

National Collegiates

Oklahoma Aggie Matmen Repeat; Penn State 2nd

By KENNY VAN SICKLE
It was an old story but a new setting for Coach Art Griffith's Oklahoma A and M wrestlers who won the National Collegiates at Barton Hall Saturday night.

They won it with 40 points, a record high in the 25 tournaments that the Aggies from Stillwater, Okla., have almost completely dominated. It was their 17th outright triumph; they shared one other.

They hadn't been accorded much favoritism at the meet's start, even though they had gone through a 5-0-2 dual meet season and were defending champions. Pittsburgh's Eastern champs and the University of Oklahoma, Big Seven titlists, were best-liked, with consideration even given to Michigan and Iowa of the Big Ten.

They still weren't looked upon as real contenders after the first day's action when the record field of 181 from 66 schools was reduced to 40. For after the quar-

TEAM SCORING	
Oklahoma A&M	40
Penn State	31
Pittsburgh	28
Oklahoma U.	26
Lehigh	25
Iowa Univ.	24
Mich. Univ.	23
Navy	21
Illinois Univ.	19
Colorado Univ.	15
Iowa St. Tchrs.	14
West Virginia	13
Cornell Coll.	11
Colorado A&M	10
Mich. State	9
Rutgers	8
Wisconsin	7
Syracuse	6
Indiana Univ.	5

terfinals Pittsburgh led in the number of survivors with four and the Aggies, Oklahoma and Penn State all had three apiece. Complexion Changes

But when A and M saw all of its semifinalists win Saturday afternoon and when Pittsburgh lost all but one of its boys and other contenders likewise suffered the complexion rapidly changed. A and M clinched a tie in the evening round when its Myron Roderick won in the 130-pound class and was sure of a win when Penn State's Larry Fornicola was unable to throw Andy Kaul of Michigan in the 137.

That was putting it a little closer to the wire for Griffith's gladiators, for last year they had the meet won before the night's finals. The 40-point record beats the previous high of 37 they made when the meet was staged at Lehigh University in 1941.

Penn State needed Bill Oberly's upset win over Werner Seel of Lehigh in the heavyweight bout to clinch second place with 31 points. Pittsburgh, Oklahoma U. and Lehigh, trailed in that order. Of the 66 schools, 38 figured in the scoring. That also is a tournament record.

The Aggies won it with but two champions, Roderick, who won in the 130 after taking the 137 last year, and Fred Davis, 167, who was third last year. Its other finalist, Dave Bowlin, 115-pounder, was pinned by Terry McCann, rugged Iowan.

Two Penn State Winners
Penn State was the only other school to have two winners. Fornicola won in the 137-pound class and Oberly in the heavyweight. Fornicola wasn't able to make the Nittany team a year ago so competed in boxing. Strangely he did well enough with his fists to win a point in the National Boxing Collegiates. Oberly hadn't been able to do much with arch-rival Seel before last night. He fought him to a draw on one occasion and lost to him, 2-0.

But Lehigh received plenty of consolation when the coaches voted Eddie Eichelberger, its 147-pound champion, the "outstanding wrestler" award. He was most deserving of it, having pinned four of his five rivals through the tournament. His pin victims were John O'Neil of Wheaton College, Don Bills of Ithaca College, and Bob Cook of Pittsburgh on Friday and Lloyd Corwin of Cornell College in the finals. In the semifinals he was forced to go the route in defeating George Mulligan, rugged Rutgers scrapper, 10-5.

Eichelberger, a junior, who is president of the Christian Council, a Lehigh University campus religious order, thus finished the year unbeaten. He hasn't lost since last year's NCAA finals at Norman, Okla., where he was defeated by the Aggies' Roderick, 8-4.

Bill Weick, Iowa State Teachers' 157-pounder, and Peter Blair, Navy 191-pounder, were the only other former champions to win again. Weick had a tarter in Mike Rodriguez, Big Ten champ from Michigan, but managed to pull out a 6-4 win with a last-minute takedown. Rodriguez had halted Syracuse's Ed Rooney in the afternoon's semis. Blair pinned three of his four foes, including Ken Leuer of Iowa in the finals.

Family Affair
The only Pittsburgh winner was Ed Peery, sophomore, and brother of Hugh Perry, three-

time winner for Pitt through last year and son of Rex Peery, Pitt coach, and three-time winner for Oklahoma A and M from 1933 through 1935.

