



Amazing . . . Lion heavyweight Charlie Getty (right), the tourney's number one seed, was pinned by giant killer Jim Woods. Woods, from Western Illinois, went on to steal the NCAA crown. Getty finished third to help Penn State to a seventh place finish. Lion boss Bill Koll (above) could hardly believe his eyes, but was satisfied with his team's finish.

Drawings by Tom Horak

Sooners best, Lions 7th

By RICK STARR
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To call the end exciting would be a misnomer. The longshot Oklahoma Sooners — beaten by Penn State in dual meet competition this year — won the NCAA Team Wrestling Championship Saturday night at Ames, Iowa.

The finish capped a furious, four-team scramble for the crown that didn't abate until the tourney's final bout, the heavyweight final.

In that bout Western Illinois' Jim Woods, conqueror of Penn State's top-seeded Charlie Getty, outpointed Michigan's Gary Ernst in the last half minute of action to take a 9-5 decision and the National Title from Michigan.

Michigan finished two-and-a-half points behind Oklahoma.

The East did not fare exceptionally well in the tournament, and Penn State, which finished seventh with 43 points, was not a shining exception. However, the Lions did make a strong show of determination after disaster struck in the quarterfinals.

The quarters were the end of the line for the title plans of Penn State's John Fritz (126), and Getty (Heavyweight). Pitt grappler Rande Stotlemeyer put the lid on Fritz with a 5-3 decision Friday afternoon.

Both wrestlers picked up escapes, but Stotlemeyer came up with two takedowns in the final period, the last one with time running out on Fritz.

Fritz then went into the consolation

rounds. On Saturday afternoon picking up two winning decisions, 7-2 over Lehigh's Mike Frick in the consolation finals, and the controversial 4-4 referee's decision over Iowa State's Bob Antonacci, to finish the tournament in third place.

In Fritz's bout with Antonacci, both wrestlers were tied at the end of three periods and overtime. Fritz seemed to be on top of things but Antonacci finished the third period strongly, so the decision to give Antonacci the match, which the referee promptly indicated, was not entirely out of the arena.

But the officials realized while discussing the bout that an error had been made and that Fritz had actually received their decision.

Fritz was called back from the locker room and announced as the winner, which drew an anguished protest from the Iowa State coach, who was trying to win the team title at the time.

The tourney brass denied the protest, and Fritz finished one spot below his second seed.

Like Fritz, Getty moved crisply into the quarters. Then he met Woods. At a healthy 6-6, 270, Woods didn't give anything away to Penn State's big man.

After a scoreless first period Getty was cradled and pinned trying to pick up an escape early in the second period. The fall was at 2:38.

Getty then picked up a pair of decisions to move into the consolation finals with Fritz. There he took away a 4-

2 decision over Yale's Tim Karpoff, which was a duplication of the finals of the heavyweight bout at the Easterns two weeks ago. And, like Fritz again, Getty finished the tourney in third place.

Lion Gerry Villecco (158) also closed out the tournament in the consolation rounds, where he won and lost, finishing fourth.

Villecco got there after advancing to the semifinals, something no other Lion attained.

Oklahoma's Rod Kilgore, who went on to the title, outpointed Villecco in the semis, 7-2.

Villecco squared off with Iowa's Dan Holm in the consolation finals the following day, but was not as fortunate as his two teammates. Holm pinned him in at 3:33 after Villecco tried the wrong move.

The opening round was also bullish on Penn State's representatives. Bob Medina (134) fell before Northern Iowa's Jim Miller 6-0, and Dan Brenneman (167) had his pockets picked by Jan, Sanderson of Iowa, 2-1. Lion freshman Jerry White (177) was given his NCAA tourney baptism by Michigan's Rob Huizenga, 5-0.

According to Penn State coach Bill Koll, the catalyst for White's loss was his ankle, which was aggravated again when Huizenga pulled it underneath.

Koll sounded two different chords after the tourney.

"We could have done better, but I'm satisfied," he said.

Oklahoma, meanwhile, can finally stop looking over its shoulder.

The Sooners survived one of the most anxious finishes in the history of the tournament.

The final results show Oklahoma first with 69½ points, Michigan with 67, Oklahoma State, which really lost points in the consolation rounds, at 64, Iowa State, 63, Iowa, 48½, Washington, 44, Penn State, 43, Oregon State, 39½, Lehigh, 35, and Slippery Rock, 33½.

The tournament abounded with upsets and surprises, like Jack Hitchcock of Bloomsburg State (Pa.). Hitchcock pinned three opponents and decided the number one seed at 177. He carried off the Outstanding Wrestler Award as well as his NCAA slab.

