

1953 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE WRESTLING CHAMPIONS: Left to right—Hugh Peery (Pittsburgh); Dick Mueller (Minnesota); Leonard DeAugustino (Lock Haven State); Frank Bettucci (Cornell); Jim Harmon (Iowa Teachers); Don Dickason (Cornell); Ned Blass (Oklahoma A&M); Hud Samson (Penn State); Dan McNair (Auburn).

National Collegiate Championships

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For the first time in 23 years of tournament competition, the National Collegiate wrestling championship belongs to the East. Charlie Speidel's Penn State matmen, unbeaten since 1950 and three times Eastern champions, deposed Oklahoma in the 1953 tourney at State College, Pa., March 27-28.

Virtually every record of the tournament was shattered as the host team rolled up 21 points to 15 for runner-up Oklahoma. There were 208 matches, 127 on opening day, as entries reached an all-time high of 166. Attendance at the four sessions climbed to a new high of 15,000.

The East, which waited until 1951 to cop more than one individual title and until 1952 to gain three, walked off with five individual crowns as Cornell took two, Pittsburgh, Penn State and Lock Haven State one each.

Only one of three defending titlists—Hugh Peery, Pittsburgh 115-pounder—retained his crown as Joe Lemyre, Penn State's 167-pounder and Gene Nicks, Oklahoma A&M heavyweight, were defeated. Even the outstanding wrestler award came to the East when Frank Bettucci, Cornell 147-pounder, was accorded this distinction.

Cornell's Don Dickason, who had eliminated Joe Lemyre in the semi-final round, clinched the team title for Penn State when he won a referee's decision over Oklahoma's Frank Marks in the 167-pound final. But it remained for Hud Samson, Lion 191-pounder, to set off the celebration when he pinned his opponent in the next-to-last bout on Saturday night's card. An overflow crowd of 6,000 was on hand for the final session.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS AND PLACE WINNERS

Class	Champion	Second	Third	Fourth
115-lb.	Peery (Pittsburgh)	Christensen (Northwestern)	Meeks (Illinois)	Half (F&M)
123-lb.	Mueller (Minnesota)	D. Reece (Oklahoma)	McCarron (Iowa Tchr)	Lee (Harvard)
130-lb.	Nalan (Michigan)	R. Lemyre (Penn State)	Howard (Ithaca)	Casalichio (Mich. State)
137-lb.	DeAugustino (Lock Haven)	Compton (Illinois)	Maurey (Penn State)	Scott (Oklahoma)
147-lb.	Bettucci (Cornell)	Hoke (Mich. State)	Don Frey (Penn State)	Uram (Pittsburgh)
157-lb.	Harmon (Iowa Tchr.)	Sniff (Colo. A&M)	Eagleton (Oklahoma)	Perrone (Mich. State)
167-lb.	Dickason (Cornell)	Marks (Oklahoma)	J. Lemyre (Penn State)	Eastham (Brown)
177-lb.	Blass (Okla. A&M)	Paulekas (Army)	Wirds (Iowa State)	Lanzi (Toledo)
191-lb.	Samson (Penn State)	Weber (West Chester)	Torio (Toledo)	Gatto (Iowa Tchr.)
Hvywt.	McNair (Auburn)	Nicks (Okla. A&M)	Kraemer (Pittsburgh)	Ellena (UCLA)

TEAM SCORING

Penn State 21, Oklahoma 15, Cornell 13, Oklahoma A&M 11, Iowa Teachers 11, Pittsburgh 9, Michigan 8, Michigan State 7, Minnesota 7, Lock Haven State 6, Illinois 6, Colorado A&M 6, Northwestern 5, Army 5, West Chester State 5, Toledo 4, Brown 3, UCLA 3, Ithaca 2, Iowa State 2, Washington State 2, Colorado 1, Columbia 1, Indiana 1, Lehigh 1, Franklin & Marshall 1, Harvard 1, Syracuse 1.

National Championship Tournament Results

115-Pound Class

First Round—Helf (F&M) defeated Shehigian (Mich. State) 3-2; Peery (Pittsburgh) defeated Mceks (Illinois) 9-4; Christensen (Northwestern) defeated McLain (Oregon State) 6-2; Cramp (Penn State) defeated Jackson (Arkansas St.) 3-0.

Second Round—Christiansen pinned Cramp in 5:01; Peery defeated Helf, 6-2; Dawkins (Ursinus) defeated Ofsthun (Minnesota) 6-5; Whelan (Southern Ill.) defeated Custer (Lock Haven) 9-5.

Semi-Final Round—Peery defeated Dawkins, 11-1; Christensen defeated Whelan, 4-2.

