

EASTERN INTERCOLLEGIATE GRAPPLING GIANTS—LEHIGH: *Left to right, first row—McRaven, Kelsey, Bernard (captain), Burns, Hinlein; second row—Erikson, Eric, Erickson, Edwin, La Sasso, Jackson, Svecetz, Gottschall (manager).*

Eastern Intercollegiate Championships

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The 43rd Annual Championships of the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association were held at the Payne Whitney Gymnasium, Yale University, New Haven, Conn., March 14-15, 1947.

Lehigh University won the championship with 21 points. Navy, the champion for the past four years, took second place with 17 points. Syracuse, with a strong team, came in third. Next in order was Columbia with 9 points, followed by Army with 8, Penn State 7, Yale 6, Harvard 6, Cornell 4, Dartmouth 4, Merchant Marine Academy 4, Pennsylvania 3, and Princeton 1. Coast Guard Academy and Virginia did not score. Under the rules of the Association, all member teams must have a representative in each weight class. For each weight where there is no entry, a penalty of five points is subtracted from the total team score of that college. Thus, in the final tabulation Harvard is listed as +1, Virginia as -15 and the Merchant Marine Academy as -31.

Fifteen colleges and universities now comprise the Association: Army, Columbia, Coast Guard Academy, Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, Merchant Marine Academy, Lehigh, Navy, Pennsylvania State, Pennsylvania, Princeton, Syracuse, Virginia and Yale. One hundred and nine men participated, the largest number ever to compete.

There were four sessions held: Friday afternoon, Friday evening, Saturday afternoon, and Saturday evening. The tournament was again conducted under the new plan, which was inaugurated last year. The plan is as follows:

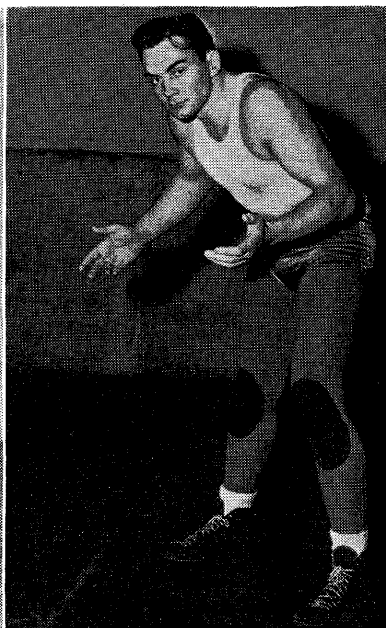
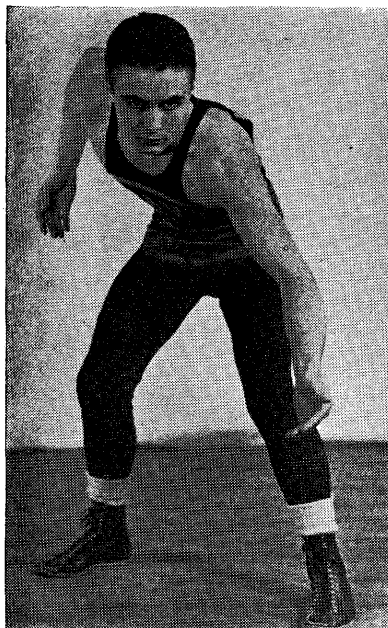
1. All contestants are seeded by a committee of five coaches.
2. The tournament is conducted on an elimination basis, with the defeated semi-finalists wrestling for third place.
3. A feature of this plan is that the defeated finalist automatically receives second place.

Five referees were used the first day of the tournament, and this was reduced to four for the semi-final and final sessions. Three mats were used for the preliminary and semi-final matches. Saturday night, on two mats, bouts were conducted simultaneously to determine the third place winners. Following this, the finals were run off individually on alternate mats.

The wrestling shown throughout the tournament was of high caliber, and the condition of the contestants was excellent. There were 33 falls registered and 103 points scored, which shows the aggressive nature of the matches. For first place 5 points were given, second place 3 points, third place 1 point, and 1 point extra was awarded for each fall.

Navy tied with Lehigh for individual winners, each having two champions. Penn State, Army, Syracuse and Columbia gained one champion apiece. John Fletcher, of Navy, who won the 145-lb. class, was awarded the Coaches Trophy as the outstanding matman of the tournament.

None of the previous champions was able to retain possession of their



EASTERN STANDOUTS: Navy's L. W. Smith, who won the EIA 136 pound crown (left), and Hank O'Shaughnessy, the EIA unlimited titlist,

titles. Raabe of Army bowed to McRaven of Lehigh; Dixon of Penn State lost in the semi-finals, and Sullivan of Pennsylvania, who won the 136-lb. class in 1944, was forced to default in the penultimate round, due to an injury incurred in an earlier match.

The Association's 44th Annual Championships have been scheduled for March 12-13, 1948, at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa.

CHAMPIONS AND PLACE WINNERS

Division	Champion	Second	Third
124 lb.	McRaven, Lehigh	Raabe, Army	DeLong, Navy
128 lb.	Mohney, Penn State	Bach, Dartmouth	C. Smith, Syracuse
136 lb.	L. W. Smith, Navy	Raine, Cornell	Haydock Penn.
145 lb.	Fletcher, Navy	Barnes, Merchant Marine Acad. . .	McClure, Syracuse
155 lb.	Thevenet, Army	Eric Ericson, Lehigh	Dixon, Penn State
165 lb.	Ed Ericson, Lehigh	Chafee, Yale	Louria, Harvard
175 lb.	Pickett, Syracuse	Jackson, Lehigh	Horvath, Columbia
Heavyweight.	O'Shaughnessy, Columbia . . .	Fuller, Harvard	Berndt, Lehigh