

Orange Tops Lehigh in EIWA's

★ Jeff Stephens Takes Cornell Grapplers' One Mat Title

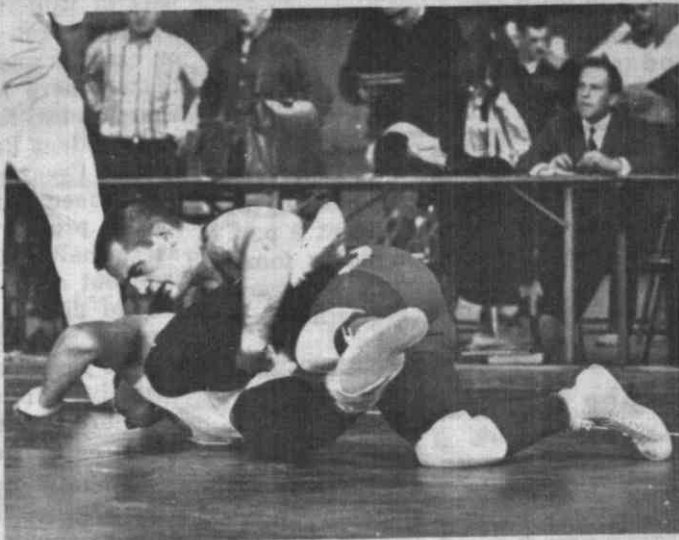
By LAWRENCE F. NOBLE

Jeff Stephens won the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association 157-lb. title at Barton Hall Saturday night, but Syracuse University was the big story, dethroning favored Lehigh University for the team title before a crowd of nearly 7,000.

The Orange, who had only a 4-5 seasonal record, edged the Engineers 65-59 for the team honors. Navy was third, followed by Penn State, Army and Pittsburgh. The Red, who actually led the tournament after the first round, faded to a disappointing seventh place finish.

Syracuse moved into a commanding position when it advanced six men, one more than Lehigh, into the semifinals. Four of them, Lew Roberts (167), Tom Schlendorf (177) Gerry Everling (191) and Jim Nance (hvy.) gained the finals and the Orange was not to be denied.

Everling and Nance won their final round matches, beating Army's Tom Abraham and Lehigh's John Illengwarth, respec-



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Cornell's Jeff Stephens displays form that earned him 157 lb. title in Barton Easterns.

tively. The Engineers had two winners, Mike Caruso (123) and Bill Stuart (137).

Bob Steenlage (130) of Army, Dino Boni (147) of Pitt, Marty Strayer (167) of Penn State and Gerry Franzen (177) of Navy were the other winners.

Stephens became the first Cornell wrestler to take an

EIWA title since Dave Auble and Al Marion turned the trick in 1960. He won it sensationally, beating Penn State's Jerry Seaman in a spine-tingling overtime bout.

Seaman scored first in the match with a dump takedown. Stephens escaped and then took

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The nine EIWA champions.

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a momentary lead with a beautiful arm-drag takedown. Seaman reversed at the end of the period to take a 4-3 lead. An escape in the second period made it 5-3 but not before Stephens picked up two valuable minutes of riding time.

The Cornell wrestler reversed his foe at 2:29 in the third period but was unable to keep him down for more than 23 seconds. The apparent 6-5 deficit at the end of the match became a tie when the point for Stephens' 1:27 seconds of time advantage was added.

Stephens fell behind again in the first overtime period on a Seaman escape but came back

Columbia Captures Swordsmen's Title

Columbia University, without the benefit of a single division victory, won the Intercollegiate Fencing Association title in the Columbia gym Saturday.

The Lions scored 71 points. They were followed by NYU with 68 and Penn, the first day leader, with 65. Cornell tied for eighth with 31 points.

A balanced scoring attack won the crown for the Light Blue. Penn, while winning both the foil and epee titles, only scored 13 points in sabre and could not win the meet.

Howie Goodman of NYU took first in the sabre, followed by teammates Paul Spletzer and Paul Apostol. The foil champion was Joe Nalven of Columbia, who edged out his teammate Bruno Santonocito. In epee, Steve Netburn of Penn beat out Steve Harwood of Princeton and Stan Lefkowitz of CCNY.

The Big Red's performance was generally disappointing. It was beaten by Ivy foes Columbia, Penn, Princeton and Harvard and could only tie the

with a quick reverse in the second period. The match ended with the Penn State wrestler almost being put on his back. The victory was the nineteenth in a row for Stephens.

The road to the title was not an easy one for Stephens, who was seeded first. Jeff looked flat in his opening bout against his Franklin and Marshall opponent and narrowly averted defeat by Army's Ed Sharkness in the quarterfinals.

Don New (137) and Fran Ferraro were the only two other Big Red wrestlers to place in the tourney. Both took fourths.

New, wrestling in his usual scrappy manner, took his first two bouts by falls. In the third round he had the misfortune to run up against the top-seeded Stuart of Lehigh. Stuart won, 8-3, sending the Red matman into the consolation bracket.

Jim Murrin, Syracuse's senior captain and seeded third, and New met in the finals of the consolations for third place. The score was tied, 3-3, at the end of regulation time and 1-1 at the end of the overtime. Murrin was awarded the referee's decision.

Ferraro met a fate similar to New's two easy victories placed him in the semis against Strayer, also the number one seed and the eventual winner. Strayer won 7-2 but Ferraro came back to gain the consolation finals. Dave Palmer of Navy nipped him 2-1 on riding time.

No other Cornell wrestler advanced past the second round. But no Cornell wrestler failed to reach this round. Cornell, in fact was the only team to get all nine men past the preliminaries. Neal Orr won a decision, as did Ferraro and Stephens. New, Joe Demeo (147) and Duane Storie (191) picked up falls. Bob Stock (123) Bob

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Three Red Matmen Score

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Buchwald (177) and Dick Moore (hvy.) drew byes. The result was 12 first round points and the early team lead.

Orr, wrestling the final matches of his career, drew top-seeded Mike Johnson of Pitt in a 130-lb. quarterfinal match. Orr gave his foe a run for his money but succumbed, 8-5. An attempt to come back through the consolations was thwarted by Penn State's Steve Erber, 7-4.

Franzen, who picked up his third EIWA title, was selected as the outstanding wrestler in the tournament by a panel of coaches. His fall in 4:24 over Schlendorf avenged two earlier losses during the season.

Nance, who also won his third

successive title took the other two coveted awards. He earned the Sheridan award for the most pins in the least aggregate time and the Fletcher award for the most career EIWA points contributed toward his team totals.

EIWA CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

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 Hicks, Navy, 4-2.

147—Dino Boni, Pittsburgh, decisioned Mark Scureman, Army, 6-4.

157—JEFF STEPHENS, CORNELL, decisioned Jerry Seaman, Penn State, 6-6, 3-1 (OT).

167—Marty Strayer, Penn State, decisioned Lew Roberts, Syracuse, 5-2.

177—Gerry Franzen, Navy, pinned Tom Schlendorf, Syracuse, 4:24.

191—Gerry Everling, Syracuse, decisioned Bob Abraham, Army, 4-2.

Hvy.—Jim Nance, Syracuse, decisioned John Illengwarth, Lehigh, 4-2.

TEAM SCORING: Syracuse 65, Lehigh 59, Navy 51, Penn State 50, Army 48, Pittsburgh 38, CORNELL 36, Rutgers 21, Harvard 17, Pennsylvania 13, F & M 6, Columbia 3, Princeton 2, Temple -2, Yale -3, Colgate -13.

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