Final Round—Peery defeated Christiansen, 5-1. Consolation—Mceks defeated Helf, 7-2.

123-Pound Class

First Round—Boda (Cornell) defeated Matsumoto (Illinois) referee's decision; McCarron (Iowa Tchr.) defeated Karnes (Army) 4-2; Hockley (Wyoming) defeated Stubblebine (Springfield) 4-3; Crancer (Arkansas St.) defeated Homan (Penn State) 10-2.

Second Round—D. Reece (Oklahoma) pinned Bredehoft (Cornell Col.) in 8:45; Mancuso (Kansas State) defeated Boda, 6-0; Herschend (Northwestern) defeated McCord (Lehigh) 6-4; Crancer defeated Wilson (BYU) 8-1; Hockley defeated Gibson (Wash. State) 4-0; McCarron defeated Boyko (Toledo) 4-2; Mueller (Minnesota) defeated Lobaugh (Okla. A&M) 3-0.

Third Round—Lee defeated Hockley, 4-2; McCarron defeated Herschend, 5-4; D. Reece pinned Mancuso in 5:34; Mueller defeated Crancer, 5-2.

Semi-Final Round—D. Reece defeated McCarron, 3-0; Mueller defeated Lee, 7-1.

Final Round—Mueller pinned D. Reece in 4:45. Consolation—McCarron defeated Lee, 3-2.

130-Pound Class

First Round—Faust (Lehigh) pinned Motley (VPI) in 5:13; R. Lemyre (Penn State) pinned Casalicchio (Mich. State) in 0:49; Leffler (Toledo) defeated Downey (Auburn) 11-4; Nalan (Michigan) pinned Williams (So. Dak. St.) in 7:11; Datteri (Colo. A&M) defeated Robinson (San Diego St.) 12-3; Howard (Ithaca) defeated Duggan (Iowa) 8-2; Long (Colorado) pinned Rollins (BYU) in 7:58.

Second Round—Nalan defeated Leffler, 7-2; Datteri pinned Faust in 8:16; H. Reece (Oklahoma) pinned Long in 4:22; R. Lemyre defeated Howard, 6-5.

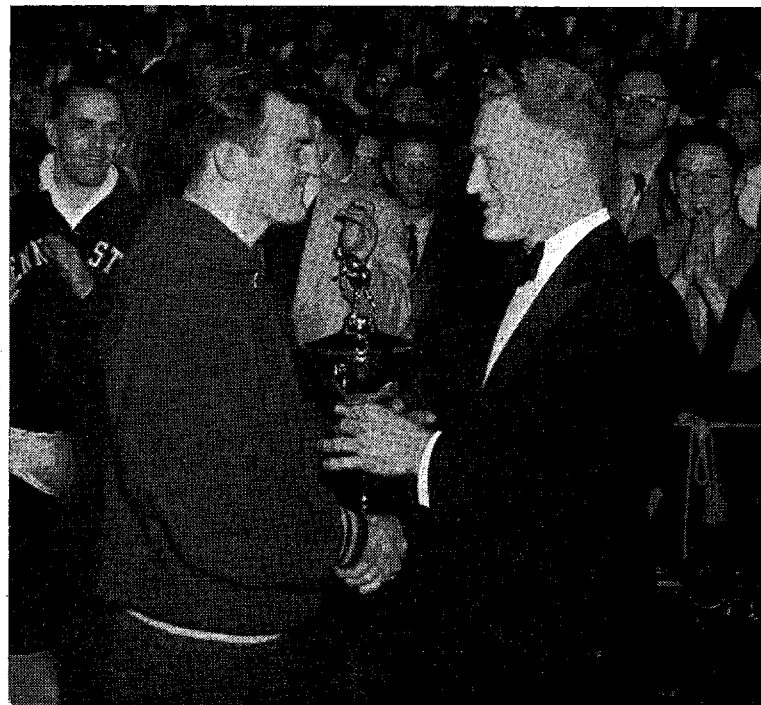
Semi-Final Round—Nalan defeated Datteri, 7-4; R. Lemyre defeated H. Reece, referee's decision.

Final Round—Nalan defeated R. Lemyre, 7-5. Consolation—Howard defeated Casalicchio, 2-1.

137-Pound Class

First Round—Jordan (BYU) defeated Hairston (Lincoln) 6-1; Matthews (Pittsburgh) defeated Sterner (Iowa Tchr.) 12-5.

Second Round—Maurey (Penn State) defeated Ruzic (Iowa State) 3-1; DeAugustino (Lock Haven) defeated Austin (Arkansas St.) 11-1; Scott (Oklahoma) defeated Kaul (Michigan) 6-5; Jordan defeated Murray (Cornell Col.) 7-2; Duncan (Wash. State) pinned Woodward (Colo. A&M) in 8:03; Compton (Illinois) defeated Matthews, 9-3;



OUTSTANDING WRESTLER AWARD is presented to Cornell's Frank Bettucci by Raymond E. Sparks, Springfield College coach, at the conclusion of the 1953 National Collegiate Championships. He won 147-pound laurels.

