

# LEHIGH CAPTURES WRESTLING CROWN

## Only 2 Engineers Win Titles in Keeping Team Honors

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**PHILADELPHIA, March 11**—Lehigh managed only two individual titles, yet finished with enough team points to capture the Eastern intercollegiate wrestling championship tonight. A crowd of 7,918, the largest ever to witness the Eastern finals, was at the Palestra as the Engineers picked up their second straight team title and their sixth in nine years.

After Mike Caruso, later named the tournament's outstanding wrestler, and Joe Peritore had successfully defended their titles at 123 and 130 pounds, respectively, Lehigh enjoyed a 12-point lead over the runner-up, Navy.

Navy and Lehigh had three men each left in the tournament. For the midshipmen to tie the Engineers they needed three pins and all three Lehigh wrestlers would have had to lose. When Pete Vanderlofske of Navy won at 145 pounds by a 7-0 decision over Paul Arnow of Princeton, Lehigh clinched the title.

The Engineers finished with 85 points, followed by Navy with 79 and Penn State with 71.

Caruso, a two-time National Collegiate champion, picked up his third Eastern crown with a 7-0 blanking of Garry Burger of Navy. Peritore scored a 9-3 decision over Bob Stock of Cornell.

Jon Rushatz, Lehigh's third defending champion, was turned back by Jerry Seaman of Penn State at 167 pounds, 3-0.

Penn State, Navy and Syracuse also captured two individual championships each. In addition to Seaman's victory, Mike Reid, a heavyweight, beat Syracuse's Dick Beach, 4-2.

The midshipmen dominated the middleweights as Vanderlofske won at 145 and Dick Mies at 152. The Syracuse champions were Kurt Kuppinger at 160 pounds and Tom Schlendorf at 191.

Caruso also earned the John A. Fletcher Memorial Trophy, presented to the wrestler with the most career points in the Easterns. In three seasons Caruso tallied 40 points in winning the 123-pound crown each time.

The Sheridan Trophy, presented to the wrestler with the most pins in the least aggregate time, went to Steve Comiskey of Navy. Comiskey, who finished third at 130 pounds, had four pins in a combined total of 10 minutes 8 seconds. This is the third year the Sheridan Trophy has been awarded, and each time it has gone to a non-champion.

### THE SUMMARIES

#### Semi-Finals

123-Pound Class—Mike Caruso, Lehigh, decided Wally Clark, Penn State, 11-4; Gary Burger, Navy, pinned Wayne Boyd, Temple, in 6:59.

130-Pound Class—Joe Peritore, Lehigh, decided Kerin Rafferty, Syracuse, 15-4; Bob Stock, Cornell, won by referee's decision in overtime over Don Milone, Temple.

137-Pound Class—Vince Fitz, Penn State, decided John Homiak, Franklin and Marshall, 9-2; Don New, Cornell, decided Elliott Tepper, Lehigh, 13-3.

145-Pound Class—Pete Vanderlofske, Navy, decided Mark Kishel, Lehigh, 9-4; Paul Arnow, Princeton, decided Steve Sinatra, Franklin and Marshall, 6-1.

152-Pound Class—Glenn Amsbaugh, Lehigh, decided Jim Clair, Franklin and Marshall, 6-3; Dick Mies, Navy, decided Bob Abraham, Penn State, 4-1.

160-Pound Class—John Kent, Navy, decided Matt Kiene, Penn State, 9-3; Kurt Kuppinger, Syracuse, decided Tom McEwan, Yale, 6-3.

167-Pound Class—John Rushatz, Lehigh, decided Bob Ahrens, Navy, 7-1; Jerry Seaman, Penn State, decided Dave Crielair, Franklin and Marshall, 14-2.

177-Pound Class—Rich Lorenzo, Penn State, decided Howard Freedman, Harvard, 4-0; Jim Harter, Army, decided Joe Caprio, Lehigh, 3-2.

191-Pound Class—Tom Schlendorf, Syracuse, decided, Julian McPhillips, Princeton, 4-0; Ron Ries, Lehigh, decided Gene Detwiler, Colgate, 4-3.

Unlimited—Mike Reid, Penn State, decided Paul Raglin, Army, 7-3; Dick Beach, Syracuse, decided Frank Paquin, Lehigh, 3-2.

#### INDIVIDUAL FINALS

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#### TEAM POINT STANDING

Lehigh	85	Princeton	17
Navy	79	Pennsylvania	12
Penn State	71	Colgate	11
Syracuse	43	Temple	11
Army	33	Rutgers	2
Cornell	29	Columbia	0
Harvard	24	Pittsburgh	-2
F. and Marshall	17	Yale	-8

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