

Shirer, Roberts, Raymo Win As Grapplers Place Third In Tourney



Last year the Tiger wrestling squad was an hour early or an hour late for their matches. They were just not there since they lacked men and were forced to forfeit certain weight classes. The result for Coach Earl Fuller's charges was a 1-11 record.

However, this season is different. All weight classes with the exception of the 123-pound are manned. During the Tech Tourney Dec. 1-2 at the Ritter-Clark gym, the Tigers sent five men to the finals and ended up with three champions.

In taking the 118-pound division, Jack Schirer defeated Case's Ken First, 8-6. Notre Dame's outstanding wrestler with a 12-3 record, Gary Ticus, fell victim to Don Roberts, 4-1, in the 137-pound division. The third Brown and Orange class winner in the finals was Dawson Raymo over the Fighting Irish's Dean Olmstead, 14-2, in the 191-pound category.

Clarkson's Monks MVW

Most Valuable Wrestler of the tourney for the second year in a row, Clarkson's Bob Monks overwhelmed Pete Serafine, 15-4, in the 152-pound class. The other reversal suffered by RIT in the finals came when Terry Nusser of Case pinned Clarence Simmons in 4:00 to gain the 167-pound title.

The consolation matches, also Dec. 2, saw Tigers Ron Loiacono, Andre Maynard and Lester Cuff become winners. Jim Sartin suffered the only setback being pinned in 1:06 by Case's Gene Szuch in the heavyweight class.

Loiacono took the measure of Clarkson's Norman Seide in the 130-pound category by pinning

him in 2:31. Bob Snyder of Clarkson was overmatched by Maynard, 7-0, in the 145-pound division. Cuff took the 160-pound class by default.

In the opener Dec. 1, Schier won by forfeit. Loiacono was pinned by John Kline of Case in 7:17, Roberts pinned Case's John Yash in 4:10, Notre Dame's Jim Hanson pinned Maynard in 2:37, Serafin beat Pete Chehayl of Case, 11-4, Cuff lost to Jim Carter of Case, 10-3, Simmons shut-out Clarkson's Dan DeRensis, 5-0, Raymo defeated Bill Pearlman of Clarkson, 10-4, and the Fighting Irish's Tim Passaro pinned Sartin in 3:10.

Notre Dame Champs

Notre Dame was crowned champion in the second annual invitational event with 81 points followed by Case with 79, RIT 65, and Clarkson 55. The Irish came into the finals with 10 points while Case had seven, RIT six and Clarkson five.

Keith Giron at 123 and Jim

Hansen, 145, were the two Notre Dame champions. Case had John Kline at 130, Jim Carter at 160 and Terry Nusser at 167 as class winners. Bob Monks at 152, Jay Robinson at 177 and heavyweight Martin Evancue were the Clarkson title winners.

Last year Clarkson and Thiel College tied for the championship. Case came in third and RIT fourth.

Wrestlers were seeded according to ability at a meeting of the four coaches before the tournament started. The number one seeded competitor wrestled the number three entrant, while the number two wrestler was matched against the fourth-seeded man.

Points were awarded on the following basis: Pin-1; advance to the final round-1; final match victory-4.

The Tigers next see action Dec. 6 traveling to Clarkson with Oswego invading the home mats Dec. 9. The Brown and Orange

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TECH TOPS—Tiger matman Clarence Simmons maneuvers his opponent during the Tech Tourney. (Staff photo by Ken Owen)