

# NCAA Tourney Opens With 72 in First Round; C. Thomas Wins Match



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## Bonino Favored to Take Title in Unlimited Division

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700 SPECTATORS  
AT FIRST SESSION

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## C. Thomas Gains Unani- mous Decision in 145- Pound Preliminaries

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By DON CARMODY

The National Collegiate wrestling tournament, constituting a semi-final Olympic tryout, opened this afternoon in Doremus gymnasium, with 72 contestants weighing in, and approximately 700 persons attending the afternoon session.

Calvert Thomas, a sophomore on the Blue and White wrestling squad, who has been substituting for Glenn Shively at 145, gave the crowd a thrill by several near-pins, and by completely outclassing his opponent, Donald Dailey, of Minnesota. Calvert won by a unanimous decision of the judges and has one "bad mark" scored against him.

In the 123-pound class, Willard Duffy, Big Ten Champion, and second place winner in last year's collegiate tournament, easily defeated Stepansky of Temple by the fall route in 2 minutes and 26 seconds. Rowland Thomas, W. & L., and three-year Southern conference champion at 118, lost to D. C. Matthews of Oklahoma university, Big Six champion at 126, by a unanimous decision of the judges, after a hard-fought battle that looked very even.

Archie Witt of V. M. I. struck a piece of tough luck in the drawing, getting Wayne Martin of Oklahoma U., two-year National champ, and Big Six champion. Archie showed up well for the first two minutes, but slipped into a fatal hold, and Martin showed his superior ability, pinning Witt after 2 minutes and 20 seconds of wrestling.

Late afternoon bouts will feature Seitz of W. & L., and Jacob of Michigan State, Kielhorn of Iowa U., and Steidtmann of V. M. I., Bishop of Lehigh and Blackwelder of Davidson, Vogel of Navy and Hetrick of F. & M., McDaniel of Indiana and Sterngold of Lehigh, and Dupree of Oklahoma A. & M., and Hugo Bonino of W. & L.

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