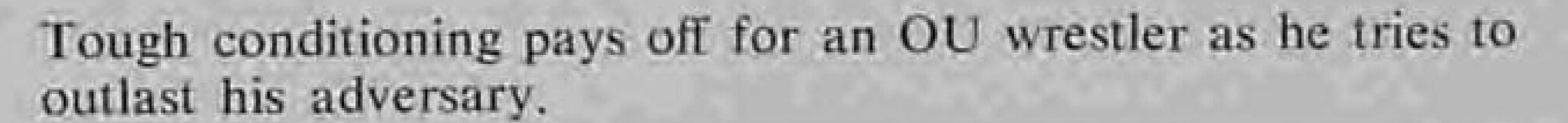
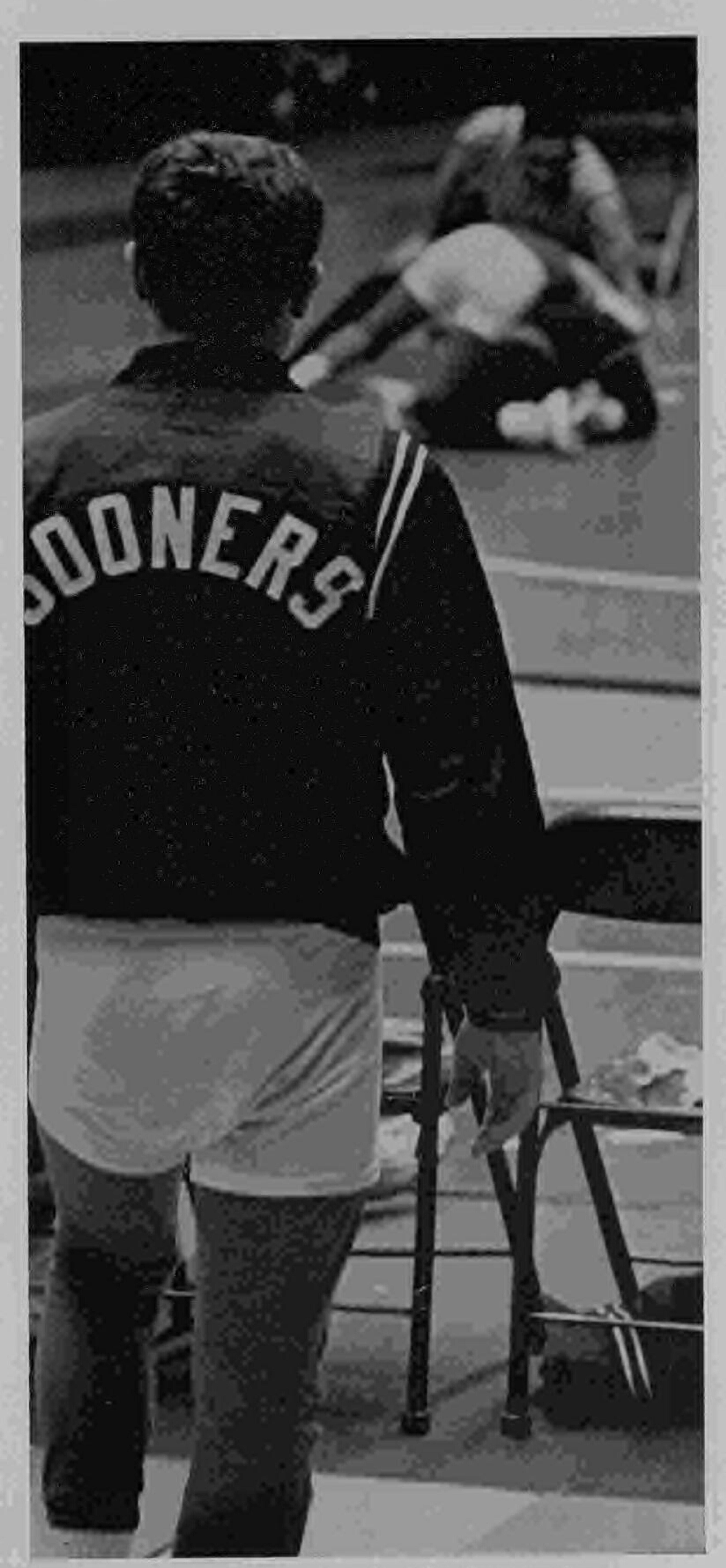
## OU Third in Big Eight Conference

