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NATIONAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Despite small crowds and fewer entries than expected, the second annual NAIA national wrestling tournament at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb on March 20-21 was called "an outstanding success" by tournament officials. A total of 84 matches were run-off in the 2-day event.

Collegiate wrestling was at its best as a field of 76 contestants from 21 schools in 11 different states vied for ten individual championships and the team crown. Mankato (Minn.) State College repeated its 1958 feat by walking away with team honors. The Mankato squad turned in performances that resulted in two individual champs, three second places and two thirds.

The second place team, Southern Illinois University of Carbondale, had three individual champions, one runner-up and one third. Lock Haven (Pa.) State Teachers finished third and had two champs, one runner-up and one third place wrestler. Individual champions also went to Central Michigan College of Mt. Pleasant, Illinois State Normal of Normal and Winona (Minn.) State College.

The championship rounds marked the beginning of upsets as three of the 1958 champs made unsuccessful bids for crowns. In dethroning Jack Thamert of Mankato from the 115-pound title, Gray Simons of Lock Haven showed such form and craftsmanship that he was named outstanding wrestler of the tournament.

Jerry Wedemeier, NAIA's new heavyweight champ from Winona, won the trophy for turning in the fastest pin (2:19) in the tournament. Simons and Wedemeier are college freshmen.

Individual championships were equally divided between under and upper classmen. Two champs are freshmen, three are sophomores, two are juniors and three are seniors.

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Championships by Weights

115 Class

Gray Simons (Lock Haven)
 Jack Thamert (Mankato)
 Dale Votapka (Ft. Hays)
 Al Morgan (Ind. Central)

123 Class

Maynard Nelson (Mankato)
 Dan Welliever (Ind. Central)
 Jack Bronner (Luther)
 Rufus Bankole (Moorhead)

130 Class

Jim Bledsoe (Southern Ill.)
 Dave Frame (Mankato)
 Bill Sushak (Findlay)
 Charles Burman (Wartburg)

137 Class

John Rollins (Central Mich.)
 Henry Shaw (Lock Haven)
 Ray Mueller (Northern Ill.)
 Harry Romig (Lycoming)

147 Class

Ralph Clark (Lock Haven)
 Lee Grubbs (Southern Ill.)
 Bill Lewis (Mankato)
 Robert Pac (Lycoming)

157 Class

Herman Ayres (Southern Ill.)
 Bob Klick (St. Cloud)
 John Kreamer (Lock Haven)
 Bill Young (Northern Ill.)

167 Class

Lowell Glynn (Mankato)
 Dick Anderson (St. Cloud)
 Ron Fretheim (Luther)
 Paul Evenson (Winona)

177 Class

Wally Hess (Ill. State Normal)
 Roy Conrad (Northern Ill.)
 Jerry Slattery (Mankato)
 Al Hassman (Wartburg)

191 Class

Marion Rushing (Southern Ill.)
 Al Blanshan (Mankato)
 Tom Seeman (Northern Ill.)
 Henry Hettner (Moorhead)

Heavyweight Class

Jerry Wedemeier (Winona)
 Bruce Brye (Wartburg)
 Houston Antwine (Southern Ill.)
 Ron Wiger (Moorhead)

Team Points

Mankato (Minn.) State College (64)
 Southern Illinois (Carbondale) University (52)
 Lock Haven (Pa.) State Teachers College (41)
 Northern Illinois (DeKalb) University (23)
 St. Cloud (Minn.) State (19)
 Wartburg (Waverly, Ia.) College (18)
 Winona (Minn.) State College (16)
 Illinois State Normal University (14)
 Central Michigan (Mt. Pleasant) College (13)
 Indiana (Indianapolis) Central College (12)
 Luther (Decorah, Ia.) College (11)
 Lycoming (Williamsport, Pa.) College (11)
 Moorhead (Minn.) State College (9)
 Findlay (Ohio) College (7)
 Ft. Hays Kansas State College (5)
 State Teachers College of Minot, N. Dak. (1)
 Ball State Teachers College of Muncie, Ind. (0)
 Loras College of Dubuque, Ia. (0)
 Maryland (Towson) State Teachers (0)
 College of St. Thomas of St. Paul, Minn. (0)
 Stout State College of Menomonie, Wis. (0)

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1. Sheridan, Dave 9

Normal

2. Patton Rivers 1

SOFTBALL

3. ~~W. Hays~~ Tank 3

4. Votapka, Dale 1

5. Hays, Kansas

6. Carr, Jim 5

Ind. Cent.

