

Brockport Captures "Tough" State Mat Tourney

BY LENSENECAL
Tournament director Neil Johnson called it "some of the best wrestling in the East." A Brockport manager said it was the toughest competition the top-rated Eagles have faced all year, and Cornell's Mark Murray, voted the outstanding wrestler, said the field, "was pretty good." He added, "there weren't many slouches here." One thing is for certain, the 1979-80 New York State Collegiate Wrestling Tournament this past weekend was no two-day rest stop at Potsdam State University.



FIFTH PLACE FINISHER — Freshman Todd Read from Clarkson College appears to be contemplating his next move as he battles a 150 pound competitor during consolation action at the New York State Collegiate Wrestling Tournament. Read finished in fifth place for his weight class during the two day affair, which was held at Potsdam's Maxey Hall. (Len Senecal photo)

As expected Brockport State came out on top when the final points had been tabulated, outdistancing runner-up Cornell by a narrow 144 and 3/4 to 134 1/2 margin. An elated coach Don Murray said "I'm glad it's over" moments after the clinching points had been obtained at 190 following a defeat by Binghamton's Bill Franke, adding that the competition at the two day gathering "was tough as hell." "I was pleased with the performance of some of the kids," the coach of the top ranked Division III club said, "the veterans did it." Brockport emerged with state championships at four weight classes: 142, 150, 167, and 190, and also accumulated second place points in the 124, 138, and 177 pound finals.

Binghamton State finished a distant third behind the Eagles and Big Red with 98 points, followed by Columbia (82), Colgate (73 1/2), St. Lawrence University (72 1/4), Army (60 1/2), RIT (56 1/4), Clarkson College (21 1/2), and Oswego State (20) in the top ten. University of Buffalo (17), Potsdam State (16), Cortland State (13 1/2), St. John Fisher (13 1/2), Oneonta State (11 1/2), Ithaca (9), Geneseo State (1/2), and RPI (0) were the other N.Y.S. Tournament placers.

John Parisella's 9-4 decision over

Darrell Leslie of RIT produced the only repeat championship at 142, with the Brockport standout being joined by teammates Joe Gianni (150), Tony Smith (190), and Woody Vondenburg (167) in the winner's circle. Colgate's Steve Leslie took the 158 pound honors with a 17-6 effort to capture his third consecutive state championship, moving up from his 150 pound heroics of 1978-79.

Besides Mark Murray's 12-6 win over Howie Rabin of Colgate at 118, the Big Red had a champion at 128 in Sam Edwards, and second place finishes at 134, 150, and the unlimited ring from Bill Patterson, Tim Harrison, and Angelo Tramontelli. Murray, tabbed as the tournament's outstanding wrestler,

battled his way past fourth seed Mark Palzer in a 17-13 decision and dumped 190 seeded Tom Jacoutot of U.B. by an identical score on his way to the 118 pound laurels. When asked his reaction to the high individual honor, Murray said he thought he "might have a chance at it," after he had won the championship bout, adding, "when I came in here I had no idea."

Joe Belucci, last year's outstanding wrestler at 150 almost made the big step up to the 167 pound honors before he fell to Brockport's Vondenburg 9-7 in the finals. Greg Locke was the overall

champion at 134 with a 12-6 decision over Cornell's Patterson, with St. Lawrence 177 pound competitor Rick Roberts salvaging some dignity for the defending New York State Tournament Champion Saints with his 13-10 victory over Green of Brockport. In the unlimited finals Jay Craddock scored a convincing decision over Tromontelli of Cornell to pick up first place points for Columbia University.

Many wrestling followers had anticipated a runaway victory for the Brockport team, but the tournament was everything except a rout for last year's Division III National runner-ups. Going into the finals the Eagles led by 2 1/2 points, 136 1/2 to 134 1/2, and going into the final three weight classes the same margin existed between Brockport and the Big Red, with the Eagles in front 136 1/2 to 134 1/2. The defeat by defending 190 pound champion Franke at 190 made it official for the green and gold grapplers, the first of three major tournament titles had fallen their way. "I hope we do as well in the conference and in the nationals," coach Murray said following the N.Y.S. victory. "I hope we finish in the same standing."

Although there were no local college competitors in the championship finals, two Clarkson and one Potsdam State wrestler emerged in the top six places at the two day tourney. Todd Read captured fifth place in the 150 pound ring and Scott Cook took sixth at 158 for the CCT grapplers, while Potsdam's John DeLuca finished fifth at 124. This Saturday, fans will have an opportunity to witness the tournament finals on Channel 12 WNPE-WNPI at 1 p.m.