The youthful Sooner wrestlers sported four second place finishers in the Big Eight Tournament at Manhattan, Kansas, as the team placed third with 59 points behind victor Iowa State and Oklahoma State. Mike Cachero at 118, Tom Abercombie at 126, Mike Grant at 150, and heavyweight Bill Luttrell all took runner-up spots. Wrestling at 158, senior Dennis Brand upset Dave Martin of Iowa State, 3-2. Previous to the tournament Martin had a 21-0 dual record and finished second at the Nationals last year. The tournament was dominated by the three major teams as Oklahoma, Iowa State, and Oklahoma State were the only schools to place wrestlers in the finals.



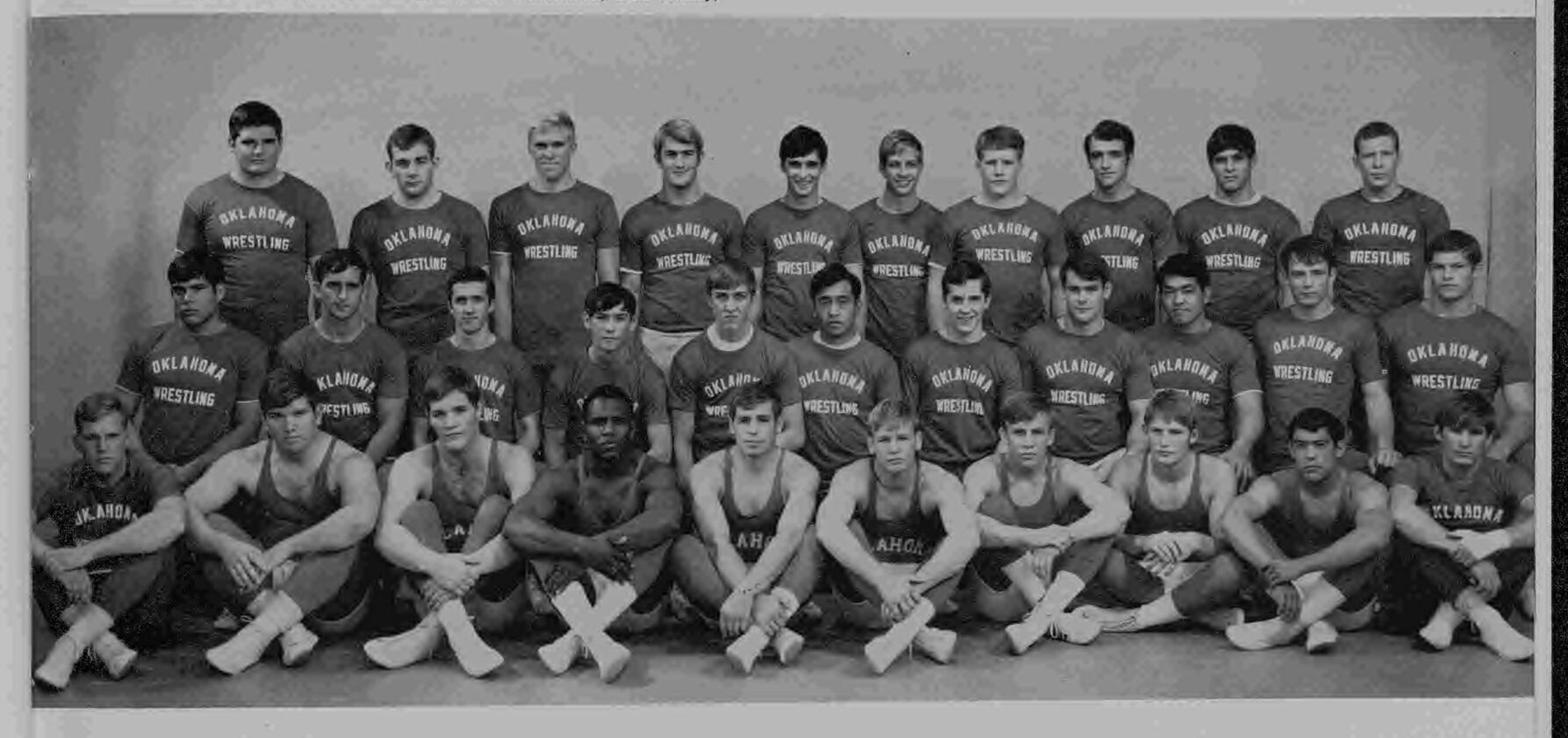




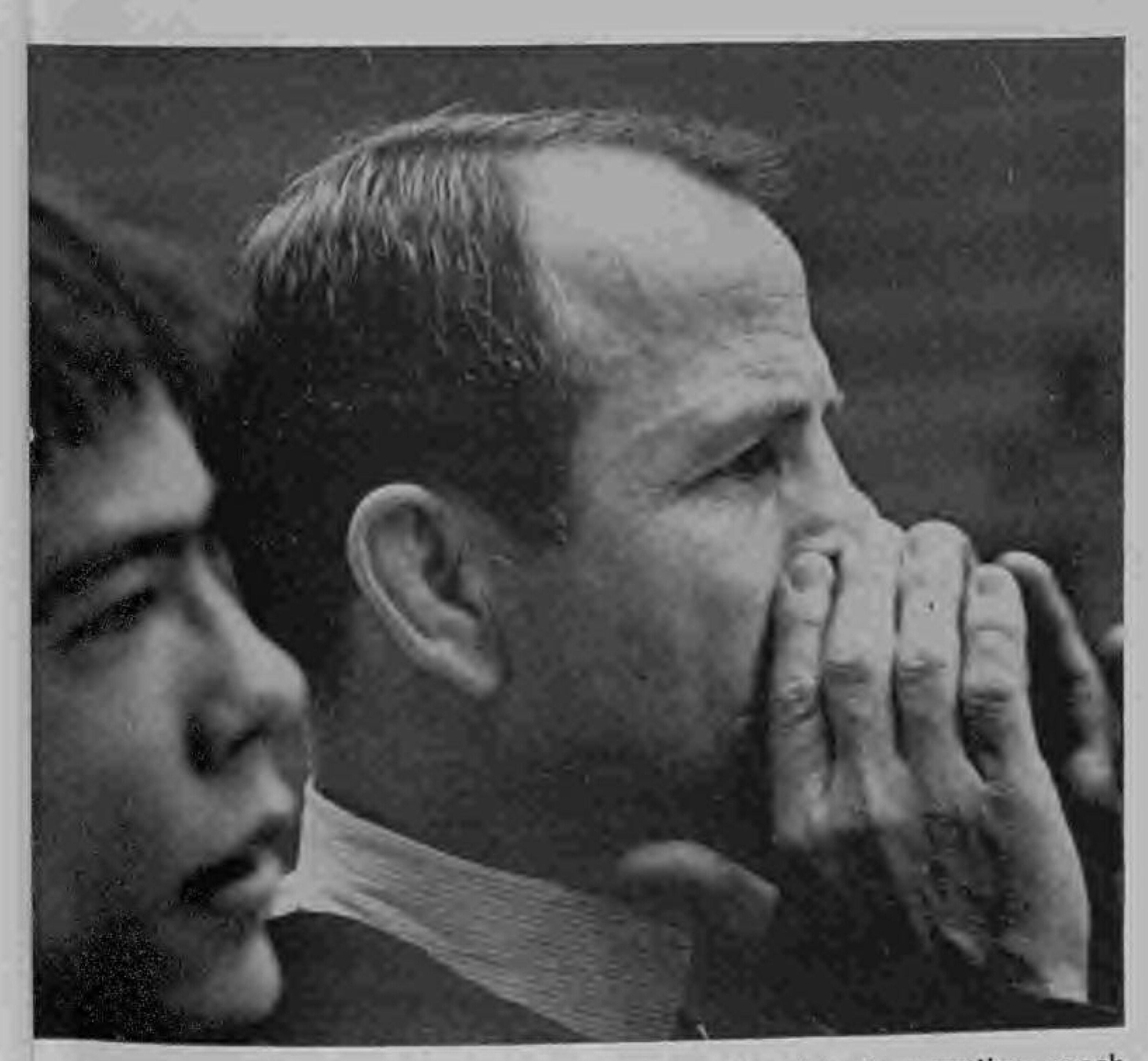
Warming up for the next match, senior Mike Grant watches the action on the mat.

