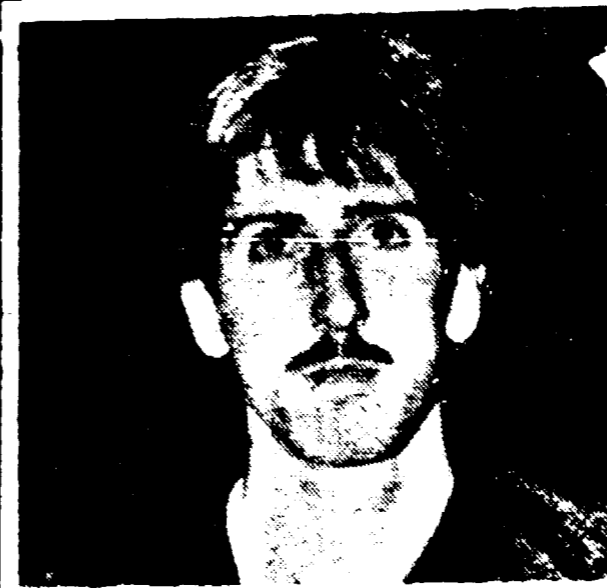


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Netminder Sam Dodero kicks out 29 shots in the Lakers' 6-5 comeback win. See story on page 26.



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## Oswego sight for wrestling championships

by Terry Melia

The Max Ziel Gymnasium at Laker Hall will be exhibiting some of the most exciting wrestling of the year this weekend. Oswego has been chosen as the host site for the 22nd Annual SUNYAC (State University of New York Athletic Conference) Wrestling Championships, to be held on Friday evening and all day Saturday, February 11-12, 1983.

Under the guidance of head coach Jim Howard, the Great Laker wrestling team will have no holds barred in their quest for the SUNYAC team championship. Without question, the team that will give Oswego the most trouble will be the Golden Eagles of Brockport, led by head coach Don Murray. Not only is Brockport the only team to have defeated Oswego in SUNYAC dual meet action this year, but they are also the reigning team champion from the past three SUNYAC tournaments.

SUNYAC is thought by many to be the toughest conference in all of NCAA Division III. Many reasons back this thinking. First of all, there is always an unlimited number of quality wrestlers that come out of the state of New York each year. Due to highly skilled technicians and aggressive recruiters, many of these talented grapplers decide on continuing their education through the SUNY school system. One example of SUNYAC's high caliber of wrestlers would be their placing 43 grapplers in the national tournament last season, of which five were crowned champions.

This year's SUNYAC tournament should be filled with many wild and exciting bouts between the numerous talented individuals going after their respective weight class crowns. Competing from last year's tournament will be seven returning champions - 126 pound Frank Famiano, Ron Winnie at 150, Ron Cox at 167 and Tony Connetta at 177, all of Brockport, along with Spero Theofilatos at 134 and Andy Seras at 142, both from Albany and 190 pound Doug Morse of Oswego. There will also be eight returning runner-ups from last year's tourney competing. Among them are Andy Komarek, Tom Jobin, and Guy Lucas, all of Buffalo, Mark Bowman and Tom Stanbro of Oswego, Ed Morales of Brockport, Vic Herman of Albany and Tom Pittman of Binghamton. Needless to say, there will be many aggressive wrestlers "out for blood" this weekend.

Coach Howard feels optimistic towards the tournament's outcome. He notes that with a

