

WRESTLING CHAMPIONS

"Too Marvelous for Words"



Row 1: Kelly, R.; Krane, R.; Beutler, K.; Gee, C.; Kaminski, G.; Balcerzak, R.; Schroeder, R.; Warchocki, J.; Sly, M.; Schoenthal, H. Row 2: Zielinski, S.; Bennet, G.; Heitman, F.; Berner, K.; Becker, A.; Pucci, R.; Ellison, R.; Bierl, D.; Berner, D. Row 3: Coach Foster, Nye, K.; Claycomb, D.; Perrin, D.; Conley, C.; Zielinski, R.; Decker, J.; Springston, S.; Filipski, R.; Schoenthal, R.; Schneider, D. Row 4: Cursons, R.; Zimmerman, M.; Birke, R.; Mangutara, M.; Kane, R.; Foss, A.; Ott, R.; Wadell, A.; Willard, R. Row 5: Flaig, A.; McMahon, J.; Long, P.; Groff, R.; Lattimore, R.; Ramsey, R.; Pierce, S.; Michalski, W.; Davies, R.



The Iroquois wrestling team opened its second year of league competition by defeating Lake Shore, a strong contender for the league championship, by a score of 37 to 8. Our next opponent was our arch-rival Clarence Central, whom we defeated by a score of 40 to 17. Iroquois completely crushed a neighboring Alden club 50 to 0.

The chiefs notched a fourth straight league victory over Depew as the sparkling 103 pounder, Don Berner pinned his foe in 23 seconds, a record for the year. "A tremendous effort" brought a 28 to 12 victory in a crucial match over host Maryvale in which Carl Gee defeated Jack Valentie who had not been beaten in twenty-five consecutive matches.

Another victim of our now highly spirited invading Iroquois squad was Lancaster by a score of 37 to 15. At this match, John Warchocki decisioned previously undefeated Ken May of this strong Lancaster club.

Then in a non-league double header at Iroquois the varsity grapplers overwhelmed Attica 43 to 3 while the second team upended Arcade 35 to 13. To highlight this match, Merle Sly (in his toughest match of the year) defeated Manfred Wolcott 5 to 0.

In the middle of February, publication time for the *Iroquoian*, the chiefs had just scalped their closest rivals for Division II honors, Lake Shore Central, 40 to 0 to remain undefeated in all competition. Each wrestler gave his top performance as Iroquois won all twelve matches, the second time during the year that this feat was accomplished, to put a strangle hold on first place and the league championship.

A great deal of credit goes to co-captains Sly and Gee, the other seniors, the entire squad, and especially to Coach Foster for a most successful season, climaxed by the winning of the Section VI, Class A Tournament held at Gowanda Central High School. Iroquois champions were: M. Sly, J. Warchocki, D. Krane, R. Schroeder, and C. Gee.



Senior wrestlers who will be missed on next year's squad. Kneeling: Sly and Gee. Standing: Beutler, Schroeder, Kaminski, Warchocki and Kelly.



Gerry Kaminski really putting on the pressure.