

PENN STATE SQUAD WINS MAT HONORS

Upsets Penn's Wrestlers in
Eastern Meet—Defending
Champions All Triumph

By The Associated Press.

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., March 14—Penn State captured the team title tonight at the thirty-eighth annual championships of the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association in a surprising upset victory over highly favored Pennsylvania.

The Nittany Lions, with three individual champions, amassed 30 points. Pennsylvania was second with 23 and Navy third with 17.

Lehigh and Princeton, last year's co-champion with Yale, followed with 10 points each. Cornell posted 7, Army 3, Columbia 2 and Syracuse 1.

It was the ninth team victory for Penn State since Coach Charlie Speidel's grapplers joined the association. The Lions last won the crown in 1937.

In addition to the three title winners, State gained two second places and a third. The remaining points were gained through fall victories.

All four defending champions retained their titles, with Navy sharing individual honors with Penn State by gaining three championships. Penn and Princeton listed one each.

Charlie Ridenour, Penn State's 121 - pounder; Warren Taylor, Princeton's 136-pounder; Captain Mickey Bennett of Navy, 155, and Dick Di Battista, Penn, 175, were the successful 1941 leaders.

Sam Harry, Penn State sophomore, captured the 128 - pound crown; Captain Glen Alexander of Penn State took the 145-pound title, Bill Carmichael, Oklahoma-bred Navy star, won the 165-pound

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diadem, and Shuford Swift of Navy became the heavyweight champion. Di Battista's victory was his seventy-fourth in a row.

Harry's triumph was perhaps the most impressive of the tournament. The Lions' unbeaten sophomore upset the favorite, undefeated Jim Laggan, Penn captain, in a close bout. Harry manipulated a take-down seconds before the bout's end to clinch a 9-5 decision.

Penn, the pre-tourney favorite, saw four of its five finalists defeated. Most costly defeat for the Quakers came in the heavyweight division when Swift, using his fine physical condition to advantage, came from behind to score a take-down to beat Penn's Bill Medcraft.

THE SUMMARIES

121-POUND CLASS

Semi-Final Round—Charles Ridenour, Penn State, threw Vansant Brewer, Princeton, with a double bar and leg scissors in 4:08; Carl Sparke, Penn, threw Nelson Samson, Syracuse, with a reverse nelson and body hold in 6:39.

Final—Ridenour defeated Sparke, 9-2.

128-POUND CLASS

Semi-Final Round—James Laggan, Penn, threw James Changaris, Army, with a crotch and arm hold in 3:40; Samuel Harry, Penn State, defeated Roy Zackey, Lehigh, 4-0.

Final—Harry defeated Laggan, 9-5.

136-POUND CLASS

Semi-Final Round—William Levering, Penn, defeated Allen Crabtree, Penn State, 7-4; Warren Taylor, Princeton, defeated Erie Miller, Cornell, 4-1.

Final—Taylor defeated Levering, 3-2.

145-POUND CLASS

Semi-Final Round—Joseph Mount, Cornell, defeated Arthur Marston, Army, 4-0; Glen Alexander, Penn State, defeated James Holloway, Navy, 7-0.

Final—Alexander defeated Mount, 8-3.

155-POUND CLASS

Semi-Final Round—Andrew Turnbull, Princeton, threw Glenn Ingwerson, Army, with a reverse bar and body chancery in 7:40; Milton Bennett, Navy, threw Patsy Pellecci, Columbia, with a half nelson and arm lock in 7:09.

Final—Bennett defeated Turnbull, 7-2.

165-POUND CLASS

Semi-Final Round—Bill Carmichael, Navy, defeated Ralph Sayre, Penn State, 6-2; Ralph James, Princeton, defeated John Buckner, Army, 8-4.

Final—Carmichael defeated James, 6-0.

175-POUND CLASS

Semi-Final Round—Richard Di Battista, Penn, threw Robert Morgan, Penn State, with a body press in 1:40; Richard Brenneman, Lehigh, defeated Fenton Brown, Cornell, 8-3.

Final—Di Battista defeated Brenneman, 11-2.

HEAVYWEIGHT CLASS

Semi-Final Round—Shuford Swift, Navy, threw Joseph Hennessee, Army, with a reverse nelson and body hold in 8:19; William Medcraft, Penn, threw John Kerns, Penn State, with a half nelson and crotch hold in 6:48.

Final—Swift defeated Medcraft, 8-6.

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