

Four represent Lakers at Division III Nationals

by Bari Pollack

The Great Laker matmen finished third last weekend as the SUNY Athletic Conference held it's National Qualifier at Potsdam College, Oswego, in impressive fashion, placed ten out of ten wrestlers.

It was Binghamton, Brockport and Oswego in contention for the title, but the Brockport Eagles took top honors for the

heavyweight crown. Much to Mackin's surprise, Glickman used a clutch reversal, and went on to take the victory and title, 7-3.

The 118-pound weight class was the toughest in the tourney, as it saw competition from John Leo of Binghamton, Ed Morales of Brockport and Terry Melia of Oswego. Melia, a senior, recorded a fourth-place finish for

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second year in a row, as they compiled 138½ points. Binghamton took second with 118 points and had four champions--at 118, 150, 167, and 177 in John Leo, Mike Treacule, Keith Lavagero and Tom Pillair respectively, along with four place-finishers.

Great Laker Captain Doug Morse took the title at 190, making him a three-time SUNY Athletic Champion.

Morse began his assault on the crown with a pin over Albany's Mark Gusens in 56 seconds. He then put away Dennis Leonard of Brockport, in 2:43, thus making the finals. Morse accepted a forfeit from Jim Hunter of Cortland, giving him the victory and the crown.

Mark Glickman, a sophomore heavyweight, put on an awesome display of wrestling, pinning Harry Higgins of Oneonta in the semifinals in 2:04. He then went on to post a 3-0 overtime victory over Cortland's Bob McMorris. He was then pitted against rival Chris Mackin of Binghamton, in a battle for the for the

the Lakers as he wrestled the final bouts of his college career. He defeated Darryl Miller of Oneonta 5-3 in the quarterfinals, but then dropped a decision to Binghamton's John Leo, 4-0, in the semi's. Leo went on to take the crown, and Melia battled back by decisioning Buffalo's James Hughes 5-3, but then sustained a tough loss to Brockport's Ed Morales in a confrontation for the third-place finish.

Mike Coddington, at 126, also took a fourth finish for the Lakers. Coddington opened strong with a pin over Buffalo's Chuck Adams at 3:43, but then lost an overtime war to Oneonta's Desmond Basnight during the semi's. Basnight went on to pummel his foes to take the title at 126. Coddington dominated Cortland's Tom Reynolds, 18-1, before losing to Brockport's Dave St. John 12-5, in the battle for third.

At 134, Captain Pat Wittekind opened by pummeling Duane Averill of Potsdam, 11-0, in the quarterfinals. He then lost a tough battle to John Ezito of



Heavyweight Mark Glickman

Oswego's "big man" displays his championship style in action from SUNYAC competition, held at Potsdam last weekend. (photo by Rob Jansen)

Binghamton, who went on to place second in the tournament. He then triumphed over John Bulog, 8-5, and Bill Meltugh for third-place honors, qualifying him for the Division III Nationals.

At 142, senior Mark Howard placed fifth. Howard lost in the quarterfinals to Binghamton's Gary Bochner, 7-6, but surged back with a 3-0 overtime win over Cortland's Kevin Maxwell. Brian Gross of Potsdam pinned Howard at 6:55, but Howard went on to pin Sean Dulay of Oneonta for his fifth-place finish.

At 150, Scott Legacy placed sixth for Oswego. In quarterfinal action, he was pinned by a Cortland opponent, but the Laker mat man rebounded with a 10-4 win over Potsdam's Jim Goety. He then met a tough contender in Buffalo's Pete Rao, and dropped a 10-1 decision. He battled Stuart Bradish for fifth place and Legacy lost, taking a sixth-place finish.

