

Oberly, Fornicola Win

Lions Trail Ags, 40-31; Krufka 2nd

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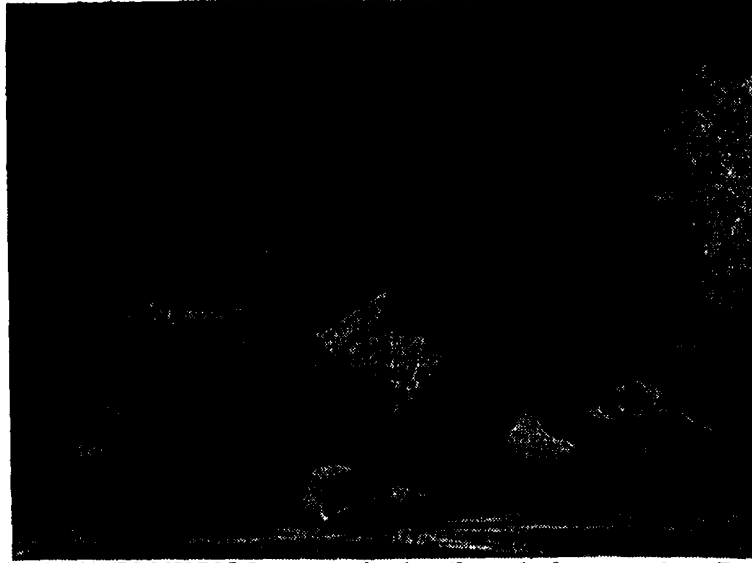
For the first time in the 46-year history of Penn State wrestling, the Lions have come home with two National Collegiate Athletic Association wrestling champs—Larry Fornicola, 137-pound Eastern titlist, and Bill Oberly, crown bearer of the 1955 heavyweight honors.

Oberly and Fornicola, along with Joe Krufka, burly Lion sophomore who copped five points for second place in the 177-pound class, were the men who pushed the Lions from a seventh-place slot before the outset of the finals to a final second place spot with 31 points Saturday night at Cornell's Barton Hall. Oklahoma A and M won its 17th team title with 40 points to successfully defend its 1954 title with two champs and one runnerup.

Fornicola won the championship with a 6-0 whitewashing of Michigan's Big Ten senior champ, Andy Kaul, who held a 7-1 record. After taking a first period 3-0 lead, Fornicola rode Kaul the second period while keeping control of Kaul's legs. In the final period Fornicola escaped and gained a point for time.

Oberly's win came over Lehigh's Werner Seel, 5-2. Oberly got a takedown in the first period. Seel escaped from the down position in the second period to knot the score 2-2, but Oberly reversed to lead 4-2. In the final period Seel rode Oberly, while attempting in vain to gain a near fall. Oberly's riding time accumulated in the first and second periods, added his final point.

Krufka, who defeated Frank Rosenmayer, Colorado, in the semi finals 7-6, met Dan Hodge, Oklahoma soph with an 11-0 card. Hodge, 1954 AAU champ, pinned Krufka at 4:23. Hodge got a two-point takedown in the first period, but Krufka rallied in the closing seconds as he started to re-



LARRY FORNICOLA moves in for the takedown against Don Hart, Oklahoma, in the 137-pound tussle for the national crown. Fornicola dropped Hart, 6-0. Fornicola also beat Pacific Coast, Big Ten, and, Big Seven individual champions to earn his berth in the finals. Fornicola is the first 137-pound Penn State matman to win an NCAA title.

verse just as the bell sounded to nullify a move that would have definitely netted two points.

The East had 16 place winners of the 44 wrestlers who finished in the top four brackets in ten weight divisions. Five were champions, while three earned second place honors. Two Eastern men won third place honors, and six wound up in fourth place.

After he won the 147-pound NCAA crown, classy Ed Eichelberger—Lehigh's 147-pound Eastern champ and the outstanding wrestler of the EIWA tourney two weeks ago—was awarded the NCAA trophy for the tourney's outstanding performer. Eichelberger turned in five snappy victories—four of them pins—to clinch the crown.

Defending 191-pound champ Pete Blair, Navy, breezed past four opponents—four of them by pins—to retain his title. After dropping Dick Anthony, Indiana, 6-3, in the semi-finals, Blair pinned Len Leuer, Iowa, in 5:01 for the title. Blair led the Iowa junior, who showed an 11-1 card, 4-0, when he scored the pin.

It was East vs. East when Ed Peery, Pitt, and Lewis Guidi, West Virginia, met for the 123-pound title. Peery led 3-1 after taking an early first-period lead with a takedown—when he eked out a pin at 8:30.

At 115 Iowa's Terry McCann

jumped from his third place slot of 1954 in the NCAA's to cop the title with a pin at 7:06 over Dave Bowlin, Oklahoma A and M. McCann dominated the match, 4-0, in the final period after putting in a showy first and second period stand.

Myron Roderick, 1954 NCAA 137-pound champ from Oklahoma A and M, clamped a 13-2 score on Bob Lyons of Oklahoma in winning the 130-pound title.

A merry-go-round of scoring highlighted the frantic race for the 157-pound crown between Bill Weick, Iowa State Teachers, and Michigan's Mike Rodriques. Weick, just out of the armed service, and 1952 157-pound champ, and Rodriques, Big Ten title winner, were even 2-2 at the end of the second period. In the final period, with the score 4-4, Weick grabbed a takedown in the final 21 seconds to win 6-4.

Fred Davis, Oklahoma A and M, won the laurels at 167-pounds—the same class in which he was fourth last year. He defeated Larry TenPass, Illinois, third place winner a year ago, 8-2. TenPass, hampered by an injured leg suffered in his semi-final win, managed to gain only two points by escapes.

Following are the team scores and the order in which each (Continued on page seven)

Sam Snead started his golf career as a shop boy at a golf course. His job was to repair clubs, shellac and finish woods as well as other chores around the clubhouse.

The last pitcher to shutout the Yankees in a World Series was Preacher Roe of the Dodgers. He beat them 1-0 in the second game of the 1949 series.

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