

Iowa wins NCAA wrestling tourney

Tigers' Milligan gains All-American honors

By EVAN TAGER

In wrestling, one second can make all the difference. Tiger star Henry Milligan found this out two times too often for his own liking this weekend during the NCAA wrestling tournament at Princeton.

Milligan was Princeton's only NCAA qualifier, but several teams almost had their entire squads in the tournament. Iowa was one of them, winning its fourth consecutive national championship with a record point total of 129½.

Nine of Iowa's ten wrestlers attained All-American honors. The Hawkeyes had two titlists, twin brothers Ed and Lou Banach, who won the 177-pound and heavyweight crowns respectively.

Far behind

Oklahoma was a distant second to Iowa with 100¼ points. Lehigh was the top team from the east, recording 38 points to gain fifth place honors.

Milligan finished seventh in the 190 weightclass and was named to the All-American squad as a result, but was only a second away from an even higher finish.

Although he performed in the

familiar environment of Jadwin Gym, Milligan enjoyed little of the home mat advantage, as the total crowd of over 50,000 for three days came from all around the country.

Wrestling in the consolation quarterfinals Friday against top-seeded John Forshee of Iowa State, the Tiger senior grabbed an early 2-0 lead, using a duck-under to gain the takedown.

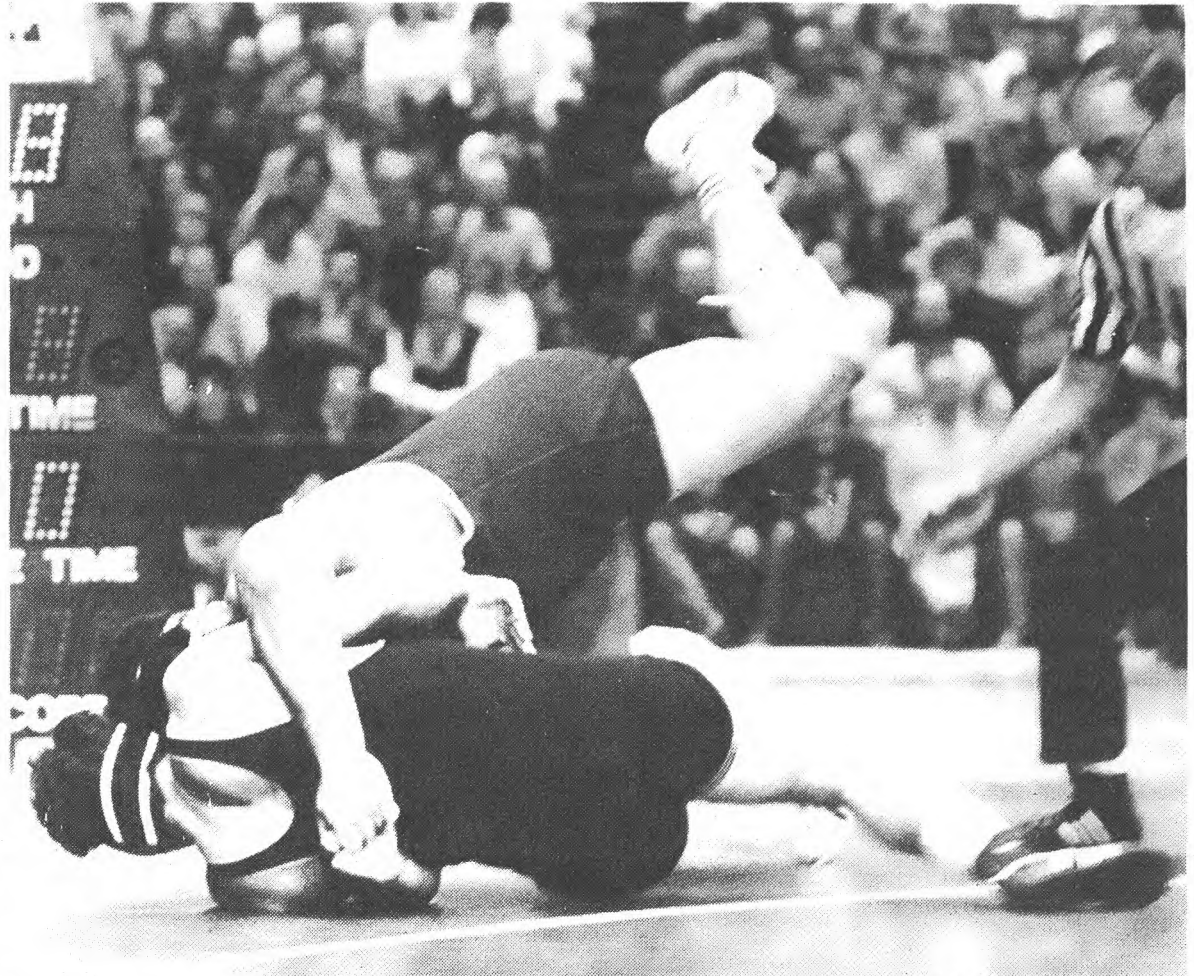
Milligan led 3-1 at the close of the second period, but a controversial stalling call closed the gap to a single point. In the final stanza Forshee got an early reversal and Milligan followed with an escape to send the bout into overtime.

