



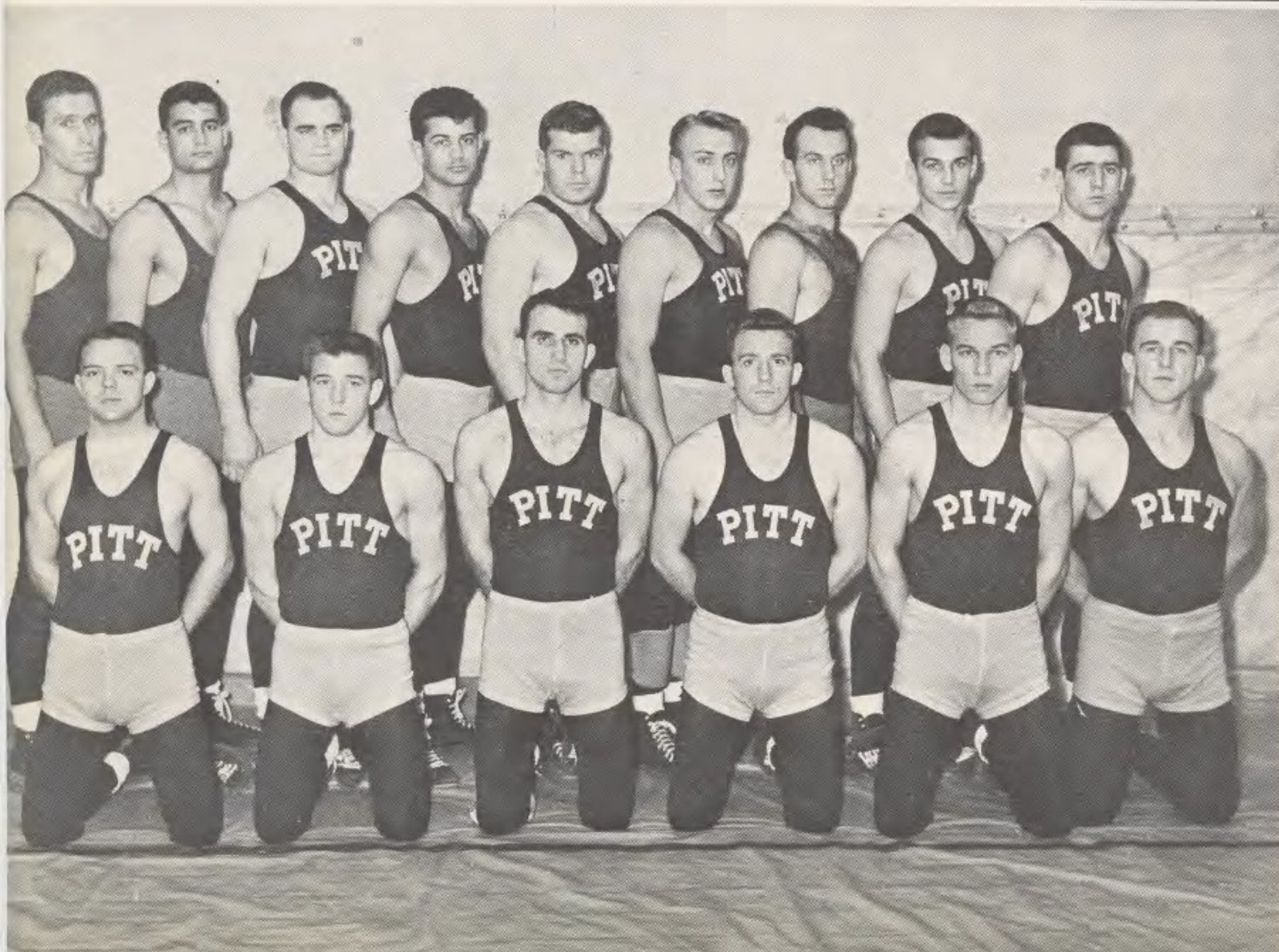
Peery breaking man to mat, stopping an escape.

Under the tutelage of Rex Peery, Pitt's wrestling team climaxed its phenomenal rise from obscurity to national prominence—all in the short span of five years—by winning the Eastern Collegiate Championship and placing second in the NCAA Tournament in 1954.

Hugh Peery, the coach's son, ran his undefeated streak to 48 matches—he lost but one in college competition. He also equalled the mark of the elder Peery by winning his NCAA division for the third time. Joe Solomon won the 167-pound title.

This was the first season as a member of the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association for the local matmen, and they promptly displaced Penn State as the champion, besides beating the Nittanies in their regular season meeting.