WRESTLING TEAM—BOTTOM ROW: Dennis Brand, Bill Luttrell, Mike Brundage, Charlie Shivers, Larry Laush, Mike Grant, Joe Boone, Tom Abercrombie, Mike Cachero, Jerry Bagley. SEC-OND ROW: Rodney Randall, Tucker Thompson, David Cathey, Clarence Weeks, Trent Miller, Howard Mizushima, Don Cathey,

Jerry Cramer, Ron Mizushima, Terry Anders, Jan Gray. THIRD ROW: Bill Struve, Ken Praytor, Ken Monger, Tom Corbin, Bill Speer, Bill Beakley, John Crow, Paul Allison, Jack Harris, Gary Whited.




## 11-6 Record Posted by Grapplers



Shouting encouragement from the side is wrestling coach Tommy Evans.

Surprising many fans with their "all-out effort", 1970 Sooner wrestlers overcame scholastic and personal problems to post an 11-6 season record. The Big Red grapplers opened the season with three impressive victories in the Kansas State Tournament. South Dakota State, Air Force, and Kansas State all fell by lop-sided scores. In the Lehigh Invitational Tournament, OU crowned five individual champs in winning the team trophy with 83 points. Medalists were Tom Abercrombie, Bill Speer, Mike Grant, Larry Laush, and Mike Brundage.

WRESTLING RECORD: Oklahoma 31, South Dakota State 2; Oklahoma 33, Air Force 2; Oklahoma 38, Kansas State 0; Oklahoma 26, Southern Illinois 8; Oklahoma 29, Maryland 5; Oklahoma 26, Navy 5; Oklahoma 7, Oklahoma State 27; Oklahoma 11, California Poly 27; Oklahoma 30, Missouri 5; Oklahoma 10, Iowa State 26; Oklahoma 22, Minnesota 12; Oklahoma 35, UCLA 3; Oklahoma 17, Northwestern 14; Oklahoma 6, Michigan State 28; Oklahoma 10, Oklahoma State 26; Oklahoma 26, Washington 6; Oklahoma 8, Iowa State 23; Third in Big Eight.