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Area Residents Among Placid Volunteers

The 1980 Winter Olympics, to be held next February in Lake Placid is a "people project" and there will be a veritable army of dedicated men and women—more than six thousand in all—lending their services to the success of the international competition.

Among those recently appointed to the volunteer support staff are local residents Melvin D. Tomally, Regan Road; William J. Meier, and Janet Anne Meier, Marley Road; Jack Larkins, 62 Waverly Street; William N. Cloan, 16 Drumlin Drive; Arthur H. Colburn, 47 Waverly Street; A. George Davis, 20 Bay Street; J. Butler Sullivan, Clarkson Ave.; Tim Gerrish, 25 Pine Street, and Mark House.

A pageant of the breadth and calibre of the Winter Olympics requires the time, talent and skills of a strong support team, working behind the scenes so that the winter sports classic runs without a hitch.

The support staff—comprised almost entirely of volunteers—come from all over the United States. They are attracted by the excitement and glamour, of course, but they are also motivated by patriotism, by the prestige and by the sense of personal achievement that comes from being an integral part of the world's most spectacular amateur sporting event.

Many of the volunteers have already undergone a "baptism by snow" in Pre-Game Competitions which took place at the beginning of the year.

"The volunteers on the support staff are the most enthusiastic, absolutely dedicated people I've ever met," Georgia Jones, Director of Volunteers enthuses. "We really need them to put on an event of this magnitude. In fact, there isn't a department in the Lake Placid Organization that isn't using a volunteer. We couldn't afford to put on the games without them!"

Knights Bomb Terriers 12-7, CCT On Top In West Region

The Clarkson College Golden Knights, under first-year coach Bill O'Flaherty, bulldozed their way to a 12-7 victory over the Terriers of Boston University Friday night in Walker Arena. It was Clarkson's first win over the Terriers in more than eight years.

The Knights blasted seven goals in the first period, three in the second and two in the third. Kelly Morgan, Potsdam, led the Clarkson scoring attack with his first career hat trick performance. The junior right wing led light twice in the first period, once unassisted, while the teams were skating four-on-four, and again in the second period for Clarkson's eighth and game-winning goal. Morgan also added an assist to bring his season total to 25 points.

Left wings Bill Norton, Potsdam, Derek Embody and Steve Cruickshank each tallied twice, with Embody and Cruickshank each assisting once. Embody's second goal of the night came as the Golden Knights were skating a man-down. It was his third short-handed score this season.

Rounding out the Clarkson scoring were forwards Jim Armstrong, Dan Makuch and Bruce McDonough. Forward Craig Laughlin and defenseman Ed Small and Bill Audycki each earned two assists, while lone assists were credited to McDonough, Makuch, Claude L'Abbe, Steve MacDonogh and Mike Prestidge. Prestidge is currently at the top of the ECAC charts with 26 points. He has 35 points overall in 21 games this season.

Sophomore goalie Rick Mills, in his 17th contest this year, stopped 24 shots, 12 in the first stanza and six in each of the second and third periods.

Boston University's line of Paul Fenton, Tom O'Regan and Marc Sinclair combined for five of the Terriers seven goals. O'Regan and Sinclair each scored twice and Fenton once, with O'Regan picking up two assists, and Sinclair and Fenton two each. Tony Meagher, the brother of Clarkson assistant coach Terry Meagher, and Mark Fidler had the other Terrier goals.

BU goalie Jeff Weisman had 12 saves in the first period, nine in the second and seven in the third for a game total of 28. The Green and Gold icemen, now 14-6 overall and 8-3 in ECAC Division I, are in first place in the Empire region of the ECAC, and are leading the ECAC scoring race with 86 goals in league play this season. Clarkson is in third place overall in the ECAC behind Boston College (11-1-1) and Providence College (9-3). Boston University remains at .500 after Saturday's 6-3 win over St. Lawrence, with 8-8 overall and 6-6 ECAC marks.

Panthers, Larries, Jackets All Post Friday Night Hoop Wins

Parishville-Hopkinton basketball fans got a double dose of good fortune during the past week as the boys hoop squad equalled the lady Panthers Monday night victory with a 72-60 upset win against Hermon-Dekalb on Friday. It was the first win in two years for the P-H girls team in their 41-29 decision over Knox, and the first win in eleven league starts for coach Evan Harper's boys crew. Rollie Moshier led the Panther charge with 27 points, 15 rebounds, and five assists in an outstanding performance. Ed Cool scored 20 and Mike Fullerton 11 to fuel the P-H attack. Harold Wright and Clark Cummings were the top scorers for the Demons, netting 19 and 17 points.

The victory helped remove the goose egg that had appeared in the Panthers win column so far this year, while H-D fell into fourth place in the Division III scramble with a 6-4 slate. The Panthers will entertain Brushton-Moira tonight (Tuesday) before traveling to St. Lawrence Central for a Friday night contest against the Division II runner-up Larries.

