

# Lehigh Leads EIWA

## Syracuse 'Disappointing'

By NEIL KERR

Awesome Lehigh advanced a "Sizeable Seven" wrestlers into the semifinals and charged impressively toward its third straight Eastern (EIWA) Tournament crown as perhaps 2,500 spectators looked on at Manley Field House last night.

Coach Thad Turner's muscular Engineers, led by a nucleus of five former EIWA champions plus superb 177-pound freshman Mike Brown, rolled up 52.25 points through two Friday rounds. Lehigh was pursued by another Pennsylvania mat power, Wilkes (38.75), plus Navy (36) and Ivy League champion Princeton (29).

As for coach Ed Carlin's host Syracuse squad, the word is "disappointing." Followers of Syracuse wrestling fortunes who arrived a half-hour late for the 7 p.m. quarterfinals had no one left to cheer for because only 118-pound freshman Gene Mills, 126-pound junior Guy Dugas from Watertown and 134-pound sophomore George Medina of Baldwinsville remained "alive" for today's noon semifinals.

Of the three, super-frosh Mills (now 20-1 for the season) represents perhaps SU's chief hope for an EIWA crown. Gene was a trifle sensational yesterday, pinning Pat Alberti of Columbia in 1:20 of the opening period, then opening up a 6-0 lead prior to duplicating that feat against Franklin and Marshall's Randy Brungard at 3:15 of the second period in his quarterfinal.

If Mills reaches tonight's title match, as expected, he will have his hands full against probable opponent Mitch Vance of Temple. Vance last night took a well-earned overtime victory over Lehigh's highly-touted, third-seeded Steve Bastianelli in one of the best matches of the tournament thus far.

Dugas, like Mills the No. 1 seed, posted a pair of workmanlike 6-0 and 8-3 decisions yesterday. The Watertown native next meets Greg Shoemaker of East Stroudsburg, (the fifth seed), and a victory would possibly bring about a championship bout against second-seeded Lance Leonhardt of Lehigh. Leonhardt two years ago took the EIWA crown at 118.

Local favorite Medina outscored his opening pair of opponents by a combined total of 32-8, and despite being only fourth-seeded, appears to be the second-best wrestler in his class. Unfortunately, Medina must meet Lehigh's Bob Sloand, EIWA champion at 126 last year, in his 12:30 semifinal. Sloand, simply, is one of the very best wrestlers on display at Manley, having been a fourth-place NCAA finisher last year. Further, Sloand topped Medina, 20-5, in the SU vs. Lehigh dual meet last weekend.

Of the remaining Hill contingent, 142-pound fifth-seeded Pat Greene was upset, 2-1, by unheralded Doug Oliver of Rutgers in his first bout, and freshman Kevin Wilson also lost a preliminary round bout, in overtime, to sixth-seeded John Akins of Temple.

Syracuse lost five other athletes in a disastrous evening quarterfinal round, 150-pound Dick Richer, 167-pound Pete

Engelhardt, 177-pound Dan Wallon, 190-pound Mike Ponzo and heavyweight Mike Rotunda all bowing. With those setbacks, SU's chances of at least equalling last year's runnerup tie (with Navy) in this tourney disappeared.

The Orange will now do well to place among the top five teams in the 16-team field.

In the late-evening wrestlebacks, only Engelhardt remained "alive" and in contention for third place as defeated blind Harvard wrestler Ed Bordley, 11-2.

Even in defeat, Bordley was warmly applauded by a respectful Manley audience yesterday. The Harvard sophomore had one eye removed at age five and lost sight in the other eye at nine. He didn't commence a career in wrestling until age 12 but has progressed so far as to earn a varsity spot for the Crimson.

Lehigh, whose noisy, knowledgeable fans comprised at least one-half of the audience, saw only Bastianelli, 150-pound Jeff Allegar and heavyweight Guy Talarico suffer setbacks.

Lehigh's victors included past EIWA

champs Leonhardt, Sloand, 142-pound top seed Pat Sculley, 167-pound top seed Mark Lieberman and 190-pound first seed Don McCorkel. Additionally, the Engineers possess potential champs in No. 3-seeded Nils Deacon at 158 and fabulous freshman Brown, the top seed at 177.

