

LAKERS DETHRONED AS STATE WRESTLING CHAMPS, PLACING SECOND TO CORTLAND IN CLOSE TOURNEY



TERRY RYAN (above) and Brian McGann (right) were Oswego winners at the league meet.

Saturday, February 26 at the SUNYAC tournament at Plattsburgh, the Oswego Lakers were dethroned as State University Champions. The Lakers, who have won the tournament for the

past two years, placed second behind the Cortland "Red Dragons."

The three top-seeded teams fell in this order Cortland - 85, Oswego - 75, and Oneonta, 65. Brockport placed fourth with 46 points, Potsdam fifth with 36 points and Plattsburgh sixth with 16 points.

The Lakers wrestled well, placing six men in the finals. Cortland also placed six in the finals and Oneonta filled in with five men. Oswego was ahead going into the finals, but first places turned out to be the deciding factor. The Lakers didn't get the needed help from Oneonta, especially at the 115 and 137 weights was expected to win here but Cortland's building momentum turned the tables.

At 115, Oswego's Steve Mullady was eliminated in the first round by Stites of Potsdam (5-3). Prato of Cortland topped Muserallo of Oneonta for the Championship in this weight class.

At 123, Brian McGann of Oswego made a clean sweep to win the championship. In the first round he pinned French (Br.) and finally decisioned Clark (ON) (15-3) in a lopsided match to take top laurels.

At 130, Frank Friscano (OS), last year's Champion at 123, wrestled his way to the finals but was decisioned by a strong Cortland wrestler, Butch DeSario. De Sario incidently, has a season's record of (12-1-3) with Friscano wrestling him to a draw during the regular season.

Kramer, of Oswego took fourth place at 137, in a strong field. Rose (Cort.) took top honors and Gomez (PL.) took second place. Dean Parshley at 145, in a nice effort took third place behind Funk (Pot.) the Champion and Kaczmariski (Br.) the second placer.

The 152 Class saw Oswego take

another third, as Baldwin defeated Aycox of Oneonta. Waitword (Br.) was Champion at this weight.

Phil Toner of Oswego took fourth at 160, also behind a strong field. The Champion at 160 was a strong and formidable wrestler, Al Sosa of Cortland.

At 167, Oswego took a hard second place. Tom Gustainis was ahead of Conners (Cort.) (5-0) in the final match when a bad move gave Conners a chance for a pin and he took it. At this point in the tournament Oswego was only trailing by ten points. Gustainis' loss struck a hard blow to the team. In a previous meeting Gustainis beat Conners in a decision.

Terry Ryan, at 177, success-

fully defended his title and was Oswego's second Champion. Terry also pinned his opponent in the semi-finals. For the Championship he defeated Samuel of Oneonta.

Carl Reilstrom (OS) who was switched to 191, only to lose a tense match. Reilstrom and Lehr wrestled to a draw (3-3) and had to go into overtime. Carl lost in overtime (5-3) to take second place.

Andy Garey did an outstanding job at heavyweight. Andy was originally supposed to wrestle 191 but was switched to heavyweight. Andy came up with a big win, beating the top seeded man at heavyweight, Bolesh of Brockport (5-2). Bolesh had beaten Andy before in dual competition.

Icemen Capture Finger Lakes Crown; Down Ithaca For Unbeaten Season

The Laker icemen clinched the Finger Lakes Hockey League title for the second consecutive year last Saturday by defeating the Ithaca College Bombers, 9-6. Oswego's record in league competition was seven wins, no defeats.

Bruce Boissoin led all scorers in the Winter Weekend pairing, turning in his fifth "hat trick" of the season. The speedy Guleph, Ont. frosh opened the afternoon's scoring by tipping in

Hug closed his teams' scoring on an unassisted effort, as did Keith Benore for the locals.

Oswego's goalie, Pete Sears, made 34 stops, and Ithaca's new (this semester) netminder, Bill Simpson gloved the disc 58 times. The game was marked by a number of penalties with four major penalties assessed.

Tomorrow afternoon the Lakers skate against the Army Plebes at West Point to end the regular season's schedule. Next weekend Oswego will host

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