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By
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CORNELL hasn't won an Eastern Intercollegiate wrestling championship since 1958 and it isn't expected to pull off a major upset this time. If it finishes in the first four it will do handsomely. Lehigh should add to its laurels. The winner last season, Lehigh has won the most titles in the tournament with 16½. Penn State has taken 13½ and Cornell 12. The teams rate in the same order in the number of individual champions with 86, 80 and 74. Cornell hasn't had an individual winner since the 1960 tournament here when Dave Auble won in the 123 for a second straight year. Dave also took the outstanding wrestler award, then for a second time. Cornell's best efforts last year were a second by Warren Crow and a third by Mike Wittenberg. Red hopes this time are with Jeff Stephens.

Ithaca College grad Carlton Colgan, of King Ferry, saw his South Otselic basketball five compile a 17-1 record this year. It is in the Section 3 tournament. C. Stuart (Micky) McLean, general manager of Vernon Downs the last 6 years, will be director of racing this year. Frank O. White, currently working at Pompano, Fla., race track, will be administrative assistant to the president. White has been pari-mutuel manager since the track opened in 1953. Reason for the shift is that the Vernon directors figured it was too much for one man to be connected with both management and racing.

On Tuesday, March 16, at the same time as the Gary Wood dinner at the Statler will be the showing of the Alaska wild-life film at Kulp Auditorium at Ithaca High. The film is being sponsored by the Tompkins County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs. Former Ithacan Jim Hardin will be assistant track coach at Elmira Free Academy this Spring.

Richie Leonardo of Ithaca won his first wrestling match for the Oklahoma State Frosh. He gained a 7-2 decision as the Cowboys beat the Southern Illinois cubs, 37-3. Ron Swoboda, who may make it in the outfield with the New York Mets, got some coaching tips from Ithaca College grad Bob

Collegiate Wrestling Questions To Be Answered in Tournament

By **JERRY LANGDON**
Can Lehigh's 1-2 soph punch stand the guff of a first EIWA tournament? Will Pittsburgh, with much the same personnel as last year's one-point runnersup to Lehigh, rise to the occasion after a lack-lustre dual meet campaign? Is Syracuse at long last 100 percent healthy? Just how much has Cornell progressed in recent weeks? Do Penn State, Army, and Navy have the necessary depth to win? Will four of the six defending champions not be seeded No. 1?

These are some of the questions here today as the third consecutive big wrestling weekend approaches with the annual Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Assn. championship at Barton Hall. The first of four rounds begins at 1 p.m. Friday. Lehigh is the team favorite. But much depends on its two sophomore aces, Mike Caruso and Joe Peritore at 123 and 130. Defending champions are back in both weight classes—John Windfelder of Penn State at 123 and Mike Johnson of Pittsburgh at 130—but on the season's record to date, it is going to be tough to keep Caruso and Peritore from No. 1 ranking.

Caruso's only loss was to Army's Bob Steenlage in a venture to 130. Peritore is unbeaten. Windfelder's only setback was to Lehigh substitute 123-pounder Rich Warnke, while Johnson lost once at 137. Johnson has been out with illness for some Pitt meets this year. Pittsburgh has five of its six semifinalists back from last year—missing only 177-pound



MARTY STRAYER is a former 167-pound champion from Penn State who will toss his weight around Friday in the Easterns at Cornell.

runnerup Ken Barr. The Panthers would like to ring down the curtain in style for veteran Coach Rex Peery, who is concluding a distinguished career at Pitt. Top hopes for Pittsburgh are Lee Hall in a three-way struggle at 177 and Johnson. Syracuse also had an undistinguished dual meet season with the Sugar Bowl football game keeping two leading contenders—two time EIWA heavy-weight champ Jim Nance and 191-pound Gerry Everling—off the mats until January.

