

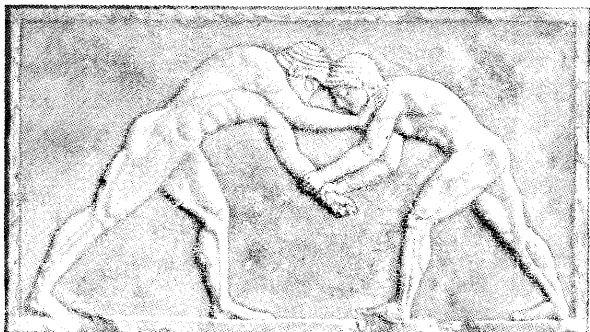
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EASTERN INTERCOLLEGIATE WRESTLING ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONS.

Review of Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association, 1926-27

The eight members of the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association went through a season that was undoubtedly the best balanced in the history of the organization. The dual meet season was keenly contested and many upsets were registered. Cornell, title holders from the previous season, displayed their usual strength in the dual meets, despite the fact that Captain Geier was the only veteran left from the winning outfit of the previous season.

Princeton, with a well balanced team, started the season by defeating Lehigh for the first time in eleven years, and several other opponents had to bow to the Tigers. Interest was also much keener amongst the students. Princeton should be one of the strongest teams in the East in future contests. Syracuse, the youngest member of the association, made rapid strides since taking up the mat game and they are certain to be reckoned with when future honors are being distributed. Yale was the usual strong team and clever wrestling was witnessed in all meets in which they participated. With a veteran team, which includes Captain Miller, twice 158 lb. champion; Dodd, 135 lb. second place winner, and Blunt, runner-up in the heavy division, Yale will take a team of more than usual strength to stop them this season.

Columbia, Pennsylvania and Penn State went through a bad period and were not as strong as usual, mainly due to the loss of many veterans.

Lehigh started off slowly but came with a rush at the finish to defeat the Navy in a dual meet and tie with Yale the following week for the team championship.

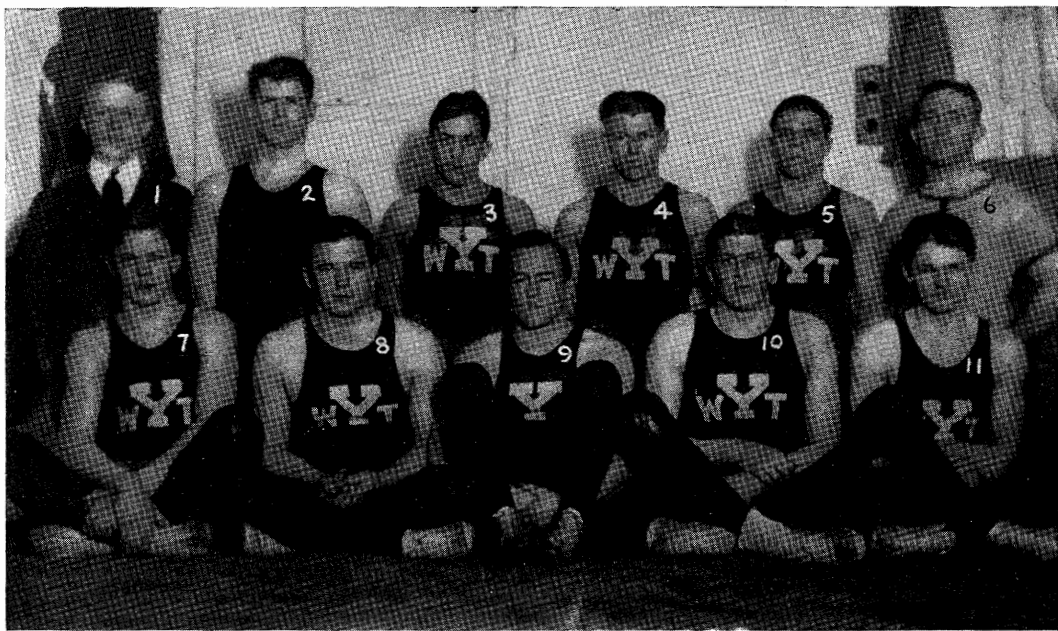
The championship meet was held in the new "Palestra" of the University of Pennsylvania, March 18 and 19, 1927. All the teams were at full strength and the meet was so close that the final result rested on the last bout.

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP.

	Points.
First. Yale and Lehigh (tie).....	14
Third. Cornell and Syracuse (tie).....	12
Fifth. Pennsylvania	8
Sixth. Columbia	5
Seventh. Penn State and Princeton (tie).....	3

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115 lbs.	Okun, Syracuse.	McGovern, Lehigh.	Josephson, Cornell.
125 lbs.	Reed, Lehigh.	Bogden, Pennsylvania.	Liggett, Penn State.
135 lbs.	McDonald, Penna.	Dodd, Yale.	Helman, Lehigh.
145 lbs.	Geier, Cornell.	Graham, Princeton.	Warner, Syracuse.
158 lbs.	Miller, Yale.	Stanley, Cornell.	Packard, Penn State.
175 lbs.	Sesit, Columbia.	Stafford, Cornell.	Lehr, Lehigh.
Heavyweight	Patterson, Syracuse.	Blunt, Yale.	Lytell, Lehigh.



1, Derby, Mgr; 2, Blake Russell, Coach; 3, Bisson; 4, Hicock; 5, Dodd; 6, E. O. Donnell, Asst. Coach; 7, Hoffman; 8, Kreider; 9, Miller, Capt.; 10, Blunt; 11, Wylie.

YALE UNIVERSITY, NEW HAVEN, CONN.

Tied with Lehigh University for Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Championship, 1927.

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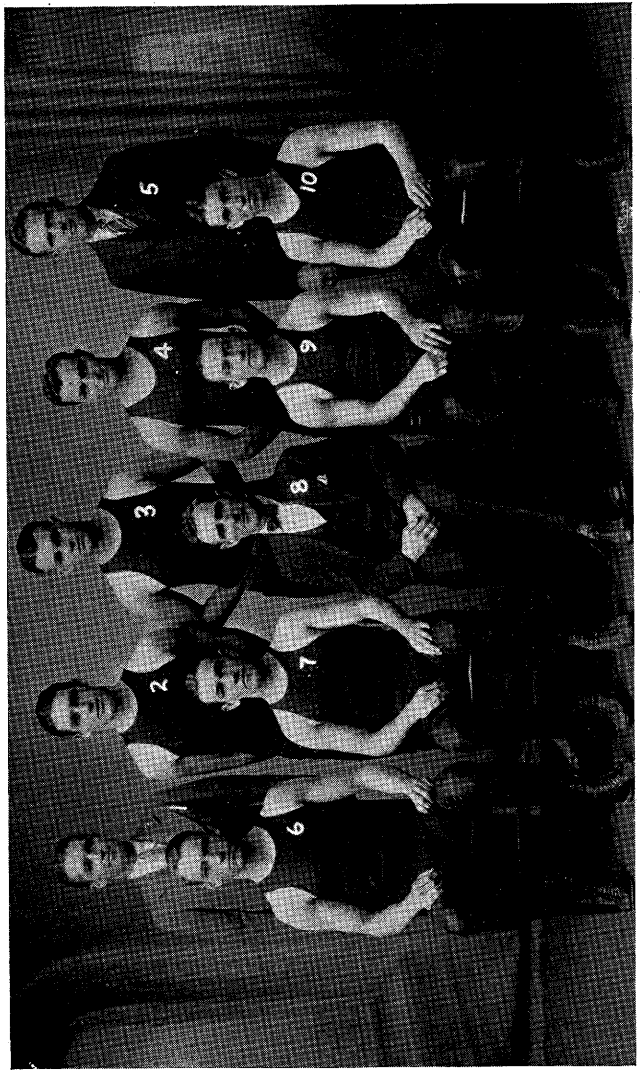
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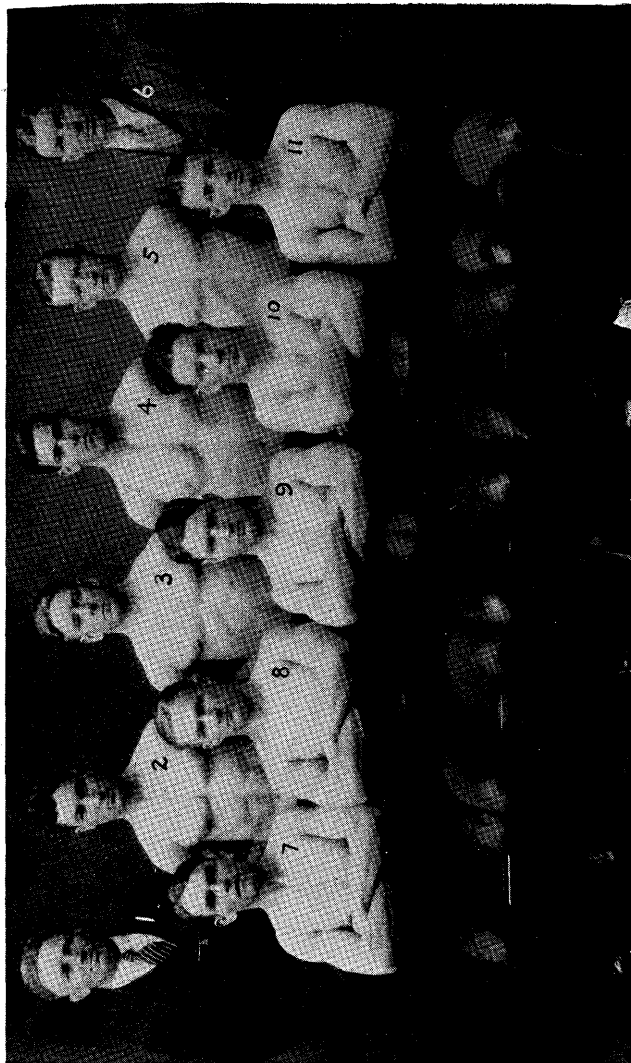
Heavyweight—Jacob Patterson, Syracuse, defeated William Blunt, Yale. Time advantage 5m.49s. Two extra periods.



