

State Grapplers Invade Port City

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An invasion of grappling powerhouses will infiltrate the City of Oswego this weekend for the 23rd Annual State University of New York Athletic Conference Wrestling Championships on the Oswego State campus.

This event should indeed please the palate of wrestling fans on all levels as the Oswego State Great Lakers seek to dethrone Brockport State College, which has captured the title in each of the past three years.

In fact, Brockport's Eagles have copped the team title nine out of the last 11 years.

Jim Howard's Lakers, meanwhile, have six conference crowns under their belts, the last coming in '70-'71.

Also included in the weekend tourney will be SUNY-Albany, SUNY-Binghamton, SUNY-Buffalo, Cortland State College, Oneonta State College and Potsdam State College.

Doug Morse, the Oswego titan at 190, returns to defend his title netted last season. Others seeking to retain individual titles include Brockport's Frank Famiano (126), Ron Winnie (150), Jeff Cox (167) and Anthony Conetta (177); Albany's Spero Theofilatos (134) and Andy Seras (142).

Action gets underway at 6:15 p.m. tonight with quarter-final round bouts and continues at 8 p.m. with more quarter-final activity and first-round consolation matches.

Semi-finals begin at noon Saturday, followed by consolation semi-finals at 2 p.m., consolation finals for fifth and sixth places at 3:30 p.m., the consolation finals for third and fourth places at 6 p.m. and the championship finals at 7:15 p.m.

Tickets will be sold at \$1 per session for students, \$2 for adults and \$3.50 for the

all-sessions package.

Let's get out and support the Oswego State grapplers...their determination and efforts deserve such recognition.

Lair Hot

Senior co-captain Dave Lair of the Oswego State Great Laker icemen is a phenom on ice.

Several weeks ago, the Niagara Falls, Ont. product notched five points against the University of Buffalo to give him a total of 302 career points.

He became only the third college icer to score over 300 points in his career.

He should have no problem surpassing Army's Dave Rost ('76-'79) who attained 326 points, and may even shoot for all-time leader I. Latreille of Middlebury ('64) who amassed 346.

As a frosh, Lair was named the ECAC Division II Wrestling Rookie of the Year. In his sophomore year, Lair led the nation with 42 goals and 10 assists.

And as a junior, he was selected as the ECAC Player of the Year.

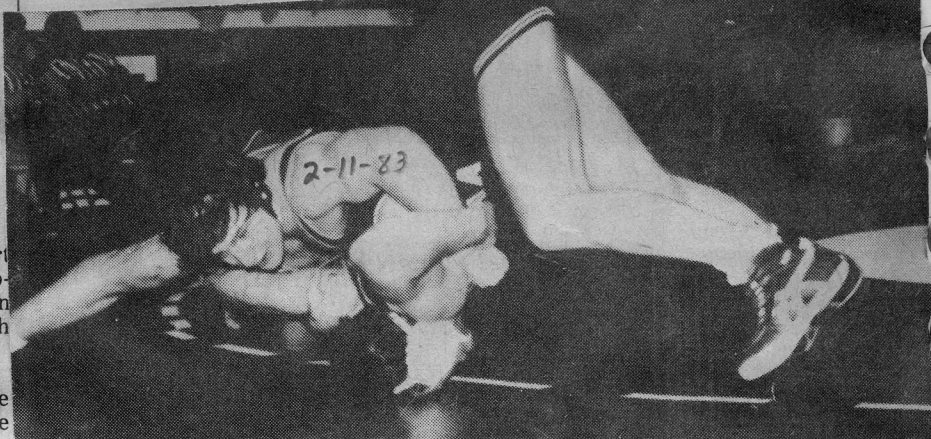
Lair was recently informed that he now holds the record for most consecutive games played with at least one point scored. He has notched at least one point in each of his last 52 Division II contests.

This past January, Lair was selected as Player of the Week by the ECAC twice.

Presently, he is leading the ECAC in scoring with 30 points (30-34).

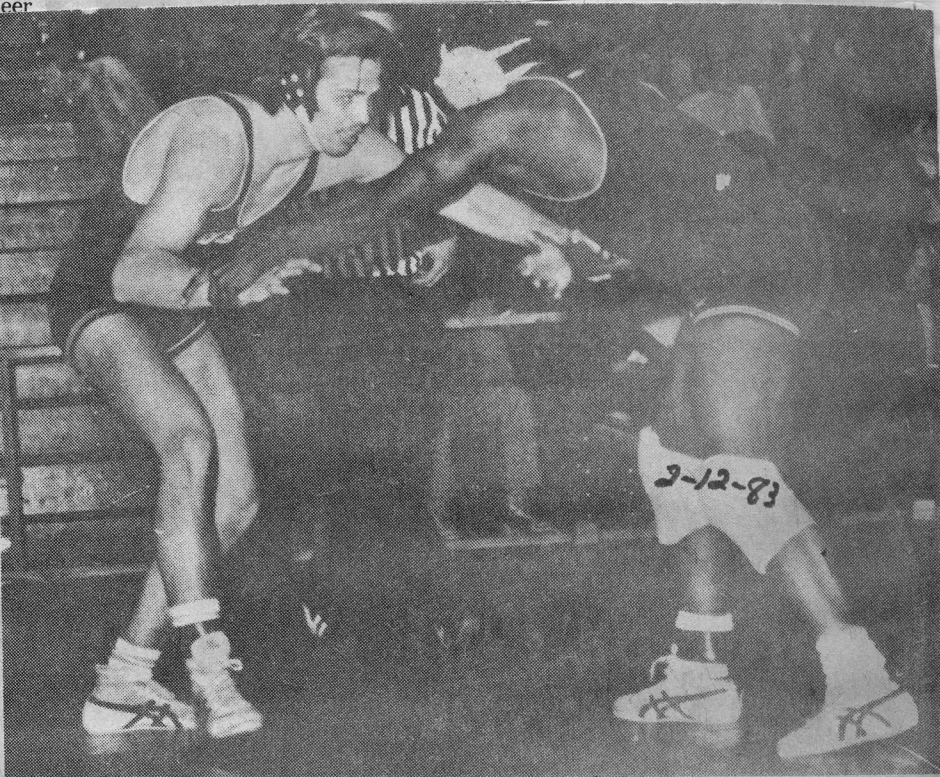
Buffalo University invaded the Romney Field House for a clash against the Great Lakers tomorrow night. You're not taking in the SUNYAC Wrestling Tournament at Laker Hall, shuffle on down to Romney for a glimpse of this terror on ice.

A player of Lair's calibre does not appear every season.



LAKER MUSCLE — Oswego State's Paul Newman (left) makes a pretzel out of a Columbia wrestler in recent mat action. Newman and the Lakers will host the SUNYAC Wrestling Championships this

weekend at Laker Hall. Brockport State is seeking their fourth straight SUNYAC team title and Oswego will surely gear to derail the Division III powerhouse Eagles tonight and tomorrow.



SUNYAC ACTION — Oswego State's Mark Bowman (left) tangles with Brockport's Kevin Sistrunk during opening-round action of the SUNYAC Wrestling Tournament at Laker Hall. Bowman copped a 4-3 decision at the 158 level to advance toward semi-final action today. Brockport, the three-time

defending team champions, led after last night's activity by compiling 41 points. Oswego State is second with 36 1/2 points while Binghamton and Cortland are tied for third with 34 1/4 points. (P-T Sports Photo By Harrison Wilde)