

Eight Matmen Return West With Crowns

Oklahoma A. and M. and
Iowa State Grapplers
Sweep National Wrestling
Championship Meet

**Kelly, Aggie 145-lb. Star, Beats
Foy Stout in Sensational Bout**

By Martin Reed

Western wrestlers galloped into Bethlehem Friday, manhandled the best matmen in the East for two days and then galloped westward again with all eight national intercollegiate championships.

Oklahoma A. and M. and Iowa State divided the mythical team championship Saturday night before 1,500 enthusiasts in Taylor gymnasium as each team snared three individual championships. Southwestern State Teachers college, of Oklahoma, and the University of Indiana, Big Ten champions, won the remaining two titles to complete the humbling of Eastern wrestling prowess.

Using a hard, fast, gruelling style of grappling unfamiliar in the East, the rough and ready men from beyond the Mississippi rode roughshod over all opposition through the simple expedient of wearing down their opponents and then utilizing an exhaustive knowledge of the sport to gain the winning decisions and falls.

Devine, the Indiana Big Ten champion who gained the 135-lb. championship, wrestled more after the accepted Eastern fashion but even he brought his legs into constant use to earn the victories which brought him the crown.

Kelly Wins Fast Bout

Sensational bouts were the order of the meet but none was more thrilling than the struggle between Alan Kelly, of A. and M., and Foy Stout, of Southwestern State Teachers college. Wrestling at a lung-threatening pace throughout the ten minutes of the regular bout, these two fighting welterweights had to go to extra periods to decide a battle which had raged alternately upon the mat and upon foot. Kelly was a veritable whirlwind but Stout in addition to doing some wind whirling himself, was strong and aggressive.

Entering the first extra period, both men seemed as fast-moving and untired as they had seemed ten minutes before. However, after they had thrown themselves over every inch of the mat, Kelly finally brought his Southwestern rival down with a half nelson and crotch hold to pin him in 2:12 in the first extra period. Stout, by that time, was too exhausted to continue with the second overtime period.

The evening's biggest upset was not long in coming. In the first championship bout, Rex Peery, of A. and M., not only defeated Joseph Puerta, the defending 118-lb. champion, but so completely dominated him throughout the entire bout that the two men did not seem to be in the same class as wrestlers.

Puerta, with his uninterrupted string of victories and his imposing conquests in the Olympic tryouts, never had a chance. Peery was over him, under him, and around him all at the same time. Staying behind his more renowned opponent long enough to gain a 6:09 time advantage, Peery gave one of the smartest exhibitions of the evening.

Martin Throws England

Another spectacular match was that between George Martin, Big Six champion of Iowa State, and Orville England, Southwestern Teachers sophomore. For almost two-thirds of the bout, England had all the better of the going, but Martin's strength together with the desire of the Lehigh rooters to see the latter win so that Peck might get a chance to compete for second place, kept the spectators cheering wildly throughout.

Shortly after the eight-minute mark had been passed, the Iowa

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State grappler rolled out from beneath England, succeeded in obtaining a half nelson and body press, pinned his man in 8:46, and won the national 165-lb. championship.

After a narrow escape from losing by a fall to George Walcott, big Lehigh heavyweight, in his first match, Ralph Teague, Southwestern's Olympic team member, waded through the rest of the heavyweight entries to win the unlimited class title without appearing to extend himself.

Comparatively small and weighing only 190 pounds, Teague's appearance completely belied his strength and wrestling ability. In his final match against Robert Jones, Indiana Olympic finalists and Big Ten champion, Teague displayed his class as he handled the Hoosier with surprising ease. His time advantage was 6:27.

When he finally succeeded in breaking a punishing scissors and came out from under, Ross Flood, Oklahoma A. and M. sophomore, went to work on R. L. Emmons, Illinois' Big Ten titlist in the 126-lb. class, and soon had his shoulders clamped to the mat with a body scissors and half nelson. The time was 3:40.

Fast on his feet and aggressive, Flood, who had thrown Batson, of the Army, in the preliminaries, seemed to be master of the situation after he had broken the leg hold with which his opponent had thrown Dalling, Lehigh's Eastern Intercollegiate champion, in an earlier match.

Devine Defeats Johnson

Despite the fact that Pat Johnson, undefeated Harvard 135-pounder, had gained a winning time advantage and appeared certain to win, the other Pat in this match, Pat Devine, Big Ten champion of Indiana, stayed right with him and in face of imminent defeat rolled his man over with a keylock to win in 7:06.

Johnson, who together with Kelly, of A. and M., was voted one of the two outstanding wrestlers of the tournament, quickly went to the mat with Devine and was gradually gaining enough time to earn for himself the 135-lb. championship when he was caught in the hold which caused his downfall. Weakened by his match with Devine, Johnson was later thrown by Phillips, of F. and M., in his second-place bout.

Gus Kremer, the only Lehigh man to win his way to the finals, made his supreme effort against Glen Brown, of Indiana and a Big Ten champion this year, in the semi-finals Saturday afternoon. Forced to battle through two torrid extra periods, Kremer was in such poor condition physically that he fell an easy victim in the finals to the heady wrestling of Iowa State's Merrill Frevert, undefeated Big Six champion at 155 pounds. Kremer, who was one of the surprises of the meet, never had a chance against the Iowa State senior who had gained a hasty 48-second fall over Landis, of V. M. I., that afternoon. Landis defeated the exhausted Kremer for second place later in the evening.

Dupree Proves Surprise

In the 175-lb. class, Robert Hess, Olympic representative from Iowa State, threw Gordon Dupree, of A. and M., after staving off his most threatening challenger in the afternoon when he won a decision over the injured Wes Brown, Northwestern Olympic finalist. Dupree gave Hess unexpected trouble but he fell a victim to a bar arm and chancery and was thrown in 5:46. Up until the time of the fall neither man had an appreciable time advantage and it seemed certain that extra periods would be necessitated to decide the ultimate winner.