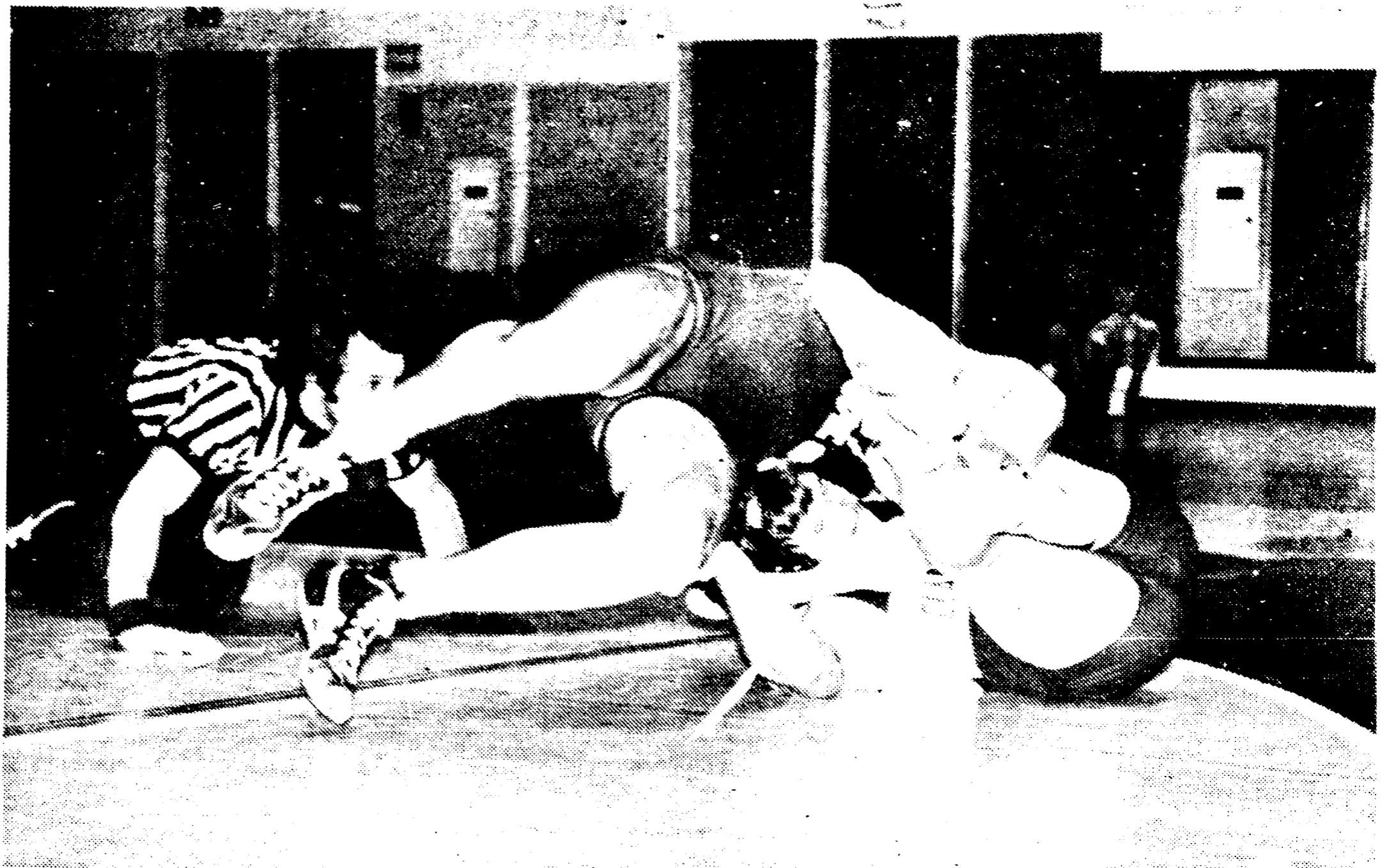


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*THIS IS a preview of some of the action that you can see at Laker Hall this weekend if you go to see the Championship.*

few good breaks, the Great Lakers could "definitely" strip Brockport of the team crown. "As long as we get strong performances from each in the line-up and Albany and Binghamton give us a little help - along with a few upsets - our shot at the team championship is definitely within reach."