7. Simon, Lock Haven, Pa

8. Morgan 2

9. Votapka, Dale 1

10. Morgan 2

11. Simon, Lock Haven, Pa

12. Morgan 2

Sheridan 4

Thamer 7

Thamer 1

Simons 6

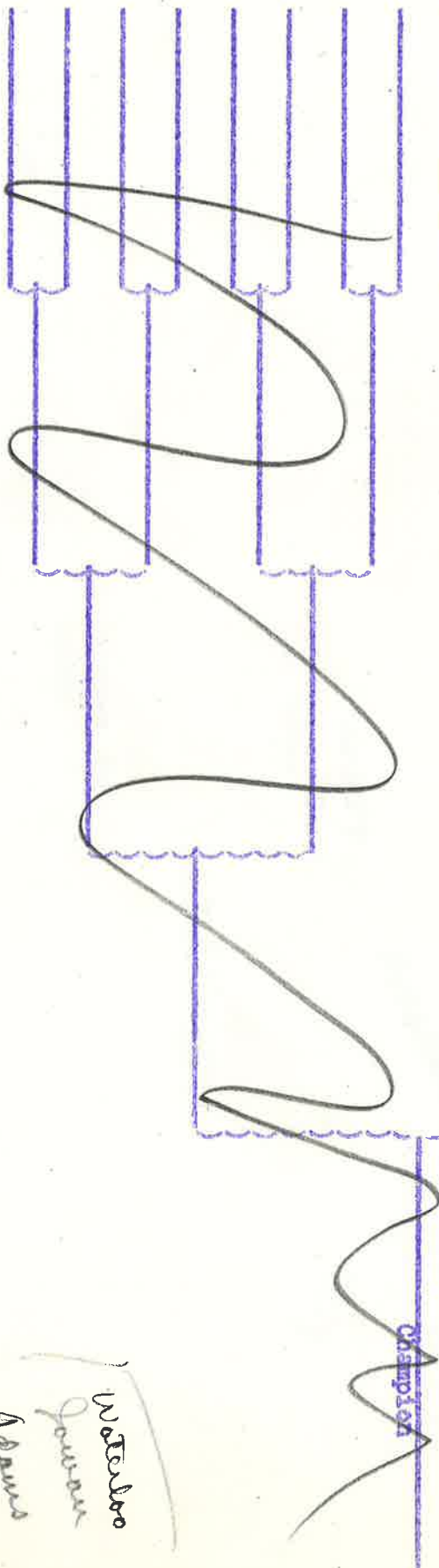
* Simons

Champion

+ outstanding

winner

Champion



Walter
power
Adams
4-3551

CONSOLATION

Sheridan 1

Votapka 3

Votapka 4

Morgan 0

Votapka A

X

1. Bartolo, Rufus
Kornstad, Alvin

2. Condit, Frank 2
Pindley

3. Nelson, N. Howard
Hicks

Nelson
Pin 8:06

4. McWeller, Dan
Dob, Central
Pin 8:54

5. Brewer, Jack
Lathrop

Nelson
Pin 10:19

Over time

Nelson
0 hours

10:19

McWeller

Adlake 2

Bearholes 3

Bark hole 0

Over time

Brewer 2

Brewer

CONSOLIDATION



- 1. Koutos, Bill 13
- 2. Walter, Don 5
- 3. Bledsoe, Jim 9
- 4. Shushak, Bill 4
- 5. Burman, Charles 5
- 6. Burman, Dave 11

