## Wrestling in the Western Conference

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The ten universities making up the Western Conference all supported wrestling during the year 1926-27, both as a 'varsity and

an intramural sport.

In order to simplify schedule-making for the wrestling teams the Western Conference is divided into two groups, an Eastern and a Western group. The Eastern group comprises Michigan, Ohio State, Purdue, Indiana and Northwestern. The Western group includes Illinois, Iowa, Chicago, Wisconsin and Minnesota. In each group, each team met every other team for the group championship. In the Western group, University of Illinois was undefeated, and University of Michigan was supreme in the Eastern.

The final meet, for the Conference championship, was won by Illinois, at Urbana, March 5, when Michigan was defeated, 12 to 9, in one of the most thrilling dual meets in the history of the Conference.

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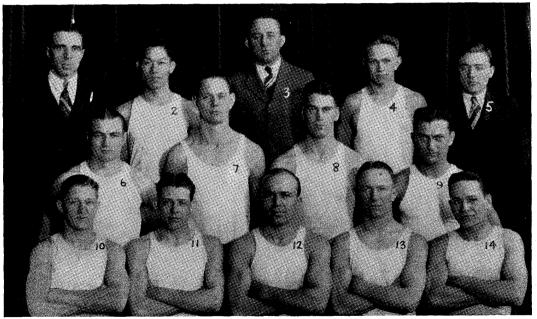
The individual championships were held at the University of

Chicago, March 11-12, 1927. The winners:

115 lbs.—Louis Smitz (Wisconsin). 125 lbs.—T. C. Hesmer (Illinois). 135 lbs.—Alfred Watson (Michigan). 145 lbs.—Russell Sauer (Michigan). 158 lbs.—Theron Donahoe (Michigan). 175 lbs.—J. H. Ritz (Illinois). Heavyweight—D. J. Whitacre (Ohio State).

The following is a complete record of the teams of the Western Conference for the season of 1927:

| PURDUE UNIVERSITY.   |
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| 8—Indiana       14         8—Michigan       17         19—Northwestern       6         8—Ohio State       15         13—Wisconsin       12   |
| UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN   |
| 11—Cornell College     12       12—Iowa State Teachers     11       15—Michigan State     8       22½—Northwestern     6½       17—Purdue     8       17—Ohio State     6       21—Indiana     8       9—Illinois     12 |
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1. Carl M. Voyles, Coach; 2, Soga; 3, Paul Prehn, Coach; 4, Minot; 5, Murphy, Mgr.; 6, Ritz; 7, Shively, Capt.; 8, Webster; 9, Furness; 10, Hesmer; 11, Thacker; 12, Geis; 13, Gunlock; 14, Vondenbosch. Weber, Photo.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS—WESTERN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

| CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS. | 8—Northwestern       19         0—Minnesota       23         6—Iowa       23         7½—Illinois       19½         3—Wisconsin       22         9—Northwestern       18         15—Northwestern       7 | 21—Ohio University       8         19—Michigan State       8         8—Indiana       19         19—Northwestern       6         6—Michigan       17         15—Purdue       8         12½—Minnesota       14½ |
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|                       | <br>UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  | UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA   |
|                       | 17—Wisconsin     8       24—West Virginia     3       19½—Chicago     7½       17—Minnesota     6       12—Iowa     9       12—Michigan     9   | 23—Chicago     0       9—Iowa     12       6—Illinois     17       22½—Wisconsin     4½       14½—Ohio State     12½  |
|                       | UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  7½—Iowa 17½ 8—Illinois 17 22—Chicago 3 4½—Minnesota 22½ 12—Purdue 13   | UNIVERSITY OF IOWA  17½—Wisconsin 7½ 23—Chicago 6 12—Minnesota 9 17—Nebraska 6 9—Illinois 12 12½—Indiana 10½  |
| OIS-WESTERN           | The Conference teams finished t<br>Illinois, Michigan, Iowa, Indiana,<br>Wisconsin, Chicago, Northwestern   |   |

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