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SEAY'S WRESTLERS MAKE IT LOOK EASY 'RUNNERS COMMANDER 4TH DIV II NAT'LS WIN

The CSB wrestling team made it two in a row and four out of the last five, by winning the 1980 NCAA Division II National Tournament in Omaha, Nebraska, Sunday, March 1.

The Roadrunners used the strength of seven place finishers to amass a team total of 110 1/2 points. The University of Northern Iowa finished a distant second with 89. Third place honors went to Eastern Illinois University with 75 points and Augustana College (South Dakota) was fourth, 9 1/4 points back. Rounding out the top five was Northern Michigan University with 64, only 3/4's of a point behind Augustana.

THE TOURNEY featured over 190 grapplers from 50 colleges and universities from around the nation and representatives of 42 schools won at least one match.



Coaches Seay and Morgan, along with the wrestling team, display their Division II National Championship Trophy. Pictured are: (Bottom L-R) Lee Noble, Jessie Reyes, Joe Gonzales, and John Azevedo; (top L-R) assistant coach Larry Morgan, Kevin Dugan, Tom Van Arkel, head coach Joe Seay, Bill Choate, Mark Hall, and Marty Maciel.

Special Edition on Division II Wrestling Nationals by Mark Atkins

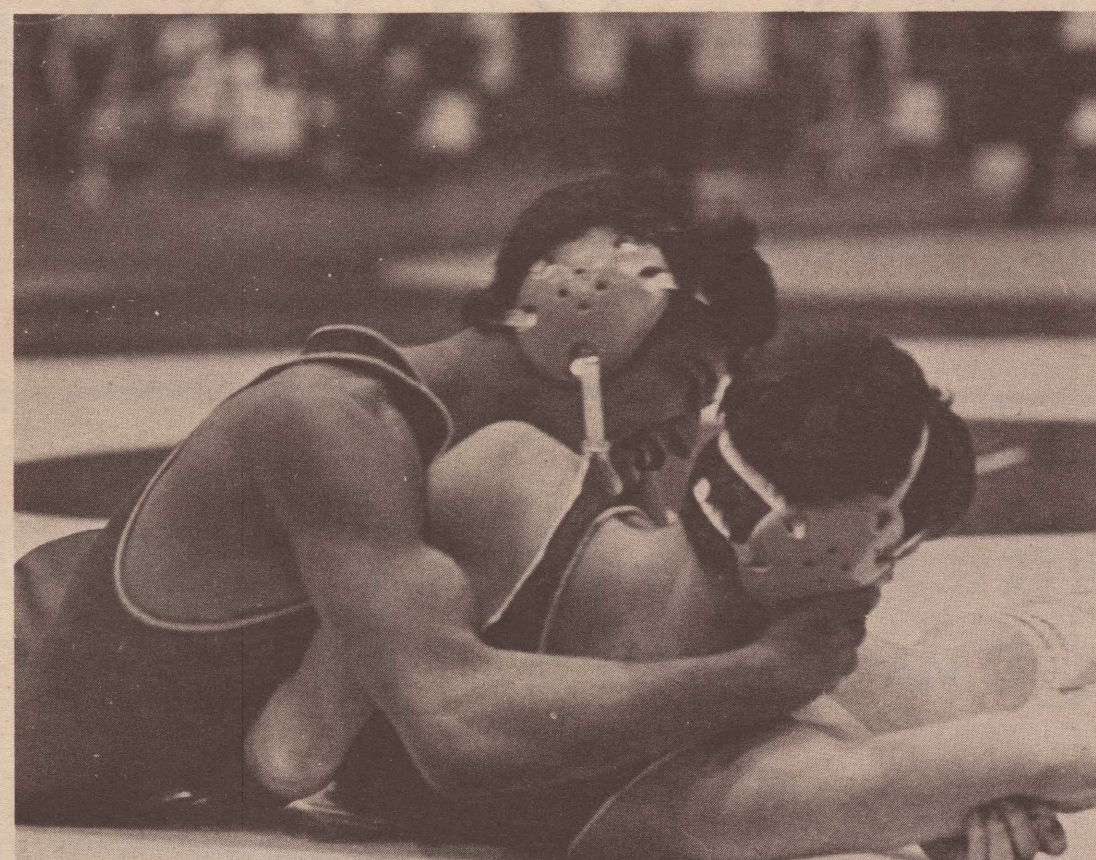
'RUNNERS WRESTLE GOOD TOURNEY DESPITE BIAS

by MARK ATKINS
Runner Sports Editor

In winning the title, the Roadrunners had two firsts, a second, a third, a fourth, and two fifths among the nine members they entered.

"It's great," said coach Joe Seay of the victory. "We wrestled a good tournament. Everybody came through with good efforts down the stretch and that was the difference [in the score]."

THE TWO TEAMS WHO figured to challenge CSB for the title, Northern Iowa and Eastern Illinois, both had more participants to start with, ten to nine, but by the time wrestlers were wrestling for places, the 'Runners had reversed that and had one more than each of them. Besides that, Eastern Illinois came



Jessie Reyes (left) tries to put Western Illinois' Tom Pankey to the mat. Reyes went on to win a 21-7 superior decision. He finished this season with a 39-9-1 record.

up on the short side in three championship matches and that could have earned them at least 12 points. Northern Iowa

lost on two of their four final matches as well.

Though CSB won by a whopping 20 1/2 points, the margin

could have been even greater had they received impartial or at least consistent officiating. This is not to say that only

CSB was hampered by the referees, but in three of their matches the officials were the difference in winning and losing and in all three the 'Runners lost.

"That's what you get in Division II," said coach Seay. "In Division I the NCAA gathers the best officials from each of the regions for the nationals, but in Division II they just take the ones from the region of the hosting school," offered Seay as a possible explanation.

IN THE THREE MATCHES, Marty Maciel's loss in the 150 pound semi-finals was the most blatant. Just as time was to run out, Maciel took control of his opponent, Ken Gallagher of Northern Iowa and the referee signaled for 2 points. This would

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WHATEVER IT TAKES TO WIN - JOE SEAY'S GOT IT

by CAROLYN LAURENCE
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Dedication--to be totally devoted to someone, something, or a cause. This adjective applies to Joe Seay and the sport of wrestling. For 16 years Seay has coached wrestling on the high school and college level in Kern County, but it takes more than dedication to almost single-handedly mold a group of ten men into a consistently winning team of grapplers. Honest y, a true love for the contact competitive sport, and a genuine concern for his athletes seem to be Seay's ingredients for success.

