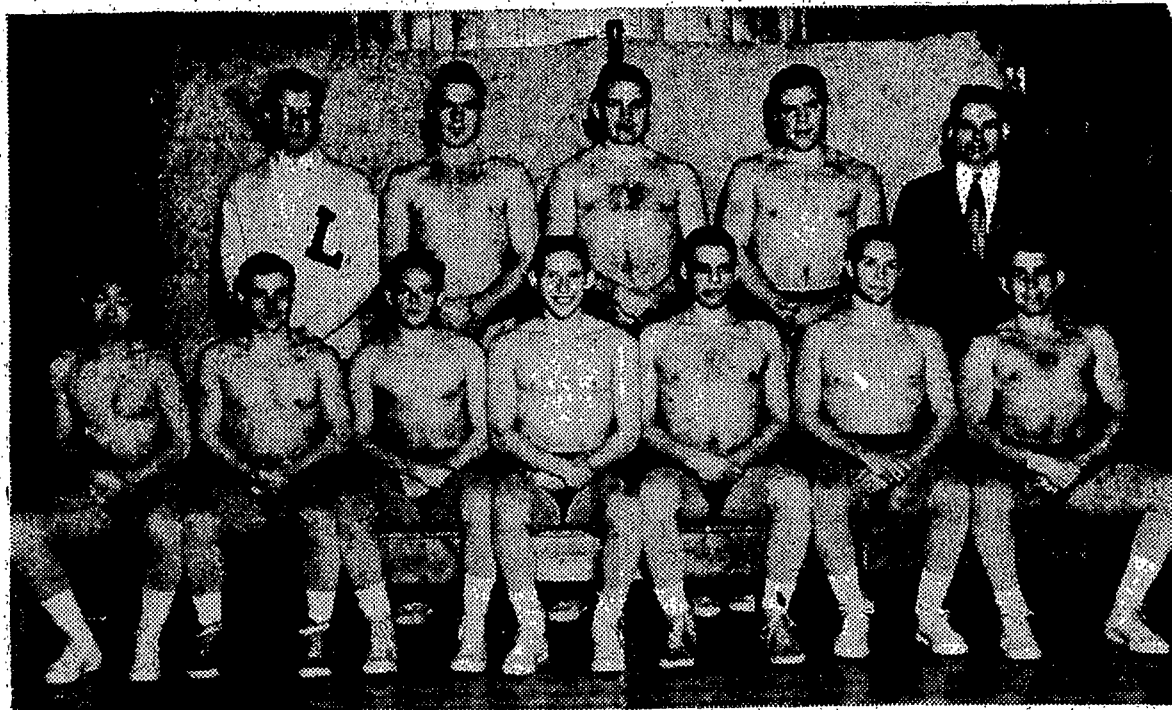


1950-'51 WRESTLING TEAM



Seated, l. to r.: Wing Lee, Gus Gray, Bob Stewart, Jay Parker, Dave Spatz, Ev Frost, Ken Boklan. Standing: Mgr. Bill O'Brien, George Manko, Fred McDonald, Bill Sywetz, Coach "Tully" Wells.

Wrestlers Win 4, Lose 3; Sport to be Discontinued

• By RAY SPRING

The end of the 1950-'51 wrestling season marks the close of a sports era which will long be remembered at St. Lawrence. In 21 years of competition, Larry grapplers have left a brilliant record of 85 victories, 32 defeats, and eight draws.

Wrestling was first introduced at St. Lawrence as a minor sport in 1924. Attention was immediately drawn to the new sport, and, after a three year trial period, it received varsity recognition in 1927. Under the tutelage of George S. Dole, 1912 Olympic champion, the matmen participated in two meets, losing to the National Champions from Syracuse, and holding Alfred to a draw. The following season they again had only two meets, losing to Alfred and defeating Norwich for their first varsity win.

Wrestling was dealt a severe blow in 1928, with the death of Coach Dole. For a time it seemed that the sport would soon be abandoned. However, John Oliver, now Canton High School coach, took over the reins and the squad won one of its three encounters that season. This was destined to be the last losing season for the grunt-and-groaners.

Roy Clogston took the helm in 1930, and the "golden era" of St. Lawrence wrestling began. The '30-'31 team was the first to compile a winning record, copping two of three matches in that season. They continued on the victory road for the next two seasons, with John Gallt riding roughshod over all of his opponents to emerge undefeated.

First Undefeated Season

The season of 1934-'35 saw the first undefeated team pin Ithaca twice, Syracuse YMCA, Ithaca YMCA, Colgate, St. Johns, Syracuse and Rochester Tech. Only Syracuse was able to keep the score close, as they held the Saints to a 14½-13½ decision. In this year two men were sent to the National Tournament, one of whom reached the semi-finals.

