

Form Holds True; Pitt Matmen Win

By KENNY VAN SICKLE

Form, which so often prevails in wrestling, held true in the 50th Eastern Intercollegiate at Barton Hall over the weekend. The University of Pittsburgh, in the tournament for the first time this year, came here as the most imposing threat, on the basis of its

TEAM SCORING

Pittsburgh	37
Penn State	25
Lehigh	23
Navy	18
Syracuse	16
Army	6
Princeton	5
Cornell	3
Yale	3
Harvard	3
Franklin & Marshall	2
Columbia	2
Brown	0
Pennsylvania	0
Rutgers	3
Temple	3

9-1 dual meet record, and it emerged triumphant.

Though it didn't indicate superiority from round to round by its point scoring Pitt made it seem futile to the older members of the E.I. Wrestling Association by having seven of its eight men survive the first day's activities and then send five into the final round.

The Panthers came out of it with three champions, more than any other school, and they had a rather comfortable margin in the point-scoring, with 37 as compared to Penn State's 25 and Lehigh's 23.

Penn State Does Well

Penn State, which had won the meet the last three years, appeared doomed for not better than third after the semifinals. For the Nittany had only two finalists while Lehigh had four. But both Nittany finalists won whereas all four Lehigh men failed.

In fact if it hadn't been for Dick Lemyre, 130, and Gerry Maurey, 137, both of Penn State, there would have been no defending titleholders. Perry kayoed Lehigh's Alex McCord in the afternoon round in the 123 and in the evening's last bout Werner Seel, another Engineer and another defending champion, lost out to the rugged Pete Blair of Navy.

It was an all-winning Saturday night for Penn State. For in the consolation rounds Doug Frey won at 147 pounds over Harry Scott of Columbia, Joe Krufka won at 177 pounds over Ken Culbert of Harvard and Bill Oberly, heavyweight, won over Gerry Lodge of Army.

Lehigh had the misfortune not only of losing all of its four finals but one of the men it sent into the consolations, McCord, fell before Gene D'Alessandro of Rutgers.

Peery Continues Streak

Pitt's champions were Hugh Peery, 123; Charley Uram, 147; and George Beresford, 177. Their wins had been more or less anticipated. For Peery his four tournament wins extended his collegiate winning streak to 44. He hasn't lost since he was taken by Penn State's Bob Homan a few years ago. Homan, Eastern champion in 1952, was kayoed in the quarterfinals by Bob McCreary of Temple, who went on to the finals.

Uram was fourth in the nationals last year. Beresford, Pitt's unbeaten 177-pounder, won his first three bouts by pins before being held to a decision in the finals by Carlton MacDonald of Princeton. MacDonald advanced farther than any other Ivy Leaguer.

Blair, the second of Navy's two champions, also won his first three bouts by pins, before deciding Seel. He was beaten this year as a heavyweight after cam-

paing in the light-heavy in '53. Last year he lost in the finals to Paulekas of Army.

The other Navy winner was footballer Joe Gattuso, who won an overtime referee's decision over Joe Solomon of Pitt in the 167.

Ed Rooney of Syracuse was a popular winner of the tournament's "Outstanding Wrestler" award. He had two pins en route to the finals where he mastered previously undefeated Ed DeWitt of Pittsburgh, 9-4.

It was Rooney's first Eastern title. He was second in 1952 when he wrestled as a freshman and third last year. His win kept intact his unbeaten 1953-54 season. He also was the "Outstanding Award" winner at the Wilkes Invitation tourney during the Christmas holidays. Coach Joe McDaniel may take him to the Nationals at the University of Oklahoma two weekends hence.

The "Outstanding Wrestler" award thus came upstate for the second straight year. In the tournament last year at Princeton it was won by Cornell's Frank Bettucci.

This just wasn't Cornell's year; a far cry from 1953 when it took second place and had three champions.

This time Cornell didn't get a wrestler past the quarterfinals. But it got six that far. Coach Jimmy Miller can be consoled in that his men didn't lose to just anybody.

D'Alessandro, of Rutgers, who kayoed Rex Boda in the quarterfinals, won third; James Mahoney of Lehigh, who beat Bill Jemison, was runnerup in the 130; Ken Faust of Lehigh, who put out Arno Niemand, was runnerup in the 137; Ed DeWitt of Pitt, who beat Walt Farrell, was runnerup in the 157; and Gerald Tebben of Army, who beat Otis Keller, was a place-winner for the second straight year in the 167.

First Pin for Steiger

Paul Steiger, 147-pounder, was pinned for the first time in his wrestling career Friday night by Harry Scott of Columbia, a foe that Steiger had beaten, 11-2, in a dual meet. This much must be said for Steiger, he put up a stiff scrap in the face of physical deficiencies. He had been doctoring a gripple-like cold for several days before the meet.

The Saturday crowds were good, about 1,500 in the afternoon and easily 2,500 in the evening.

Just like in 1949 when the Easterns were last staged here Syracuse got some of the loot. Rooney won an individual trophy just as George Gebhardt won the "Outstanding Wrestling" award way back then. That year Syracuse won the team title by one point. Thanks to Rooney Syracuse placed fifth, just like last year.

Temple started out with a minus 10 because it lacked two competitors. It did well to finish with minus three. Brown, which had scored one point in the Hep-tagonal track meet the week previous, drew a blank in the wrestling. It was the first team to have all of its men eliminated.

Before losing in the finals to Pitt's Beresford, Princeton's MacDonald had lost only once this year, to Ken Culbert of Harvard in a dual meet.

It was the third straight crown for Lemyre; the second for Maurey.

