

DEFENDING 123-POUND CHAMPION Dick Martin (top) tries desperately to hold Lehigh's Bill Merriam during their EIWA championship

Collegian Photo by John Beans match in Rec Hall Saturday night. Merriam reversed the Pitt star and went on to record a 7-8 victory.



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Capture Six Crowns; ions Finish Fourth

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Assistant Sports Editor The 58th annual EIWA tournament is history now, but the upsets and records it produced may take future wrestlers

another 58 years to erase. The upsetting of six of nine top-seeded grapplers, the winning of six individual titles by one team, the almost unbelievable losses of two national runners-up and defending eastern champs and the scoring of 96 points by the champions all combined to make this year's fourney at Rec Hall one of the most record-breaking in history.

Lehigh ran away with the team title, copping six championships and setting an EIWA record by scoring 96 points during the two-day affair. In fact the Engineers so dominated the action that the finals Saturday night looked like a dual meet with Lehigh against the rest of the East.

THE OTHERS stacked-up like this: Pitt 69, Navy 49, Penn State 48, Army 43, Rutgers 37, Syracuse 16, Yale 9, Cornell 7, Brown 7, F&M 6, Harvard 4, Penn 4, Columbia 3, Temple 2, and Princeton 1.

In winning their 16th EIWA title, the Engineers copped championships with Bill Merriam at 123, Pat Smartt at 130, Kirk Pendleton at 157, Dave Angell at 167, Jim Detrixhe at 177, and Chuck Moore at 191.

Other title winners were Mike Harman of Navy at 137. Daryl Kelvington of Pitt at 147 and Ed Scharer of Rutgers at heavyweight,

Lehigh's six champions are the most since State produced six in 1918 when there were only seven weight classes.

The evening of upsets began with the first bout at 123 and didn't end until the heavyweight clash. Pitt's national runner-up and defending eastern champion Dick Martin was FIVE CENTS the first top-seeded grappler to go down the drain.

> MARTIN RAN HEAD INTO Lehigh's little tiger Merriam and the two hooked-up in one of the most thrilling bouts of the tournament. Martin, who has never lost a dual meet match and whose three year record was 35-3, scored a first period takedown. But Merriam reversed and then added a takedown and escape in the second period to go in front, 5-2.

Martin came right back with a reversal in the last stanza (Pitt defending 123-pgund cham- pound champion, was voted the but so did the fired-up Merriam. The Panther added an escape pion Dick Martin). That was the award by the 16 member coaches, with 59 seconds remaining and then tried desperately for end of the tournament and I The cat-quick junior pinned three the takedown. Merriam was warned for stalling in the last

crowd Saturday night. He high's colors, in case you hadn't memorial Award as the wrestler came from behind with a last period reversal to score a looked tired, but he also looked The Merriam-Martin match, one his team in EIWA tournaments. Farrar built up a 4-3 lead in the third and the state of the first time in two of the closest battles in the toura-

Peery Blue; Ruth Sees Red As Brown and White Dominate

By JOHN MORRIS Assistant Sports Editor

thing and have the lose all their The Bushatz-Dave Angell match matches to catch them now," Peery said before the final round, regulation time and was still tied IT SEEMED UNLIKELY that 1-1 at the end of the overtime. Lehigh would lose all its matches The referee's decision was given Saturday night, but it appeared to the Lehigh grappler. they did, taking six individual championships, scoring a new team record of 96 points and com-team instituce what use six individual championships, scoring a new team record of 96 points and com-team record of 96 points and completely dominating what was sup-posed to be a 16-team tourney. Total attendance for the four Rushatz. Referee Raymond B. sessions was 12,900. Most of the Oliver raised two fingers as the fans were, or at least sounded signal for a takedown. But then, like, Lehigh partisans who had is the wrestlers rolled off the come to cheer their Engineers to mal, his other hand came up to victory. They weren't disap-light a neutral position. victory. They weren't disappointed. The 96 points topped the old Tharlie Speidel about a coaches record of 88, set by Lehigh in nvestigation and review of the last year's competition. The Engineers' six champions are the most for any team since Penn State had six in 1918 wher there were only seven weigh' classes. The Lions had five champions in 1937.

Pitt wrestling coach Rex don't mean that this thing was of his four opponents and accumu-seconds, but the Engineer had the 7-6 stunning upset and the Peery walked dejectedly ficials could see was brown and Mike Natvig in the finals. around the back edges of the white "Brown and white are Le-mark and the Fletcher Smartt was the next Engineer to win. The 130-pounder

LEHIGH MOVES ahead of Penr State in the number of all-time individual champions with 81 The Lions have had 78.

Army assistant coach Greg Ruth a former Lehigh grappler himself had an explanation for the En gineers' success Saturday night. "This thing started building ut when Bill Merriam beat Martin

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The decision stirred a lot of

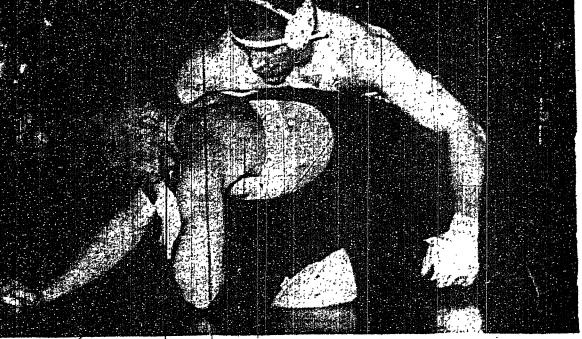
Most of the controversy raged

Scandura approached Lion coach nvestigation and review of the match. Speidel agreed to look into he matter, but didn't want any part of an attempt to change the ecision.

FOR ALL THE controversy bout the officiating in the ourney, there was no debate about he outstanding wrestler.

Kirk Pendleton, Lehigh's 157-

LAST ISSUE Today's issue of The Daily Collecian is the last of the term. Regular publication will resume Thursday, March 23.



LEHIGH'S JIM DETRIXHE tries to roll Pitt's Ken Barr during their 177-pound battle in Rec Hall Saturday night. Detrizhe beat Barr, 4-0,

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to win his second consecutive ETWA championship as Lehigh ran away from the rest-of the field in team scoring with 96 points.