

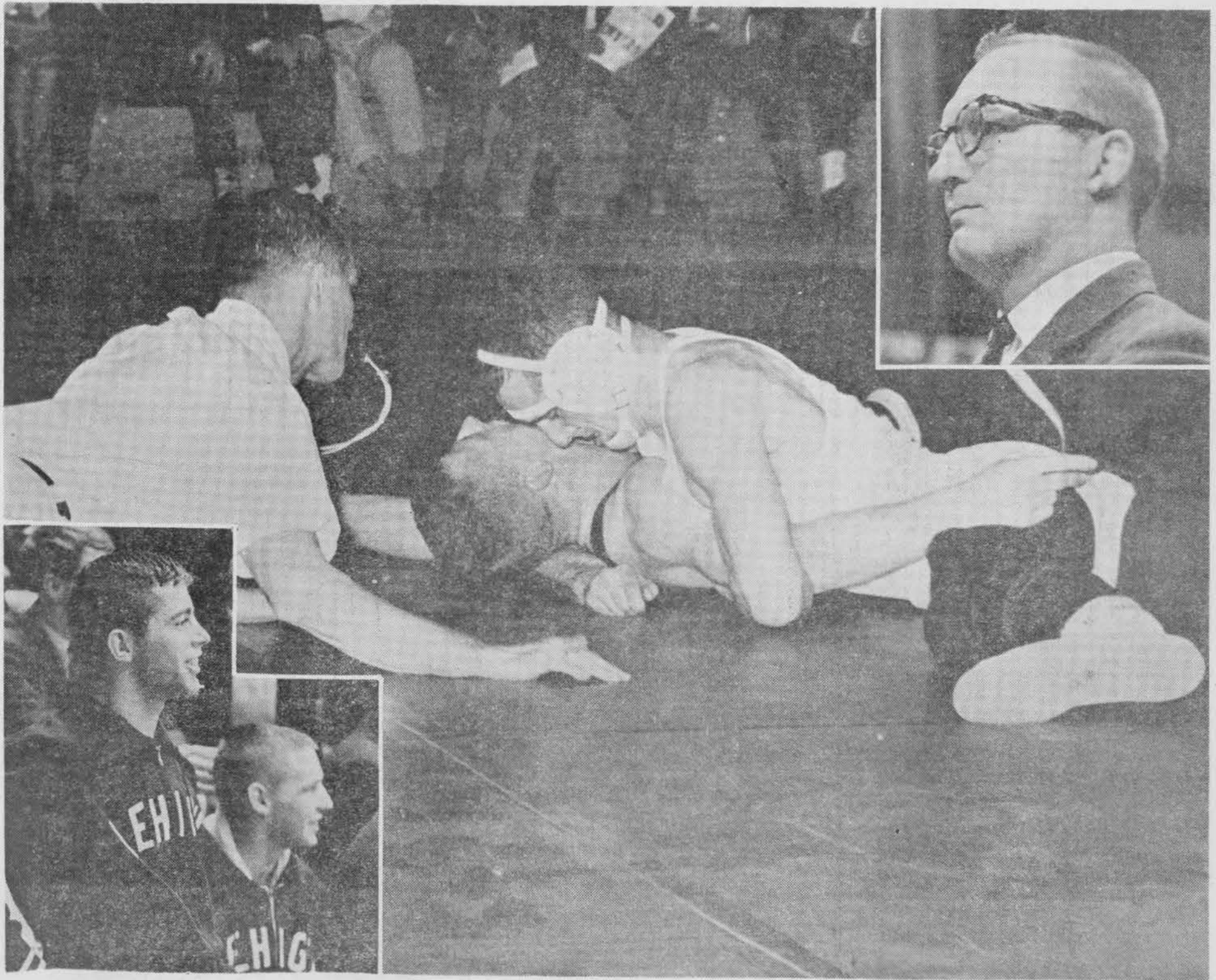
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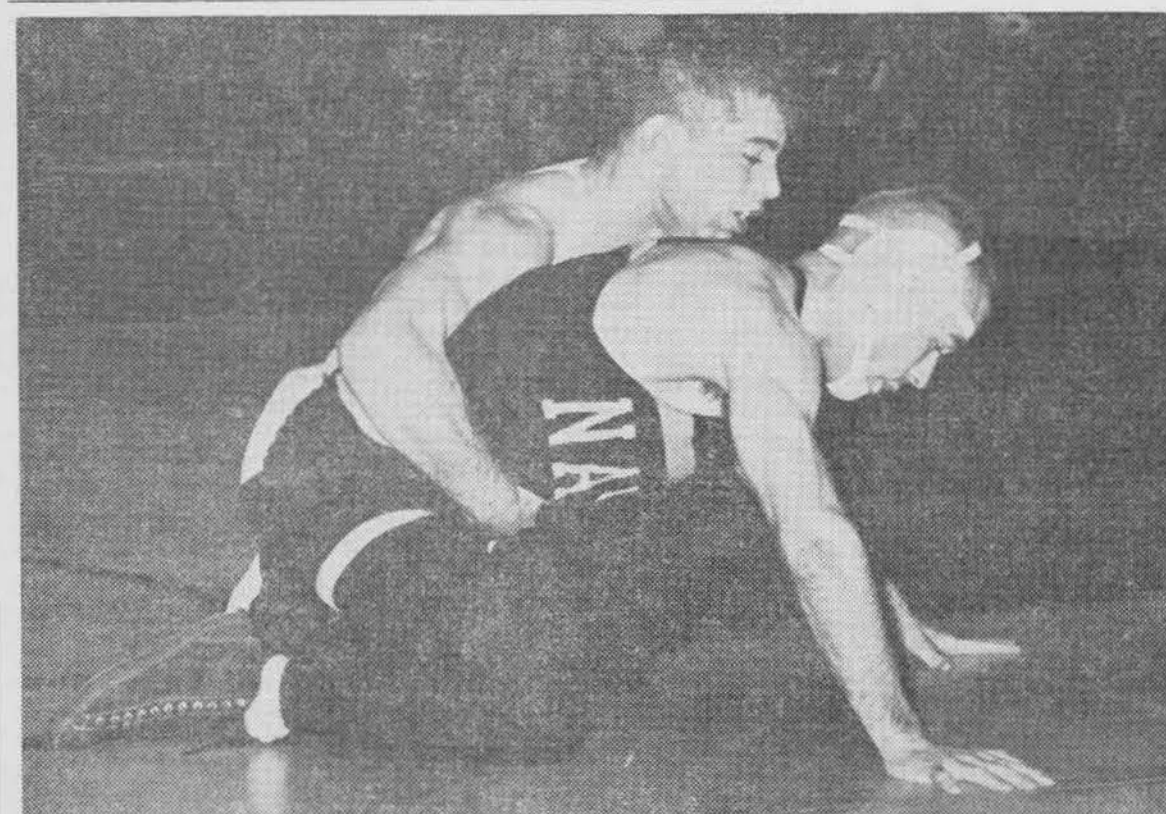
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LEHIGH 2ND IN EIWA WITH 3 CHAMPIONS