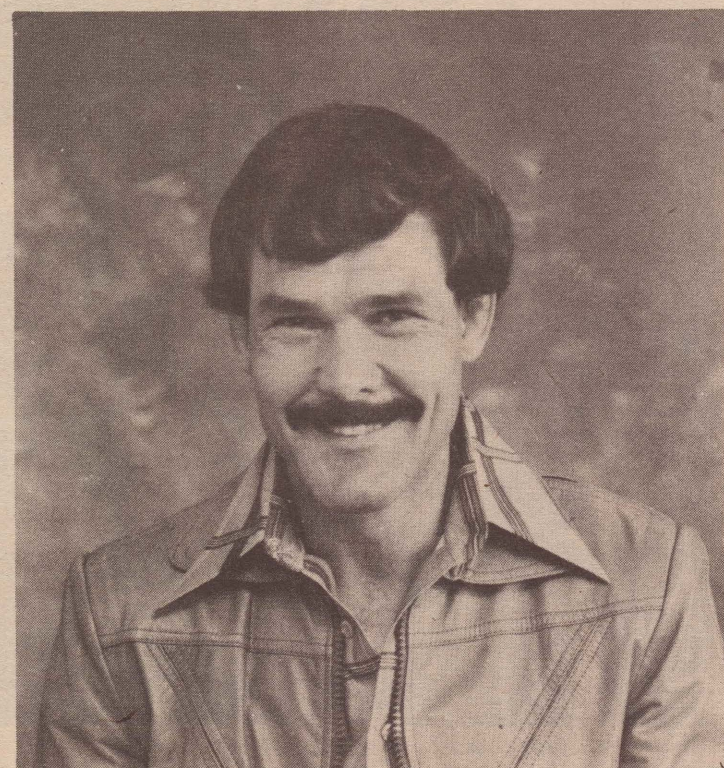
Seay is a former competitor with an impressive background in the sport he coaches. He was a state champion by the time his senior year rolled around in high

school. He went on to Kansas State where he earned his M.A. degree and proceeded to collect many major awards. Among his honors include second place finishes in the Olympic Trials in 1964 and 1972, and a third in the competition in 1968.

DEVOTION TO THE sport he's involved with may be a factor in Seay's status as not only a winning, but a great coach; however, one will find that he is truly a man with something extra.

Above Seay's desk in his office are three large black and white framed photos of wrestlers in precarious and unusual positions during

competition--his crowded trophy case casts a golden glow as shafts of light illuminate the many awards housed therein.



Joe Seay has coached the Roadrunners for the last eight years and he has built the program into a national power. His eight year dual record is 122-34-1.

Sitting in a chair, Seay reflected about his job and wrestling in general. "I think about wrestling 20 hours a day--from the time I

get up until the time I go to bed," he said. His job requires a lot of overtime--"I get calls up to midnight." Not only does

Seay have the responsibilities of recruiting athletes, setting up their schedules, advising them about classes, picking the squad and training the team; but he is also active in fundraising. "The whole athletic department gets involved--our jobs overlap, and it's like a family project. One of the good things about being small school is that we're not isolated," Seay commented. The funds are pooled and dispersed by the athletic director at his discretion.

RECRUITING IS another time-consuming facet of Seay's job, and this is one area where the man's experience really becomes apparent--his reputation as a coach and former wrestler are, undoubtedly, a valuable

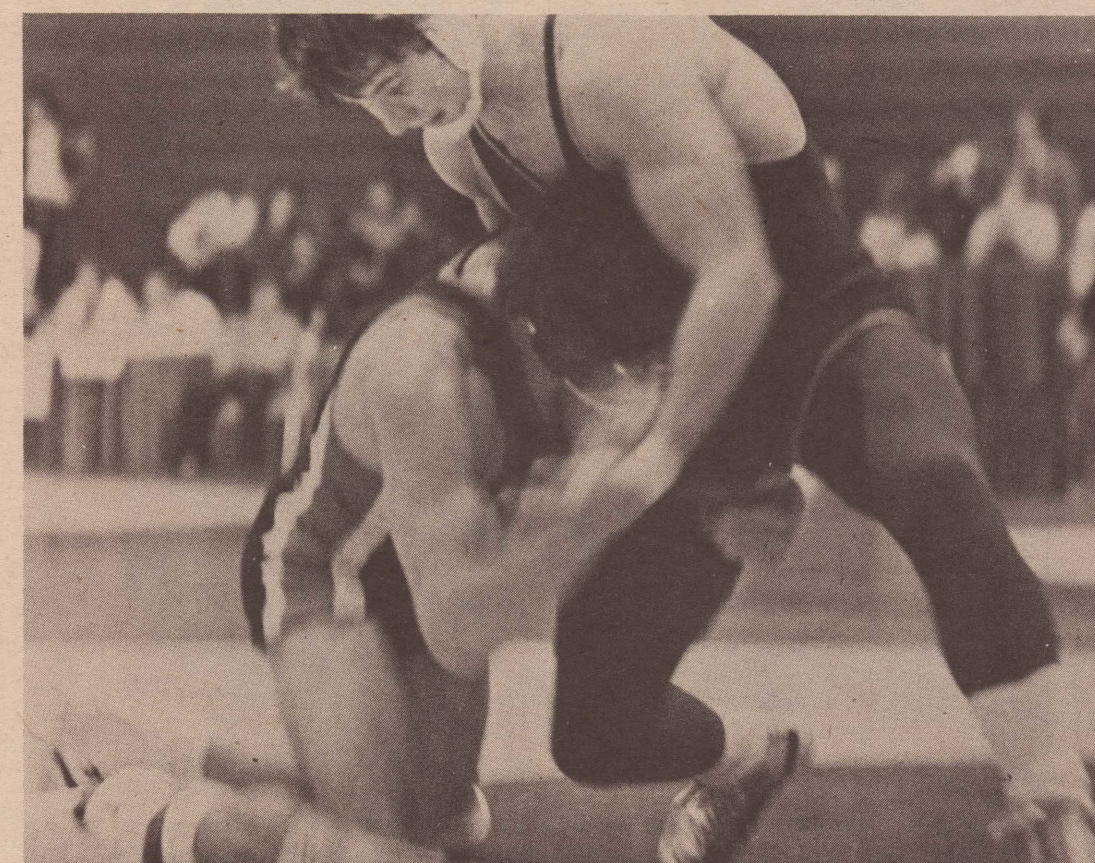
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OFFICIATING LIMITS 'RUNNER MARGIN TO 20 1/2 POINTS

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have given Maciel a 7-6 lead and that along with his riding time would have given him an 8-6 victory. The Northern Iowa fans roared their disapproval and the official quickly changed his mind and nullified the 2 points. This forced the two into overtime, where Gallagher was given a 3-2 win.

Another questionable bout was in the second round of the 177 pound division. Bill Choate fought back from a 6-3 deficit to tie Ken Berres of Mankato College, 8-8 at the end of regulation. In the overtime, Choate took down Berres and was called out and



Mark Hall (right) goes against one of the home town favorites, John Newell. Newell won the match, 10-4.

