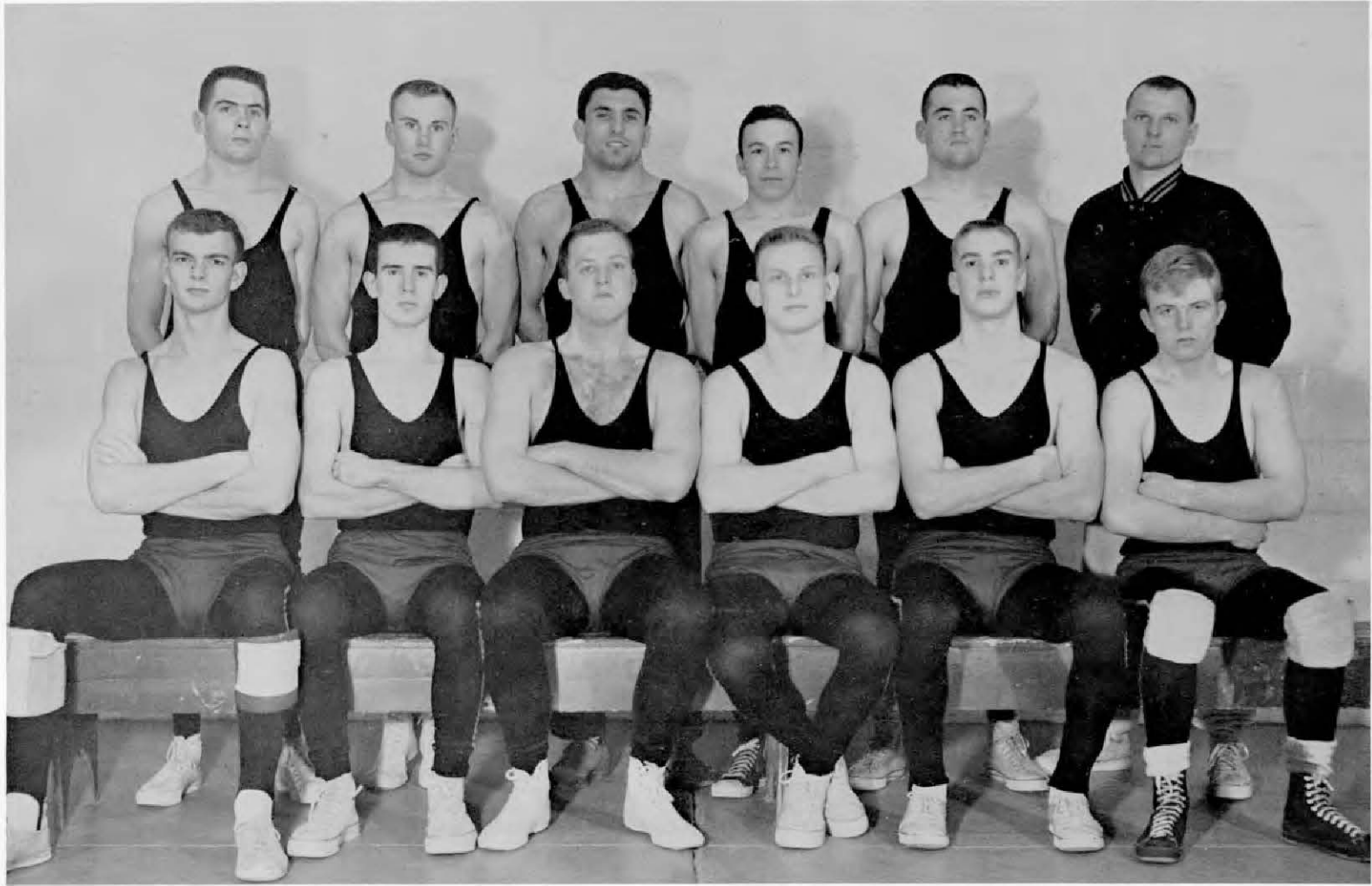


WRESTLING — 1959



FIRST: Tinsley, Hoare, Metcalf, Hanwit, Bott, Hartman. SECOND: Stirling, Thornley, Klinger, Schmerler, Tierney, Demuth (Coach).

For the first time in the 137 years of Hobart's existence, wrestling was advanced as a varsity sport. The team began its official season inauspiciously, participating in only five matches and losing all of them. The team, and its coach, were fairly green to the sport with many of the matmen having little or no experience. To their credit, the freshman-studded team decreased the margin of defeat with each match and fine spirit was displayed, not only by the squad, but also by the spectators. The team was also hurt by injuries to Burt Klinger, 167 lbs., Sandy Engel, 177 lbs., and "Big Bill" Hanwit, 157 lbs.



Bott fights a cross body ride.



Klinger and Engel make weight under watchful eye of Coach Ray Demuth.

The first match was on February 18, with Alfred University who triumphed over the Statesmen by the overwhelming score of 36-0. No member of the Hobart squad won and only Tinsley, 147 lb. class, and Burt Klinger, 167 lb. class, were not pinned.



"Killer" Hanwit goes for a pin.

The following Saturday the Hobart grapplers were defeated by the J.V. visitors from Ithaca 33-5. Fred Hartman, in the 137 lb. class was the sole Hobart wrestler to win which he did by pinning his man.



Pressure on "Heavy John"



Impress us with your prowess, John!

Three days later on February 28, the Statesmen hosted the teachers from Oswego who thumped the home squad to the tune of 33-5. Again only one man scored for Hobart. 123 lb. Hank Schmerler pinned his opponent.

The Statesmen then journeyed to Rochester the following Wednesday to succumb to the Yellowjackets by a margin of 30 points. Pete Tinsley was the lone bright spot for Hobart when he decided his man.



SANDER ENGEL



BURTON KLINGER



JOHN METCALF

SENIORS

The season's finale saw the Statesmen receiving the University of Rochester for the second of a home and home series. In this match two Hobart matmen were triumphant, John Metcalf in the heavyweight division by a pin and Pete Tinsley, 147 lb. class by a decision. The score was 26-8, the best effort of the season for the Genevans.

Congratulations must go to the "iron men" Jim Stirling in the 130 lb. class and heavyweight John Metcalf who were the only ones to wrestle in every match. Special commendation must go to the real "iron man," Coach Ray Demuth, who did an excellent job.



"IRON MAN" RAY

SEASON RECORD

Hobart.....	0	Alfred	36
Hobart.....	5	Ithaca JV	33
Hobart.....	5	Rochester	30
Hobart.....	5	Oswego	33
Hobart.....	8	Rochester	26