

# YALE'S WRESTLERS TIE WITH PRINCETON FOR EASTERN TITLE

**Elis Outscore Rivals in Bouts  
for Minor Places to Gain  
Deadlock at 21 Points**

**EBERLE, TIGERS, HONORED**

**128-Pounder, Victor 3d Year  
in Row, Voted Outstanding—**

**Penn, Navy Draw for 3d**

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A thrill-packed final session which ended with Yale and Princeton deadlocked for the team title provided the crowning touch yesterday to the thirty-seventh annual Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association championship in the Columbia University gymnasium.

While 2,000 enthusiasts shrieked and cheered wildly at frequent intervals, exciting action marked numerous title bouts and consolation matches as a keen battle developed for the team trophy captured for the past three years by Lehigh.

In relinquishing the laurels, the Engineers from Bethlehem finished far back of the leaders. They bagged only seven points, or one-third of the total amassed both by Yale and by Princeton. Tied for third were Pennsylvania and Navy with seventeen apiece, and a notch behind came Penn State with sixteen.

## **Hold Commanding Lead**

When Princeton's Robert Eberle and Warren Taylor threw their opponents to take the 128-pound and 136-pound individual championships, respectively, the Tigers held a commanding lead but Yale's Larry Pickett narrowed the gap considerably by tossing his rival in the heavyweight final.

The Elis then proceeded to outscore Princeton by 9 to 5 in the minor place competition to create the second deadlock in the event's long history. Incidentally, Yale also figured in the only other previous tie on the record books, having wound up all square with Lehigh back in 1927.

Until the last half-hour Yale's hopes were high, for at that juncture Brooks Parker was still in the running for third position in the 128-pound division, whereas all the Princetonians had concluded their efforts.

A victory for Parker over Penn State's Claire Hess in their duel for third place would have sent the team championship to Yale outright. Thus, with so much at stake, this encounter developed into one of the afternoon's most bitterly contested skirmishes. Each man bagged 3 points during the regulation time and it was only after two extra periods of two minutes each that Hess held a 6-5 edge in the tally column.

## **Hess Saves the Day**

While Hess actually saved the day for Princeton at the eleventh hour, much of the credit for the fine performance by the Tigers is due Eberle and Taylor. Both accounted for six markers apiece in winning via the fall route in the finals.

To annex the 128-pound title for the third successive year Eberle, a product of Poly Prep in Brooklyn, pinned Pennsylvania's Jim Laggan with a half nelson and arm lock after 4 minutes 19 seconds, or in 1:19 of the second period. The victor thus earned the Coaches Trophy as the tournament's outstanding grappler by a unanimous vote.

Taylor, a hitherto unheralded sophomore from Teaneck, N. J., capped his debut in the meet by stopping Yale's John Castles with a similar hold in 2 minutes of the third stanza.