The meet was the end of the road for Lions' Medina and Getty, both seniors contemplating diplomas. Getty is also contemplating the Kansas City Chiefs.

The NCAA champs

- 118 — Gary Breece, Oklahoma
- 126 — Pat Milkovich, Michigan State
- 134 — Tom Scutley, Lehigh
- 142 — Rick Lawinger, Wisconsin
- 150 — Jarrett Hubbard, Michigan
- 158 — Rod Kilgore, Oklahoma
- 167 — Doug Wynn, Western Michigan
- 177 — Floyd Hitchcock, Bloomsburg State (Pa.)
- 190 — Gregg Strobel, Oregon State
- Hwt — Jim Woods, Western Illinois

Faults didn't hurt ASU swimmers

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If most teams entered in a championship event were deprived of 32 points, the results would be fatal. Not Arizona State.

The Sun Devil swimmers lost the points through a disqualification in the 400-yard freestyle relay, but they more than made up for it as they finished the AIAW Swimming and Diving Championships with a total of 242 points, well ahead of second place Miami with 164.

The disqualification occurred in the final event of the second day of competition. As Debby Hudson finished her leg of the relay, Arizona State swimmer Sally Tuttle took off from the blocks to finish the race.

As Tuttle hit the water, the lane judge raised his hand, signifying an infraction had occurred. Unaware of this, Tuttle finished the race in record time, only to find out the effort was wasted.

Apparently, her feet left the blocks before Hudson (in the water) made the touch. Maynard Kohler, the head timer, said the rule states: "An infraction occurs when the toes of the swimmer on deck leave the blocks before a touch is made by the swimmer in the water."

Kohler added that the lane judge, who made the initial call, watches for the hand of the swimmer in the water to touch, while at the same time keeping in contact with the on-deck swimmer by placing his finger against her big toe. According to Kohler, the meet referee and the finish judge also spotted the infraction.

Both Tuttle and coach Mona Plummer thought the takeoff was good.

"From here the whole thing looked perfect," said Plummer, perhaps the winningest coach in history.

Tuttle, somewhat upset by the call, said "I don't think I false started. The starter said the takeoff was good, but he

has nothing to do with making the call. The lane judge said I was off by six inches. I don't think I was."

After that, everything seemed to be going against the Sun Devils. In a Saturday morning preliminary heat of the 50-yard butterfly, Libby Tullis, who had the top entry time in the event, was disqualified after a mixup at the start.

"I thought I false started, and I'm sure there would be a re-start," she said.

The starter didn't see the apparent false start, and the rest of the swimmers continued the race, leaving Tullis hanging on the lane marker in disbelief.

"I can't remember if I heard a whistle (which means an infraction occurred) or not," the sophomore swimmer added.

"It's been one long weekend, and I'm glad it's over," Plummer said. "This is a meet I'll never forget because so many things happened to us. We even had one girl's suit come apart in a preliminary heat."

The Arizona State swimmers overcame all the adversities and still ran away with their fourth AIAW title in five years.

Tullis and Tuttle each swam on relay teams the final day, and both relay teams won. The double victory gave the Sun Devils 64 points and assured them of victory.

"We could have easily lost the meet, but the kids never gave up. They knew we could win all along," a happy Plummer said.

Perhaps the whole attitude of the Sun Devil swimmers was summed up by one who said, "When you swim for Arizona State, you never say die."

NCAA tourney facts

NCAA SEMI-FINALS
UCLA (25-3) vs N.C. State (28-1)
Kansas (23-5) vs Marquette (25-4)
*Games to be played on March 23 in Greensboro, N.C.

Cappelletti to sign with Los Angeles?

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — All-American John Cappelletti of Penn State will sign today with the Los Angeles Rams of the National Football League, the Philadelphia Inquirer reported in a copyrighted story.

The story by sports writer Bill Lyon said the signing will be announced at a news conference in Los Angeles at 1 p.m. Philadelphia time. Indications are, the story said, Cappelletti will sign a four-year no-cut contract.

The exact dollar figure may never be known, but the Inquirer quoted a close source as saying "it is a very sound, attractive financial package."

The paper said Cappelletti, who lives in a suburb near Upper Darby, Pa., flew to the West Coast yesterday to huddle with his agent, attorney Jerry Kapstein, and to hammer out final negotiations with Carroll Rosenbloom, the Rams owner. If the Penn State running back does

sign with the Rams, it would be a solid blow against prospects of the Philadelphia Bell, the new franchise in the World Football League.

Jack Kelly, the former AAU president who announced last week he headed a group of 11 businessmen that purchased the club, indicated a hometown boy like Cappelletti would almost insure 8,000 fans at the team's games. He was a first-round draft choice with both the Rams and the Bell.

