



Cortland State grapplers dethrone Oswego

Card's Gomez loses in title match

A talented Cortland State wrestling team ended Oswego State's two year reign as champion of the State University Conference by taking first place in the loop championships, held Saturday at the Plattsburgh State gym.

The Red Dragons, coached by Dave Milier, took first places in six of the eleven weight classes. They also took a third and two fourths, for a total of 85 points.

Oswego battled into second place with 75 points, followed by Oneonta, 65; Brockport, 46; Potsdam, 32, and the Plattsburgh Cardinals, 16.

The most outstanding wrestler for the local Cardinals was Ed Gomez, 137 - pound sophomore, who took second place in his division. He was pinned by Cortland's Paul Rose in the finals in 4:19. Oneonta's Xavier

Lewis took third. The rest of the tournament's results are as follows:

115-lbs. — Cortland's Doug Prato, third in this division last year, decisioned Oneonta's Ernie Muserallo in the finals, 13-10, to take the crown. Dick Stiles of Potsdam placed third.

123-lbs.—Brian McGann, of Oswego, one of the tourney's quickest grapplers, easily downed Oneonta's Doug Clark in the finals, 15-3, win the championship. Dave Rzytko of Potsdam took third.

130-lbs. — Cortland's Bill DeSario outclassed last year's champ, Oswego's Frank Frisicano, 11-5, in the championship round. Oneonta's Joe Morris captured third.

145-lbs.—Bob Funk of Potsdam, cheered on by a large delegation of Bear fans, decisioned a tough Paul Kazmarski of Brockport, 4-1, for the title.

Funk placed third last year. Oswego's Dean Parsley gathered in third this time around.

152-lbs. — Brockport's Joe Waitword won over Potsdam State's Paul Kealy, 3-0, in taking the crown. Oswego's Dick Baldwin placed third.

160-lbs.—Cortland's Al Sosa, second in the 167-pound class last year, downed Oneonta's Bryan Lambe, 3-2, in an exciting final round. Jim Consaul of Brockport took third.

167-lbs.—Dennis Connors of Cortland, second in the 157-pound division last year, pinned Oswego's Tom Gustainus in 7:35 for the championship. Gerry Miller of Oswego captured third place.

177-lbs.—Oswego's Terry Ryan, last year's champ, retained his title with a 6-3 decision over Oneonta's Dick Samuel. Brockport's John Alessi took third with a 7-1 victory over

Rick Nathan of Plattsburgh in that consolation round.

191-lbs.—Oneonta's Gary Lehr became the only freshman to take a championship by downing Oswego's Carl Reistrom in an exciting overtime match, 5-2. Reistrom was third in the division last year. Third place this time went to last year's champ, Dick Felser of Cortland.

Unlimited - Cortland's Jeff Wachtel pinned all three of his foes Saturday for the championship. This includes a pinning of Oswego's Andy Gary in 4:13 of the title match. Charley Bolesh of Brockport took third by decisioning John Jacques of Plattsburgh, 3-2.



BIG STRUGGLE — Dave Rose of Cortland State is about to put the finish to Plattsburgh's Ed Gomez in the 137-pound championship of the State conference tourney held on the

local campus Saturday. Gomez was the only Cardinal grappler to make the championship round.

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