1, Sinwell, Mgr.; 2, Lehr; 3, Littell; 4, Long; 5, Horton, Asst. Mgr.; 6, Keller; 7, Heilman; 8, Wm. Sheridan, Coach; 9, Reed, Capt.; 10, McGovern.

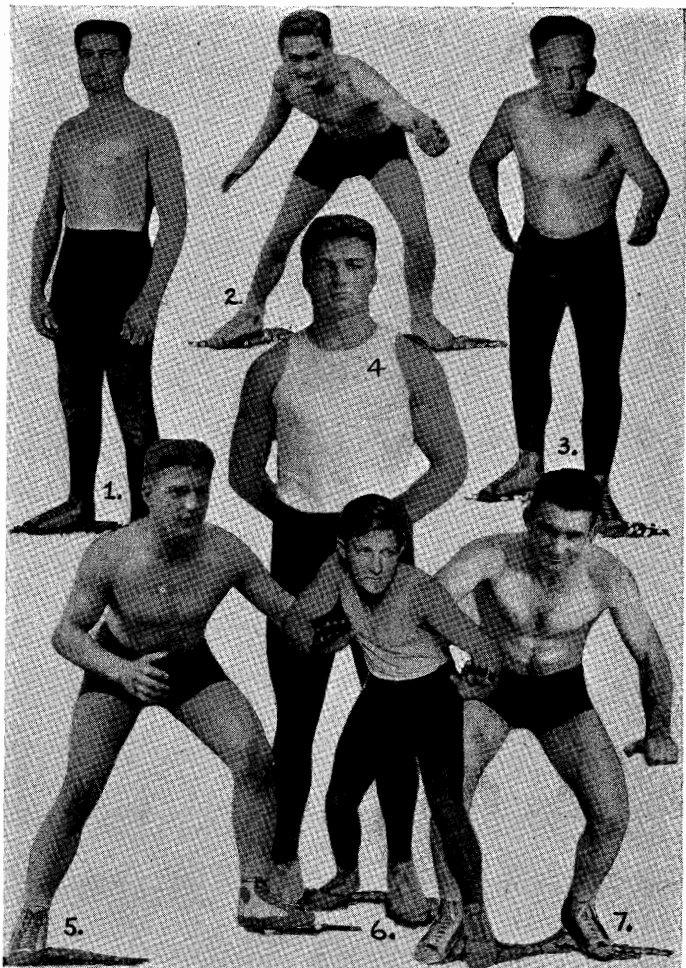
LEHIGH UNIVERSITY, BETHLEHEM, PA.

Tied with Yale for Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Championship, 1927.



1, Thor Olson, Coach; 2, Breed; 3, Roberts; 4, Duncan; 5, Stocker; 6, Mr. Bird, Ath. Dir.; 7, Glass; 8, Begala; 9, Brubaker; 10, Shater, Capt.; 11, Griffith.

OHIO UNIVERSITY, ATHENS—OHIO CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS.



1—Dan J. Whitacre (Ohio State), heavyweight class. 2—Alfred Watson (Michigan), 135-lb. class. 3—Louis Smitz (Wisconsin), 115-lb. class. 4—John H. Ritz (Illinois), 175-lb. class. 5—Russell Sauer (Michigan), 145-lb. class. 6—Pete Hesmer (Illinois), 125-lb. class. 7—Theron Donahoe (Michigan), 158-lb. class.

WESTERN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS.

Wrestling in the Western Conference

By E. G. SCHOEDER,

State University of Iowa,

Secretary Western Conference Wrestling Association.

The ten universities making up the Western Conference all supported wrestling during the year 1926-27, both as a 'varsity and an intramural sport.

In order to simplify schedule-making for the wrestling teams the Western Conference is divided into two groups, an Eastern and a Western group. The Eastern group comprises Michigan, Ohio State, Purdue, Indiana and Northwestern. The Western group includes Illinois, Iowa, Chicago, Wisconsin and Minnesota. In each group, each team met every other team for the group championship. In the Western group, University of Illinois was undefeated, and University of Michigan was supreme in the Eastern.

The final meet, for the Conference championship, was won by Illinois, at Urbana, March 5, when Michigan was defeated, 12 to 9, in one of the most thrilling dual meets in the history of the Conference.

The individual championships were held at the University of Chicago, March 11-12, 1927. The winners:

115 lbs.—Louis Smitz (Wisconsin). 125 lbs.—T. C. Hesmer (Illinois). 135 lbs.—Alfred Watson (Michigan). 145 lbs.—Russell Sauer (Michigan). 158 lbs.—Theron Donahoe (Michigan). 175 lbs.—J. H. Ritz (Illinois). Heavyweight—D. J. Whitacre (Ohio State).

The following is a complete record of the teams of the Western Conference for the season of 1927:

INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

23—Northwestern	3
14—Purdue	8
19—Ohio State	8
8—Michigan	21
10½—Iowa	12½

PURDUE UNIVERSITY.

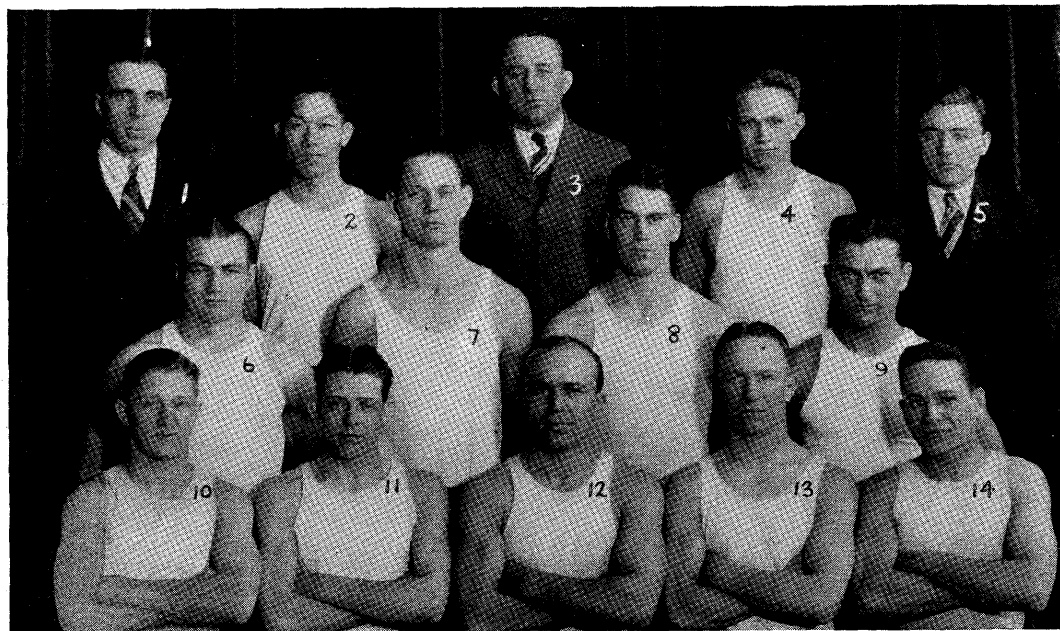
8—Indiana	14
8—Michigan	17
19—Northwestern	6
8—Ohio State	15
13—Wisconsin	12

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

3—Indiana	23
19—Chicago	8
6½—Michigan	22½
18—Michigan State	18
6—Ohio State	19
6—Purdue	19
18—Chicago	9
7—Chicago	15

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

11—Cornell College	12
12—Iowa State Teachers	11
15—Michigan State	8
22½—Northwestern	6½
17—Purdue	8
17—Ohio State	6
21—Indiana	8
9—Illinois	12



1, Carl M. Voyles, Coach; 2, Soga; 3, Paul Prehn, Coach; 4, Minot; 5, Murphy, Mgr.; 6, Ritz; 7, Shively, Capt.; 8, Webster; 9, Furness; 10, Hesmer; 11, Thacker; 12, Geis; 13, Gunlock; 14, Vondenbosch. Weber, Photo.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS—WESTERN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS.



UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

8—Northwestern	19
0—Minnesota	23
6—Iowa	23
7½—Illinois	19½
3—Wisconsin	22
9—Northwestern	18
15—Northwestern	7

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

21—Ohio University	8
19—Michigan State	8
8—Indiana	19
19—Northwestern	6
6—Michigan	17
15—Purdue	8
12½—Minnesota	14½

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

17—Wisconsin	8
24—West Virginia	3
19½—Chicago	7½
17—Minnesota	6
12—Iowa	9
12—Michigan	9

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

23—Chicago	0
9—Iowa	12
6—Illinois	17
22½—Wisconsin	4½
14½—Ohio State	12½

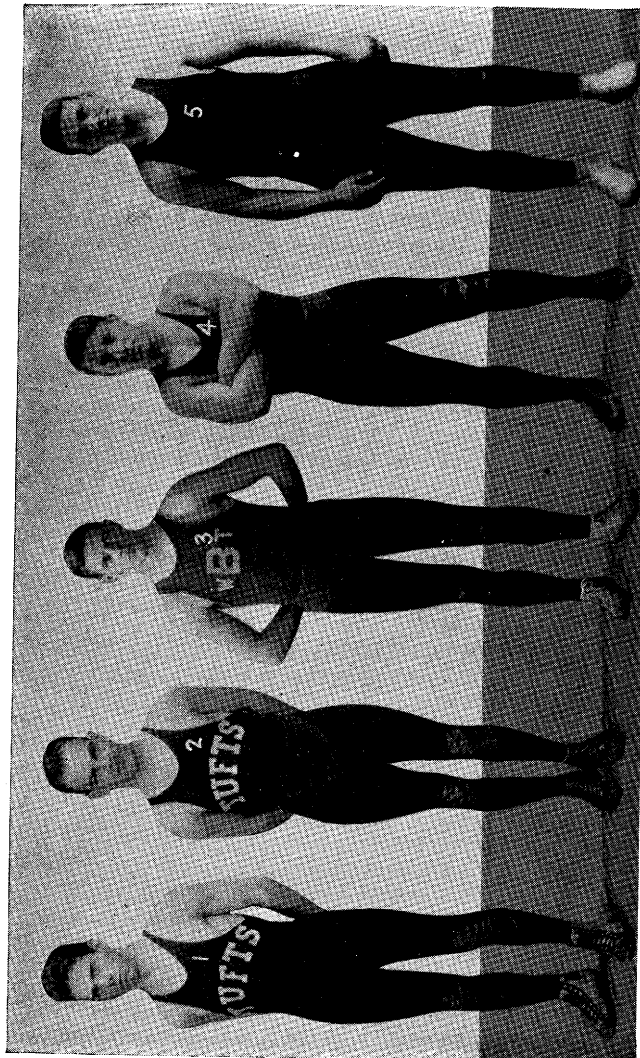
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

7½—Iowa	17½
8—Illinois	17
22—Chicago	3
4½—Minnesota	22½
12—Purdue	13

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

17½—Wisconsin	7½
23—Chicago	6
12—Minnesota	9
17—Nebraska	6
9—Illinois	12
12½—Indiana	10½

The Conference teams finished the season in the following order: Illinois, Michigan, Iowa, Indiana, Minnesota, Ohio State, Purdue, Wisconsin, Chicago, Northwestern.