DESIRE TO BE BEST KEEPS AZEVEDO, GONZALES UNDEFEATED

by DAVID WILEY
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Some college wrestling teams are lucky to have one NCAA champion, but CSB has the honor of boasting of two, John Azevedo and Joe Gonzales.

Both are heavily favored to win their respective weight divisions, and are

serious contenders for Olympic berths, should the United States decide to send an Olympic squad to Moscow, though it is one of the farthest things from their minds. Before they can even think about Moscow, they have the Division I National Tournament to concern themselves with, but they appear primed

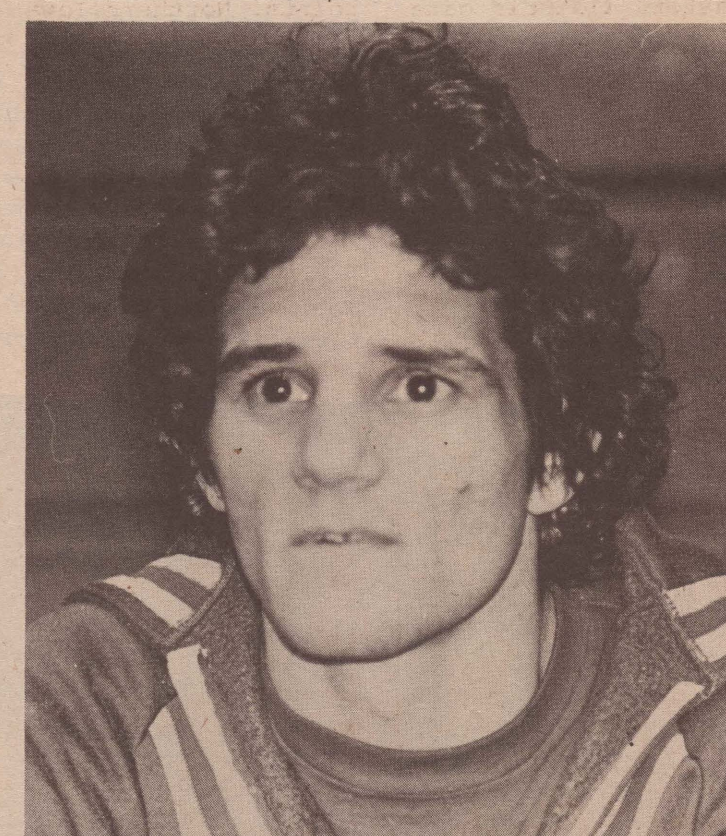
and ready for the task.

JUST WHAT IS IT that makes these two superb athletes tick? Nothing but a strong desire to be the best, regardless of the many sacrifices that come when an athlete decides to put his sport above all else.

When questioned about their toughest opponents, each said "the other," and by examining their respective records, it is easy to see why. Gonzales and Azevedo are both 40-0 before the nationals this season.

Both grapplers train year round, but take occasional breaks from the rigorous mat work that is required to be the best.

Gonzales and Azevedo are both ranked Number 1 in college wrestling circles, but there are some tough performers who go after Olympic berths by continuing to train after completing their educations.



John Azevedo

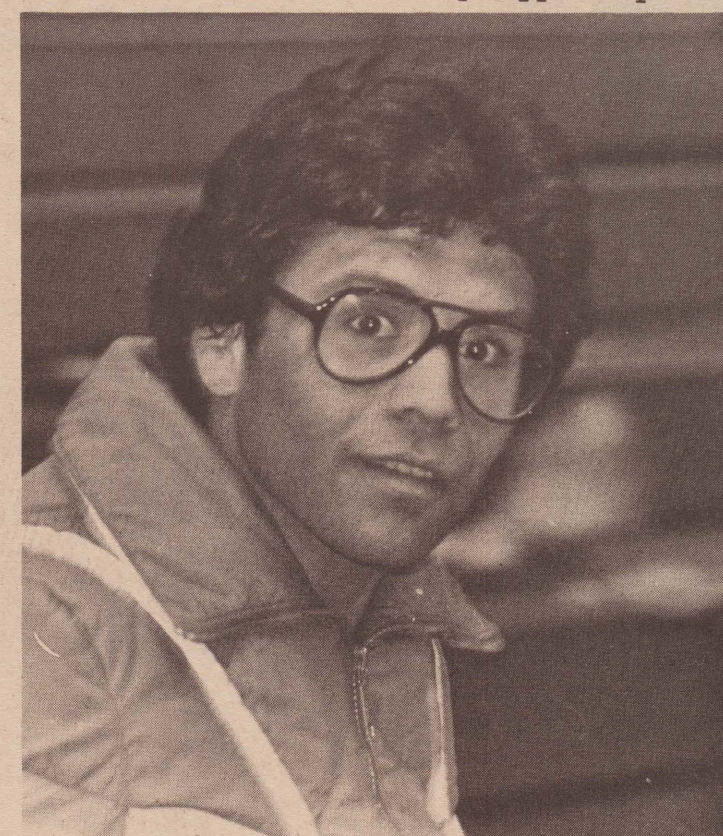
Neither plans to hang up his wrestling shoes after this year, instead they hope to continue training for an Olympic berth for the 1984 games, which will be held in Los Angeles.

WHEN TRAVELING, the pair usually stays around the hotels, occupying their time by cutting

not given the 2 points. But in the exact same situation, the Mankato matman was awarded the 2 and went on to win, 2-1. The third was the disqualification of Lee Noble (142) for excessive stalling when he went out of bounds while trying an escape.

'Little Joe' Gonzales had relatively no trouble in gaining his second straight 118 pound crown and he ran his undefeated record to 49-0. John Azevedo also kept his spotless record in tact, as he raised it to 47-0 and won his third individual championship in as many tries. Kurk Myers (190) of Nor-

