

WRESTLING

Once again the Cornell varsity wrestling squad copped the Ivy League title for the seventh time in nine years. The nineteen consecutive league victories has given the Red three consecutive undefeated seasons in league competition. Since the beginning of Ivy League wrestling the Red have had seven undefeated seasons while compiling an amazing 52-2 record. The Red were not quite as impressive against non-league foes, as they finished the regular season with a 7-3-2 record.

The Red wrestlers opened the season against a highly rated Lehigh squad. Going into the last match, the Red was leading 16-11, and were almost sure of a tremendous upset. However, with less than a minute left in the match, the Engineer heavy-weight John Illingworth pinned Cornellian Joe Bruchac for a 16-16 tie. After an easy victory over Penn and even easier loss to Navy, the Big Red

met Harvard, Cornell's strongest challenger for the Ivy crown. The Contabs went into the meet sporting four undefeated grapplers, but came out with none, as the Red routed the boys from Cambridge 33-0. Neal Orr, at 123, and Warren Crow, at 130, both scored pins, while co-captains Tom Jones and Mike Wittenberg scored decisions.

In a meet whose score does not tell the story, the Red were defeated 20-10 by Penn State. The Red, losing 14-10 going into the last two matches, still had a fine opportunity to win. Wittenberg, at 191 and still undefeated, was leading 7-3 with less than two minutes left, but lost, when Dick Walker of Penn State gave him the works. A reversal, and a predicament tied the score, and one point for riding time gave the victory and the meet to Penn State. The next stop in the Pennsylvania tour was the University of Pittsburgh. The Red lost the first



five matches and Pitt coasted home from there, giving the Red a 2-3-1 record. An angry Cornell squad had their revenge at the expense of Brown, scoring six pins in nine matches for a 39-0 victory.

After a draw with Syracuse, the Big Red destroyed the rest of their Ivy League foes, defeating Yale 20-10, and running over Columbia and Princeton by 28-5 and 32-2 scores, thus completing another undefeated Ivy League campaign.

In the Eastern Championships, the Red finished seventh. Turning in the finest performance for the Red was sophomore Warren Crow wrestling at 123 pounds, who lost a very close 9-8 decision in the finals to John Windfelder of Penn State. Senior Mike Wittenberg took a third place and was awarded the Billy Sheridan Trophy for the most falls in the least amount of time. Also reaching the semifinals was 177 pounder Fran Ferraro.

