

# WRESTLING



## *Review of the 1916-17 Season*

Whatever success Cornell has attained in wrestling may be attributed to Walter C. O'Connell. In the eight years that he has coached the varsity, they have won the championship six times.

At the outset of the season "Walt" had four veterans back; Post in the 145 lb. class; Reynolds, who won second place in the Intercollegiates; Wigsten, 125 lb. champion, and Sager, last year's captain. "Sag" was winner of the first place medal in the 158 lb. class, and was re-elected captain for the 1916-17 season.

Cornell opened the season on February 17 by defeating Bucknell, 33-0. On February 23, the varsity met Penn. State on their own mats and lost to them, 21-9. Post won from Penn. State's captain on decision and Sager secured a fall from his opponent. The superior physical condition of Penn. State's men was responsible for their winning the meet.

On the following night the varsity wrestled Princeton in the first dual league meet of the season. The varsity won 27-4, securing three falls and three decisions. Rofe lost on decision to Princeton's captain in a very spectacular bout.

Cornell met Pennsylvania at Ithaca on March 3. The varsity won the meet 24-8. Weaver and Post lost their bouts on decision.

The varsity won a close meet from Lehigh, March 9 by a score of 21-8. Wigsten secured the only fall of the evening, and Kephart and Reynolds lost on decision.

Reynolds was severely injured, his arm being fractured and as a result he was unable to wrestle for the remainder of the season.

On the following evening, the varsity was defeated by the Navy at Annapolis. Ward of the Navy registered the only two falls of the entire meet, in the 175 lb. class and also in the heavyweight. Post and Sager were the only Cornell men to score, each winning their bout on decision. The final score stood 18-8, as the meet was decided in six bouts, Reynolds being unable to participate in the 135 lb. class.

On March 16th and 17th the Cornell Wrestling team won its sixth consecutive Intercollegiate Championship. In the 115 lb. class, Rofe, who had been injured earlier in the season took second place, while Cornell, a 125 lb. man substituting for Reynolds, won third by a plucky battle. Post defeated his old rival, the former champion, Milligan of Penn. Wigsten and Captain Sager retained their titles as Intercollegiate Champions. Zepp and Bard proved themselves far superior to their opponents by winning the 175 lb. and heavyweight medals.



CAPTAIN SAGER



WILLCOX  
POST  
CORNELL

O'CONNELL  
SAGER

KEPHART

REYNOLDS  
WIGSTEN

ZEPF  
BARD  
WEAVER

## 1917 Wrestling Team

FLOYD CHAUNCEY SAGER, '17, *Captain*

DAVID ANTES RUHL, '18 *Asst. Mgr.*

BERTRAM FRANCIS WILLCOX, '17 *Manager*

WALTER C. O'CONNELL, '11, *Coach*

### TEAM

*Featherweight Class*—115 pounds

LEROY EDWARD ROFE, '18

*Special Weight Class*—125 pounds

JOHN WIGSTEN, '17

*Lightweight Class*—135 pounds

RALPH KEELER REYNOLDS, '17

*Heavyweight Class*—over 175 pounds

GEORGE PHILIP BARD, '17

### SUBSTITUTES

NELSON WARREN CORNELL, '18

GEORGE STEBBINS KEPHART, '17

HERBERT ROLLAND WEAVER, '18

### RECORD—DUAL MEETS

Cornell 33  
Cornell 9  
Cornell 27

Bucknell 0  
Penn State 21  
Princeton 4

Cornell 24  
Cornell 21  
Cornell 8

Penn 8  
Lehigh 8  
Navy 18

### INTERCOLLEGIATES

Cornell 32; Penn 15; Lehigh 15; Princeton 8; Columbia c.