

NCAA wrestling championships

Iowa wins it . . . naturally

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EAST RUTHERFORD — Team competition was not a factor at the finals of the 54th NCAA wrestling finals Saturday night at the Meadowlands Arena. Oklahoma State lost any chance of dethroning the six-time champion Iowa Hawkeyes when it lost four of its six semifinal bouts.

The Iowa win was a tainted one, however, since four of the Hawkeyes five entries in the finals failed to win before a crowd of more than 10,000.

"I'm disappointed but a month ago this time I was thinking more about losing the team title," said Iowa coach Dan Gable. "I was hurt. They were hurt. But just getting to the finals is an accomplishment."

The only Iowa wrestler to take a title was the tournament's outstanding wrestler senior Jim Zaleski at 158 pounds. He beat Mark Schmitz of Wisconsin, 9-5.

Zaleski had defeated Schmitz twice before this year and the win was the 90th consecutive for the two-time defending champ. That puts him second on the all-time NCAA list behind his coach, who set the record at 100 while wrestling for the Hawkeyes.

Iowa led Oklahoma State in the team scoring by 30 points going into the finals, 119.75-89.50. The Hawkeyes added just four points in the final, finishing with 123.75 to the Cowboys' 98.0. Penn State, which took two titles for the

first time since 1955, finished third with 70.50. Nebraska was fourth.

Both Cowboys in the finals, each a top seed, took first place, scoring a moral victory for Oklahoma State. Kenny Monday easily beat Hawkeye Marty Kistler, 7-2. Monday took second place the past two years before winning this time.

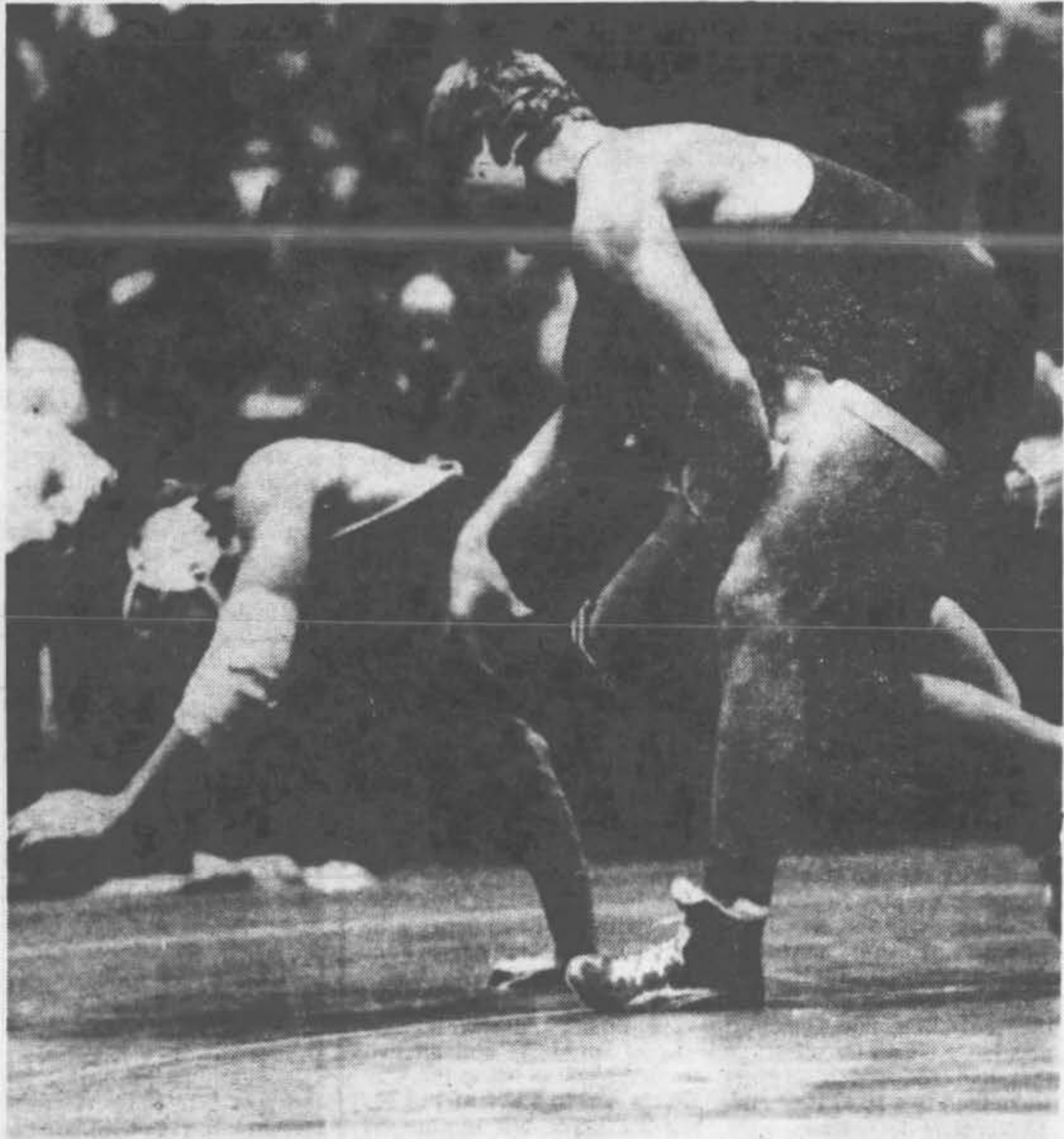
"I was kind of looking forward to pinning him," Monday said. "It was a good match. But he really didn't do too much. That's the Iowa style, to push you around and try to get the ref to call stall points."

