

Y. M. C. A. WRESTLERS PREPARE FOR HOBART

LARGE SQUAD OUT TO MEET COACH MC HALE IN PREPARATION FOR BOUTS WITH THE COL- LEGE MEN SUB-FRESHMAN DAY

A squad of ten men met coach James McHale for the first practice of the association wrestlers in preparation for the meet with the Hobart College wrestling team March 9th.

The introduction of the sport at the college and the Y. M. C. A. is the first serious attempt to develop the amateur side of the game made in this city in some years. The number of men who are interested in the sport at the two institutions is conclusive evidence that it is a popular one and that it only needed proper sponsoring to appeal to the younger element. In this section of the country the game has not been in very high favor because it has been left entirely to the transient professionals. The sport, however, is one of the best and as a muscle builder and body developer ranks second to none.

With McHale, who has had a large experience at the game, coaching it the Y. M. C. A. team is assured of entering the meet at the college with a number of good grapplers. In the ten men who turned out for the first practice there were several who have done considerable wrestling in the past and with the knowledge of holds and breaks which McHale can give them they are sure to make some impression on the collegians. Some of the green material which will have to be

developed has all the qualifications, so far as build and strength goes, of first class men and with a little knowledge of the game will have to be reckoned with in any match.

The size of the squad, however, did not meet with the approval of the coach, who wants at least twenty men from whom to pick his team. McHale wants four or five men in each division trying out for the place in the meet. He is not expecting to find experienced men to fill the squad. In fact, he prefers to develop a green man rather than take chances with some of the one hold grapplers who pose as wrestlers, and there is an opportunity in his class for any man who is willing to do the work. The question of size does not enter into possibilities of a man making the team for matches will be arranged from 115 pounds up, and the flyweight is as much in demand as the heavyweight. The next session of the class, which meets twice a week, will be Monday night at the Y. M. C. A. and the coach will welcome each and every addition to it.

The meet with the college will be run off in the college gymnasium on Sub-Freshmen Day which takes place March 9th this year. The matches will be staged under the inter-collegiate rules and every class in which the two teams have representatives will be filled.