If all of the "Sizeable Seven" triumph today, Lehigh will equal its EIWA record of seven individual champions, that record having been set in 1975.

MAT NOTES—None of the top-seeded wrestlers were beaten, although second seeds at 142 (Navy's Tom Bauer) and at heavyweight (Harvard's Kip Smith) were victims of upsets...Ivy champ Princeton features a powerful heavyweight, top-seeded John Sefter, who was most impressive while lifting his record to 23-1 this winter...Semifinals are at noon today, with consolations at 6:30, title bouts at 8...The "wild card" NCAA berth has been eliminated this year, ending any chance of injured SU 158-pounder Tim Jenks advancing to the NCAA Tournament in Oklahoma.

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## Johnston Hits 50th

PHILADELPHIA — Rookie center Bernie Johnston tallied goals No. 49 and 50, including the game-winner at 9:57 of the third period as the Syracuse Blazers tipped the Philadelphia Firebirds, 4-3, in



Bernie Johnston

front of 6,261 disappointed Firebird fans Friday night at the Civic Center.

The victory was the Blazers fifth in a row and 10th in their last 11 games. It was also their third straight win in the past two weeks on Philadelphia ice. Syracuse, after taking Saturday night off, returns to the Onondaga County War Memorial Sunday to host a "Kids' Night" battle with the third-place Maine Nordiques. Face-off is set for 7:30 p.m.

Broome County's 6-3 loss Friday night

at Erie pulled the first-place Blazers even closer to the North American Hockey League title. The Dusters were scheduled to play in Syracuse on Tuesday night, but Broome County management has had the game cancelled and the Blazers will instead play Maine in a 7:30 p.m. contest.

Defenseman Gary Sittler got the Blazers rolling at 2:13 of the opening period when he fired one home after passes from Johnston and Tim Sanche.

Johnston made it 2-0 on an assist from Darryl Knowles at 8:37 and the Blazers threatened to break it open.