1—C. Garcelon (Tufts), 115-lb. class, 2—J. F. Haynes (Tufts), 125-lb. class, 3—F. A. Spellman Jr. (Brown), 158-lb. class, 4—A. Cornsweet (Brown), 175-lb. class, 5—H. Cornsweet (Brown), heavyweight class.

NEW ENGLAND INTERCOLLEGIATE WRESTLING ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONS.

New England Intercollegiate Wrestling Association

By DR. JOHN A. ROCKWELL,

Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

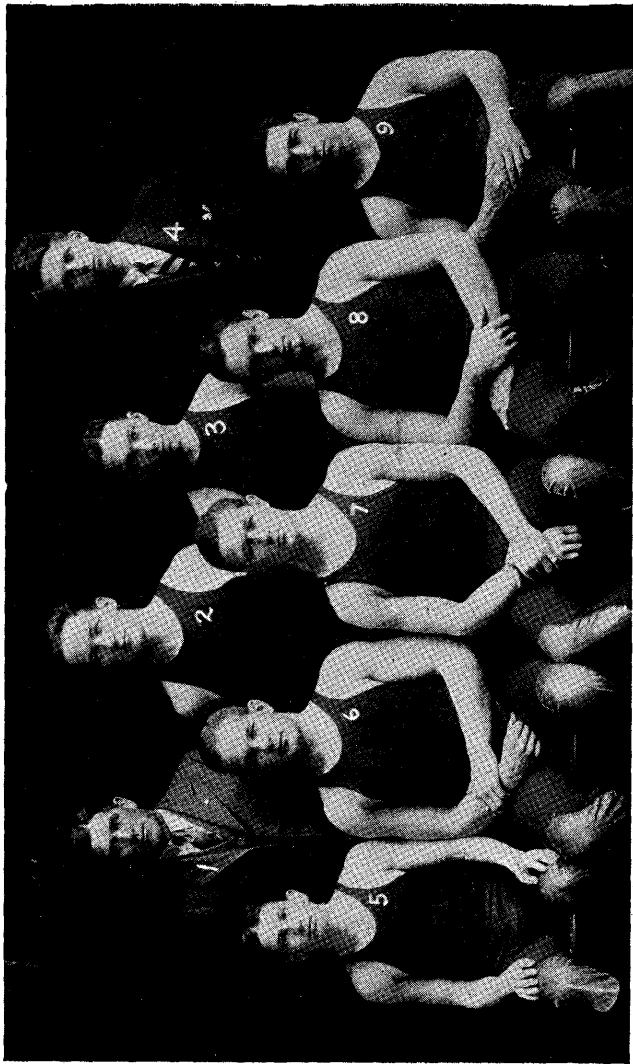
The New England Intercollegiate Wrestling Association for the season 1926-27 has conducted its schedule along progressive lines. Three major features have been constantly kept in mind:

1. Giving the contestant all the advantages which the wrestling game offers, but protecting him against the abuses which any game of personal contact offers when proper supervision over the contestant is neglected.
2. Making the sport more interesting to the public by keeping the contestants in action and penalizing intentional stalling.
3. Working toward the standardization of intercollegiate wrestling rules.

On this latter point, it is gratifying to report that the recently perfected National Collegiate wrestling rules have been adopted. Only a few minor reservations will be found in our New England Intercollegiate rules which govern local competition.

The sixth annual championships were held under the auspices of Brown University, at Providence, R. I., March 18-19, 1927, with five teams competing: Harvard, Brown, Tufts, Williams and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. (Dartmouth and Northeastern have been past members of the Association, but have resigned for financial or other reasons.) The competition was keener and showed a greater knowledge of wrestling ability than has been demonstrated in previous championships. Splendid sportsmanship prevailed throughout the meet and no injuries were reported. The final score gave Harvard the team championship with 20 points, Brown 16, Tufts 13, Williams 6, Massachusetts Institute of Technology 1.

In order to stimulate sustained interest in the wrestling squad throughout the season, the N.E.I.W.A. has held competition at the championships for second teams. Last season's contest was limited to Brown and Harvard, as the other colleges failed to have sufficient entries. It is the intention of the New England group to press this question of second team contests. We realize the tendency of falling off in interest as soon as the 'varsity team is selected. Our aim is to have as large a squad as possible throughout the entire season and to maintain top notch condition. The result of this second team meet was: Brown 18, Harvard 15.



1, Lewis, Coach; 2, Corson; 3, Turner; 4, Camp, Mgr.; 5, Massell; 6, Wilson; 7, Wood; 8, Howe; 9, Lifrack.
Notman, Photo.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY—NEW ENGLAND INTERCOLLEGIATE ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONS.

Intercollegiate wrestling in New England is increasing in popularity and in improved technique, speaking well for coaches and squads. With the acceptance of the National Collegiate rules and with added effort on the part of managers to give full publicity to the schedule, it is hoped that greater interest will be aroused in this most commendable athletic activity.

The individual winners in the championships were as follows:

115 lbs.—Preliminaries: Garcelon (Tufts) and Cullum (M.I.T.) Final: Garcelon (Tufts); decision. Second team—Flint (Brown); decision.

125 lbs.—Preliminaries: Haynes (Tufts) and Johnson (M.I.T.). Final: Haynes (Tufts); fall, 7m.56s. Second team—Turner (Brown); decision.

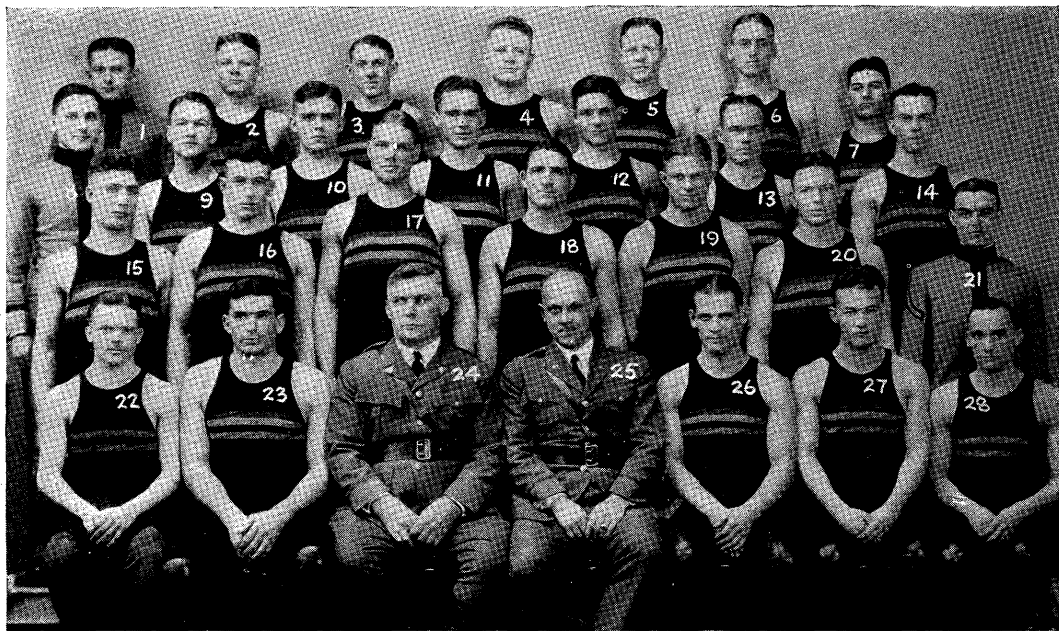
135 lbs.—Preliminaries: Hing King (Tufts) and Lifrak (Harvard). Final: Lifrak (Harvard); decision. Second team—Hardy (Williams); decision.

145 lbs.—Preliminaries: Corson (Harvard) and Harris (M.I.T.). Final: Corson (Harvard); decision. Second team—Lisle (Williams); decision.

158 lbs.—Preliminaries: Austin (Tufts) and Spellman (Brown). Final: Spellman (Brown); overtime decision. Second team—Wood (Harvard); decision.

175 lbs.—Preliminaries: A. Cornsweet (Brown) and Howe (Harvard). Final: A. Cornsweet (Brown); overtime decision. Second team—Howe (Harvard); default.

Heavyweight—Preliminaries: H. Cornsweet (Brown) and Packard (Williams). Final: H. Cornsweet (Brown); fall. Second team—Wilson (Harvard); decision.



1, Montgomery, Asst. Mgr.; 2, M. Lewis; 3, Beals; 4, Haggerty; 5, Morrow; 6, Packard; 7, Bennett; 8, Nyquist, Asst. Mgr.; 9, Millener; 10, Ranck; 11, Brown; 12, Meehan; 13, Noble; 14, Beaumont; 15, Preston; 16, Green; 17, Blackwell; 18, Schmidt, Capt.; 19, Pearson; 20, Meacham; 21, Stark, Mgr.; 22, W. H. Hunter; 23, Hammack; 24, Tom Jenkins, Coach; 25, Capt. Schlenker, Officer-in-charge; 26, Rose; 27, Kurstedt; 28, E. G. Daly. White, Photo.

UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY, WEST POINT, N. Y.

Wrestling at the United States Military Academy

BY CAPTAIN WILLIAM R. FLEMING,

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The United States Military Academy wrestling team of 1926-27 had one of the usually good seasons enjoyed by West Point wrestling teams. The Cadets won five of the seven meets in which they contested during the winter. Noteworthy victories were obtained over University of Pennsylvania and Princeton. The two meets lost by the Cadets were with Franklin and Marshall and Columbia. Cadet E. G. Schmidt, team captain and heavyweight champion of the Academy, was easily the outstanding performer for West Point. Cadets Hammack, Rose and Kurstedt were also prominent.

The Cadets have lost practically their entire first team by graduation, including Schmidt (captain), Rose, Kurstedt, E. G. Daly and W. H. Hunter.

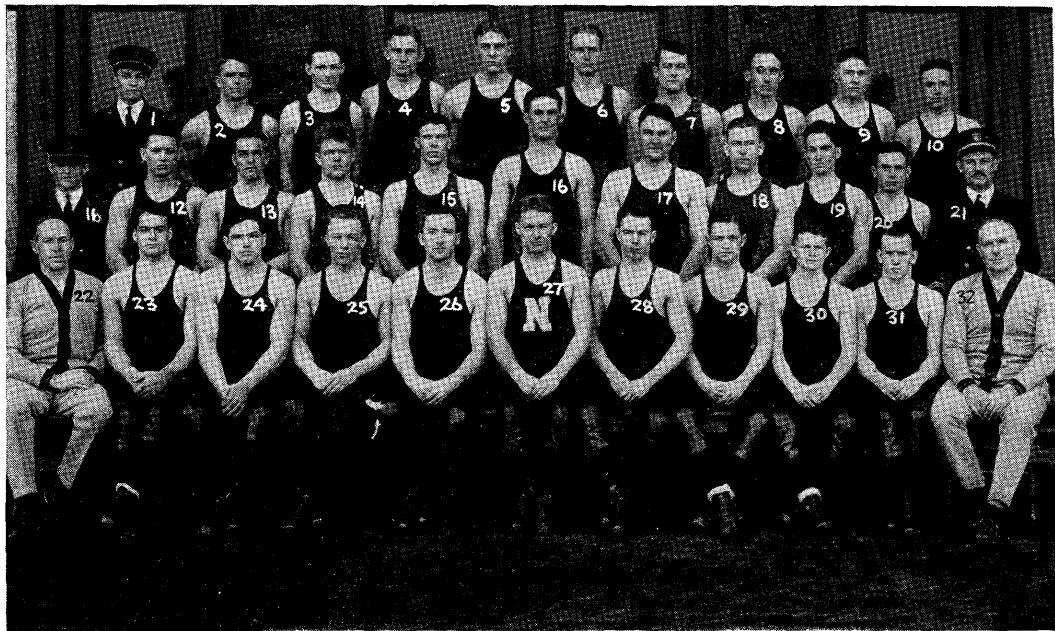
Officials in charge of wrestling last season were: Capt. D. C. G. Schlenker, officer-in-charge; Tom Jenkins, coach; E. G. Schmidt, captain; E. D. Stark, Manager.

Cadet A. W. Meehan is captain of the West Point wrestlers for 1927-28. H. E. Montgomery Jr., is manager.

The results of the 1926-27 season follow:

21½—Univ. of Toronto	1½	12½—Princeton	10½
11—Franklin and Marshall	16	24—Williams	3
15—Davidson Coll.	6	8—Columbia	15
16—Pennsylvania	13		

Army won 5; lost 2.



1, Schaeffer, Asst. Mgr.; 2, Banister; 3, Coleman; 4, Butts; 5, Woerner; 6, Davison; 7, Mitchell; 8, Darnell; 9, Epps; 10, M. B. Wyatt; 11, Mitchell, Mgr.; 12, Cooper; 13, Weiss; 14, Holloway; 15, Eldridge; 16, Chappell; 17, Meeker; 18, Visser; 19, Lanning; 20, J. E. Wyatt; 21, Lieut. J. L. Wyatt; 22, J. Schutz, Coach; 23, Calderhead; 24, Cross; 25, G. R. Dyson; 26, T. McGarry; 27, H. J. Dyson, Capt.; 28, Crittenden; 29, W. H. Ashford; 30, G. W. Ashford; 31, G. J. Shaw; 32, F. Lynch, Asst. Coach.

Wrestling at the United States Naval Academy

By LIEUT. COMMANDER W. A. RICHARDSON,
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When introduced at the United States Naval Academy in 1906, wrestling was used only as a means of muscular development. Somewhat later, intramural competition for the Naval Academy championships was arranged, and since that time, interest has steadily increased.

In 1909, after a wrestling exhibition by members chosen from all four classes, the midshipmen expressed the desire that wrestling be instituted at the Naval Academy, and that they be allowed to compete with some college teams. A meet was arranged for March 13, 1909, with the University of Pennsylvania. Navy triumphed by winning five of the seven scheduled bouts. Since that date Naval Academy wrestling teams have met most of the best college teams in the United States.

Competing in 97 dual meets, Naval Academy wrestling teams have won 80, lost 16 and tied 1. Throughout the season of 1922, Navy met and defeated Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, Washington and Lee, Virginia Military Institute, Brown, Lehigh, West Virginia, Penn State and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, winning 53 bouts out of the 56, and scoring 213 points to their opponents' aggregate of 13.

During each season, approximately 230 midshipmen engage in wrestling. This number is divided into the following squads: 40 men on the 'varsity, 30 on the plebe 'varsity, 20 on each of the class squads, and about 10 or 12 on each company wrestling squad.

Mr. John Schutz, present head coach, has been coach of wrestling at the Naval Academy for a period of nineteen years. He came to Annapolis in 1906 and, with the exception of two and one-half years, 1910-1912, has been coach of Naval Academy wrestling teams.

Wrestling in the Navy has developed into one of the most popular sports, hundreds of bluejackets participating. Teams are developed aboard all ships, under the able tutelage of the officers, former members of Naval Academy wrestling teams. Yearly championships are staged in the following order: first, ship championships; second, intership or division championships; third, squadron championships; fourth, fleet championships; and fifth, or finals, United States Navy championships.



1. Ford. 2. Cutnener. 3. Andes. 4. Hall. 5. Mahoney. 6. Fucell. 7. Miles. Capt. 8. Harmer. Coach.

Wrestling in the Southern Conference

BY GEORGE C. HERRING,

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Wrestling as a college sport was started later at Southern colleges and universities than at Northern and Middle Western institutions, practically all of the development in the South taking place since 1920. However, it has made rapid strides during this time, which is shown by the number of schools adopting it and by the interest taken and the broadening of schedules where it has been adopted. Wrestling has been taken up, also, at quite a number of academies and high schools in the past two or three years, which will mean better material for college teams and increased interest in the sport.

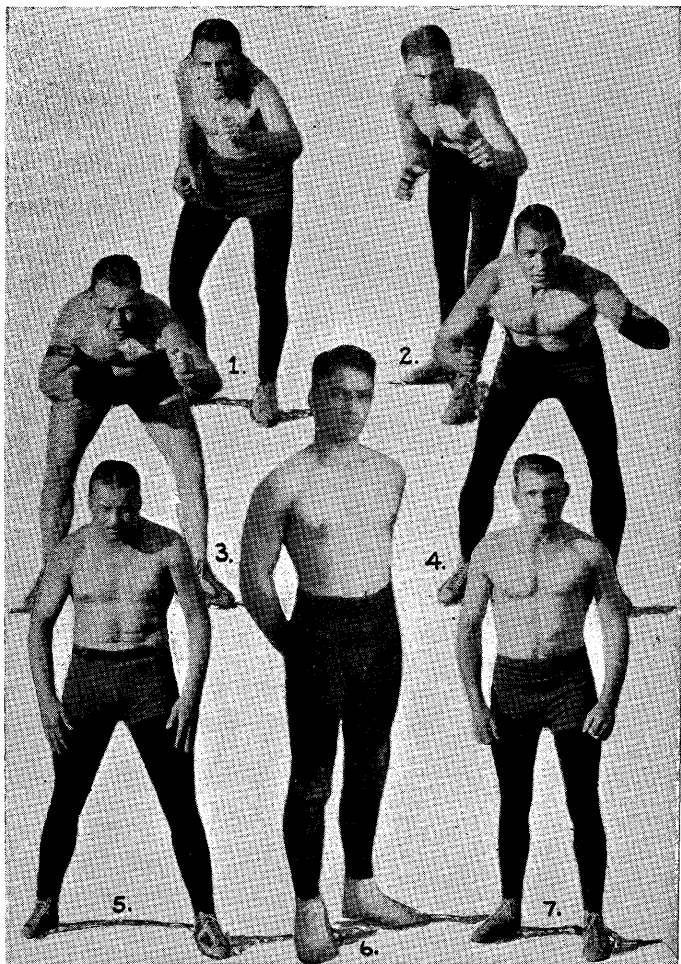
Since most of the interest in wrestling has been centered in Virginia and North Carolina, championships have been determined in this section. There are six conference teams in the two states; University of Virginia, Washington and Lee, Virginia Military Institute and Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Virginia, and the University of North Carolina and North Carolina State in North Carolina. Two teams not members of the Conference, Duke University and Davidson College, are always represented by good teams and meet most of the Conference teams. Other Conference institutions either have not adopted wrestling as a college sport or else do not have a sufficient number of meets with Conference teams to be seriously considered as championship contenders.

