

**CORNELL COLLEGE—MAT MASTERS OF 1947:** *Left to right, first row—Lange, K., 155 pounds; Thomas, 175 pounds; Partin, heavyweight; Dexter, 165 pounds; second row—Scott (coach), Hauser, 121 pounds; Thomsen, 128 pounds; Lange, L., 136 pounds; Snook, 145 pounds; Meredith, manager.*

# NCAA Championships

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The 17th NCAA Wrestling Tournament, held at the University of Illinois March 28-29, was one of the greatest college tournaments in history. Thirty-two colleges and universities sent 112 entries to compete for titles, and outstanding matches were the rule rather than the exception.

Oklahoma A&M College was dethroned as team champion, ending a long reign, and a finely-conditioned Cornell College squad from Mt. Vernon, Ia., claimed the crown. The runner-up was another splendid team from the Tall Corn State, Iowa State Teachers College, of Cedar Falls.

The tournament amply demonstrated that college wrestling has definitely returned and probably has surpassed pre-war levels in quality of performance. Wrestling fans of the area had opportunity to see the best wrestling in the world and crowds at all tournament sessions were good.

William Koll, only one of three champions entered that retained his title, a clever, well-conditioned, and versatile 145-pounder from Iowa State Teachers College, was awarded the Coaches Trophy as the outstanding wrestler of the tournament from a field of performers which made selection difficult.

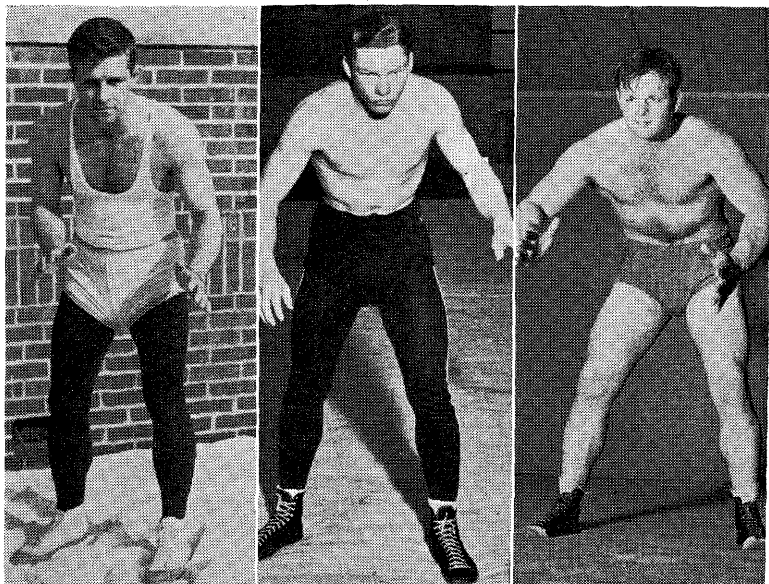
Cornell College won by two individual titles, but a well-balanced and aggressive team gave the winners 32 points and a substantial margin over Iowa State Teachers who scored 19—ten of these points were secured by falls by various members of the team.

Team Scores: Oklahoma A&M 15; Michigan State College 11; University of Oklahoma 10; Illinois 9; Iowa 6; Iowa State College 5; Purdue 5; Michigan 4; Minnesota 4; Navy 3; Colorado A&M 1; Colorado State College 1.

## INDIVIDUAL PLACE WINNERS

Division	Champion	Second	Third	Fourth
121-lb	R. Hauser Cornell Col.	B. Jernigan Oklahoma A&M	G. Lappin Minnesota	R. Gibbs Oklahoma
128-lb	R. Bush Iowa State Thr.	L. Kachiroubas Illinois	L. Thomsen Cornell Col.	P. McDaniels Oklahoma A&M
136-lb	L. Lange Cornell Col.	N. Bauer Oklahoma A&M	D. Johnson Michigan St.	K. Watson Oklahoma
145-lb	W. Koll Iowa State Thr.	R. Snook Cornell Col.	J. Fletcher Navy	D. Anderson Michigan St.
155-lb	G. Mikles Michigan St.	W. Courtright Michigan	L. Stecker Oklahoma	K. Marlin Oklahoma
165-lb	W. Nelson Iowa State Thr.	J. Eagleton Oklahoma	F. Dexter Cornell Col.	D. Sapiro Illinois
175-lb	J. Scarpello Iowa	G. Brand Iowa State	D. Thomas Cornell Col.	W. Van Cott Purdue
Hvywt.	R. Hutton Oklahoma A&M	R. Gunkel Purdue	V. Gagne Minnesota	C. Gottfried Illinois

CORNELL CO. COLLEGE; LANGE, K., 155 pounds; THOMAS, 175 pounds; PARTIN, heavyweight; DEXTER, 165 pounds; SNOK, 145 pounds; MEREDITH, manager.