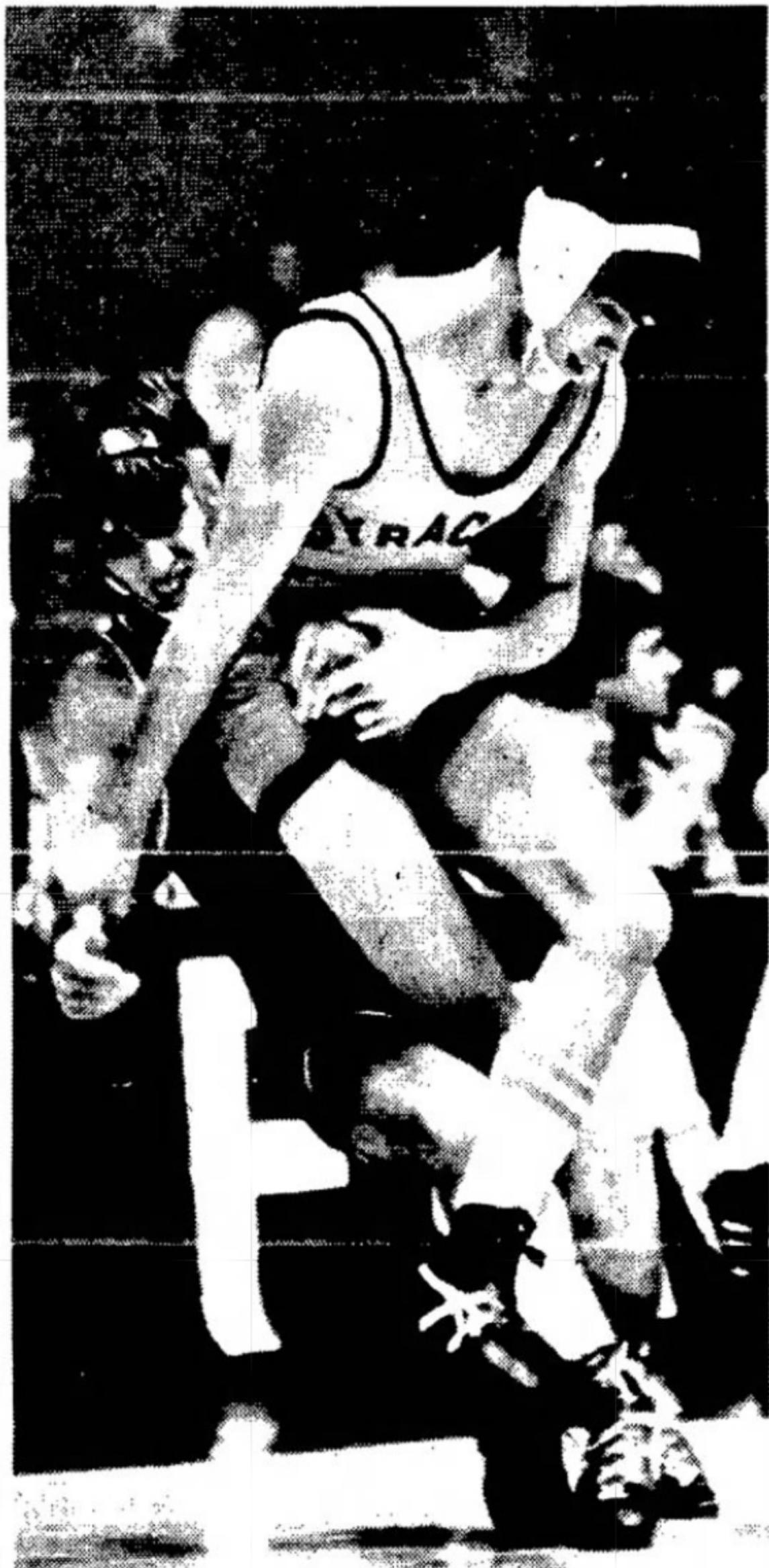
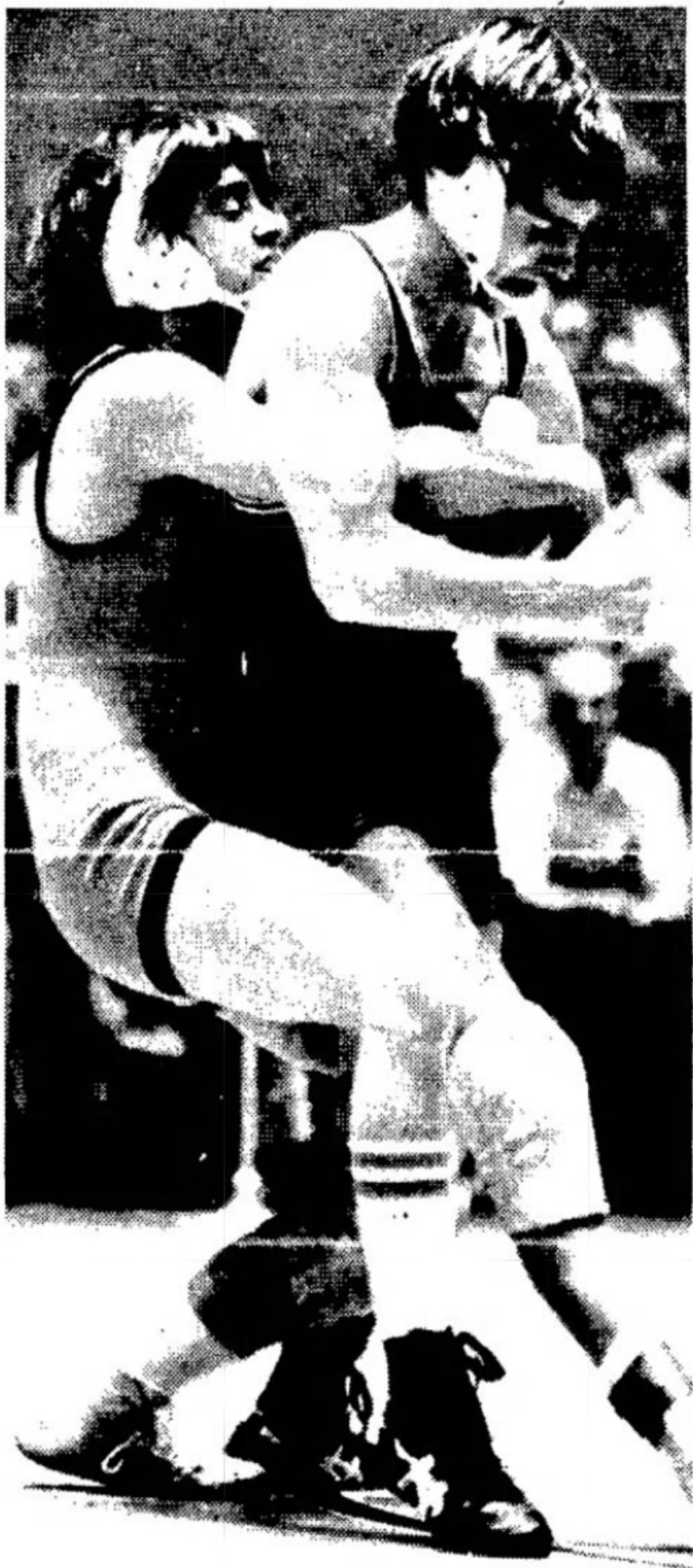
But Philadelphia's Les Crozier tallied an unassisted goal at 10:22 of the first session as Peter Folco sat in the penalty box for high-sticking. It was to be the first of two short-handed goals that the 'Birds capitalized on during the game, the second by Michel Plante at 7:20 of the third period gave the Firebirds the lead, 3-2.

