

# WRESTLING

When the mat season rolled around, Mr. Miller, varsity wrestling coach, found himself with only three returning veterans from last year's varsity squad. But encouraged by the turnout of last year's frosh wrestlers, and other wrestling enthusiasts, he proceeded to "whip" his grapplers into shape.

Opening the season with a new opponent on the wrestling schedule, the matmen won their first home match. Defeating Wilkes College was no easy matter, for it took pins by two Long Island freshmen to clinch the match 18-17. Don Gleason and Al Chase got the pins and Roy Kessenich and Vic Gerhard won decisions.

The next match, also a home encounter, resulted in a loss to a powerful Hofstra College team. Losing all their matches except for two draws, the match ended with Hofstra on top 28-4. Gene Palmer at 157 lbs, and Heavyweight Jerry Stiles showed much finesse in battling their experienced opponents to draws.

Just before the end of the semester, Cortland again played host to an elusive Rochester Tech team. With only Dick Klima, Vic Gerhard and Jerry Stiles winning decisions, Rochester won 17-9.

With the new semester, a few of the weights changed hands, by the loss of Gene Palmer to practice teaching, a few temporary injuries and the addition of a few new faces to the squad. During the between semester vacation the C.S.T.C. grapplers traveled to Plattsburg, New York, to face Champlain College. Though slightly hampered by a juggled line up, Cortland pulled the match out of the fire 15-13 through decisions by Hennessy, Klima, Kessenich, Chase, and Stiles.

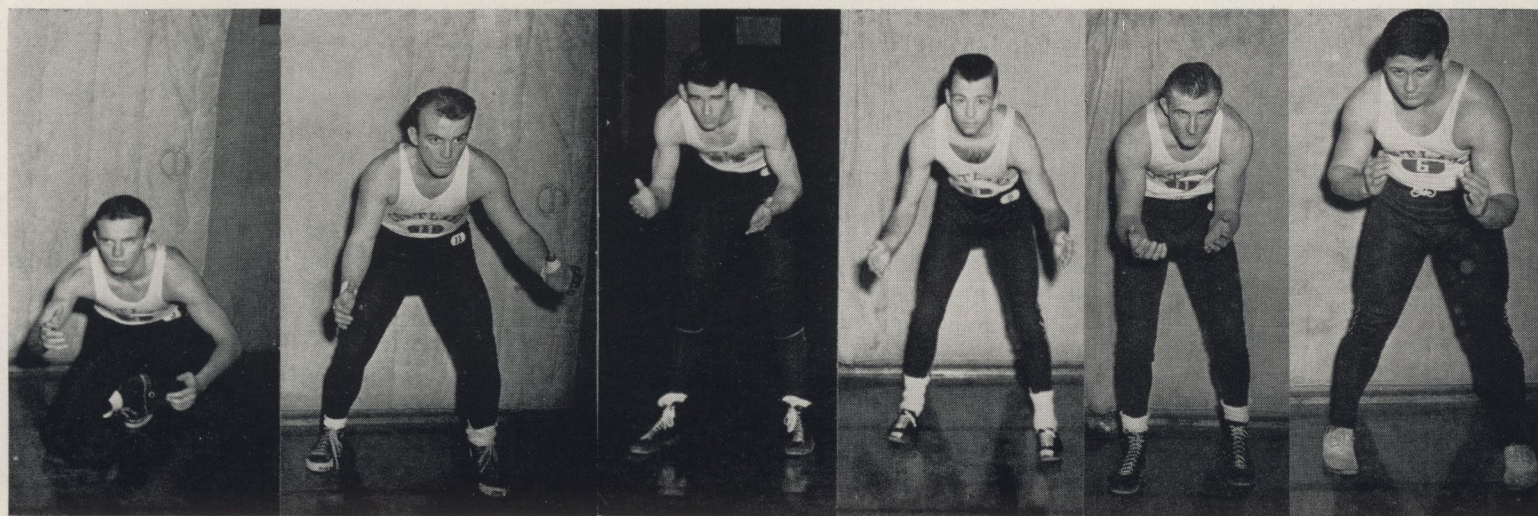
Once again taking to the road, the grapplers traveled to Syracuse to take on this year's runner-up in the Eastern Intercollegiates, Syracuse University. Although the team lost 32-0, this was not a true indication of what the match was like. Our grapplers did a tremendous job and the Syracuse boys knew it, as one said, "When a team wrestles you fellows, they know they've had a good match—no matter how good they are." Hennessy, Klima, Hunter, and Stiles "went the distance," giving their men lots of trouble.

Due to injuries and again a juggled line up, C.S.T.C. wrestlers dropped their next match to Alfred University at Alfred by the score of 18-11. Hennessy, Klima and Hay were the only winners while Gleason obtained a draw.

