

# Over 150 Wrestlers Seek NCAA Titles

Over 150 wrestlers from all over the nation will converge on Stillwater, Oklahoma, tomorrow for the NCAA wrestling tournament with their principle desire being to upset '55 winner, Oklahoma A&M.

The Aggie matmen have been installed as slight favorites to repeat as team champion over their arch-rival, Oklahoma. Both teams battled to a 12-12 draw earlier this year, but the Aggies were given the edge because the tournament is being held on their home grounds.

Seven champions will be defending their titles, and 14 men who advanced to the semi-finals last year will also be back.

Returnees are Terry McCann, Iowa, 115; Ed Peery, Pitt, 123; Myron Roderick, Oklahoma

A&M, 130; Ed Eicheleberger, Lehigh, 147 and last year's most outstanding wrestler; Fred Davis, Oklahoma A&M, 167; Dan Hodge, Oklahoma, 177; and Bill Oberly, unlimited.

Pittsburgh, EIWA champion, will enter 10 men in the tournament, three more than the Lions. Pitt Coach Rex Peery appears to be playing this tournament safe. He has switched Ed DeWitt back to his normal 167-pound position and moved Don Huff to 177, which gives him a strong contender in both classes.

His son, Ed, although wrestling almost every match at 130 pounds, was shifted to 123. This move could prove invaluable to the Panthers, because at 123 pounds Peery will not meet the quality of competition that is present at the 130 slot.

Three wrestlers—Roderick,



Joe Humphreys  
157-pound senior

Johnny Johnson, and Springfield's Joe Alissi—make the 130 division one of the strongest in the tournament. Alissi is the only man to beat Peery in three years of college competition.

The Lions, on the other hand, have everything to gain and nothing to lose. Coach Charley Speidel's chances hinge on the lower weights where he has two Eastern champions and two runners-up.

Sid Nodland, 123 pound EIWA champ, was defeated in the quarter-finals last year by Sam Cario, Cortland State, after drawing a bye in the first round. Cario was defeated in the semifinal action. Nodland's principle opponent will be Peery, who he lost to in his freshman year.

At 130 pounds junior sensation Johnston will be seeking to add to his title awards. The

shrewd Lion has already won the 130 Eastern title, defeating Alissi in the finals.

John Pepe will probably meet his only conquerer this year if pre-season predictions hold true. Pepe was defeated in the finals of the EIWA's by Lehigh's Joe Gratto.

Dave Adams is situated in probably the most talented division—the 147 pound class. Leading the tirade of stars here is Eichelberger, who swept over all opponents in his bid for the title.

Joe Humphreys will carry the Lion hopes in the 157 class, with Joe Kruffka, '55 national runner-up, out to upset last year's conqueror, Hodge.

Bill Oberly is rated a strong favorite to repeat as unlimited champion, mainly because of his strong showing in the EIWA tournament and his regular season record.

## Gymnasts Face Tough Road In NCAA Championship Bid

Coach Gene Wettstone's 10-man gymnastic squad faces a long and hard road to the National Collegiate Athletic Association title at the University of North Carolina, Friday and Saturday.

The Lion entries come face-to-face with the most difficult schedule of events they have faced all season—10 events, including the all-round competition.

The tourney will be run on a two-day basis, the preliminaries being held Friday with the finals on Saturday.

Friday's preliminaries will be divided into two sessions, afternoon and night. The free exercise and the side horse—two events in the all-round as well as the regular competition—and the rope climb will be run in the afternoon. A third all-round event, the still rings, will also be held during the first session.

**Trampoline Used in Meet**  
The trampoline—not included in either Eastern or dual meet programs—the parallel bars, the long horse, tumbling, and the flying rings will be run that same night.

In order to qualify for the finals, an entry must place in the top ten for that event.

The finals will be a repeat of all the preliminary events, but this time with the blue chips on the line.

The all-round competitors, besides competing in the six events for the title—free exercise, side horse, parallel bars, still rings, and long horse—are also allowed to enter any other event.

**Compete on Team Basis**  
All entries will compete on a team rather than on an individual basis as was the case in sectional meets. All points scored will go towards determining the National Champion.

Wettstone feels that team strength rather than individual stars will be the key to victory. "With such a long list of events, I believe that a well-balanced team will have a much better chance to win than a team with one or two individual standouts," he said.

**Preliminaries Important**  
He said, "After the Friday night preliminaries, you can get a pretty good idea as to who will finish where in the final tabulation."

The Nittany mentor predicted that some of the best performances would be during the preliminaries because each entry would have to shoot the works in order to qualify.

