

Six Kent Matmen to Seek National Titles

Joe Begala to Take Five Champions To Compete Against Nation's Best After Sweeping Tri-State Tourney

Five Win at Case Meet With Otto Hach Runner-up Meet Friday and Saturday Is Grand Finale Of Season

By Alvin S. Bamberger (Stater Sports Editor)

Joe Begala, moulder of mighty matmen, has produced another championship unit at Kent State. Five Blue and Gold-clad wrestlers wear the coveted crowns which only champions may claim title to.

At the conclusion of the two-day, first annual interstate intercollegiate invitational wrestling tournament at the Case club, Cleveland, Saturday night, Joe Taborsky, Clive "Cocky" Lukens, and Joe "Bing" Rinaldi had successfully defended their 126-lb., 165-lb., and heavyweight titles respectively, on the same mats where they had won the Ohio intercollegiate a year ago. Freddie Scott, 145, and Jay "Texas" Littlepage, 155, had also joined the list of Kent champions.

The interstate championships replaced the old Ohio state tourney. Last year Littlepage was runner-up to Elmer Dunlavy of Kent for the 155-lb. title. "Ellie" Miller, 135, was the fifth of Begala's state champs at that time.

Hach Takes Second

George Otto Hach, the unorthodox Kent woodchopper, finished in the runner-up position in the light heavyweight division, losing to Ed Bale, Case, in the final. Later in the evening he successfully defended second place in the consolation, at which time he was once again the Hach of the beginning of the year . . . wide-open and having a good time of it all, much to the amusement of the gallery.

Of the remaining three champions, Case placed two and Ohio university one. Horace Potter, Case, won the 118-lb. title. Archie Keller, O. U., replaced Miller as 135-lb. titlist, and Bale, last year's champ, again won in the 175-lb. division.

John McCort, Kent's 135-pounder, was thrown by Keller, former runner-up in Olympic try-outs, in the semi-final Saturday afternoon, and then lost to Hill of Waynesburg in the consolation bout for third place Saturday night.

Johnson Wins First

Bob Johnson, Kent's 118-lb. entrant, who again wrestled instead of Don Terrill, was defeated in the first round Friday night by Chalfant of Waynesburg, but came back Saturday night in the consolation flight to throw Serva, Buffalo, only to immediately after be thrown by Corwin, Ohio U., in the third-place final. The fall over Serva was Johnson's first victory since he became a first-team wrestler, and presages bright 118-lb. prospects for another year.

The Tri-state championships were entered by 12 colleges from western Pennsylvania, western New York, and Ohio. Many colleges in these sections were unable to accept invitations due to lack of finances. Baldwin-Wallace, Case, Fenn, and Kent State in Ohio, and California Teachers, Thiel, Washington and Jefferson, and Waynesburg in Pennsylvania sponsored the tourney, although California Teachers did not send any entrants. Hiram, Muskingum, and Ohio university in Ohio and the university of Buffalo and Rochester Mechanics in New York accepted invitations.

The booming bass voice of Kent's own Forest Hawk, announcer and tennis player par excellence, kept the fans advised as to who was wrestling and what the results were. Only why was he renamed Fred by the tourney officials?

According to Referee Hommel of Ohio State, the Taborsky-Scherzer final bout was the finest amateur wrestling exhibition he has ever seen. Dickerhoff of Penn State was the other official.

The so-called "tough lads" must be going soft. Both Littlepage and Lukens have turned "crooner", or are otherwise gaining fame over the air. Friday nite Gene Warner introduced "Tex" over WTAM, and Saturday after the finals Lukens was introduced to the radio audience of the same station. "Cocky" must have been in his glory as he told how he was undefeated this season, and then heard Ed Bale, on the same program, tell the sport fans that the only decision he lost all season was to Lukens, whose natural weight is 165.

Dale Smith, former ass't. sports ed. of the Stater, sat beside me at the press table and was highly pleased with the performance of the Golden Flashes . . . as who from Kent wasn't?

