

Coe's Bruck Upsets Bennett

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Jim Bruck of host Coe provided the first major upset in the NCAA Division III wrestling tournament in Eby fieldhouse Friday afternoon when he defeated fifth-seeded Wait Bennett of Montclair State.

Bruck, unseeded, won the 158-pound match with a 4-3 decision.

Bennett was one of two wrestlers from top-ranked Montclair that lost in the opening round. In a quick 190-pound affair, top-seeded Leon Dunnam of Massachusetts Maritime pinned Jon Stoll of Montclair in just ten seconds.

Coe's Nick Hobbs, second in last year's nationals at 142, opened his bid for a title at the same weight by whipping Tom Gehrz of St. Thomas 10-3. Hobbs is top-seeded at 142. He faces Mike Cacciarelli of Gettysburg in the second round.

Two Cornell wrestlers also won first-round matches late Friday morning. Jim Hafke outclassed James Ewin of Lebanon Valley 17-1 at 142 and Tony Pfiffner stopped Charles DeVetter of St. Thomas 10-2.

Two defending national champions also cruised in opening round matches.

Mark Hawald-Cale of John Carroll whipped Gary Heim of Elizabethton 10-1 at 134 pounds and Craig Helmuth of Gettysburg sidelined Mike Delahanty of Augustana 6-1 at 126 pounds.

Coe, Cornell and Luther wrestlers advanced in the opening rounds of the NCAA Division III wrestling tournament while several other Iowa college entries drew byes as action opened at Coe Friday.

Doug Englert, Cornell's 118-pound Midwest conference champion, pinned his first-round opponent, Karl Burg of Hamline, in 6:39. Chris Donaldson, Coe sophomore entry at 134, earned a 10-1 decision over John Reid of Rochester Institute of Technology.

Coe's 118-pounder, Tom Hinrichsen, was pinned in 4:36 by Alma College's Dave Vibber.

Duane Boos of Luther won his first round match with an 8-1 decision over Scott Smith of Marietta at 134.

Montclair State of New Jersey, ranked No. 1 in the nation in Division III, opened its bid for the national championship when George Kacavas defeated Luther's Mike Gallagher, former C.R. Jefferson grappler, 16-5 at 118.

Joe Smith of Upper Iowa also lost his 118-pound match, an 8-5 decision to Rob O'Tenzio of Gettysburg.

Three Coe wrestlers and four from Cornell were slated for matches Friday afternoon after drawing first-round byes. Tim Johnson of Coe and Karl Reindel of Cornell both drew byes at 126.

Steve Eden, Coe 177-pounder, who was ranked as one of Coe's top possibilities for a national title, was scheduled to wrestle late Friday despite an eye injury.

Maidrite Falls In AAU Tourney

MARSHALLTOWN — Eastside Maidrite of Cedar Rapids, despite Al Albers' 37 points, lost to Prairie Green of Stockport 107-103 in the second round of the Amateur Athletic Union basketball tournament here Thursday.



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Wrestling action was on eight mats as the NCAA Division III tournament got underway Friday morning at Coe's Eby fieldhouse. Only six mats are visible since one is located in the balcony of the fieldhouse and another is in the wrestling room.