7. Otteson, Ove 1

Koutos 1

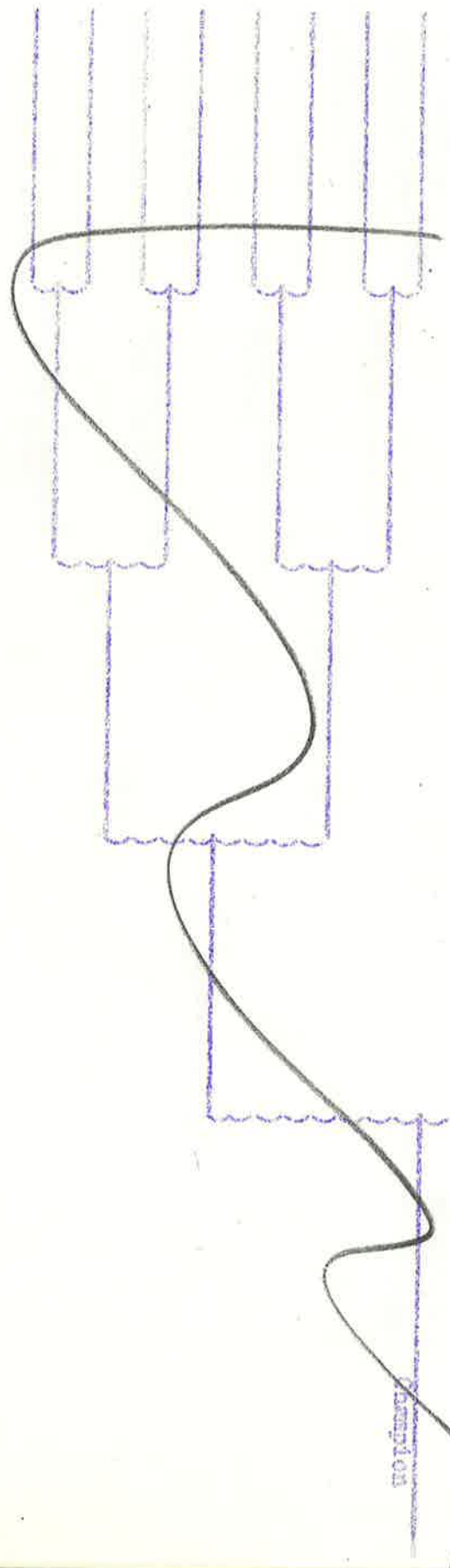
Bledsoe 8

~~Bledsoe~~
~~Shushak~~

FRAME 7

FRAME 2

CHAMPION



Koutos 5

Shushak 4

CONSOLIATOR

Shushak 4:21

Shushak

Otteson 2

Burman 0

Burman 6

X

1. Rollins, John 7
C. Mich.

2. Mueller, Ray 2
Northern

Rollins 2

over time

3. ChelleVold, Dick 3
~~Youngbauer~~

4. Youngbauer, Ray 4
Mts.

5. Zelusky, Dick 1

ChelleVold 1

Rollins 2

Rollins
Champion

6. Romig, Herb 6:04
Lycoming

Romig 4

Romig 6

8. Dudeck, Ted 0
Findley

Shaw 1

9. Ramsey, Jim 5
Ind. Central

Shaw 9

10. Shaw, Henry 9
Lock Haven

ChelleVold 2

Mueller 8

CONSOLATION

Mueller 3

Mueller

Romig 5

Romig 4

Ramsey 2



147 POUND CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Grubbs, Lee 6
Southern

Grubbs 6

2. Sudbrink, Don 1
Maryland

Grubbs 3

3. Lewis, Bill 3
Kentato overtime

Lewis 2

4. Fretheim, Island 3
Iutbery
5. Martin, Willie 1
Ind. Central

Fretheim 1

Clark
Champion

6. Clark, Ralph 5
Lock Haven

Clark 4

7. Meyer, Drury 0
Warburg

Clark 4

8. Messer, Buel
Findlay

Pac 0

9. Pac, Robert (Fall)
Lycamng

CONSOLATION

Lewis 4

Lewis 7

Sudbrink 2

Lewis

Pac 1

Pac 6

Meyer 0



157 POUND CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Ayres, Herman 7