Dan Hodge, National AAU champion from the University of Oklahoma, waded through the 177-pound division in fine style. In the finals he pinned Joe Krufka, 1952 Olympic team alternate from Penn State. He also pinned his first two foes. But he couldn't flatten Don Wem of Toledo, whom he downed in the semifinals. But he gave Wem such a working over that the latter couldn't come out for a consolation bout and so forfeited.

Another former champion to lose out, besides Solomon, was Dick Govig, 123-pounder from Iowa. He was kayoed in the second preliminary round on Friday by Sam Cario of Cortland.

Cario was one of the tournament surprises as he also put out the Skyline Conference champ, Bob Royce of Wyoming, and former National AAU champ, Sid Nodland of Penn State, before losing in the semifinals to Lewis Guidi of West Virginia, by 12-11.

Mulligan Does Well
Another unheralded star to produce was Mulligan of Rutgers in the 147. He sailed through Big Ten champion Don Haney of Michigan and Stan Wintermote of Wyoming before running up against a stone wall, Eichelberger, in the semis.

Easterners got five firsts. There were no Ivy Leaguers in the first four in any division. Cornell, with three points, led the group, and it was far back. Next year Cornell is committed to an Ivy League wrestling schedule, plus a few side attractions with old favorites such as Pittsburgh, Penn State, Lehigh and Syracuse. The last Ivy Leaguers to win in this tournament were Cornell's Frank Bettucci and Don Dickason in 1953. Then you have to go back to 1951 to Bradley Glass, Princeton heavyweight.

Cornell's eight-man wrestling squad was rubbed out of the championship division on Friday. But Rex Boda returned to wrestle in Saturday's consolations. In the 130-pound class he advanced a notch on a forfeit over Richard Padula of Ursinus and then was defeated by John Ontiveros of Illinois, 5-0.

In order to qualify for the consolation tournament, or third place fight, it was necessary to have been beaten by a finalist.

Syracuse's Rooney, beaten by Rodriguez in a rough semifinal in which he took Ron Teuber of Colorado, drew Ed DeWitt of Pittsburgh in the consolation final. Rooney had beaten DeWitt twice. But he couldn't do anything with him. DeWitt got a questionable second period escape near the sidelines. Rooney appeared to have escaped just before the final buzzer but the official didn't allow it. Thus Ed's 1-0 loss in his college career closer.

Navy's Joe Gattuso, a football fullback, met Pittsburgh's Solomon in the 167-pound consolation final. And the bout followed closely the script of last year's Eastern Intercollegiate final here which saw Gattuso winning on a decision.

Navy's 21-point total was engineered by the Gattuso-Blair tandem. They were Coach Ray Swartz's only entrants.

The Cornell hosts drew plenty of raves for the conduct of the tournament. Cited particularly at ringside Saturday night were Pat Filley, John Jaffurs and Jimmy Miller, all of whom helped run things.

Attendance was good at all four sessions. The approximately 3,800 fans of Saturday night was tops.

Saturday morning the National Collegiate Wrestling Coaches Association met and elected Arnold Umbach of Alabama Poly (Auburn) president to succeed Clifford Keen of Michigan. Charles Speidel of Penn State was elected vicepresident and Dr. Frank