During the past four years most of the Conference teams have met each other and championships have been fairly easily determined. In 1924 and 1926, Virginia Military Institute was undefeated champion in wrestling, and in 1925 and 1927 Virginia Polytechnic Institute won similar honors. The standing of the Conference teams for 1927 in Conference meets follows:

	W.	L.	T.		W.	L.	T.
Virginia Polytechnic Inst.	4	0	1	North Carolina Univ.	1	2	0
Washington and Lee	2	0	1	Univ. of Virginia	1	3	0
Virginia Military Inst.	2	1	0	North Carolina State.	0	4	0

In addition to being undefeated in the Conference, Virginia Polytechnic Institute also defeated two non-Conference teams, Duke and Davidson.

The first championship tournament was scheduled to be held last year at the University of North Carolina, but it was impossible to arrange a suitable time and had to be canceled. It is expected that this will go through this year and that it will add further interest to wrestling in the Southern Conference.



1—V. Jeter (Oklahoma Agricultural College), 135-lb. class. 2—L. Lake (Oklahoma Agricultural College), 115-lb. class. 3—M. Clodfelter (Oklahoma Agricultural College), 145-lb. class. 4—F. Collins (Oklahoma Agricultural College), 158-lb. class. 5—Charles Strack (Oklahoma Agricultural College), heavyweight class. 6—A. Holding (Iowa State College), 125-lb. class. 7—George Rule (Oklahoma Agricultural College), 175-lb. class.

MISSOURI VALLEY INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPIONS.

Wrestling in the Missouri Valley District

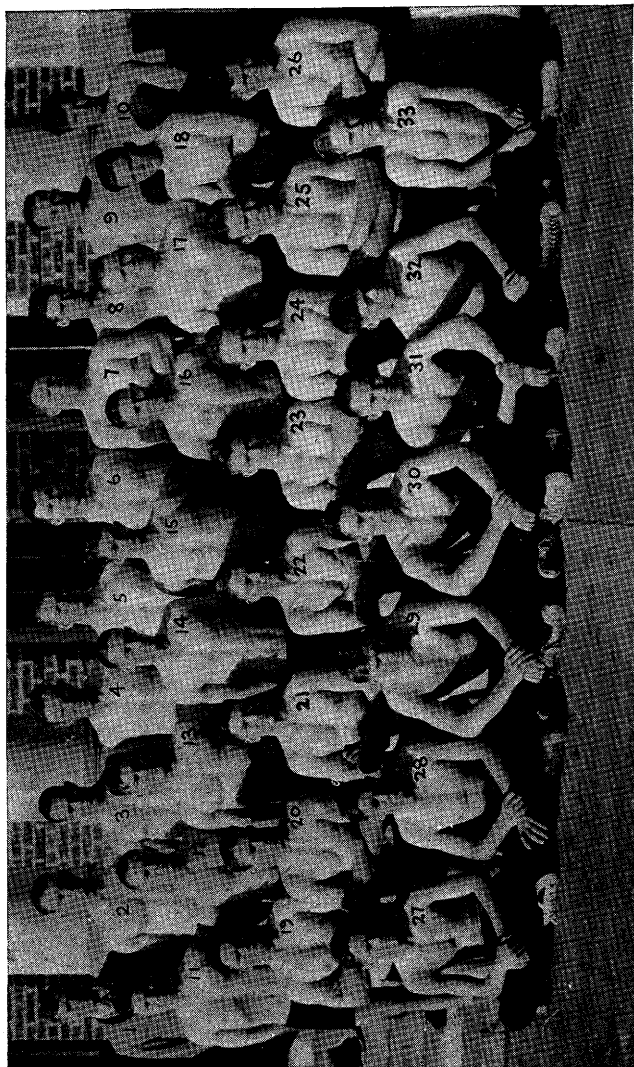
BY DR. R. G. CLAPP,
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There is probably more interest in amateur wrestling in the Missouri Valley, especially in Iowa and Oklahoma, than in any other section of the country, and this interest is growing year by year. In the Missouri Valley Conference, the number of students participating in the sport as candidates for varsity or intramural teams, or in regularly registered classes in wrestling, is greater than ever before and the increased interest in the sport by the general student bodies is evidenced by the increased attendance at intercollegiate wrestling meets. The general recognition accorded wrestling as a college sport in this section is also shown by the fact that many Missouri Valley institutions have made it a major sport, ranking equally with basketball, track and baseball.

The general average of wrestling skill and ability, as shown in the 1927 dual and championship meets, was much better than heretofore. There were not, however, as many outstanding clever wrestlers as in past years. The wrestling was ultraconservative—very few wrestlers being willing to take any chances—thereby robbing the matches of spectacular features, which add greatly to the interest and enthusiasm on the part of the spectators. In the opinion of the writer, the encouragement of bold, aggressive wrestling by the coaches will do more to increase the popularity of the sport than any other one thing.

The Missouri Valley, as well as most other sections of the country, needs more thoroughly competent and fearless officials, who will be available when called upon. Let us hope that the establishing of an official list of referees by the Wrestling Rules Committee will help to bring this about.

Wrestling ranks as one of the most prominent high school sports in Iowa and Oklahoma. Many dual meets are scheduled between rival schools and the state universities and agricultural colleges of both states conduct annual state high school wrestling championship meets. The sport is just beginning to develop among Nebraska high schools, with the single exception of Omaha, where remarkable interest has been developed. An Omaha city high school wrestling championship meet was held last winter, in which 124 boys competed.



1, Gallagher, Coach; 2, Rule; 3, Collins; 4, Hove; 5, Northrip; 6, Miller; 7, Patterson; 8, Copeland; 9, Strack; 10, White; 11, Campbell; 12, Dale Shockey; 13, Haynes; 14, Stover; 15, Davis; 16, Rathburn; 17, Tomlinson; 18, Hemphill; 19, Chelf; 20, Dobbins; 21, Dryden; 22, Kilpatrick; 23, Rogers; 24, Clodfelter; 25, Ricks; 26, Berryman; 27, Yarborough; 28, Patterson, Capt.; 29, Gilbert; 30, Peter; 31, Shockey; 32, DeMarsh; 33, Lake.

Should High School Wrestling Be Encouraged?

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Wrestling is one of the oldest forms of exercise and competition and dates from the very beginning of the race. It is natural for every normal boy to scuffle or grapple with his fellows, which becomes what we term "wrestling" as greater skill is acquired. If it is reasonable to assume that the educational value of various forms of physical education is attained through the development of motor skills, self-control, muscular and organic health and strength, and the quickening of a high sense of fair play, high school wrestling, under careful and intelligent supervision of school authorities, should be accorded a place on the calendar of sports.

While wrestling is practised by practically every tribe and nation in the world, there are some distinctive types which have been developed from the earliest times until the present day. The Greeks from early Olympic times and on through the Periclean age and later, probably developed wrestling to a greater degree than any nation of antiquity. These wonderful exponents of physical, moral, mental, and aesthetic development surely believed in virility and grace of body. Other distinctive styles of wrestling may be summarized as the Greco-Roman, Jiu Jitsu, Cornish, Lancashire, Cumberland, American Indian, and the modern style known as Catch-as-catch-can, which originated in this country. All of these various styles or types are intended to develop skill, stamina, self-mastery, good sportsmanship, alertness, and strength.

Active opponents, and also many who may be said to be neutral in the matter, too frequently condemn this sport because of newspaper accounts of professional wrestling. It is a well known fact that there are many questionable practises among professional wrestlers and promoters today, just as there have been in other ages and other countries. But to assert that such practises nullify the benefits to be derived from wrestling as an amateur sport under the proper auspices, is illogical. Extend the foregoing argument that the influence of professionals is condemnatory and it becomes applicable to practically every known sport. One might just as fitly stigmatize tennis, football, baseball *ad lib* as being attainted, because the "root of all evil" sometimes grows into a giant and casts its shadow over almost every human activity. Loose and unintelligent supervision of any form of physical competition, and particularly that of a personal contact nature, will result in undesirable after-effects in the educational field and elsewhere.

As a participant, coach and close observer over a period of three decades, the writer is convinced that minor and major physical injuries, such as breaks, strains, abrasions, dislocations, etc., are far less common in amateur wrestling groups than in those corresponding in size and age in football, which, perhaps, may be used for purposes of analogy; that emotional stress and reactions therefrom have been appreciatively less in the former group; that mental and physical tension preceding competition in both single matches and tournaments, is as a rule noticeably lower than observable in football, some track events, and boxing; and, that the state high school wrestling championship meet held at Ohio Wesleyan University last year resulted in no censorable after-effects.

State or sectional high school wrestling meets are sanctioned in Iowa, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, California, Ohio, and Massachusetts. Well organized boys' clubs throughout the country, such as Hull House in Chicago, and St. Thomas' in New York, encourage and promote wrestling for boys. Y.M.C.A. organizations throughout the country also give wrestling instruction and promote the sport. Last year the first state meet was held under the auspices of Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio, and proved a very successful affair. Columbus has conducted city championships in wrestling during the past four years and there have been no harmful results. The rules and regulations in Columbus may be briefly outlined as follows:

1. Time limit of bouts eight minutes;
2. Holds barred; strangle, full-nelson, hammer-lock, head-scissors, all toe holds, all wrist locks;
3. The referee has full power to disqualify for all holds applied for punishment only, and also for deliberate "stalling" to avoid a fall by leaving the mat.

To summarize, it is my belief that high school wrestling is a wholesome and generally beneficial form of exercise when coached and properly supervised by some member of the school faculty and the necessary limitations placed upon the time of bouts and holds. On the other hand, if professional wrestlers (not members of the faculty) or influences are sanctioned, and practically no limitations are placed upon physical fitness, duration of effort and holds barred, this sport should not be permitted in our high schools.

Rules for Wrestling

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RULE I.

ELIGIBILITY.

1. Each contestant must be an Amateur as defined in the rules of the National Collegiate Athletic Association of America, and be eligible according to the rules and regulations of the college or university he represents.

RULE II.

REPRESENTATION.

1. An institution shall be represented by only one contestant in each class, but two or more names may be submitted in advance of the date set for the meet.
2. No contestant shall be allowed to compete in more than one class in each meet.

RULE III.

MATS, ROPES AND COSTUMES.