Syracuse was plagued with injuries. The Orange's 123-pound Terry Haise has been bothered by a bum elbow, 177-pound Tom Schlendorf with an ankle, and Everling with knee problems. And 137-pound Jim Murrin didn't become eligible until second term. Schlendorf—or Pittsburgh's Hall—is apt to be favored over two-time EIWA champ Gerry Franzen of Navy, whom he's beaten twice so far this year. (The Cornell story is elsewhere on this page.)

Penn State, Army, and Navy all have the personnel to challenge for the team crown if Lehigh and Syracuse falter. The Nittany Lions are strong through defending champ Marty Strayer at 167, while the Cadets are fairly-well balanced from the lightweights through heavy-weight, as are the Middies.

Navy is led by Franzen and

defending EIWA champ Wayne Hicks, who was upset in a dual this season by Lehigh's Bill Stuart.

Hicks, Franzen, Johnson, and Windfelder are the defending champs who have their work cut out for them. The other two 1964 winners—Nance and Strayer—are heavy favorites. In all, there are 24 of the top 36 place-winners back from the 1964 tournament at Lancaster, Pa.

The quarterfinals will be at 8 p.m. Friday, with the semis at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, and the consolations and finals at 8.

Detroit Tops National Puck League

By **HAL BOCK**
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Power play? It was more a power poop for the Toronto Maple Leafs and Chicago Black Hawks and nobody enjoyed the short circuit more than Detroit's high-flying Red Wings.

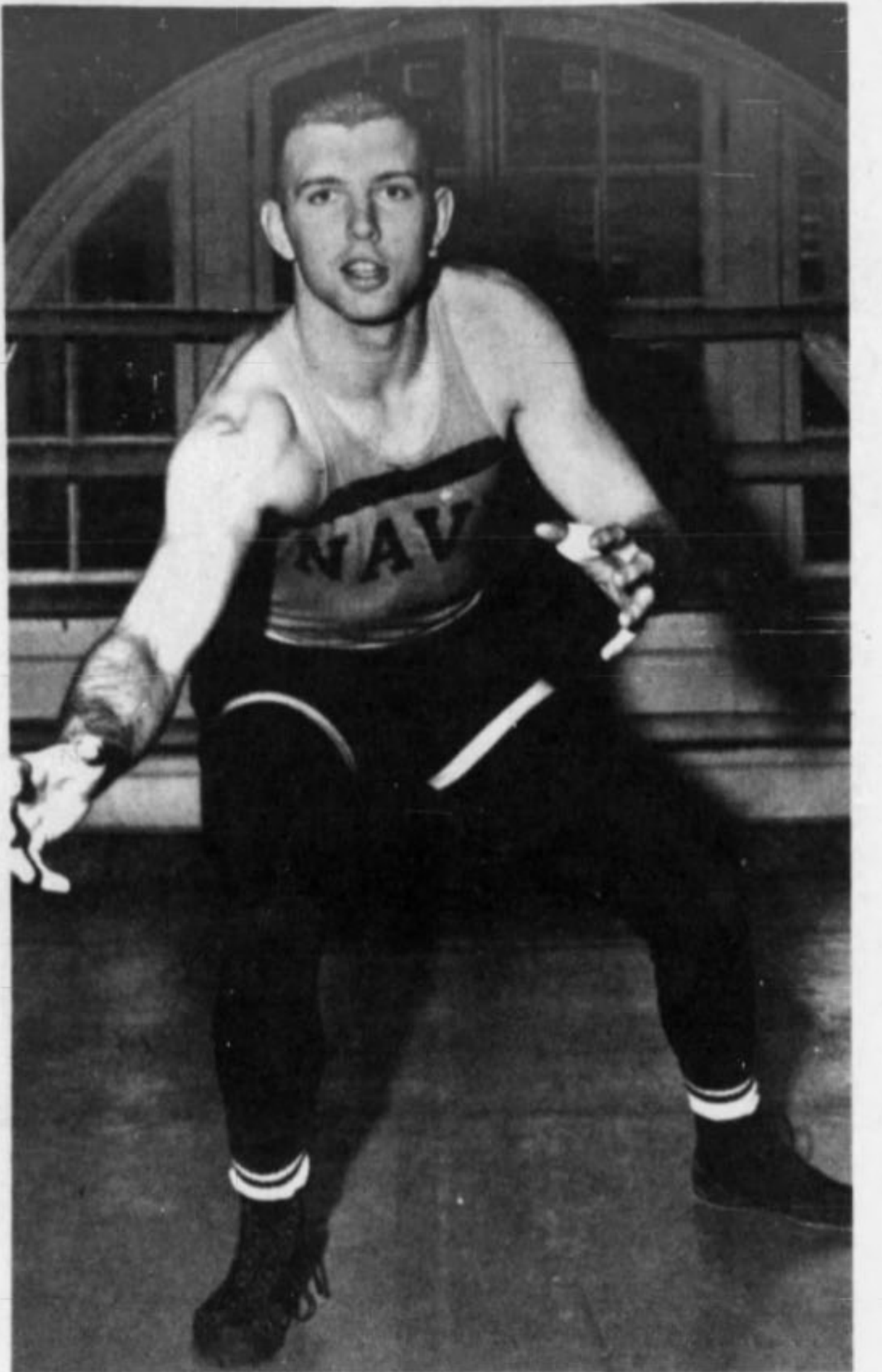
Detroit, considered just another club when the National Hockey League season started, is in first place today with a two-point lead over the stumbling Black Hawks as the regular season enters its final stages.

