

TEACHERS MATMEN LOOK TO AAU MEET

Would Help State of Iowa Continue to Lead Amateur Wrestling in United States

The state of Iowa gets another chance to prove that it dominates the amateur wrestling picture in the United States this weekend in the national AAU tournament at Hofstra college in Hempstead, N. Y.

Iowa State Teachers college—winner of the national collegiate championship in Cedar Falls last weekend—will defend its AAU crown, and the five NCAA individual champions from the state of Iowa will bid for AAU titles.

With ISTC wrestlers winning three individual championships and Cornell college and Iowa university claiming one each, only three NCAA titles went to non-Iowans.

The Iowa domination didn't end on the mat. The American Association of Wrestling coaches and officials named ISTC Coach Dave McCuskey president of that group for the coming year.

Next year's NCAA tourney site is yet to be set, but reports heard during the tourney in Cedar Falls indicated that the 1951 meet will be in the east—probably at Lehigh in Bethlehem, Pa., or Penn State at Philadelphia, Pa.

These Iowans won titles in the NCAA and will set out this weekend to score doubles by taking AAU titles: Lowell Lange, Cornell; Keith Young, ISTC; Bill Nelson, ISTC; Bill Smith, ISTC, and Joe Scarpello, Iowa.

A full ISTC squad will represent the NCAA kings in the AAU. Coach McCuskey said Monday that he will take a squad of nine var-

did fine jobs. The Waterloo Amvets and Chamber were hosts to a free feed for coaches and officials Thursday night. The Cedar Falls Amvets and Chamber of Commerce fed and entertained officials Friday night.

Gorgeous George: The professional wrestlers looked in on the college wrestlers Saturday night in parody. Gorgeous George, with all his retinue, stalked on the mat before the start of the consolation finals—in the person of Jack Slyfield, ISTC student—and lost to little Ralph Laird who pinned him with a double angle snarl hold in a performance that brought down the house.

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Cedar Falls — The Iowa State Teachers college wrestlers, NCAA champs, will be honored by the school Tuesday morning. No classes will be in session during the morning, with the celebration starting at 8 a. m., in the college Auditorium. After the program at the Auditorium, the squad will be taken to the fieldhouse. There all members of the AAU traveling squad will be present at a pep meeting.

sity men and three freshmen. The freshmen will be wrestling in the tourney unattached.

The Teachers squad making the trip to Hempstead: John Harrison at 115 pounds; Frank Altman, 121; Luverne Klar and Floyd Oglesby, 136; Young, 145; Nelson, 155; Smith, 165, and Fred Stoeker, heavyweight. The freshmen are Bill Weick, 155; Don Bailey, 155, and Clyde Dilley, 165.

The Tutors were given the day off Sunday to rest up after capturing the NCAA top spot, but Monday McCuskey had his men back at work, getting ready for the AAU.

The Teachers squad will leave Wednesday for the east to try for their second AAU title in a row. The action in the AAU will be Friday and Saturday.

Harrison, 115 pound AAU champ last year, did not wrestle in the NCAA. The former Ft. Dodge prep star could not defeat Altman, who finished third in NCAA.

Nelson, Young and Smith will be seeking to retain their championship in the AAU which they won last year at Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Other officers who will guide the NCAA coaches' group during the coming year along with President McCuskey are: Dave Bartel-



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Outstanding in NCAA

ma, Minnesota, vice president. Newt Law, Illinois, secretary, and Ray Spraks, Springfield college, membership secretary.

Anthony Gizoni, sophomore from Waynesburg (Pa.) college, was voted the outstanding wrestler in the NCAA. Gizoni defeated a two time NCAA champ, Arnold Plaza of Purdue university, 7-6, in the finals of the 121 pound class.

Gizoni won his way into the final round by defeating Altman, 7-6, in what was rated as one of the top matches in the journey.

Iowa Teachers ran the tournament in championship form. The press facilities and contestants' accommodations were the behind-the-scenes highlight of the entire affair.

Plenty of working room, ample wire and telephone outlets, quick and accurate reporting of results were there, something not present at some previous tournaments.

From the contestants' angle, veteran college wrestlers particularly remarked on the paging system, which gave wrestlers plenty of warning when their matches were coming up. "There just isn't any excuse for being late on the mat," said one.

Also provided were check room facilities for both public and contestants, cots where wrestlers could rest, plenty of locker room space, trainers, medical exams, housing, transportation and so on and on.

L. L. Mendenhall, director of athletics at TC, was in charge, with athletic department members and other faculty members taking various duties.

The Waterloo and Cedar Falls Amvets and Chamber of Commerce



COLLEGIATE WRESTLING'S BEST—Cedar Falls—Here are the top 28 college wrestlers in the nation, all point winners in one of the eight classes of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's 20th annual meet last weekend at Iowa State Teachers college. Seven of the Teachers' eight man squad won points to help their team to an overwhelming team victory. In addition to the Panther contingent, five other Iowans helped make the meet an all-Iowa success.

The champions, left to right, front row, are: Anthony Gizoni (Waynesburg), 121 pounds; Joe Patacsil (Purdue), 128; Lowell Lange (Cornell), 136; Keith Young (Iowa Teachers), 145; Bill Nelson (Iowa Teachers), 155; Bill Smith (Iowa Teachers), 165; Joe Scarpello (Iowa), 175; Dick Hutton (Oklahoma A&M), heavyweight.

Second row, all runnersup, Arnold Plaza (Purdue); Walt Romanowski (Cornell); Floyd Oglesby (Iowa Teachers); Jack Mareno (Purdue); Kenneth Hunte (Syracuse); James LaRock (Ithaca); George Gebhardt (Syracuse); Fred Stoeker (Iowa Teachers).

Third row, all third-placers, Frank Altman (Iowa Teachers); Jack Bluebaugh (Oklahoma U.); Wayne Smith (Navy); James Maurey (Penn State); Byron Todd (Oklahoma A&M); Eugene Gibbons (Michigan State); Bill Vohaska (Illinois); Homer Barr (Penn State).

Fourth row, all fourth placers, Bill Borders (Oklahoma U.); Luverne Klar (Iowa Teachers); Charles Farina (Purdue); Roger Snook (Cornell); Robert Mason (Wyoming); Bill Nardini (Cornell); Dan Mantrone (Auburn); Dick Simmons (Wheaton). (Courier photo.)

They Scored Teachers' Points



Cedar Falls—Iowa State Teachers college Coach Dave McCuskey, back row, left, and his squad of wrestlers who scored points in capturing the 1950 NCAA championship trophy are pictured with their trophy. Left to right, they are: front row, Frank Altman, Luverne Klar, Floyd Oglesby, Keith Young; back row, Coach McCuskey, Bill Smith, Fred Stoeker and Bill Nelson. Young, Smith and Nelson won individual championships. (Courier photo.)