

It's East vs. West In NCAA Mat Test

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According to the books, East is East and West is West, and supposedly they're never to meet; but this weekend at Cornell University things will change when the matmen from both sections of the country will probably afford most of the action for the national collegiate wrestling tournament that opens Friday.

From the West the wrestling-minded schools of Oklahoma A & M, Oklahoma University, Iowa State Teachers College, and the University of Michigan will most likely be the top dogs to give the East's four major teams—Pitt, Penn State, Lehigh, and Navy—a run to the wire.

Michigan recently piled up 50 points and boasted five individual champs in winning its fifth Big Ten Conference mat championship at Minneapolis. Iowa ranked second with 46

points, followed by Illinois, 37, Wisconsin, 33, and defending champ Purdue which finished fifth with 16 points.

Oklahoma A&M, defending National Collegiate Athletic Association wrestling champ—which dethroned the Lions last year as the Nittany squad lost its crown and slid to third place, walked off with the 1954 title with 32 points. It stacked up three individual champs, two seconds, and a fourth place to gain a comfortable lead over second-place Pitt with 17. Among the Big Ten's 1955 individual champs are returnees Bob Konovsky, Wisconsin heavy-weight who finished second last year in the Nationals, and Terry McCann and Andy Kaul. McCann was third last year at 123 pounds for Iowa; Kaul, of Michigan, was fourth at 137 pounds.

Six of the East's top repeaters to the Nationals are expected to be Pete Blair and Joe Gattuso of Navy, Joe Solomon of Pitt, Bill Oberly and Joe Krufka of Penn State, and Ed Eichelberger of Lehigh.

Eichelberger, Lehigh's outstanding 147-pounder, placed second in the NCAA's in 1954 along with Ed Rooney of Syracuse—another 1955 Eastern champ. Oberly—wrestling at 191 pounds—and Krufka at 177 pounds, each registered third-place showings.

Kiner Must Top 1954 HR Total

TUCSON, Ariz., March 21 (AP)—You can bet Ralph Kiner will open in left field for the Cleveland Indians this season, but to stay there he'll have to produce home runs at about twice the rate of last season.

The big fellow who made his name in the National League and came to Cleveland from the Chicago Cubs after last season has "fitted right into our club," says Manager Al Lopez, who predicts another American League pennant.

"If working hard makes a good ball player, he'll be good," Lopez said after watching Kiner hustle and hit during spring drills.

Ralph is the big change in the Cleveland club this season. But adding him to the outfield weakens it defensively. He'll have to make up for that with his bat. Last year he collected only 22 homers, fewest since he returned from service in World War II. This season predictions are that he'll hit 40 or more.

Wrestling Intramurals Wide Open

As a result of last night's intramural wrestling action, the race for the interfraternity championship remains as wide open as a peanut scramble. Currently Delta Sigma Phi is leading the pack with Chi Phi and Sigma Pi within easy hailing distance. At least three other fraternities are running a dangerous third.

Two of last year's returning champions hung up victories the comfortable way last night, when Armour Black, Chi Phi, former 128 champion and Winnie Boed-erlein, Kappa Sigma, 175 titlist, won their matches via the forfeit route.

Don Farmello, last year's runner-up to the 121 crown, kept the Chi Phi aggregation close behind front-running Delta Chi with an 8-1 decision over Delta Chi's George Myers in a 121 pound bout.

Perhaps the crowd thriller of the evening occurred when Willard "Bull" Smith pulled his independent heavyweight match from the fire when he pinned Scot Bomberger in 2:31 with a body press. Smith was on the short end of a 4-0 count when he squirmed from a near fall predicament and registered the pin.

In a 165 pound action Tom Larsen, Sigma Pi, pinned Bill Kuhns, Phi Kappa Psi, with a half-nelson and crotch. Larsen had too many big guns going for him and this combined with an obvious display of mat experience spelled defeat for Kuhns. Ralph Straley, Acacia, also defeated Bill Mullan of Delta Tau Delta 6-1 at 165 pounds.

Bob Broomfield, Chi Phi, pinned his 135 pound opponent, Charles Kurtz with a half-nelson and

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Penn State's spring sports teams will swing into action early in April, beginning with lacrosse on April 7.

Gene Wettstone's Penn State gymnasts are unbeaten in East-era competition for three years, own three straight team titles.



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