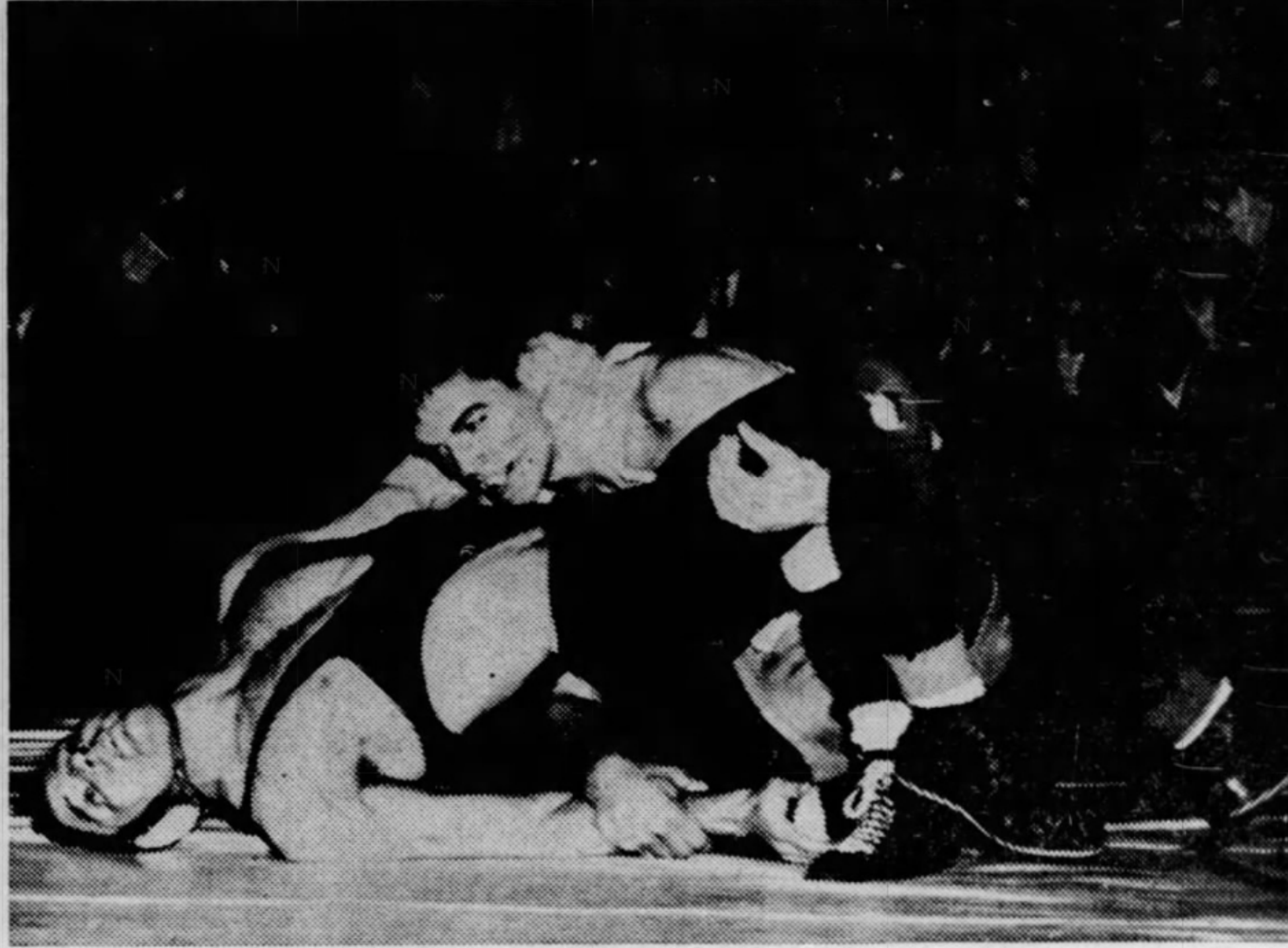
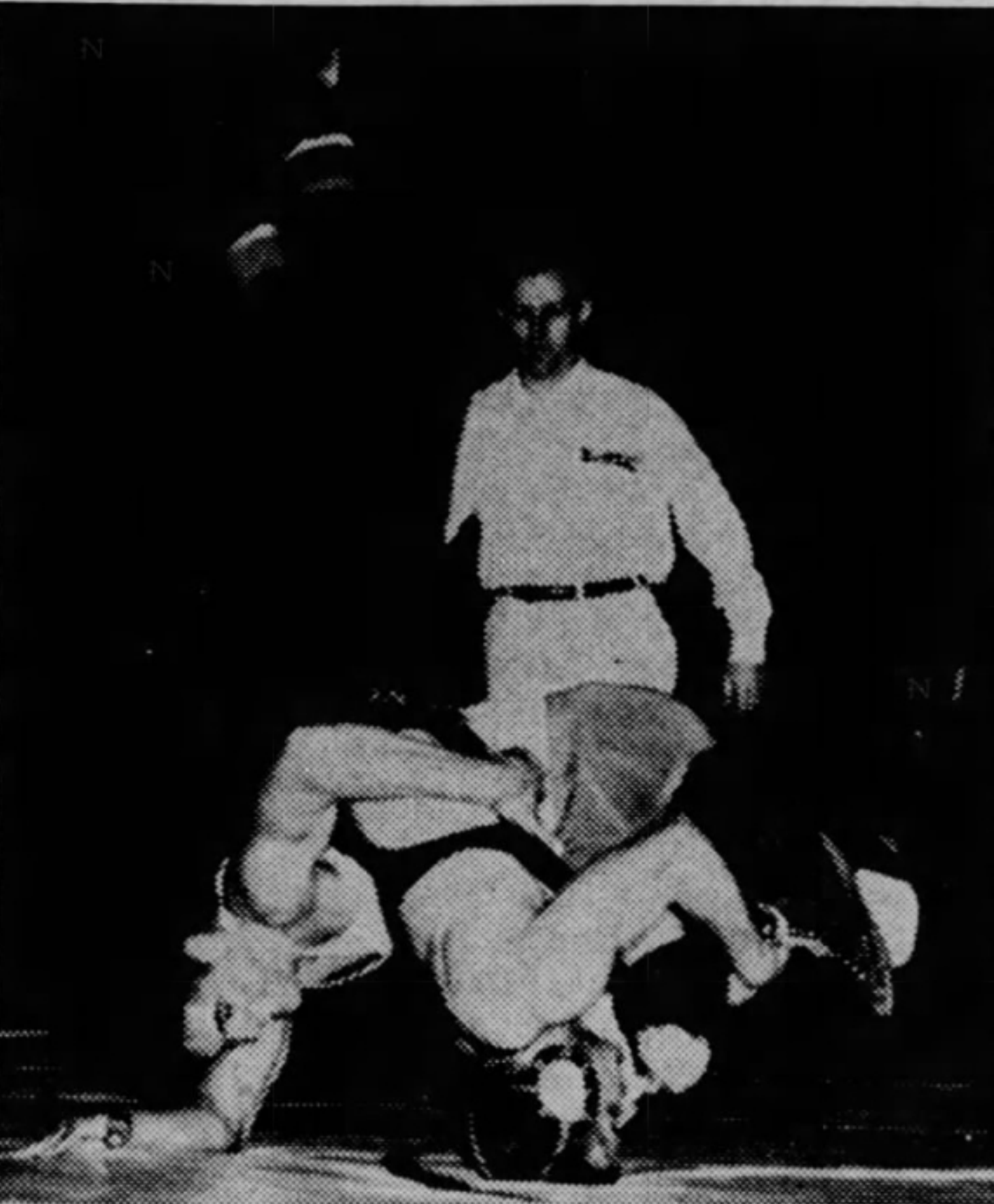
