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LIONS SWEEP NCAA CROWNS

Wrestlers Stop Oklahoma; Gym Team Scores in Rout

By SAM PROCOPIO

Penn State is the new National Collegiate team wrestling champion and rightly claims 1953 as the "Year of Penn State" in going through 29 straight dual meet matches without defeat and also winning the Eastern Intercollegiate team honors.

With Hud "pressure boy" Samson showing West Chester's 191-pounder, Chuck Weber, Rec Hall's lighting system last night, he not only clinched the East's and State's first title in 23 years but gave Coach Charlie Speidel's matmen their third NCAA individual champion. The pin had a record crowd of some 6000 fans on their feet screaming with joy.

The Nittany Lions gained a total of 21 team points to 15 for defending champion, Oklahoma, while Penn State carried one NCAA champion, one runner-up, and three third-place winners. Oklahoma U. did not place a titlist. It did, however, win two seconds, one third, and one fourth place.

Take Down by Hud

Samson's dramatic win was the fourth of 1953. During the dual meet season, the talented 191-pounder proved to be the deciding factor in keeping the Nittany Lions' fine victory skein alive against Cornell, Maryland, and Pitt. Last night he again exhibited the excellent team balance that Speidel possesses.

Hud began his battle for National honors with a take down and rode Weber the remainder of the period. Then in 4:15, Hud had his foe "sunny side up" with a body press.

When Dick Lemyre stepped onto the mat, Penn State was mathematically tied with the Sooners in team points, and after he dropped a hard-fought 7-5 decision to Michigan's Big Ten 130-pound champion, the Nittany Lions led 14-11.

'Dickie' Evens Terms

Just before the end of the first period, Lemyre narrowed his 4-0 deficit by two points on a reversal. In the third period Lemyre's chances were brightened when the referee awarded "Dandy Dick" one point for Nalan's stalling. Nalan's exceptional balance gave him another two points on a reverse.

Nevertheless, State's EIWA champ brought everything to even terms by the same token and even had Nalan at a near fall position until the Big Ten champ successfully slid off the mat.

Jerry Maurey gave Penn State a "good" lead in the consolation scoring when he defeated Ron Scott of Oklahoma U., 10-2. Maurey commenced his 137-pound battle with a quick take down and wasted no time in trying for a fall. But the Clearfield product

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TODAY'S
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NCAA Mat Champs

115 pounds—Hugh Peery, Pittsburgh	157 pounds—James Harmon, Iowa State Teachers
123 pounds—Richard Mueller, Minnesota	167 pounds—Don Dickason, Cornell U.
130 pounds—Norvard Nalan, Michigan	177 pounds—Ned Blass, Oklahoma A&M
137 pounds—Leonard DeAugustino, Lock Haven	191 pounds—Hud Samson, Penn State
147 pounds—Frank Beittucci, Cornell U.	Heavyweight—Dan McNair, Auburn

Sports Thru

The Lion's Eye

By JAKE HIGHTON
 Collegian Sports Editor



The East is risen, Hallelujah! Risen victorious over the West's once iron-ruling but now fallen monarchs of National Collegiate wrestling—Oklahoma and Oklahoma A&M. Never before able to get within smelling distance, the East rode to its first victory in the 23 year history of the tournament by smashing through hitherto believed invincible Oklahomans.

On the strength of five individual champions and Penn State's spectacular team championship, the East obliterated the tourney's sub-title, OCAA—Oklahoma Collegiate Athletic Association—and put the NCAA back into the NCAA.

This was blasphemy of the worst sort to the Oklahoma wrestling gods. Only three of the 22 previous titles had they allowed to leave the Sooner State and were largely responsible for the unhappy status of the East's never getting more than two champions in one meet.

The East's break with the West was greatly aided by a Rec Hall roofing/gallery of 6000 fans who made a solid mass from the balcony track all the way down to mat side. Grizzled Nittany habitues of Rec Hall said, it was the largest ever—or at least since the blizzard of '88.

Even though it is customary among the sports writing fraternity to call every victory a team victory, that's the only way you can describe State's win. The Lions only had one individual champion but so strongly were they balanced in reserve depth that they could have won the

title without a champion—a feat which no school had ever done.

However, Hud Samson's brilliant pinning championship was not anti-climatic even though State had already cinched team honors. As the beaming Nittany Coach Charlie Speidel said to Hud, "Doc, you gave us honor." Previously, to Charlie, it was a "wonderful whole team victory earned by fighting for it."

Beginning with the preliminary round—and going right through the semi-finals, State matched Oklahoma man for man. But not until the completion of the consolation bouts just before the finals, did the compass needle begin to point to State. First Jerry Maurey bumped off a red-shirted Oklahoman—the way the crowd roared against the Sooners you would have thought them real Reds—to take third place at 137. Then Don Frey and Joe Lemyre likewise took thirds to give State the saturation placing which Oklahoma could not match.