1. It is advised that the mat area be not less than 20 feet by 20 feet and that this dimension be considered as the standard size. Whenever possible it is recommended that a "roped in" area shall be used in accordance with the following specifications:

There should be three ropes, one inch in diameter, tightly stretched 2 feet, 3 feet and 4 feet, respectively, above the mat; ropes should extend in from supporting posts and should be wrapped with some soft material. To avoid spreading of ropes during a bout, ropes should be securely fastened together by three vertical ropes, $\frac{3}{8}$ inch in diameter, placed equal distance apart on each side of the ring.

Note—If cotton ropes are used, the wrapping of ropes may be dispensed with.

A raised platform should not be used unless the platform extends at least 6 feet beyond the ropes on all sides.

2. The uniform shall consist of full-length tights, a black outside supporter, and light, heel-less gymnasium shoes, laced by means of eyelets. If requested by the home management, sleeveless shirt, without fasteners of any sort on the shoulders, shall be worn by all participants.

3. Wrestling teams should wear some distinctive emblem to enable the officials to more readily distinguish the contestants.

RULE IV.

WEIGHT CLASSIFICATION.

1. Competition shall be divided into seven weight classes as follows:

Bantam weight.....	115 lbs. and under
Special weight.....	125 lbs. and under
Light weight.....	135 lbs. and under
Welter weight.....	145 lbs. and under
Middle weight.....	158 lbs. and under
Lighthavy weight.....	175 lbs. and under
Heavy weight.....	Unlimited

RULE V.

WEIGHING-IN.

1. The minimum time contestants shall be allowed for weighing-in shall be one-half hour before time set for meet

to begin; the maximum time allowed shall be five hours; the exact time to be decided by mutual agreement of the competing teams. The Referee or other authorized person shall supervise the weighing-in of contestants.

2. In all championship meets net weight shall be required, but in all dual meets three pounds overweight shall be allowed.

3. Any contestant who fails to comply with the foregoing requirements shall be rejected.

RULE VI.

DRAWING AND ELIMINATIONS.

Drawing for First Place Matches—

1. In all except dual meets, immediately after expiration of weighing-in time, each contestant shall draw a number and compete according to the Bagnall-Wilde system as shown on following page, except for the following recommendations: Whenever there are two outstanding contestants in any class in championship meets, in order to guard against elimination of either of these contestants in the first rounds, the name of one of them shall be placed at the top of the drawing and the name of the other at the bottom.

Where the number of competitors is not a power of two (that is, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64) there shall be "byes" in the first preliminary round. The number of pairs who meet in the first round shall be equal to the difference between the number of competitors and the next lower power of two. The byes, if even in number, shall be equally divided between top and bottom. If the number of byes be uneven, there shall be one more bye at the bottom than at the top, as shown in Section 4 following.

Drawings for Second Place Matches—

2. In each weight, the defeated contender in the final championship match shall wrestle for second place against the winner of elimination bouts between those contestants

marked * are byes and these numbers should be eliminated before contestants begin to draw. Competitors drawing Nos. 2, 13 and 15 go into the second round of bouts without wrestling. Except, as just stated, the numbers carried forward to next frame indicate the winners of these bouts. This illustration shows 2 as the winner of the championship.

Second Place Drawings—

Carrying this out to show who is eligible to compete for second place (See Section 2), Nos. 3 and 8, having (previous to the final match) been defeated by the champion (No. 2), now compete for the privilege of meeting No. 11, who, by virtue of winning his way to the final match (by defeating Nos. 12, 10 and 15, respectively), is eligible to compete for second place. We assume, for illustration, that No. 8 wins from No. 3 and the winner of the match between No. 11 and No. 8 is No. 11. He is awarded second place and No. 3 automatically becomes the third-place winner without further competition. Had there been more than two competitors defeated by No. 2 prior to the final match, a new drawing would have been made by the eligible contenders in accordance with the Bagnall-Wilde System outlined in Section 4.

Third Place Drawings—

Carrying this out to show who is eligible to compete for third place (see Section 3), Nos. 10 and 15 having (previous to the final second place match) been defeated by the winner of second place (No. 11), now compete for the privilege of meeting No. 8, who, by virtue of winning his way to final second place match by defeating Nos. 7, 6 and 3, is eligible to compete for third place. We assume, for illustration, that No. 15 wins from No. 10 and the winner of the match between No. 8 and No. 15 is No. 15. He is awarded third place and No. 8 would automatically become the fourth place winner without further competition in meets where a fourth place is scored. In case there are

more than two contestants eligible for third place preliminaries, a new drawing, of course, would be made as indicated for second place preliminaries.

RULE VII.

SCORING.

Championship Matches—

1. In intercollegiate championships, first place in each weight shall count 5 points, second place shall count 3 points and third place shall count 1 point.

One point additional shall be awarded for each fall secured throughout the meet. The highest total of points in all weights shall determine the winning team.

Dual Meets—

2. In dual meets, a fall shall count 5 points, a decision shall count 3 points. The highest total of points shall determine the winner.

3. If a contestant secures a fall in each of the two extra-period bouts, he shall be credited only with points for one fall.

4. In the case of overtime periods where both contestants secure falls, only the contestant securing the fall in the shortest time shall be given a point award for a fall.

It should be understood that the second overtime period automatically ends at the expiration of the elapsed time necessary for the fall in the first overtime period.

RULE VIII.

BOUTS.

Length of Final First Place Championship Bouts

1. The length of all final first place championship bouts shall be twelve minutes and two extra periods of three minutes shall be wrestled if the Referee does not award the bout to either contestant at the end of the regular match.

Length of Semi-final First Place Preliminary Bouts and, Final Second Place Championship Bouts

2. The length of semi-final first place preliminary bouts and final second place championship bouts shall be ten minutes, and, if necessary, two extra periods of three minutes each shall be wrestled, as indicated in Section 1 above.

Length of Dual Meet Bouts

3. The length of all dual meet bouts shall be ten minutes with two extra periods of three minutes each when necessary, as indicated in Section 1 above.

Extra-period Bouts

4. If the Referee makes no decision at the end of the main bout, two extra periods of three minutes each shall be wrestled. Both of the extra-period bouts shall start from "Referee's Position on the Mat." (See Rule 9, Section 3.) The flip of a coin by the Referee shall decide the choice of starting positions in the first bout. Position of contestants shall be reversed in the second bout.

Intermission

5. Between the main bout and the first of the extra-period bouts and also between the two extra-period bouts, a one-minute rest shall be allowed, during which time the contestants shall neither leave the mat or receive aid or coaching; however, a towel may be tossed to the contestants. Forfeiture of the match shall be the penalty for violation of this rule.

RULE IX.

LEGAL AND ILLEGAL HOLDS.

Illegal Holds

1. Any hold, lock or grip shall be allowed except the hammerlock above the right ankle, twisting hammerlock, over-scissors, strangle holds, full (double) nelson, toe hold,

holds over mouth, nose or eyes (*i.e.*, over front of face), interlocking of fingers, hands and arms in waistlock position while the contestants are on the mat, bending or twisting of fingers for punishment or to break holds, or any hold used for punishment alone.

Attention is called to the fact that if the double wristlock is brought up to a twisting hammerlock, it becomes an illegal hold and must be stopped by the Referee and treated as any other illegal hold and no contestant shall be allowed to retain any advantage he secured by use of the wristlock in this illegal way.

The Committee calls the attention of the coaches and contestants to the fact that injuries are sometimes caused by a lack of knowledge on the part of contestants of such holds as the double wristlock (which may cause injury when used legally) and any other more or less dangerous holds. Contestants should have a knowledge of the dangers of these holds and a knowledge of the blocks for them.

Unnecessary Roughness

2. No striking, kicking, gouging, hair pulling, butting, elbowing, strangling, or anything that endangers life or limb shall be allowed.

3. *Wrestler's "Referee's Position on the Mat."* Contestant beneath must have both hands and both knees on the mat. Top contestant shall be slightly over opponent with right (or left) arm resting loosely around opponent's waist, left (or right) hand placed on or near opponent's left (or right) elbow and both knees shall be on the mat and outside of opponent's near leg.

RULE X.

TIME ADVANTAGE.

1. The time advantage starts when a contestant brings his opponent to the mat. This time advantage shall continue as long as this contestant has clearly

a position of advantage even though his opponent may regain his feet temporarily.

Time Advantage in Extra-period Bouts

2. All time advantage gained during the main bout shall be disregarded in the extra-period bouts.

3. Time advantage taken in the extra-period bouts is intended only as an aid to the Referee.

RULE XI.

BRINGING CONTESTANTS BACK TO MAT AFTER GOING OFF THE MAT.

1. When the contestants are interlocked off or on the edge of the mat, time shall be taken out and contestants shall be brought to the center of the mat and the contestants having the position of advantage when the bout was stopped shall be given the referee's position behind on the mat (See Rule IX, Section 3) except:

A. When contestants are on their feet when they left the mat, the bout shall be started with the contestants in the same position;

B. In case a fall is imminent when contestants leave the mat, the Referee shall give contestants the same position, as near as possible, which they held when the bout was stopped. (See Rule XVI, Section 11-E.)

2. In case no advantageous hold had been secured prior to the stopping of the bout, the Referee may, at his discretion, start the bout from the "Referee's Position on the Mat," or from the standing position.

3. Running or sliding off mat or going over or through ropes to prevent an opponent from going behind is to be interpreted as stalling. For penalty, see Rule XVI, Section 11-E.

RULE XII.

STALLING.

1. *Stalling is illegal under these rules.* While on their feet, contestants must wrestle; *i.e.*, they must make an honest effort to secure a position of advantage, regardless of any time-advantage previously obtained and when one contestant has secured a position of advantage—whether on the feet or on the mat—he shall make an honest effort to secure a fall; furthermore, a contestant who has previously secured a considerable time-advantage over his opponent is stalling if he fails to make an honest effort to wrestle aggressively thereafter. For penalties, see Rule XVI, Section 10. Also, see Rule XI, Section 3.

RULE XIII.

INJURIES AND DEFAULTS.

