

PENN STATE GAINS WRESTLING TITLE

Ends Three-Year Pitt Reign
in Eastern Tournament—
Panthers Runners-Up

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa., March 16 (UP)—Penn State, taking three individual titles, won the team championship of the fifty-third annual Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association tournament tonight. The Nittany Lions broke a three-year reign on the team crown held by the University of Pittsburgh.

The Penn State Grapplers piled up 74 points with the 130-pound Johnny Johnston, the 137-pound Johnny Pepe and the 147-pound Dave Adams leading the way. Pittsburgh finished second in the eighteen-team field, with 61 points. The Panthers' national collegiate champion, Ed Peery, won the most valuable wrestler award.

Peery, who defeated Penn State's Sid Nodland, 5—2, in the 123-pound class, also won the Fletcher Memorial Trophy, which is given each year to the athlete who gains the most points during the tourney. Peery finished with 33 points to Nodland's 32.

Nodland and Lehigh's Joe Gratto were the only 1956 champions dethroned. Gratto lost to Pepe, 4—2. Johnston successfully defended in the 130-pound class by topping Pitt's Vic Defelice, 6—3. Pitt's Dave Johnson, the 157-pound champion a year ago, won the 167-pound title with an 8-1 decision over Cornell's Steve Friedman.

Other titles went to Lehigh's Ed Hamer at 157 pounds, Franklin and Marshall's Ron Fleming at 177 pounds and Pitt's Ron Schirf in the heavyweight division.

Penn State	74	Army	8
Pittsburgh	61	Harvard	5
Lehigh	48	Rutgers	4
Cornell	30	Columbia	2
Navy	28	Pennsylvania	2
F. and M.	24	Princeton	2
Syracuse	18	Springfield	2
Brown	16	Temple	2
Colgate	9	Yale	0

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