For their last home match our grapplers met the strong Big Red of Cornell. In their line up were two time Eastern Intercollegiate winner at 147 pounds and two time runner up at 177 pounds. Very impressive in this match were Hennessy and Hay, both winning decisions, to make the score 24-6.

Traveling to Ithaca for the last match of the season, Mr. Miller's matmen met their traditional rivals, Ithaca College, who had their strongest team in years. Once again, the "old reliables" Hennessy and Kessenich won and Jerry Stiles obtained a draw. The final score was 23-10 in favor of Ithaca.

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Kessenich

Hunter

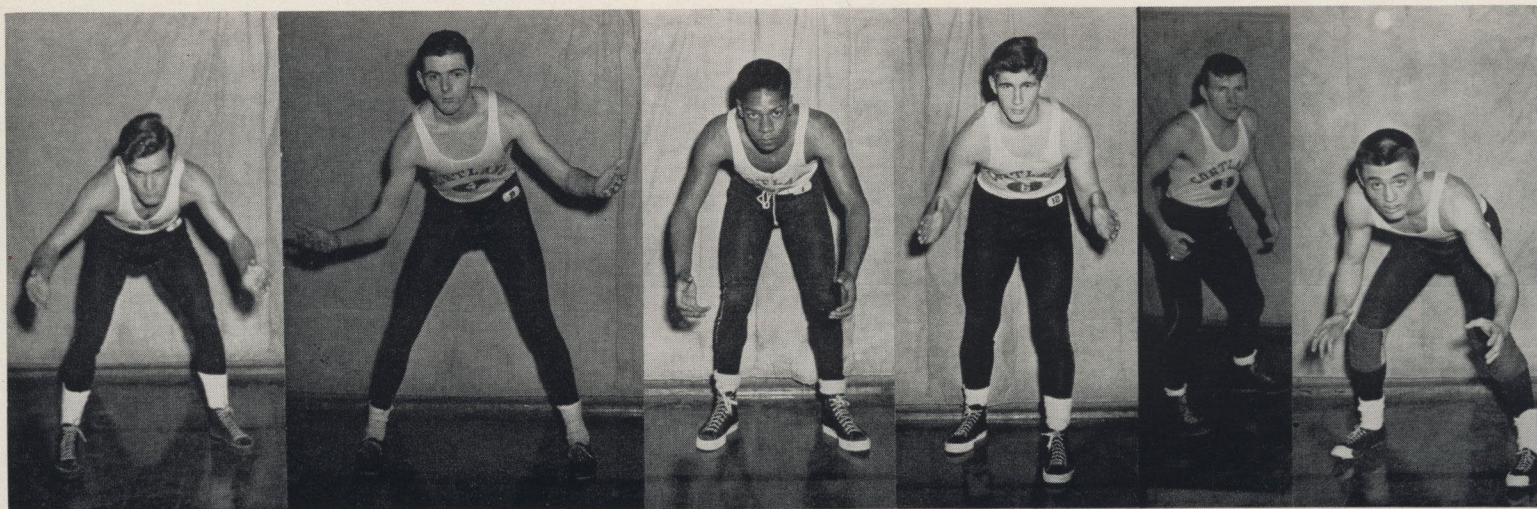
Gerhard

Hay

Chase

Stiles





Klima

Gleason

Armstrong

Wachob

Palmer

Hennessy

#### SEASON'S RECORD

Cortland	18	Wilkes	17
Cortland	4	Hofstra	28
Cortland	9	Rochester Tech	17
Cortland	15	Champlain	13
Cortland	0	Syracuse U.	32
Cortland	11	Alfred U.	18
Cortland	6	Cornell U.	24
Cortland	10	Ithaca	23



Standing: Wachob, Ryan, Wilde, Hendricks, Stevenson, Cornell, Fariel, Hunter, Coach Miller. Kneeling: Armstrong, Stiles, Hennessy, Klima, Hay, Palmer, Kessenich Gerhard.

The J.V. squad had only three matches and for two of them, they could not fulfill all the weights, therefore spotted their opponents points. In their first match, against Binghamton Tech they gave their opponents little trouble while losing 31-3. Joe LaRocca won the only match by a decision in the heavyweight class.

The next match showed how much the J.V.'s improved, as they trounced Manlius Military Academy 38-0, winning all weights but one by a pin. In this match, varsity manager, Pat Meringolo, made his wrestling debut and won a pin in the first period.

The J.V. grapplers ended the season by losing to their early opponents, Binghamton Tech, although they gave them a better match. Gaining experience through these matches, these boys should help Mr. Miller's Varsity squad tremendously next year.