

Johnston Kept Clearfield Happy By Winning Eastern Mat Title

By JIM KARL

Dan Johnston had to win an eastern wrestling title this year. If he didn't the entire community of Clearfield would have been disappointed.

The latest in a long line of Lion grappling stars from the wrestling-minded town 40 miles west of State College, Johnston won the 137-pound crown at Bethlehem, Pa., last Saturday by beating Pitt's Daryl Kelvington 1-0.

The Lion lightweight had two things going for him even before Kelvington stepped onto the mat in Lehgh's crowded Grace Hall.

The first was an avid group of rooters from his home town. The second was an amazing string of victories in the EIWA by former Clearfield wrestlers who wrestled for State.

Starting with Sam Harry in 1942 eight Clearfield grapplers have gone on to win 13 Eastern titles for State. Harry came back from World War II to win again in 1946.

Jim Mohney won the 128-pound title the following year and Homer Barr, who now coaches wrestling at State College High School, won the heavyweight crown in 1949 and 1950.

The Maurey brothers, Jim, Don and Jerry, continued Clearfield's streak in the early 1950's. Jim



DAN JOHNSTON

won at 145 in 1950, Don won a year later at 137 and then Jerry took titles in the same weight in 1953 and 1954.

Then Johnny Johnston (no relation to Dan) won eastern titles three straight years from 1956-1958 and added an NCAA crown in 1957.

The same year that Johnny Johnston won his first eastern title Dan Johnston won the state high school championship

and Clearfield fans had another hero.

Dan was 2-2 in 1958, his sophomore year at State. He divided the 130-pound duties with Guy Guccione.

He was 5-1 in 1959, and finished second behind Pitt's Larry Lauchle in the easterns. Before the tournament began, however, he pulled some muscles in his back then aggravated the injury while wrestling Lauchle.

It kept him from going to the nationals and forced him to remain out of wrestling last year.

Johnston was 4-1-4 this year in dual meet competition. Despite the four ties he was seeded third in the easterns.

He breezed through his first two matches, shutting out Franklin and Marshall's Mike Topping 6-0 and Harvard's lanky Jim Estabrook, 5-0.

He needed a takedown in the last ten seconds to beat Navy sophomore Mike Harman in the semi-finals before edging Kelvington.

After the victory, Johnston said that his home town fans wouldn't let him forget he had a tradition to live up to. "I guess a little pressure has been building up for me to win it," he said.

Now fans from the champion-producing hamlet are dreaming of a second national champ.

White Denies Application For Bosox Reinstatement

BOSTON (AP) — Sammy White, former Red Sox catcher, denied published reports Thursday that he had applied for reinstatement as an active player.

Published reports said White had written Manager Mike Higgins asking for reinstatement. Sammy, who retired last year and now runs a bowling alley, said he had written Higgins but that it was a personal letter.

Untouchables, Comets Triumph

The Untouchables and the Comets will meet tonight in the semi-finals of the IM basketball playoffs. Both advanced after winning in the quarter finals last night.

The Untouchables squeezed by Washington, 30-24, and the Comets defeated Erie, 25-21. The Untouchables, known last year as the Phakes, are bidding for their second straight Independent IM Basketball championship.

Nittany 22 and Dauphin House also advanced to the semi-finals after winning last night.

Nittany 22 edged the Celtics 31-27 with some fine outside

shooting. Dauphin defeated Sycamore House 29-21, thanks to a 12-point performance by Mike Formicone.

In the semi-finals of the fraternity playoffs Sigma Nu will play Phi Gamma Delta and Delta Upsilon will oppose Delta Tau Delta tonight.

The winners will meet Monday night for the championship. The Indie championship also will be decided Monday.

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Ohio State Begins Defense Of Crown Against Louisville

By The Associated Press

Unbeaten, top-ranked Ohio State begins defense of its National Collegiate NCAA basketball championship tonight against a towering Louisville team bent on pulling an upset before a home audience.

"All the teams are tough," warned Coach Fred Taylor, who has masterminded the Buckeyes through 29 straight victories and to the undisputed No. 1 position in college basketball.

The game at Louisville features a far-flung program which sends 16 conference champions and hand-picked independents into regional eliminations to determine four semifinalists.

Survivors of these four preliminary playoffs tonight and tomorrow qualify for the championships showdown at Kansas City March 24-25.

Louisville is throwing one of the nation's tallest teams against All-America Jerry Lucas and his gifted Ohio teammates. The host team's front line consists of Fred Sawyer, 6 feet 11, Bud Olsen, 6-8, and John Turner, the Cardinals' top scorer, 6-5.

Ohio State's sternest competition in the tournament may come from a neighbor, Cincinnati, which is on a redhot 18-game winning streak and the No. 2 team in the country on the basis of the Associated Press final poll.

The Missouri Valley champions are heavily favored over Texas Tech, the Southwest kings, and

will be picked to take the winner of the game between Kansas State and Houston. Houston qualified by beating Marquette Wednesday night 77-61.

St. Bonaventure, with All-American Tom Stith as spearhead, appears the class of the Eastern sections, although a stern fight can be expected from Wake Forest, upset conqueror of St. John's. The Bonnies lost a 2-point decision to Ohio State in the Holiday Festival at Madison Square Garden in December.

Southern California's hopes of winning at Portland were buoyed by the report that the team's star point-maker, John Rudometkin, should be at full strength for the weekend game. He was sidelined earlier with a leg injury.

Here is the schedule: East at Charlotte, N.C. — Princeton (18-6) vs. St. Joseph's of Philadelphia (22-4), St. Bonaventure (23-3) vs. Wake Forest (18-10). Midwest at Louisville — Ohio State (24-0) vs. Louisville (20-7), Morehead (19-10) vs. Kentucky (18-8). Midwest at Lawrence, Kan. — Cincinnati (23-3) vs. Texas Tech (14-9), Houston (17-9) vs. Kansas State (21-4). Far West at Portland, Ore. — Utah (21-6) vs. Los Angeles Loyola (19-6), Southern California (21-6) vs. Arizona State (22-5).

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