

PENN STATE KEEPS WRESTLING HONORS

But Cornell Carries Off Most
Individual Eastern Titles
in Taking 2d Place

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PRINCETON, N. J., March 14—Penn State tonight won the Eastern intercollegiate wrestling championship for the third successive year although Cornell's surprising team carried off the most individual titles in finishing second.

Leading by 14 points to Cornell's 6 on falls and consolation-round victories as the finals got under way this evening in Dillon Gymnasium, the Nittany Lions won the 130- and 137-pound crowns and placed second in the 147-pound class for a team total of 31.

Three of the five defending champions retained their titles. They were Dick Lemyre of Penn State in the 130-pound class, Frank Bettucci of Cornell in the 147-pound and Al Paulekas, Army football captain, in the 177. Bob Homan of Penn State lost his 123-pound crown in the quarter-finals and Joe Lemyre, brother of Dick and holder of the National Collegiate A. A. championship, was beaten in the 167-pound semi-finals this afternoon.

The defeat of Lemyre was the most stunning development of the forty-ninth annual championships, which attracted 126 entries from sixteen colleges. It was brought about by Donald Dickason of Cornell. The 21-year-old senior from Champaign, Ill., won a referee's decision.

When Dickason's hand was raised in victory the gymnasium rocked with wild cheering. For the moment, at least, he was a greater

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hero in the eyes of the Cornellians in the afternoon gathering of 2,100 than was their renowned Bettucci.

Bettucci in winning the 147-pound title for the third successive year became the first Cornellian in the history of the championship to perform this feat and the thirteenth grappler to carry off a title (not necessarily in the same weight division) three times running.

Bettucci won all four of his bouts here on falls, as also did Gerald Maurey of Penn State, the 137-pound champion. Cornell's other championship winner was Kenneth Hunt, in the 157-pound class.

Lehigh, rated as Penn State's leading rival at the start of the tournament, finished in third place with 22 points and two titles, the 123-pound and heavyweight. Army was fourth with 18 points and one championship and Syracuse was fifth with 13 points. These three, with Penn State and Cornell, were ranked as the big five of the championship.

Next followed Navy, with 12 points. Harvard, Princeton and Brown were tied for seventh with 5 points each. Columbia and Yale had 3 points and Rutgers 2. Penn and Virginia failed to score and Temple and Franklin and Marshall, which failed to enter complete teams and were penalized 5 points, finished with minus 4 each.

Bettucci received the Coaches' Trophy as the outstanding wrestler in the tournament when the last bout was finished late tonight. His victory, with those of Hunt and Dickason kept Cornell out in front for total titles won over forty-nine years. The Red has won sixty-eight since 1905, to Penn State's sixty-four and Lehigh's thirty. The Ithacans last won three individual titles in 1917.

Penn State, unbeaten in twenty-nine successive dual meets since 1950, will enter the N. C. A. A. championships, to be held on its own campus late this month, as the strongest team to represent the East in years. Oklahoma A. and M., Oklahoma University, Michigan State and Iowa State Teachers are rated slightly ahead of or on a par with the Nittany Lions.

Alex McCord of Lehigh won the 123-pound crown after trailing John Lee of Harvard, 4-1, in joints. McCord suddenly threw the Harvard man to the floor in the last minute and pinned him in 8:19 as Lehigh followers made a bedlam of the place.

Dick Lemyre of Penn State won by a wide margin in retaining his 130-pound title. He defeated Arthur Jesser of Navy, 14-4.

Maurey became the third brother in his family to win an Eastern title in the last four years when he pinned Charles Debellis of Syracuse in 8:07 in the 137-pound final. Debellis had provided two surprising victories in gaining the final, defeating Ken Faus of Lehigh this afternoon. Maurey threw his rivals in all four of his bouts in the tournament.

Don Frey of Penn State was the only opponent to last 3 minutes with Bettucci, yielding in 4:39 to a

half-nelson and crotch hold. He lost to Bettucci in last year's final also.

Hunt won the 157-pound title with a 9-5 decision over the aggressive and spectacular Donald Rumsfeld of Princeton.

Dickason went out to score Cornell's third victory in succession, defeating Gerry Tebben of Army, 8-3, in the 167-pound final.

The 177-pound final saw the defending champion, Paulekas, score Army's only victory with an 8-6 point decision over Navy's Peter Blair. Blair had won his three previous bouts on falls.

THE SUMMARIES

123-POUND CLASS

Semi-Final Round—Alex McCord, Lehigh, defeated Arthur Helf, Franklin and Marshall, 8-2; John Lee, Harvard, defeated Robert Karns, Army, 1-0.

Final Round—McCord pinned Lee in 8:19.

Consolation Round—Karns defeated Helf, 6-1.

130-POUND CLASS

Semi-Final Round—Dick Lemyre, Penn State, defeated George Mulligan, Rutgers, 13-5; Arthur Jesser, Navy, defeated Bruce Blackman, Cornell, 6-1.

Final Round—Dick Lemyre defeated Jesser, 14-4.

Consolation Round—Blackman defeated Mulligan, 7-1.

137-POUND CLASS

Semi-Final Round—Gerald Maurey, Penn State, pinned Angus McLean, Brown, in 3:37 with a half Nelson and body press; Charles De Billis, Syracuse, defeated Kenneth Faust, Lehigh, 3-2.

Final Round—Maurey pinned Debellis in 8:07.

Consolation Round—Faust defeated McLean, 4-2.

147-POUND CLASS

Semi-Final Round—Frank Bettucci, Cornell, pinned James Karns, Army, in 2:29 with a double bar arm and body press; Don Frey, Penn State, defeated Theodore Ferriter, Brown, 9-1.

Final Round—Bettucci pinned Frey in 4:39.

Consolation Round—Ferriter defeated Jim Karns, 10-6.

157-POUND CLASS

Semi-Final Round—Don Rumsfeld, Princeton, defeated Edwin Rooney, Syracuse, 6-4; Kenneth Hunt, Cornell, defeated Edward Mahoney, Lehigh, 6-2.

Final Round—Hunt defeated Rumsfeld, 9-5.

Consolation Round—Rooney defeated Mahoney, 6-3.

167-POUND CLASS

Semi-Final Round—Gerry Tebben, Army, defeated Dana Eastham, Brown, 9-6; Donald Dickason, Cornell, defeated Joseph Lemyre, Penn State, referee's decision.

Final Round—Dickason defeated Tebben, 8-3.

Consolation Round—Joe Lemyre defeated Eastman.

177-POUND CLASS

Semi-Final Round—Alfred Paulekas, Army, defeated Joe Comly, Lehigh, 8-1; Peter Blair, Navy, pinned William Downey, Yale, in 8:32 with a chancery and bar arm.

Final Round—Paulekas defeated Blair, 8-6.

Consolation Round—Downey defeated Comly, 9-2.

HEAVYWEIGHT CLASS

Semi-Final Round—Werner Seel, Lehigh, defeated Henry Littlefield, Columbia, 4-3; Ric Beyer, Syracuse, defeated Hudson Samson, Penn State, 2-1.

Final Round—Seel defeated Beyer, 2-1.

Consolation Round—Samson defeated Littlefield, 4-1.