



WRESTLING

Lehigh Engineers
1927-1928 Wrestling



LANDIS MILLER HORTON LEHR LEWIS
 TRAINER BURKHARDT PALM CAPTAIN HEILMAN MCGOVERN COACH SHERIDAN

Varsity Wrestling

SEASON OF 1928

Captain

WILLIAM M. HEILMAN

Coach

WILLIAM SHERIDAN

Manager

LEONARD M. HORTON

Assistant Managers

JOSEPH G. CONRATH

EUGENE C. QUINLAN

Captain-elect

ARTHUR LEHR

Manager-elect

EUGENE C. QUINLAN

THE TEAM

| | | | |
|----------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| 115-pound..... | EDWARD W. MCGOVERN | 145-pound..... | WILLIAM M. HEILMAN |
| 125-pound..... | HARRY W. PALM | 158-pound..... | ARTHUR C. LANDIS JR. |
| 135-pound..... | ROBERT B. LEWIS | 175-pound..... | ARTHUR LEHR |
| 135-pound..... | JOHN R. DENISE | Unlimited..... | WILLIAM E. MILLER JR. |

1928 EASTERN INTERCOLLEGIATE WRESTLING ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONS
 AND PLACE WINNERS

CHAMPIONS

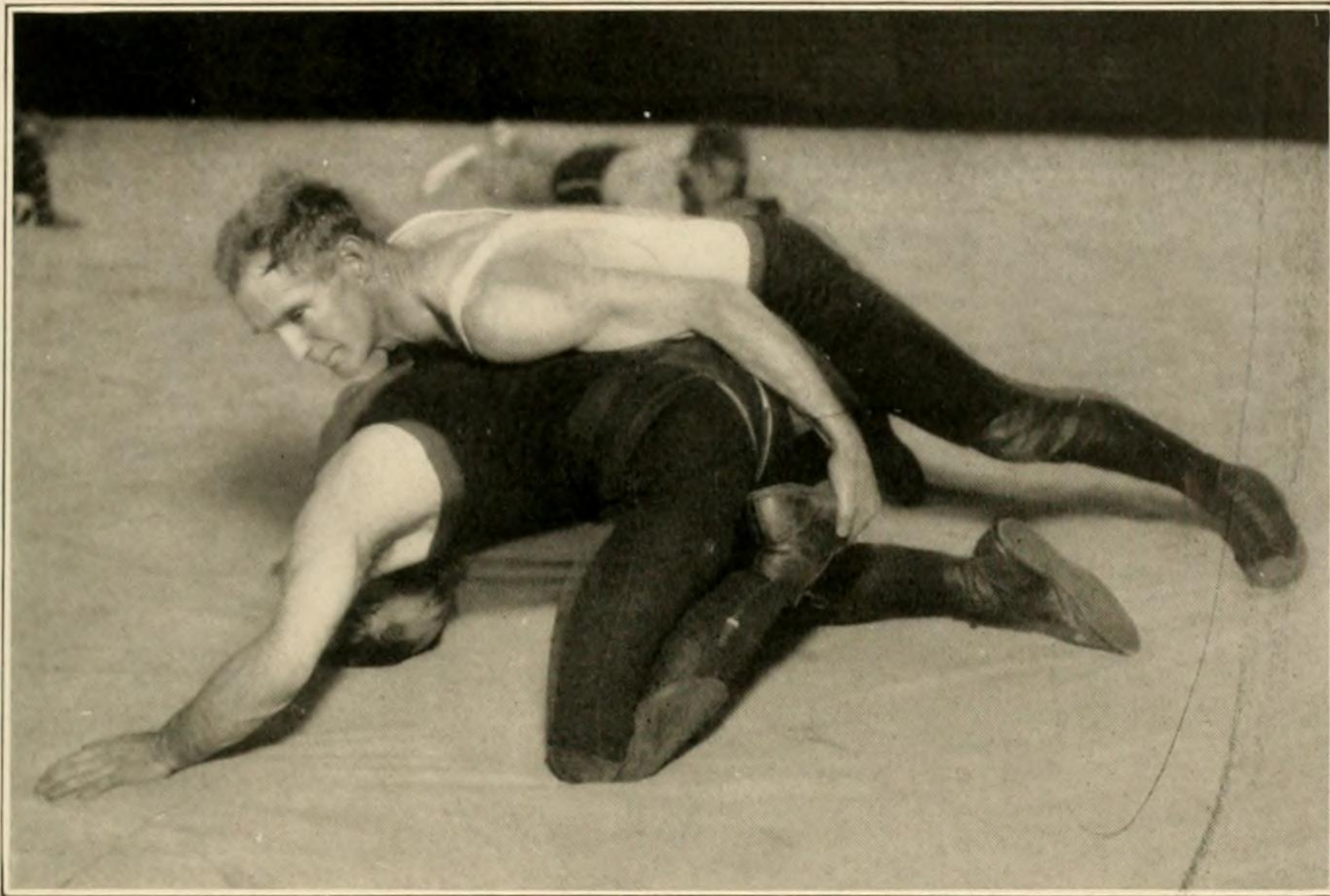
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| 115 pounds | Josefson, Cornell |
| 125 pounds | Wilson, Penn State |
| 135 pounds | R. Lewis, Lehigh |
| 145 pounds | Dodd, Yale |
| 158 pounds | Graham, Princeton |
| 175 pounds | Lehr, Lehigh |
| Unlimited | Stafford, Cornell |