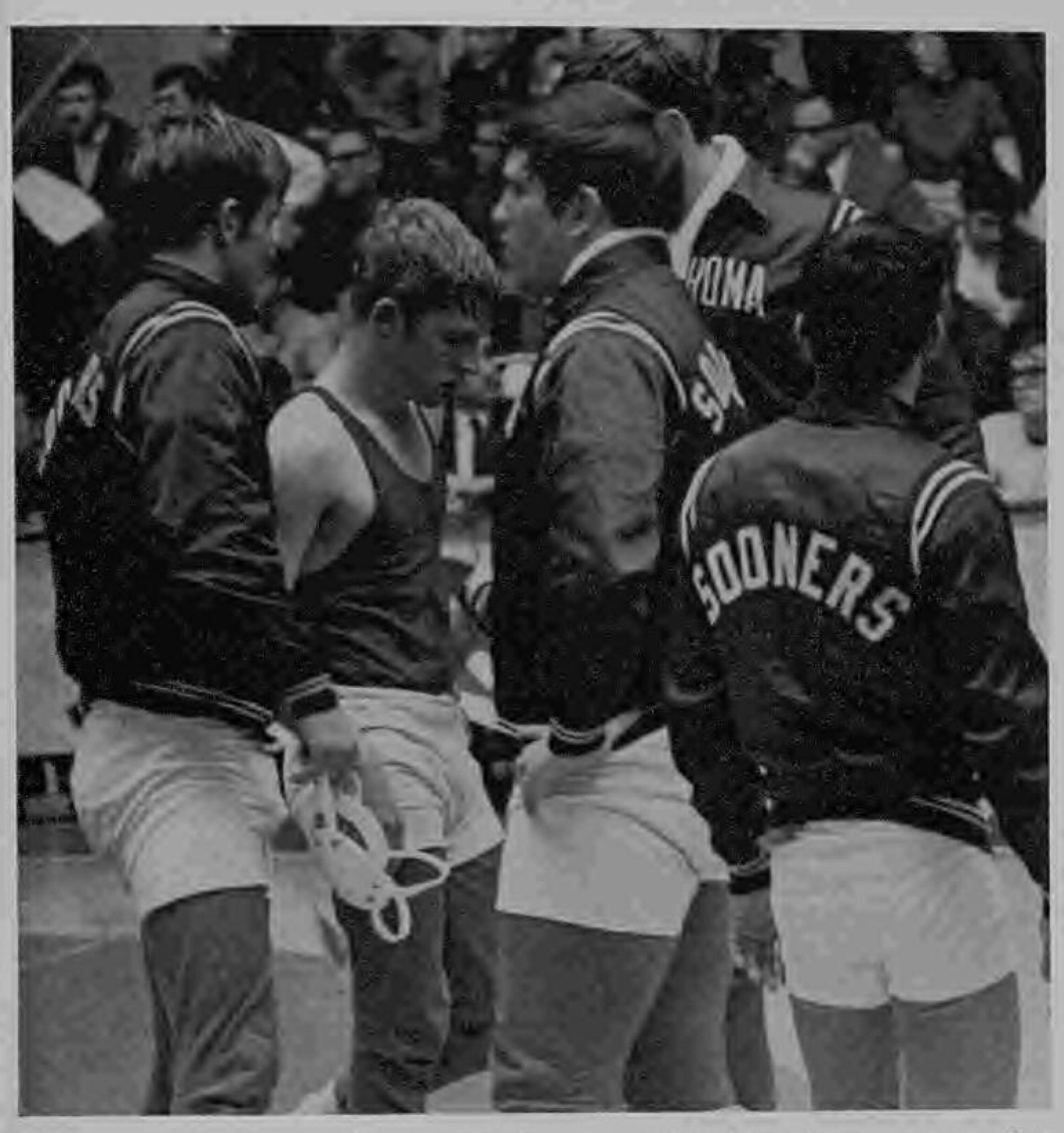
Heavyweight Bill Luttrell moves in for a takedown as wrestling's big men face off.

