

# W R E S T L I N G



Observers close to the mat history of Syracuse squads have pointed out that this year's team was as good if not better than any other wrestling squad to perform on the Hill, a tribute to a fine coaching effort and some capable newcomers who made Saltine followers sit up and take notice.

The 13 points run up by the Orangemen at the intercollegiate tournament at Yale were the most ever garnered by a Hill mat combine. The beating inflicted on Penn State was the first ever handed the strong Nittany club by Orange wrestlers.

A new coach and mat squad hoisted Bill Orange's wrestling prestige to new heights in the 1946-47 season after a four-year layoff. Coach Joe McDaniel, former Oklahoma A and M national champion, brought the young, promising team to a third place in the eastern intercollegiates and completed the first post-war campaign with a 5-2 record against EIWA competition and a midwest powerhouse.

Harvard, Dartmouth, Colgate, Cornell and Penn State were decisively beaten by the Syracuse grapplers to complete a perfect season against EIWA opponents. An upset loss inflicted upon them by Cortland State Teachers and a close setback by Kent State of Ohio prevented an otherwise perfect campaign.



Bob Pickett

The lineup presented by Syracuse at the EIWA meet was one of the strongest ever to perform for the Orangemen.

Each of the top varsity stars are expected back next season with most of them enrolling as Sophomores at that time.

Members of the powerful team this year included the Eastern intercollegiate title-holder and Syracuse Captain, Bob Pickett. Bob grappled in the 175 and heavyweight divisions during the year.

Outstanding in the lightweight classes was Chuddie Smith, who finished third in the EIWA meet. Chuddie led the squad in points as he stopped six of seven adversaries and totaled 22 points in his first-year effort.



The pretzel sport.



WRESTLING TEAM—Standing: Coach McDaniel, Moore, Mulligan, Vohden, Pickett, Manager Woody Bloom. Kneeling: Erickson, Cowell, Shelley, Smith.

Besides the high point total the frosh starred in three classes during the season, the 128, 136 and 145-lb. events.

Bob Erickson, 121-pounder, hit his stride late in the season and wrestled his best matches at the Easterns.

Joe Settanni appeared in the 128-lb. class in midseason and came on with a 3-1 mark.

Arthur Shelley, wrestling in both in the 136 and 145-lb. events during the campaign was forced to the sidelines in midseason after two early wins. He returned for the intercollegiates, losing out to the Navy titleholder in the quarter finals.

Zell McClure, 145-pounder, was another late comer, who finished third in the intercollegiates after defeating his Dartmouth rival in his only regular match of the season.



No biting, please!

Charles Moore, 155-pounder, improved steadily throughout the campaign registering the highest score of the season in a 19-10 decision besides two fast pins.

George Vohden, wrestling at 165 and 175 lbs., won five matches and lost two for his first season. His best match was an overtime loss to Kent State's Middle Atlantic champion.

George Gebhardt, latecomer and 175-and-heavyweight performer, was undefeated in five scheduled matches and bowed to Harvard's heavyweight finalist in the EIWA quarter finals.

Other competitors who saw action included Aldo Caperna, Don Cowell, and George Mulligan.



Peek-a-boo!