

Johnston Wins Twice on Pins

Guccione Surprise Semifinalist

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tered a take-down. Alberts made a final and futile effort with 15 seconds left when he reversed—but it was too late.

Danks put up a great fight before bowing to a much more experienced Ed Carlin of Syracuse. It was perhaps Danks' best showing of the year in a losing effort. Carlin scored an easy takedown in the first period and added a near-fall soon after. He added an escape in the second, a takedown in the third and time advantage for the win. Danks' lone tally came on a third-period escape.

Johnston wrestled his usual aggressive match in flipping Navy's "runaway" lightweight Ted Kessler. The Lions' defending NCAA king tore after the lifeless Middle but couldn't find the right pinning combination until 53 seconds remained in the bout. Then Johnston flattened the Middle with a half-nelson and inside crotch.

Guccione shocked the seeding committee (but not the Penn State following) with a 10-3 blasting of Grifa. Guccione, who is finally starting to live up to his pre-season ratings, was in command the whole way, scoring two takedowns, a reversal, an escape, a near-fall and riding time. The near-fall came in the first period when the Lion sophomore caught the once-beaten Grifa with a bar-arm and body press.

Poust was eliminated in a heart-breaking 5-3 loss to the unbeaten Tom Fortenbaugh. The Princeton ace scored his points on two takedowns and an escape, but he was never in full control. In fact, Poust was the aggressor for most of the match. But his failure to handle the two leghold situations, which eventually led to takedowns, proved his downfall.

Rutgers' Dick Garretson, the third-seeded 177-pound competitor, took care of Barone with a 5-2 decision. Garretson scored a first-period take-down and a take-down and an escape in the second frame for his points against Barone's two escapes.

There could not have been a more convincing opener to the tournament than the 123-pound battle between top-seeded Dave Auble of Cornell and Harvard's Tom Myers. Auble, a sophomore who rang up 10 straight wins during the dual season, flattened the Crimson newcomer in 46 seconds of the first period.

Six matches (and three falls) later, Danks gave Penn State followers a shot of adrenalin with a surprising easy win over Columbia's Dave Clark, 5-0. The combatants staved off each other's advances early in the first period but with one minute left, Danks caught Clark's leg for a two-point takedown.

Clark chose top to start the second frame and held that position until two minutes had elapsed when the Lions star reversed on quick rollover. The final stanza was just a matter of routine as Danks rode his foe for the full three minutes.

A short while later Johnston scored one of his frequent tournament falls in beating Phil Schreffer of Yale. In 10 EIWA tournament victories, Johnston has recorded eight by falls. The unbeaten Lion captain reached Schreffer for a takedown in the opening seconds of the initial frame and worked him into a pinning cradle combination at the 1:20 mark.

Guccione tried everything from a body press to a half-nelson and crotch on Princeton's Tom Flynn but he was unable to score the fall. The best he could do was an 8-0 decision.



—Daily Collegian photo by Matt Mathews

NO YOU DON'T . . . Lion 147-pound contender Earl Poust holds on tightly to Yale's Steve Eastor's leg in his opening match at the EIWA championships yesterday at Pittsburgh. Poust won this bout, 6-1, but was eliminated in the evening quarterfinals.

Guccione scored a takedown in the first period, an escape, take-down and near fall (on a body press) in the third and added riding time.

Wrestling in the first time in more than a month, Poust looked stronger than ever in handing Yale's Steve Eastor a 6-1 beating. The Lion veteran handled his Eli adversary like a playful puppy in scoring two takedowns, an escape and riding time. And if Poust hadn't been too eager for a fall he probably would have scored a whitewash job. Easter's only point came when Poust let go in the waning moments of the second period.

Minor was no match for Johnston, two-time EIWA titlist from Pittsburgh. He was a game and trying wrestler but he could not stop the methodically intelligent moves made by Johnston. Most of the scoring was done in the final stanza when Johnston registered two takedowns, a predicament and an escape against the tiring Minor. Johnston's other point came on time advantage, including three full minutes in the second period.

Gray joined Danks in the win-by-shutout bracket with a 3-0 decision over John Kohr of Yale in a match that was stopped twice because of minor injuries to both men. Gray's first tally came on a reversal in the middle period. He added the other on a five-minute time advantage.