Among those who gazed with longing eyes at Lukens, Rinaldi, et al literally swept the opposition off its feet were Jim Shelly, "Ellie" Miller, and Elmer Dunlavy. Shelly

Today champions from all over the country are flocking to the university of Michigan campus at Ann Arbor to determine, for the current year, at least, who shall wear the "champion of champion" crowns in collegiate wrestling circles.

They come from far west on the Pacific coast, from the northwest and the southwest, from the south and the east, from the Big Ten, and from New England. And as they meet at the scene of the national intercollegiate, to be held tomorrow and Saturday, they will find Joe Begala, and his gallant band from Kent ready to join in the quest of national championships.

Two cars, carrying Begala, his five tri-state champions, and his one championship runner-up left this morning for the grand finale to what has so far been a highly successful season. The Golden Flash delegation, while it may not be the largest single contingent in the tourney, nevertheless will undoubtedly be able to claim the distinction of being the team represented by most champions. It is unbelievable that any other college can hold more than five titlists, Kent's number.

Ed Bale Entered Only champions or runners-up in the various sectional championships are eligible for participation in the nationals. Ed Bale of Case and Arch Keller, Ohio U., will also represent the tri-state league at Michigan; Potter, 118-lb. champ, will not be entered according to Coach Sharer of Case.

It would be folly to predict even one national champion from Kent, as the opposition to be encountered will be the class of collegiate wrestlers. However, after seeing the determined efforts of the Kent team in the tri-state meet (especially following the defeat by Michigan State), followers of the Blue and Gold matmen are assured that the team will fight to the bitter end.

Those entered from Kent State are the five interstate champions—Joe Taborsky, 126; Fred Scott, 145; Jay Littlepage, 155; Clive Lukens, 165; and Ivo Rinaldi, heavyweight, together with George Otto Hach, runner-up to Bale in the light-heavy tri-state championship.

was one of the most versatile of Kent's line of heavies, and was runner-up for the state title in 1931. Miller was 135-lb. state champ last year, and Dunlavy earned the same honor in the 155-lb. class in 1931 and 1933.

Ray Ride, Case football coach, was manager of the meet, but most of the credit for the success of the event should go to wrestling coach Claude Sharer of Case, who conceived the idea.

The results of Kent's entrants:

First Round, Friday

118—Chalfant (Waynesburg) defeated Johnson (K). Time: 9:12.
125—Taborsky (K) defeated Clark (Rochester). Time: 5:03.
135—McCort (K) threw Wilson (Thiel). Time: 5:52.
145—Scott (K) defeated Morgan (Rochester). Time: 6:53.
155—Littlepage (K) threw Fendler (B-W). Time: 3:54.
Lukens, Hach, and Rinaldi drew byes.

Semi-Finals, Sat. Afternoon

125—Taborsky threw Cline (Hiram). Time: 3:43.
135—Keller (Ohio U.) threw McCort. Time: 6:27.
145—Scott defeated Kleinsmith (Case). Time: 3:28.
155—Littlepage defeated Tornabene (Waynesburg) in overtime. Decision.
165—Lukens threw Wilhelm (Case). Time: 9:55.
175—Hach defeated Bahoric (B-W). Time: 2:39.
Heavy—Rinaldi threw Scott (Waynesburg). Time: 7:38.

Finals, Sat. Night

118—Potter, Case, defeated Chalfant, Waynesburg. Time: 2:14.
125—Taborsky, Kent, defeated Scherzer, Ohio U. in overtime. Decision.
135—Keller, Ohio U., defeated Becker, Rochester. Time: 5:18.
145—Scott, Kent, threw W. Gedeon, Baldwin-Wallace. Time: 6:40.
155—Littlepage, Kent, threw Homer, Thiel. Time: 7:37.
165—Lukens, Kent, defeated Meyers, W. and J. Time: 1:53.
175—Bale, Case, defeated Hach, Kent. Time: 7:22.
Heavy—Rinaldi, Kent, defeated Barno, B-W. Time: 3:01.

Consolations

118—Johnson threw Serva, Buffalo. Corwin, Ohio U., threw Johnson.
135—Hill, Waynesburg, defeated McCort. Referee's decision.
175—Hach defeated Geyer, Muskingum. Referee's decision.