Mike Sheetz was the other Cowboy to take a title, shutting out Iowa's second seed, Lindley Kistler, 9-0, at 167. The win gives Sheetz his 75th in a row.

The two Penn State champions were Carl DeStefanis at 118 and Scott Lynch at 134. The second-seeded DeStefanis defeated Bob Hallman of Northern Iowa, 6-4. Lynch's win was even more impressive. He routed No.3 Greg Randall of Iowa, 13-7.

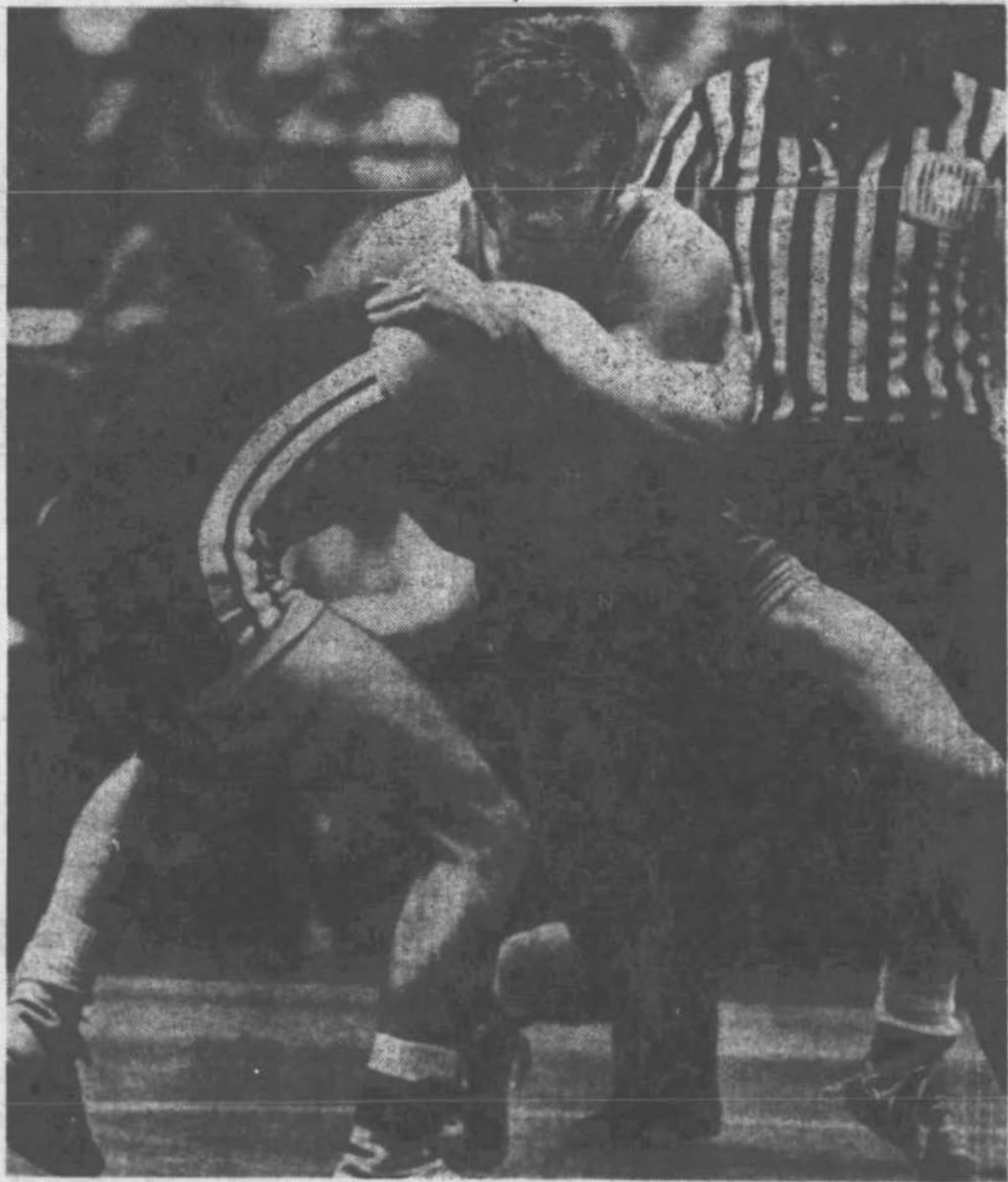
New Jersey was represented in the finals by Princeton's John Orr at 142. Top seed Jesse Reyes of Cal-Bakersfield showed no respect, however, and defeated him, 19-11. Reyes, the two-time national champ, is on a 42-match winning streak.

