



Corley first, matmen fourth

The Laker matmen placed an impressive fourth in an eight-team field at what coach Jim Howard called "the toughest SUNYAC tournament of all time" this past weekend at Cortland.

The biggest and best news was 167 pound Paul Corley's first-place win in his class. Corley, who was top seed, bested Brockport's Jim Habel 3-1 in the finals competition to cop the Lakers' only first-place finish. However, three other Lakers also earned places in the Division III nationals (to be held March 2-4 in Wheaton, Illinois) and contributed to the team total of 44.5 points.

Van Watkins, going at 190 pounds, pulled off a minor upset in pulling out an overtime win over Cortland's Jeff Menz in the semifinal match. Brockport's Don Harmon bested Watkins in the finals, however. Senior Steve

English, the Lakers' heavyweight entry, narrowly missed a title when he came up on the short side of an overtime decision to Potsdam's Don Patt. Up and coming sophomore Jim DiOrio posted a third-place finish at 142 pounds battling back from a first-round upset loss to Paul Hamer of Cortland to do so.

Brockport's Eagles, the number one Division III wrestling power perennially, edged out powerful SUNY-Binghamton 79.5-74.5 to take team honors. The host Dragons took third with 63.5 points followed by the Lakers, Potsdam, Oneonta, Geneseo and Albany, in that order.

This weekend, further tournament competition is on the slate with the New York State Championships at Rochester Tech.