TRI-STATE WRESTLING CHAMPIONS

- 118-lb. Horace Potter, Case Tech.
- Chalfant, Waynesburg, second. Corwin, Ohio U., third.
- 126-lb. Joseph Taborsky, Kent State College.
- Scherzer, Ohio U., second. Clark, Mechanics, third.
- 135-lb. Archie Keller, Ohio University.
- Becker, Rochester, second. Hill, Waynesburg, third.
- 145-lb. Fred Scott, Kent State College.
- W. Gedeon, B-W, second. Fuller, Fenn, third.
- 155-lb. Jay Littlepage, Kent State College.
- Turnabene, Waynesburg, second. Homer, Thiel, third.
- 165-lb. Clive Lukens, Kent State College.
- Meyers, W. and J., second. R. Gedeon, B-W, third.
- 175-lb. Ed Bale, Case Tech.
- Hach, Kent, second. Bahoric, B-W, third.
- Heavyweight—Ivo Rinaldi, Kent State College.
- Barno, B-W, second. Novak, Case, third.

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Kent State	36	Wash. and Jeff.	4
Ohio University	15	U. of Buffalo	3
Case Tech	12	Thiel	3
Baldwin-Wallace	11	Fenn	1
Waynesburg	10	Hiram	1
Rochester Mechanics	6	Muskingum	0

Twenty-Seven Candidates to Seek Berths on 1934 Baseball Outfit

Twenty-seven candidates for the varsity baseball team, including twelve veterans, have already reported to Coach Gus Peterka as the first week of preliminary practice for the approaching diamond season started in Willis gym this week.

The Golden Flash veterans include a quartette of lettermen for the outfield, Al "Brig" Young, Tony Schoyer, Lou Gerig, and Harlan Hayes, together with Clark Braden, who has in the past appeared at second for Kent; Bill Celestino, former outfielder who is aiming at the first base assignment; Dewon Clay, second base; Al Nye, shortstop; and Joe Taborsky, third. Sam Cipriano, reserve

last year, is out for the outfield and for first base.

There are also Steve Zboray, catcher, and Clarence Harrah and "Doc" Straub, pitchers.

Newcomers who are aiming at the nine positions include Roy Widowski, who is capable of working at either end of the "battery"; Bob Eisel, pitcher or first baseman, and Pete Nepodal, southpaw, who works the same jobs. Frank Sarcie is out for work on the mound or in the infield. Sam Lenon and O. E. Ott are also infielders.

The rest of the squad includes Bill Ruff, Harry Lohr, and John Page, outfielders; "Chet" Larocca and Frank Taborsky, infielders; and Dean Harrah, Jack Maurer, and Ernie Gialucia, catchers.

The schedule includes seven games:
Apr. 28 Ashland at Kent
May 2 Findlay at Kent
May 8 Wooster at Kent
May 11 Findlay (tentative) away
May 12 Bowling Green away (tentative)
May 19 Toledo at Kent
May 26 Wooster away

KMK's to Defend Wrestling Crown

Finals to be Held Mar. 29 In Willis Gym

By "Chet" Dornbush

With a chance to become permanent possessors of the Begala Wrestling Trophy, Kappa Mu Kappa will be out to defend its wrestling title next week. The elimination rounds will be held in the wrestling room Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, March 27 and 28, at 4:15. The finals will be Thursday night, March 29 in Willis gymnasium at 7:30.

Last year, Kappa Mu Kappa was hard pressed by Barbarians and Kappa Sigma Chi, who won the title two years ago. K. M. K. will again find these two teams difficult to take over. The other three fraternities will place better teams in the meet over last year.

The Barbs have been the hardest hit by "promotion," those who wrestled in intramural last year but won a place on this year's varsity squad and who will be ineligible to represent their various organizations.

Among the last years veterans back will be Housley, Delts, winner in the 135 pound class and Kincaid, Kappa Sig, runner-up, and Langell, Delts, runner-up at 155.

Most of the teams will be represented by freshmen who have been training for the last two months. Kappa Sigs appear to have the edge in this department with Gilly, Damkov and Pint. Johnny Scharf will no doubt be K. M. K.'s heavy weight.

