

# Harkness, Harvard, Only Eastern NCAA Champion As Aggies Win Mat Title

By SAL SALA

As the Lion grapplers were swiftly eliminated from the NCAA tournament Friday, the meet became a dual contest of East vs. West, as the 2000 fans cheered encouragement to each and every eastern representative.

But again, the West, but for one exception, dominated the classic, and for the ninth time in 11 years, the Cowboys from Oklahoma A & M captured the title. In contrast to last year's rout, the Cowboys, with 19 points, outscored the Illinois matmen by four markers with Indiana finishing third, seven points behind the leaders.

Jack Harkness, Harvard's Eastern Intercollegiate champ, spared the East a shutout in the championship ranks when he snatched the 176-pound diadem from the West's grasp. Harkness, the lone Crimson in the meet, placed his team in a tie for seventh place with Lehigh and Cornell College (Iowa) with his first place five points.

**Tigers Fail in Semi-Finals**  
Seventh place was the best the East could do in the tourney. Princeton, with its three entries entered in the semi-final bouts Saturday afternoon, shot its bolt Friday and failed to place a man in the finals. However, each man, Dick Harding, 126; Charles Powers, 165; and Charles Toll, heavy, scored one point to put the Tigers in a three-way tie for ninth place.

Nine of the 32 semi-finalists represented Eastern institutions, including Steve Priolo, Lion's 155-pounder. But here the West clamored over the nine, erasing all but two, Curtis Ford, Lehigh's 165-pounder, and Harkness. Ford defeated Chuck Powers of Princeton, to enter the finals against John Ginay, Illinois' captain.

Carl King, 118, started State in the right direction Friday afternoon when he defeated George Benz of St. Lawrence. However, in rapid succession, Marshall Gates, 135, Al Zaxzi, 145, and Ernie Bortz, 175, fell by the wayside.

In the evening the complete squad was eliminated. King was pinned by Champion McDaniels, Oklahoma A & M, in 2:50; John Craighead, 180, lost to Allen Sapora, Illinois, who also went on to win the title. Priolo lost

a close bout to Ken Knight of Southwestern Teachers College; Ross Shafter was pinned in 3:21 by Ralph Witzberger, CCNY's 165-pounder; and Warren Elliott was thrown in 1:07 by Clifton Gustafson, Minnesota heavyweight.

**Priolo Wins, Loses**  
Priolo staged a surprise last minute wrestling technique that netted him a decision over George Raab, F. & M., in the consolation bouts and the right to meet Joe Loucks, Iowa State, for third place and a point. Showing an attack and aggressiveness sadly lacking in his dual meet contests, Priolo switched and tumbled into neutral positions to keep on even terms with his Iowa opponent. With less than a minute to go, Loucks dropped Priolo and held him down to gain third place in the 155-pound class.

Joe McDaniels was awarded the outstanding wrestler's trophy by the 29 coaches after the finals Saturday. Charlie Speidel, Lion mentor and president of the American Collegiate Wrestling Coaches Association, who presented the cup, said that McDaniels was voted the trophy because of the tough competition he had to plow through to gain the title.

Honorable mention was given to Harkness, Ford, Stan Henson, Oklahoma A & M's 145-pound champ who received the award last year, and David Matthews, Oklahoma U's 135-lb. champ.

**Parkey Injured**  
Fred Parkey, Aggies' captain and NAAU champ, suffered a dislocated shoulder in his championship battle with Matthews and was forced to forfeit. Parkey, favored to cop the title, cried as he walked off the mat.

Archie Deutschman, 135-pounder, shot Illinois within four points of the leaders when he garnered five points in the consolation period without twitching a muscle.

He gained one point when Earl Lancaster, W. Virginia, failed to weigh in Saturday morning and was declared ineligible, thus defaulting to the Illini. He gained four points when his bout with Parkey was also defaulted because of the injury sustained by the Cowboy earlier in the evening. Deutschman thus received three points for second place and one for the default.

## Nation's Best For 1938

**Joe McDaniels**  
Oklahoma A & M—118  
His home is in Sulphur, Oklahoma. Won two national titles before he ever won a state title. A junior in physical education. Very quiet, unassuming. Lost to Henson in the 95-pound finals in the 1933 state championships. Henson's best friend and fraternity brother. Voted most outstanding wrestler in the tournament by the coaches. Marked fourth straight year that a Sigma Chi from Stillwater has won the trophy. What a rushing point!

**Al Sapora**  
Illinois—126  
Former captain of football and basketball at Renovo high school. Worked four years in New York before going to Illinois. Was entered at State but changed his mind at the last minute. His brother, who is now coaching at CCNY, was 118-pound national champion at Illinois in 1929 and 1930. Al came to Penn State to see his brother win eight years ago. Both met a State man in their first bout, and went on to win the title. Rates high scholastically as a senior in the physical education school, and is the fourth in the family to attend Illinois.

**Dave Matthews**  
Oklahoma U.—135  
From McDaniels' home town, Sulphur, home of the Platt National Park. They wrestled three years in high school together. Dave was also captain of the football team, once winning a game with an 85-yard run. Was president of his junior and senior class. A potential lawyer. Has been married two years. Defeated Parkey in a dual meet earlier in the season.

**Stan Henson**  
Oklahoma A & M—145  
Won the award for most outstanding wrestler last year, but was happiest of all to see McDaniels cop this year's award. Tied with him for high scorer in the state. Home is in Tulsa where he helped his high school win state wrestling championships. A junior pre-med. His father is the Aggies' most loyal supporter. Drove the family 1,300 miles to see the matches. Stan was sports editor of

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his college daily last year. Very friendly and very sincere, and a veritable fashion plate.

**Dale Scrivens**  
Oklahoma A & M—155  
A former state champion at Wellington, Kansas. A senior in agriculture. Hopes to go into government farm service. Spends his summers harvesting at his farm home. A member of Alpha Zeta and Farmhouse, professional fraternities. When Doc Strong, regular Aggie 155-pounder, decided to stay home and catch up on his law studies, Dale filled in to gain a national championship, and demonstrate the team strength of the Cowboys.

**John Ginay**  
Illinois—165  
From East Chicago, Indiana. Captain of the Illini and a senior in education. A member of Phi Kappa Sigma and belongs to Schem and Tomahawk, Illini honoraries. Came to this country from his native Czechoslovakia when eleven years old. Has won the Big Ten title two years in a row. Ties with Scrivens and Henson for best-looking champions.

**John Harkness**  
Harvard—175  
A 21-year-old, shy champion from Providence, R. I. He is a senior in Harvard's school of architecture. First wrestled at Milton Academy where he also played a little football. Will take two years of post-graduate study after being graduated this spring. Most interested fan was his dad, who had a swell time with Mr. Henson. John is a member of the exclusive Fox Club at Cambridge-on-the-Charles.

**Charles McDaniels**  
Indiana—Unlimited  
Big Mac was raised in the shadows of the Hoosier campus buildings at Bloomington, Ind. Was a member of the 1936 Olympic team, and claims to have been the most sea-sick man on the boat. His biggest thrill came when he first sighted land on the other side—a wee bit of Ireland at 3 o'clock in the morning. Was selected over Bob Haak, Indiana's other great heavyweight, to compete in the Nationals. They're great friends, playing the opposite tackles on the football team, and will not wrestle each other. Mac is a senior in physical education, whereas Haak has another year.

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