

Saturday afternoon sunlight streams in on two grapplers in Archbold Gym.



Enzo Marinelli works over Cornell opponent as the referee points, indicating he holds control position.

Wrestlers' Record: Break Even These Days



Ed Rooney lifts Penn State opponent before slamming him to the mat in an attempt to score a pin.

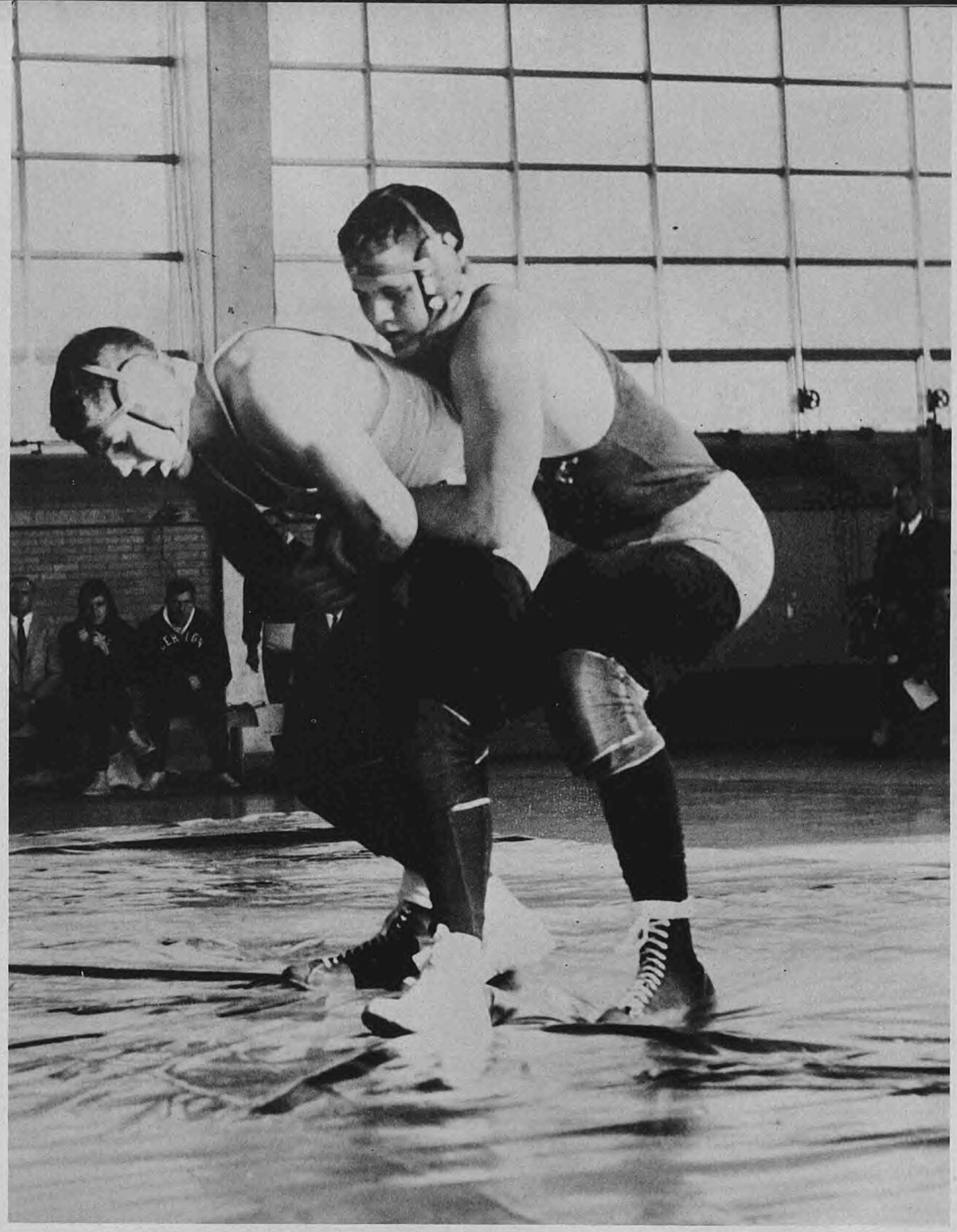
Coach Joe McDaniel's wrestlers broke a little better than even in 1953, winning four of seven dual meets. The Orangemen lost to Penn State's Eastern champions, Cornell and Lehigh, though beating Army, Rutgers, Temple, and Cortland State. The Orange dropped a 14-12 decision to Cornell in the season opener before humbling West Point's Cadets and the Cortland State Dragons. Losses to Penn State and Lehigh followed but road victories over Rutgers and Temple completed the season for Coach McDaniel, who, though having a few individual stars, reminisced for his famed "Murderers' Row" of a few years back.