1. If the injured contestant is able to continue the bout at the expiration of the three-minute period, the Referee shall start the bout by placing the contestants as near as possible in the position held when the injury occurred. If the injured contestant is unable to continue, this bout shall be awarded in accordance with Section 2 or 3 of this rule.

Accidental Injury

2. If a contestant is accidentally injured and is unable to continue the bout, his opponent shall be awarded the match by fall.

Injury From Illegal Hold

3. If a contestant is so injured by an illegal hold that he is unable to continue, the bout shall be forfeited to the injured contestant and be scored as a fall.

General Default

4. If a contestant forfeits a match for reasons other than those mentioned in foregoing, his opponent

shall be awarded the full quota of points he could score by securing a fall.

RULE XIV.

Pin Falls

FALLS.

1. Pin falls only shall count. (Flying or rolling falls shall not be considered.) Any part of both shoulders held in contact with the mat for an *appreciable length of time* constitutes a fall. (By an "appreciable length of time" is meant for the Referee's silent count of three seconds.)

Fall With Part of Body Off Mat

A fall shall not be awarded when the head or one or both shoulders of the defensive contestant are off the mat.

2. If *any portion* of the defensive man's body is over the edge of the mat so that he is handicapped thereby, a fall shall not be awarded.

Double Falls

3. In case both contestants secure falls in the extra periods, the bout shall be awarded to the one securing the fall in the shortest time and loser shall receive no points for his fall.

Fall vs. Decision

4. A fall shall take precedence over a decision in the extra three-minute bouts.

RULE XV.

Regular Bouts

DECISIONS.

1. If no fall has resulted after the expiration of the regular period of wrestling as provided in Rule VIII, Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4, the Referee shall award the bout to the contestant who shows greater aggressiveness and wrestling ability, providing the contestant has a time advan-

tage of at least one minute. This time advantage does not necessarily compel the Referee to award the decision, but is intended as an aid. See Rule XII.

Extra-Period Bouts in Championship Matches

2. When no fall has been secured, the Referee shall award the decision to the contestant who has shown greater aggressiveness or wrestling ability.

Extra-Period Bouts in Dual Meets

3. In dual meets the Referee may decide the bout a draw. In which case, the points awarded for a decision shall be divided between the contestants.

RULE XVI.

Referee's Duties

OFFICIALS.

1. The Referee shall have full control of the meet and his decisions shall be final and without appeal.

2. Immediately before each match the Referee shall call contestants to the center of the mat where they shall shake hands and then retire to their respective corners. The Referee shall start the bout from this position.

3. The Referee shall notify the Timekeepers as follows :

A. When he starts a bout.

B. When time is to be taken out to bring contestants back to the center of mat because of injury to a contestant or for any other cause.

C. When the bout is to be resumed (except in cases where the rules set a definite limit on the amount of time which shall be allowed).
(See Rule XII, Section 1, and Rule VII, Section 4.)

4. The Referee shall determine when a contestant has secured an advantage over his opponent. He shall indicate in such a way as to be clear to the contestants, timekeepers,

and spectators which contestant has the time advantage behind. It is recommended that the Referee shall indicate both verbally and by pointing which contestant has the advantage.

5. The Referee is instructed *not* to put his hand under shoulders of a contestant unless *absolutely necessary* to determine a fall.

6. The Referee should meet promptly, in a spirit of good sportsmanship, any situation developing unexpectedly.

7. The Referee should anticipate difficult positions on the edge of the mat and prevent them by changing direction of contestants or by bringing them to the center of mat.

8. If the behavior of the spectators becomes disrespectful or unsportsmanlike to the Referee or to either team, the Referee may stop the bout and warn the offenders, and if the warning is disregarded, he may award the bout or meet to the offended team.

9. The Referee shall guard against the use of oily rub, use of resin or any objectional pads or parts of clothing, finger rings, etc., and insist that the finger nails be trimmed short. It is recommended that this inspection be made before contestants come to the mat.

10. The Referee shall be firm in warning contestants regarding such violations of the letter or spirit of the rules, as interlocking of fingers, hands or arms around waist while behind opponent, stalling, scissors used for punishment alone, crawling off the mat, running away from an opponent or any hold with which it is evident to the Referee that the man is playing for time or using the same for punishment alone.

11. *Penalty for Stalling:*

A. If, in the opinion of the Referee, a contestant in a position of advantage on the mat continues stalling after two warnings by the Referee, the Referee SHALL order the men to their feet in a neutral position.

- B. If the offense as outlined under "A" above occurs with both contestants on their feet, the Referee SHALL give the offended man the position behind on the mat.

Penalty for Intentionally Going Off Mat:

- C. If, in the opinion of the Referee, a contestant intentionally runs, slides, crawls or rolls off the mat to prevent his opponent from going behind him, the Referee shall give his opponent the referee's position behind. (See Rule IX, Section 3.)

Penalty for Pushing Defensive Man Off Mat:

- D. If, in the opinion of the Referee, a contestant intentionally pushes his opponent off the mat to keep him from getting clear or going behind, the Referee shall bring both men to their feet at the center of the mat.

Penalty for Going Off Mat to Prevent Fall:

- E. If, in the opinion of the Referee, the defensive wrestler intentionally crawls, or rolls off the mat, or intentionally tangles his legs or arms in the ropes to prevent a fall, the Referee shall give one warning, and if infringement is repeated, the Referee shall award a fall to his opponent. See Rule XI, Section 1-B.)

(Note—For definition of "stalling," see Rule XII, Section 1.)

12. *Timekeepers:* In all intercollegiate matches, there shall be three Timekeepers, each of whom shall be supplied with a stopwatch. One Timekeeper shall record the general time of the bout and each of the other two shall record the time advantage behind of the contestant to whom he has been previously assigned. All watches shall be held in plain view of the three Timekeepers. Each contestant shall

be allowed to have a representative at the Timer's table and all watches shall be in plain view of these representatives throughout the bout.

13. The Timekeeper, who is recording the general time of the bout, shall be notified by the Referee when to start and to stop his watch—in accordance with Rule XIV, Section 3. The General Timekeeper shall be provided with a whistle by which he shall notify the Referee when the time limit of the bout has expired or when the time for intermissions has elapsed. (See Rule VII.)

14. The Timekeepers who are recording the time advantage behind shall start and stop their watches *only at the signal of the Referee.*

15. When there is no disagreement among the Timekeepers as to the timing of a bout, their decision shall be final unless Sections 3, 4, 12 or 13 of this rule have been violated.

16. In case of disagreement among the Timekeepers, or violation of Sections 3, 4, 12 or 13 of this rule, the matter shall be referred to the Referee for decision.

RULE XVII.

NOTIFICATIONS AND AGREEMENTS OF MEETS.

1. The home management shall notify visiting teams at least seven days prior to date of meet the exact time and place of match and weighing-in time.

2. Official shall be agreed upon at least ten days prior to the date of the meet.

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Wrestling Officiating

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The referee of a college or amateur wrestling match should have but one master, and he is not the coach of either contestant, but the game itself. His every move should be for the good of the game.

This means that he must be fair to both contestants, must act and think quickly but clearly, and in accordance with the rules, and at the same time make the meet as interesting as possible for spectators. The latter should be kept in mind at all times—not that decisions should be rendered to please a biased crowd—far from it—but that stalling should be prevented, the meet moved along on schedule time without long delays between bouts, and that the referee should, as far as he is able, move about in such a way that no one person's vision of the bout is obscured for long at a time.

After officiating for several years in college football, basketball, baseball and wrestling, I do not hesitate to assert that the referee of a college wrestling meet finds himself facing a more difficult task than in any other sport.

In the first place, the rules on wrestling, up to this time, have been in a formative stage and, as a consequence, have been more or less vague in many respects, leaving many things to the judgment of the official, which the opposing coaches, looking at the bouts from a biased standpoint, may question.

The referee is confronted with so many situations where a fine point may be drawn, and where the result of the match—oftentimes an important meet—hinges upon his decision or action.

He must be alert physically and mentally at all times, must watch so many things, and at the same time keep in the background as much as possible, for, after all, the spectators come to see the wrestlers and not the official.

This article in nowise is intended as a complete treatise on wrestling officiating, but simply as a jumble of hints or tips, gathered from several years' experience and from talks with officials, wrestlers and coaches, that may be of some help to those beginning the work.

An official, first of all, must have the proper temperament. He must take the work seriously, but, if possible, he should not allow this to show upon his face or in his actions, for a pleasant expression goes far with the spectators. He must dress neatly and must have personality.

He must be decisive. Confronted with many situations that require instantaneous decisions, he must act firmly and without hesitation. He must be master of the situation at all times, let everyone know he is boss, yet never give the appearance of being despotic.

He must know the rules. I have found constant study and frequent re-reading of the rules is absolutely necessary, the same as in other sports. If one does not consult the code frequently, sometime something unusual will present itself in a match and he will not know how to act, because he has never faced the situation before and has forgotten what the rules have to say about it.

He must be immune to criticism of spectators, paying no heed to comments of any sort whatsoever.

Above all, he must be fair. He must like the game and have a desire to foster and protect it by seeing that it is not abused and that every contestant has a fair and equal chance to win.

A referee need not necessarily have a great deal of technical knowledge of the game and its holds, but he must have a working knowledge and, of course, must be acquainted with all the illegal grips and their variations. If he has the technical knowledge of a coach, however, he is a better official.

In making decisions, the referee should first of all consider the rules; then fairness. The one is based on the other, naturally. In the latter, he has three things to consider: the contesting teams, the individual contestants, and the spectators.

It is his duty to make the matches and meet as interesting for the latter as is humanly possible. He can do this in various ways: by seeing that the meets start at the schedule hour, by moving about with the contestants so that the spectators can see them, by preventing stalling, and in some cases by his showmanship—if he has any.

I know one successful referee—in fact, consider him the best I have ever seen—who is such a showman that he is a drawing card himself and affords spectators much amusement. He does it by using "body English" when one wrestler has a good hold, by gritting his teeth and grimacing as the contestants tug and pull—in fact by working as hard as the wrestlers. Personally, I have never gone in for that sort of thing, as I have never had the time for it. Officiating is a serious business with me; so serious, that I frequently emerge from a close match as limp as a rag.

