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1953 Penn State Matmen Brought Glory to the East

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"The East is risen. Hallelujah!"

So wrote the Daily Collegian's 1952-53 Sports Editor Jake Highton the day after Penn State's wrestling team had become the first (and only) Eastern team in history to win the NCAA mat title.

We thought it would be interesting to give the new Penn State generation (we include ourselves in this category) a rundown on the accomplishment of that Lion aggregation—probably one of the greatest teams if not the greatest in Mount Nittany mat annals.

"That was a fine collection of wrestlers," Coach Charlie Speidel says of the 1953 champs. "All along the line, from 115 to heavyweight they are good."

"We could have won the tournament the year before, for I had practically the same team. But the tournament was at Fort Col-

lins, Okla., and only my Eastern champions were allowed (by the College Senate) to participate." (There were three Eastern titlists from Penn State that year—Bob Homan and the Lemyre brothers, Joe and Dick.)

A big furor was raised over that College Senate edict and it was possibly that outcry which helped bring the 1953 tournament to the Penn State campus. "Mohammed couldn't go to the Mountain," Speidel said in 1953 and repeated to me a couple days ago, "so we brought the Mountain to Mohammed."

And so it was on the weekend of March 27 and 28 of 1953 at Recreation Hall that Penn State gave the Eastern Colleges and Universities their only claim to national wrestling glory.

Only one Lion matman, 191-pound Hud Samson captured an individual crown but four other men finished in the top three of their respective divisions, giving the Blue and White a six-point victory margin over



Charles Speidel
... mountain mover

runner-up Oklahoma, 21-15. Samson won his title by flattening West Chester Teachers' Chuck Weber—now a pro grid stalwart with the Chicago Cardinals.

Dick Lemyre, then a junior, reached the finals of the 130-pound division only to be decided by Michigan's Norvand Nalan. And co-captains Don Frey, 147, and Joe Lemyre, 167, and Jerry Maurey, 137, copped third place finishes after losing in earlier rounds to the eventual champs of their divisions.

Even the other Lion starters did their share in bringing Penn State (and the East a victory), although they didn't fare too well in the final standings. Included among these grapplers were 115-pound Bill Cramp, brother of a present Nittany matman Joe Cramp, Bob Homan, 123, Doug Frrey, 157, and George Dvorozniak, 177.

It may be a long time before another Eastern team wins the NCAA mat crown and they'll have to go far to match the superlative performance of Charlie Speidel's 1953 outfit.

Alpha Phi Delta Wins 4th, Ties for IM League Lead

Alpha Phi Delta broke a 6-6 halftime tie to defeat Alpha Chi Rho, 24-18, in intramural basketball play at Recreation Hall Friday night. The win was Alpha Phi Delta's fourth and placed them in a first-place tie with Alpha Tau Omega in fraternity League E.

Other League E games saw Phi Kappa Sigma defeat Theta Xi 25-19; Sigma Tau Gamma beat Pi Kappa Phi, 36-26; and Sigma Chi, win over Theta-Delta Chi, 37-27.

In the only other Greek tilt, Phi Sigma Kappa beat Alpha Epsilon Pi, 32-22.

In the independent circuit, McKee One edged the Watts Devils, 23-20; McKee 3-4 defeated the Vikings, 33-28; and the McKee Royals walloped the Jordan Jaguars, 29-12. McKee II beat Jordan II by forfeit.

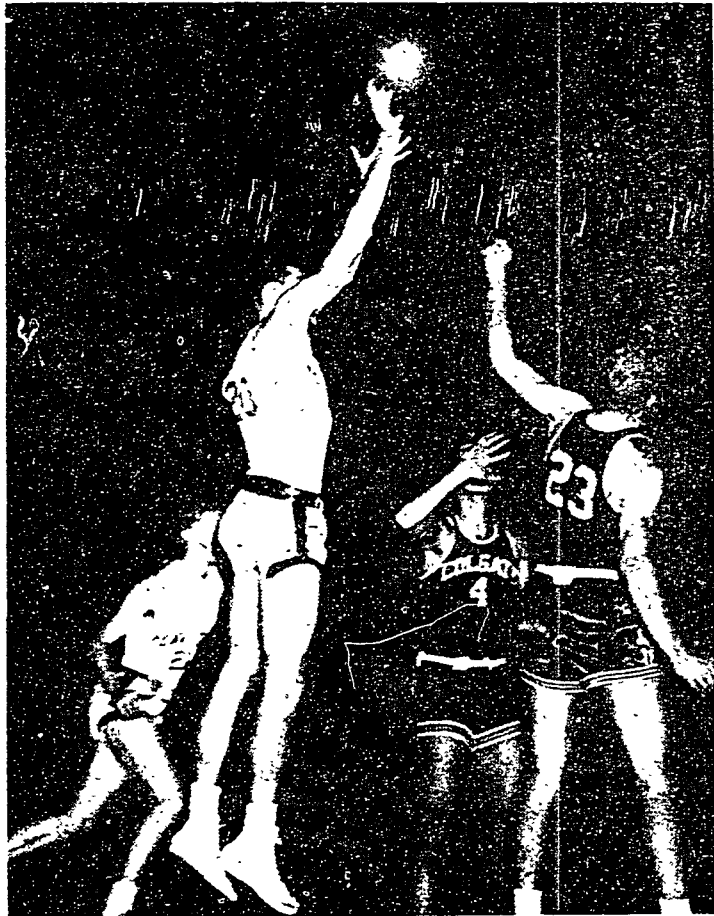
Ron Genovese, McKee I, and Bill Taber, Vikings, tied for the honor of the nights' high scorer. They each had 15 points. Bob Isham, McKee 3-4, was close behind the leaders with 14 counters.

(12). Mary Hill, Watts Devils (11). Larry DiGiacinto, Phi Kappa Sigma (10), and Mark Roller, Sigma Tau Gamma (10), were the other scoring leaders.

The standings of the fraternity leagues as they near the Christmas break are: League A, Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Epsilon Pi; League B, Acacia and Theta Chi; League C, Beta Sigma Rho; League D, Lambda Chi Alpha; League E, Alpha Tau Omega and Alpha Phi Delta and League F, Alpha Sigma Phi.

Les Walters, Penn State's stylish end, nabbed 40 passes good for 764 yards and five touchdowns in three seasons of football.

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OFF IT GOES... Forward Tom Hancock lets go with a jump shot over the outstretched arms of Colgate's Charlie Hagenhah (23) and Art Brandon (4). The shot missed, Bob Edwards (21) cuts for the basket.



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