Inexperience in the lighter weights was the main Piety weakness throughout the campaign. Sophomore Bob Hillman failed to win at 123 pounds while juniors Bob Campbell and Chuck DeBellis were but infrequent winners at 130 and 137. The 177-pound berth also proved a trouble spot as senior Enzo Marinelli, one of 1952's pleasant surprises, was hampered by injury and illness. Charlie Dinkelmeyer and Hank Gobetz split the light-heavyweight duties with Marinelli.

Bright spots in the Orange line-up were Capt. Bob Bury at 147 pounds, Ed Rooney at 157, and heavyweight Dick Beyer.

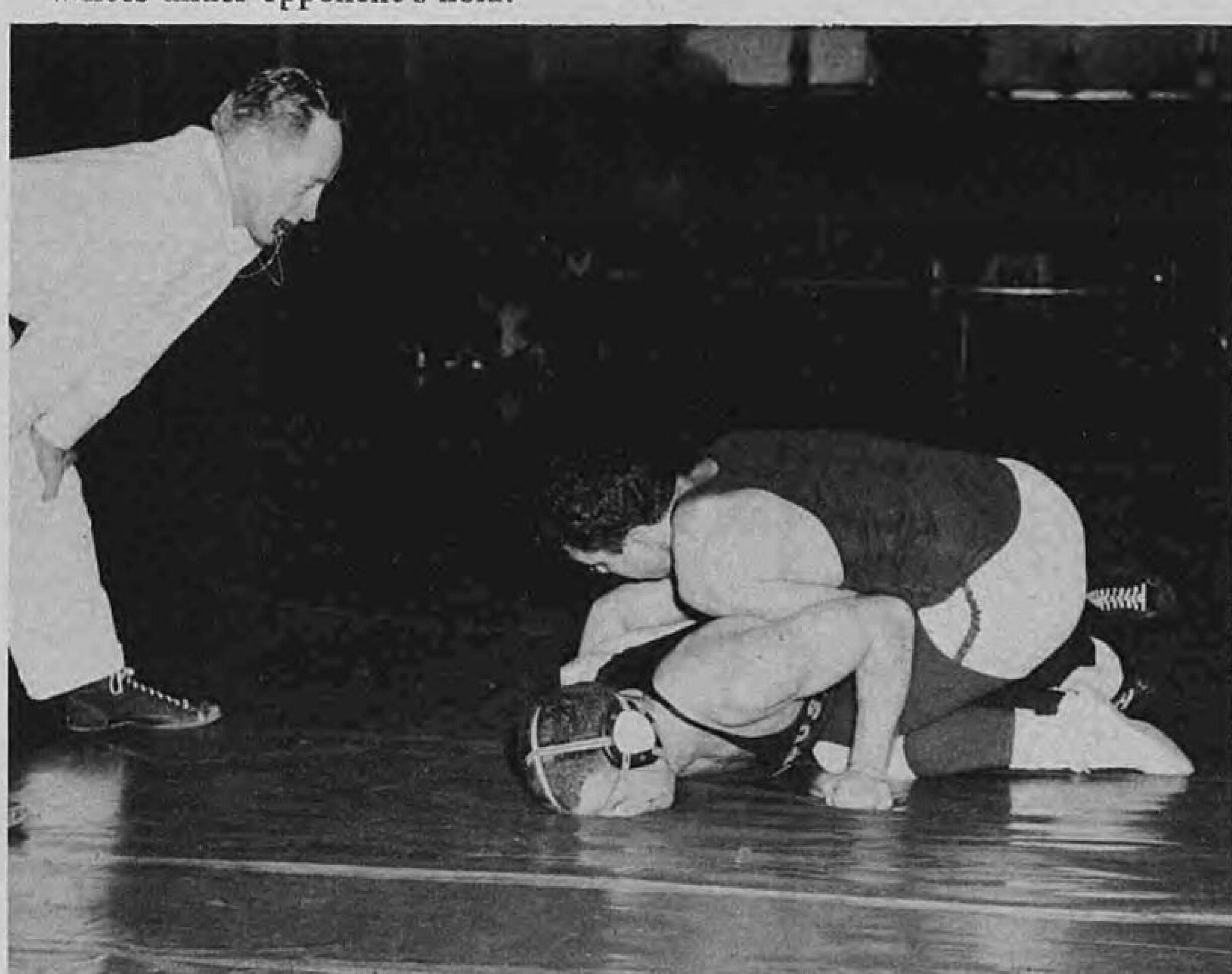


Orangeman Hank Gobetz tries to keep shoulder off the mat to avoid a pin.

