

★ Great Laker grapplers send six to nationals

by Gary Denmark

"It was close. We could have been the champs with two more victories."

This is how assistant coach Mike Howard described Oswego's third place finish in last weekends SUNYAC tournament.

Brockport State won the tournament with 85 points. Cortland State finished second as they scored 76 points, followed by the Great Lakers 73 points.

The Lakers will send six wrestlers to the Division III National Tournament. The most impressive performance was turned in by junior Brian Darling.

Darling went down in weight class from 126 pounds to 118 pounds for the tournament. This was a move that payed off as Darling won the tournament.

He also came away with the outstanding wrestler trophy.

Darling breezed into the finals as he won his first two matches by technical fall; winning by a margin of at least 15 points.

Both of these occurred in the first period.

Darling first defeated Keith Peavy of Brockport (2:13) and then dealt Binghamton's Matt Daly the loss at 2:51.

In the finals, Darling had a closer match, but came away victorious over Cortland's Troy Monks 8-6.

142 pounder Jim O'Neill will be joining Darling on the trip to the Nationals, which will be held at John Carroll University on March 2,3,4 as he came up with a second place finish.

O'Neill, the second seed won his first match 9-2 over James Caurenson of Oneonta. In a back and forth match, O'Neill was upended by Brockport's Bill Colley in the end 6-5. He then went on to take on third place finisher Mike Hebim from Potsdam, picking up an overtime victory.

150 pounder Mike Wade also qualified for the national tournament as he picked up a second place finish.

He had no problem advancing to the finals as he took Rick Endress 8-1.

He came up against two time All-American Nick Zurickny a run for his money.

Wade forced the match into overtime where he finally succumbed 5-2.

Freshman Steve Amyot turned in another fine performance as he came away as a third place finisher and earned one of the two selections made by the coaches to travel to the Nationals.

Amyot had trouble getting under way. In a wild match, he defeated Potsdam's Bryan Mason 3-0 in overtime. The score was tied at 11 at the end of regulation. In his next match, he was defeated by number one seed Ken Copella.

But then he came through in the clutch as he won his next two wrestleback matches. He

defeated Mason, in their second match of the day 8-2 for his third place finish and trip to the Nationals.

Junior Scott Brinley earned a berth to the Nationals as he came away a second place finisher of 177 pounds.

Brinley defeated Binghamton's Kurt Heimbrecht 5-3 in the semifinals, before bowing to number one seed, Wayne Ebanks from Oneonta in the finals.

Senior All-American Jon Buhner had no difficulties at heavyweight as no one scored a single point against him.

He upended Potsdam's Steve Miles 15-0 and

Brockports Andre Hinlep 10-0 in the finals.

Coach Howard, "can't see anyone beating him in the Division III Nationals."

Should Buhner carry through on his expectation, he will earn a berth to the Division I Nationals, an incredible accomplishment. Buhner is undefeated in Division III competition and has a total record of 24-1-1.

At 134 pounds, freshman Jeff Shade earned a forth place finish as did 190 pounder John Conti.

Coach Howard believes that Conti was ripped off as Conti was called for flagrant misconduct and was subsequently disqualified.

College Basketball

continued from page 23

Big Ten

All the *Indiana Hoosiers* (21-5, 11-1) needed was for someone to take over in the stretch of their Sunday afternoon game against the *Michigan Wolverines* (19-6, 7-5).

Sophomore guard Jay Edwards did, as his 3-point bomb, with no time left hit nothing but the net, as he propelled Indiana over the Wolverines 76-75.

It all started when Michigan forward, Glen

Rice's turnaround jumper bounced off the rim with nine seconds to go, and the Wolverines up by two. Without calling a timeout the Hoosiers hurried the ball up the court, but found problems getting a shot off, as IU guard Lynden Jones looked for an open man at the top of the key.

With coach Bobby Knight yelling to shoot the ball, Edwards took a pass from Jones and lofted a rainbow just before the buzzer went off, to give Indiana the one point victory. Edwards ended up with 23 points as the Hoosiers contained their 3 game lead in the conference.

by Jim Caldwell