Tourney time

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In preparation for both the SUNYAC and NCAA Division III year-end tournaments, the Great Laker wrestling team ended their dual meet season in fine fashion. Coached by Jim Howard, the Oswego grapplers overwhelmed their final two opponents, Clarkson and Colgate, with a balanced Laker line-up and a rather undermanned opposition.

On Tuesday, Feb. 9, the Great Lakers hosted Colgate and came away with a rather easy, 39-6, victory. The outcome of the match was never in question, as Colgate was forfeiting in four weight classes, making the score 24-0 before either team stepped out on the mat.

"The guys were lacking enthusiasm tonight," commented Howard, "because it's hard to get up for a match thats already been given to you." Two of Howard's grapplers, Tony LoCascio and Doug Morse, wrestled well, despite losing close battles. "I think the guys have tournament action on their minds right now," added Howard, "so that could have been the reason why."

Nevertheless, impressive outings were turned in by Lou Chartrand, a 5" second pin, Mike Letcher, a superior, 20-8, decision, Mark Bowman, a 19-2 mauling and Tom Dougherty, a pin at 3:45. Parisi, Carbo, Parietti, and Stanbro all were awarded forfeits in their respective weight classes, to make the final score 39-6.

Against Clarkson on Feb. 4, the Laker's took five of the eight bouts wrestled and won two more by virtue of forfeits. Senior Dave Parisi started the evening off with a 4:02 pin of Clarkson's Brett Cook at 118 pounds. Oswego's Lou Chartrand was then major-decisioned at 126 by Dave Lewis to make the score 18-4, with the aid of the two forfeits, in Oswego's favor. Bob Carbo then added three more team points for Oswego with a tight 6-3 win at 134. Laker Mike Letcher then lost a tough, 8-1, bout at 142 to make the score 21-7 going into the 150-pound weight class.

At 150, senior Mark Bowman responded with a close, 4-2, victory, but Clarkson's Scott Cook handled Oswego's Tony LoCascio 9-5, at 158, to make the team score read 21-10. From here on out, the Great Lakers were not to be denied.

Senior Pat Parietti looked impressive in outclassing his 167-pound opponent 8-3, and Oswego's Tom Stanbro followed with a 4:13 pin at 177. Oswego's 190 pound Doug Morse and heavyweight Tom Dougherty were then awarded their forfeits to make the final score 33-10.

The Lakers finished their 1981-82 dual meet season with a record of 16-3. They are now looking forward to the SUNYAC Tournament, which will be held on Feb. 12-13 at Potsdam. Oswego's toughest competition will come from defending NCAA Division III champion Brockport. "We have a good shot at the team title, if things fall our way," stated Howard. "We have a couple of weight classes locked up, but so does Brockport, so it will simply come down to whoever puts more wrestlers in the finals."