

LEHIGH WRESTLERS GAIN TENTH CROWN

Record 21 Points in Eastern Meet—Yale and Princeton Tie for Second With 15

By The Associated Press.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., March 9—Lehigh's hardy wrestling perennials won the Eastern Intercollegiate Association title for the tenth time in thirteen years today, but only in the face of unexpectedly stern opposition from Princeton and Yale.

Coming through the final bouts with two champions and 15 points, the Engineers laboriously added 6 points in consolation bouts for a total of 21.

Princeton, with two champions and 11 points at the end of the finals, boosted its final score to 15, but Yale gathered enough consolation points to tie the Tigers for second honors after finishing the finals with 6 points.

Cornell, Penn State and Pennsylvania finished next in line with 10 points each, and Syracuse totaled 8, Harvard 7 and Columbia 4.

The title-defending Engineers, winners nine times and tied for the title once since 1927, were hard pressed from the start. Of their six semi-finalists, three survived to enter the finals, and of these Harold Masem and Joe Schrader came through for titles.

Third Title for Masem

Masem, who was 136-pound champion in 1937 and 145-pound winner in 1938, kept up his progression, winning the 155-pound final by default from Yale's E. M. Latson.

Schrader scored a bruising overtime victory over W. H. (Bill) Daughaday of Harvard in the 165-pound class.

Princeton's two individual champions were Richard Harding, who dethroned defending titleholder Bob Mathers of Cornell in the 121-pound division, and Bob Eberle, who kept his 128-pound title against the challenge of James Laggan, Pennsylvania.

To husky George Hooper, Syracuse University football tackle, went official honors as the outstanding wrestler of the tournament. Hooper, who scored two sensational falls in winning his way to the finals, took the unlimited weight title by decisively beating Lawrence Pickett of Yale.

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ting League was formed by members of the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association, meeting in connection with their tournament. They announced that the circuit would be launched next season with probably ten members.

A league champion will be chosen on the basis of dual-meet competition, the announcement said. Details of the point system to be used will be worked out later.

The league title will be distinct from the association tournament championship.

At the same time the association voted into its membership the United States Military Academy and announced that action on including the United States Naval Academy was pending. Other association members are Lehigh, Penn State, Pennsylvania, Columbia, Yale, Princeton, Harvard, Cornell and Syracuse.

Next year's championship tournament was awarded to Columbia for March 14 and 15.

James Friedman, Syracuse junior, was elected association president and Stephen Fromer of Columbia vice president. The permanent office of secretary and treasurer is held by John Maxwell of Lehigh.

THE SUMMARIES

FINAL ROUND

- 121-Pound Class—Richard Harding, Princeton, defeated Robert Mathers, Cornell, decision.
- 128-Pound Class—Robert Eberle, Princeton, defeated James Laggan, Pennsylvania, decision (overtime).
- 136-Pound Class—William Levering, Pennsylvania, defeated Frank D. Gleason, Penn State, decision.
- 145-Pound Class—Dave Gerber, Yale, defeated Neil Carothers, Princeton, decision.
- 155-Pound Class—Harold Masen, Lehigh, defeated E. M. Latson, Yale, by default.
- 165-Pound Class—Joseph Schrader, Lehigh, defeated W. Daughaday, Harvard, decision (overtime).
- 175-Pound Class—Ernest Bortz, Penn State, defeated Richard Brenneman, Lehigh, decision (overtime).
- Unlimited Weight Class—George Hooper, Syracuse, defeated Lawrence Pickett, Yale, decision.

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