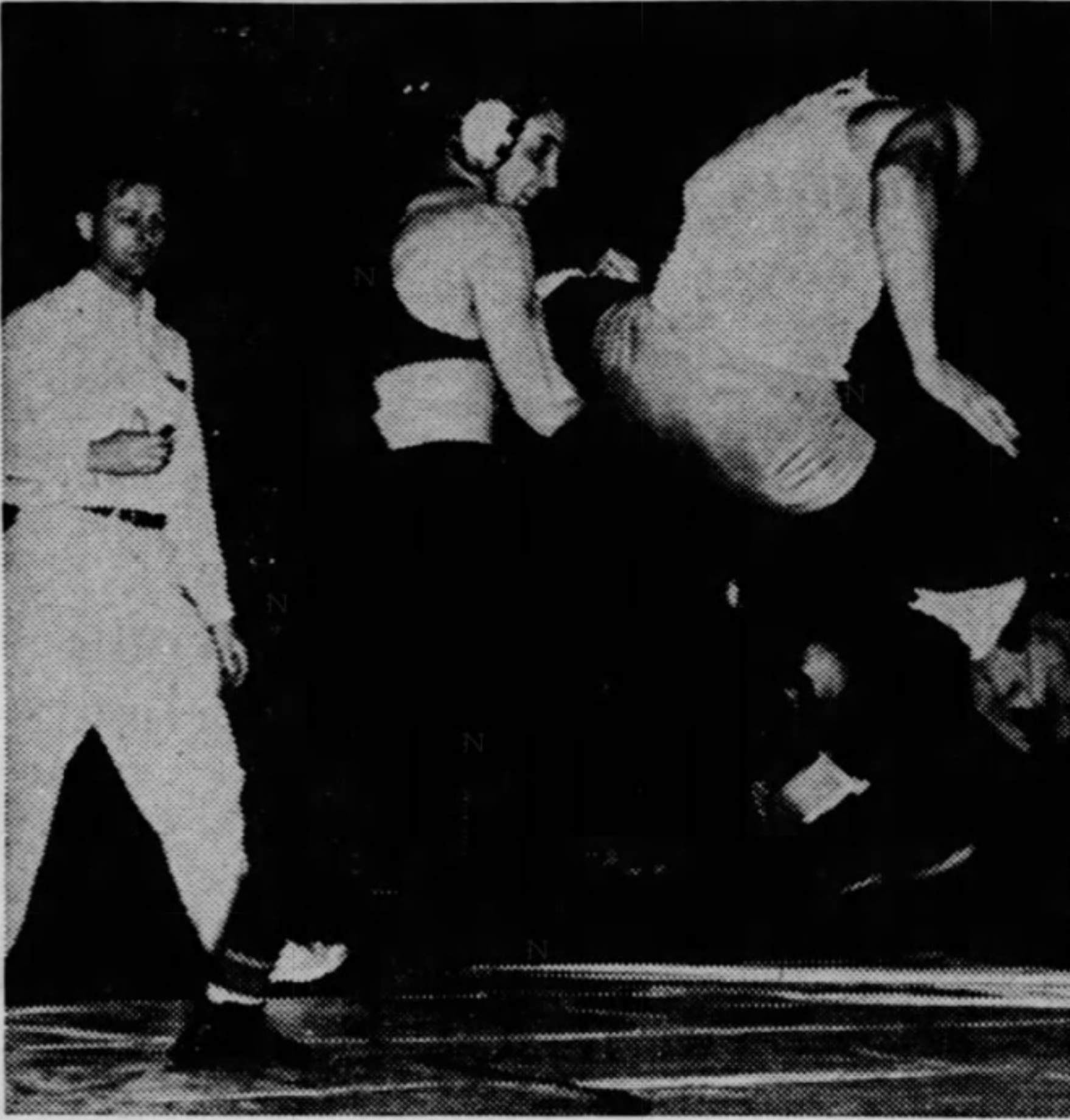
Hornets, Bisons In Cup Finals

