Matmen Show Strong Individual Efforts at R.I.T. Tournaments

Clarkson's wrestling team finished last in the four-school tournament at Rochester Institute of Technology last weekend, but coach and acting director of athletics Jack Hantz feels the outcome was hardly a disaster.

Three Golden Knight grapplers won individual titles in their weight categories -- as many as any of the other entries -- and one of them was unanimously voted the tourney's outstanding wrestler.

Clarkson captain Bob Monks was the tournament's most valuable wrestler --for the second year in a row. The rugged senior copped the 152-pound title by winning a pair of lopsided decisions -- 16-2 over RIT's Pete Serafine in Friday's opening round, and 15-1 over Mike Higgins of Notre Dame.

The Fighting Irish compiled 81

points to edge Case Institute of Cleveland, with 79, for the team championship. RIT finished third with 65 points and Clarkson fourth with 55.

Case tied Clarkson in producing individual champions with three, Notre Dame and RIT each had two winners.

Besides Monks, Clarkson's champs were sophomores Jay Robinson and Marty Evancoe. Robinson won a 3-2 decision from Case's Gene Zuch in the finals for the 177-pound title, and Evancoe pinned Notre Dame's Jim Passaro for the heavyweight crown.

The Golden Knights and RIT met in a dual meet competition at Clarkson's Alumni Gymnasium. It was the first dual meet of the season for both schools.