



—Journal Photo by Sol Goldberg  
**STEPHENS STORY:** Cornell's first Eastern Intercollegiate wrestling champion since 1960 is Jeff Stephens, junior 157-pounder from Port Crane. In the lower photo he has control late in the second overtime period of the final bout in which he defeated Jerry Seaman of Penn State. In the top photo he receives his award from Frank Carver, Pittsburgh athletic director and president of the EIWA. Lined up (from left) are Bob Hartenstine, Lehigh, fourth; Ed Sharkness, Army, third; and Seaman, second.



**CHAMPIONS ALL:** The nine individual winners in the Eastern Intercollegiate wrestling tournament at Barton Hall Saturday are (from left), Mike Caruso, Lehigh; Bob Steenlage, Army; Bill Stuart, Le-

high; Dino Boni, Pittsburgh; Jeff Stephens, Cornell; Marty Strayer, Penn State; Gerry Franzen, Navy; Gerry Everling, Syracuse; and Jim Nance, Syracuse.

Stephens Wins

# Orange Matmen Need Late Surge to Take Easterns

By KENNY VAN SICKLE

Individual championships in the Eastern Intercollegiate wrestling tournament at Barton Hall Saturday night were well-divided among seven teams. Syracuse and Lehigh, who wound up with two apiece, were the teams who waged a keen duel for the team title right down to the last buzzer.

The Orange triumphed when Gerry Everling and Jim Nance won in the final two weight classes.

Until Everling's victory the Orange and Lehigh were tied in the scoring at 59 points apiece. He provided a three-point edge by decisioning Tom Abraham of Army. Which meant that John Illengwarth, Lehigh heavyweight, would have had to have advanced over Nance by a pin or even by a default through injury in order for Lehigh to win.

Nance, whose hustling style had delighted spectators through the two afternoons and two nights of competition, was in no mood for any such happenstance. He carved out a 4-2 victory. And the fact that he didn't appear to exert himself as he did in getting three earlier pins might have cost him the Outstanding Wrestler award. But he helped preserve the team victory which was more important.

Syracuse won for the fourth time and the second time in two years. It was all the more remarkable after a 4-5 dual meet season when the leading lights were in and out of the lineup because of injuries, ailments, ineligibility and football bowl games.

Cornell failed to improve on its seventh place finish of last year but it succeeded in having an individual winner for the first time in five years. Jeff Stephens, 157-pounder from Port Crane, triumphed, after a struggle. Cornell's last winners were Dave Auble, 123 and Al Marion, 157, in 1960.

Jeff finished with a flourish in each of his four bouts but never was more spectacular than in the final when he won in overtime over Jerry Seaman of Penn State, 2-1, getting a late reversal and riding it out.

There were dramatics and the crowd of 6,000 was very much alive to it. The scoreboard at the end of regulation time was 6-5 for Seaman and Referee Pascal Perri, without checking the timers to learn of Stephens' riding time, raised Seaman's hand in token of victory. Justice prevailed and the men wrestled on.

Cornell also had two fourth place finishers in Don New, 137, and Fran Ferraro, 167. New, aggressive sophomore from Canastota, fought Syracuse's Jim Murrin to a 3-3 in regulation. When it was 1-1 after the overtime Murrin won on the unanimous opinion of three judges. Ferraro was 2-1 victim of Navy's Dave Palmer.

Jerry Franzen, Navy's 177-pounder, and Nance became three-time winners. Franzen did it by pinning Tom Schlendorf, Syracuse sophomore. That, after his brilliant semifinal comeback victory over Ron Geiser of Rutgers might well have persuaded the coaches in presenting him the Outstanding Wrestler award. Nance didn't depart empty-handed. He won the John Fletcher Memorial Trophy for most career points and contributing most to his team in the EIWA tourney competition. He also won the Sheridan Trophy for having the most pins in least aggregate time. He had three in 9:12.