By The Associated Press
The Pittsburgh Hornets will be hosts to the Buffalo Bisons when the American Hockey League's Calder Cup playoff finals get underway Wednesday, March 30. The series will be best-of-seven.

The Hornets, who won the regular season championship, reached the finals last night with a 4-3 "sudden death" overtime victory over the Springfield Indians. Pittsburgh took the best-of-five semifinal series 3 games to 1.

Buffalo, which finished fourth in the league standings, eliminated the defending-champion Cleveland Barons 3 games to 1. The Bisons downed Cleveland 6-4 last night.

The longest distance from home plate to center field in the American League is at Yankee Stadium—461 feet.



SEQUENCE: This is progress in Saturday night's Barton Hall final in the 167-pound class where Fred Davis of Oklahoma A and M defeated Larry TenPas

of Illinois, 9-2. TenPas damaged a leg in the afternoon round in putting out defending champion Joe Solomon of Pittsburgh so wasn't up to peak proficiency

in the finals. At the left TenPas appears to have control. The white-shirted Davis is going skyward and TenPas has his right leg working. But in the center pic-

ture TenPas is standing on his head. Davis (at the right) has the situation well in hand. The referee is John Engel.



CHAMPIONS: The 10 winners in the National Collegiate wrestling championships at Barton Hall Saturday night display some of the spoils. They all received individual awards for winning. In addition Myron Roderick of Oklahoma A and M (third from left), holds the team championship trophy; Larry Fornicola of Penn State (fourth from left), holds team runnerup and Bill Oberly, Penn

trophy; and Eddie Eichelberger (fifth from left), holds the "outstanding wrestler" award. The champions (from left) are Terrance McCann, Iowa, 115; Ed Peery, Pittsburgh, 123; Roderick, 130; Fornicola, 137; Eichelberger, 147; Bill Weick, Iowa State Teachers, 157; Fred Davis, Oklahoma A and M, 167; Dan Hodge, University of Oklahoma, 177; Pete Blair, Navy, 191;

Finger of the University of Virginia, secretary-treasurer.