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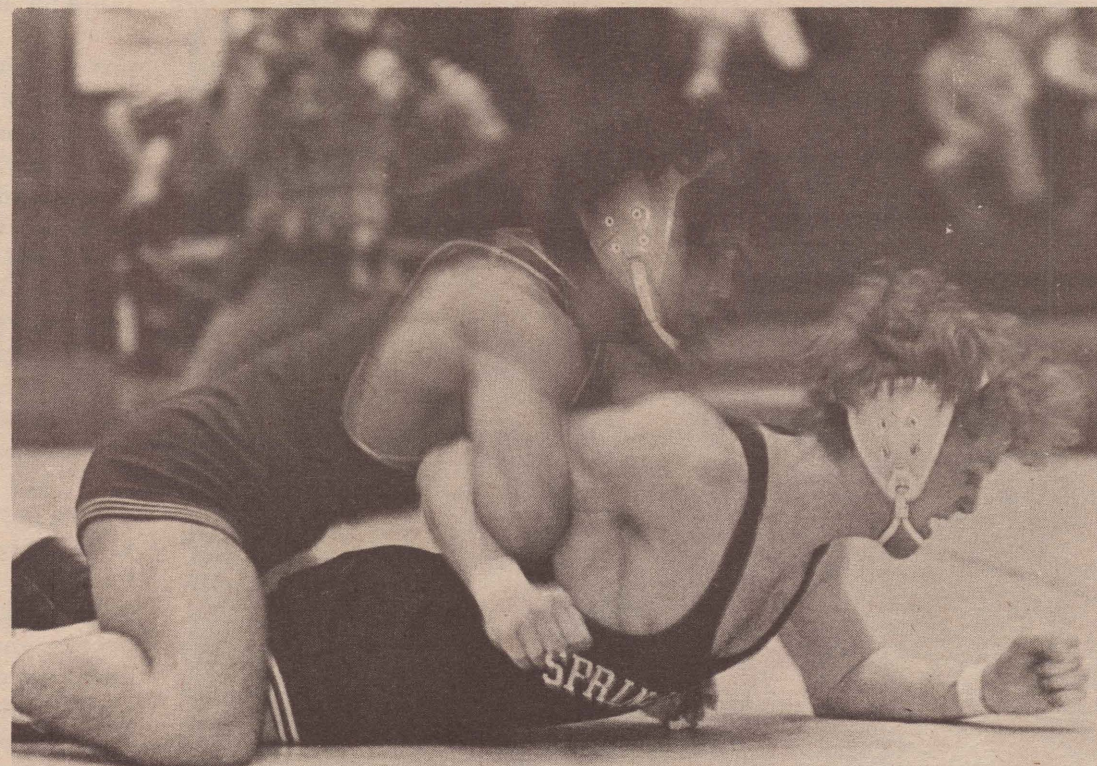


Joe Gonzales

What brought such a gifted pair of athletes to CSB? Both agree that it was Coach Joe Seay, who is considered one of the top coaches in the nation.

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DIVISION I NATIONALS CONTENDERS, BEWARE: HERE COMES CSB'S BEST-AZEVEDO, GONZALES, DUGAN, MACIEL



Joe Gonzales puts the hurt on Matt Hawes in the finals. Gonzales won on a superior decision and all of Hawes' points were given to him when Joe let his opponent up.

by MARK ATKINS
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Besides winning the Division II tournament, the Roadrunners qualified four wrestlers for the up and coming NCAA Division I Championships, to be held in Corvallis Oregon on March 13-15.

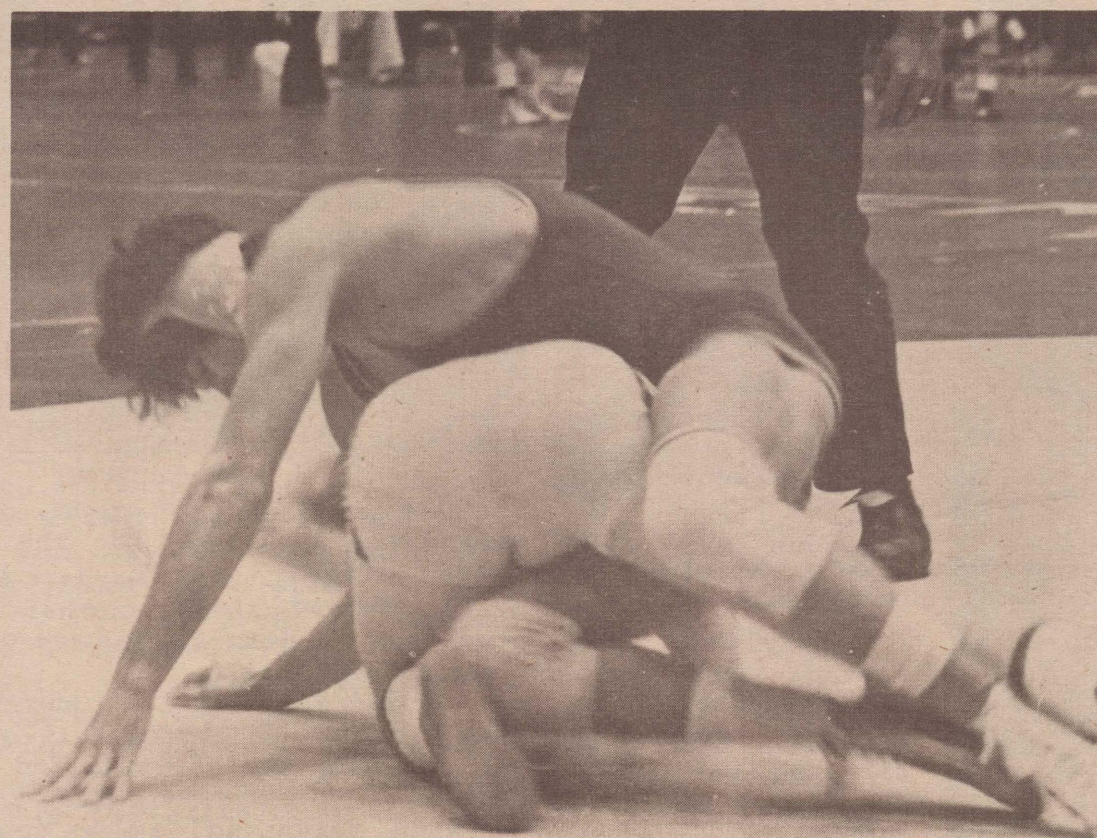
Joe Gonzales, John Azevedo, and Kevin Dugan all made

it on the basis of making the Division II finals and Marty Maciel, a third place finisher, was wild card choice by the coaches of the top four teams. Not only was he one of the four matmen chosen, but he also was the first and only unanimous pick of the four.

"I THINK ALL FOUR have a good shot at

winning their weights if they have good tournaments," said coach Seay. "Joe and John have to be the favorites in their weight division and Dugan and Maciel are capable of wrestling anyone in Division I," he added.

