

Quality Well Above Par in Wrestling Show; 50 Matmen From Eight Cities Perform

The crowd fell short of expectations but the quality was well above standard in Saturday's Eastern States invitation wrestling championships at St. John's Hall in Park Hill, with approximately 50 members of the Grunt and Groan Society from eight cities applying half Nelsons, double bars, head locks, scissors, wrist locks and crotch holds in their quest for titles.

All in all, it was a great spectacle that brought two former intercollegiate champions and a one-time runnerup in the national A. A. U. grappling tournament to Amsterdam.

The cities represented were North Adams, Mass., Syracuse, Ithaca, Oneonta, Glens Falls, Schenectady, Little Falls and Cohoes. Maybe one reason why the event wasn't a box office success was the failure of the meet to attract a single local entry.

But the 250 persons who attended got full value for their money with the competitors, all of them glory-bound, putting up their best efforts in quest for titles.

Starting at 2:30 o'clock, with only an hour and a half of intermission for an evening meal, the tournament lasted for seven hours. There were 18 bouts in the afternoon preliminaries alone and 13 more at night.

The wrestling king proved to be George Hooper, 190-pound all-Eastern guard on Syracuse University's football team. Hooper, last year's intercollegiate champion and runnerup in 1939, fitted two crowns onto his head, one right after the other. He scored two falls, one against Angelo Alby of Ithaca in the 191-pound class with a farther arm and crotch hold and the other against George St. Pierre of North Adams, Mass., in the heavyweight division with scissors and a Princeton bar. St. Pierre, the former national A. A. U. runner-up, gave away 20 pounds in meeting Hooper in the unlimited department.

This is the second time in two years that Hooper has been a double winner and the grand champion of the meet, he accomplishing the same feat a year ago at Schenectady.

Ithaca's Y. M. C. A. team and Syracuse University divided team honors, each obtaining four first places.

Prof. William Davison, head of the physical education department at Syracuse and coach of Orange wrestling teams, was the chief referee, being assisted in the officiating by John Hordines, chairman of wrestling in the Adirondack District A. A. U., and Jack Minnoch, sports editor of The Recorder.

Among the wrestling notables who participated in the show were Paul Winch of Glens Falls, former intercollegiate champion while at Yale; Angelo Alby, who was the former New York State interscholastic champion and second in the regional A. A. U. tournament at Baltimore, Md., and Anthony Bifore of Little Falls, winner of several interscholastic titles.

During the intermission between the afternoon and evening performances, Prof. Davison was the guest of honor at a dinner given by Syracuse alumni at the Barnes Hotel. James Patitucci, chairman of the banquet, today expressed his appreciation to those who turned out to pay tribute to the university department head.

The winners and place men in the tournament follow:

112-pound: First, Roland Cote, North Adams, Mass.; second, Charles Bramsen, Oneonta.

118-pound: Bob Faust, Syracuse University; second, John Lazzlo, Ithaca.

123-pound: Lyle Swift, Syracuse University; second, Harold Hennessey, Schenectady.

134-pound: First, James Miller, Ithaca; second, Henry Heinush, Ithaca; third, William Patten, Syracuse.

145-pound: First, Alex Lazzlo,

Ithaca; second, Ray Leoneslo, North Adams; third, William Jangro, North Adams.

158-pound: First, Francis Shepard, Ithaca; second, Anthony Bifore, Little Falls; third, Stanley Minkus, Little Falls.

174-pound: First, Angelo Alby, Ithaca; second, George St. Pierre, North Adams; third, George Shane, Cohoes.

191-pound: First, George Hooper, Syracuse University; second, Angelo Alby, Ithaca.

Heavyweight: First, George Hooper, Syracuse University; second, George St. Pierre, North Adams; third, Paul Winch, Glens Falls.

Yesterday's Stars

Charley Gehringer and Tommy Bridges, Tigers—Former hit home run with bases loaded and latter pitched six-hit ball, striking out eight, as Detroit crushed Indians.

Mike Kreevich, White Sox—Contributed three spectacular fielding plays as well as a double at plate to victory over Browns.

Lou Fette, Bees—Held Giants to six hits and fanned five for third straight win of season.

Gene Moore, Dodgers—Singled with bases loaded for two runs as Brooklyn beat Phils, 3-1.

Jim Bagby, Red Sox—Pitched seven hit ball and hit home run to beat Athletics.

Joe Krakauskas, Senators—Subdued Yankees on four hits until removed for pinch hitter in eighth.

Gene Lillard, Cubs—Broke Chicago losing streak by holding Cardinals to one run on ten hits; struck out six.

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