



Cheap Sports or Good Sportsmen

Scores of collegiate wrestlers are now at Lehigh seeking to win individual championships in the Nationals being held in Taylor gymnasium. Representing colleges scattered from Massachusetts to Colorado and from Wisconsin to North Carolina, they are giving everything they have to reach the finals and ultimately to attain one of the coveted crowns.

Not one of them is either looking for or welcoming a display of partisanship and favoritism to aid him in his quest. However, each of them is expecting fairness, unbiased decisions, and a manifestation of sportsmanship not only by his opponents but also by the spectators. Throughout their entire collegiate careers, many of the visiting matmen have been anticipating such competition and fitting themselves for this opportunity to gain recognition of their wrestling ability. Now they feel that they should be allowed to wrestle unhampered by the plaguing of an intensely partisan crowd. This feeling is entirely justified and should be accorded every respect.

This is not a dual meet. It is not a team championship. It is a tournament to determine which are the best men in college wrestling, and Lehigh is acting as host to innumerable contestants all striving to attain the same end. Every loyal Lehigh undergraduate is backing the Brown and White representatives every inch of the way, but if he is sportsman enough to have a feeling of sportsmanship, he will refrain from wild cheering for Lehigh wrestlers just as he will refrain from booing and heckling their opponents. This is an excellent opportunity to show that Lehigh men are gentlemen and not an ill-assorted group of cheap, small town sports.