He named defending champion, Illinois, the pre-meet favorite, as the strongest entry in the tourney with Los Angeles State and U.C.-L.A., the Pacific Coast champion, next in line.

"However, Army, Florida State, or Penn State could be dark horse entries," he added. He said that a team would have to score at least 80 points to win the title.

## Schimmel, Mullen Risk Titles Tonight

Defending Independent Handball Champion Dean Mullen will meet Don Harnett for the 1956 Indie Handball Championship tonight while the Fraternity Champ, Erwin Schimmel, had to pass a semi-final test last night. Schimmel's opponent in the semi-final match was Beta Theta Pi's Al Jacks. The Schimmel-Jacks winner will meet the winner of the Jim Lysek, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, vs. Don Schwartz, Zeta Beta Tau match in the fraternity finals tonight.

Schimmel eliminated Elliot Fox, Phi Sigma Delta, in their quarter-final match Tuesday night, 21-2, 21-3. His semi-final opponent, Al Jacks, stopped Alpha Zeta's John Wright in two games, 21-7, 21-3.

In the Independent Semi-final action, Mullen stopped another challenger, Bill Beaser, 21-6, 21-7. Harnett had a much tougher time disposing of Bob Thomas. Harnett took the first game 21-10, dropped the second by one point 21-20, then won the match with a third game 21-16 score.

Fraternity semi-finalist Schwartz defeated Phi Delta Theta's Milt Plum 21-4, 21-6, while SAE's Lysek lost the first game to Delta Tau Delta's Bob McMillan, 8-21, but came back in the final two tilts with 21-12 and 21-15 wins.

In the Monday night matches that determined the champions in the eight fraternity flights, Schimmel defeated AGR's Bob Neff for the flight 1 title; Fox beat Phi Kappa's Don Zugates in flight 2; Jacks won the third honor by downing Phi Delta's Paul Schombachler; and John Wright took flight 4 over the efforts of Ron Grapsy, Theta Kappa Phi.

In flight 5, Schartz beat TKE's Walt Fresch; in 6, Plum stopped Alpha Zeta's Ken Sachs; McMillan won in division 7 over Beta Sigma Rho's Gil Freedman; and the final honor went to Lysek over Bill McCann, Beta Theta Pi.

Unbeaten teams in 1951, 1952 and 1953 contributed to Penn State's longest win streak in wrestling—34 straight matches.

## 4 Fraternities, 7 Indies Score Volleyball Wins

Four fraternity and seven independent volleyball teams romped to victories Tuesday night.

Only one game had to be forfeited. That was when the Colossal Six failed to appear for their scheduled encounter with Dorm 39.

Two of the fraternity games went the full three matches. Phi Kappa fought back from a 15-12 loss in the first game to sweep its series with Kappa Alpha Psi, 16-14, 15-12. Theta Xi topped Delta Sigma Lambda, 15-9, 13-13, 15-7, in the other full three game series.

In other fraternity games, Sigma Nu beat Sigma Phi Alpha, 15-4, 15-3; and Phi Kappa Psi defeated Sigma Chi, 15-8, 15-13.

Four independents had to go the full three games before the winner was decided upon. Dorm 25 beat Dorm 31, 15-1, 0-15, 15-11; Dorm 30 topped the Cagers, 15-3, 13-15, 15-11; Twenty-niners beat the Cadillacs, 15-10, 14-16, 15-5; and Canadian Club stopped Dorm 21, 8-15, 15-4, 15-11.

In other independent games Dorm 22 beat Dorm 40, 15-11, 15-11; Dorm 14 defeated the Baby Sans, 15-6, 15-9; and the Buzzards topped Dorm 13, 15-7, 15-8.

To Round Out the Weekend  
Dinner  
at  
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## Seven Win in WRA V-Ball, Bowling

Leonides, Delta Zeta, and Alpha Kappa Alpha copped victories in the coed intramural volleyball league and Alpha Gamma Delta, Beta Sigma Omicron, Atherton southwest and northwest, and Kappa Alpha Theta captured wins in the intramural bowling league Tuesday night.

Mary Goode scored 13 points to lead the Leonides squad in its 58-11 win over Atherton. Gerri Gross and Joan Koch netted 17 points for the winners.

Behind the 11 points of Barb Parnel and 10 of Barb Funk, Delta Zeta beat Theta Phi Alpha 53-24. Chris Forte and Lee Lallousers.

Alpha Kappa Alpha defeated (Continued on page seven)

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