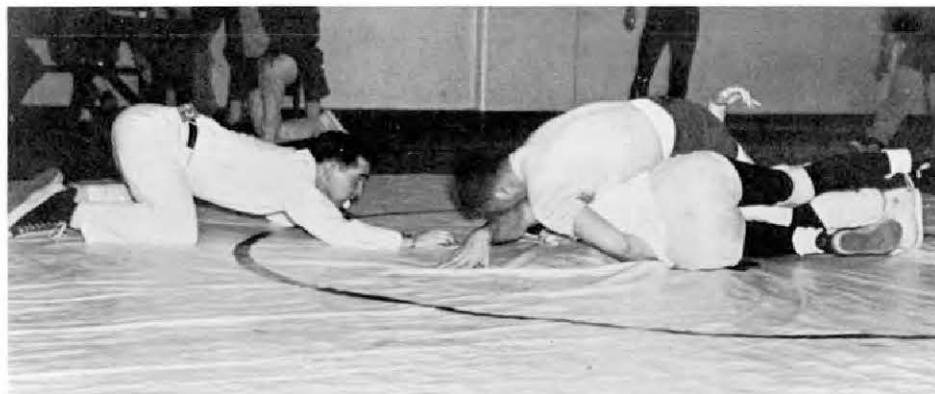


Wrestling



Row 1: Beale, Wolf, Lust, Hanwit, Metcalf, Widowson. *Row 2:* Demuth (Coach), Engel, Klinger, Kreinhed, Lynch



Charlie Agar referees, as Hobart holds a near pin.



Metcalf holds Hamilton opponent after take-down

The din of grunts and groans echoed back and forth across the quad during the winter months of 1957-58, as a long awaited wrestling team made its initial appearance on Hobart's campus. Coached by Ray Demeuth, the small turnout of grapplers began conditioning themselves early in December amidst the cramped quarters of the Hobart locker room and using mats without any face covers. Many experienced men were discouraged by the poor conditions and failed to turn out for the team. However, much credit is in order to those men who subjected themselves to one of the most grueling and intensified training sports of all the inter-collegiate activities.

After three months of running, exercising and mastering the art of wrestling, the grappler's moment of glory came. Hamilton, who instituted the sport only one year ago, was to be our first match. The team borrowed a face cover from Geneva High School, secured Freshman, Charles Agar, a Hobart Student, as a referee and were ready for the Continentals on March 1, 1958.



Working half-nelson for the roll and pin.

Surprisingly enough, a large crowd of approximately 250 circled the running track in Williams Hall to cheer on the new team. But the Orange and Purple started off on the wrong foot, losing the first two matches. The Statesmen didn't stay scoreless long as Freshman, Dave Lust, wrestling at 147, decisioned his opponent and thereby became the first Hobart wrestler to win a match. The rest of the team quickly followed suit, as Bill Hanwitt pinned his man in short order and Burt Klinger won on a decision. Bill Widdowson then lost for Hobart deadlocking the match at 11-11, setting the stage for Heavy Weight, John Metcalf's match winning pin. Another match with Hamilton is scheduled at the time of printing.

