



Wrestlers capture EIWA crown

8 Engineers qualify for NCAA tourney

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It was the same old song... for the third year in a row, brown and white colors not only dominated the stands, but the victory platform as well. The Engineers ran away with the EIWA crown, accumulating 155 points, and brought home four champions and eight wrestlers in all who will be heading for Oklahoma.

Lance Leonhardt (126), Mark Lieberman (167), Mike Brown (177), and Don McCorkel (190), won their final bouts in convincing manner after the 22nd team championship in the history of the school already had been decided.

Pat Sculley (142) lost a hard-fought match in the finals for second place honors, and Steve Bastianelli (118), Bob Sloand (134), and Nils Deacon (158) all captured third place spots to qualify for nationals.

It was the third championship for senior McCorkel, who also received the Fletcher Trophy, given to the senior wrestler who has accumulated the most career points (72½) in the tournament. McCorkel breezed through his weight class with two falls and a superior decision in his final bout.

McCorkel's first victim was Fred Smith of Harvard. In his preliminary bout, McCorkel pancaked Smith to his back and used a

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CHAMPION—Lance Leonhardt became the first of four Engineers to win EIWA titles Saturday when he decisively won Greg Shoemaker of ESSC 8-6 to win

his second crown. Mark Lieberman, Mike Brown and Don McCorkel also won titles as the Engineers romped to their third consecutive team title.

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY Brown and White



MIKE BROWN—first place at 177

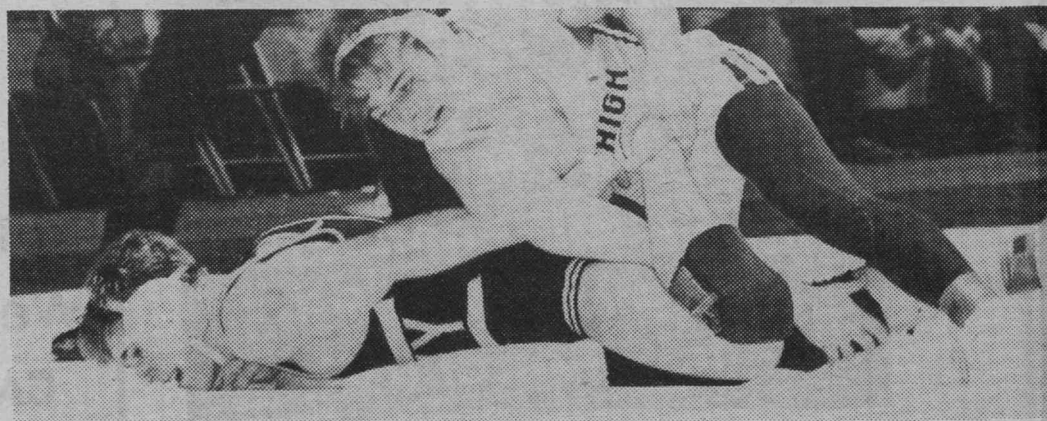


TEAM EFFORT—With ten placewinners all scoring straight EIWA title.

