

# VARSITY WRESTLING

Starting the season a week earlier than usual, Coach William Davidson's varsity grapplers invaded the steel city, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and came up against a very well balanced, strong Lehigh outfit. Although Syracuse came out on the short end of the score, they made a considerably better showing than usual. The final tally was 24½ to 81½. Ken Becker won by a fall, Ken Crotty by a referee's decision and Bill Deme received a draw.

When the team returned to Syracuse, it was suddenly hit by the flu epidemic and on Monday before the St. Lawrence meet six varsity men were in the infirmary. When St. Lawrence invaded Syracuse, they were repulsed 21 to 11, in spite of the weakened home team. After the meet Ken Crotty was taken to the infirmary and confined three weeks with pneumonia. The loss would have been felt heavily by the Orange had it not been for "Bucky" Buchwald, who stepped in to fill the unlimited position. "Bucky" made his varsity debut in his home town, Buffalo, by throwing his opponent in thirty seconds. The final score was Syracuse 39, Buffalo, 0.

On February 6, the varsity traveled to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to engage the Franklin and Marshall team. Bill Deme kept the team from being shut out by winning on a referee's decision.

On the next Wednesday, Syracuse engaged Cornell in the second home meet of the season. The contest was close throughout, and was not decided until Buckwald threw his man in the last bout. The final results were Syracuse 19, Cornell 9.

On the road again, the Varsity grapplers next journeyed to State College, Pennsylvania, to meet Penn State. In meeting last year's Eastern Intercollegiate champions, Syracuse faced its strongest opponent of the year. Although Penn State won 26½ to 1½, each bout was closely contested. The highlight of the meet was the bout between Becker and Light. After 16 minutes of wrestling, the match was declared a draw.

On February 27 an inexperienced Colgate team came to Archbold gym and was turned back 24 to 6. Rosenberg, Captain Crowe and Deme won by falls while Red Wilson and Port Sheldon, wrestling for the first time in Varsity uniform, were awarded decisions. Crotty, appearing on the mat for the first time since the St. Lawrence meet, also won by decision. In doing so, however, he broke a rib, and was again forced out.

In the last dual meet for the season Syracuse traveled to New York to beat Columbia's grapplers 21 to 11. With the last two matches to go the score was even at eleven all, but victory was assured when Peters and Buchwald threw their opponents.



BACK ROW: Coach Davidson, Christ, Gertmenian, Peters, Keppel, Buchwald, Manager Torrance. FIRST ROW: Becker, Crotty, Crowe, Deme, Rosenberg