*First Row:* H. Peery, R. Kurtz, B. Kozy, H. Miller, G. Matthews, C. Uram. *Second Row:* A. Matscherz, R. Morabito, H. Hunter, J. Solomon, E. Stowe, G. Beresford, D. Huff, E. DeWitt, B. Cook.



# Wrestling

## SEASON RECORD

Pitt 25	Toledo	3
Pitt 21	Michigan State	9
Pitt 21	Lehigh	8
Pitt 15	Navy	13
Pitt 23	Yale	2
Pitt 23	Army	8
Pitt 11	Michigan	16
Pitt 25	Lock Haven	5
Pitt 30	West Virginia	0
Pitt 22	Penn State	8

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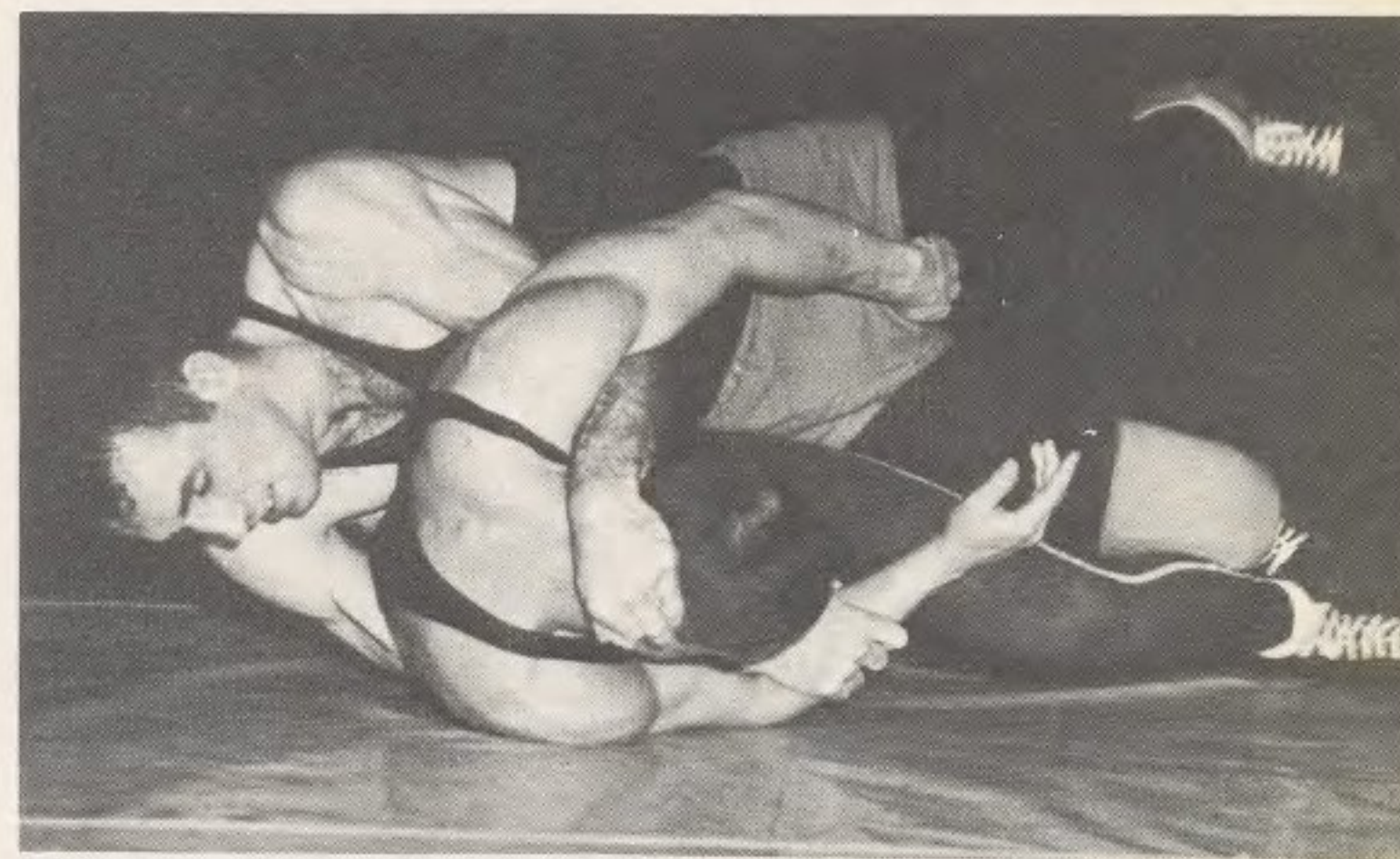
Pitt 37—Penn State 28—Lehigh 26

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Pitt—Second Place

Kozy applying half nelson, trying for a fall.

Uram pinning opponent with reverse nelson.



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