Oklahoma State completely collapsed over the last two days of competition. After losing four in the semifinals, the highest the Cowboys could finish in the consolations was fourth place at 158.



Michigan State's Eli Biazett gets taken down by Paul Diekel of Lehigh in their semi-final bout.

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Iowa State's Kevin Darkus, top, is on his way to a victory over Michigan's Joe McFarland and the NCAA 126-pound wrestling title. See Page 39.

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EAST RUTHERFORD (AP) — Championship round results at the NCAA wrestling tournament Saturday night at the Brendan Byrne Arena:

118 Pounds Championship

Carl DeStefanis, Penn St., dec. Bob Hallman, Northern Iowa, 6-4

Third Place

Mike Clevenger, Louisiana St., dec. Joe Spizzola, Missouri, 7-1

Fifth Place

Tim Riley, Iowa, dec. Mark Perry, Oklahoma St., 4-2

Seventh Place

Charlie Heard, Tennessee-Chattanooga, dec. Joe Peters, Navy, 30-8

126 Pounds Championship

Kevin Darkus, Iowa St., dec. Joe McFarland, Michigan, 9-6

Third Place

Johnny Loomis, Cal State-Bakersfield, pin Mark Trizzino, Iowa, 4-49

Fifth Place

Rich Santoro, Lehigh, dec. Robbie Johnson, Louisiana St., 11-7

Seventh Place

Mark Zimmer, Oklahoma, dec. Don Stevens, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, 11-5

134 Pounds Championship

Scott Lynch, Penn St., dec. Greg Randall, Iowa, 13-7

Third Place

Clint Burke, Oklahoma, dec. Chris DeLong, Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo, 4-3