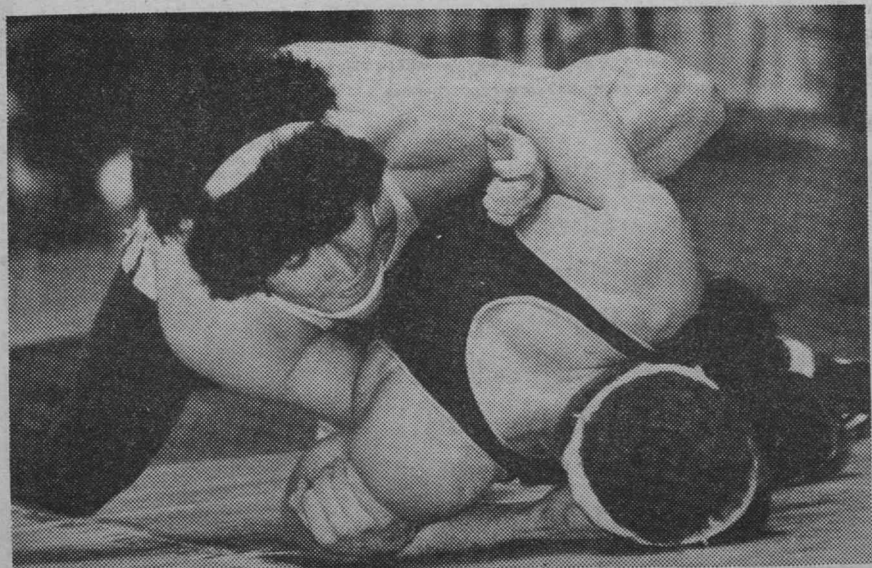
Wrestlers romp through Easterns . . . Eight bound for Oklahoma