**THREE NCAA TITLISTS:** Iowa State Teachers' Bill Koll, 145-pound champ and outstanding wrestler in NCAA tourney (left); Gale Mikles, 155-pounder of Michigan State, and the unlimited king, Dick Hutton, Oklahoma A&M.

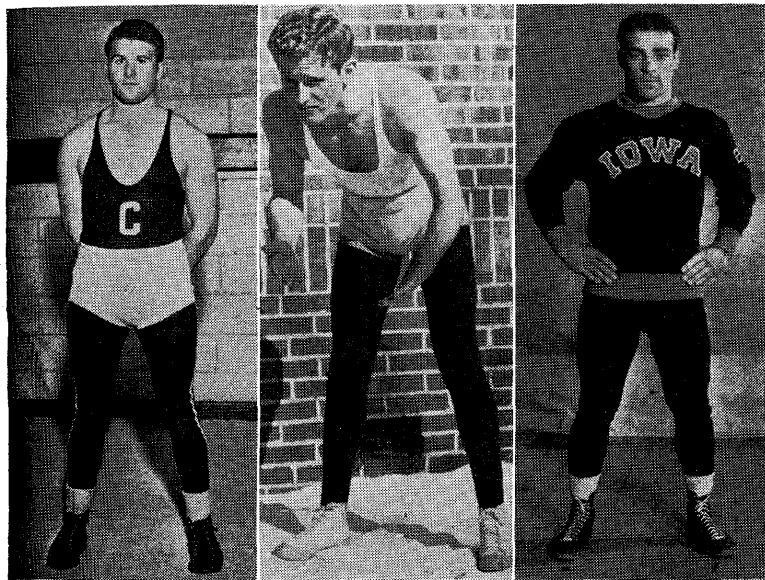
The meet was efficiently handled by Coach Kenney and his assistants. The George Huff Gymnasium provided ample space for the efficient handling of the tournament. Locker room facilities were conveniently located for the contestants with a loud speaker connection from the main floor. The Rules Committee was housed in the lovely student union building on the campus of the University of Illinois. A conference room was reserved for the meetings of the Rules Committee. Vice-President George L. Rider, Miami University, of the Fourth District, was present and presented the trophies to the first and second place teams. We were happy to have Professor Rider attend the last meeting of the NCAA Rules Committee. The Rules Committee voted to hold the 1948 tournament at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa., March 19 and 20.

The 1948 National Collegiate Tournament will be held under Olympic Rules. This is done in order to coordinate our efforts with the U. S. Olympic Wrestling Committee.

The National Collegiate Rules Committee appointed a sub-committee to meet with a committee from the National AAU—the purpose of this meeting was to try to iron out the differences between the AAU rules and college rules. Due to the tournament being in session, we asked the AAU group to go over our rules and point out the differences that they would

like for us to change. Our committee decided to make changes to improve our rules and if they coincided with the AAU decisions, well and good; but otherwise, the Committee felt that the NCAA had the best rules and we were not willing to accept proposals unless they would be an improvement for better wrestling. We agreed with the AAU group in everything except one item in their four proposals. The AAU has not indicated their decision as to whether or not they will adopt our rules. The arguments were carried on in a friendly manner. The differences of opinion were honest, and the AAU group was fair and pleasant in presenting their proposals. The National Collegiate Committee could not honestly agree with all of their proposals, and even though they could not agree we wish that there were a basis for agreement.

The annual meeting of the American Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association was held in conjunction with the tournament. Arthur Griffith of Oklahoma A&M, retiring President, was in charge. For the forthcoming year the group elected Harold E. Kenney, Illinois, President; Mike Howard, Iowa, Vice-President; Dave McCuskey, Iowa State Teachers, Secretary-Treasurer; and Finn Erickson, Waterloo, Ia., Membership Secretary.



**ANOTHER CHAMPION TRIO:** Three more NCAA prize-winners are left to right, Cornell College's Lowell Lange, 136 pounds; 128-pound leader, Russell Bush, Iowa State Teachers, and Iowa's Joe Scarpello, 175-pound ace.