

Valentino Only Gymnast To Grab Eastern Title

Rudy Valentino's two-point margin over Norm Matthews of Syracuse for the Eastern Intercollegiate tumbling championship has prompted speculation from both sides as to the relative merits of the two stars and their chances in the coming national events.

Valentino downed the Orange captain 274 to 272 to become the only Lion to grab an Eastern title Saturday in Rec Hall.

Syracuse coach Paul Romeo pointed out after the meet that Matthews would be working on several new exercises to perform in his fourth trip up the mat, and the coach figured those maneuvers might help his star defeat Valentino in the nationals.

RUDY CONFIDENT

Valentino, however, was confident he would improve for the nationals as his injured wrist strengthened. Rudy tumbled Saturday with his wrist wrapped so tightly it hampered his style.

Three other Lions came through to earn medals in the all-star meet, but Syracuse, Army and Temple walked off with most of the honors. Syracuse's defending champion, Gene Rabbitt on the side-horse, and Leo Minotti in the rope-climb, repeated on their specialties, Minotti with a 3.6 time; Army's Carl Brunson won the parallel-bar event and Cadet Bob Williams was a surprise winner on the flying rings; Temple's Bill Willard won the horizontal-bar event and Wally Hayes from the same school easily romped to all-around honors.

PERNA HITS STRIDE

State's Lee Perna, hitting his stride, zipped up the rope in 3.9 seconds to tie with Marv Schenker and Stan Nall for second place in the climb. The three climbed once more after the tie to determine the awarding of the medals and Perna took third, but the event goes into the record books as a three-way second-place tie.

Sophomore Dick Spiese scored 262 points on the parallel bars to tie Syracuse's Joel Baba for third place in that event behind Brunson and Temple's John Koesslian.

GREAVES THIRD

Harry Greaves, competing for State on the flying rings, came through with a startlingly fine exercise to notch third place behind Williams of Army and Hayes of Temple.

Other Lions competing—Dave Benner on the side-horse, Earl Kerber on the high-bar, Al Christie in the rope-climb, Joe Mireni on the P-bars, Bill Hendrickson on the rings, and Howard Mason in tumbling—piled up high point totals but were out of the running.

Because of the closeness of the competition and the fact that all performers were going "all out" in each event, the meet turned up four injuries but only one was expected to be serious. That was a pulled achilles-tendon for Temple's tumbler, Ben Paul.

Lions Score 28 To Finish 3rd

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Gym bronx-cheered the final choice.

Two other Nittany grapplers captured third places. Johnny Reese, 121-pounder, and 136-pound Don Maurey, bowed out in the semi-finals, but came through in the consolation bouts. 155-pound Bill Slabonik lost out in the preliminaries, while Jack Driebelbis, 128 pounds, and Bill Santel, 165 pounds, advanced to the quarter-finals before losing decision matches.

Lehigh's Mike Fillpos, defending 121-pound king, ousted Reese in the semi-finals, thereby getting back at the Lion lightweight. Reese was the only man to beat Fillpos before Bob Gerbino, Syracuse, performed the feat in the finals. The score of the Reese-Fillpos duel was 5-1.

The eventual champion, Navy's Wayne Smith, knocked off Don Maurey in the semi-finals, 11-9, in one of the best bouts of the tournament. After a hectic first period, Maurey led, 7-6. But the effects of the fast first period began to show on the Nittany sophomore and Smith gained the win.

Captain Jim Maurey had an easy time in the semi's with Ewart Nethersole, Syracuse. Jim piled up a 6-0 lead before he threw the Orangeman in 4:35. Rubino pinned third-seeded Brooks Naffziger, Yale, in 7:00 of his semi-final fight, while Barr bested fourth-seeded Reddy Finney, Princeton, 7-1.

At the end of the consolation round Saturday night, Penn State, with 12, had a two-point lead on both Syracuse and Lehigh.

Jim Maurey's tussle with Lehigh's Mahoney in the finals was the closest of the 128 bouts during the two-day program. Neither wrestler could get a takedown in the first period and Mahoney used a cross-body ride to keep Captain Jim on the bottom during the entire second period, but

Army's Ed Jelen and Bill Knapp and Navy's Al Crews suffered slighter injuries.

The team title was not at stake in the meet. Syracuse and Army were awarded six-month's possession of the traveling trophy each for trying for the team title in dual-meet competition.

the Lehigh matman was warned once for stalling.

In the third period, Maurey kept Mahoney at bay and rolled the Engineer on his back once but couldn't keep him there. Referee Dick DiBattista awarded the title to Maurey.

Rubino had a 1-0 margin on Gebhardt after the second period of the 175 pound final. After keeping Gebhardt on the bottom for almost a minute, Rubino was penalized for using locked hands, and shortly afterwards Gebhardt was given an automatic takedown for Rubino's alleged stalling. The Dormont Dandy escaped in no time to make the score, 3-2. Mike had Gebhardt flat on his back twice in the first period, but no takedowns or nearfalls were awarded because the wrestlers went off the mat too soon.

Barr racked up two takedowns, a reverse and two minutes of time advantage to win from LaSasso in the unlimited class. LaSasso's four points were all scored on escapes, mostly by use of the whizzer. It was Barr's second straight heavyweight title.

In consolation bouts, Reese won, 8-6, from Virginia's Bill Morse, who beat Reese in the opening bout of the season, for third place; and Don Maurey won

by default from Dick Kelsey, Lehigh's two-time king, at 136 pounds, and automatically claimed third place.

The 1950 EIWA champion bouts:

- Finals**
121 pounds—Bob Gerbino, Syracuse, defeated Fillpos, Lehigh, 7-2.
128 pounds—George Feurbach, Lehigh, defeated Dave Foor, Princeton, 6-1.
136 pounds—Wayne Smith, Navy, defeated Joe Sottanni, Syracuse, 6-2.
145 pounds—Jim Maurey, Penn State, defeated John Mahoney, Lehigh, referee's decision.
155 pounds—Ken Hunte, Syracuse, defeated Eric Erikson, Lehigh, 6-0.
165 pounds—Emil Perona, Rutgers, defeated George Graveson, Yale, 8-7.
175 pounds—George Gebhart, Syracuse, defeated Mike Rubino, Penn State, 3-2.
Unlimited—Homer Barr, Penn State, defeated Gus LaSasso, Lehigh, 8-4.

Hitting New Highs

Penn State's basketballers, heretofore a low-scoring unit, bombarded the hoop at a 57-points per game clip during their 23-game 1950 schedule. Co-Captain Marty Costa, of Fredericktown, was high man with 299 points, a new record for a single season at Penn State.

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