

PENN STATE KEEPS WRESTLING CROWN

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High of 35 Points

TROPHY GOES TO POWERS

Princeton Star Is Selected
by Coaches as Outstanding
Entrant in Tourney.

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All of Penn State's five finalists captured individual titles to feature the squad's successful defense of the team honors as the thirty-third Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association championships were concluded today before 2,000 spectators in Taylor Gymnasium at Lehigh University.

The quintet of victors accounted for all except two of Penn State's 35 points during the two-day competition and the total established a new record for the event, surpassing the previous high score of 34, made by Penn State's 1918 combination.

In repeating their triumph of last year, when they ended Lehigh's five-year reign as titleholder, the winners scored decisively, finishing with a margin of ten markers over Princeton, the runner-up. Third place went to Lehigh with 18.

Eighth Victory in Series

The team success was Penn State's eighth in the tournament's history. Lehigh has also ruled on eight occasions, but Cornell in that respect with eleven triumphs. Yale won during the first five years—from 1905 through 1909—and Princeton has been victorious once—in 1911.

Upon the conclusion of the finals, the coaches awarded the special trophy, which goes annually to the outstanding wrestler in the tourney, to Charles Powers of Princeton, who dethroned H. R. (Dick)

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Bishop of Lehigh in the 155-pound title bout.

Powers, one of the two Tiger winners, took his rival to the mat on four occasions and kept the defending champion on the defensive for a major part of their duel. The Princetonian thus rolled up a time advantage of 2:41 to gain the referee's verdict, thereby displaying for the second time in two weeks his superiority over Bishop, having also beaten the Lehigh man in the recent dual meet between the two universities.

Bishop's defeat gave his 126-pound team mate, Rudolph Ashman, the distinction of being the only 1936 ruler to repeat. Ashman, who, incidentally, prevailed in the 118-pound final in 1935, was one of the two victors to score with falls, throwing Richard Palmer of Princeton in 5:35 with a half nelson and reverse chancery, for his third Eastern intercollegiate crown.

Beats Penn Mat Captain

Like Ashman, John Light of Penn State also became one of the few ever to win for three straight seasons in the tourney. Light, who took the 135-pound laurels for the past two years, let them go by default but came through impressively in the 145-pound division. He compiled a time advantage of 2:59 over the University of Pennsylvania's mat captain, Donald Taylor, in the title round.

Penn State's other successful contestants were 135-pound Aldo Zazzi, 165-pound Joseph Krupa, 175-pound Ross Shaffer and Heavyweight Joseph O'Dowd, all of them newcomers to the ranks of collegiate champions.

Both Shaffer and O'Dowd triumphed via the default route, their adversaries in the finals being forced to withdraw because of injuries. Shaffer's rival, Walter Wells of Lehigh, stepped onto the mat with an injured knee, but it was aggravated to such an extent that he had to cease grappling after 4 minutes 7 seconds.

O'Dowd's opponent, Herbert Pickett of Yale, received a dislocated shoulder after 4:34 and consequently had to leave the canvas, too.

Zazzi obtained an advantage of 1:48 to shade Henry Perry of Princeton for the laurels in their division, and Krupa pinned Lehigh's 165-pounder, Curtis Ford, with a half nelson and scissors in 7:32.

Victory in the 118-pound class final, which opened the afternoon session, went to Richard Harding of Princeton, a former Brooklyn Poly Prep star. Harding won handily, quickly getting on top of Robert Allman, blind Pennsylvania sophomore, and remaining on the

Wrestling Champions

118-Pound — Richard Harding, Princeton.

*126-Pound—Rudolph Ashman, Lehigh.

135-Pound—Aldo Zazzi, Penn State.

145-Pound—John Light, Penn State.

155-Pound—Charles Powers, Princeton.

165-Pound—Joseph Krupa, Penn State.

175-Pound — Ross Shaffer, Penn State.

Heavyweight — Joseph O'Dowd, Penn State.

*Team—Penn State.

*Retained title.

offense almost constantly to gain a time edge of more than eight minutes.

Error Made in Timing

When the finals got under way Penn State had five qualifiers and Lehigh four instead of vice versa, as announced upon the conclusion of the semi-finals last night. A recheck of the timing records disclosed that Myron Sterngold of Lehigh had not obtained a sufficient time advantage over O'Dowd.

Sterngold left the gymnasium last night the winner over his Penn State opponent, having gained the decision of Referee Bliss Sargeant Jr. and having been given an advantage of 1:11 by the timers. But later it was discovered that Sterngold should have been credited with an edge of merely 33 seconds.

Under collegiate rules, an advantage of at least one minute is necessary during the first ten minutes of grappling, otherwise two extra

periods must be contested, regardless of the referee's choice.

Informed of the discrepancy this morning, the referees officiating in the tourney voted to throw out the verdict and have the heavyweights continue through two extra sessions as specified by the rules. The matter also was referred to the association's executive committee, composed of the student managers of the nine competing teams, and that group approved the recommendation of the officials.

O'Dowd the Winner

Sterngold and O'Dowd thereupon resumed their encounter, and at the end of the additional six minutes of grappling Sargeant designated O'Dowd as the winner. No time advantage was announced, for the referee's decision prevails, regardless of all other considerations, in overtime duels, unless falls are recorded.

The executive committee members then passed a ruling to prevent such an occurrence in this tourney hereafter, vesting final responsibility for timing bouts in the head timekeeper, and instructed team representatives to check their figures immediately upon the termination of matches. They also ruled that the time thus reported would stand in the future and not be subject to change.

Cornell was selected as the site for the competition next year and it will be staged at Ithaca, probably during the corresponding weekend in March.

John Maxwell was chosen to continue as secretary-treasurer of the association, while the members also picked the Lehigh and Cornell wrestling managers-elect as president and vice president respectively. Those winning the managerial competitions at the respective universities will automatically fill those positions.