Norris (Maryland) defeated Blegen (Mankato St.) 8-6; Thompson (Okla. A&M) defeated Miller (Toledo) 5-1.

Third Round—Scott defeated Jordan, 7-0. Compton defeated Duncan, 7-0; DeAugustino defeated Maurey, 4-2; Thompson defeated Norris, 4-3.

Semi-Final Round—DeAugustino defeated Scott, 9-6; Compton defeated Thompson, 5-0.

Final Round—DeAugustino defeated Compton, 3-1. Consolation—Maurey defeated Scott, 10-2.

147-Pound Class

First Round—Bettucci (Cornell) defeated DePranger (Cornell Col.) 8-2; Scandura (Michigan) pinned Midea (Lock Haven) in 5:02; Rayburn (Oklahoma) defeated Garland (Indiana) 9-0.

Second Round—Uram (Pittsburgh) defeated Elwood (Northwestern) 6-0; Bettucci pinned Ballinger (Wyoming) in 5:14; MacEwan (Kent State) defeated Scandura, 6-4; Don Frey (Penn State) defeated Bains (Auburn) 6-1; Brown (VMI) defeated Speck (BYU) 7-0; Morris (Iowa Tchr.) defeated Rayburn, 6-3; Hoke (Mich. State) defeated Carothers (Lincoln) 10-3; Titsworth (Okla. A&M) defeated Lockwood (Colo. A&M) 2-1.

Third Round—Morris pinned Brown in 5:33; Don Frey defeated MacEwan, 6-0; Bettucci defeated Uram, 5-3; Hoke defeated Titsworth, referee's decision.

Semi-Final Round—Bettucci defeated Don Frey, 7-3; Hoke defeated Morris, 3-0.

Final Round—Bettucci defeated Hoke, 6-3. Consolation—Don Frey defeated Uram, referee's decision.

157-Pound Class

First Round—Don Frey (Penn State) defeated Bock (Springfield) 8-0; Streyer (Okla. A&M) defeated Tebben (Army) 6-4; Eagleton (Oklahoma) defeated Miller (Cornell Col.) 4-0; Rooney (Syracuse) pinned Whitehill (Lock Haven) in 4:47; Ellis (Indiana) defeated Rumsfield (Princeton) 6-4; Mahoney (Lehigh) defeated Larsen (Iowa State) 4-1; Perrone (Mich. State) defeated Cobbins (Lincoln) 11-2; Harmon (Iowa Tchr.) defeated Turley (Hofstra) 4-0.

Second Round—Ellis won by default over Mahoney; Harmond defeated Perrone, 8-6; Lee (Michigan) defeated Kramer (Kansas State) 13-9; Fischer (Maryland) defeated Nelson (Wash. State) 7-1; Solomon (Pittsburgh) defeated Arnold (Cornell) 13-7; Rooney defeated Don Frey, 4-3; Sniff (Colo. A&M) pinned Berry (VMI) in 4:04; Eagleton defeated Streyer, 7-1.

Third Round—Solomon defeated Rooney, 9-5; Sniff defeated Eagleton, referee's decision; Ellis defeated Lee, 11-9; Harmon defeated Fischer, 7-5.

Semi-Final Round—Sniff defeated Solomon, 6-1; Harmon defeated Ellis, 3-2.

Final Round—Harmon defeated Sniff, 6-4. Consolation—Eagleton defeated Perrone, 7-2.

167-Pound Class

First Round—Fischer (Maryland) defeated Hockley (Wyoming) 7-4; Marks (Oklahoma) defeated Pankow (Indiana) 6-3; Dickason (Cornell) defeated Nordquist (Illinois) 3-0; McGhee (Wash. State) pinned Loffredo (Iowa Tchr.) in 7:27.

Second Round—Wem (Toledo) defeated Dyer (Springfield) 13-1; Sonneman (Cornell Col.) defeated Chase (Wesleyan) 8-2; J. Lemyre (Penn State) pinned Nowitzky (VMI) in 4:09; Ward (Army) defeated Cooper (Lincoln) 9-0; Marks defeated Lentvorsky (Lock Haven) 6-2; Dickason defeated Eastham (Brown) referee's decision; Fischer defeated Broughton (Colo. A&M) 10-5; Wood (Okla. A&M) defeated McGhee, 6-2.

