

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.

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:

INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

23—Northwestern	3
14—Purdue	8
19—Ohio State	8
8—Michigan	21
10½—Iowa	12½

PURDUE UNIVERSITY.

8—Indiana	14
8—Michigan	17
19—Northwestern	6
8—Ohio State	15
13—Wisconsin	12

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

3—Indiana	23
19—Chicago	8
6½—Michigan	22½
18—Michigan State	18
6—Ohio State	19
6—Purdue	19
18—Chicago	9
7—Chicago	15

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



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.



UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

8—Northwestern	19
0—Minnesota	23
6—Iowa	23
7½—Illinois	19½
3—Wisconsin	22
9—Northwestern	18
15—Northwestern	7

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

21—Ohio University	8
19—Michigan State	8
8—Indiana	19
19—Northwestern	6
6—Michigan	17
15—Purdue	8
12½—Minnesota	14½

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

17—Wisconsin	8
24—West Virginia	3
19½—Chicago	7½
17—Minnesota	6
12—Iowa	9
12—Michigan	9

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

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

The Conference teams finished the season in the following order: Illinois, Michigan, Iowa, Indiana, Minnesota, Ohio State, Purdue, Wisconsin, Chicago, Northwestern.