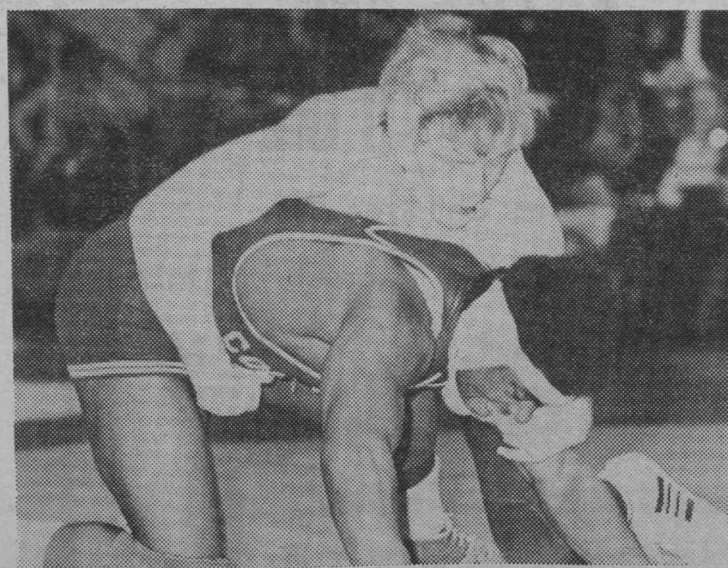
LANCE LEONHARDT—first place at 126



JEFF ALLEGAR—sixth place at 150



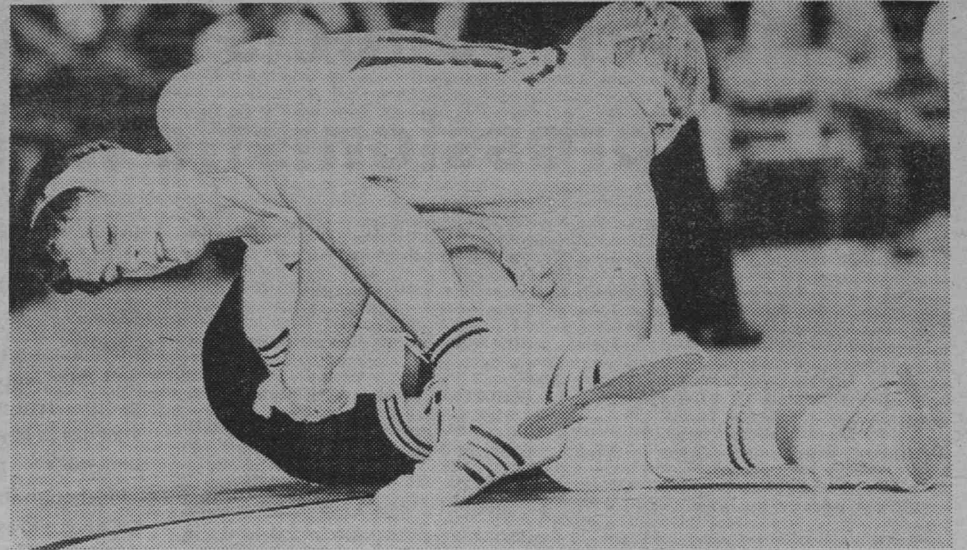
PAT SCULLEY—second place at 142



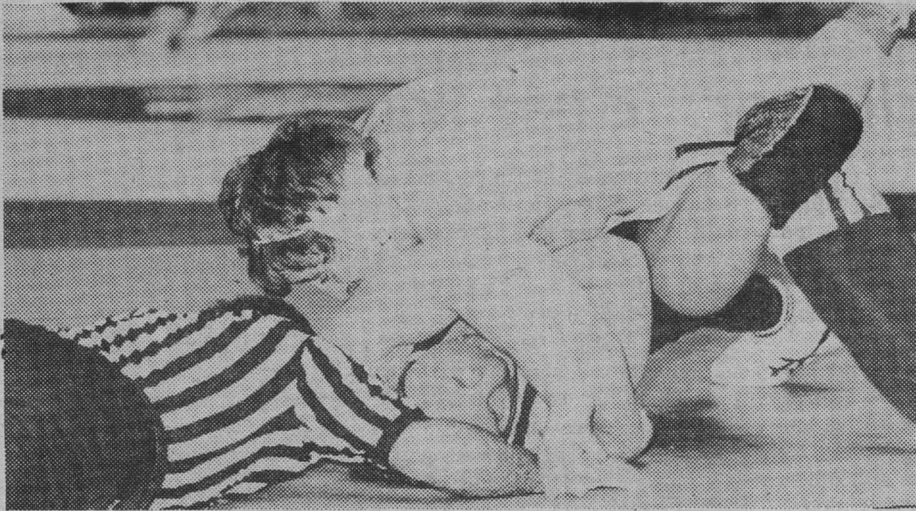
NILS DEACON—third place at 158



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MARK LIEBERMAN—first place at 167



DON McCORKEL—first place at 190

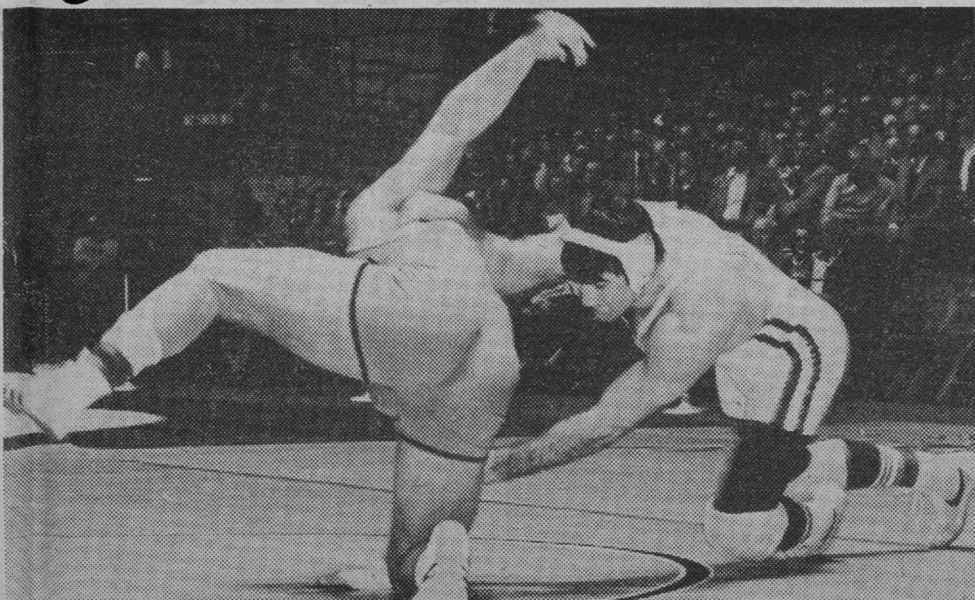
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STEVE BASTIANELLI—third place at 118



GUY TALARICO— sixth place at hwt.