Howie Heggedal had tied the game for Philly, 2-2, with the only goal of the second period coming at 8:10 on passes from Bob Collyard and Gordie Brooks.

But Peter Mara tied things up again, 3-3, at 7:29 of the third with Allie Sutherland and Tom Milani assisting, setting the stage for Johnston's 11th game-winning goal of the season. Johnston leads the league in that department with Broome's Rod Bloomfield second with seven game-winners.

Rick Szabo stopped 33 shots in the Blazer nets to pick up the victory as he improved his record to 5-2-1. Philly's Rejean Lemelin turned aside 30 shots in a losing effort.

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### ***Rising to Their Challenges***

Syracuse University freshman wrestler Gene Mills (left) hoists Randy Brungard of Franklin and Marshall off his feet in the first period of their Eastern Tournament 118-pound quarterfinal bout last night at Manley Field House. Mills pinned his foe at 3:15, advancing to today's noon

semis. Orangeman George Medina (right) finds himself similarly airborne against Doug Parise of Temple, but Medina won handily, 15-5, and also qualified for the semifinals, in the 134-pound class

P-S photo by John Dowling

# EWAA Results

## PRELIMINARY ROUND

118—Coleman (Army) dec. Foltiny (Rutgers), 9-1; Hawley (Prince) dec. Tonai (Yale), 9-2; Brungard (F-M) dec. Mansfield (Wilkes), 19-5; Mills (SU) pinned Alberti (Colum), 1:20; Keene (Cor) pinned Gehring (Navy), 6:58; McNelis (E. Str.) dec. Albert (Harv), 12-2; Vance (Temple) pinned Josephski (Colg), 3:28; Bastianelli (Leh) pinned Matsumoto (Penn), 1:24.

126—Mahonski (Wilkes) won by default over Ford (F-M), 2:45; Shoemaker (E. Str) dec. Kotmel (Cor), 6-3; Vottero (Army) pinned Vas (Temple), 6:25; Dugas (SU) dec. Lijo (Rutgers), 7-0; Leonhardt (Leh) dec. Sama (Colum), 10-2; Rabin (Colg) dec. Davis (Yale), 8-2; Dabney (Prince) dec. Yasunaga (Harv), 3-1; Beck (Navy) pinned Birkner (Penn), 1:21.