Starting off the line-up for the Great Lakers will be sophomore Mike Coddington at 118 pounds. Mike has split with his conference opponents this season, posting a 6-7 record. Provided he gets a good draw, Coddington could easily place in the competition. Wrestling at 126 pounds will be sophomore Pat Wittekind, a consistent performer all

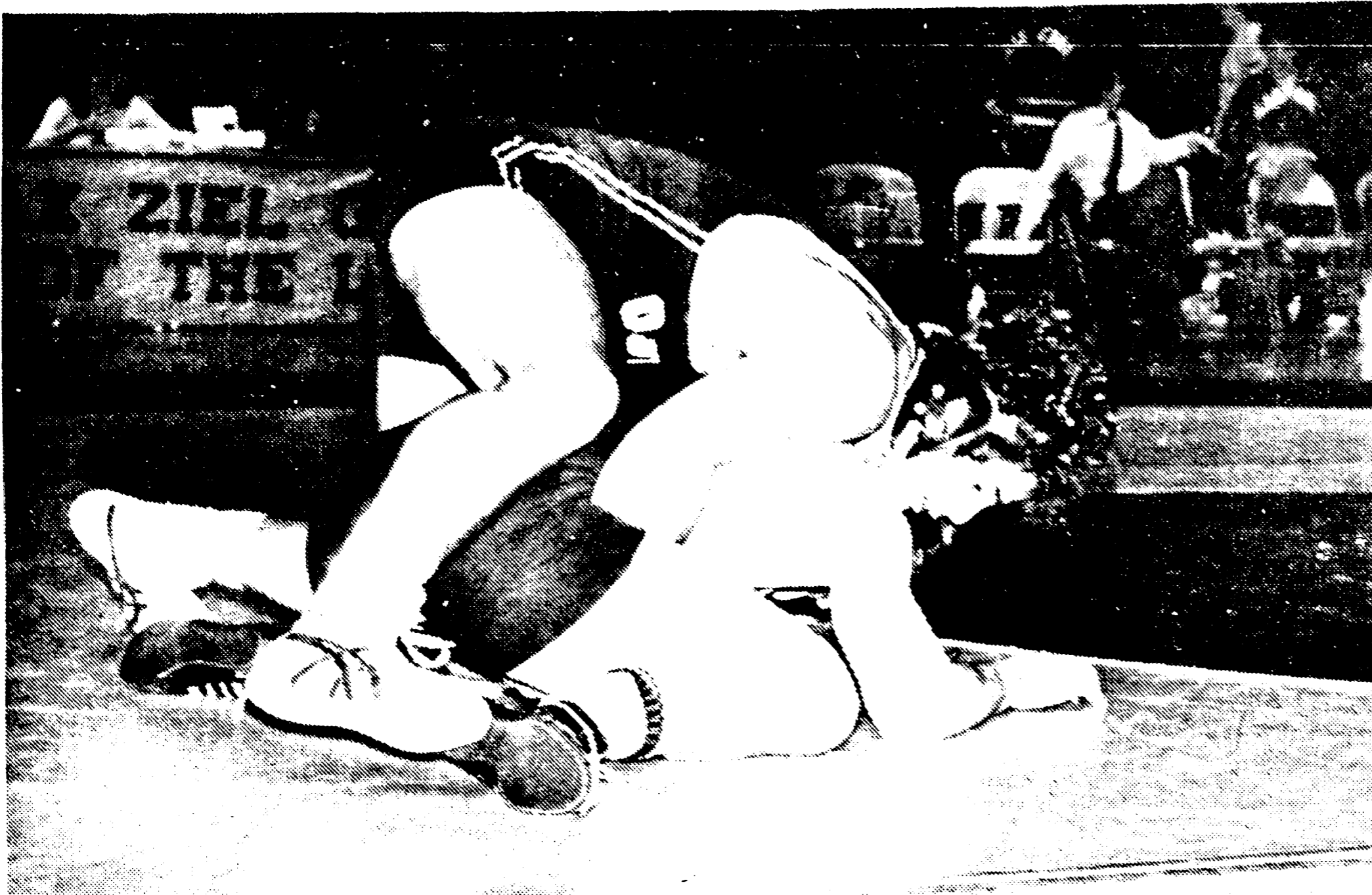
season long. Wittekind should be seeded high in his weight, as he has beaten most of his conference rivals this season. His main competition will be dealt from three-time All American and defending national champion Frank Famiano of Brockport. Rounding out the lightweights for Oswego will be 134 pound junior Mark Howard. Howard has been one of the most consistent winners on the team this year, establishing some impressive credentials along the way. Howard placed strong thirds in both the R.I.T. Invitational and New York State tournaments. Howard's biggest foe will come in the form of Mike Franklin of Brockport, who defeated Howard in a controversial dual meet bout, 6-5. "I've