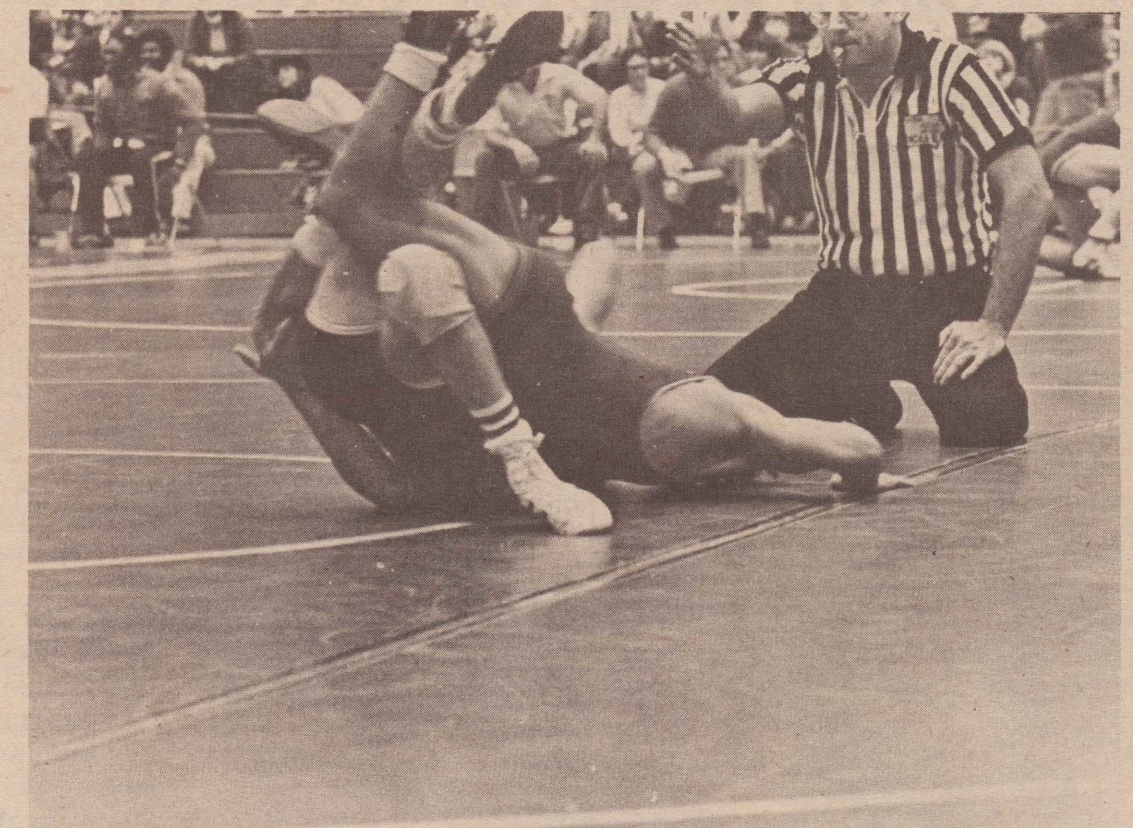
Gonzales and Azevedo both finished second in last year's (Division I) tourney and both are current-



Kevin Dugan (left) looks to the sidelines for some advice from the coaches during his finals match against William Smith of Morgan State.



Coaches Larry Morgan and Joe Seay on the sidelines. Both coaches cheered and offered help to the grapplers throughout the tourney.



John Azevedo (right) wraps up Carl Johnson with his legs. Azevedo went on to win the match by a fall in 7:57.

ly undefeated and ranked number 1 nationally. For Dugan and Maciel this will be their first trip to the Division I nationals.

The team had set a goal of finishing in the top five at the Division I tournament at the beginning of the year and with these four their chances are good.

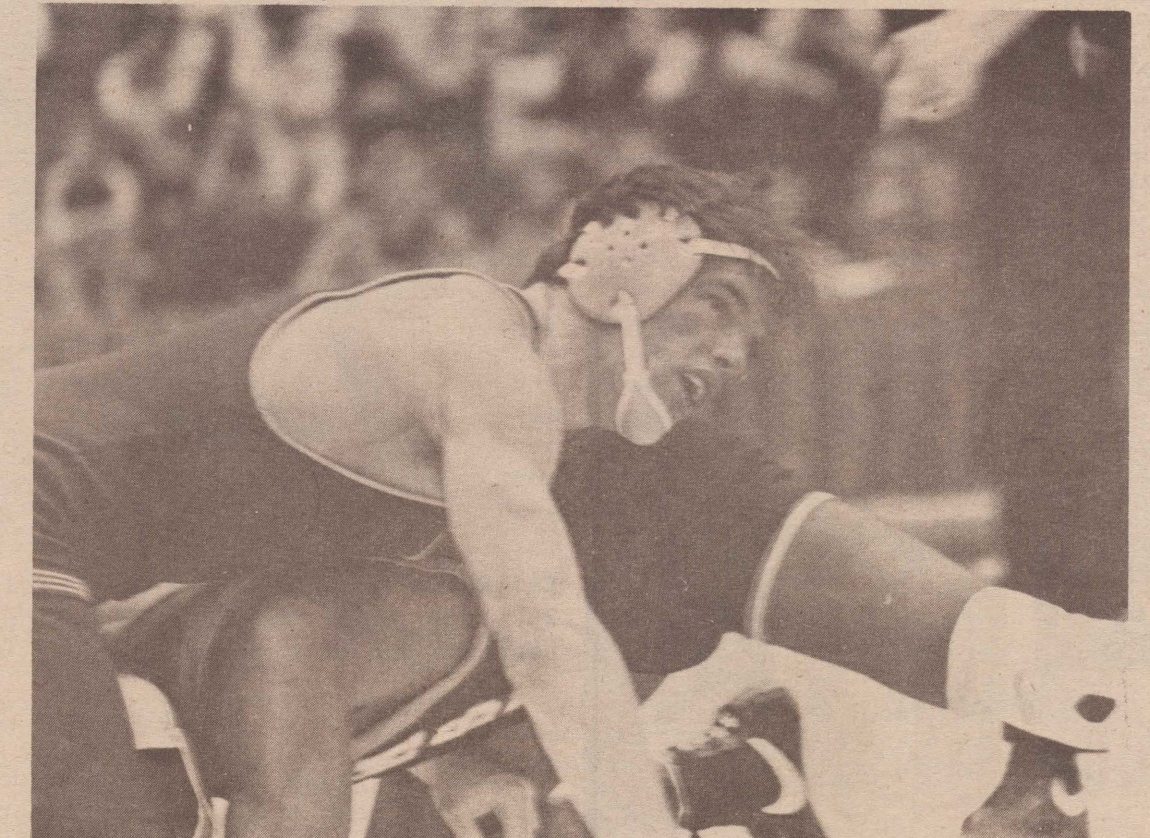
"WITH A LITTLE

luck we should at least improve on our best finish (9th)," said Seay of the team's chances. "I only wish we could take more wrestlers. Reyes, Hall, and

Noble are also capable of competing on that level and that would improve our team chances, because some schools will be taking eight to ten (grapplers)."