Fifth Place

Clay Anderson, Oklahoma St., dec. Jim Jordan, Wisconsin, 4-1

Seventh Place

Jim Mason, Michigan St., dec. Don Castellani, Temple, 10-3

142 Pounds Championship

Jesse Reyes, Cal State-Bakersfield, dec. John Orr, Princeton, 19-11

Third Place

John Giura, Wisconsin, dec. Joe Gibbons, Iowa St., 6-5

Fifth Place

Luke Stove, Oklahoma St., won by default over Jeff Kerber, Iowa

Seventh Place

Eric Childs, Penn St., dec. Dave Lundskog, Weber St., 4-1

150 Pounds Championship

Kenny Monday, Oklahoma St., dec. Marty Kistler, Iowa, 7-2

Third Place

Eddie Urbano, Arizona St., dec. John Sonderegger, Missouri, 7-2

Fifth Place

Darren Abel, Oklahoma, dec. Mike Langlais, North Dakota St., 9-5

Seventh Place

Ben Ward, Old Dominion, dec. Chris Bevilacqua, Penn St., 11-3

158 Pounds Championship

Jim Zalesky, Iowa, dec. Mark Schmitz, Wisconsin, 9-5

Third Place

Kevan Jackson, Louisiana St., dec. Bill Dykeman, Oklahoma St., 3-1

Fifth Place

Darrell Pope, San Jose St., dec. Jonny Jansson, Oklahoma, 9-2

Seventh Place

Mike Elinsky, Penn St., dec. Dave Grant, Northern Iowa, 4-3

167 Pounds Championship

Mike Sheets, Oklahoma St., dec. Lindley Kistler, Iowa, 9-0

Third Place

Sylvester Carver, Fresno St., dec. Chris Edmond, Tennessee, 10-5

Fifth Place

Jeff Jelic, Pittsburgh, dec. Rudy Isom, Wisconsin, 4-2

Score

Seventh Place

Greg Williams, Utah St., pin. Eric Brugel, Penn St., 1-53

177 Pounds Championship

Jim Scherr, Nebraska, dec. Duane Goldman, Iowa, 3-2

Third Place

Booker Benford, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, dec. Dan Chaid, Oklahoma, 4-3

Fifth Place

Bob Harr, Penn St., won by default over Dennis Limmex, Wisconsin

Seventh Place

Jeff Wilson, Stanford, dec. Marvin Jones, San Jose St., 7-6

190 Pounds Championship

Bill Scherr, Nebraska, dec. Jim Baumgardner, Oregon St., 13-4

Third Place

Eli Blazeff, Michigan St., dec. Karl Lynes, Oklahoma St., 8-0

Fifth Place

Jim Bechner, Claron, dec. Paul Diekel, Lehigh, 4-3

Seventh Place

Bob Shrmer, North Carolina, won by default over Tod Giles, Boston University

Heavyweight Championship

Tab Thacker, North Carolina St., dec. Gary Albright, Nebraska, 3-1

Third Place

Mike Holcomb, Miami, Ohio, dec. Bill Hyman, Temple, 4-0

Fifth Place

Kahlan O'Hara, Nevada-Las Vegas, pin. John Krebs, Northern Iowa, 1-51

Mike Blaske, Cal State-Bakersfield, dec. Mike Potts, Michigan St., 5-2

Today's line

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BASKETBALL

Favorite	College Points	Underdog
IOWA	9	Michigan St
Purdue	PICK	MINNESOTA

Favorite	NBA Points	Underdog
NEW JERSEY	5	Seattle
BOSTON	9½	Phoenix
PHILADELPHIA	9	Utah
MILWAUKEE	7½	Atlanta
DENVER	2	Portland
KANSAS CITY	5	Golden State
HOUSTON	5	Cleveland

NHL HOCKEY

Favorite	Goals	Underdog
NY Islanders	1-1½	PITTSBURGH
BUFFALO	2-2½	Hartford
PHILADELPHIA	1½-2	Calgary
BOSTON	½-1	Washington
EDMONTON	2-2½	Vancouver
LOS ANGELES	E-½	Chicago

Favorite	USFL Points	Underdog
Birmingham	3½	PITTSBURGH
OKLAHOMA	7½	San Antonio
Michigan	3½	DENVER
CHICAGO	2½	Houston
Philadelphia	1	NEW JERSEY
NEW ORLEANS	7	Memphis
Los Angeles	1	OAKLAND
ARIZONA	(Monday) 15½	Washington

TODAY'S PICKS:
PRO HOOPS: Golden State,

COL HOOPS: Purdue,

Home team in CAPS