got a score to settle with Franklin this time around," added Howard.

Moving up into the middleweights, the Great Lakers will have senior Mike Letcher performing at 142, freshman John O'Gorman at 150 and senior Mark Bowman at 158. Letcher has been involved in some of the flashiest, exciting bouts of the year and this weekend should be no exception. One-hundred forty two pounds is the most stacked weight with quality performers. Defending champion Seras of Albany and Gregg Bruno of Potsdam will provide competition for Letcher. O'Gorman, just a freshman, has

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# SUNYAC wrestlers travel to Oswego ready to battle



MARK GLICKMAN takes down his opponent in preparation for the SUNYAC's. Oswego hopes to be successful in every weight class.

photo by Alison Tuohy

Great Lakers have experience and youth in their favor. Senior All-American Stanbro will handle the 167 pound slot and should do very well. Stanbro is also a returning runner-up from last year's action and has his work cut out for him in the form of defending national champion Ron Cox of Brockport. Another senior, Paul Newman, will be wrestling at 177 pounds for Oswego and should also fare well. Newman has defeated all of his opponents in the conference except for Tony Connetta of Brockport, another defending national champion.

Junior co-captain Doug Morse and freshman Mark Glickman should certainly provide the hometown fans with some splendid grappling action this weekend at Laker Hall. Morse, the defending SUNYAC champion and national runner-up at 190 pounds, should walk away with the championship at his weight class. He is currently 18-2 on the year and has defeated everyone in the conference. Heavyweight Glickman, on the other hand, has had an up and down season so far. After capturing the R.I.T. Invitational at the start of the season, Glickman has faltered since and has lost many close matches. His main competition will come from Bob Jaisaites of Oneonta and Bob Nichols of Brockport. "I've been working hard and want to go to the nationals. I'm ready," noted Glickman.

The "time-line" in the tournament's schedule will be as follows: Opening ceremonies are slated to take place at 6:15 pm on Friday, Feb. 11, with the quarter-final round of competition to follow immediately. At 8:00 pm, the quarter-final consolation round will take place. Then, on Saturday, Feb. 12, the semi-finals will begin at noon. The consolation rounds for fifth and sixth place will start at 3:30 pm, and for third and fourth place at 6:00 pm the championship finals will take place promptly at 7:15 pm, with awards to follow the 126 pound bout.

Last year saw the Great Lakers place second, right behind perennial powerhouse Brockport. The Bulls of Buffalo and the Albany Great Danes placed third and fourth, respectively. Rounding out the remaining schools which will be competing in this weekend's tournament are Binghamton, Cortland, Oneonta and Potsdam. So go ahead and treat yourself to some of the finest wrestling action of the year.

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established himself as a talented grappler to be reckoned with in the future. He has a 3-4 record in the conference and the biggest obstacle in O'Gorman's way will undoubtedly be defending national champion, Ron Winnie of Brockport. Closing out the middleweights will be Bowman, an experienced veteran in SUNYAC and national competition. Bowman is a returning runner-up from last year's tourney and will be in strong contention for the crown. Howie Greenblatt of Cortland could give Bowman some trouble.

Stepping up into the heavier weights, the

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