

# Wrestlers Fifth in SUNYACs

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The most successful Albany wrestling team ever, received some misfortune the past two weekends as they closed out their season. Some key injuries hampered the matmen as they finished fifth in the SUNYACs. These injuries also hampered the team the following week in the New York State Championships, where the team finished seventh.

The Danes went into the SUNYACs with their best record ever. They had hoped to finish as well or better than last year's fourth. But lady luck had another plan as they tied Cortland for fifth with ten teams competing.

On the bright side of the ledger was the wrestling of heavyweight Rudy Vido. For the second straight year he won the heavyweight title. A 10-5 victory in the final round gave the 6'2" 240 pounder a berth in the NCAA division II championships this weekend. It also continued his undefeated season.

The other two undefeated wrestlers were less fortunate. Larry Mims, 192 pounder, kept his streak going before losing in the final round. Larry's loss gave him a second place finish. Also undefeated, wrestler Walt Katz saw his streak go by the boards as he lost in a preliminary match.

To add to the problems were two key injuries suffered by Albany wrestlers. Doug Bauer (167) hurt his shoulder in an overtime match. Don Mion,

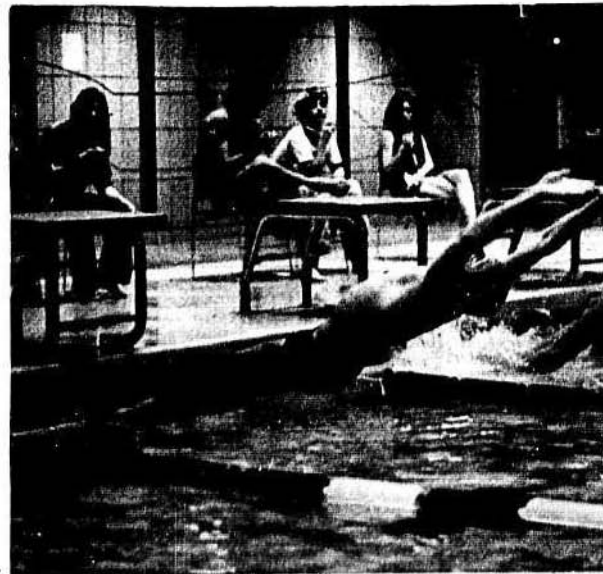
who was on of the last wrestlers to lose his undefeated season, suffered a knee injury. Both men were counted on to supply needed points and their loss put Albany at a severe disadvantage.

One week later the team travelled to Rochester for the New York State Championships. A strong field was invited and the injury fiddled Danes had some tough company. In fact the top three teams in this tournament all finished ahead of the Danes at the SUNYACs.

Larry Mims was top man for Albany as he again won all his matches until he reached the final round where he was

defeated. The back to back seconds in two real tough meets is an outstanding accomplishment. Larry's second was also high finish for a capital district representative as both Union and RPI were invited. Union finished behind the Danes in eighth; RPI last in a field of eighteen.

Rudy Vido dropped out of the undefeated ranks as he lost and finished fifth. For Rudy, though there is still the big match this weekend to look forward to in the NCAA championship. For the rest the season is over and even though there were a couple of bad breaks at the end, this could not damper the success that this year's team enjoyed.



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