"THE CRUSHER" CRUSHES — Kirk Pendleton flattens Navy's Dave Carey in 6:25 of the EIWA finals. In recording his 36th collegiate victory, Pendleton earned his third EIWA crown. Lehigh's other two champions, 123 lb. "Tiger" Merriam and 130 lb. Pat Smartt smile on as their team's captain scores the fall. Coach Leeman takes a calmer view of Pendleton's last Eastern appearance.

—ALL EIWA PHOTOS BY RAY SYKES



WILD BILL RIDES AGAIN — Bill Merriam on his way to winning his second Eastern title. Here he is riding Fred Crawford of Navy in the semi-final round. The final score was 8-2. In the final round Merriam won over Terry Haise of Syracuse as Haise defaulted after hurting his knee.

Kirk, Pat, Bill Victorious; Nationals Next Challenge

By AL GRASER

Who deserves the most credit for Lehigh's narrow second place finish in the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Tournament last week?

Is it Kirk Pendleton, the tourney's Outstanding Wrestler whose three pins and an 18-0 victory were a better performance than even his fans dared predict?

Is it Billy Merriam, who fought methodically to his second title in two years?

Or is it little Pat Smartt, who, unlike Lehigh's other two returning champions, wasn't seeded first in his class. In fact, because of a mediocre 7-3 season, he wasn't even seeded among the top four.

The vote, hands down, goes to Smartt, who, unlike the other two, whose unexpected victory at 130 lbs. was instrumental in Lehigh's bare 60-59 squeak past Pittsburgh into second place.

In the finals, Smartt met Pitt's Mike Johnson, seeded second. Johnson, a four-time PIAA champ, had never lost in collegiate competition.

Smartt, who had previously beaten top-seeded Bob Haney of Penn State, fought a well-balanced and very fast moving match and was able to gain the title with a 5-3 victory.

The first period saw both wrestlers facing off each other, but neither of them scoring any points. In the second period, Pat was on top, and he was on top to stay. Using his legs to a large degree, Smartt tied up Johnson for the full three minutes. Johnson attempted everything in the book, but couldn't dislodge the spunky Smartt.