The Inquirer quoted Kapstein as saying: "The Rams people appear very sensitive and concerned about John from a longrange standpoint. They have indicated that he would be brought along slowly, worked into the lineup gradually and would not have extra pressure put on him."

"After all, it's going to be tough enough just being an All-American and the Heisman and Maxwell winner," Kapstein noted.

Morava: Gym tragedy

Tragedy is a common adversary it seems nowadays. And like anything else, it strikes sports. There is perhaps no other university in the country that has been hit with as much tragedy in gymnastics as Southern Illinois over the years.

Bill Meade has guided the school during the past 18 years and experienced five deaths. The most recent was on Feb. 26.

Gary Morava, a former 1972 NCAA champ in the vault, was doing a 2¼ front somersault off a mini-tramp, which is a spring board about four feet square. He landed on his neck, breaking the third and fourth cervical vertebra.

Two days later, he died quietly in St. Louis' Firmindesloge Hospital at a very young age of 21.

"I think there was no one else we ever had to compare to him," remembers Meade. "He never disappointed me. If I had one routine in one big meet, I'd pick him."

"He was on the threshold of a great career. For the first time in three years he could actually work without pain."

Pain began in 1971 when Morava first injured his shoulder in an auto mishap which killed John Arnold, another SI gymnast. That tragedy brought to mind the 1967 nightmare when Frankie Schmitz, a four-time NCAA specialist champ was killed in a plane crash the day before his 21st birthday.

Schmitz's death was on his own time. Arnold's was on the way to a meet against Iowa. The somber situation hasn't demoralized Meade.

"It's never bothered me," he says, "I'm more of a realist than that. After Gary's accident we had a meeting and the team decided to go and try for the Nationals. Gary would have wanted that."

And he would have wanted his body donated to science, too.

"He asked me while he was in the hospital to donate his body," recalls Meade. He had hoped he wouldn't be a cripple but he was paralyzed immediately after the fall and his organs began to die.

"We couldn't donate his body because he didn't die in the required 24 hours."

Doctors said he would live two or three hours. Morava never gave up hope and that's why he fought courageously against the odds for 37 hours until 1 a.m. on Feb. 28.

Morava, coming off the shoulder injury and a successful operation, was voted Athlete of the Year in 1973 at SI. He was a dean's list student-athlete.

Meade elected to redshirt the senior this year so he'd



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have a healthy body for 1974.

"We went with 20-some guys this year instead of 30 each meet," explains Meade. "We met six of the eight teams from last year's Nationals. We wanted, as a team, to sacrifice this year altogether so that Gary would be ready for next year."

"The important thing was to give him a chance because he's never had it. There was always an injury. Look, I've won enough here. I felt that I owed it to him."

Which accounts for Southern Illinois finishing with a 7-8 record. "We could have easily been 14-1. This was only my second losing season here."

Morava was working himself back into shape for upcoming international meets in Moscow and South Africa. He looked sharp finishing second in the all-around in an international meet against Poland. What's more, he was the first American to place. (Former Penn State NCAA champ Marshall Avener was fourth.)

Morava had aspirations. Strong ones. "More than anything else he wanted to win medals," claims Meade. "And also make the '76 Olympic team. Without a doubt, the shoulder injury kept him off the '72 squad. I'm sure he would have made the '74 World Games."

Last year, at the NCAAs, he took third in the AA. He was in the high 55 range this year using various front and back somersaults in his free-ex routine. He was working on other difficult moves trying to add points to his routine.

"Within a few months he would have been the top gymnast in the country," Meade predicted. "He would have won the NCAAs next year also."

Unfortunately, like the other four before him, Morava's flower wilted before it had a chance to bloom.

The national sports

The Baltimore Orioles erupted for four runs in the fourth inning and took advantage of four Pittsburgh errors Sunday to defeat the Pirates, 7-3.

The four run uprising, coming off Pittsburgh starter Bruce Kison, staked the Orioles to a 5-2 lead. Baltimore collected four hits in the inning and the Pirates also made two of their miscues.

Inos Cabell drove in three of the Baltimore runs on a pair of singles and a fielder's choice, as the Orioles evened their spring exhibition baseball record at 4-4.

Winning pitcher Ross Grimsley went the first five innings for Baltimore, allowing six of Pittsburgh's nine hits and all three runs.

One half of the Boston Red Sox got by Philadelphia's Phillies 10-7, and the other half of the squad dropped a 4-3 squeaker to St. Louis.