RUNNER UP

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| McGovern, Lehigh |
| Palm, Lehigh |
| Sargent, Yale |
| Roess, Cornell |
| Packard, Penn State |
| Johnson, Cornell |
| Miller, Lehigh |

THIRDS

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| Okun, Syracuse |
| Kent, Princeton |
| Novak, Syracuse |
| Eiseman, Penn State |
| Miller, Yale |
| Gabriel, Penn |
| Urban, Penn |



WILLIAM SHERIDAN, Coach

RECORD

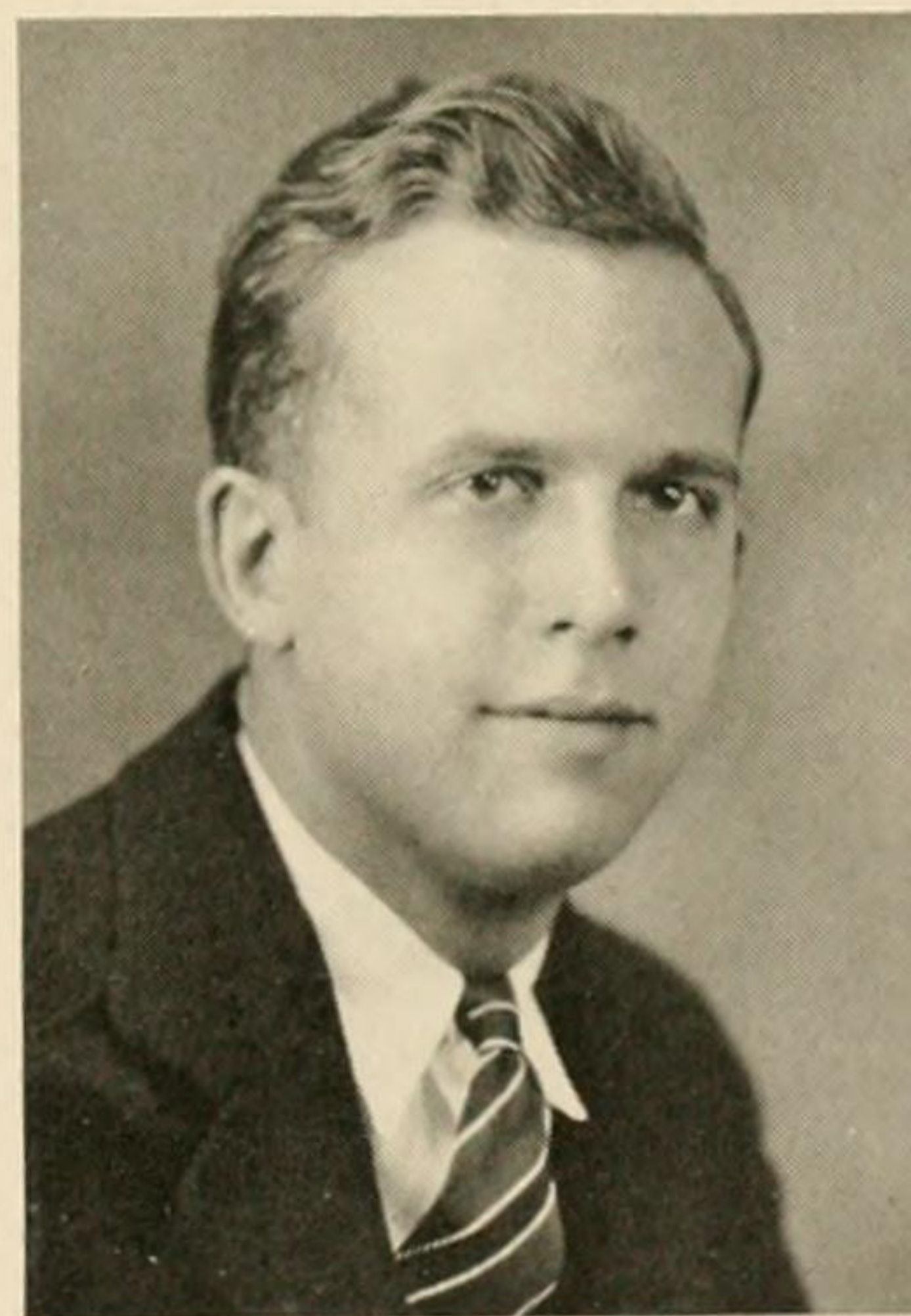
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| Lehigh.....16 | Syracuse.....11 |
| Lehigh.....12 | Princeton.....11 |
| Lehigh.....16½ | U. S. Naval Acad. 10½ |
| Lehigh.....21 | Columbia.....6 |
| Lehigh.....9 | Cornell.....12 |
| Lehigh.....18 | Yale.....11 |
| Lehigh.....31 | Lafayette.....0 |
| Lehigh.....28 | Pennsylvania....3 |
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| Total.....151½ | Opponents.....64½ |

Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association Championships. Lehigh 20, Cornell 15, Penn State 13, Yale 11, Syracuse 7, Princeton 6, Pennsylvania 2, Columbia 1.

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Dual Meets

| | <i>Falls</i> | <i>Decisions</i> | <i>Points</i> |
|---------------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|
| LEHR..... | 5 | 2 | 31 |
| HEILMAN..... | 5 | 2 | 31 |
| MILLER..... | 3 | 5 | 30 |
| MCGOVERN..... | 2 | 4 | 22 |
| R. LEWIS..... | 2 | 1 | 13 |
| PALM..... | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| LANDIS..... | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| DENISE.....one draw | 0 | 1 | 5½ |
| A. LEWIS..... | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| HILL..... | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PHILLIPS..... | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| Totals..... | 19 | 18 | 151½ |



LEONARD M. HORTON
Manager

Review of 1928 Season

FURTHER evidence that the word "Lehigh" is synonymous with success on the mats was produced as the 1928 wrestling season, the best in Lehigh annals, advanced week by week. A clean-cut victory in the Inter-collegiates confirmed the supremacy of Billy Sheridan's proteges after they had vanquished seven of the eight opponents which comprised the most attractive and formidable schedule ever arranged for a Bethlehem grappling squad, in an unusually successful dual meet campaign. Nineteen-hundred twenty-eight saw the Brown and White flag reach the peak after flying high with the leaders over a four-year span.