134—Medina (SU) dec. Miller (Yale) 17-3; Parise (Temple) dec. Cuff (E. Str.), 6-1; Mousetis (F-M) dec. Sinisgali (Cor), 15-10; Sloand (Lehigh) pinned Meyer (Army), 5:16; Balum (Wilkes) pinned Cusamano (Harv), 4:59; Sussman (Rutgers) dec. Farley (Colg), 5-0; Roesch (Prince) dec. Lazzopina (Penn), 13-2; McHugh (Colum) dec. Episcopo (Navy), 5-4.

142—Rivera (Temple) pinned Picone (E. Str.), 3:46; Oliver (Rutgers) dec. Greene (SU), 2-1; Santiago (Colum) dec. Snyder (Penn), 16-6; Sculley (Lehigh) dec. Hughes (Army), 11-0; Bauer (Navy) pinned Mulvihill (Harv), 5:54; Traylor (Yale) dec. Hernley (F-M), 15-9; Lear (Wilkes) dec. Means (Cor), 9-6; Perkins (Colg) dec. Carey (Prince), 10-2.

150—Kihlstadius (Navy) dec. Densberger (Wilkes), 11-5; Leslie (Colg) dec. Kennedy (F-M), 16-4; Richer (SU) pinned Harris (Cor), 6:22; Kessel (E. Str) pinned Rivera (Temple), 5:31; Grubman (Prince) dec. Bixby (Harv), 8-2; Allegar (Lehigh) pinned Wolff (Penn), 4:16; Sullivan (Army) dec. Battaglia (Rutgers), 4-3; D'Annunzio (Yale) pinned Shapiro (Colum), 7:37.

158—Miron (Prince) dec. Van Horn (Army), 9-3; MacLean (Wilkes) dec. Woodruff (Colg), 5-3; Mullin (Colum) dec. Corcoran (Harv), 11-2; Althans (Navy) pinned Nigogosyan (Cor), 7:46; Moffa (Rutgers) dec. Wochele (Penn), 6-2; Myers (F-M) dec. Carroll (E. Str.), 12-11; Akins (Temple) dec. Wilson (SU), 6-6, 2-0, ot.; Deacon (Lehigh) pinned Williamson (Yale), 2:21.

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167—Clemons (Wilkes) dec. Ramos (Army), 13-3; Kastner (Colg) dec. Rezen (Cor), 12-0; Slack (Temple) dec. LeVine (PenA), 7-5; Lieberman (Lehigh) pinned Wagner (Colum), 3:41; Fleischer (Navy) dec. Ritrievi (Prince), 14-0; Aldrich (Rutgers) dec. Jordan (F-M), 26-3; Engelhardt (SU) dec. Frank (Yale) 5-0; Vargo (E. Str.), dec. Bordley (Harv), 9-0.

177—Morina (Temple) dec. Philippi (Penn), 12-2; Kiefer (Rutgers) pinned Paterno (F-M), 5-0; Walton (SU) dec. Palladino (Cor), 10-4; Brown (Lehigh) pinned Falcone (E. Str), 4:59; Ely (Prince) pinned Kalbacher (Colum), 1:20; D'Agostino (Harv) dec. Rachlin (Colg), 13-2; McPhee (Army) dec. Linson (Yale), 8-1; Cook (Wilkes) dec. Hanson (Navy), 10-2.

190—Baumgartner (Penn) pinned Cooper (Yale), 0:38; Lehman (E. Str) dec. Thompson (Army), 14-2; Flynn (Temple) dec. Ballock (Prince), 7-4; McCorkel (Lehigh) pinned Smith (Harv), 5:35; Cooper (Navy) pinned Littlejohn (Cor), 5:55; Morrell (Colg) dec. Martin (Colum), 7-2; Ponzio (SU) dec. McCrum (F-M), 7-1; Gregrow (Wilkes) Haughey (Rutgers), 9-0.