One good turn . . .

After a scoreless first overtime period, the two wrestlers traded reversals in the middle stanza, but Forshee grabbed the lead, escaping from Milligan's grasp with a single second remaining in the period.

Down 3-2, Milligan knew he needed an escape to have any chance of winning. Should he get

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EIGHTEENTH POSITION — Oklahoma's Steve Williams (leg in air) put some quick moves on Arizona State's Dan Severn to gain a fall 3:40. Williams took third place in the heavyweight division this weekend.

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Hawkeyes capture NCAA wrestling title

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an escape and there not be any further scoring, the outcome would be decided on the basis of who had the most riding time. Milligan incorrectly believed that the deciding criterion was least overtime stalling warnings, for which he held the advantage.

After gaining the escape midway through the period, therefore, the Tiger believed he would be awarded the victory if he could keep Forshee from scoring. This he did, but was shocked when he found that the tie-breaking factor was a 15-second or greater riding time advantage.

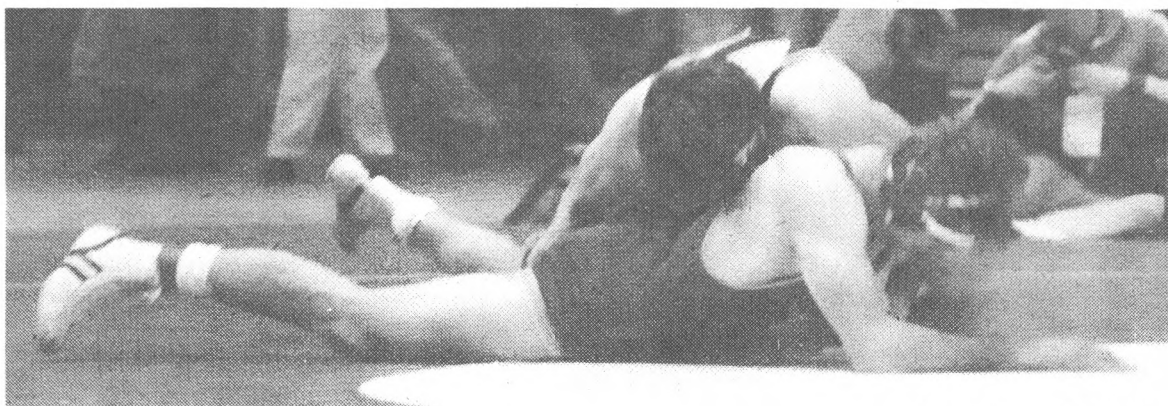
The glance at the clock was heartbreaking. Forshee held a riding time advantage of exactly fifteen seconds. Instead of being awarded the victory and continuing on to challenge for third place, Milligan left, a dejected loser.

Milligan gained seventh place by dropping pat McKay of Michigan, 10-8, the next day.

In reflecting on the Forshee bout, Milligan commented, "I was very unhappy. I lost because of my own ignorance."

The senior also was not particularly pleased with the stalling call which kept him from winning the bout outright. "He wasn't doing any more than I was. (The referees) hit me with the call because I was ahead," he maintained.