BOB SLOAND—third place at 134

Engineers capture third consecutive title

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strongly to a third-place spot with falls over Mark Josephski of Colgate and Paul Gehring of Navy. He then defeated fourth-seeded Tom Coleman of Army 5-2 before his 3-2 win over fifth-seeded Bill Hawley of Princeton in his final consolation bout.

Deacon breezed into the semi-finals before being defeated by second-seeded Chris Moffa of Rutgers, 16-8. Earlier, the senior had defeated Scott Williamson of Yale with a fall in 2:21 and John Akins of Temple, 10-6. Deacon fought back hard in the consolations as he defeated Lloyd Woodruff of Colgate, 8-0, and again beat Akins in the finals, this time, 9-1.

Every Engineer wrestler that made the trip came back a place winner as Jeff Allegar and Guy Talarico both copped sixth-place honors, as well as being crowd-pleasers.

Allegar (150), who was seeded seventh, won by fall over Alan Wolff of Penn in the preliminaries, before being defeated by second-seeded Steve Grubman of Princeton, 10-3. In his consolation bouts, Allegar defeated Tom Bixby of Harvard, 5-3, and Paul Sullivan of Army, 6-4, before losing, 6-4, to Larry Kihlstadius of Navy.

At heavyweight, Talarico destroyed Dennis Gentilin of Rutgers, 20-0, before losing in the quarter finals to the heavyweight champion John Seftor of Princeton, 8-0. Talarico defeated John

Princeton outpointed Wilkes 86-85 for third while Syracuse finished

fifth and Temple sixth.

Cella of F&M, 5-0, and Duane Daly of Temple, 6-1, before going down to defeat at the hands of Nick Mygas of Navy, 5-2.

Other champions in the tournament were Gene Mills (118), of Syracuse who decisioned Ron Keene of Cornell, 23-7, Gary Kessel (150) of East Stroudsburg who decisioned Steve Grubman of Princeton, 3-1, and John Althans of Navy, who decisioned Chris Moffa of Rutgers, 9-1, for the 158 crown.

The Naval Academy, by-virtue of some clutch performances in the consolation bouts, climbed into second place with 95 points.

Hockey

By JAY PENNICK

Beating its last three opponents hockey team ended its season on a 4-3 win over Ramapo, a come-from-behind victory over Delaware, and a triumph over West Chester State.

West Chester stayed with the Engineers throughout the first period of last Saturday but the Lehigh guns took over in the second and blew out the Ram sextet. After two goals by freshman defenseman Mike Mordica, the Engineers scored three points, two by Captain Mike Dale, and the other by O'Mara. Bob Oliwa, the other captain, and Hopkins netted a goal each in the middle period.

Oliwa scored the eighth Engineer goal. Cookingham popped in the final goal of the game. Lehigh, but Oliwa's goal was a significant one as it was his 22nd goal of the season, and his fourth in his four-year career as an Engineer. He now has 124 total points (70 goals, 54 assists), three points shy of the University record set this year by teammate and captain Mike Dale.

Four matmen win individual crowns

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crossface to pin his opponent in 5:35. In the quarterfinals, McCorkel defeated Mike Flynn (eighth-seeded) 8-1, and then stacked up Bob Baumgartner of Penn in 4:00 in the semifinals.

In the finals, McCorkel met his old friend Greg Cooper of Navy who still can say he has never beaten the Engineer grappler. No one scored through the first two periods, but McCorkel took a 5-0 early third-period lead with an escape, takedown, and two-point near fall, and then coasted to his 11-0 victory while accumulating more than five minutes of riding time.

The other Engineer senior, Leonhardt, showed his fine steady wrestling style throughout the tournament which eventually

way to a 9-2 win and his second title.