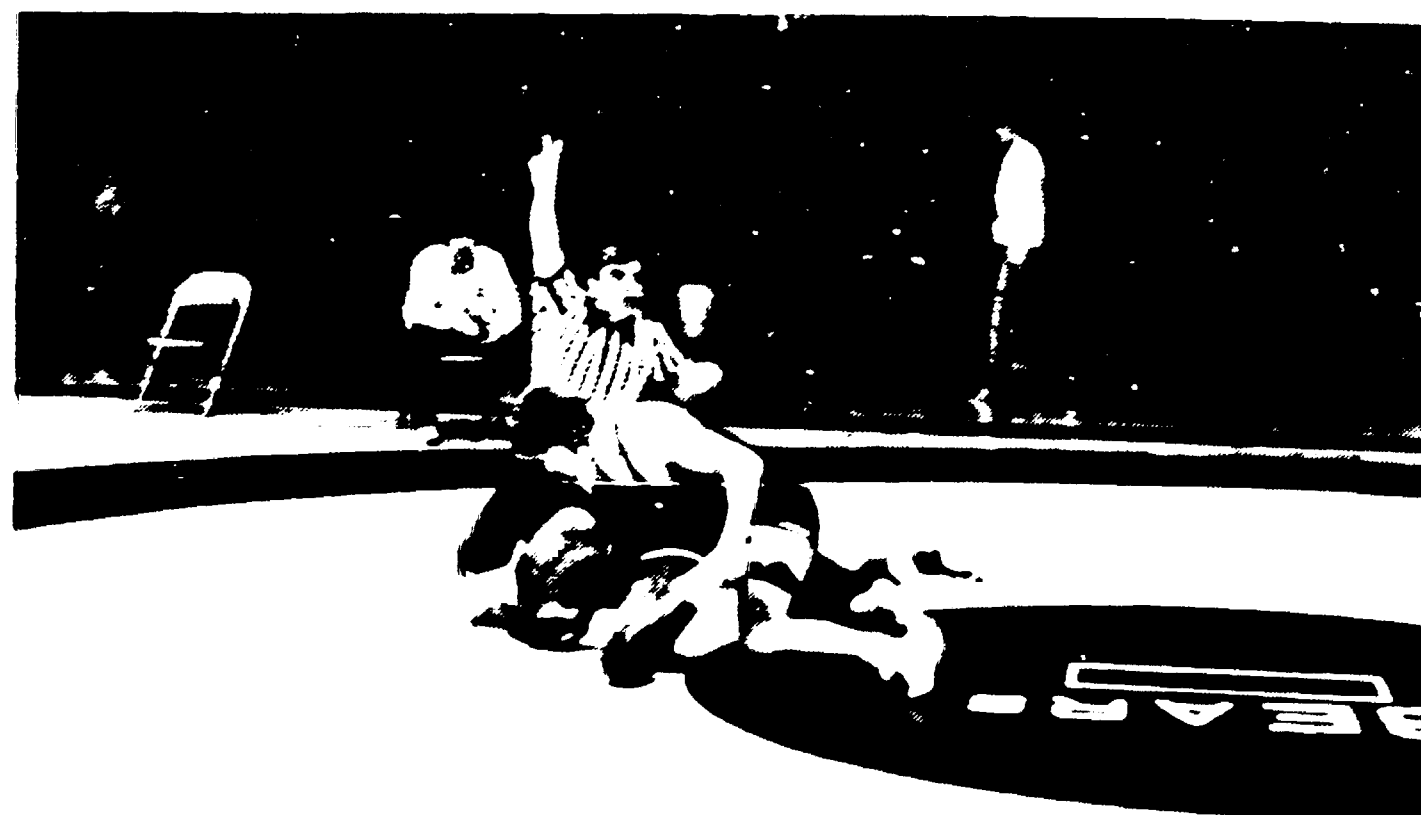
Leo Kellet, a 156-pound sophomore, garnered a fourth for the Lakers. Cortland's Kevin Connally decisioned Kellet 8-5 in the first round tussle, but Kellet bounced back with an 8-6 decision over Potsdam's Dan Viscuso. Kellet nipped Oneonta's Ray Dashiell, 6-5, but then fell to Connally, 4-0, to end up in fourth.

David Jackowski, a freshman at 167, took fifth for the Lakers. Oneonta's Greg Kern opened with a 10-5 decision over Jackowski, but the Laker grappler defeated Potsdam's Gordon McLean 9-5 in wrestle backs. Buffalo's Tom John went on to post a 6-2 win over Jackowski, before the Great Laker claimed fifth with a win over Greg Kern of Oneonta.

Sixth place at 177 was copped by freshman Keith McDermith. Sandy Adelster battled McDermith, decisioning him, 14-6, in opening round action. McDermith came back by putting away Scott Stewart of Oneonta with a pin at 5:30. He then dropped decisions to Brockport's Tim Slade and Doug Lawrey of Buffalo, before taking sixth.

The SUNYAC's are the qualifiers for the Division III Nationals, which will be held in Binghamton on February 24-25.

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Plenty of action

Both wrestlers and officials were right in the thick of the action at the National Qualifiers. (photo by Rob Jansen)