Marty Strayer of Penn State repeated as champion in the 167 but four other defending titlists fell by the wayside. John Windfelder, 123, of Penn State, lost to Mike Caruso of Lehigh. Mike Johnson, 130, of Pittsburgh lost to Bob Steenlage of Army. Wayne Hicks, 137, lost to Bill Stuart of Lehigh.

Caruso, entering the tournament with a 10-1 record in duals, lost only to Steenlage of Army. Steenlage was unbeaten this year but had a draw with Syracuse's Terry Haise. Stuart, a junior from Wilton, Conn., was 12-0 during the year. Hicks entered with 19-1 for two seasons and his only setback in duals also was to Stuart.

Stephens extended his record to 19 straight. It was his second victory over Seaman. His first was 9-0 in a dual meet

here, when both were in the 167.

Syracuse had four in the finals, from the 167 on up. So after Lehigh crowned two champions in the lower weights, Mike Caruso at 123 and Bill Stuart at 130, it boosted its minimum total to 59. Its only possibility for more points was for an Illengwarth victory.

So the Orange appeared to be "in." But when Lew Roberts and Tom Schlendorf took turns losing the Syracuse "59" remained a fixture. It budged to 62 after the Everling victory, then Nance capped things.

The evening program began at 8 with consolation finals on two mats. The championship finals began at 9:05, one bout at a time. So it was 11 before the windup.

## 167-Pound Class Pivotal

By JERRY LANGDON  
 There is little doubt that the 167 class was pivotal in the Easterns.

Harley Ferguson of Lehigh was seeded No. 2, but failed to place — and accounted for just two points in the Engineers' team total through preliminary round advancements.

Syracuse's Lew Roberts, seeded No. 3, wound up second, and accounted for 11 points for Bill Orange, whose final margin over Lehigh in the team standings was a mere six points.

Many fans wondered about the "Outstanding Wrestler" designation given to Gerry Franzen of Navy, one of four senior champions.

The performance of Lehigh 123-pounder Mike Caruso was outstanding as he routed Terry Haise of Syracuse, 10-2, and defending champ John Windfelder of Penn State, 10-4. Caruso probably didn't get the award because he's a sophomore.

Only a shade behind Caruso, it appeared, was Lehigh teammate Bill Stuart at 137.

Heavyweight Jim Nance of Syracuse was another contender for honors.

What undoubtedly helped Franzen was his incredible rally from an 8-2 deficit in the semis to Ron Geiser of Rutgers to tie on riding time, 9-9, and win by a fall in overtime, plus the fact that his finals' pin of Tom Schlendorf of Syracuse reversed two earlier decision losses to the husky Orange sophomore.

The title was Franzen's third.

What do the judges look for in overtime bouts?

This was the question posed in the 137 pound consolation finals between Cornell soph Don New and Syracuse senior Jim Murrin.

Murrin rode New for nearly a minute in the first stanza.

New rode Murrin for just a few seconds in the second period.

Awards were made between bouts. Before the finals special awards were made to two veteran EIWA coaches who are in retirement, Jimmy Reed of Princeton and Charlie Speidel of Penn State. Reed served 32 years and Speidel 38.

The quickest pin of the meet was in the first round of the consolations when Howard Henjyoi of Harvard pinned Bob Peffer of Yale in 31 seconds. Yale coach Red Campbell, late in arriving, hadn't become seated when it was all over.

Nance now stands 87x88 since his schoolboy days at Indiana, Pa., High School. He is looking forward to regaining the NCAA title. He won it as a sophomore but lost out here last year when he was nipped by Bob Billberg of Moorhead, Minn., State.