The third period brought some of the greatest wrestling of the tournament. Smartt was on the bottom for a short time, but then escaped only to be taken down shortly thereafter. Pat escaped again, but was taken down for a second time. This brought the score to 3-2 with Johnson ahead. The crowd was on the edge of their seats, as the referee brought the wrestlers to the center of the mats.

Smartt needed one more escape to insure the victory. Johnson fought to hold Pat down, but Smartt was able to stand up and

break Johnson's grip.

The bout ended 3-3 as the referee went to the sidelines to confer with the judges. Smartt was declared the victor with his second period ride, giving him a total score of 5-3.

Even with this victory the Engineers would have tied the Panthers at 59 all or lost to them by one point. Lehigh needed an additional 22 points to take second place from Pitt. Kirk Pendleton's first place gave ten points and Merriam's victory an additional ten. This would not have been enough, but both of the bouts yielded an additional point for Lehigh due to Kirk's pin and Terry Haise's default.

At 123, Bill Merriam met Haise of Syracuse. "Tiger" came onto the mats with victory in his eyes, and started the match with vengeance in his actions. Haise had given Merriam his only loss, 7-6, in the regular season.

As in most of the bouts of the final round, the first period was uneventful as far as point totals. Haise eked on his knees to prevent Merriam from latching onto one of his legs. The second period found Merriam on the bottom for 14 seconds before he reversed. With the score 2-0 in favor of Merriam, Haise escaped. He kept to his knees and the "tiger" couldn't make any headway until the final four seconds of the period. Grabbing Haise's left leg Merriam was able to take the Orangeman down, but Haise broke loose with one second left to raise the score to 4-2. Yet Terry paid for his escape, as he injured his leg.

Haise started the third period on the bottom, but after only a few seconds, his leg gave out, and was unable to continue the bout. This default gave Merriam first place at 123, and Lehigh an extra point to add to its total.

At 157 Pendleton met Dave Carey. The first period saw Pendleton take Carey down in 42 seconds, with a single leg grab. He rode hard for the rest of the period. With four seconds of the second period gone, Kirk escaped and took the midshipman down. A little later he tied up Carey's legs and head and received a two point predicament.