Uni—Glasgow (Penn) dec. Daly (Temple) 2-2, 3-0, of.; Mason (Colg) dec. Byrtus (Cor), 7-3; Talarico (Lehigh) dec. Gentilin (Rutgers), 20-0; Seffer (Prince) pinned Cella (F-M), 1:41; Smith (Harv) pinned Maruch (Yale), 3:55; Matzelle (Army) dec. Phelan (Colum), 11-1; Mygas (Navy) dec. House (Wilkes), 13-4; Oshinsky (SU) dec. Kaminovskiy (E. Str.), 11-1.

## QUARTERFINAL RESULTS

118—Coleman dec. Hawley, 8-8, 8-1, of; Mills pinned Brungard, 3:15; Keene dec. McNells, 16-1; Vance dec. Bastianelli, 5-5, 8-3, of.

126—Shoemaker pinned Mahonski, 2:31; Dugas dec. Vottero, 8-3; Leonhardt dec. Rabin, 6-2; Dabney dec. Beck, 8-2.

134—Kedina dec. Parise, 15-5; Sloand dec. Mousoffis, 17-4; Balum dec. Sussman, 7-3; McHugh dec. Roesch, 8-5.

142—Rivera dec. Oliver, 14-7; Sculley pinned Santiago, 7:39; Traylor dec. Bauer, 3-2; Lear dec. Perkins, 14-5.

150—Kihlstadius dec. Leslie, 12-2; Kessel dec. Richer, 12-2; Grubman dec. Allegar, 10-3; D'Annunzio dec. Sullivan, 11-5.

158—MacLean dec. Miron, 3-3, 3-2, of; Althans dec. Mullin, 15-3; Moffa dec. Myers, 11-3; Deacon dec. Akins, 10-6.

167—Clemons dec. Kastner, 12-7; Lieberman pinned Slack, 1:47; Fleischer dec. Aldrich, 9-1; Vargo dec. Engelhardt, 4-0.

177—Morina pinned Kiefer, 0:39; Brown won by default over Walton, 5:00; Ely pinned D'Agostino, 1:33; Cook pinned McPhee, 4:31.

190—Baumgartner pinned Lehman, 4:46; McCorkel dec. Flynn, 8-1; Cooper dec. Morrell, 12-4; Gregrow dec. Ponzio, 17-1.

Uni—Glasgow dec. Mason, 2-1; Seffer dec. Talarico, 8-0; Matzelle dec. Smith, 5-2; Mygas dec. Oshinsky, 8-1.

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

### SEMIFINAL PAIRINGS

118—Coleman vs. Mills; Keene vs. Vance. 126—Shoemaker vs. Dugas; Leonhardt vs. Dabney. 134—Medina vs. Sloand, Balum vs. McHugh. 142—Rivera vs. Sculley, Traylor vs. Lear.

150—Kihlstadius vs. Kessel, Grubman vs. D'Annunzio. 158—MacLean vs. Althans, Moffa vs. Deacon. 167—Clemons vs. Lieberman, Fleischer vs. Vargo. 177—Morina vs. Brown, Ely vs. Cook. 190—Baumgartner vs. McCorkel, Cooper vs. Gregrow. Uni—Glasgow vs. Seffer, Matzelle vs. Mygas.

## TEAM SCORING

### (QUALIFIERS FOR SEMIS)

Lehigh 52.25 (7), Wilkes 38.75 (6), Navy 36 (5), Princeton 29 (4), Temple 28 (3), Syracuse 25.75 (3), East Stroudsburg 23.5 (3), Army 16.75 (2), Rutgers 14.75 (1), Colgate 12.5 (none), Pennsylvania 12 (2), Yale 11.5 (2), Columbia 10 (1), Cornell 7.25 (1), Harvard 6.5 (none), Franklin and Marshall 4.25 (none).

## SYRACUSE WRESTLEBACKS

150—Rivera (Temple) dec. Richer, 5-4; 167—Engelhardt dec. Bordley (Harvard), 11-2; 177—Morina dec. Kiefer; 190—Baumgartner (Penn) dec. Ponzio, 5-1; Uni—House (Wilkes) pinned Oshinsky, 11-1.