## Wrestling Summaries

- CHAMPIONSHIP**  
 123—Mike Caruso, Lehigh, decisioned John Windfelder, Penn State, 10-4.  
 130—Bob Steenlage, Army, decisioned Mike Johnson, Pittsburgh, 5-4.  
 137—Bill Stuart, Lehigh, decisioned Wayne Hick, Navy, 4-2.  
 147—Dino Boni, Pittsburgh, decisioned Mark Scureman, Army, 6-4.  
 157—Jeff Stephens, Cornell, decisioned Jerry Seaman, Penn State, overtime, 3-1 (6-4 regulation).  
 167—Marty Strayer, Penn State, decisioned Lew Roberts, Syracuse, 5-2.  
 177—Gerry Franzen, Navy, pinned Tom Schlendorf, Syracuse, in 4:28.  
 191—Gerry Everling, Syracuse, decisioned Tom Abraham, Army, 4-2.  
 Heavyweight—Jim Nance, Syracuse, decisioned John Illengwarth, Lehigh, 4-2.
- CONSOLATION**  
 123—Terry Haise, Syracuse, won a split referees' decision from Dick Sofman, Pennsylvania, 1-1, overtime (2-3 regulation).  
 137—Joe Peritore, Lehigh, pinned Steve Erber, Penn State, in 3:33.  
 137—Jim Murrin, Syracuse, unanimous referees' decision over Don New, Cornell, overtime, 1-1 (3-3 regulation).  
 147—Ed Franquemont, Harvard, decisioned Chuck Geddes, F&M, 7-0, overtime (5-5 regulation).  
 157—Ed Sharkness, Army, decisioned Bob Hartenstine, Lehigh, 5-1.  
 167—David Palmer, Navy, decisioned Francis Ferraro, Cornell, 2-1.  
 177—Lee Hall, Pittsburgh, decisioned Ron Geiser, Rutgers, 2-0.  
 191—Guido Carlini, Navy, decisioned Ellery Seitz, Penn State, 1-0, overtime (1-1 regulation).  
 Heavyweight — Bruce Jacobsohn, Pennsylvania, decisioned Jaul Gobie, Rutgers, 3-1.
- SEMIFINALS**  
 123—John Wildfelder, Penn State, decisioned Dick Sofman, Pennsylvania, 8-7; Mike Caruso, Lehigh, decisioned Terry Haise, Syracuse, 10-2.  
 130—Mike Johnson, Pittsburgh, decisioned Steve Erber, Penn State, 4-3; Bob Steenlage, Army, decisioned Joe Peritore, Lehigh, 1-0, overtime (5-5 regulation).  
 137—Bill Stuart, Lehigh, decisioned Don New, Cornell, 8-3; Wayne Hicks, Navy, decisioned Jim Murrin, Syracuse, 9-4.  
 147—Mark Scureman, Army, decisioned Ed Franquemont, Harvard, 5-2, overtime (9-9 regulation); Dino Boni, Pittsburgh, decisioned Bob Sanders, Navy, 4-3.  
 157—Jeff Stephens, Cornell, decisioned Tom Bailly, Pittsburgh, 4-1; Jerry Seaman, Penn State, decisioned Ken Haltenhoff, Yale, 16-9.  
 167—Marty Strayer, Penn State, decisioned Francis Ferraro, Cornell, 7-2; Lew Roberts, Syracuse, decisioned Harley Ferguson, 3-2.  
 177—Gerry Franzen, Navy, pinned Ron Geiser, Rutgers in 3:27, overtime (9-9 regulation); Tom Schlendorf, Syracuse, decisioned Lee Hall, Pittsburgh, 5-2.  
 191—Gerry Everling, Syracuse, decisioned Ellery Seitz, Penn State, 10-1; Tom Abraham, Army, decisioned Guido Carlini, Navy, 4-2.  
 Heavyweight—Jim Nance, Syracuse, pinned Paul Gobie, Rutgers, in 3:37; John Illengwarth, Lehigh, decisioned Bruce Jacobsohn, Pennsylvania, 4-1.

**TEAM SCORING**

Team	Pts	Pls
Syracuse	65	Harvard 17
Lehigh	59	Pennsylvania 13
Navy	51	Frank & Mar. 6
Penn State	50	Columbia 3
Army	48	Princeton 2
Pittsburgh	38	Temple 2
Cornell	36	Yale 2
Rutgers	21	Colgate 13