

Attica Wrestling Squad Had Undefeated Season, Captured Wyoming Title



The Attica Central wrestling team continued its fine record during the past season going undefeated in 12 matches and capturing the Wyoming County League title.

The Attica grapplers, coached by Ray Southard, finished with a winning streak of 16 matches and now have a record since 1960 of 77 victories and 24 losses. The Wyoming League title was the fourth in a row for the Atticans, who have won it in six of the past seven years.

Particularly gratifying was a 24-16 victory over Iroquois Central, the last team to defeat the Atticans during the 1965-66 season. The team has a number of outstanding members, but the top spot has to belong to one of its smallest members, Tim Embt, who wrestles in the 103 pound class.

Only a Junior, Tim, has won 39 consecutive matches and was the 1966 Section 5 champion as a Sophomore. He also won titles in the Medina and Caledonia Christmas Tournaments in recording a 16-0 record this season.

Howie Bird, a Junior who wrestles in the heavyweight class, also won the Section 5 title in 1966 and will be trying for a repeat. He had a 15-1 record this season and won the heavyweight title in the Medina tournament.

Larry Fugle, a Senior and a

co-captain, was undefeated in 16 matches in the 154 pound class and took first place honors in both of the Christmas tournaments. Chris Brunner, a Senior and co-captain, was 12-1 in the 45-pound class and captured first place in the Medina tournament. He was a 1966 Wyoming County champion.

John Gerhardt, a Junior, was undefeated in 16 matches in the 95 pound class and won first place titles in both the holiday tournaments. Dick Montford, a 180 pound Senior, was 10-3 in regular competition and captured first place in the Medina tournament.

Gordie Heineman, a Junior wrestling in the 165 pound class, won 14 and lost 2. He was a first place winner at Medina.