Third Round—Fischer defeated Wem, 8-2; Marks defeated Sonneman, 3-1; J. Lemyre defeated Wood, 9-2; Dickason defeated Ward, 7-5.

Semi-Final Round—Marks defeated Fischer, referee's decision; Dickason defeated J. Lemyre, referee's decision.

Final Round—Dickason defeated Marks, referee's decision. Consolation—J. Lemyre defeated Eastham, 6-2.

177-Pound Class

First Round—Paulekas (Army) defeated Lanzi (Toledo) 13-4; O'Shaughnessy (Michigan) defeated Dvorozniak (Penn State) 8-1; McCullough (Wyoming) defeated Kelley (Oklahoma) referee's decision; Bob Craig (Lock Haven) defeated Keller (Cornell) 12-8.

Second Round—O'Shaughnessy defeated Shanahan (Maryland) 10-1; Paulekas pinned Lindell (Cornell Col.) in 8:32; Blass (Okla. A&M) defeated McCullough, 5-3; Wirds (Iowa State) defeated Craig, 11-4.

Semi-Final Round—Paulekas defeated O'Shaughnessy, 4-0; Blass defeated Wirds, 16-8.

Final Round—Blass defeated Paulekas, 8-4. Consolation—Wirds defeated Lanzi, 7-2.

191-Pound Class

First Round—Hearon (Oklahoma) defeated MacAleer (Princeton) 7-0; Gatto (Iowa Tchr.) defeated Evans (So. Dak. St.) 6-0; Shining (Iowa) defeated Drake (Maryland) 11-6; Weber (West Chester) defeated Veldman (Minnesota) 6-1; Samson (Penn State) pinned Williams (Oregon State) in 3:40; Torio (Toledo) pinned Hunter (Pittsburgh) in 8:06; Waldon (Iowa State) defeated Stadler (Arkansas St.) 6-5.

Second Round—Weber pinned Hearon in 8:08; Samson defeated Waldon, 6-1; Gatto pinned Shining in 8:41; Torio defeated Sotir (Springfield) 5-0.

Semi-Final Round—Samson defeated Torio, 2-0; Weber defeated Gatto, 5-2.

Final Round—Samson pinned Weber in 4:15. Consolation—Torio defeated Gatto, 3-1.

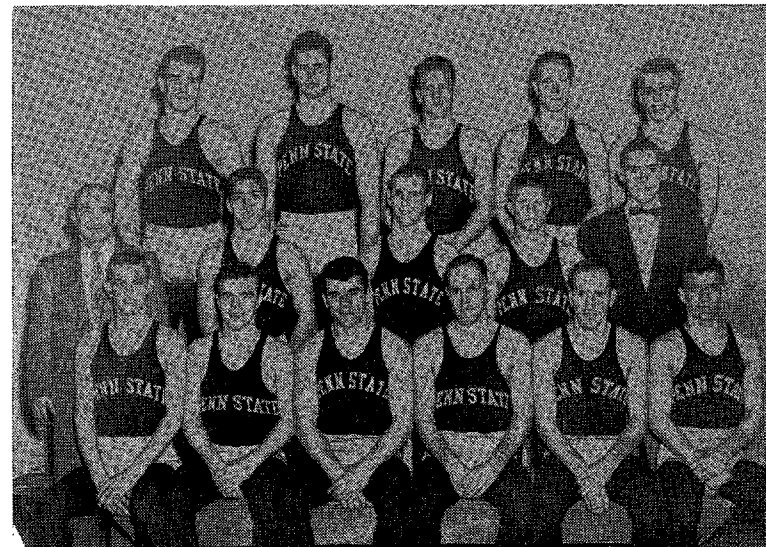
Heavyweight Class

First Round—Littlefield (Columbia) pinned Wood (Minnesota) in 8:28; Ellena (UCLA) pinned McNicol (VPI) in 5:35; Husmann (Nebraska) defeated Beyer (Syracuse) 6-5.

Second Round—Ellena pinned Littlefield in 0:40; Nicks (Okla. A&M) defeated Kraemer (Pittsburgh) 6-1; McNair (Auburn) defeated Megele (Hofstra) 5-0; Husmann defeated Lloyd (CCNY) 15-5.

Semi-Final Round—Nicks pinned Ellena in 4:59; McNair defeated Husmann, referee's decision.

Final Round—McNair defeated Nicks, referee's decision. Consolation—Kraemer defeated Ellena, 4-3.



PENN STATE—TEAM MAT CHAMPS: Left to right, front row—Homan, D. Lemyre, J. Lemyre, Don Frey, Doug Frey, Fomicola; second row—Speidel (coach), Cassel, Mawrey, Cramp, Winterburn (manager); third row—Chamberlain, Samson, Shawley, Dvorozniak, Winters.