Actually the clincher came in the 123 pound match when Minnesota's Mueller upset Sooner hot-shot Don Reece with a surprising pin. The mass hysteria which shook Rec Hall signified a Nittany championship except for the

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By GEORGE BAIREY

SYRACUSE, N.Y., March 28—Brand-new gymnastic kings of the nation—that's what they are calling Coach Gene Wettstone's ambitious young crew today.

And small wonder. For Wettstone's top ten athletes met the best in the country here in the last two days and came out on top by 23 points.

Penn State accumulated 91 team points. The closest the next team could come was a distant 68 picked up by the Western Conference champions, Illinois.

Syracuse Finishes Third

Florida State, two-time defending team champion, yet named by some experts as not in the running this year, just didn't have it. It finished far down the line in fifth place with 43 team points.

Other team leaders were Syracuse, third place with 51 points; UCLA, fourth place with 48 points; Florida State; Minnesota, sixth place with 40 points; Michigan State, seventh place with 38 points; Army, eighth place with 31 points; Southern California, and Iowa, tie for ninth place with 28.

The Lions' terrific sophomore, Jan Cronstedt, won the 1953 all-around title last night, and then proceeded to take the parallel bars national crown, a second on the horizontal bar, and a fifth in the free exercise today.

Perry Sensational on Rope

Cronstedt, with two national titles, was deprived of a third in the horizontal bar event when his old Eastern nemesis, Hal Lewis of the Naval Academy, beat him, 286-276.

Friday's ropeclimb by UCLA's Don Perry of 3.0 which broke his own world record stood for a little under 24 hours. Today the phenomenal Mr. Perry managed the 20-feet in an almost-unbelievable time of 2.9.

To show how far and above the field Perry really is, the next best time in the event was a distant 3.3, still a very good time. Perry's UCLA mate, Jim Hammond, got the 3.3.

Schwenzfeier Shines

Other Lion gymnasts in the top six finishers were Karl Schwenzfeier, fifth in the all-around, fourth in the free exercise, fifth in the flying rings; Bobby Lawrence, fourth in the parallel bars, sixth in the sidehorse; Jim Hazen, tie for third in the flying rings.

Two defending champions, both from second place Illinois, were dethroned. Frank Bare, and Bob Sullivan, holders of the 1952 sidehorse and tumbling crowns, both were defeated.

Bare lost to Michigan State's Carl Rintz, 285-271, while Sullivan, who last season, just nipped Syracuse's Jim Sebbo by a lone point for the '52 tumbling title, 276-275, found the situation somewhat reversed today as the Orange sophomore took a 283-281 decision.

Other individual crown winners were Jim Hazlett, Iowa, on the trampoline, and Dick Bartlett, of Minnesota, on the flying rings. Bartlett also picked up a third in the parallel bars and fourth in the all-around.

The Summaries:

ALL AROUND—(1) Cronstedt, Penn State, 1275; (2) Rintz, Michigan State, 1258; (3) Bare, Illinois, 1210; (4) Bartlett, Minnesota, 1202; (5) Schwenzfeier, Penn State, 1198; (6) Procopio, Penn State, 1176.

FREE EXERCISE—(1) Sullivan, Illinois, 276; (2) Taber, UCLA, 275; (3) Toliver, Southern California, 273; (4) Schwenzfeier, Penn State, 264; (5) Cronstedt, Penn State, 252.

TRAMPOLINE—(1) Hazlett, Iowa, 275; (2) Norman, Iowa, 275; (3) Austin, Illinois, 263; (4) Walker, Michigan State, 257; (5) Ireland, Florida State, 256.

PARALLEL BARS—(1) Cronstedt, Penn State, 288; (2) Colvin, Army, 273; (3) Bartlett, Minnesota, 271; (4) Schwenzfeier, Penn State, 269; (5) Bare, Illinois, 257.

HORIZONTAL BAR—(1) Lewis, Navy, 286; (2) Cronstedt, Penn State, 276; (3) Rintz, Michigan State, 269; (4) Linnes, USC, 264; (5) Holder, Florida State, 257.

SIDE HORSE—(1) Rintz, Michigan State, 285; (2) Bare, Illinois, 271; (3) Barkal, Syracuse, 270; (4) Sibley, Army, 258; (5) Traficante, Syracuse, 254.

FLYING RINGS—(1) Bartlett, Minnesota, 273; (2) Regna, Florida State, 264; (3) Hazen, Penn State, and Robin, USC, 258 (tie); (5) Schwenzfeier, Penn State, 247.

ROPE CLIMB—(1) Perry, UCLA, 2.9; (2) Hammond, UCLA, 3.3; (3) Pendleton, USC, 3.5; (4) Paley, UCLA, 3.6; (5) Forneies, Syracuse, and Ballantyne, Army, 3.8 (tie).

TUMBLING—(1) Sebbo, Syracuse, 283; (2) Sullivan, Illinois, 281; (3) Graff, Navy, 264; (4) Perry, Ohio State, 253; (5) Hazlett, Iowa, 251.