Wrestling

I OWA'S wrestlers have completed a remarkable season. Five of the regular squad will leave in June for New York where they will compete in the finals of the Olympics. In the Big Ten schedule, Coach Mike Howard's wrestlers won decisive matches from Northwestern, Minnesota, Nebraska, Michigan, and Wisconsin. The losing of the last meet to Illinois clipped the Hawk-

eye's chances of sharing their first championship honor.

Great tribute is given Coach Howard, formerly an Olympic champion, for his aptness in developing such men as Pfeffer, O'Brien, Gratton, James, and Krasuski into wrestlers of such high caliber that they won their way through the preliminaries of the pre-Olympic meet held in Iowa City on April 4 and 5, and who will represent the state of Iowa in New York and possibly the United States in Europe. Of the men who competed in the individual championship matches held in Chicago, Pfeffer and O'Brien were the only ones to go through without a defeat. Krasuski won second place in the heavyweight class, while Captain James and Gratton were defeated in the preliminaries.

Ted Pfeffer, bantamweight all-conference champion of 1923 was very successful in winning five dual meets and again took first in the 1924 individual conference meet. Pfeffer was awarded the athletic letter, "I". Strubbe, a sophomore, wrestled for Pfeffer in the Northwestern meet and lost by a fall. A. W. Gugisberg, featherweight man, won three duals. After receiving injuries in the Michigan meet he was relieved by Robert Trickey who had previously wrestled in the

welterweight class. Gugisberg won an "I".

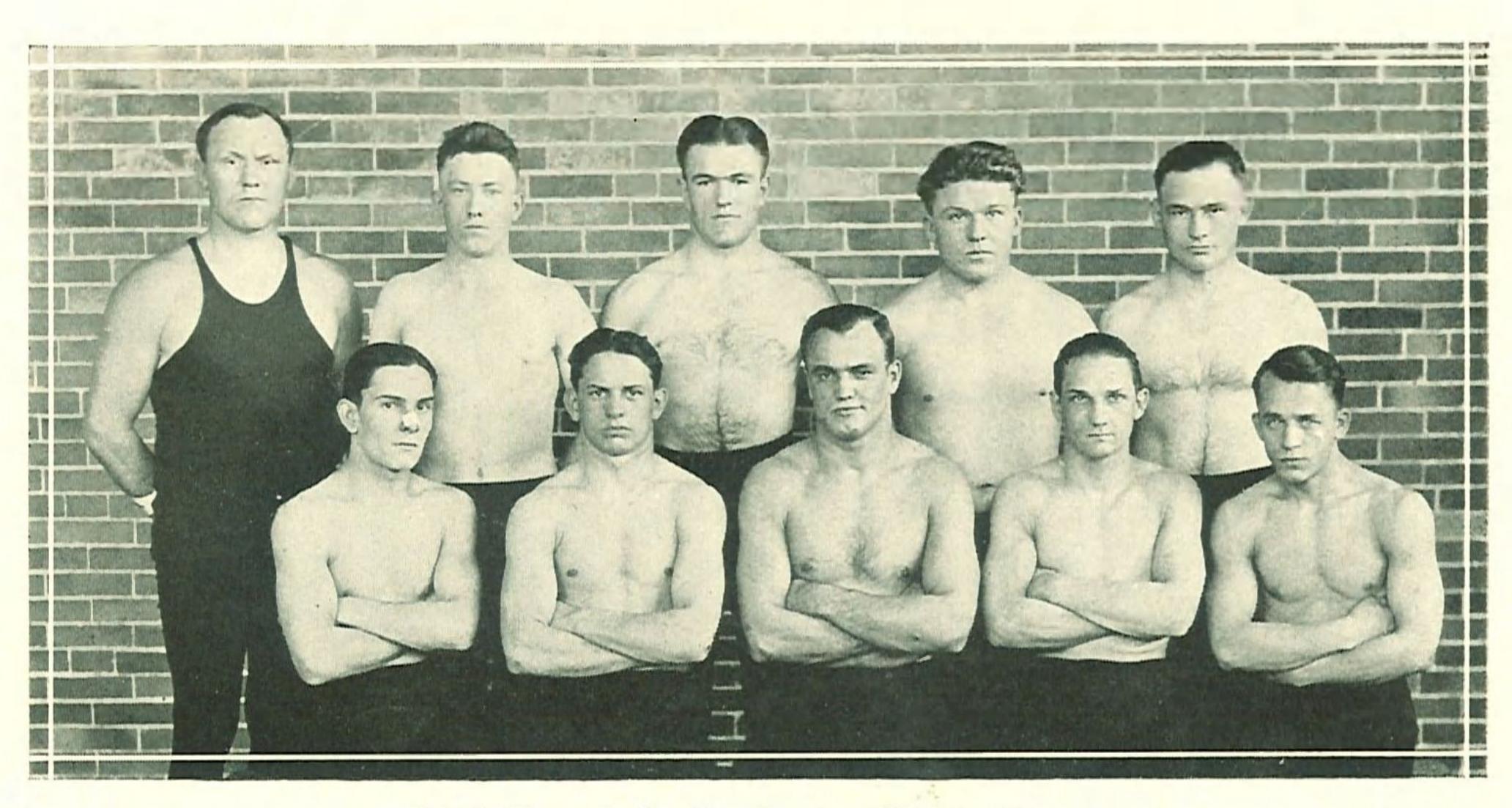
John O'Brien, captain-elect, won all of his six lightweight duals and tied for individual conference honors to win an "I" in his sophomore year of competition. In the welterweight class after Jacobson had won his first dual match he was injured in a coasting accident and had to retire for the season. Trickey filled the vacancy until Voltmer trained down from the middle-

weight class. All three men were awarded an "I-w".

Captain James, who had his best year on the mat, won from all opponents until the conference meet when he lost in the preliminaries. In the middleweight class Gratton defeated Voltmer in the tryout during the middle of the season, and won three duals to get an "I". After winning the first heavyweight match with Northwestern, Hobart lost by time advantages in tryouts to Paul Krasuski. Krasuski won four conference duals and went into the finals of the conference meet to lose by a time advantage. Krasuski won an "I", and Hobart an "Iw".

Pfeffer, Jacobson, Trickey, Voltmer, and Captain James have wrestled the last time for the University. From the freshman squad will come several reputed wrestlers who made champion-

ships records while in high school.



Coach Howard, Strubbe, Grattan, Hobart, Voltmer Gugisberg, O'Brien, James, Trickey, Pfeffer

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