The Wings, with two games in hand on Chicago and five points on third place Montreal, picked up an important point on the Hawks with a 4-2 victory over Toronto while Chicago was being held to a 1-1 tie against New York Wednesday night. The triumph was Detroit's sixth straight.

Power plays and the failures of them, held the spotlight in both games.

Gordie Howe, who scored two goals, was out killing a Red Wing penalty in the first two minutes of the game at Toronto when he broke away and beat ex-teammate Terry Sawchuk for the first goal of the game.

The Leafs never recovered and before it was over, Normie Ullman had scored his 33rd and 34th goals of the year and Howe had added his 24th.



GERRY FRANZEN of Navy is a two-time Eastern Intercollegiate wrestling champion at 177 pounds. He will seek a third this weekend at Barton Hall.

Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Selections

- 123—1, Mike Caruso, Lehigh; 2, Terry Haise, Syracuse; 3, John Windfelder, Penn State; 4, Tom Heniff, Pittsburgh.
- 130—1, Joe Peritore, Lehigh; 2, Mike Johnson, Pittsburgh; 3, Bob Steenlage, Army; 4, Steve Erber, Penn State.
- 137—1, Bill Stuart, Lehigh; 2, Wayne Hicks, Navy; 3, Jim Murrin, Syracuse; 4, Don New, Cornell.
- 147—1, Bob Sanders, Navy; 2, Mark Scureman, Army; 3, Al Lilley, Temple; 4, Dick DeWalt, Penn State.
- 157—1, Jeff Stephens, Cornell; 2, Jerry Seaman, Penn State; 3, Ken Haltenhoff, Yale; 4, Brian Small, Colgate.
- 167—1, Marty Strayer, Penn State; 2, Harley Ferguson, Lehigh; 3, Bob Arvin, Army; 4, Dave Palmer, Navy.
- 177—1, Tom Schlendorf, Syracuse; 2, Lee Hall, Pittsburgh; 3, Gerry Franzen, Navy; 4, Ron Geiser, Rutgers.
- 191—1, Steve Speers, Temple; 2, Gerry Everling, Syracuse; 3, Guido Carloni, Navy; 4, Tom Abraham, Army.
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MIKE JOHNSON of Pittsburgh is an old hand at 130 pounds in the Easterns. He will defend his title at the weight these next two days at Barton Hall.