

APPEL
BISHOP

BOMBERGER
SCHAAK

KUNKEL

MANTZ

FAUST

HORNER

LAMPE

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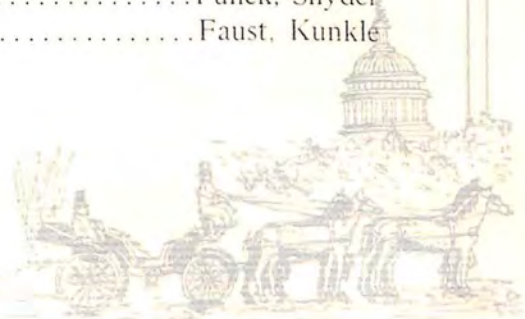
NEVIN

Wrestling

THE VARSITY SQUAD

115 Pound.....	Bishop
125 Pound.....	Kahley
135 Pound.....	Schaak, DeChant, McCollough
146 Pound.....	Horner
158 Pound.....	Mantz
175 Pound.....	Funck, Snyder
Unlimited.....	Faust, Kunkle

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Review of the 1923-24 Season

With the advent of Professor Mayser at Franklin and Marshall, a new letter sport made its appearance on the athletic program. The classic form of competition practiced back in the days of Greek gods and Olympic heroes, as introduced by Professor Mayser, took a firm hold on the student body with the subsequent powerful and successful wrestling team.

From the very start of the season it was evident that the team would be a successful one. Although none of the candidates had ever grappled before the early winter months, by the time of the final meet a well-balanced, clever and experienced team was representing the Blue and White. The credit for this feat goes to Coach Mayser, already widely known by the successful wrestling teams he coached while at Ames.

The popularity of the baby sport with the student body was immediate and increased as the season passed until it reached the climax at the final meet with the University of Pennsylvania, when a cheering section of several hundred students was on hand to encourage the battlers. That the sport is a fixture at F. and M. is scarcely to be questioned judging from the enthusiastic support it received during the entire season.

Western Maryland College had the privilege of being the first opponent to face F. and M. on the mat. Although the first public appearance of the Blue and White, they succeeded in vanquishing the Southerners by a 24-5 score. Three falls and three decisions for F. and M. did the trick, Western Maryland being satisfied with one fall.

Still inexperienced and handicapped by wrestling on a foreign mat, the Nevonians received a severe trouncing at the hands of the University of Pennsylvania, 25-6. Penn had everything its own way, its experienced matmen taking advantage of the unfinished F. and M. grapplers, succeeding in obtaining five falls as against F. and M.'s two decisions.

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More experienced and with more coaching the team completely shut out Western Maryland in a return match on the opponent's own mat, 21-0. The Southerners presented a well-balanced line-up and proved to be a stronger opponent than on the occasion of the first meet with Coach Mayser's proteges. Unable to gain a fall, F. and M. took every match by time decision only after four of them went into extra periods.

Against Muhlenberg College the team showed its superiority by defeating the Allentown combination 26-5, allowing only one fall to the visitors, while securing four falls and two decisions themselves.

Flushed with the pride of these victories, the team was invincible in a return match with the Quakers. Penn sent the second half of its varsity squad to meet the Blue and White, but was unable to again take the measure of the Mayser combination. The team which faced the Red and Blue was not the inexperienced and untried squad of the first meeting, but an experienced, well-conditioned and well-coached group of grapplers. The score tells the story very well, 18 points for F. and M. gained by two falls, two decisions and one draw, as opposed to 10 points for Penn resulting from two falls and one draw.

From every angle the season must be considered a phenomenal success. Although its maiden attempt, F. and M. came through with four victories in five meets. With every man on the squad expected to return next year and with Coach Mayser again at the helm, prospects for a successful season are very bright indeed and the baby sport is expected to mature as a permanent part of F. and M.'s inter-collegiate competition.

*Dost thou love life? Then do not
squander time; for that's the stuff
life is made of.*

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