Barone reached the quarterfinals with a crushing 6-1 victory over Columbia's Gene Appel. It was the first collegiate victory for the Nittany sophomore, who lost one and tied one during the regular season. Appel scored first with an escape in the opening minutes of the second period but it was Barone's match the rest of the way. He scored a takedown in the second, a reverse and predicament in the third, and four minutes of riding time. The predicament came just as the final buzzer sounded when he caught Appel with a half-nelson and body press.

Dunlop dumped Pottios in the same fashion that he won their match during the dual campaign.



—Daily Collegian photo by Matt Mathews
ALMOST, BUT NOT QUITE . . . Pitt's Dave Johnson (on top) drives hard to push the Lions' Sam Minor into a pinning position but he did not quite make it. However, he won the bout easily, eliminating Minor, 8-1, yesterday afternoon.



Johnny Johnston . . . scores two falls

Lion Gets Wish

"How long, oh how long," moaned the Nittany Lion this morning, "will it be before spring comes?"

The Lion was obviously upset over today's weather as Old Man Winter dumped five inches of snow on campus in a successful bid to hold off spring as long as possible.

The Lion reiterated that it may be some time before he makes his return. He has been staying away as a protest against the weather.

Today's high temperature of 40 to 45 degrees will probably melt a good deal of the snow and may bring about a return of both the Lion and spring.

He picked up an escape in the second frame and then rode out the final period for his 2-0 victory.

Top-Seeded Matmen Still in Contention

By MATT MATHEWS

PITTSBURGH, March 14—The mediocre have fallen by the wayside—but the physically-fit champs are still in the thick of it here at the Eastern wrestling tourney. Only two of the first seeded grapplers have lost. Both were wrestling with injuries. They were 167-pounder Tom Alberts of Pitt, who lost to Lion George Gray, and 177-pounder Doug Volgenau of Navy.

The top seedings really proved an oddity. Lehigh, Pitt and Navy dominate the last six weights. Lehigh has Joe Gratto at 137 and Dick Santoro at 147, Pitt has Dave Johnson at 157 and Alberts at 167, and Navy has Volgenau at 177 and Tony Stremic at heavy-weight. Of course, the Lions' Johnny Johnston draws the number one spot at 130 with Cornell's Dave Auble at 123.

Auble is fortunate in that he won't have to meet Pitt's undefeated Paul Powell. The Panther 123-pounder is out of the tourney with mononucleosis. Another top contender out of action is Lehigh's Leon Harbold at 130. The Engineer has a bad case of boils on his leg.

Earlier today there was a heated controversy over the seeding of Syracuse's Les Austin. The undefeated 137-pounder is seeded fourth. This afternoon he is scheduled to meet Gratto. Somebody goofed!

Wrestling strategy usually calls for a strong contender to move down a class. But Syracuse coach Joe Scandura pulled a reversal of form. He moved Bill White up to 177 so he wouldn't have to meet Alberts at 167. But fate—and Gray—dealt itself into the game tonight to knock Alberts (and Pitt) out of contention. Incidentally, Penn State grad Harry

Carroll, now at WCAE in Pittsburgh, picked Alberts to beat Gray. That's "grad-itude" for you.

Johnny Pepe, ex-Lion 137-pound champion, had this to say: "This is the first time I really 'saw' the tournament. I don't think the wrestling was really sharp—too much stalling." Pepe was also disappointed at Guy Guccione's record this year—but was high on Barone. "Of course, he (Barone) was tough before he left (for the Marines)."

Penn's 295-pound wrestler John Traendly is by far the biggest boy in the meet. And he needed every ounce of his weight to pin his first opponent in an overtime. Of course, nearly anyone would give in to 295 pounds after 12 minutes of wrestling.

Speaking of Penn, their coach Charlie Ridenour sure has most of the habits of his former collegiate coach, Charlie Speidel. That is, all except a winning team. Without a doubt, the two Charlies are the most talkative, energetic coaches here at the meet.

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All entries for the Intramural handball-doubles and badminton singles tournaments must be turned in by 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in the IM office in Recreation Hall.

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