

Grapplers Take Second In Interstates; Six To Compete In National Tournament

Michigan State Dethrones Flashes As Porowski, Rippberger Lose

Six men will represent Kent State university at the national wrestling tournament to be held at East Lansing, Mich., March 27-28, Coach Joe Begala intimated yesterday after reviewing the results of the interstate mat tourney held Friday and Saturday.

The Golden Flashes failed in their bid for their ninth interstate title in 11 years of competition, finishing second behind Michigan State's Spartans.

The wrestlers making the trip to East Lansing will be defending Kent State's fifth place ranking among the nation's grappling squads.

Duane Hague and Bob Bader, both of whom captured interstate championships, are certain to make the trip. Don Rippberger, whose excellent showing gained him runner-up spot in the 121-pound class, is also fairly certain of going to the nationals.

Entries Not Known

Whether or not Walt Porowski, Joe Incorvaia, and Earl Stanley will be given a chance to try for national honors will be definitely decided after next week when the Flashes resume practice. Rest until next Monday is slated for the matmen, Begala said.

Stanley, wrestling the 155-pound spot, was eliminated in the finals, winning second place.

Porowski and Incorvaia, both in far from peak condition, were pinned in the semi-finals, coming off with third places.

Incorvaia was handicapped by an injured shoulder and Porowski was ahead of his man on points before his fall. Porowski was still weak from his long siege of illness, due to a football injury, and lost his interstate championship.

Weigle Pinned

Dick Weigle was pinned in the first round, as Kent State advanced seven of its eight men to the semi-finals. Dave Paulus was pinned in the second round.

In last year's national tournament, Mike Slepecky led the Flash grapplers to their fifth-place ranking by taking second in the 128-pound division. His loss to the army air corps in mid-season was one of Kent State's biggest setbacks.

Slepecky last year won an easy decision over Antonucci, Indiana ace and defending champion, and he pinned Talbutt, Oklahoma A. & M. pre-meet favorite, and also Jensen of Iowa, runner-up in 1940.

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