Grapplers place 2nd in home quadrangular

By Bob Collins

The MIT grappling team took a strong second place in their own quadrant, regular meet last weekend. Winning off with the first-place trophy was an exceptionally strong Springfield team, defeating MIT 39-9. Franklin and Marshall 25-0 and Dartmouth 44-0. Franklin and Marshall, after losing to both Springfield and MIT, took an easy third place by defeating Dartmouth 34-1.

Springfield strong

In the MIT-Springfield match, Joe Baron '70 started things out right with a 52 decision in the 113 Class. Fred's first set has come next, with team captain Bill Harris '68 coming out on the short end of an 8-5 decision at 123. The downward trend continued as Springfield's Fredick pinned Greg Erikson '89 at 130. The eventual state champion clinched the match at 125 with Joe Gus '68, Norm Harris '68, Rich Willoughby '70, and Walt Price '70 each scoring victories over Springfield's opponents.

Dean Whisen '70 added more points to the MIT score as he defeated Gordon 52 at 125. Jeff Cvet '70 then lost a three-pointer to Glasscock. The match, though already decided, ended on a bright note, with Fred Andree '70 overwhelming his Springfield opponent 61 in the unlimited class.

Dartmouth loses big

The win over Dartmouth was a matter of formality, as three faults, due to the home team fellow to a score of 45-5. Baron made quick work of Dartmouth's Joa- china, gaining the pin in 1:30. Erikson won a decision over 'Oleski '88, followed by two more decision victories by Whisen and Harris. Bishko provided MIT's second point, and Willoughby settled for a tie. Price then gained a decision, while Cvet came out on top at 126 pounds. Andree sealed off the victory with a pin over Blakeman.

Close win over F&M

MIT's most satisfying match came with 24 victory over Franklin and Marshall of Lexing-

ton, Pennsylvania, which has consistently turned out excellent teams in past years. A forfeit by F&M at 135 provided what was to be the winning margin.

Harris started things rolling for the Engineers with a big pin. F&M's Schaffer then fell to Erik- son in 4:30. Bishko, Wu, and Hans- tien then lost in order to put the visitors within three points. Wil- loughby scored a 24 decision over Leonard, which was quickly fol- lowed by another victory by Price. Whisen was put down very deci- sively 131 by F&M's Crikotar, who boasted a 13-0 record last sea- son. As the visitors do not regu- larly compete in the 151 division, F&M were stung with a 30-20 win.

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