Some of the college boys will keep on by competing in the National AAUs at Amityville, L.I., this weekend. Ithaca may be represented. Oklahoma A and M will defend its title in that one.

There were a total of 214 bouts wrestled in the two days. There were 44 pins. There were 181 competitors.

The summaries:

115 POUNDS
Championship: Terrance McCann, Iowa, pinned David Bowlin, Oklahoma A&M, with a cradle in 7:06. Semifinals: McCann defeated Robert Perry, West Virginia, 8-0; Bowlin defeated William Hullings, Pittsburgh, 2-1. Consolation: Edward Amerantes, Springfield, defeated Robert Perry, West Virginia, 4-0.

123 POUNDS
Championship: Ed Peery, Pittsburgh, pinned Lewis Guidi, West Virginia, with a reverse chancery and body press in 8:30. Semifinals: Guidi defeated Sam Cario, Cortland, 12-11; Peery defeated Robert Gunner, Michigan State, 6-3. Consolation: Richard Meeks, Illinois, defeated Daniel Deppe, Michigan, 3-1.

130 POUNDS
Championship: Myron Roderick, Oklahoma A&M, defeated Robert Lyons, University of Oklahoma, 13-2. Semifinals: Roderick defeated Ronald Day, Colorado A&M, 6-0; Lyons defeated Linn Long, Colorado University, referee's decision. Consolation: Linn Long, Colorado University, defeated Ronald Day, Colorado A&M, 3-0.

137 POUNDS
Championship: Larry Fornicola, Penn State, defeated Andrew Kaul, Michigan, 6-0. Semifinals: Fornicola pinned Don Hart, University of Oklahoma, in 8:30; Kaul defeated Warren DePrenger, Cornell College, referee's decision. Consolation: Jim Sinadinos, Michigan State, defeated William Simmons, Temple, 6-1.

147 POUNDS
Championship: Eddie Eichelberger, Lehigh, pinned Lloyd Corwin, Cornell College, with a cradle in 6:43. Semifinals: Eichelberger defeated George Mulligan, Rutgers, 10-5; Corwin defeated Clarence Weick, Purdue, 3-1. Consolation: Douglas Blubaugh, Oklahoma A&M, defeated George Mulligan, Rutgers, 4-1.

157 POUNDS
Championship: Bill Weick, Iowa State Teachers, defeated Mike Rodriguez, Michigan, 6-4. Semifinals: Weick defeated Ed DeWitt, Pittsburgh, referee's decision; Rodriguez defeated Ed Rooney, Syracuse, 10-8. Consolation: Ed DeWitt, Pittsburgh, defeated Ed Rooney, Syracuse, 1-0.

167 POUNDS
Championship: Fred Davis, Oklahoma A&M, defeated Larry TenPas, Illinois, 9-2. Semifinals: TenPas defeated Joe Solomon, Pittsburgh, 8-1; Davis defeated Joe Gattuso, Navy, 8-7. Consolation: Joe Gattuso, Navy, defeated Joe Solomon, Pittsburgh, 6-2.

177 POUNDS
Championship: Dan Hodge, University of Oklahoma, pinned Joe Krufka, Penn State, with a cradle in 4:23. Semifinals: Hodge defeated Donald Wem, Toledo, 7-3; Krufka defeated Frank Rosenmayer, Colorado University, 9-6. Consolation: Frank Rosenmayer, Colorado University, won by forfeit over Donald Wem, Toledo. (Wem was injured).

191 POUNDS
Championship: Peter Blair, Navy, pinned Kenneth Leuer, Iowa, with a grapevine and chancery in 5:01. Semifinals: Blair defeated Richard Anthony, Indiana, 6-3; Leuer defeated Gus Gatto, Iowa State Teachers, referee's decision. Consolation: Richard Anthony, Indiana, defeated Gus Gatto, Iowa State Teachers, 4-2.

HEAVYWEIGHT
Championship: Bill Oberly, Penn State, defeated Werner Seel, Lehigh, 5-2. Semifinals: Oberly defeated Robert Konovsky, Wisconsin, 8-4; Seel pinned Willis Holland, Colorado A&M, with a cradle in 5:23. Consolation: Robert Konovsky, Wisconsin, defeated Willis Holland, Colorado A&M, 2-0.