Richard Voliva of Rutgers was



CHAMPIONS: The winners in the Eastern Intercollegiate Saturday night at Barton Hall were (from left) Hugh Peery, Pittsburgh, 123 pounds; Dick Lemyre, Penn State, 130; Gerry Maurey, Penn State, 137; Charles

Uram, Pittsburgh, 147; Ed Rooney, Syracuse, 157, who displays his "Outstanding Wrestler" trophy; Joe Gattuso, Navy, 167; George Beresford, Pittsburgh, 177; and Pete Blair, Navy, heavyweight.

reelected president of the EIWA at a meeting of the coaches Saturday. Cornell's Jimmy Miller was named vice president and Al Sidar was named secretary-treasurer. Next year's tournament will be held at Penn State, with the 1956 meet going to Lehigh.

The entire Pittsburgh and Penn State teams are going to compete in the National Collegiate at Norman, Okla., Mar. 26-27. There Hugh Peery of Pitt will defend his 115-pound title. He has won it twice.

The Ithaca High School band played at the evening's finals.

NBA Playoffs To Begin

By The Associated Press

The 1953-54 National Basketball Assn. regular season is over and the final standings look familiar—Minneapolis on top in the Western Division and New York in the Eastern.

Minneapolis has won the league playoff championships four times in five years, and it was the second straight year the Knicks have won the Eastern Division race.

The Eastern playoff round-robin involving New York, Boston and Syracuse begins Tuesday night with Boston playing at New York.

The Western playoff with Minneapolis, Fort Wayne and Rochester participating, starts the same night with Fort Wayne playing at Rochester.

Eventually, the two divisional champions will meet in a best-of-seven championship series.

Rochester finished second in the Western Division while Boston and Syracuse tied for second in the Eastern Division. Syracuse walloped New York last night 113-83, while Boston kept pace with a 97-92 victory over Philadelphia.

NBA President Maurice Podoloff dissolved the tie by flipping a coin, with Boston winning the toss and second place.

In other games, Milwaukee had one of its best scoring nights in downing Rochester, 91-53, while Fort Wayne nipped Baltimore, 91-86.

WELL DONE

Athletic Director Praises Filley

The Cornell University Ath-



DICK LEMYRE, Penn State 130-pounder, is partly obscured in this shot in his final round match with Lehigh's Jim

Mahoney but he appears to have the situation well in hand. He went on to take a 6-2 decision for his third straight Eastern crown.

Wrestling

Eastern Intercollegiate

The summaries:

123 POUNDS

Semifinals

Hugh Peery, Pittsburgh, defeated

McCord, Lehigh, 9-4; Robert McCreary,

Temple, defeated Gene D'Alessandro,

Rutgers, referee's decision, (overtime).

Consolations

D'Alessandro defeated McCord, 12-8.

Finals

Peery defeated McCreary, 7-3.

130 POUNDS

Semifinals

Dick Lemyre, Penn State, defeated

Deane Oliver, Rutgers, 7-2; James Ma-

honey, Lehigh, defeated Bill Kozy,

Pittsburgh, 4-0.

Consolations

Kozy defeated Oliver, 7-1.

Finals

Lemyre defeated Mahoney, 6-2.

137 POUNDS

Semifinals

Gerald Maurey, Penn State, defeated

George Mathews, Pittsburgh, 4-2;

Ken Faust, Lehigh, defeated Richard

Simmons, Temple, 4-2.

Consolations

Mathews defeated Simmons, 5-4.

Finals

Maurey defeated Faust, 6-3 (over-

time).

147 POUNDS

Semifinals

Edward Eichelberger, Lehigh, de-

feated Frey, Penn State, 6-4; Charles

Uram, Pittsburgh, defeated Harry

Scott, Columbia, 5-0.

Consolations

Frey defeated Scott, 5-1.

Finals

Uram defeated Eichelberger, 7-2.

157 POUNDS

Semifinals

Ed Rooney, Syracuse, pinned Dale

Ward, Army, with a body press in 2:00;

Edward DeWitt, Pittsburgh, defeated

Donald Rumsfeld, Princeton, 8-3.

Consolations

Ward defeated Rumsfeld, forfeit (in-

Finals

Rooney defeated DeWitt, 9-4.

167 POUNDS

Semifinals

Joe Solomon, Pittsburgh, pinned

Gerald Tebben, Army, with an arm

bar and body press in 2:09; Joe Gat-

tuso, Navy, pinned John Kousi, Yale,

with a half-nelson and crotch hold in

6:50.

Consolations

Kousi defeated Tebben, forfeit (in-

Finals

Gattuso defeated Solomon, referee's

decision (overtime).

177 POUNDS

Semifinals

George Beresford, Pittsburgh, Pitts-

burgh, pinned Kenneth Culbert, Har-

vard, with a half-nelson and arm bar

in 8:20; Carlton MacDonald, Prince-

ton, defeated Joe Krufka, Penn State,

4-2.

Consolations

Krufka defeated Culbert, 7-2.

Finals

Beresford defeated MacDonald, 6-2.

HEAVYWEIGHT

Semifinals

Peter Blair, Navy, pinned Gerald

Lodge, Army, with a half-nelson and

body press in 8:20; Werner Seel, Le-

high, defeated William Oberly, Penn

State, 1-0.

Al's Valley In Playoffs

Al's Dairy and the Valley Ho, which had 9-1 records during the regular season, will begin the playoffs at Boynton gymnasium Tuesday night for the City Hall playoff championship. Games will be 8 p.m.

The teams will meet again Thursday, March 15, at 8 p.m. Al's have won the Valley playoffs twice already, in the '52-'53 season and in the '53-'54 season. But they have Gob M. Armando Augustine and Jack McGraw are threats of the Valley team.

Consolations
Oberly defeated Lodge, 10-4.
Finals
Blair defeated Seel, 7-0.