



# Wrestling Rules Changes Could Aid Howardmen In Title Defense

OSWEGO -- Two rule changes in NCAA wrestling this season will have a beneficial effect on Oswego grapplers in the opinion of head coach Jim Howard.

Collegiate wrestlers this season will earn two points for each takedown rather than two points for the initial takedown and a single point thereafter.

"We stress the takedown," says Howard. "We're a leg wrestling team. If there is a pin, it will probably come from a leg series. From this standpoint, I'm quite happy with the scoring change."

The other change, creation of three weight classes, 145-pound, 152 - pound and 160 - pound which replace last season's 147-pound and 157 - pound may aid the

Lakers.

"New weight divisions won't hurt us," Howard comments. "We have a lot of depth in the middle classes," Howard hopes the added middleweight class will offset the Lakers' lack of depth in 191-pound and heavyweight classes.

The Lakers have won the State University of New York Athletic Conference crown the past two seasons and are trying to make it three straight to earn a repeat trip to the NCAA college division national tourney.

Howard is working with a 21-man squad including ten lettermen back from last season's club which posted a 14-1 record while outscoring the opposition, 316 - 90.