

# Nation's Finest Wrestlers Strive for Laurels

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Barton Hall will be the scene of the 34th, and quite probably the biggest, National Collegiate Wrestling Tournament. Approximately 320 wrestlers from more than 90 institutions will compete for the ten coveted titles of 1964 NCAA championships from March 26-28.

The tournament shapes up as a two-way battle for team honors. Iowa State and Oklahoma State, both of the rugged Big Eight Conference, are expected to dominate the action. The two tied 12-12 in a dual meet.

The ten weight classes to be contested are a special 115 lb. class and the nine regular classes, 123, 130, 137, 147, 157, 167, 177, 191, and heavyweight, that were up for grabs in the EIWA two weeks ago. Prospects in the first five weights will be discussed today.

The 115 pound class appears to be wide open with several wrestlers capable of capturing the title. Iowa State will enter Roger Sebert, the Big Eight champ at that weight. Oklahoma State will counter with another excellent wrestler, Tadaaki Hatta, runnerup to Sebert in that tourney.

Others with a shot at the 115 pound crown are Mike Beery of Ohio State, Bob Guzzo of East Stroudsburg, and two matmen from Cornell. Don Brown will represent Cornell College (Iowa) while Chuck Bush is slated to do battle for the Big Red. Bush

wrestled infrequently for the Red this year, compiling a mediocre 1-2-1 record. He is, nevertheless rated highly in the tourney because he is a natural 115 pounder. Coach Jimmie Miller calls Bush "a tiger at 115."

The 123 pound class shapes up as a real log jam. Oklahoma State will bank on Big Eight champ, Dennis Dutsch, and Iowa State will be represented by Dutsch's runner-up, Joe Frank. Colorado State College, a perennially strong team, has an outstanding possibility in Don Neff, as does Oklahoma in Brett Johnston.

The other principal contenders are all from Eastern schools. They are Fred Powell of Lock Haven, John Windfelder of Penn State and Cornell's Warren Crow. Powell was selected Outstanding Wrestler in the NAIA tourney when he pinned a former NCAA champ in the finals. Windfelder and Crow finished one, two respectively in the Easterns two weeks ago.

The situation at 123 could be cleared up considerably if Pittsburgh's Mike Johnson decides to enter at this weight. Johnson, the runner-up last year at 123 and the present EIWA titleholder at 130, would be an over-

whelming favorite at the lower weight.

Norman Parker of Iowa is favored at 130. He is the Big Ten titleist in that weight class, and was voted the top grappler in that tournament. Oklahoma State's Yojiro Uetake, Colorado State U.'s Larry Harrison, Indiana's Bob Campbell, and Lehigh's sophomore star, Bill Stuart, should prove to be the competition.

Iowa State has the favorite at 137 in undefeated Big Eight champ, Bob Buzzard. Once again the chief competition may come from the same conference, in the person of Oklahoma State's Jim Rogers. Three other conference champions, Lew Kennedy of Minnesota and the Big Ten, Wayne Hicks of Navy and the EIWA, and Doug Rikard of Colorado State College and the Rocky Mountain Conference, figure as longshots.

147 stacks up as a wide open but loaded weight class. Oklahoma State again has a candidate, in sophomore Mike Reding. Reding was unbeaten and took the Big Eight title. Iowa State will be represented by Veryl Long. A third possibility from the Big Eight is Jerry Stanley of Oklahoma.

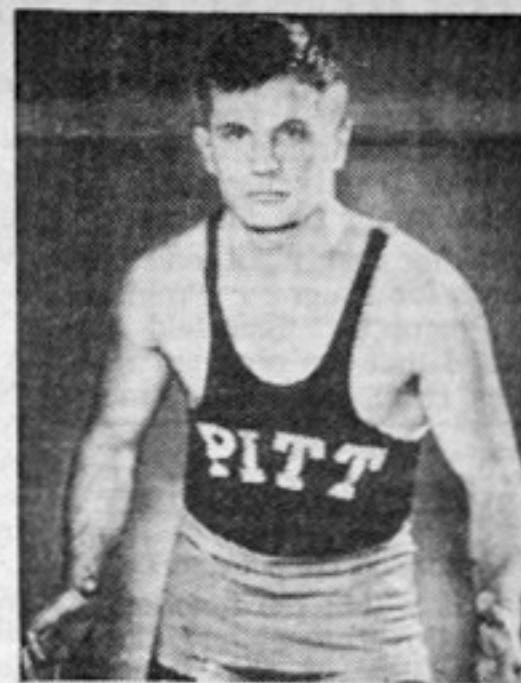
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**BOB BUZZARD**  
*137 lb. Big 8 Champion*

bility at this weight in Orlando Iacovelli. His dual meet record for three years is a perfect 25-0. As a sophomore he reached the semi-finals.

Lehigh will enter its captain, Doug Koch, who climaxed an outstanding dual meet season by winning the EIWA tournament. Jim Jioio of West Virginia and Jim Crider of Colorado State College have remote chances at the title. Syracuse's Dick Slutsky is the EIWA champion at 157 pounds but may drop down to 147 for the NCAA tournament. He will be a contender at either weight.



**MIKE JOHNSON**  
*130 lb. EIWA Champion*

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