The question which came from many non-Lehigh fans early in the tournament was, "Who's this kid Brown?" The freshman soon answered them as he coasted into his final bout. Brown, who was seeded first, pinned Skip Falcone of East Stroudsburg in 4:59, won over eighth-seeded Dan Wallon of Syracuse, who defaulted at the five-minute mark while losing 11-3, and defeated fourth-seeded Carmel Morina of Temple, 17-2. The stage was set for an interesting final as Brown was to face second-seeded Keith Ely of Princeton, who had pinned his

three previous opponents in an accumulated time of 3:38.

The exciting match never came as Brown took Ely down with just 13 seconds having elapsed and reversed him for a 4-0 lead in the second period. The rest of the match Brown rode Ely strongly in accumulating 7:07 time advantage on route to a 9-1 win.

The Engineers could not pull a sweep in the finals as Sculley lost a heartbreaker to seventh-seeded Steve Traylor of Yale. Sculley had earlier taken care of Eric Hughes of Army, 11-0, pinned eighth-seeded Art Santiago of Columbia in 7:39, and defeated fourth-seeded Ed Rivera of

Temple, 4-2.

Sculley was behind Traylor 3-2 late in the third period. With 40 seconds remaining, Sculley received a point as Traylor was penalized for stalling. With just eight seconds remaining, Traylor connected on a takedown to pull the 5-3 upset.

One disappointment for Engineer fans came at 134 where first-seeded Bob Sloand lost in the semi-finals to Syracuse's George Medina. Sloand had previously defeated Bob Meyer of Army with a pinning combination in 5:16, and decisioned John Mousetis of Franklin and Marshall, 13-6. Medina, who Sloand

had defeated a week earlier, 20-7, was not to be denied as he countered Sloand's offensive moves into points of his own en route to a 15-7 victory. Medina was voted most outstanding wrestler of the tournament after his pin of Lou Balum of Wilkes in the finals.

One of the most enjoyable surprises of the tournament came in freshman Bastianelli. Bastianelli won his first match over Keith Matsumoto of Penn with a fall in 1:24 before losing to Mitch Vance of Temple in overtime.

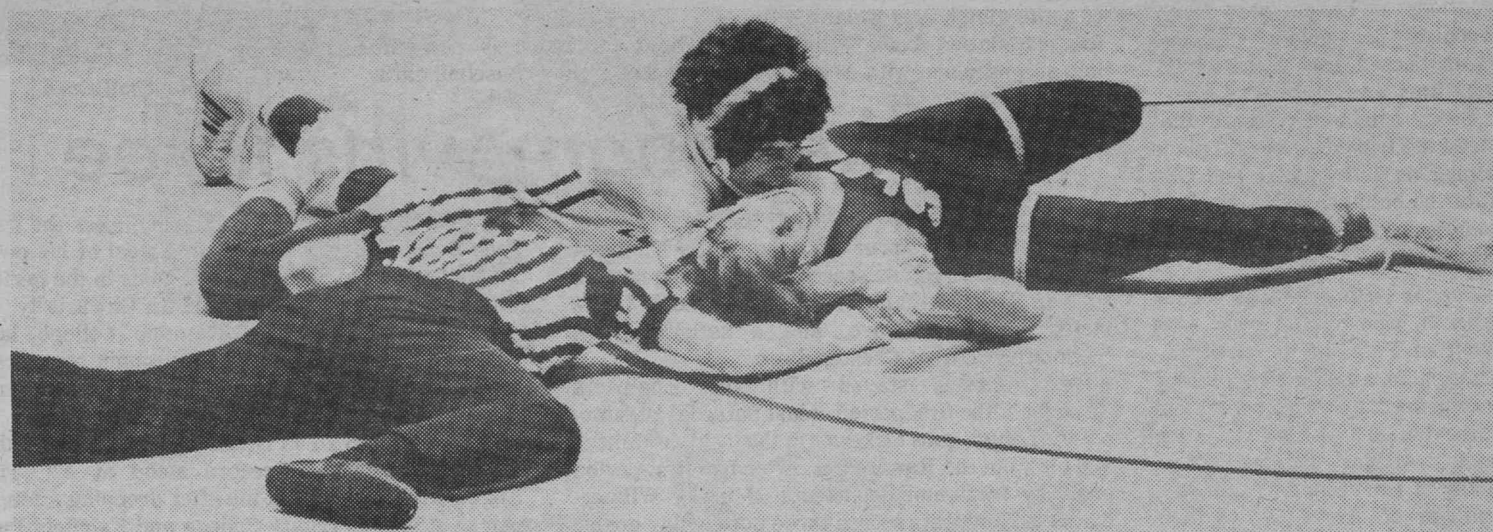
Bastianelli then wrestled back See: ENGINEERS, Page 15

