

— AIM FOR NATIONALS —

Grapplers Win Title

By RICH GOULD

The Syracuse University wrestling team scored an upset over Lehigh last week to cop the Eastern Intercollegiate wrestling championship. SU will now send a nine-man squad to the NCAA championships at Laramie, Wyo., beginning Thursday. Oklahoma State and Iowa State are co-favorites to capture the national team title.

At Cornell Saturday, the Orangemen were handicapped by injuries to two key wrestlers but were still able to win two divisions, take the runner-up spot in two others, and place third in two more.

Coach Ed Carlin said upon accepting the trophy, his for Eastern Championship squad, "This is my finest hour. I couldn't have done it with a better group of boys.

They came through despite their injuries."

Jim Nance, on the road to recapturing his national championship, scored three pins in his four matches.

In addition to the heavy-weight trophy, Nance carried home the Sheridan award for the most falls in the least aggregate time, and the Fletcher Memorial Trophy for the competitor whose efforts have contributed the most to the suc-

cess of his team in EIWA championship tournaments.

Impressed by his performance, Lehigh coach Gerry Leeman declared: "Bo Nance will regain his national championship unless a train runs over him."

With his knee heavily wrapped in bandages Gerry Everling defeated Tom Abraham of Army for the 191-pound championship.

The orange senior, fourth seeded in a very tough weight division, looked very impressive in defeating such opponents as Ellery Seitz of Penn State and Ben Brooks of Harvard.

Syracuse sophomore Tom Schlendorf finished second at 177. Tom was pinned at 4:21 in the finals by Gerald Franzen of Navy, who won his third straight Eastern title.

Continuing the Orange mastery of the upper weights was Lew Roberts at 167. Lew's key victory came in the semi-finals when he met Harley Ferguson of Lehigh.

With 30 seconds remaining in a tied contest Roberts earned a two-point take-down to win the match and advance to the finals.

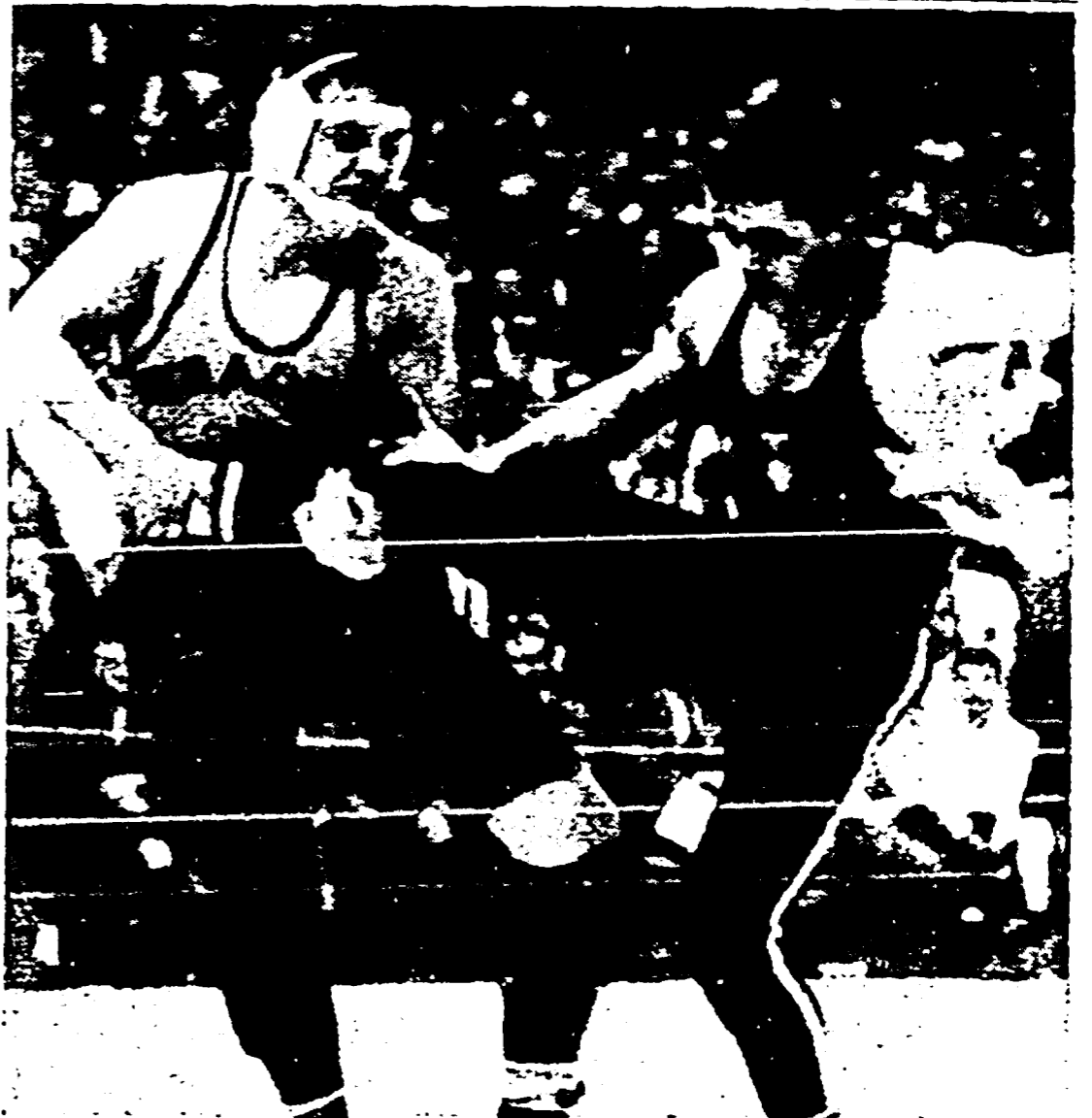
Although dropping the championship title to Marty Strayer of Penn State, Roberts' win over Ferguson proved to be an important factor in the team success of the Orange.