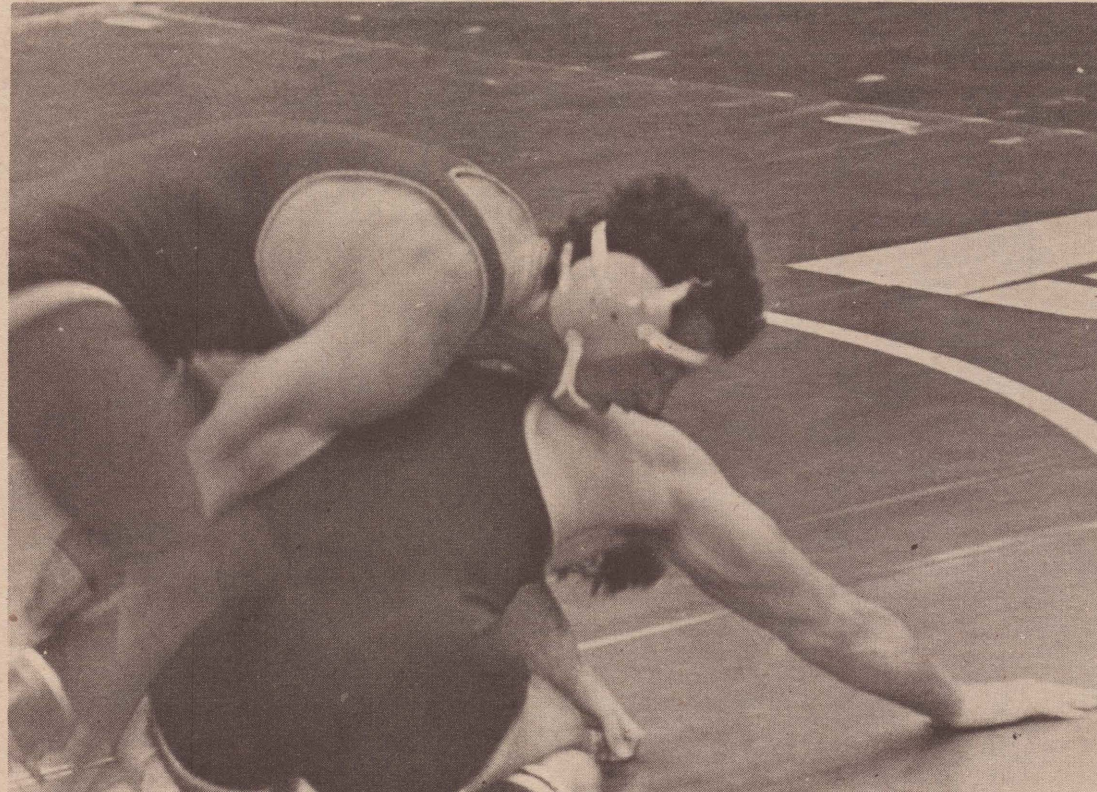
The Roadrunners have wrestled many Division I powers and they have more than held their own each time.

The other three wild card choices were Tom Reed from Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville at 118, Bob Gruner of Wisconsin - Parkside at 158, and Brad Buttermann of Northern Michigan University at 167.



Marty Maciel sets up Tim Paddock of Minnesota-Deluth for a fall. Maciel pinned Paddock both times he faced him.

BONUS POINTS REGISTER WHOPPING 'RUNNER WIN



Bill Choate (left) attempts to turn over Gary Weisenstein from Ashland College. Choate hung on to win a 4-3 decision in the pig-tail rounds.

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thern Iowa also won his third title, which is only the fourth and fifth times one wrestler has won three crowns in the tournament's 18-year history.

KEVIN DUGAN WAS the only other 'Runner to make it to the finals and he finished second in the 158 pound class. Marty Maciel wrestled an extremely good tournament and after his heart-breaking semi loss, he came back with two pins to bring home a third.

Freshman Jessie Reyes earned a fourth at 134 and Lee Noble (142) and Mark Hall (167) each placed fifth. Seniors Bill Choate and Tom Van Arkel (Hwt.) both failed to place.

Coach Seay felt the tourney was won

on bonus points, where the Roadrunners earned an extra 20 points by winning their matches with major or superior decisions or by a fall.

"I was really pleased with our performance," said Seay. "I really thought Joe and John gave us good leadership, as they have all year long, and everyone sucked it up and came through with good efforts."

THE ROADRUNNERS took an early lead in the tournament, and they never relinquished it, though Northern Iowa did get within 1 3/4's points, 82 3/4-81, at one point. But by the time of the final consolation rounds, the outcome had been decided.

What follows is a breakdown of the separate weight divisions. It includes how each of the 'Runners did and who were the top place finishers.

Johnson of Ashland College in the pig-tail round with a 27-13 superior decision. He then pinned Jeff Carlson from the University of North Dakota, in 6:11 in the second round of action and he had a 30-10 superior decision over Curtis Ellis of Morgan State in the quarter finals. In the semis, the CSB matman again won with a pin, this time in 4:24 over Randy Blackman from Eastern Illinois.

LITTLE JOE TOTALLY manhandled Matt Hawes of Springfield in the finals. He won a 28-11 superior decision and all 11 of Hawes' points were given to him as Gonzales continually let him up only to take him down.

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Roadrunner John Azevedo looked awe-

In the finals, Azevedo faced the nation's number 3 rated 126 pounder in Brent Hagen from Northern Iowa. 'Az,' as he is sometimes known, responded by controlling Hagen 18-7 before sticking him to the mat, with 2 seconds remaining in the match.

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Jessie Reyes had a good tournament. In his first match he looked a little like Gonzales when he let his challenger up, a series of times, only to take him down in the third period. In the quarter-finals, Reyes lost on a fall to the eventual champion Craig Jordon of Mankato.

In the consolation rounds the freshman came back with some really solid efforts. He won his first bout on a forfeit, before toppling Dan Winter of WI Parkside, 5-2.

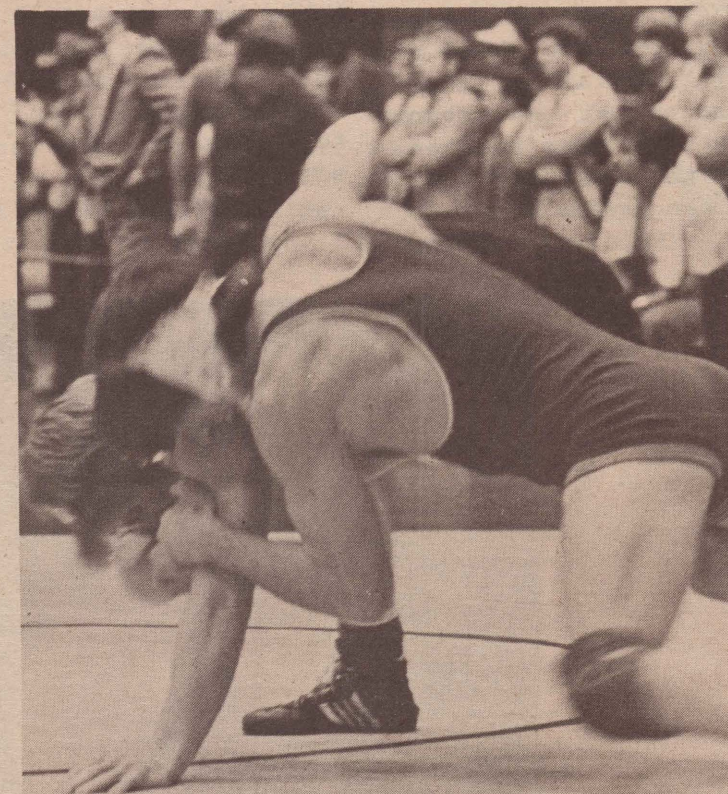
Reyes then outmaneuvered the number 2 seed Jay Swanson from San Diego State University (SDSU). In the battle for third, the Bakersfield High grad was in a real dog fight. He and last year's 134 pound champion Bob McGinn, Eastern Illinois, finished both the regulation and the overtime periods in a tie. McGinn was awarded the decision on criteria.