The first duty of a referee upon arriving at the scene of a match is to get the coaches of the rival teams together to discuss and interpret the rules where they are vague or where there is the slightest chance for misunderstanding.

Although it may seem complimentary when two coaches say "just use your judgment," don't let it go at that. There are enough places where you *must* use your judgment without leaving any questions that can be settled before the meet starts.

My experience has been that coaches mean they will be satisfied if the referee uses his judgment, but that they sometimes are not. Each of them looks at the match with a different pair of eyes, from a different angle and, figuratively speaking, "through glasses colored by prejudice and desire." At this meeting, it, also, is a good plan to see that your watch and those of the coaches are synchronized and that each understands the starting time.

Before time for the meet, explain the rules and interpretations to the rival teams. I prefer to meet with each team in the dressing room before the meet starts, where questions may be asked and rules and holds discussed. This saves time, as it is then unnecessary to give instructions to each pair of contestants when they come upon the mat. At this same session, the finger nails of each contestant may be examined; also, the tights and shoes.

An examination of the ring, ring equipment and mats should be made early, if they are in place, or as soon as they are ready. See that the ropes are properly wrapped, that mats extend at least to the ropes, and that the ring posts are set back the required distance.

Allow yourself plenty of time to examine the stopwatches and to instruct the timers. Be sure to see that each understands clearly just what his duties are, so that there will be no duplication.

When the contestants for the first bout enter the ring, examine them for oily rub, resin on the hands, instruct them if you have not done so in the dressing room, and send them to their corners.

Under the present plan of starting the bouts with the call of time while contestants are in their corners, there is no danger of one of them getting an unfair advantage, but when the men are put back to the center of the mat or at the start of the extra periods, the referee must see that neither gets an unfair hold or starts too soon. I have found I can tell when either contestant starts before the word if I keep one hand on the back of each. The slightest move is then felt.

With the bout under way, the referee should keep moving and, so far as possible, he should shift with the contestants so that he will look between them as they face each other. When one gains an advantage, the referee should indicate clearly when this advantage begins by means of a signal, previously agreed upon with the timers; he should, also, indicate when the advantage ends. I have had the best results by pointing at the man who has the advantage and by "sifting" the hands to indicate that the advantage ends.

Never signal a man as behind until he is clearly behind. But once behind, a man often retains an advantage with a hold, which, if taken from a standing position, would not give him the advantage. However, this is something on which a referee must exercise his judgment, guided by such rules as he has, and no amount of writing could instruct him to decide properly. If he knows his wrestling, he will not make a mistake.

While the men are on their feet and there is no announcer, the referee should indicate with his fingers the number of minutes of elapsed time. This is just a courtesy to the spectators and helps make the meet more interesting for them.

When a fall is impending, the referee must be in position to see it, as well as the hold or holds the offensive man is using and the hold or holds the defensive man is employing in an effort to free himself. This is one time he must disregard the spectators and get in a position from which he can see everything that is going on.

I have abandoned the time-honored custom of awarding a fall by patting the wrestlers on the back. Instead, when a contestant's shoulders are held to the mat the required length of time, I throw my hand high in the air, so the crowd may see clearly and unmistakably that I have made the decision.

This plan has three advantages: first, the referee can remain farther away from the wrestlers in a position where it is often easier to see when the shoulders are pinned, and the holds that are being used, and it also does not obscure the vision of quite so many spectators; second, the spectators and coaches know immediately when a fall has been awarded, and it is an easy matter to notify the wrestlers afterwards; third, it prevents the defensive wrestler from watching the referee, saving his energies and raising one shoulder just as the official starts to pat him, a move that always causes some of the spectators, and sometimes the wrestler himself, to believe a fall has been awarded illegally, even though he may have been pinned for three seconds before he made that last lunge and raised his shoulder.

With a fall imminent, the referee has his work cut out. He not only must watch the shoulders of the defensive man and start his count whenever both touch the mat simultaneously but he must watch for illegal holds and roughness, for it is natural for one to use every means to escape and the other every means to attain his end, though neither may not intend to infringe on the rules or on the ethics of good sportsmanship.

Be sure in awarding a fall. Three seconds is a long time under some conditions. My plan is to count "*One*—one hundred; *Two*—two hundred; *Three*—three hundred." Then my hand goes in the air, if both shoulders are still down. Practice this count with a stopwatch and you will quickly get the proper rhythm. Of course, if one shoulder is raised during this count, the count must be started over again.

Never award a fall if a contestant is handicapped in his efforts to escape by reason of his head, one shoulder, any part of his body above the waist, or by his feet being off the mat (if he tries to bridge). However, if he makes no effort to bridge, and his body from the waist up is on the mat and his feet or foot are not entangled

in the ropes or supports, I allow a fall. But be sure the defensive man is not handicapped in any way.

I do not recall that I have ever been accused of allowing a fall when there was none. I have, however, been accused of failing to allow falls that contestants or coaches thought they or their men had gained. However, I prefer it that way and believe the coaches and wrestlers do, too.

The referee frequently is faced with the task of naming a winner and a loser. I have found coaches prefer decisions that are based on something definite—something other than the referee's opinions; something tangible, like the time behind.

The time element is the most satisfactory basis for decisions from a coach's and a referee's standpoint, but it is the bane of college wrestling, for it causes stalling in spite of every precaution and thus leads to uninteresting wrestling. Personally, although it would mean much mental anguish for me, I would throw all the stop-watches, except the one keeping the length of the bout, out of the gymnasium.

After all, the referee, under the present code, must rely largely on his judgment, assisted by such rules and regulations as have been given him for his guidance. I believe in a winner and loser when possible, but do not recommend finely drawn decisions in dual meets where a winner is not essential.

When it is necessary to throw a match into overtime bouts, flip a coin if possible, so that both contestants can see it, designating which is to call the turn. Have the winner of the toss make his choice of positions at once, communicate that choice to the opponent, and also see that the spectators are informed through the announcer. During the rest period, see that the coaching rules are not violated.

At the start of the overtime periods, make doubly sure that neither contestant gets an undue advantage at the start and that water and perspiration are wiped from both men.

After the meet is over, hasten from the floor to your dressing room. Do not discuss the meet, or bouts, or your decisions, with spectators and, above all, pay no attention to abusive remarks and do not get in arguments. After all, human nature is the same everywhere, and, although the standards of sportsmanship are higher now than ever before, there always will be prejudiced spectators who are entitled to their opinions and who will express them.

Also, do not let complimentary remarks—if there are any—turn your head, for the same fellow may talk to you in a different language when his team loses.

A FEW HINTS.

Know the rules; study them.

Do not talk to coaches during progress of meet; insist that they keep away from the ring and that they refrain from coaching or

making loud remarks or gestures that may give the crowd the wrong impression in the heat of battle.

Be fair, firm and decisive.

Dress neatly.

Allow no quick falls. 'Tis better to overlook one than call a man down when he isn't.

Do not have "rabbit ears." Many things are said that a good official never hears.

Be quick to check all roughness or any talk or acts by contestants that may lead to roughness.

Always remember it's the game that counts.

Suggestions to Officials

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Each year wrestling is growing in popularity throughout the South and its continual growth will be due, to a large extent, to good officiating. If a person makes a success in any particular line, he must put in time and study. It is the same with wrestling. If a person wants to make a good official in wrestling, he must put some time and study to the game. Having been connected with wrestling for the past ten years as wrestler, coach, and official, I find the following suggestions very helpful in all the meets that I officiate:

1. Upon arrival.
 - (a) Locate the manager and obtain what information you might need, as to dressing place, which should be away from both teams.
 - (b) Find out time of meet.
 - (c) Inspect with manager, the place of meet and see that every thing is in readiness.
2. Before the meet.
 - (a) Dress early in a neat, clean uniform.
 - (b) Locate other officials (timers and scorers).
 - (c) Talk over signals and procedure of meet with timers and scorers and be sure that they know their business.
 - (d) Inspect watches, whistles, and other equipment used by timers and scorers.
 - (e) Go over important rules and have both captains and coaches agree on them.
3. During the meet.
 - (a) Announce name of men, their school and weight.
 - (b) See that other officials are ready.
 - (c) Have some means of recognizing both men in action.
 - (d) See that both contestants are ready and in their proper place and that they understand the signals of the official which he will use.
 - (e) The official should keep moving at all times and be alert.
 - (f) Be ready for a signal from the timer's table.
 - (g) Designate the offensive man promptly.
4. After each match.
 - (a) Announce correct score and the outcome of each match.
 - (b) Check timers and scorers.
 - (c) Do not argue with men or coaches between matches.
5. Main points for official.
 - (a) Superior knowledge of rules and their interpretation.
 - (b) Positive judgment.
 - (c) Don't apologize for mistakes.
 - (d) Make all decisions clear and distinct.
 - (e) Determine to do your best and to call the meet as you see it, regardless of the outcome.
 - (f) After the meet, announce the score.

Wrestling Officials

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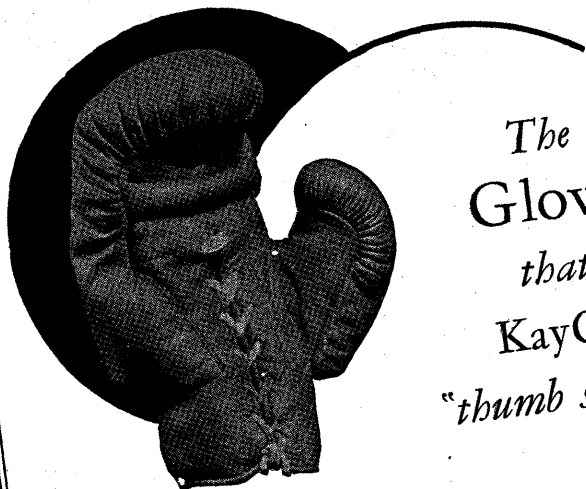
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