

10 STATE UNIVERSITIES VIE FOR TOURNEY TITLE

Laker Hall at State University College at Oswego will become a three-ring wrestling circus starting at noon Saturday, Feb. 22, when the gruelling one-day State University of New York wrestling tourney begins.

During the early rounds of the tourney, three bouts will be conducted at the same time in the spacious new Oswego gym which seats 5,000 spectators. Sometime about midnight, 11 individual champs will emerge from an original field numbering over 100 wrestlers.

Teams involved are the State University Colleges at Brockport, Buffalo, Cortland, Fredonia, Geneseo, New Paltz, Oneonta, Oswego, Plattsburgh and Potsdam. The tournament is the largest collegiate varsity tourney held annually in New York.

The championship meet is the highpoint of the season for teams in the keenly competitive SUNY Conference. Dramatic bouts are numerous as unseeded, untouted sophomores seek to upset defending champs. A year ago an Oswego soph, John Walter of Merrick, pinned every foe he met and won the 137 pound title. Two weeks later Walter earned All-America honors when he was runnerup to Olympian Rick Sanders of Portland (Ore.) State in the NCAA national college division tourney.

Walter will be one of ten former SUNY champs trying for another title. One defending champ, Gary Lehr of the College at Oneonta, will attempt to make tourney history. Lehr, a senior from West Babylon who was eligible for varsity competition as a freshman, is shooting for an unprecedented fourth straight 177 division crown.

Other former champs in the field include Brockport's heavyweight Regan Bears of Endwell and 160 pounder Tom Busch of Blasdell. Cortland is returning two title holders,

Dave Sherman of Elmira at 145 and Ken Furnkranz of Millport, at 130.

Along with Walter, Oswego has three other wrestlers seeking repeat first place finishes. They are Brian McGann of Massapequa, a former 123-pound winner; Lloyd Jerould of Otego, a 145-pound champ, and Tom DiOrio of Endicott, at 137.

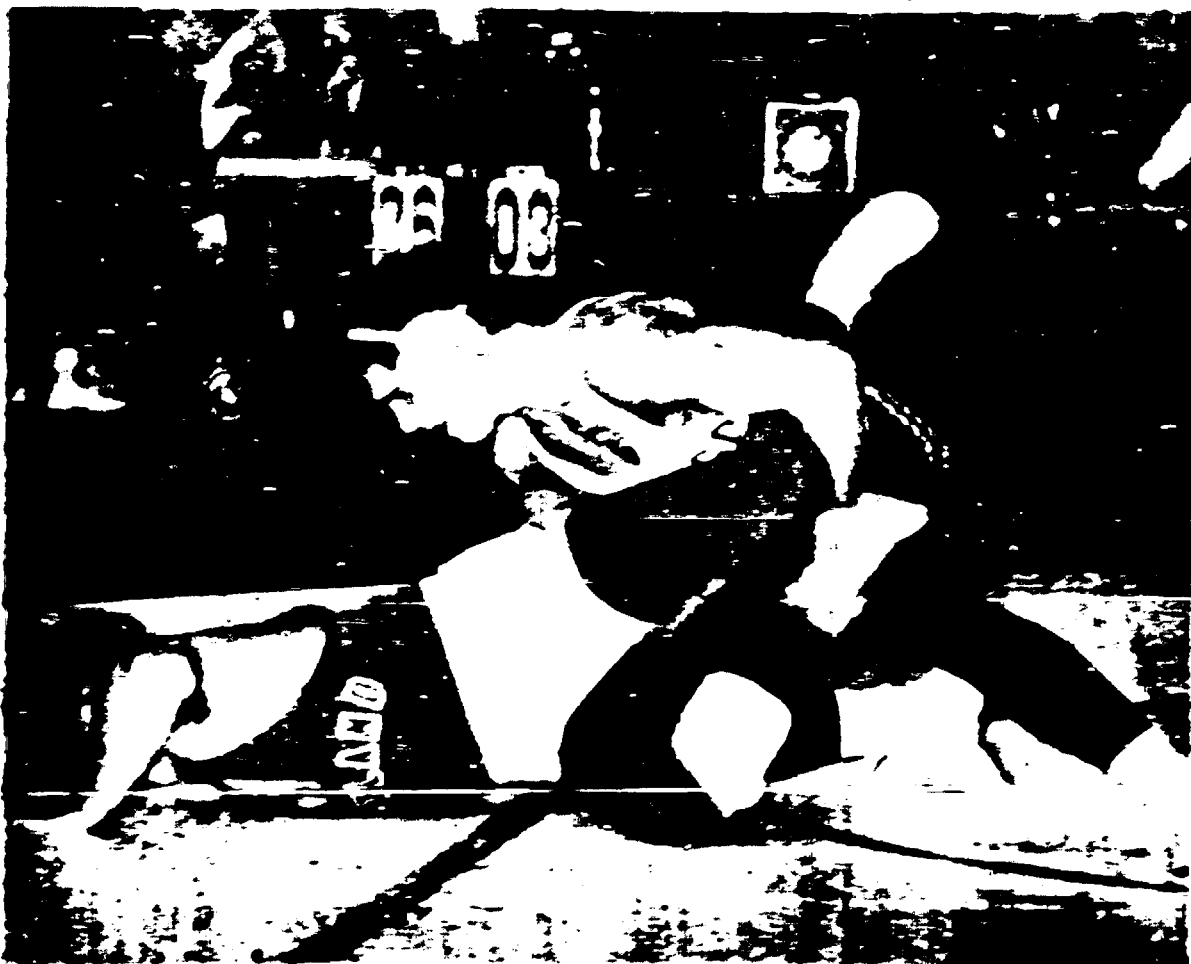
Oswego is favored to win the team title for the third straight year and fifth time in the last six years. Since 1962, the Lakers have never finished lower than second. Other favorites in the field include Brockport, Cortland, Oneonta and Potsdam.

Coach Jim Howard's Oswego squad, regarded by many mat coaches as New York State's best college division team, is unbeaten this season in Empire State competition.

4. The woman Olympic swimmer who won three gold medals in Mexico City was?
5. The record for the most money won on the PGA tour in one season was set by what man?
6. Denny McLain won 31 games last year. The last person to win over 30 games did it in what year?
7. In the past 12 years the Boston Celtics have won how many world championships?
8. For the second year in a row Stan Mikita has won three major trophies in the NHL. The Art Ross (for the leading scorer), The Hart trophy (MVP), and what other trophy?
9. The rookie of the year in the NBA is?
10. What is the height of Wilt Chamberlain?

PLAYER OF THE WEEK, Bruce Boisson
CHEERLEADER OF THE WEEK, Carol McQuaid

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Wrestler Jim Bovee defeats his Cortland opponent in the 191 lb. class.