



THE VICTORIOUS LAKERS pose with the SUNY wrestling tournament team trophy before the display case in Lee Hall where it will be on display along with the individual trophies. Standing: (l. to r) Gustainis, Ryan, Frisicano, Captain Furrer, and Coach Jim Howard. Kneeling from left: Shiel, Williams, Jones.

Oswego State Matmen Outclass All Opponents in Conference Tournament Held at Brockport

Following the trend they set early in the season, the Oswego wrestling team traveled to Brockport last Saturday and literally brought home the bacon. Coach Jim Howard's Lakers captured seven of the 10 weight classes to successfully defend their conference title.

Over 50 wrestlers represented Oswego, Cortland, Brockport, Oneonta, Potsdam, and Plattsburgh in the all-day tournament.

Oswego amassed a record number of teams point as they left the rest of the field far behind. The final scorebook read: Oswego 107, Cortland 69, Oneonta 50, Brockport 45, Plattsburgh 20, Potsdam 16. This was the first time that a team had tallied over 100 points in the five year history of the tournament.

Frank Frisicano (123), Harry Furrer (130), Brian Jones (137), Dick Shiel (147), Bob Williams, (157), Tom Gustainis (167), and Terry Ryan (177) took home the first place trophies for the Lakers.

Other awards went to Bill Cousins for finishing second in the heavy weight division, Carl Reistrom for his third place at 191, and Steve Mullady, who captured fourth place in the 115 pound class.

Frisicano survived a tough first round, in which he had to come from behind to win a 7-5 decision, and went on to pin Brockport's Bill Brooks at 8:17 and decision Oneonta's Skip Aycow, 3-2, for the title.

Furrer had little trouble in downing his opponents for his division win. He toppled Cortland senior Fred Mertz with a 5-1 decision and then moved to a quick pin of Potsdam's

Harold Oberg and an easy 9-0 decision over Ben Sammler. Furrer defeated Sammler only last week when the Lakers downed Brockport 27-10 for his forty-first dual meet win.

This year's conference win made Furrer Oswego's first three time conference winner.

Jones, who held last year's title at 123, moved up two classes to become a two time winner. He captured the 137 division by taking 5-1 and 6-2 decisions. The latter was from second seeded Ed Gomez from Plattsburgh. Jones was one of six top seeded man that Oswego placed in the lineup.

Oswego held last year's 137 title, but the holder, Bill Wilson, was beaten out by Jones in the wrestle-offs.

Shiel notched his belt with his second 147 pound title, but his situation was unlike that of most Lakers; he had won the title in his freshman year at Oneonta. After drawing a bye in the first round, he had to face his old alma mater's entry, Pete Perkins. Shiel scored an 8-4 decision over him and then wiped Cortland's Vern Wallace all over the mat on his way to a 9-4 decision.

Gustainis notched his second conference title as he pinned Plattsburgh's Ken Cawley in 2:14 and Brian Clements of Potsdam before decisioning Al Sosa, Cortland's 167 pounder, 6-5. It marked the second time this year that Gustainis had downed the Cortland ace.

Ryan, in the words of Coach Jim Howard, wrestled one of his fiercest matches of the year as he pinned Oneonta's Ron Rossini in 4:54 and romped over Cortland's Bob Norcross 10-6.