

# WRESTLING



Front: Klima, Cummings. Middle: Palmer, Chase, Lee, Wilde, Cornell, Back: Hay, Longwell, Feder, Bub, Hennessy, Quinn, Gleason.

Cortland State Red Dragons  
1952-1953 Wrestling

Wrestling at Cortland State under Coach Dave Miller hit the .625 percentage mark this season with a seasonal record of five wins and three losses in dual meets. With returning seniors Dave Hennessy, John Hay, Dick Klima and Gene Palmer to form the nucleus, the Miller-men started with a bang.

Opening with Champlain College as opposition the red and white of Cortland showed good balance in out-

pointing the blue and white of Champlain, 19-11. The unveiling of a powerful lad from Bainbridge, New York, in freshman Dick Lee proved most interesting. Using his legs to unusual effectiveness, the strong boy registered a pin as did the veteran Klima.

The journey to Wilkes College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania did not go for naught. Following much the same pattern as in the previous Champlain encounter the local grapplers prevailed, 26-10. Another rough and tumble "frosh" in 123 pound Wade Cummings from Rockville Center gave evidence of definite mat ability as he won a 14-8 decision in the 147 pound class. Klima, Hennessy, Lee and Palmer all won their matches with pins.

A journey to Buffalo and Rochester produced a win and a loss. The weak-manned Buffalo University squad fell 33-5 as they forfeited four matches. The next evening at Rochester showed the clever Techmen of Rochester Tech taking all matches but one in winning 25-2. Only Dick Klima's 0-0 draw scored for the Cortland squad.

Gene Palmer's training injury left the squad with a big hole to fill in the line-up as Palmer was put out for the season. Rising to the occasion, the team rebounded from the Rochester loss with a big 22-10 win over a good Hofstra College aggregation at Hempstead, New York. Hennessy, Hay and Klima gave the locals a lead which Lee, Al Chase and Jim Wilson salted away for the important win.

## COACH AND MANAGER



Miller /

Marder





Wilde

Hennessy

Cummings

Hay

Chase

Palmer

Stepping out of our class, Syracuse University's powerful grapplers provided the next opposition for the local matmen. After taking the first two matches via decisions by Cummings and Hennessy, the "Orange" shut the door as they went on to win, 26-6.

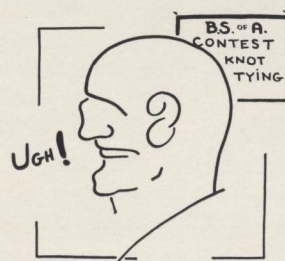
Back into our league once more, Alfred University's "Saxons" came very close to pulling an upset win at Cortland's expense. A draw by heavyweight Guenther Schoen with Alfred's unbeaten George Policano preserved an 18-13 decision for Cortland's win.

Closing out the schedule against strong opposition in the form of Ithaca College left the home forces on the short end of a 22-8 score. The two colorful freshmen, Wade Cummings and Dick Lee, tallied Cortland's only points with a decision and a pin respectively.

In a fitting climax to a good year, Coach Miller took seniors John Hay and Dave Hennessy, along with Cummings and Lee, to the Case Institute of Technology's annual 4-1 wrestling tournament at Cleveland, Ohio. Wrestling against top-notch competition, all were eliminated except Lee, who brought home a fourth place medal in the 157 pound class.

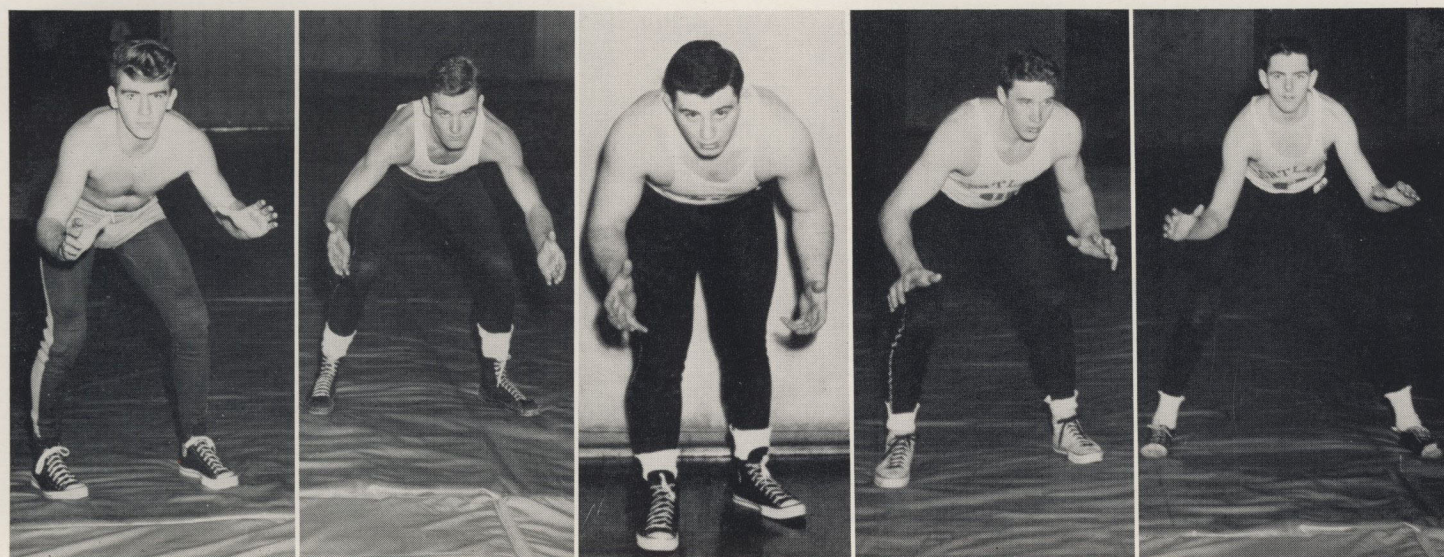
Let's hope next year Mr. Miller has three or four boys

in each weight division battling to represent Cortland in dual matches. Competition such as that will insure a highly talented squad.



The record:

Cortland	19	Champlain	11
Cortland	26	Wilkes	10
Cortland	33	Buffalo	5
Cortland	2	Rochester Tech	25
Cortland	22	Hofstra	10
Cortland	6	Syracuse	26
Cortland	18	Alfred	13
Cortland	8	Ithaca	22
<hr/>		<hr/>	
134		122	



Longwell

Klima

Schoen

Lee

Gleason