SLC Tops Colts
St. Lawrence Central moved themselves into second place behind Division

Heart Fund Ski-A-Thon In Gouverneur Feb. 10

Over 250 participants are expected to enter the first annual Heart Fund Cross Country Ski-A-Thon to be held on Feb. 10 at the Gouverneur Country Club. The race, which will start at 9:00 a.m., runs until the last skier is in. The course will be two miles, sponsors will pay per mile, but you must complete at least one circuit to be eligible for any of the awards that are being given jointly by the Heart Fund and the Gouverneur Chamber of Commerce.

There will be a top award for the most money collected, and for the most miles for participants 14 years and under, and

II leader St. Regis Falls at the expense of the young Colton-Pierrepont cagers with a 59-49 win. Chris Shook and Steve Russell poured in 20 points each and Leo Thompson added 14 for the 6-4 Larries, who stretched a 31-28 halftime edge into the ten point final. Dan Moerschell and Tim Walrich had 11 points apiece to lead the 1-7 Colts.

St. Lawrence Central will take on Salmon River on the road Tuesday and P-H at home on Friday. The Colts entertain Hermon-Dekalb in Tuesday night action, with a trip to Madrid-Waddington slated for Friday night hoop competition.

Yellowjackets Drop Salmon

Terry Parameter scored 13 points and Dave Crump 10 to outduel a 20 point performance by Salmon River's Dave Bartlett as Madrid-Waddington scored victory number four with a 55-46 win against the Shamrocks. Leading 28-16 following the first half the Jackets used balanced scoring from Rob Warner and Brian Burke, with eight points apiece to their Division III mark to 4-6, while lowering Salmon River to 4-7. Tonight the Yellowjackets will travel to Knox Memorial before hosting Colton-Pierrepont on Friday.

over 14 age class. A prize will be awarded to the oldest participant, and to the youngest skier. The Heart Fund will supply lunch for each entrant. Hot dogs, and hot and cold drinks will be on sale for all spectators.

Entry blanks may be obtained by writing to the Gouverneur Chamber of Commerce, 244 Rock Island Street, Gouverneur, 13642. The course is laid out to accommodate any level of cross country skier. Ski rental will be available through advance agreement with Gary's Sports Shop, Main Street in Gouverneur.

Still No Snow, Vermont Hit Hard

While this season has been an absolute disaster for the ski industry, there have been a few overlooked benefits. The absence of snow cover has made the weather much warmer than normal. It was the warmest December in over 20 years, and it looks like January will be about the same. Any meteorologist will tell you that snow cover makes a lot of difference in the temperature, particularly at night under clear skies. Many of us in the Potsdam area have noticed the record high prices for gas and fuel oil, but we must not forget that at the least heating costs would have been substantially higher if the North Country had a normal or below normal winter. So whether you heat with wood, gas, oil or electric heat, your costs would have been much worse if it had snowed significantly by this time of year.

The Department of the Interior had a news release this week pointing out that to date there has been less snow this winter than in the years 1956 and 1958 when very little of the frozen powder was accumulated. If the winter keeps going like it has so far, it will be the worst since 1894 when there was only one day of skiing.

While the year has been a disaster to the skiing in New York, it has been a nightmare in the state of Vermont. Skiing in the State of Vermont is the largest industry and constitutes a more serious problem. Some well-known areas may have to do serious thinking about sale or bankruptcy. According to

Joseph A. Parkinson, the executive director of the Vermont Ski Area Association, the plummeting skier visits to the state are an irrefutable fact. He attributes the skier boycott not only to the lack of snow but also to the complete failure of the ski areas' marketing programs. There is plenty of artificial snow to ski on, but no one believes it. At press time Killington had 29 trails to ski on, 15 and a half miles of

SKI TRAIL NOTES

There are now 14 good, long trails to ski on at Sugarbush. Other areas have a lot of skiing too. Eighteen major resorts in the Green Mountain State have put in 17 million dollars of snowmaking since Killington was the first to do so in 1963. All of this equipment has been of little value to most operators since most skiers feel

that there is no real skiing. Parkinson pointed out that skiers have been sliding for years on artificial snow but they just did not know it. "No snow is not as much of a problem as it might appear," he said, "but no education is." Because machine-made snow does not come in contrasting colors skiers have been absolutely oblivious to the fact that they have been skiing on artificial surfaces for years.