Southern

2. Young, Bill 2
Northern

Ayres 5

3. Hildebrandt, Roy 5
Warburg

4. Baker, Dave 0

Pindley

5. Johnson, Maurice 3
Minot

6. Block, Tom 2
Mto.

7. Peterson, Chas 4
Luther

8. Kramer, John 6
Lock Haven

9. Nonplisist, Dave 1
Moorhead

10. Klick, Bob 2
St. Cloud

11. Jamroz, Dan 0
Ball State

Young 2

Hildebrandt 0

Kremer 2
P.N. 3:59

Jamroz 0

Klick 6

Young 2

Hildebrandt 0

Kremer 4

Jamroz 0

Klick 3

Young 2

Hildebrandt 0

Kremer

Jamroz 0

Klick 3

Young 2

Hildebrandt 0

Kremer

Jamroz 0

Klick 3

Young 2

Hildebrandt 0

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Jamroz 0

Klick 3

Young 2

Hildebrandt 0

Kremer

CONSOLATION

Ayres
Champion

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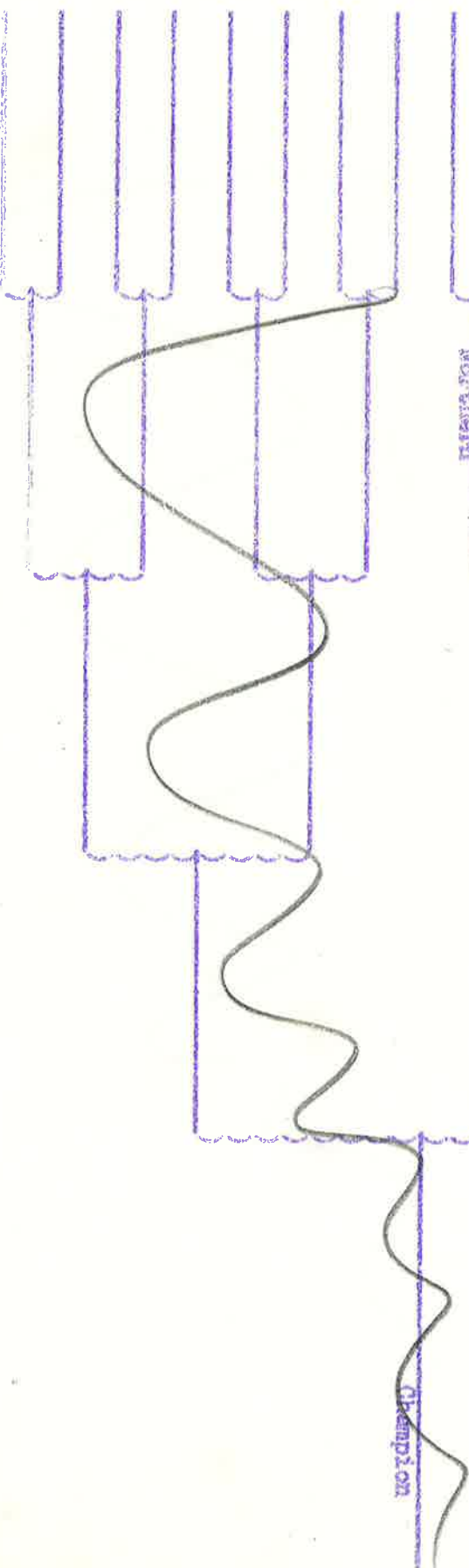
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- 2. ~~St. Cloud~~ Evanson Paul 1
- 3. ~~Winnon~~ Flanagan Bill 8
- 4. ~~Finley~~ Bergmeier Stan 5
- 5. ~~Southern~~ Froethelm Ron 4
- 6. ~~Archer~~ Glynn Lowell 6
- 7. ~~Mankato~~ Ozark Ray 1

Anderson

overtime
Ref. Decision

Glynn
Champ

Champion



- Evanson 7
- Flanagan 3
- Froethelm 2
- Archer 0
- Evanson 0
- Froethelm 1
- Froethelm