Little is known of the strength of the Gammas and the Alpha Phis. Most of the members of these teams lost in the earlier rounds last year, but as most of them are back with a years experience should give the new comers and last years winners a tussle.

Eckert, Barbs; Borlet, K. M. K.; Hach, Barbs, are members on the varsity squad who wrestled in intramurals last year.

Fitzgerald Takes Crown In Handball Tourney

Kathryn Fitzgerald defeated Marjorie Peebles in the final to gain the Women's Athletic Association handball crown.

Many girls have already signed up for spring sports. Those who have not, but care to do so, should sign up in the office of Mrs. Apple, listing the activities they desire to enter. Daily schedules of the events to take place will be posted.

DEMONSTRATE HOLDS

Coach Joe Begala and 155-pounder Jay Littlepage gave a demonstration of wrestling holds before the Kent Kiwanis club at the Robin Hood last Thursday.



By Bob Baumgardner

SPORTS ON THE SPOT

The following was clipped from the Bowerston, Ohio "Phrenological Era" and recently published in Mr. Toby McLean's Kent Bulletin . . . thank you, Toby.

Sports are a waste of energy, and to those who will think of the important work to be done, and do it, not much time will be left for exercises that do not count.

Sports consume human strength and opportunity that, were they used in practical work, more than an equal amount of pleasure for the exercise would be obtained and something useful done. Nature has work for all.

Hence we are not in sympathy with basketball, football and other games which take attention away from essential work and comforts, and double our cares, and increase our diseases, by the unhygienic loss of sleep, strains, and exposures of night work, or "field day" injurious excitements and exertions.

Parents may have their children live a fast and strenuous life, if they will, and let them be trained for hoodlums or invalids in the name of Education, but mine never did it; and if I had a dozen to-day I would forbid them from spending their time in idleness or wasting their energies on frivolities and bad habits. The same time and energy given to useful things would be so much better for the ones who do so, and in the general results to all concerned. The effort expended in playing baseball, for instance, could be utilized in some form of useful employment if the interest, and thereby the attention, were directed differently.

CONGRATULATIONS

With Joe Begala and his warring matmen returning from fresh triumphs at the TriState meet and going on to seek greater fields to conquer at the nationals this approaching weekend in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Kent State has reached the highest point thus far attained by any varsity athletic team. Congratulations are in order.

CASE COMMENT

While thumbing through the exchanges I happened upon the following for the sport column of the "Case Tech" written by none other than the Tri-State 175 pound grappling champ, Ed Bale. "Sportively Speaking" Kent State is pretty well satisfied with their wrestling situation, and why not? Which belies rumors which come on the air that all is not well in the Kent athletic circles. Can it be that the Kent administration or part of it is opposed to intercollegiate athletics?"

REPLY

Dear R. K.— In reply to your letter of last week may I ask what I can do to bring better athletes to Kent State? After all, I'm only a struggling student . . . It's not up to me.

RLB

NOTES

Dear Joseph Begala— On behalf of myself and my colleague, Mr. Alvin S. Bamberger Jr., I wish to thank you for the splendid compliment you paid us in assembly Tuesday morning when you called us "dub" reporters and then told how we predicted five Tri-State champs for Kent State . . . pardon us, Joe, we forgot to foresee Hach getting a runner's-up position. We make no such rash predictions for the Nationals.

Delts Lead Intramural Race After Copping Swimming

Bill Gressard, Delts, and Murray Bennett, Barbs, tied for first place in individual honors in the intramural swimming held last Wednesday night. James Wilder, Alpha Phi this one man team came in third with 14 points.

Bennett led Gressard until the last event, the relay, 14-15. With the Delts winning the relay, Gressard received one and a fourth points while Bennett, as the result of the Barbs coming in third received one fourth of a point. Gressard won two firsts and one second, Bennett, one first and three seconds, while Wilder won two firsts, a second and a third.

As a result of winning the swimming meet, Delta Phi Sigma displaced Kappa Mu Kappa in the trophy race standing:

Team	Points
Delta Phi Sigma	30 1/2
Kappa Mu Kappa	25
Sigma Tau Gamma	24 1/2
Barbarians	24
Kappa Sigma Chi	22
Alpha Phi Beta	16

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