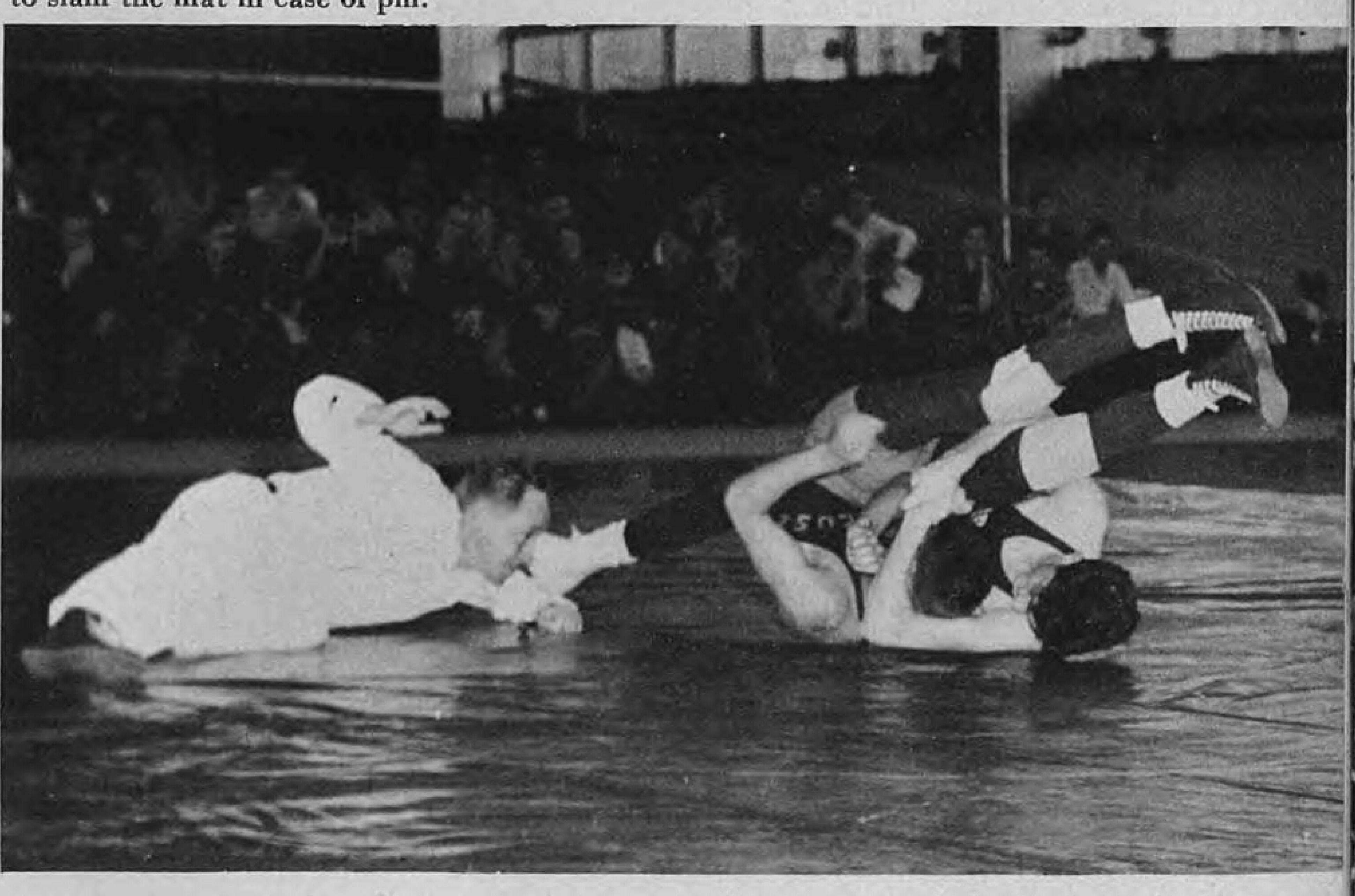


Ed Mahoney, Lehigh, tugs at Syracusan Ed Rooney's fingers in attempt to break "bear hug" grip.

Rooney on the bottom, in Penn State match, gets nose pushed into the mat, winces under opponent's hold.



Orange Capt. Bob Bury writhes in opponents cradle hold as referee raises hand to slam the mat in case of pin.



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Piety heavyweight Beyer awaits the referee's "off-mat" whistle after a Lehigh charge.

Ed Rooney, frosh sensation of '52, continued down the victory path with seven straight dual meet wins. With two years of collegiate eligibility remaining, the curly-headed soph will be one of the mainstays of future Piety teams as well as a leading candidate for Eastern and National honors.

The Piety frosh split a very limited schedule, nipping Cornell's yearlings 17-15 in Archbold Gym and losing a return match to the Little Red, 23-13, at Ithaca. Three Tangerines, Jim Rose, Tom King and George Finck were undefeated while Henry Bianowitz lost once in two starts. Others who saw action with the yearlings were John Husband, Pedro Gonzales, George Meyer, and Joe McCourt.

Prospects for 1954 are brighter with a quartet of this year's frosh expected to bolster the returning veterans. However, three favorites lost by graduation were Bury, Marinelli and Beyer.



Arms and legs flail the air as the Big Red and the Big Orange meet on the Archbold mats.