JORDON PINNED third seeded Douglas House from Florida International in the finals.

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Fourth seeded Lee Noble finished fifth after taking this first match with a fall. The junior from CSB then lost on a disqualification in the quarterfinals and

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Lee Noble (right) starts the third period in 2-2 with Randy Goette (SDSU). Noble escaped near the end of regulation to 3-2 victory.

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Joe Gonzales as easily the best grappler in this weight class and he won five matches, including two by pins. Gonzales first downed Reggie

some. He pinned his first two opponents, Harvey Kruckenberg of North Dakota and Carl Johnson from Ashland College, and then clobbered Craig Morton, Chico State, 21-10 in the semi's.

WRESTLERS MANHANDLE OPPONENTS TO SEIZE 4TH NAT'L

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dropped to the consolations. There he decisioned Jay Breckenridge and Randy Goette of Washington and SDSU respectively.

The consolation semis were an all out battle for Noble. Craig Ervin of Wright College had Noble down 10-1 at one point, but the Roadrunner held his composure and fought

back only to lose a close 11-10 decision. He then received a forfeit for the fifth place finish.

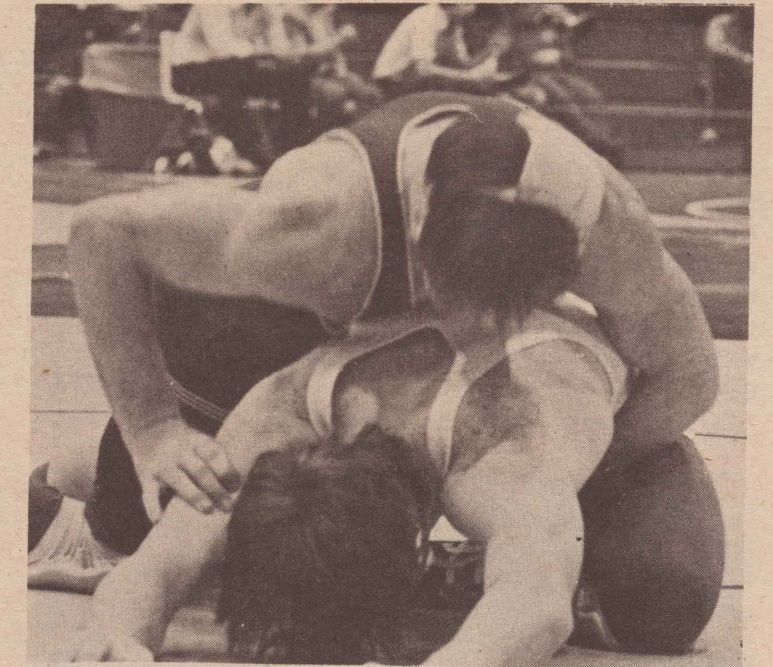
Steve Spangenburg of Northern Michigan got by D.J. West of Northern Colorado, 13-10, for first place honors.

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MARTY MACIEL HAD as good a tournament as anyone there, even

though he finished third. After being robbed in the semi-finals, Maciel quickly stuck his next two opponents to give him four of his five victories by falls.

The other was a 16-0 shut-out over Roy Ward from Cal Davis. Tim Paddock, who Maciel pinned in the pig-tail round, came all the way back in consolations only to



Kevin Dugan (top) starts the second period against Jeff Saylor of Youngston. Dugan took an 11-3 major decision.

he stuck by Maciel again.

Gallagher upset Scott Madigan from Mankato, last year's titlist, 5-3, for the crown.

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Kevin Dugan, the number 1 seed, worked his way to the finals, as did the number 2 seed, William Smith. It was a tough match and Smith won a 13-4 major decision to become the first Morgan State grappler to win an individual crown. He had finished second the last two years. Dugan is now 41-5 on the year.

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Junior Mark Hall opened his first round with an 18-4 superior decision, but then lost on a fall in 3:57 to the third place finisher,

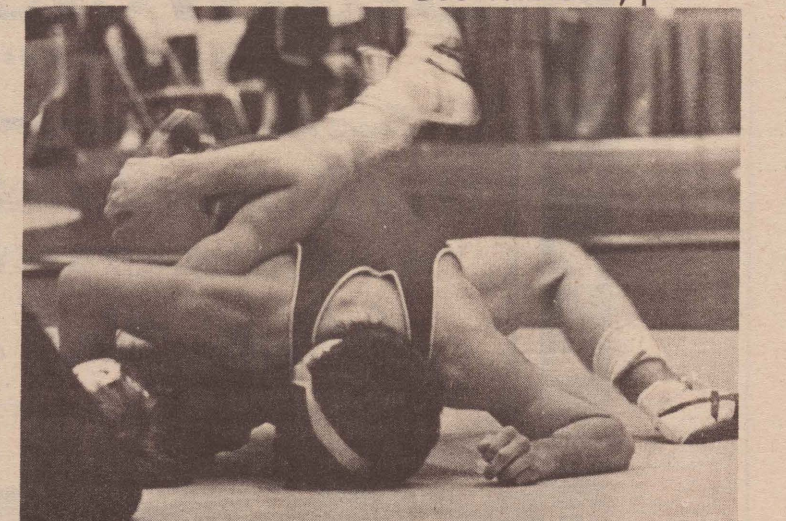
Brad Buttermann from Northern Montana in the quarter-finals. In the consolations Hall pinned his next two foes, before losing a 10-4 decision to the host school's Jeff Newell.

IN THE BOUT FOR fifth Hall earned a 4-2 decision to stop Dion Cabb of Northern Iowa.