Team captain Jim Murrin, after having been defeated by defending champ Wayne Hicks (Navy) in the semis, came on strong in the consolations to earn a unanimous referee's decision in overtime over Don New of Cornell.

Wrestling with a discolated elbow, Terry Haise came through in the consolation round for a third place. In a match that went into overtime Haise earned a split decision over Richard Soffman of Penn.

Other championship winners in the tournament were: 123-Mike Caruso (Lehigh); 130-Bob Steenlage (Army); 137-Bill Stuart (Lehigh); 147-Dino Boni (Pitt); and 157-Jeff Stephens (Cornell).

Following the Orange (65 points) in team standings were: Lehigh (59), Navy (51), Penn State (50), Army (48) and Pitt (38).



GERRY EVERLING — "LET'S DANCE"

— Gerry Everling —

Eastern Mat Champ

By BOB KRENGEL

Fresh from his victory at Cornell, Eastern wrestling champion Gerry Everling leaned back and talked about his latest athletic achievement.

"I was really happy to get that title," said Everling. "I was ready for this tournament and I felt the best physically that I have all year long."

Getting the 191-pound, 5-11 senior back to the peak of condition was no mean task. Coach Ed Carlin had rested him for over a month, risking losses in the regular season meets for a shot at the championship.

As a matter of fact, Everling had been getting ready for this win far longer than a month. "My brother wrestled and he got me started in high school," he commented. "I did very well in high school, and was sectional champ two years, winning 49 in a row."

It was in his sophomore year at SU that the high school sensation came up against Temple's Steve Speers — and lost. This year Speers did not compete due to illness.

"It was a great disappointment for me not to be able to wrestle Speers again," Everling continued. "It probably made it easier for me to win, but I was sorry not to meet him again. It was a disappointment when he upset me in my sophomore year and I wanted to win the title from him."

Although Speers was missing, there were enough wrestlers available who were ready and willing to put up a tussle. Foremost among these competitors was Tom Abraham, an Army grappler who tied Everling in their dual meet earlier in the year.