In other exhibition games, the Cincinnati Reds blanked the Atlanta Braves 7-0, the Chicago White Sox downed Kansas City 8-5, the New York Yankees drubbed Detroit 5-1, Los Angeles defeated the New York Mets 9-2, the Chicago Cubs topped the Oakland A's 6-2, San Francisco dropped California 8-2, Montreal defeated Texas 5-1, and Cleveland beat Milwaukee 3-1.

Pancho Gonzalez and Jimmy Connors rallied from an opening set loss to defeat Pancho Segura and Clark Graebner 3-6, 6-2, 7-5 in the finals of the \$40,000 Palm Beach Tennis Masters tournament yesterday.

Gonzalez, who once instructed Connors, teamed with his former student to win first place money of \$10,000. Second place was worth \$6,000.

Ilie Nastase of Romania, the world's No. 1 player, won a \$50,000 World Championship Tennis tourney here yesterday defeating Tom Okker of The Netherlands 6-3, 6-3 before 5,736 fans, believed to be the largest tennis audience ever in the Washington area.

The match, the first national telecast from the new Capital Centre, was decided at the service line where Okker made only 42 per cent of his first serves in play while Nastase was getting in 57 per cent of his.

The turning point of the match, which lasted just 57 minutes, came at 3-3 of the first set when Okker was broken by Nastase as Okker double faulted three times. Nastase

broke Okker again in the second.

For the championship Nastase won \$10,000, raising his 1974 prize winning money to \$43,000, tops on the WCT circuit.

Top-ranked North Carolina State got the happy word yesterday that injured superstar David Thompson was feeling fine and will play against UCLA in the NCAA semifinals at Greensboro, N.C., next Saturday.

"His condition is entirely satisfactory," said team physician Dr. A. E. Harer. "We don't anticipate any delayed after-effects from the injury."

The high-soaring, high-scoring Thompson crashed to the floor, landing on the back of his head, after going up for a rebound against Pittsburgh Saturday. There was instant fear that he had broken his neck or back.

He was rushed to a hospital where 15 stitches were taken to close a cut in the back of his head. A neurosurgeon was called in and X rays were quickly taken. Dr. Harer said Thompson suffered a cerebral concussion. But he added: "It is my opinion that he will resume practice this week."

Thompson's teammates, motivated and inspired to win for their fallen star, went on to crush Pitt 100-72 and win the NCAA Eastern Regional crown.

His head bandaged, eyes filled with tears Thompson made a dramatic return to Reynolds Coliseum late in the second half. The crowd of 12,400 let out a deafening cheer. Play had to be halted. Teammates crowded around him. Later he returned to Rex Hospital where he spent the night. He was discharged yesterday.

In an earlier consolation game, fifth-ranked Providence defeated Furman 95-83 to take third-place honors.

State's Wolfpack, riding a 26-game victory streak, has a 28-1 record, the only loss being to UCLA last December at St. Louis.

State's Phil Spence said he was trying to block out for a rebound when Thompson "went over my back. When I saw what happened, man I was scared. I panicked. I cried and I prayed."

Spence said Thompson is "super. I wish I could be like him." — AP

Today's sports

PSU LIONS IN ACTION MONDAY

No sports scheduled

Pirates vs. Montreal Expos (8 p.m.)
Phillies vs. Reds (1:30 p.m.)

Standings

NHL STANDINGS

EAST	W	L	T	PTS
Edmonton	47	13	9	103
Montreal	39	20	9	87
N.Y. Rangers	37	19	12	86
Toronto	31	24	14	76
Buffalo	28	30	10	66
Detroit	25	34	10	60
Vancouver	18	39	11	47
N.Y. Islanders	15	37	15	45

WEST

PHILADELPHIA	W	L	T	PTS
Philadelphia	43	14	11	97
Chicago	34	12	20	88
Los Angeles	27	31	11	65
Atlanta	26	31	11	63
St. Louis	25	33	11	59
Minnesota	20	31	16	56
Pittsburgh	24	37	7	55
California	13	46	9	35

*Standings include partial Sunday results

NHL SUNDAY GAMES

FLYERS 2 - Maple Leafs 2
Bruins 5 - Rangers 2
Minnesota at Buffalo
Atlanta at Chicago
N.Y. Islanders at Montreal
*Only results available

Results

SUNDAY'S PRO BASKETBALL

NBA
Cleveland 115, Philadelphia 99
Milwaukee 107, Chicago 82
Phoenix 133, Seattle 108
Boston 129, Capital 103
KC-Omaha 125, Houston 114
Detroit 116, Buffalo 109

ABA

Kentucky 112, Utah 100
Indiana 117, New York 105

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.

(AP)—Hubert Green broke out of a tie with four birdies in a row, established a commanding lead and cruised home with a comfortable three-stroke victory yesterday in the Greater Jacksonville Open Golf Tournament.