

Sidelights On Mat Tourney

By Bob Moore

Although Western wrestlers showed themselves to be somewhat out of Lehigh's class, the National bouts only served to further strengthen Lehigh's claim to Eastern supremacy. This is born out by the fact that out of the eight Eastern wrestlers who reached the semi-finals, four of them were Brown and White matmen.

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Rex Peery, 118-lb. champion from Oklahoma, A. and M., is reputed to be the father of two young sons. Well, Junior, be careful not to swallow Daddy's medal.

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By the way, the cups for the outstanding competitors were both awarded to Irishmen, Alan Kelly and Pat Johnson. This may prove absolutely nothing, but the judges certainly must have had courage in their convictions, Lehigh being in the heart of the Pennsylvania Dutch country.

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The ten-gallon hats which the Oklahoma A. and M. team wore are not the conventional garb of the cowboys but are worn only for show purposes. It is rumored that these boys train by arising at six in the morning, running five miles before breakfast, studying in the morning and wrestling all afternoon. This may or may not be true, but they certainly knew their stuff. We wonder if the college is co-ed.

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One of the fastest bouts of the meet was the Johnson-McCrary tussel. Perhaps this extra stamina was due to the fact that both these boys hail from the same town in Oklahoma. If, by any chance, they had not met before they certainly must have become "close" friends during the course of the bout. Fans who were surprised at the exceptional ability of this boy McCrary, a hitherto unheard of wrestler, will doubtless be interested to learn that he wrestled for two years at Cornell before going to West Point.

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Somewhat of a prize-fight atmosphere was lent to the meet when, at the conclusion of the finals, five members of the Olympic wrestling team were presented to the crowd. Among their number was "Red" Riley last year's heavyweight champion who, in addition to his wrestling prowess, was an All-American tackle.