## Sooners Fall Twice to Cowpokes

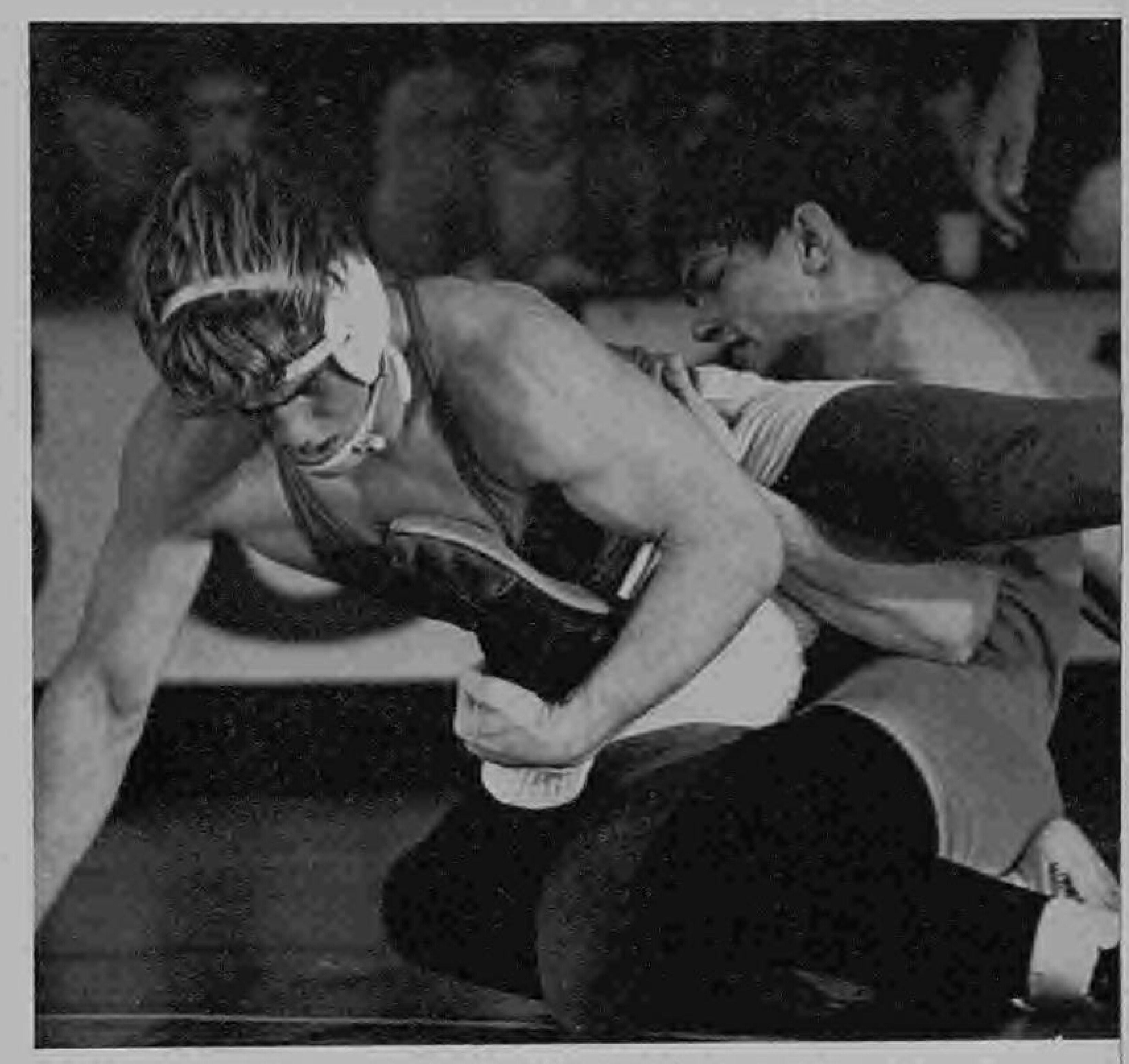
This year's Bedlam Series proved calmer than usual as Oklahoma State struck the Sooners twice. The first match in Norman found the Sooners on the losing end, 27-7, as they could only manage one win and two draws. They fared little better in the second as the Cowpokes won, 26-10. Bill Beakley again drew his opponent but both Mike Grant and Dennis Brand carved out victories.

Big Eight champ Iowa State also swept two from the Sooners, 26-10, and 23-8. The latter match in Norman featured unbeaten Mike Grant of OU versus unbeaten Dan Gable of Iowa State. Gable, who had never lost a college match, decisioned Grant 9-4.

Coach Tommy Evans conditioned his squad for their tough schedule by having them run the Stadium and Field House bleachers.



Junior Tom Abercrombie is congratulated by his teammates after a Sooner victory.



Working around his man, junior Tom Corbin tries to escape.

## Grant Retains NCAA Crown



Breaking away from his opponent in the last period is Larry Laush.

Behind the superb wrestling of senior Mike Grant the Sooner grapplers posted a sixth place finish at the 40th NCAA Wrestling Tournament. Repeating last year's tourney feat, Grant took the championship title at 150. Reversing his opponent with 30 seconds left, Grant rode out the rest of the match for a 6-1 win. His victory gave OU an NCAA titlist for a record 17th consecutive year. Grant was later named as a participant in the East-West all-star match.

Other Big Red wrestlers placing in the tournament included 3rd place—Mike Cachero at 118, 5th place—Bill Beakley at 142, and 6th place—Tom Corbin at 177. The Sooner's 44 team points were only one short of fifth place finisher Iowa's 45.