CONSOLATION



1. Slattery, Levy 0

Conrad 3

2. Milton, Bob
Bill Stone

Conrad 6

3. Conrad, Roy
Northern

4. Hess, Wally
Fall
Normal

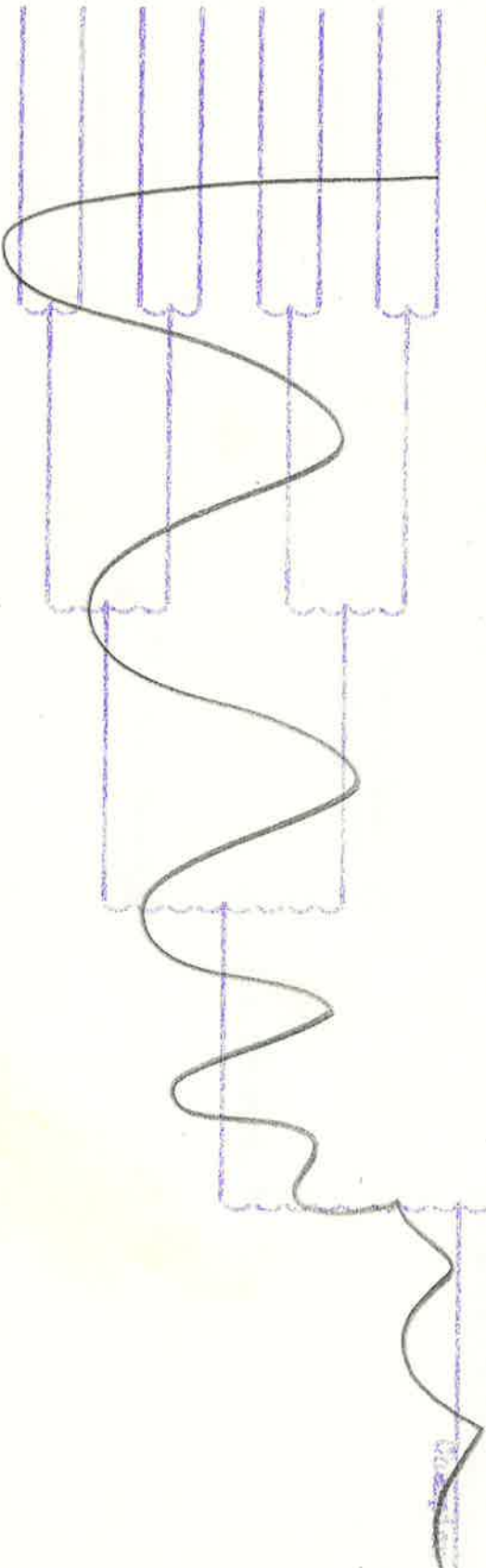
Hess 4

Hess 7

Hess
Dumond

5. Hassman, A.L.
Warrior

6. Dettling, T.G.
Southern



Slattery 4

Slattery 5

CONSILIATOR

Millen 2

Slattery

Hassman 3

Hassman 0

Poulikes 2

X

191 POUND CHAMPIONSHIP

1. ^{1977 Heavy 145} HANSHAN, A. L. 6
Mackie

2. Hettner, Henry 0
Northon

3. Sweeney, Tom 0
Northon

4. ^{*}Rushing, David 5
Southon

BLANKMAN 0

Rushing 4

Rushing
Champion

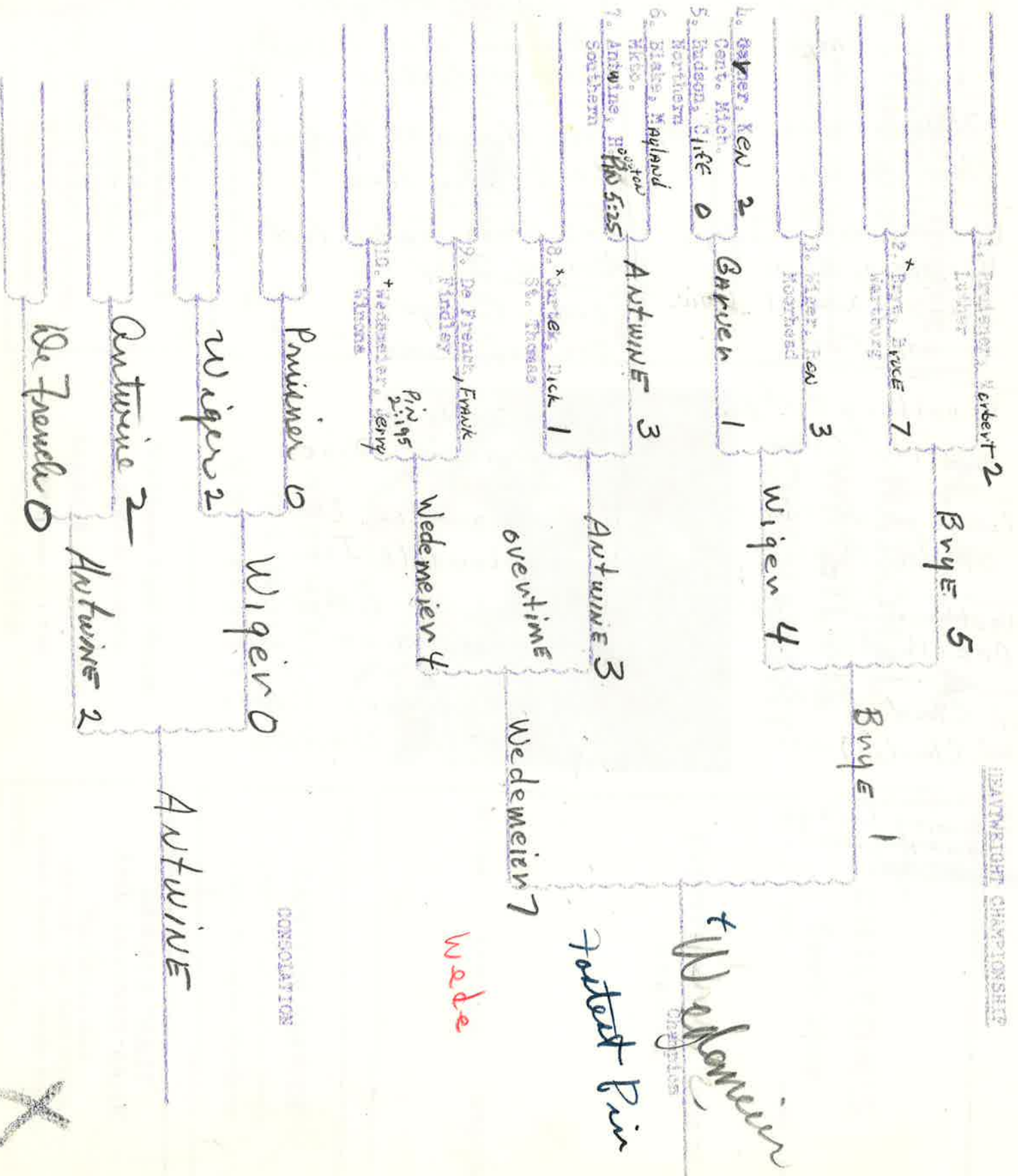
Hettner 1

Seeman

CONSOLATIONS

Seeman 3

X



CONSOLATION

X

Central Michigan College
Mt. Pleasant, Mich

Loras College
Dubuque, Iowa

Findlay College
Findlay, Ohio

H. Hayes Kansas St. College
Hays, Kansas

Winona State College
Winona, Minn.

Ill. St. Normal Univ.
Normal, Ill

Waubesa College
Waverly, Iowa

College of St. Thomas
St. Paul, Minn.

Northern Ill. Univ.
DeKalb, Ill

St. Cloud State
St. Cloud, Minn

Lycoming College
Williamsport, Penn.
~~Lycoming College~~

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Indianapolis, Ind.

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Towson, Maryland

Moorehead State College
Moorehead, Minn.

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Lock Haven, Penn

Ball State Teachers Coll.
Muncie, Ind

Luther College
Decorah, Iowa

Stout State Coll.
Menomonie, Wis.

Southern Ill. Univ.
Carbondale, Ill.

Mankato St. College
Mankato, Minn

State Teachers College
Minot, N. Dakota