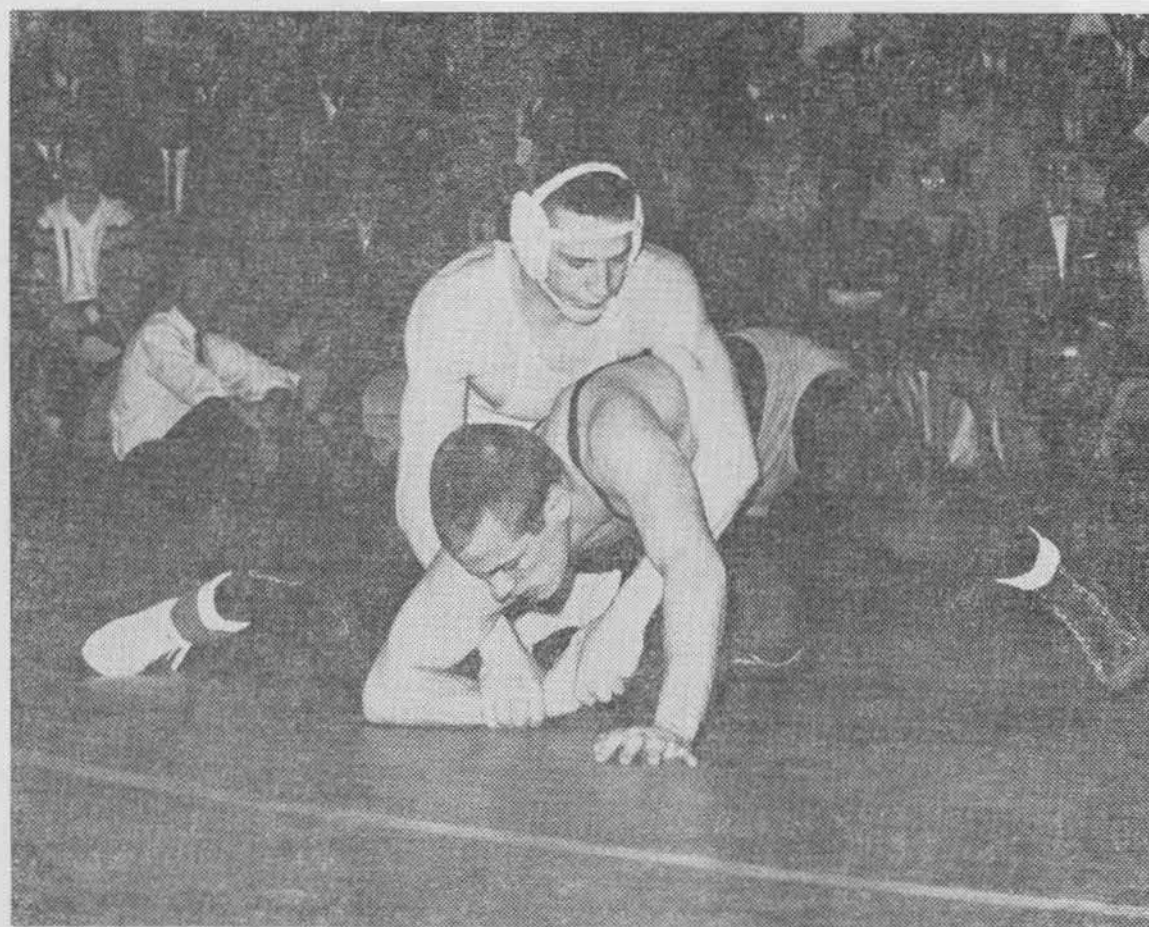
The third period saw Pendleton

working for the pin, and his efforts were to be rewarded. With 6:50 of the period gone, Pendleton tallied the fall with a body press and a head chancery. He ended the tournament with three pins and an 18-0 decision under his belt. He also received the Outstanding Wrestler Award and the Fletcher Award.

Lehigh wrestlers finished the tournament with 60 points, as Pitt entered the 167 and 177 lb. bouts. A victory in both of these would have given Pitt a total of 62, but thanks to Gerry Franzen of Navy, these plans were effectively squelched.

Franzen was able to tie Ken Barr (Pitt) 4-4 in the final round. Due to Barr's stalling the Navy grappler was given an additional point which tied up the bout. Barr scored his four points by a take-down in the first period, and a two point predicament.

Franzen picked up his markers with a reversal and a point for riding time. Coach Rex Peery
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SMARTT WON'T LET GO — Pat Smartt holding on to Mike Johnson of Pitt for the whole second period. This was the first time of the year that Johnson has been held for more than 50 seconds.

Syracuse Wins

Lehigh Tops Pitt

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urged Barr on from the sidelines. To satisfy his coach Barr "fished" all over the mats. The referee awarded Franzen a stalling point, and the bout went into overtime. Franzen manhandled Barr in the overtime period, and finally pinned him with a scissors and arm stretch in 1:35 of the overtime.

As the fall was recorded, the enthusiastic crowd of 1,500 Lehigh fans went wild. Syracuse may have taken the title, but the Engineers took second.

Two of the other Engineer grapplers were able to place.

At 177 John Gladish took third after an initial loss to Franzen. John worked his way up in the consolation matches, scoring victories over Stan Yancovitz, Columbia (5-0), and Ray Nickla by default. In the final round Gladish netted a third place, beating Richard Armentrout (Princeton) 3-1. John

was taken down in the first period, but was able to escape. The second period saw Gladish up and out in 15 seconds to tie the score 2-2. The third period, Armentrout was on the bottom and stayed there. With riding time picked up in the third period, Gladish scored the 3-2 decision.

At 191, John Burns placed fourth, as he fell 6-3 to Gerry Everling (Syracuse).

One of the better bouts of the consolation matches was between John Leek and Ed Windhorn, Army. John lost but gave Windhorn a long hard battle. Leek took Windhorn down in the first period and held him down till the end of the period. In the second period Windhorn escaped, and took Leek down. John had a near escape, but the referee called it out of bounds. The third period ended with Leek struggling for an escape which he was not to achieve. Windhorn won 4-2, but not until Leek had given his all.

Early set-backs came to the other varsity representatives at the Easterns. Harley Ferguson lost his first bout to Pete Cummings (Cornell) 12-7.

Both Illengwarth and Doug Koch were able to score victories in the preliminary rounds. Koch over Sam Dutrow (Navy) 6-0, and Illengwarth over Dick Walker (Penn State) 6-0. Yet in the quarter-final round both of these grapplers lost to their opponents.

With the Easterns concluded, the varsity will look forward to the first rounds of the Nationals to be held at Kent State in Ohio.

Stolen — one bass fiddle. Last seen—sometime before March 1 in the living room of Chi Phi fraternity.

Campus and Bethlehem police are looking for the thief of a \$200 bass violin belonging to J. Robert Baum, '64.

The loss was noticed on March 5.