

10 Matmen Who Prepped in Waterloo Wrestle for Six Teams in NCAA Meet

IOWA CITY—Ten wrestlers who prepped in Waterloo high schools were on the mat Thursday at the National Collegiate Athletic Assn. Wrestling Tournament here. Four of them survived for Friday's quarterfinals.

They represent six different teams—all the major wrestling colleges in Iowa except Iowa State, plus Minnesota, Colorado State College and Adams State College of Colorado.

They would fill a team for this tournament except that there would be two 115-pounders, two 177-pounders and no 167-pounders or heavyweight.

Iowa schools claim Larry Moser (115), Gene Luttrell (137) and Gordon Trapp (191), University of Iowa; Chuck Patten (147) of Iowa Teachers, and Mervil Miller (177) and Tony Stevens (191), Cornell College.

ALL EXCEPT PATTEN, an East High graduate, graduated from West. Stevens since has moved with his parents to Worthington, Minn.

Two East High grads—Ron Andrews (123) and Bill Wright (177)—helped Minnesota win the Big Ten Conference title.

A former West state champion, 115-pounder Don Huff now wrestles for Colorado State College, while Brad Tate, who moved to Colorado after his junior year at West, is a 157-pounder for Adams State.

Tate wasn't a regular at West since he competed in the same weight with state cham-

pion Del Rossberg (145) pounds.

Moser, Trapp, Wright and Huff survived the first two rounds Thursday. Among the winners, Moser had the most trouble.

Luttrell, the Big Ten champion, broke a 5-5 tie and defeated Harry Romig of Lycopomig 8-6 including a point riding time in a first round match, then lost in the second round.

MOSER DEFEATED Iowa Teachers' Larry Guldberg 7-6 after trailing 5-4. In the last minute and a half Moser went ahead on an escape and take-down with Guldberg picking up the final point for time advantage.

There was a Waterloo-Cedar Falls flavor elsewhere around the big University of Iowa sports arena even though the Iowa Teachers team failed to win a match in the tournament.

Among the eight officials was West High's coach, Bob Siddens, who also worked the Big Ten Conference meet here and also was a member of the officiating staff of last year's NCAA tournament at Laramie, Wyo.

Assisting with the scoring and timekeeper at one mat were Lewis Huff, West's official scorekeeper and the father of the Colorado State College wrestler, John Winder, a former West state champion and later an Iowa Big Ten champ, was at the same table.

Winder, who has been assistant mat coach at Eagle

Grove High the past two years, has resigned and may return to Iowa to do graduate work. Ray Stone, the head coach at Eagle Grove, announced his resignation some time ago.

WITH A PLACE of honor in the official tournament program is a picture and biographical sketch of L. L. Mendenhall, the Iowa State Teachers College athletic director since 1925.

The program is dedicated to Mendenhall and Clifford P. Keen, wrestling coach at the University of Michigan since 1925, as "two men who have made notable contributions to the development and betterment of the sport."

Mendenhall started the wrestling program at Teachers in 1923. Under his guidance, TC mat teams, directed by three different coaches, have won 159 dual meets, lost only 53 and won the NCAA title in 1950, placing second in 1946, 1947, 1949 and 1952.

Siddens, incidentally, was the referee for the first overtime match of the meet. In the 137-pound bout, Perrin Henderson of North Carolina defeated John Rollins of Central Michigan. It was the first victory ever scored by a North Carolina wrestler in an NCAA meet.

The five colorful round mats used in the tournament here belong to Arizona State University, Eastern Michigan State College, Iowa State College, Clinton High School and, of course, the University of Iowa.



Huff



Moser



Wright



Trapp

Iowa State College coach, became the president of the American Wrestling Coaches and Officials Assn. at the meeting here. He was elected to the office last year. John Hancock, Colorado State College coach and a former University of Iowa football and track athlete, is the president-elect to serve in 1960. The retiring president is Frank Finger of the University of Virginia.

The group discussed proposed scoring rule changes at its meeting. The changes, still in the discussion stages, would revise American collegiate scoring to conform more closely with the Olympic system and might be designed to give more point prominence to action on the mat rather than on the feet. They might award only one point for a takedown, for instance, but two for a reversal.