

F. AND M. MAT STARS SHONE AT NATIONAL MEET

Lancaster, Today. — (AP). — It remained for Franklin and Marshall College to save the East from a complete whitewash in the National Collegiate Wrestling Championships which were held at Lehigh University, Friday and Saturday. The big upset of the meet occurred immediately after "Pat" Johnson, a young man who learned his wrestling in Oklahoma, but who now represents Harvard University, was presented with a silver cup as one of the two outstanding wrestlers of the 98 contestants that represented the cream of 31 colleges of the United States.

Up to this point all the eastern champions had been eliminated and it looked as though the East was in for a complete rout. The best of the East were all eliminated by the westerners. Johnson, after receiving the cup, made a gracious bow and stepped on the mat to meet the last of the easterners, Roy Phillips of Franklin and Marshall College, who had been trained down from the 145 pound class in which he had wrestled this year for the 135 pound division.

The Lehigh gymnasium was packed to the rafters and bedlam broke loose as Phillips and Johnson shook hands. But in five minutes and 10 seconds Phillips nailed Johnson to the mat with a headlock.

The demonstration that followed begged description. Previous to this, Phillips defeated two other contestants which gave him the chance to meet Johnson.

This gave the Franklin and Marshall College entry an opportunity to become the second best 135 pounder in the colleges of the United States. Phillips was the only easterner to place in this tournament and the first F. and M. man to ever receive National recognition in a wrestling tournament comprising the best in this country.

To "Russ" Bleakley credit must be given as being a real battler. He first met Rex Peery, of Oklahoma Aggies, who was one of the two finalists in the Olympics this year and also won the 118-pound championship Saturday.

Peery tried all he knew to pin the Blue and White entry but the best he could do was to get a time decision. Bleakley was then called upon to meet Lawrence Gibson, "Big Six" champion from Iowa State and who represented a college that already had won three championships in the meet. After a terrific battle the local man won. Immediately after that he was called upon to meet Joseph Puerta, last year's National champion from Illinois, and who represented Spain in the Olympics. After a hectic battle, Puerta won on a slim time decision.

In the 126-pound class "Red" Bader, of Franklin and Marshall, started out like a real champion when he defeated Scherzer, from Ohio, in 8 minutes and 10 seconds. He injured his arm in this bout and fell a victim to Oliver Cellini, from Indiana University, losing out by a fall in 9 minutes. He shows promise of going a long way in the wrestling world.

Paul Cassel was unfortunate in drawing Alan Kelly, from Oklahoma Aggies, in the first round of the 145 pound class. Kelly has never been defeated and was the other contestant whom the judges picked as outstanding wrestlers. Kelly defeated Cassel by a time decision. Later Kelly tackled Ben Bishop, of Lehigh, whom he also defeated by a time decision.

It was by far the biggest and best meet ever conducted by the National College Athletic association. The west, as usual, copped nearly all the honors. The Eastern champions were never in the running. Therefore, Phillips, who made the best showing of any easterner in copping second place, is entitled to the glory which goes with a winner in a meet of such magnitude. The local boys were plenty in evidence all through the meet, so much so that Illinois, Indiana, Iowa State College, Oklahoma and Northwestern all want to schedule F. and M. in dual meets next year. F. and M. should have a well balanced team with the whole squad intact and with the experience gained in the Lehigh meet.