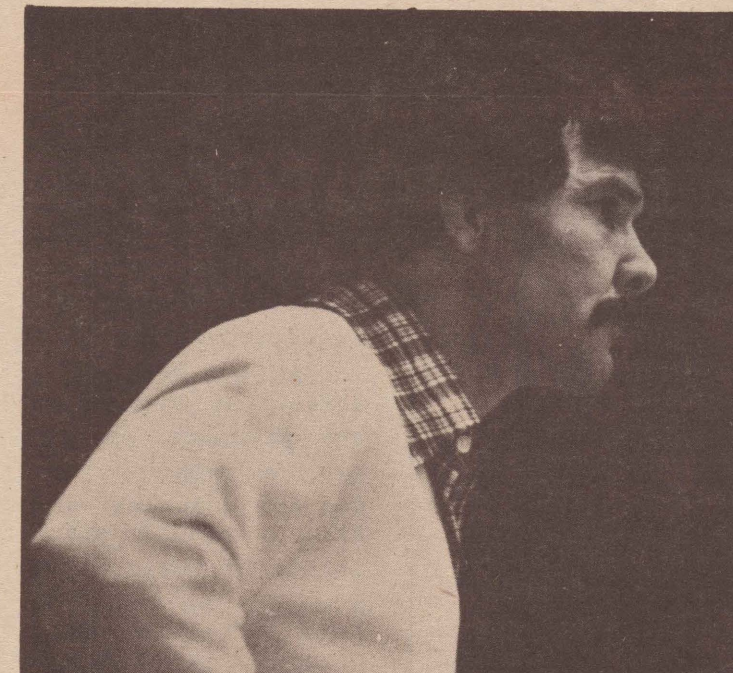
In the finals, number 3 seed sophomore Jon Lundberg from Augustana pulled a mild upset when he topped Bob Stout, of Eastern Illinois, by a fall in 3:20.

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'Runner Bill Choate took a 4-3 decision in the pig-tail round before being eliminated by Ken Berres of Mankato, 2-1 in OT, in what coach Seay See Wrestlers, p. 8



Joe Gonzales (right) is about to pin Randy Blackman in a semi-final match.



Coach Seay stalks the sidelines. Seay is a former wrestling champion from Kansas and he has been coaching on the high school and collegiate level for 16 years.

If Seay had decided to settle elsewhere than Bakersfield, CSB would probably not enjoy its reputation as a "wrestling school" or be a favorite in the upcoming national tournament. There will always be room for one more honor in his trophy case and CSB will always have room for another "dedicated" coach like Joe Seay.



WRESTLERS 4 FOR 5 ON MARCH TO DIVISION I BERTH

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called "a poorly officiated match."

THE 177 POUND champion was Brian Parlet of Augustana. He was also the tournament's "Outstanding Wrestler" and took the Most Falls Trophy with four pins in 8:47.

He put Efonda

Sproles of Northern Iowa to the mat in 1:24 to claim his first championship.

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This is the only weight that CSB didn't qualify a spot for.

NUMBER 1 SEED

Geno Savegnago, East

tern Illinois, and number 2 seed Kirk Myers, Northern Iowa, meet in the finals and Myers tuffed out an 11-7 win. This was his third individual championship in as many years.

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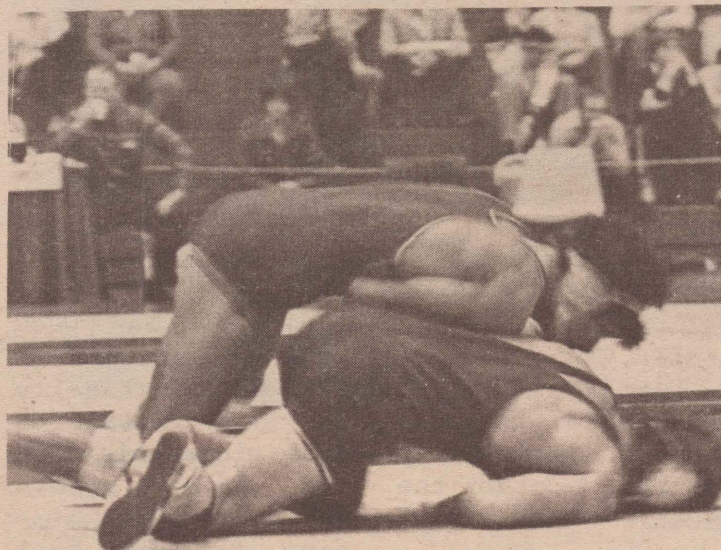
Senior Tom Van Arkel closed out his

career with a first round loss to then undefeated and eventual seventh place finisher Josh Bryant of Livingstone.

The heavyweight finals had a little surprise when Ron Essink, a relative unknown, put big Dave Klemm on his back in 2:21. Klemm of East

tern Illinois had been a member of last year's United States World Team.

ESSINK, A JUNIOR from Grand Valley, is now 33-0 this year and he, along with Gonzales and Azevedo, was the only undefeated grappler left of the nine who entered the tournament.



Marty Maciel applies pressure to Dave Gallagher in the semis. Gallagher won a much disputed 2-1 overtime decision.

DESIRE: AZEVEDO, GONZALES

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Putting in so much time and preparation for the Olympics, one might think that Azevedo and Gonzales would be bitter at the possibility of a US boycott, but neither is. According to the pair, whatever the government decides on the Olympic issue, they will abide by it, but neither is

worried about that now. All they care about is nailing down a couple of college championships.

AS FAR AS DIET IS concerned, both agree that a diet of carbohydrates and proteins is required to compete successfully.

Azevedo was motivated to wrestle by his brothers, who all competed on the high school level, but Gonzales' motivation came from within. He saw the team practicing one day in his freshman year and decided to go out for the team. It's a decision he has not regretted since.

Both wrestlers agree that pouring on the pressure is the key to being a successful grappler, and stress conditioning is one of their major assets. An Azevedo puts it, "A good wrestler keeps pouring on the pressure, you have to go 100% for eight minutes."

Both are senior physical education majors with no minors and Azevedo plans to eventually go into coaching. Gonzales has other thoughts on his mind.

"I've been thinking of becoming a jockey, and ride horses competitively, that really sounds like fun," he said of possible future plans.

DESPITE THEIR impressive records, both feel that they

can improve even more. Azevedo feels that he needs to be a little stronger physically and improve on his technique, while Gonzales has a confidence problem against wrestlers that he feels are at least as good as he is, and also needs to improve on his upper-body attack moves.

As far as strengths are con-

cerned, Gonzales feels his main attribute is quickness and the ability to move around the mat and not give his opponent a stationary target to shoot at, often helps. Azevedo, on the other hand, feels his desire to be the best is his main strength.

Identification with another ideal or person is necessary to accomplish goals, or at least strive for them, and while Azevedo looks to Jesus for his inner strength and desire, Gonzales strives to be the best setting past performances of Yuji Tokada, a past Olympic champion from Japan, as his force.

REGARDLESS OF what it takes to be the best, one thing is for certain, Gonzales and Azevedo are both stuffed to the gills with its most important aspect, the desire to achieve what they want out of life. Both on and off the mat.

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