

National Collegiate Wrestling Championships

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The 18th annual National Collegiate Wrestling Championships were held at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa., Friday and Saturday, March 19 and 20, 1948.

Unlike the usual tournaments, Olympic Rules were used and both contestants and spectators were greatly confused over the technicalities. However, the tournament was witnessed by capacity crowds and after the Friday sessions much of the difficulties were straightened out and Saturday's finals went along on scheduled time. It is the consensus of opinion of all concerned that a much better tournament would have been had under our American rules.

However, after the final Olympic Tryouts it was the general opinion that the tournament under Olympic rules was a help to the college men and officials. The experience was worth while for the contestants and officials. Olympic weight classes as well as rules were used. A clinic for officials was held the evening of the 18th of March.

Team Scores: Oklahoma A&M, 33; Michigan St. College, 28; Illinois University, 23; Iowa St. Teachers, 15; Purdue University, 15; Iowa University, 15; Minnesota University, 12; Waynesburg College, 11; Navy, 9; Colorado A&M College, 9; Iowa State College, 9; Lock Haven Teachers, 7; Nebraska University, 5; Franklin & Marshall College, 3; Lehigh University, 3; Penn State College, 2; Rutgers University, 2; Indiana University, 2; Hofstra College, 2; Syracuse University, 2; Kansas State College, 1; Williams College, 1; Colorado College, 1.

A brief summary of the 1948 NCAA Wrestling Championships follows:

Number of schools competing, 29; number of competitors, 98; number of sessions, 4; number of bouts, 170; number of falls, 101 (new record); number of defaults, 8; number of officials used, 4.

Clever and versatile 147-pounder William Koll, Iowa State Teachers College, won the coaches award for the second year as the outstanding wrestler of the tournament.

Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association met under H. E. Kenney, retiring president. The following officers were elected: President, Billy Sheridan, Lehigh University; vice-president, Fendley Collins, Michigan State College; secretary-treasurer, Julius Wagner, Colorado A&M College; membership secretary, Albert (Bo) Place, Denver, Colo.

INDIVIDUAL PLACE WINNERS

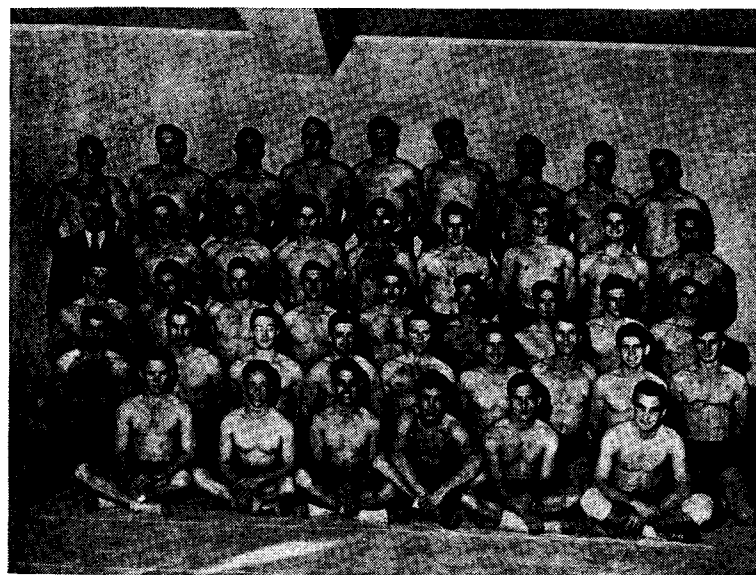
Division	Champion	Second	Third	Fourth
114.5 lb.....	Plaza (Purdue)	Mann (Illinois)	Jernigan (Okla. A&M)	Gustine (Lockhaven)
125.5 lb.....	Lewis (Waynesburg)	Macias (Iowa U.)	McDaniel (Okla. A&M)	McDonald (Michigan State)

Division	Champion	Second	Third	Fourth
126.5 lb.....	Dickenson (Michigan State)	Bauer (Okla. A&M)	Verga (Lockhaven)	Garcia (Illinois)
147.5 lb.....	*Koll (Iowa S. T. C.)	Fletcher (Navy)	Copple (Nebraska)	Anderson (Michigan State)
160.5 lb.....	St. Clair (Okla. A&M)	**Mikles (Michigan State)	Mullison (Colo. A&M)	Thomas (Waynesburg)
174 lb.....	Brand (Iowa St. Col.)	Vancott (Purdue)	**Scarpello (Iowa U.)	Gaumer (Illinois)
191 lb.....	Gagne (Minnesota U.)	Gottfried (Illinois)	Geigel (Iowa U.)	Alitz (Iowa S. T. C.)
Heavyweight.....	*Hutton (Okla. A&M)	Maldegan (Michigan State)	McGraw (Colo. A&M)	Archer (Illinois)