The illustrious four year career of "Woody" Covell, who was undefeated

in 30 matches, came to an end in 1936. Again in this year St. Lawrence was represented at the National tournament, with two men reaching the semi-final round.

Plumadore and Cooper Set Records

In the season of '36-'37 Hayward Plumadore pinned his Queens opponent in a record 23 seconds, a mark which was broken by John Cooper in 1940, as he accomplished the feat in 18 seconds against his Syracuse YMCA opponent.

"Doc" L'Hommedieu assumed the coaching duties in 1937, and the Saints were again undefeated. In 1939 Kirk Douglas (then Isadore Demsky) won his "L" as one of the leading members of the squad. John Cooper completed a brilliant career in 1942, leaving behind an undefeated record of 21 victories, 20 of which were by falls.

Due to the situation caused by the war, wrestling was discontinued at the end of '41-'42 season. It was resumed in 1947, once again under the guidance of Clogston, and it was immediately proved that none of the glory of previous years was gone, as the team, captained by Rennie Curlew, swept through another all-victorious season.

With the departure of Roy Clogston, who left a coaching record of 48 wins, 10 losses, and 1 tie, "Tully" Wells came from Mohawk College to assume the coaching responsibilities. The season of '48-'49 was a winning one, but last year the Larries were held to a 4-4 record. Rennie Curlew, captain since 1947, retired from competition leaving a sparkling record which showed only one defeat in his entire collegiate career. This was the third time in wrestling history that the season closed with an even won and lost record.

4-3 Record This Season

This season, although two enlistments presented serious problems, the Scarlet won four of its seven matches. Captain Gus Gray did a very capable job of filling Curlew's shoes in the 130 pound bracket. Don Gilchrist and Wing Lee wrestled in the 123 class;

INTRAMURAL WRESTLING

All wrestling representatives from campus organizations are to meet at 1:00 tomorrow in Brewer Field House to discuss plans for intramural wrestling.

Intramural Basketball

With only four games remaining, the intramural basketball league will come to a close this week. Today's games pit ATO against Sig Pi at 3:30, and Beta against ISA at 4:30. Tomorrow, the Blackshirts oppose Dorm III at 3:30, and the Married Vets meet Vetsville at 4:30. Each team will then have played 15 games, and any ties in the standings will be played off tomorrow evening and Friday afternoon if they affect points toward the Sports Banner.

Team Standings

	Won	Lost
SAE	14	1
Phi Sig	12	3
Dorm I	12	3
ATO	11	3
ISA	11	3
Dorm IV	11	4
Beta	7	6
Dorm III	7	7
Vetsville	7	7
Crusaders	6	9
Blackshirts	4	10
Dorm II	4	11
Sig Pi	3	10
Collegians	3	12
Married Vets	2	12
Sea Breeze	1	14

Women's Sports

Fencing Tournament

As winner of the women's fencing tournament, Deddy Frolich received the fencing cup and a pair of matched foils, the latter of which were presented by the St. Lawrence Restaurant. Thelma Gore placed second, while Dot Norton copped third spot.

Intramural Bowling

Women's Intramural bowling, headed by Ann Ellsworth, has been going on in Gray's Bowling Alleys for the past few months. Upon completion of their first eight games, the girls have been able to receive credits toward admission into the SLU Club. Tournaments have not yet been started, but they will be under way in the next few weeks, and will be open to all sorority houses.

Bob Stewart, 137; Jay Parker, 147; Ray Guarini and Ev Frost, 157; Ken Boklan and Ed Pomerantz, 167; George Manko, 177; and Bill Sywetz and Fred McDonald in the unlimited class.

The final record for the past season shows victories for the "Tully" Wells coached matmen over Champlain, 19-10 and 19-11; Queens, 34-5; and Alfred, 33-5. A 24-5 loss to Cortland was the only decisive defeat suffered by the Saints all season. The 15-13 and 17-15 losses to Rochester Tech and Ithaca respectively showed that the Larries were by no means outclassed.

Sport Bows Out

In spite of this fine showing, wrestling is definitely out of the St. Lawrence sports scene. Various reasons for its discontinuance are: manpower problem caused by the war; inadequate facilities; and inability to schedule matches with teams in St. Lawrence's class. It would seem that, with the recent erection of the new athletic arena, there should be, somewhere, facilities for the continuance of a sport which has known such a long and glorious history at St. Lawrence. One would also be led to believe that, with the team showing a four and three record for the past season, St. Lawrence is now meeting schools of the right class.

In any event, Laurentians for years to come will look back on the teams which so often, for so many years, carried the name of St. Lawrence to victory.

LIGHT BULBS
STUDY LAMPS
SPORTING GOODS
AUTO PARTS
PAINTS

WESTERN AUTO ASSOCIATE STORE

HOWARD J. SHANNON
Owner

BAND BOX CLEANERS

1-day Service!

Bring Your Garments In Today—