

Navy Wrestlers Win Eastern Title With Five Middies Annexing Finals

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PHILADELPHIA, March 13—A grand climax to an all-victorious season was attained by Navy's experienced and exceptionally well-balanced squad today, as the middies captured five individual crowns and reaped the team laurels in the concluding session of the thirty-ninth annual Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association championships.

The manner in which the Annapolis contingent ruled the University of Pennsylvania's Palestramats fulfilled expectations. Fortified with talented campaigners from the Midwest and Southwest, the middies came here with an unblemished dual meet record and in the opening rounds yesterday served convincing notice of their superiority by qualifying five men for the eight finals.

When all five of Uncle Sam's

future sea fighters came through with flying colors, Navy clinched the team honors for the first time since becoming a member of the E. I. W. A. in 1941. The middies, credited with 29 points, prevailed by a substantial margin over Pennsylvania, the runner-up with 17.

The Navy grapplers topping their divisions were 121-pound Malcolm W. MacDonald, 136-pound Robert B. Kitt and 145-pound Josiah Henson, all from Tulsa, Okla.; 165-pound Clarence A. Creel from Cherokee, Iowa and heavy-weight Charles Shuford Swift from San Leandro, Calif.

Swift, who handily outpointed Army's Joe Stanowicz in the title round, was one of two competitors to retain crowns. The other was Pennsylvania's pride, Dick Di Battista, who overpowered Princeton's Ralph James to culminate the most remarkable record achieved by an Eastern matman in many years.

Di Battista Wins 85th in Row

Di Battista, recipient of a special trophy as the meet's outstanding performer by vote of the coaches in attendance, terminated his intercollegiate wrestling career in a blaze of glory. The rugged Penn ace, a football line substitute, too, has won all his eighty-five bouts since he started wrestling at Lower Merion High School.

To Kitt went the distinction of being the only Navy man to throw his final adversary. The new 136-pound champion pinned Penn State's Samuel C. Harry, top-notch among the 128-pounders last season, in 7 minutes and 53 seconds with a half nelson and body press.

The lone other title winner via the fall route was 155-pound Carl Almquist of Cornell, who sprang a surprise in tossing Army's previously undefeated Glen Ingwersen

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in 4 minutes 38 seconds with a body press.

Penn State's Charles Ridenour, ruler among the 121-pounders for the past two campaigns, successfully advanced a step higher. He took the 128-pound laurels by outpointing Lehigh's Roy Zackey in the final.

No action was taken in setting a site for the championships next year. The usual procedure of having an association meeting in conjunction with the title fixture was abandoned because of the uncertain conditions. However, if future developments make the 1944 edition of the meet possible, it likely will be held at Princeton on the corresponding week-end next March.

THE SUMMARIES CHAMPIONSHIP BOUTS

- 121-Pound Class—Malcolm W. MacDonald, Navy, defeated Howard McConnell, Pennsylvania, 5 points to 4.
 128-Pound Class—Charles H. Ridenour, Penn State, defeated Roy T. Zackey, Lehigh, 9-3.
 136-Pound Class—Robert B. Kitt, Navy, threw Samuel C. Harry, Penn State, with half nelson and body press in 7:53.
 145-Pound Class—Josiah Henson, Navy, defeated Allen B. Crabtree, Penn State, 8-3.
 155-Pound Class—Carl Almquist, Cornell, threw Glen Ingwersen, Army, with body press in 4:38.
 165-Pound Class—Clarence A. Creel, Navy, defeated John M. Stockbridge, Lehigh, 7-2.
 175-Pound Class—Richard Di Battista, Pennsylvania, defeated Ralph E. James, Princeton, 11-5.
 Heavyweight Class—Charles Shuford Swift, Navy, defeated Joe Stanowicz, Army, (8-2).

CONSOLATION ROUNDS

- Winners Qualify for Second-Place Bouts
 121-Pound Class—Henry K. Mattern, Penn State, threw T. Sheridan Bannan, Lehigh, with bar arm and half nelson, in 3:38.
 128-Pound Class—Jack Sullivan, Pennsylvania, defeated Thomas D. Moore, Princeton, 10-2.
 136-Pound Class—Fred Barkovich, Pennsylvania, defeated Robert Delong, Lehigh, 8-2; Barkovich threw Howard Andrews, Syracuse, with body press, in 3:37.
 145-Pound Class—Walter B. Parsons, Harvard, threw Erie J. Miller, Cornell, with body press, in 3:35.
 155-Pound Class—Robert L. Bird, Lehigh, defeated Harry Sutton, Syracuse, 6-3.
 165-Pound Class—Peter Fuller, Harvard, de-

- feated Ross B. Frair, Cornell, 7-0.
 175-Pound Class—Frank Horvath, Columbia, threw David P. Wood, Army, with body press, in 3:59.
 Heavyweight Class—Robert A. Morgan, Penn State, defeated Frank J. Perantoni, Princeton, 9-4; Leland Rogers, Syracuse, threw Morgan with half nelson and body press in 1:53 of first extra period.

Second-Place Bouts

- 121-Pound Class—McConnell defeated Mattern, 3-2.
 128-Pound Class—Sullivan defeated Zackey, 4-0.
 136-Pound Class—Harry defeated Barkovich, 3-2.
 145-Pound Class—Parsons defeated Crabtree, 7-4.
 155-Pound Class—Ingwersen defeated Bird, 7-2.
 165-Pound Class—Stockbridge defeated Fuller, 7-5.
 175-Pound Class—Horvath defeated James, 2-0.
 Heavyweight Class—Stanowicz defeated Rogers, 4-0.

Winners Qualify for Third-Place Bouts

- 121-Pound Class—Fred D. McNair, Cornell, defeated C. Donald Kuntze, Columbia, 6-0.
 136-Pound Class—Richard R. Nickerson, Cornell, defeated Robert Shanley, Columbia, 10-5.
 155-Pound Class—Hamilton Carothers, Princeton, defeated John H. Hale, Navy, 4-3.
 165-Pound Class—Clarence S. Lovelace, Princeton, threw James Earle, Pennsylvania, with chancery and body press in 4:31.
 Heavyweight Class—Henry O'Shaughnessy, Columbia, defeated Turner R. Fulton, Lehigh, 6-1.

Third-Place Bouts

- 121-Pound Class—Mattern defeated McNair, 6-4.
 128-Pound Class—Zackey (automatic).
 136-Pound Class—Barkovitch threw Nickerson with body press in 4:31.
 145-Pound Class—Crabtree (automatic).
 155-Pound Class—Carothers defeated Bird on referee's decision in extra period.
 165-Pound Class—Lovelace defeated Fuller, 7-6.
 175-Pound Class—James (automatic).
 Heavyweight Class—O'Shaughnessy defeated Rogers, 8-3.

TEAM SCORES

Navy	29	Cornell	5
Penn	17	Columbia	6
Penn State	15	Princeton	5
Lehigh		Syracuse	-17
Army		Harvard	-26