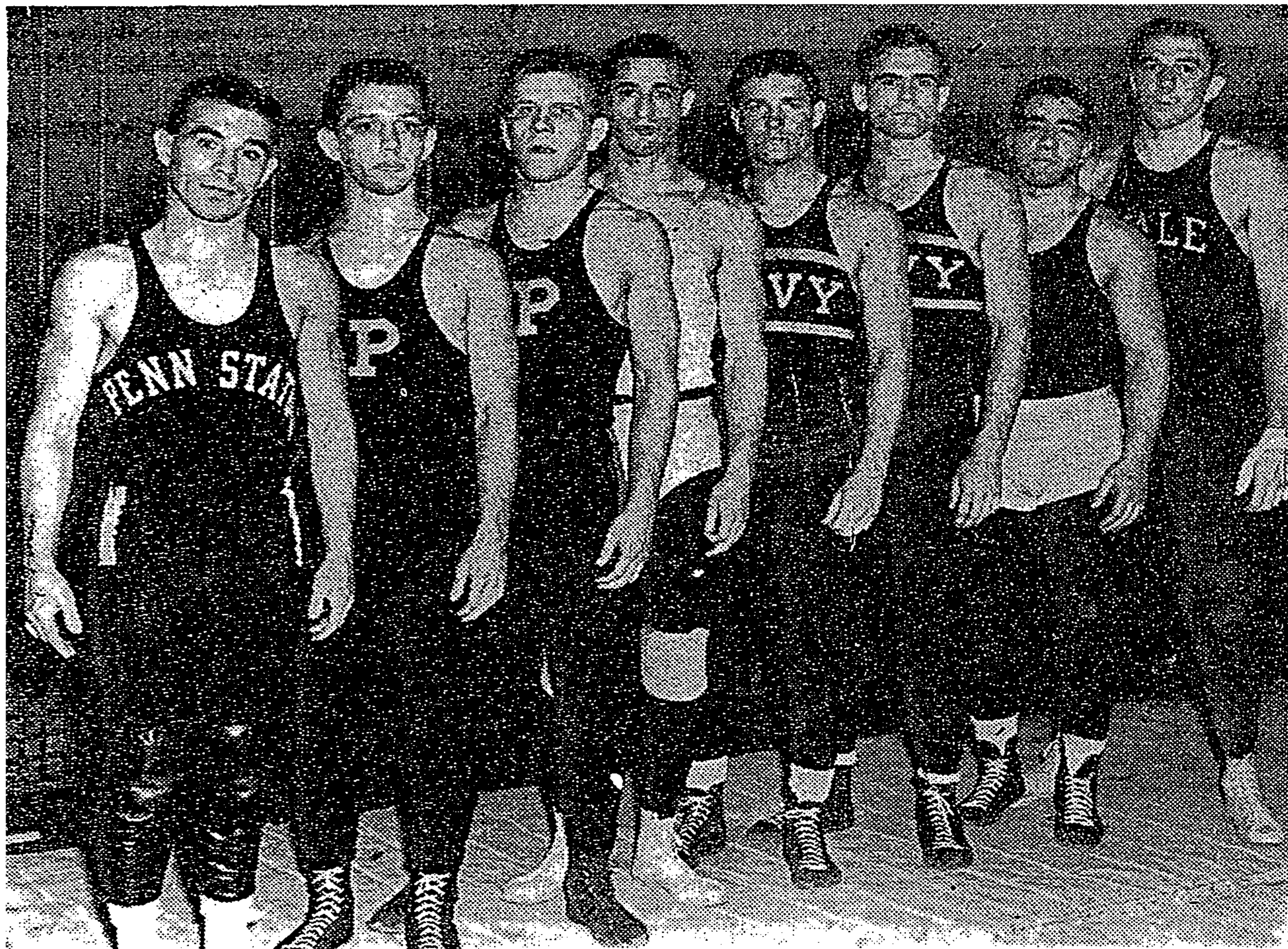
Princeton shared with Navy the distinction of having the most individual winners. The Annapolis squad, participating like Army in the fixture for the first time, also produced two champions in 155-

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Charles Ridenour, Penn State; Bob Eberle, Princeton; Warren Taylor, Princeton; Joe Quinn, Lehigh; Milton (Jim) Bennett, Navy; George Weems, Navy; Dick Di Battista, Penn, and Lawrence Pickett, Yale.

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pound Milton (Jim) Bennett and 165-pound George Weems.

In what veteran observers termed the initial Army-Navy mat duel in history, Bennett performed in polished fashion to outpoint George Welles from West Point just before his team-mate, Weems, stepped onto the canvas to throw Princeton's Richard Bowen.

The triumph for Weems, attained with a half nelson and crotch hold in 1:12 of the third period, elated his father, Commander P. V. H. Weems, retired, who also was a wrestler while at Annapolis and while serving in the Navy. In fact, after witnessing his son's victory, the elder Weems recalled that he had qualified for the 1920 American Olympic squad in the same gymnasium.

Pickett, unsuccessful in his title quests for the past two years, although never beaten in collegiate dual meet competition, won faster than any other champion. The Yale

heavyweight pinned Penn State's Jack Kerns with a half-nelson and crotch hold in 2:40 to tally his fourth fall in as many bouts during the two-day meet.

### Quinn Shades Melgard

A time advantage of more than two minutes obtained during the first and second portions of their match enabled Lehigh's Joseph Quinn to shade Andrew Melgard of Pennsylvania for the 145-pound crown by a 7-5 count. The other individual victors were Richard Di Battista, talented Pennsylvania 175-pounder, and Charles Ridenour, 121-pound Penn State representative.

The totals compiled by Princeton, Yale and Navy made those squads particularly happy, for earlier in the campaign all had bowed to Pennsylvania. The last-named team, unconquered in eight dual encounters, was highly favored in many pre-meet forecasts. Princeton, for instance, had been blanked, 28 to 0, by the Red and Blue.