

# Nicholson Cops "Y" Mat Diadem



The Oswego YMCA, represented by two Oswego State wrestlers and a former Laker, placed third in the New York State YMCA Wrestling Championships at Niagara Falls Saturday.

Ed Nicholson was the 157-pound division champion, and the other two Oswego Y grapplers, Pat Augustine and Tom LaClaire, reached the finals in the 147 and 167 pound divisions before losing their matches.

The Oswego Y matmen scored 14 points to register third place. The Binghamton grapplers, who had men wrestling in all but one division, took the meet easily with 41 points. The scoring:

Binghamton 41, Ithaca 18, Oswego 14, Niagara Falls 11, Buffalo 7, Syracuse 6, Rochester 5 and Elmira 4.

Nicholson pinned Ken Cobb of Binghamton in his first match, using a crucifix to record the fall in 3:48. Then he battled Eldon DePue of the Elmira Y in the finals, winning a 12-8 decision. Nicholson was ineligible to wrestle with the OSTC team this year because of a time limitation placed on transfer students by the National Collegiate Athletic Association. The college is under NCAA regulation for the first time this year.

Augustine, still bothered by a muscle tear sustained at the 4-1 Wrestling Tournament in Cleveland, beat Don Copeland of the Binghamton club, by scoring a 1:10 fall, using a waisthold. Binghamton's Carlton Orr used a stack-up to pin Augustine in 5:42 in the final match, although Pat had been ahead 4-0.

LaClaire stopped Rem Jackson of Niagara Falls, getting his fall with a cradle in 4:27. However, Dick Rush of Binghamton squeaked out a 3-2 decision in the championship match when he scored a takedown with about 45 seconds to go. Both men were on their feet for most of the match.

Laker Wrestling Coach Dave See said that one or more of the Lakers might enter the Niagara District AAU meet in Rochester next weekend. The district meet will be a real challenge for any wrestlers who enter, as Olympic free style rules will be used, radically different from regular college rules.