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earned him the cup. Leonhardt defeated two unseeded wrestlers along the way in Andy Sama of Columbia, 10-2, and Kirk Dabney of Princeton, 5-1. Leonhardt also defeated seventh-seeded Howie Rabin of Colgate, 6-2, before meeting sixth-seeded Greg Shoemaker of East Stroudsburg in the finals.

Leonhardt, who won the championship two years ago at 118, held a close 2-1 lead after the first period. Shoemaker tied the score with an escape, but Leonhardt had two takedowns in the final period, coupled with 1:55 riding time, to carry him to an 8-6 victory.

Lieberman proved to anyone in doubt his superior wrestling ability as he pinned his way into the finals. Tom Wagner of Columbia saw the lights in 4:41, Bob Slack of Temple much earlier in 1:47, and fourth-seeded Gene Clemons of Wilkes in 7:24. Lieberman was in total command of his final bout with the much smaller second-seeded Roger Fleischer of Navy. Lieberman accumulated 5:47 riding time and had numerous takedowns on his



CLEAR VIEW—Columbia's Art Santiago has a clear view of the Manley Fieldhouse lights as Pat Sculley works to a fall in their semifinal bout at 142. Sculley pinned the Lion at 7:39 but lost a hard-

fought 5-3 decision to Yale's Steve Traylor when the Eli registered a tie-breaking takedown with less than 20 seconds remaining.

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Competition to improve in Oklahoma

By FRED HAYNES
Sports Editor

Although results of all the qualifying tournaments for the national tourney are not available, it is not hard to predict who the major contenders for the NCAA wrestling championship will be. Iowa and Iowa State finished one-two a year ago and if no one makes a sustained effort to displace them, they could climb to the top again.

The Hawkeyes bring defending national champion Chris Campbell at 177 and past national placemen Greg Stevens at 190 and John Bowlsby at hwt., as well as a host of talented freshmen and overwhelming depth to Oklahoma while the Cyclones bring the only team with the distinction of having beaten the Hawkeyes this year. They will be counting on strong performances from Johnny Jones at 118, Mike Land at 126, Dave Zuspahn at 150, Frank Santana at 190, and Bob Fouts at hwt.

