

Kline Sets School Mark With 3rd State Mat Title

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Poor Eddie Kline! The Mohawk wrestler has never won a second place award.

The 3-time state wrestling champion, however, has been awarded his share of first place medals in three years of wrestling. His triumphs include: At 95 pounds—two district and two state tournaments, a YMCA meet held at Waterloo and an A.A.U. tourney; at 103 pounds—a district title and a state title.

The "champ" has set two school records this season. He took first place in the state meet for the third consecutive year and went undefeated in 54 matches that extended over three years.

EDDIE WON his third title last Saturday at Cedar Falls by pinning Bill Leeman of Osage in 3 minutes and 13 seconds.

Kline has suffered only one loss in his high school wrestling career. It came at the hands of Bob

Kain of Algona in his first match of high school wrestling. Kline rates Kain the best grappler he has ever wrestled, with Bob Lane of Waverly, whom he decided 5-4 in the district, and Don Bernard of Eagle Grove, whom he beat in the state this year, running close seconds.

"Kline is the best boy we've ever had," Coach Howard Barker declared. "He hasn't even lost a take-down all year."

Eddie gives a lot of credit for his success to Barker and Ken Griffin, assistant coach.

"They're the best coaches anyone could have," Eddie said. "I'll miss wrestling a lot."

KLINE HAS no future wrestling plans. He doesn't know yet whether he will attend college. The "champ" has an appointment with the Army for a physical next Tuesday in Des Moines, but he

doesn't know what will happen after that.

Kline will be graduated this year, but he will long be remembered in Mason City High and in high school record books for his outstanding performances during his high school days.

The wrestler was honored further Tuesday by being selected "Prep of the Week" by the Des Moines Register.

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