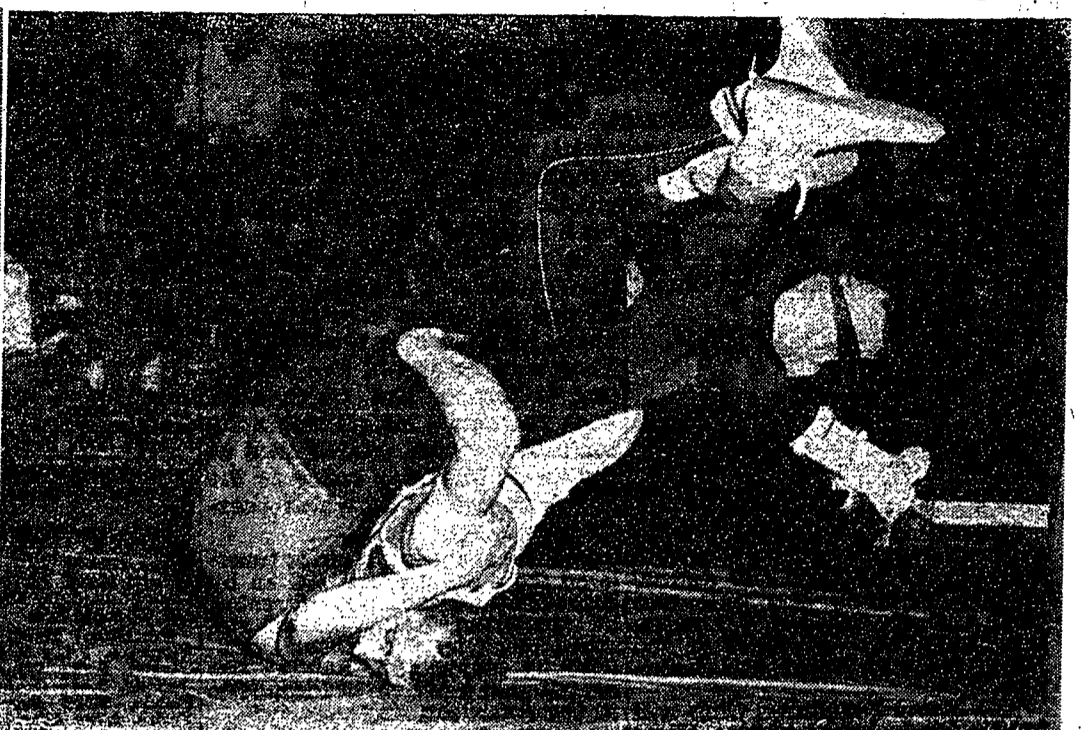


# Quick Action Highlights Mat NCAA's at Rec Hall



DOUG FREY, Nittany 157 pound entry, is shown about to slam Springfield's Pete Bock during the preliminary round of the opening of the NCAA championships yesterday in Rec Hall. Frey won this bout, 8-0. However, he lost his next preliminary match to Syracuse's Ed Rooney, 4-3, in a match involving some highly questionable calls by the referee.



ROD NORRIS, of Maryland University, and Cletus Blegen, of Mankato State, seem to be in a gooey mess in their 137-pound go on the Rec Hall mats last night in the NCAA's. Norris had the edge for the day, however, as he decisioned Blegen, 8-6, in a real tight match.

Sports Thru  
**The Lion's Eye**  
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Barnum and Bailey's three-ring circus has nothing on the National Collegiate wrestling championships which opened in Rec Hall yesterday. For the afternoon preliminary round fans, it was like trying to watch two tennis matches at the same time. Four mats were in simultaneous use and the grand spectacle of the nation's best wrestlers actually was mass confusion.

But if fans thought it rough trying to keep watch on the representatives of 25 states in the Union, they should have tried to keep the reporters' tabs on the progress of the meet. Three assistants per man would not have been too many.

The worst of it all was that after five and one-half hours, from 1 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and 86 bouts, absolutely nothing was decided. For those who like to figure which way the wind is blowing, the afternoon was a dismal disappointment. At the end of the marathon sessions, Penn State held the lead, 3-2 over Michigan U. by virtue of fall points gained by messieurs Dick and Joe Lemyre and Hud Samson. But this mere "pin-money" score was about as important as the same tally would be in the first two minutes of a basketball game.

And, by the same token, the fact that the Nittany Lions matched defending champion Oklahoma's feat of advancing six men into the evening quarter-finals raised no eyebrows. The results of the evening quarter-finals alone could give everyone the tipoff they were eager for.

But the fact that State did advance six, one better than 1952 runnerup Oklahoma A&M and two better than third finisher last year, Iowa State Teachers, showed that the East would make its most serious bid for the NCAA title in history. (No Eastern team has ever won the title and Oklahoma and Oklahoma A&M have hogged it 19 of the 22 times.)

Although the Sooner State monopolists advanced 11 men between them, at no time did they give the impression that they were world beaters. They did not fill viewers with the awe you might expect from fellows who do nothing but eat corn, wrestle, and win titles. They wrestled close to the vest; a possession, one-point style of wrestling without brilliance, but with an eventual winning ring.

