

Wrestling

Midwestern grapplers came away from the AAU-Chevrolet Junior Olympic Nationals with seven gold medals. The only weight classes won by wrestlers from outside the Midwest were the 132, 178, 192, and heavyweight categories. The two-day meet ended Sunday in the University of Nebraska's Coliseum. The action took place in the 15-18 age group, with 120 boys entered in the meet.

Two of the winners came from Illinois---Mike Farina of Elmhurst and Caseyville's Jim Reizer. Farina decisioned George Hervey of Lompoc, Cal., 4-0, in the 98-pound bracket while Reizer's victory in the 106-pound round robin finals came against Tom Gaskins of Greenwood, Ind.

Bob Trapino and Steve Lawinger brought a pair of gold medals home to Wisconsin. Trapino, a McFarland resident, celebrated his birthday on Friday and two days later decisioned Steve Maurey of Altoona, Pa., 8-3. Maurey, the odds-on favorite in the 123-pound class, had defeated 1972 Olympian Jimmie Carr two weeks earlier in a match in Erie, Pa. Lawinger's victory in the 165-pound class came against Eric Heinonen of Virginia Beach by virtue of a 4-2 decision. Lawinger makes his home in Mineral Point, Wis.

Other wrestling champs from mid America were Mike McArthur of Minneapolis, Kim Graham of Logansport, Ind., and Roye Oliver of Omaha. Oliver, headed for a collegiate mat career at Arizona State, decisioned Ohio's Chuck Biggert for the 154-pound title. McArthur's 15-pound class win came via a 6-1 decision over Tennessee's Randy Batten while Graham out pointed another Tennessean, Dave Scott, in the 143-pound category, 4-3.

One Tennessean who finished first was Dave Weeks of Chattanooga. Weeks became the 178-pound champ, decisioning Paul Voelker of South Dakota, 4-0.

Two New Jerseyites come out on top. Herb Calvert, despite an ankle injury, pinned huge Ralph Zigner of Wisconsin for the heavyweight crown. The 280-pound New Jersey High School state champ will begin wrestling for the University of Oklahoma this fall.

The other gold medalist from the Garden State was Mark Preston of Sparta. Preston took the 132-pound title, absorbing only one-and-a-half bad points in the process. Preston defeated Arizona's Tom Mills in the championship match.

The only winner from the West was Jeff Ramona of San Jose, Cal. Ramona took the 192-pound title, decisioning Gary Nolan of Wis., 5-0.

This was the first time for wrestling competition in the AAU-Chevrolet Junior Olympic Multisport Championships. Last year's nationals took place in St. Cloud, Minn.