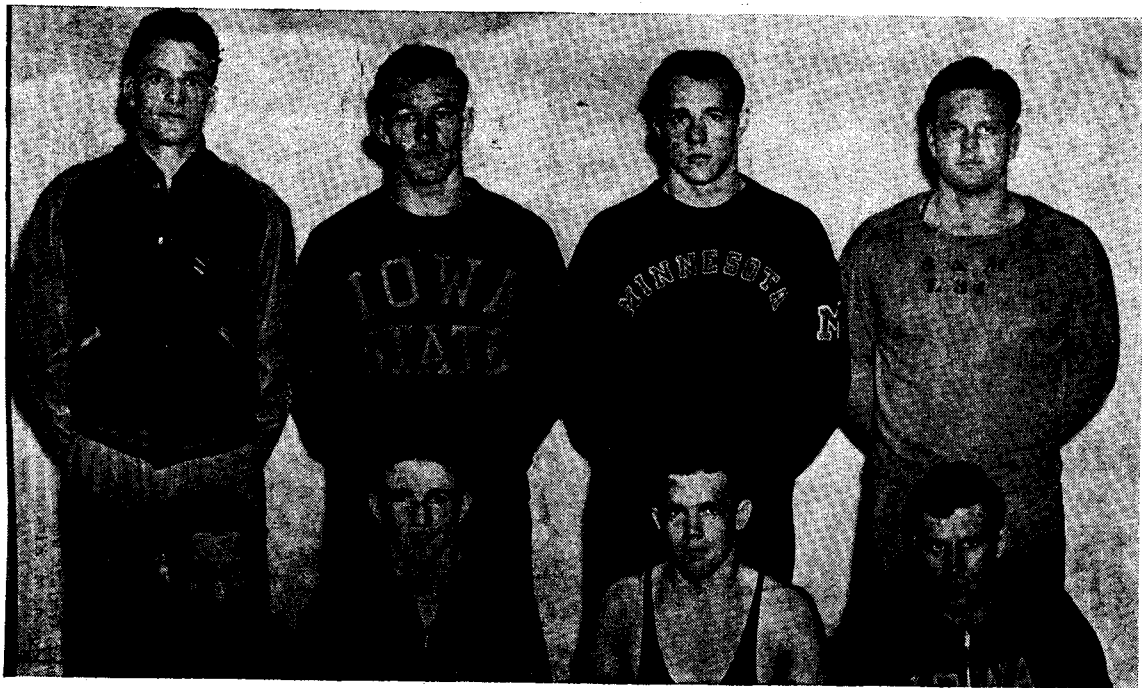
Champions and place winners qualified for the final Olympic Tryouts.

* Successfully defended title.

** Defeated Champions.



TOP GRAPPLERS IN THE NCAA: Oklahoma A&M's wrestling squad which captured the NCAA title by ten points, left to right, first row—Peninger, Christenberry, Stokesberry, Meeker, Moore, McDaniel; second row—George Kline, Williams, Jernigan, Lundy, Layman, Hetrick, Daniels, Harvey; third row—Hicks O., Horn, Fowlkes, Bowker, Bauer (captain), Levine, Snodgrass, Kilpatrick, Vann; fourth row—Griffith A. (coach), Griffith Jack, Hicks E., Tedder, Goeringer, Rains, Hunt, Griffith James, Fucci; fifth row—Moore, Hutton, Gregson, Tucker, Hodgkinson, Kirkpatrick, St. Clair, Sealey, Melbourne, Flesner.



BEST IN THEIR CLASS: NCAA Individual Champions for 1948 are left to right, first row—Plaza, Purdue, 114½ pounds, Lewis, Waynesburg, 125½; Dickinson, Michigan State, 136½; Koll, Iowa St. Thr. 147½; second row—St. Clair, Oklahoma A&M, 160½; Brand, Iowa St., 174; Gagne, Minnesota, 191; Hutton, Oklahoma A&M, heavyweight.