San Diego State's Dick Robinson, 130 pounder, offered the tourney's study in complete frustration. Robinson traveled approximately 2600 miles from the Pacific Coast only to lose his very first bout, 12-3.

Nittany Dick Lemyre flashed some of his typical razzle-dazzle in his first bout against Michigan State's Eddie Casalicchio. Dick canvas-backed the Spartan, who boasted an excellent 8-1 record, in exactly 49 seconds—the afternoon's fastest and quite probably the quickest showering the tourney will see.

Four of the East's biggest guns look to have excellent chances for individual championships on the basis of the preliminary sneak-previews. Cornell's Frank Bettucci, 147, easily out-bullied, out-powered, and out-spied two opponents, Gus DeAugustino, Lock Haven S.T.C. and Four-I champ, triumphed without strain at 137 pounds and looks to be the man to beat. A third Easterner with excellent title chances is Army's 177 pound EIWA champ, Al Zulekas. The Cadet scored impressively, 13-4, over Toledo's Ed Manni, brother of last year's 191 pound champion Harry. And of course, Pitt's defending champ Hugh Peery has the class for another East crown.

By the time the long-awaited 6:30 happily arrived, those who had been peering intently for five hours had headaches as bad as those wrestlers who lost in the first round. State's Coach Charlie Speick breezed cheerily past and advised, "go out and clear your mind. You can't absorb it all anyway."

Amen, Charlie.

## Matmen Will Enter Semis, Finals Today

(Continued from page one)

Penn State's hopes for national honors were shattered somewhat by the latter defeat but Don Frey kept the light shining when he decisioned Ian MacEwan, Kent State, 6-0. A takedown and escape gave Don a 3-0 lead. His fourth point was obtained on a predicament. MacEwan was almost pinned but was able to slide off the mat before State's 157-pounder could place him flush with the mat.

Penn State's bid for national honors seemed well on its way in the preliminary eliminations yesterday afternoon when it took the lead with three pins. Michigan secured two pins. Showing their foes what sunny side up is for the Nittany Lions were Dick and Joe Lemyre, and Hud Samson.

Penn State's third runner-up last year, Dick Lemyre put on one of the finest wrestling performances seen at Rec Hall when he made Ed Casalicchio, Michigan State, observe Rec Hall's lighting system with a double bar arm in 0:49. Lemyre wasted no time in taking down his Michigan State adversary when he grabbed Casalicchio's arm and rolled him over his back. The colorful Lemyre put his Spartan opponent flush with the mat within a split second but couldn't keep Casalicchio's shoulder blades on the canvas.

Then with his legs, straight in the air, the slick 130-pounder gave his foe the needed pressure for Penn State's first point of the preliminaries.

In the 177-pound battle George Dvorozniak, Penn State, found himself two points behind when Dick O'Shaughnessy, Michigan, took him down near the edge of the mat. Dvorozniak, however, escaped. In the second period O'Shaughnessy received one point for predicament when he had his Lion foe sliding off the mat on his back. O'Shaughnessy, Michigan's football captain-elect, followed in the next period with an escape and near fall to win 9-1.

It was Hud "Pressure Boy" Samson who gave Speidel's EIWA champs an early lead in fall points when he became the second Nittany Lion to pin his man. Lewis Williams of Oregon state was his opponent. After three attempts in

the first period for a takedown, Hud was finally successful in his two-point endeavor. Then in the next period State's talented 191-pounder scored his fall with a body press and half nelson in 3:40.

In the 123-pound class Bob Homan was decisioned by Al Crancer, Arkansas St., 10-2. The Arkansas St. matman took down Homan early in the first period and had control for the remainder of the period. Wrestling from the referee's position Homan could not hold onto the Arkansas St. grappler. Homan strived for a trip takedown. Crancer however, landed on top of Penn State's 123-pounder, gaining control once again. Homan reversed Crancer in the final period for his two points. It was at this time, however, that Crancer played possum and would not wrestle.

Bill Bock, Springfield, was no match for Speidel's 157-pounder, Doug Frey, in the latter's first of two bouts in the preliminaries. Frey won, 8-0. Wrestling Ed Rooney, Syracuse, however, Frey was eliminated on a 4-3 decision. As the score indicates the battle was a close one and it wasn't decided until the final second when the referee gave an "unbelievable" escape. Two other debatable calls by the referee were made, but one was for State and the other for Syracuse.

State's recent EIWA 137-pounder, Jerry Maurey, continued his winning ways when he decisioned Sam Ruzic, Iowa State, 3-1. Maurey's scoring was done in the first and second periods when he gained a takedown and an escape. Ruzic escaped from Maurey in the final period.

Don Frey became one of Penn State's quarter final entries when he defeated Jerry Bains, Alabama Poly., 6-1. Bains' only point was scored in the second period on an escape. Frey started his aggressive style of wrestling late in the first period with a take down. He followed with a reversal and an escape in the next two periods.

Frank Bettucci, Cornell, who was named as the Eastern Intercollegiate's outstanding wrestler, is certainly in the running for honors after his first two performances in the preliminaries. The almost unbeatable grappler easily defeated his Cornell College opponent, Warren DeFranger, 8-2. Bettucci, in his second bout of the afternoon, pinned Lee Ballinger, Wyoming in 5:14.

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