

# Golic paces Irish wrestlers to National Catholic title

By BRIAN BEGLANE

Bob Golic is not one to waste time. The junior from Cleveland, Ohio easily disposed of his three opponents yesterday and Notre Dame wrestling team captured the National Catholic Invitational Championship in the all-day tourney held at the ACC Fieldhouse.

The Irish totaled 92 points in winning their first championship in the tourney. Defending champ John Carroll was second with 65 while Marquette had 51½, St. John's of Minnesota 34½ and Scranton 34.

The Irish wrestlers finished the day with four individual champions while Irish coach Ray Sepeta received National Catholic Coach of the Year honors for the third consecutive season.

Pat McKillin (150), Mike Padden (158), Rob Dreger (177), and Bob Golic won the individual championships.

For Golic, necessity was the mother of invention.

"I have only been practicing since Tuesday so I was not in the best of shape for the tournament. The three pins were something I had to do because if I had to go the whole eight minutes for each match I might have been in bad shape," explained Notre Dame's heavyweight.

Golic's first pin of the day came against Bill Springer of St. Joseph's College in 1:15. Bob pinned Ron Woods of Dayton in 1:38 before handling Bob Burgess of King's College in 2:57 for his third straight NCIT championship. His three falls — using up a total of only 5:50 — earned him the tournament trophy for most pins.

"Overall I thought our team did fantastic. Everybody wrestled just super and we just tore this place

apart," noted Golic.

Sepeta more than agreed with his star wrestler. "It feels just great having won both Coach of the Year honors and capturing the championship but I am much happier in winning the team title. We have been second or third the last few years and when you keep doing that you know you have just got to get better," the coach said.

The Irish could not have done much better than they did yesterday. All but one of the Notre Dame wrestlers made it into either the finals or the consolation finals (six in the championships, three in the consolations). While the Irish won the tourney by nearly 30 points, Sepeta never forgot about defending champion John Carroll.

"All the while we were winning I never forgot about them because they are always out to get you and could have come back in no time. The outcome could be different if the tournament was held a day later. It was that close."

Pat McKillin captured his third straight NCIT title. The senior co-captain from Waukegan, Ill., defeated Marquette's Tim Jarecki 6-2 for the crown. Before that he beat John Elton of St. John's 14-6 and Jim Reinert of Scranton 12-4.

"The final was the hardest of the three and it felt good to beat Jarecki because I had lost to his brother. At least I was able to beat the younger of the two," noted the 150 pounder.

Mike Padden and Rob Dreger round out the list of Irish champions. Padden beat Vitas Kijauskas of John Carroll 11-1 for the 177 pound title. On his way to the final he beat Tom Grimmer of St. Joseph's, Jim Mooney of St. John Fisher, and Fred Brownlee of Dayton.

Dreger defeated Marquette's Mark Reitz 15-3 and Kevin O'Neill of John Carroll 10-6.

"You really have to give Dreger and Padden a lot of credit. It was their first championship and they performed very well in a tight situation," noted Sepeta.

"We cannot forget, however, how the team as a whole performed. We placed in either the consolations or the finals nine out of 10 times and if we hadn't done that it might have been a different story."

John Torres (134), Chris Favo (142), Joe Kurlletta (190) all captured fourth place for Notre Dame. George

# Four champs

Gedney (118) and Dave DiSabato (126) wound up in second place.

"Our kids wanted to win this tournament and they went out and did it. It's the first time in a while John Carroll has not won the tournament so it feels very good to be champs," commented Sepeta.

John Carroll had three tournament champions. John Jackson (126), Tom Cua (142), and Jim Weir (167) all took top honors. Weir won his fourth straight NCIT crown and was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler. He also totaled 47 points for that award also.

George Stephenson of St. Mary's finished as 118 pound champion while Sandy Spero of St. John Fisher took the 134 pound division. Dan Herman captured the lone championship for Marquette with his 190 pound title.

The Irish will be away at John Carroll this Saturday after hosting Western Michigan on Wednesday. Notre Dame has never beaten John Carroll in a dual meet but Pat McKillin thinks the timing is just right.

"We beat John Carroll in the tournament without having ever beaten them in a dual meet. This looks like the year."

For the Notre Dame wrestling team, this is definitely the year.

## 72nd for fencers

Notre Dame's fencing team extended its winning streak to 72 matches with Saturday victories over Wisconsin-Parkside, Purdue, Bowling Green, Tri-State and Cleveland State. Notre Dame won every match by a

minimum of 13 bouts. The Irish defeated Purdue and Cleveland, 20-7; Parkside 24-3, Bowling Green 25-2 and Tri-State 26-1.

Mike Sullivan won all 10 bouts in sabre, and all but four of 45 overall. Foil captain Pat Gerard won six of seven.

The women fencers also won four matches and captain Kathy Valdiserri won seven of eight bouts in foil. The women defeated Purdue 6-3, Parkside 7-2, Bowling Green 6-3 and Tri-State 8-1.



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