

Crow First In Tournament; Team Lands Second Place; ★ Five Grapplers Place

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On February 25th, the Varsity Wrestling Squad attended the First Annual New York State Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Wrestling Tournament at Cortland State. This tournament was attended by four State Colleges: Albany State, Coach Joe Garcia; Cortland State, Coach Dave Miller; Oneonta State, Coach Lyall Fletcher, and Oswego State, Coach David See. The scoring for the matches runs as follows: First—10 points, second—7, third—4, and fourth—2. Additional points are added for each match won by a fall, forfeit, or default, and one point for each match won in the consolation and championship eliminations. This brings the total possible score of any one team to 120.

One first place, five seconds, and two third places went to the Albany grapplers. Cortland State won the team championship with 90 out of a possible 120 points. Albany placed second with 60 points, Oswego third with 47, and Oneonta fourth with 40. Cortland had all ten men in the finals and took five first places. Oneonta and Oswego both captured two firsts and Albany took one. Despite the seeming irregularity in the distribution of first places and point scores, the reason for Albany's success is that six grapplers entered the finals, as compared with two each for Oneonta and Oswego.

Clem Crow, State's only undefeated wrestler, has the distinction of coming home with the only championship. Clem started the round of eliminations against Monaco of Oswego. Clem had knocked heads with this man the week before with the same results—a third period pin. This time, however,

Clem had only nine seconds left in the match when the fall was awarded! The second bout, against Jerry Cranfield of Cortland, ended in a 12 decision which, except for the Wilkes Tournament, is Clem's closest match this year. At one point Clem was reversed by Cranfield and was on his back, but he recovered before any predicament could be awarded.

Two matches, one at 137 and one at 167, were real heartbreakers! The first occurred in the championship eliminations between Dave Pause of Albany and Wilkinson of Cortland. Dave had won his first match by a pin in one minute, thirty-nine seconds against Lavinisky of Oneonta. In the final bout, Dave and Wilkinson were tied 3-3 with only thirty seconds left to wrestle. Dave tried to shoot a take-down but was countered by his opponent, who went on to win 5-3.

Dick O'Connor in the 167-pound class was tied with Thomson of Cortland at the end of nine minutes, the score being 3-3. Dick and Thomson then proceeded to wrestle two extra periods of one minute each. At the end of these periods the score was again tied 5-5, but Thomson received an extra point for riding time. His time was 1:01. Only one second less and the match would have been still tied since a full minute is required before time-advantage is awarded.

Placing for Albany were Ray Bouchard, 115; John Woytowich, 157; Ted Dusanenko, 191; and Tom Ellis, unlimited.

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