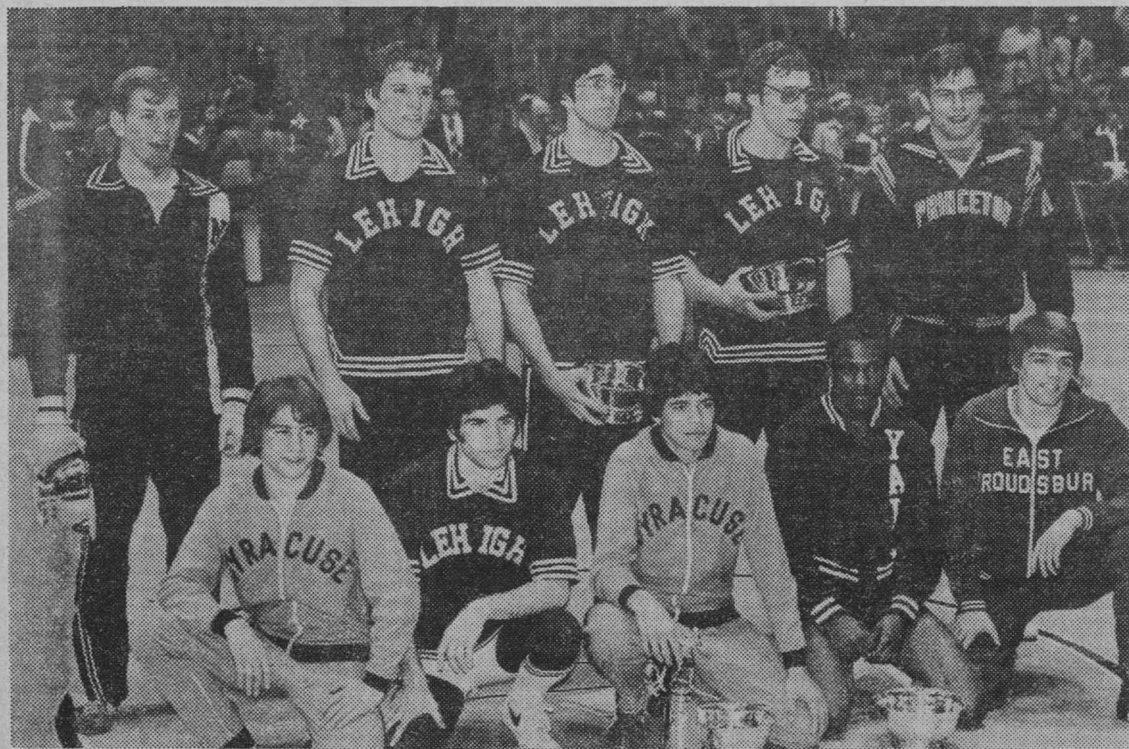
The Iowa teams will not be the only powerful teams at the national

tourney. Host state Oklahoma boasts two schools with designs on the number one spot. Oklahoma State's power rests on the shoulders of returning heavyweight champion Jimmy Jackson. Strong performances by the 360 pound Cowboy as well as by Steve Barrett at 142, Paul Martin at 158, and freshman Lee Roy Smith at 134, could vault the Cowboys to supremacy. A healthy Ken Nelson at 126 and the return of 1975 champion Rod Kolgore should make the Sooners a team to be reckoned with.

Despite the loss of two national champions to graduation, the Badgers of Wisconsin still have one returning titleholder in Lee Kemp at 158 and a host of other wrestlers who have strong chances to place. At 118 and 190 respectively, Jim Haines and Ron Jeidy could combine to give the Badgers the points they need to threaten the top teams.

Other individuals from dozens of teams could figure to be important in deciding who the individual and team winners will be. Minnesota's Mike McArthur could well receive a number one seed as could Oregon State's Larry Bielenberg.

An unusually large number of freshman wrestlers could score points at Oklahoma. Outside of Engineer Mike Brown and Steve Bastianelli, Iowa, Arizona State, Wisconsin and Oklahoma State bring talented freshman into the NCAA's. Iowa has Dan Glenn at 118, and Mike DeAnna at 167, while undefeated Dan Severn of Arizona State could well be the best of them all. Ron Jeidy will try to prove otherwise while Smith of Okie State attempts to displace the veteran 134 pounders.



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1977 EIWA CHAMPS—Front row, from left: Gene Mills-118, Lance Leonhardt-126, George Medina-134 (outstanding wrestler) Steve Traylor-142, Gary

Kessel-150. Back row, from left: John Althans-158, Mark Lieberman-167, Mike Brown-177, Don McCorkel-190 and John Seftor-Hwt.



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NUMBER TWO—Lance Leonhardt wins his second EIWA crown, defeating Greg Shoemaker of ESSC in the finals. Leonhardt defeated Shoemaker 8-6.