Milligan's luck in the tournament was far from all bad. In his



BREAKAWAY — Milligan escaped the hold Michigan's Pat McKay has on him to take seventh place.

opening bout Thursday the senior went to overtime with California Polytechnic Institute's Wayne Christian. After a tied overtime minibout, he was awarded the decision on the same criterion that he later lost on, fifteen or more seconds of overtime riding time. Milligan had a 23 second time advantage.

The Tiger lost his second round bout to fifth seeded Geno Savegnago of Eastern Illinois. But his good luck continued to hold.

Milligan would have a chance to wrestle in the consolations and possibly advance far enough to make All-American only if Savegnago won his next bout against the ninth seed, Joe Atiyeh of LSU, the following day.

Savegnago did not have to try very hard to advance both himself and Milligan. Atiyeh could not make weight for the bout, for-

feiting the match.

To finish in the top eight and thus make All-American Milligan had to advance through at least two consolation rounds.

But with Atiyeh's forfeit, one round would be a bye.

Milligan's first match was against Rhode Island's Todd Giles. If Milligan could knock off Giles, his longtime goal of being All-American would be achieved. Two first period takedowns and the Tiger's patented pancake late in the match sealed a 9-6 victory for Milligan.

Milligan and Cornell senior Gene Nighman were the only Ivy League representatives to make All-American. Nighman also placed seventh in the 142-pound weight class.

The Tiger senior was not the only local wrestler to excel, however. Trenton State's Tom Martucci surprised almost everyone by winning the 190-pound title despite being seeded only eighth.

Perhaps the biggest news of the weekend was the typical performance of Syracuse 118 pounder Gene Mills. Probably the top

wrestler in the world in his weight class, Mills notched four pins and a 28-4 romp en route to his second national title.

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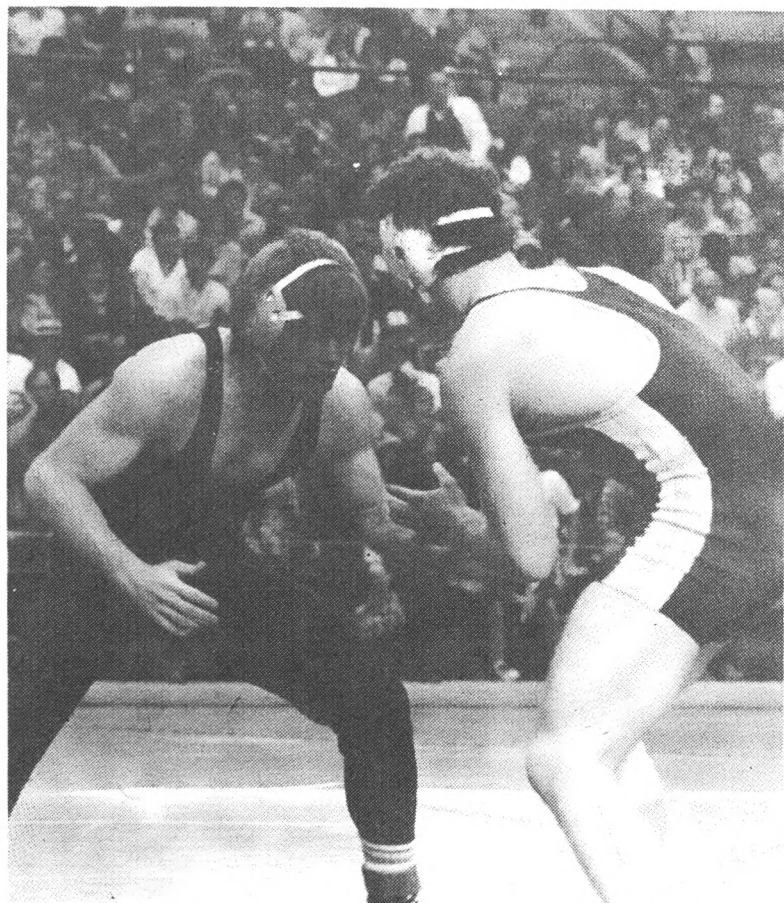
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