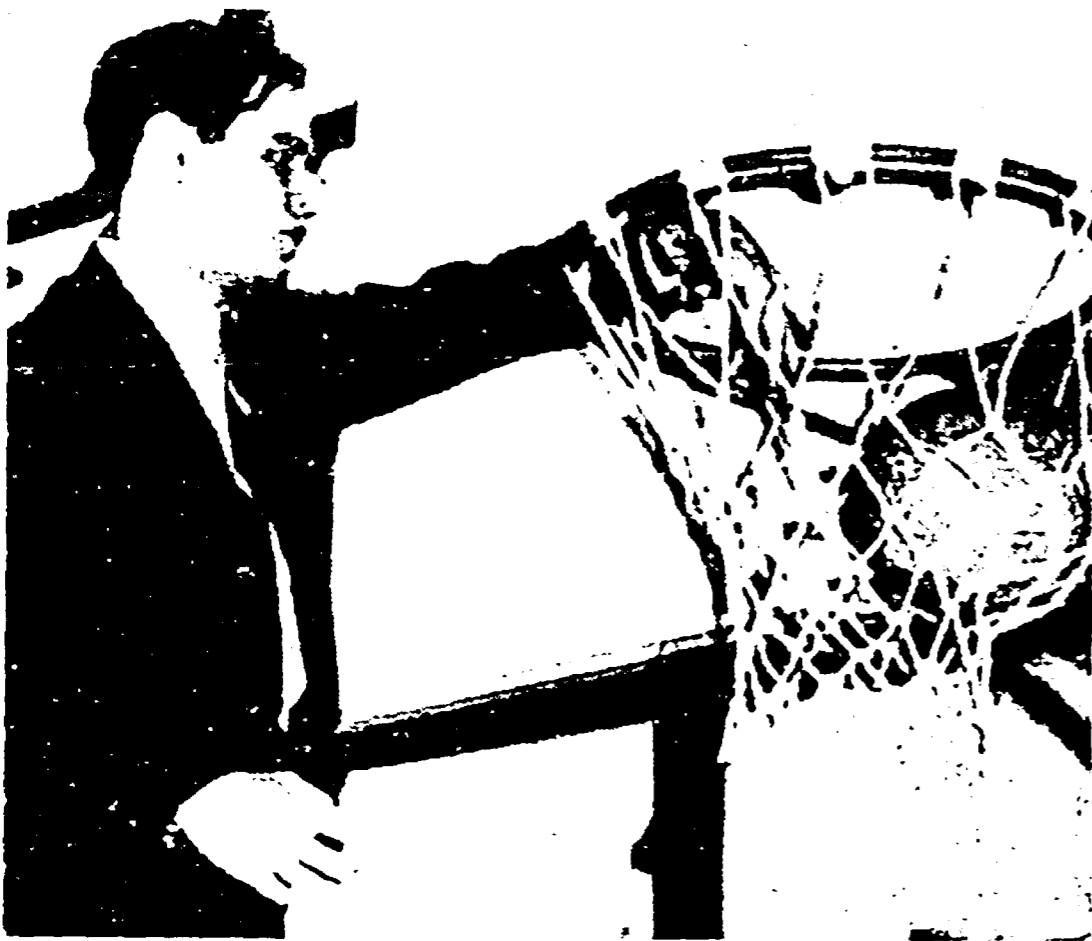
"He was definitely the toughest man I faced in the Easterns," declared the newest Syracuse champion. "I have to give him credit for having his honor. When the referee ruled an illegal slam he could have walked away and won the match."

"Instead he kept on fighting and gave me another chance to win."

Everling was also asked why he felt the team did so well in the Easterns after their dismal season record. "I guess it was really the first time we were all together and healthy," he replied.

"All year long we never had all of our best men ready to go before. But for this tournament it was a different story."

Everling is now ready to go into the NCAA's with high hopes for a national championship. "If my physical condition and luck stands up, I think I might go all the way."



THE BOSS DUNKS

Chickens Scratch At WAERwolves

By BOB KRENGEL

Basketball will return in a strange sort of way to Piety Hill tonight, when the henpecked Daily Orange Chickens match ineptitude with the ferocious WAERwolves at 7:15 p.m. in Archbold Gym.

The treasured Church Key Trophy is at stake.

Since the Chickens' resounding 72-49 victory over the raddiomen last year, growls have been heard on FM radio waves. Captain Jon "Gunner" Galinsky has been roaring louder than anyone else lately. "We're out to clip their wings," he snorted.

For the stouthearted, but yellow Chickens, co-captains Wild Bill Cronauer and Andy Porte have aimed their brilliantly incompetent staff for the event all year.

"We have a feeling that there are some sheep in wolves clothing around this campus," they chortled.

Starting for the DO will be Cronauer, Howie Schneider, Jim Klurfeld, Neil Kerr and Stu Schiffrin.

New secret weapons for the reporters will be Porte, who has developed a deadly dunk shot from anywhere on the floor, and an intricate PRESS full court by the newsmen.

Ace benchwarmers for the Chicks will be Leapin' Lew Prombain, Rich Gould, Rich Turner, Sayre MacLeod III, Ken Rudnick, Bob Krengel and Neil Atlas.

The wild WAERwolk pack will feature a quintet starved for victory. Starting are Galinsky, Dave Fisher, John Lomber, Ron Graeff and Dan Stone.

Officiating will be Val Pinchbeck, SU sports publicity director, and basketball manager Bill Brodsky.



JIM NANCE — "BOTTOMS UP"



Eastern Wrestling Champs

(L.-R.) — (bottom) MIKE CARUSO (123), BOB STEENLAGE (130), BILL STUART (137), DINO BONI (147), JEFF STEPHENS

(157); (top) MARTY STRAYER (167), GERRY FRANZEN (177), GERRY EVERLING (191), JIM NANCE (Hvy.).