In the coming years, Vermont ski areas will market on the theory that there is nothing but machine-made snow to ski upon. Maybe the slogan will be changed from "Ski Vermont—Naturally" to "Ski Vermont—Naturally on Machine-Made Snow." I should point out that there was good skiing this past weekend on machine-made surfaces in Vermont, New York and Canada. Last week's six-inch snowfall really made the surfaces pretty good. Snowbelt ski areas to the south of St. Lawrence County got up to a foot of snow, and there is some fine packed powder skiing in these areas. Unfortunately I was right about this past week's snowstorm in that it would be too dry to make a base by itself. We can expect some more of the same this week, but the odds are against a real northeaster. Most of the major storms that produce the "northeaster" have been passing too far to the south to do the Northern ski areas any good. It does not look good for this week. I hope that I am wrong; I want to ski! Tupper is open, but watch those rocks!



JERRY LEEK

Potsdam Runner Goes Cross Country

Rick Letarte, of Potsdam is back studying on the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) campus, but he hasn't forgotten the run of a lifetime.

Letarte was one of 12 RIT runners who ran non-stop from Los Angeles, Calif., to Rochester, N.Y., in a cross country relay that broke a Guinness World Record and helped celebrate his university's 150th anniversary.

Coached by Peter J. Todd, who also ran with the team, the runners left Los Angeles on Nov. 22, Thanksgiving Day. They trekked across the country by way of Phoenix, Ariz.; Wichita, Kan.; St. Louis, Mo.; Cincinnati, Ohio; and Washington, D.C. In the nation's capital

they were greeted by Congressman Barber Conable, N.Y., District 39; Robert McEwen, N.Y., District 30; Norman Mineta, Calif., District 13; and Donald Mitchell, N.Y., District 51. Congratulations to the runners continued as they ran on to Annapolis, Md., where they completed the record breaking phase of their run by touching the waters of the Chesapeake Bay just 14 days, 4 hours, and 8 minutes from the time they left the Pacific Coast. The previous record was held by 13 Los Angeles policemen who ran coast to coast in 20 days, 5 hours, and 20 minutes in 1974.

Members of the cross country team of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, led by Capt. John Butterfield, greeted the runners and escorted them into the center dock area of Annapolis. There officials from RIT and the news media were on hand to welcome the team.

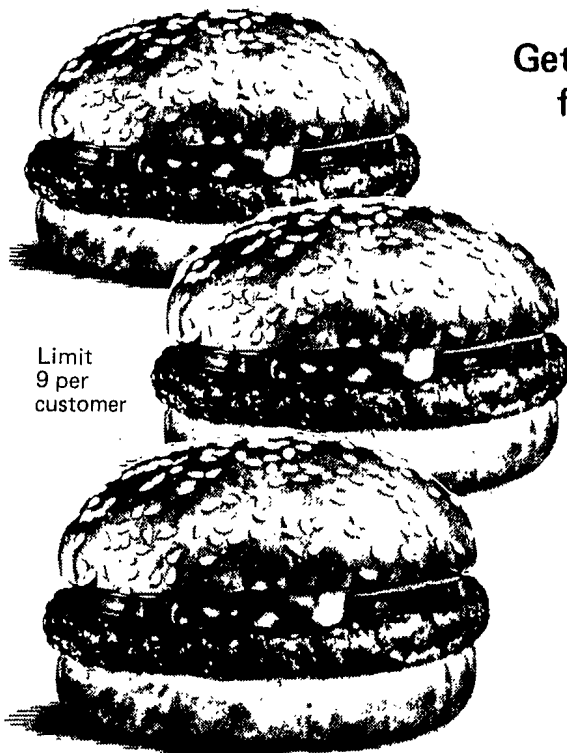
Maintaining their pattern of each running two miles and then resting, driving one of the two accompanying vehicles, or eating for the next two-and-a-half hours, 24 hours a day, the cross country runners reached the RIT campus on Dec. 10 having run a total of 3,409 miles in 16 days. Letarte, captain RIT's Cross Country team, personally ran nearly 300 of those miles keeping to an average of seven minutes or less per mile. He and his team members ran through the foothills of the Rockies, faced 40 mile per hour winds in Kansas, negotiated city traffic and lonely stretches of road by moonlight, and finally hit snow in upstate New York.

Through it all their spirits remained high, but at no time were they higher than when they saw the spontaneous crowds who lined Rochester area streets as they ran the last leg of their journey. RIT's President M. Richard Rose, an avid jogger, ran the last two miles to campus with the team. On campus, they were greeted by family, fellow students, faculty and staff to the jubilant sounds of a 150-member high school band.

Letarte is a graduate of Potsdam Central High School. His parents are Dr. and Mrs. John M. Letarte, 32 Pierrepont Ave., Potsdam, N.Y. He is a mechanical engineering major in RIT's College of Engineering. RIT has more than 14,000 full and part-time students enrolled in its 10 colleges.



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