The first meet, at Syracuse, was indicative of what Lehigh fans were to witness all season. Syracuse's two intercollegiate champions, Okun and Patterson, were upset by McGovern and Miller, and Heilman and Lehr won decisively by falls. The heavyweight battle decided the outcome, and in extra periods Miller assumed the role of aggressor and acquired a 3:35 time advantage.

Again against Princeton the result hinged on the final bout, and the wary Miller made good, winning in the overtime. The Tigers afforded more opposition than anticipated and scored the only fall, which was offset by four decisions. Heilman wrestled more than the regulation ten minutes to win, and Lehr and Denise, in his debut, triumphed.

Performing on a Saturday at the Naval Academy and on the following Monday in New York, as the attraction of Columbia's Alumni Day, the Lehigh grapplers extended their consecutive wins to four despite the two week interim occasioned by exams. All the bouts with the Middies were exceptionally hard fought, Denise and Voorhees splitting points after a no-decision affair that went into extra periods. McGovern returned to the lineup and won from the service captain easily as did Lehr and Miller, who opposed Wilson, star Navy tackle. Heilman was extended to win but got a fall with less than a minute remaining.

The Columbia score was overwhelming, but the meet, granted as an extra contest on a heavy schedule at the request of the Lions, was interesting. Palm, Heilman and Lehr threw their men, and McGovern and Miller won by time advantages, although both Miller and Lehr wrestled overtime. The match between the undefeated captains, Heilman and Hendriquez, was fast and thrilling, the former pinning his rival 36 seconds from the end.

After two undefeated teams had clashed before a capacity crowd in Taylor Gym that rivalled that of the Princeton counter, one remained undefeated; it was Cornell, which later afforded the strongest opposition in the Inter-collegiates. There were no falls but the visitors won four bouts. Two Sheridan entries, McGovern and Lehr, suffered their first defeats of the season. Miller and Heilman kept their slates clean, the latter despite the risky but thrilling tactics to which he resorted. Dick Lewis, in his first collegiate competition in two years, delighted the audience with his skillful exhibition in the fastest bout on the card.

Yale, co-holders with Lehigh of the 1927 title, unleashed surprising strength in the middle-weight divisions, and Lewis and Heilman met their first defeats at the hands of Sargent and Dodd. The Blue captain, Miller, undefeated in eight years, threw Landis. McGovern and Lehr secured falls, and Al Lewis a decision in the best exhibition of the day. Miller clinched the victory for the third time by throwing his man.

For the third successive year since the adoption of wrestling at Lafayette, the Maroon squad returned down the river defeated and whitewashed. Resumption of grappling relations with Penn concluded the Brown and White dual meet campaign in a most satisfactory manner. Six of the seven bouts in the Palestra went to visitors.

Lehigh assumed the lead the very first day of the Inter-collegiates on which all but Landis qualified for the semi-finals as Heilman, Miller and Lehr picked up single points by obtaining falls in the preliminaries. The captain, conceded at least second place, was eliminated by Roess, a different Cornellian than he had opposed before, by less than a minute. Two firsts and three seconds on Saturday assured Lehigh of undisputed possession of the title. Lewis ended a brilliant three-year career in championship competition by defeating Sargent, his only conqueror. While Lehr, captain-elect, profited by Stafford's last minute change to the heavyweight group, Miller's titular aspirations were eclipsed, for the Cornell star's speed and great strength deprived the undefeated Brown and White entry of the most coveted honor. Josefson again beat McGovern easily, and both outclassed Okun, defending featherweight champion. Two unheralded grapplers met in the 125-pound final, and Wilson, substituting for Captain Liggett of Penn State, took advantage of a peculiar position to throw Palm, whose brilliant wrestling throughout the meet surprised even his most enthusiastic followers, of which there were legion. Not only the Lehigh team, but a loyal student body was in the Tiger's lair; numerically Lehigh was also supreme.