 or less, so several of the top seeded wrestlers received byes in the opening round. The seeding committee seeded the top eight wrestlers in each class and then a computer was used to place the remaining bracket positions.

The Oswego State Lakers finished this tourney on Saturday in tenth place. The disappointed group of matmen returned with only one All American out of the seven men that represented Oswego State.

Dave Parisi, the 118 pounder is now an All American for the second season running and goes on next week to the ultimate of championships, the NCAA Division I tourney in Princeton, New Jersey. Parisi, the top seeded man in this tourney upped his 1980 fourth place finish to second this year being upset by the second seeded man, Dan Stefancin of John Carroll University in an intense 7-5 match.

In period three of the match the JCU

wrestler caught an elbow in the head which split his forehead. The bout was stopped for about ten minutes, breaking the rhythm Parisi was trying to set. Parisi could not attain the vital three points he needed in the 21 minutes, 30 seconds he had left to overcome his foe and ended his season with a second place finish instead of the championship.

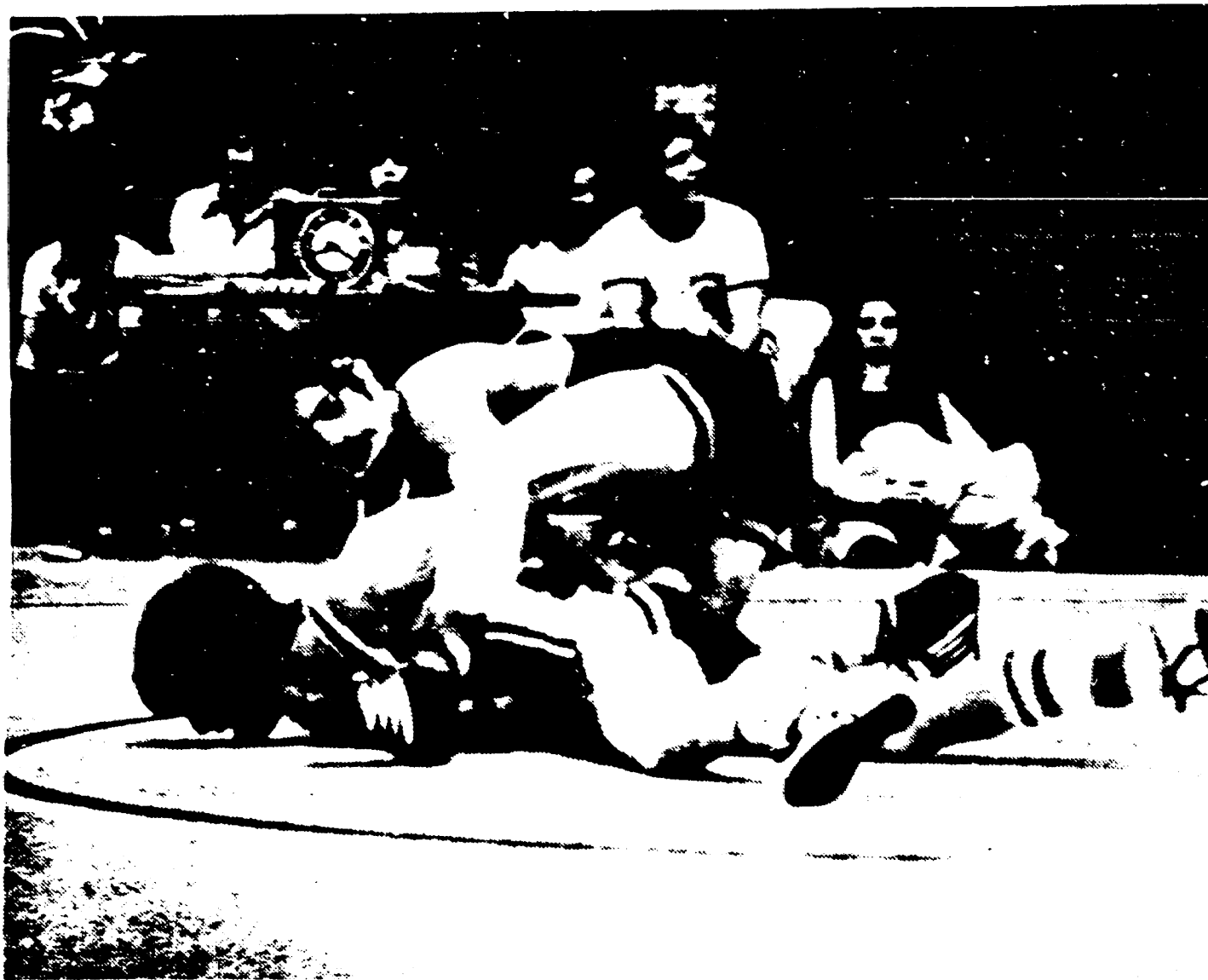
Parisi was the chosen wild card selection in the weight class to represent Division III in Princeton next week. "Dave's match was a close one," remarked Coach Jim Howard.

"Stefancin's injury threw Dave's timing off and there wasn't time to regain it. Parisi was selected to go on to Division I based on his past performances and that's the ultimate in college wrestling. He'll have the opportunity to wrestle with the absolute best wrestlers in the country and we haven't qualified a wrestler for Division I since 1967 so it's a real honor."

Oswego's other two pre-season All Americans, 134 pound Bob Carbo and 142 pounder Mark Bowman were both knocked out after the first round of wrestling.

Oswego's three other qualifiers, junior Mike Cooper (126), soph Tom Stanbro (158), and frosh Doug Morse (190) all were within one match of becoming one of the top eight wrestlers in Division III. These three wrestlers all added valuable team points for Oswego State.

The only thing for the Laker matmen now to do is look ahead. Parisi's got Division I to think about and the rest have next season as all will be back. The Oswego athlete's at the nationals last weekend have had a taste of wrestling with the best and can now train and begin once again the long, hard road of wrestling.



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OREGON STATE	3	Arizona State
DEPAUL	2	Notre Dame
Iowa	3	OHIO STATE
Utah	2 1/2	BRIGHAM YOUNG