

Wrestling

Coach: Joe McDaniel
Capt: Ken Hunte,
Pascal Perri
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Eastern Titleholders

Undefeated Season

*Four Individual
Champions*



It took Syracuse 24 years to gain their first Eastern intercollegiate wrestling crown but only one to annex their second. Coach Joe McDaniel's 1949-50 squad repeated the success of last year's team by eking out a 3-point win in the Easterns.

Copping their second title in as many years came at the end of the most successful dual meet season ever enjoyed by the Hill squad which saw them go through an 8-meet slate undefeated. Topping their success in the Easterns was their excellent showing in the Nationals, where they placed fourth. This was the highest any Eastern team had finished in 15 years, and also the highest ever attained by a Syracuse team.

Sparking the Orange to their outstanding season were veterans Ken Hunte and George Gebhardt. The two tied for dual meet honors, won Eastern crowns, and were runners-up in the Nationals.



Above, Orange 121-pounder Lou Tschirhart completes a stand-up in meet with Cornell. Tschirhart won, as did Orange matmen.



Left, Ken Hunte works for a pin against Franklin and Marshall's 155-pounder, Charlie Cope, as he applies a reverse half-nelson.

Hunte won the Eastern's most valuable wrestler trophy, an honor which teammate Gebhardt had annexed last year. Right behind the two pace-setters were 165-pounder Pascal Perri, co-captain of the Orange, with Hunte, EIWA 121-pound titleholder Bob Gerbino, Joe Settanni, Eastern 136-pound runner-up, and Lou Tschirhart and Lee Nethersole. Others who saw action were Bob Valle, Murry Winer, Howie Tice, Hal Cook, Pete George and John Haas.

In eight dual meets, Syracuse compiled 167 points to their opponents' 54.



Above, a figure-4 head scissors is applied by contorted Syracusean. Left, Joe Settanni hangs on as Big Red 145-pounder attempts to stand up from referee's position.

The Orangemen opened their season with a 27-3 win over Columbia. Tschirhart, Perri and Winer won by falls, while Hunte, Gebhardt, Settanni and Valle gained decisions. Franklin and Marshall was the next squad to bow to the Piety grapplers, coming out on the short end of a 19-9 count. Tschirhart and Hunte won by falls, while Nethersole, Perri, and Gebhart won on points.

The closest score encountered by the Hillmen was against Rutgers, where they managed to squeeze out a 14-11 win. Gerbino, Hunte, Settanni and Gebhardt won decisions for the Orange and Nethersole drew for two more points to give the Orange their win. In this meet, Perri was edged by Mike Perona of the Scarlet to end his 14-meet win streak.

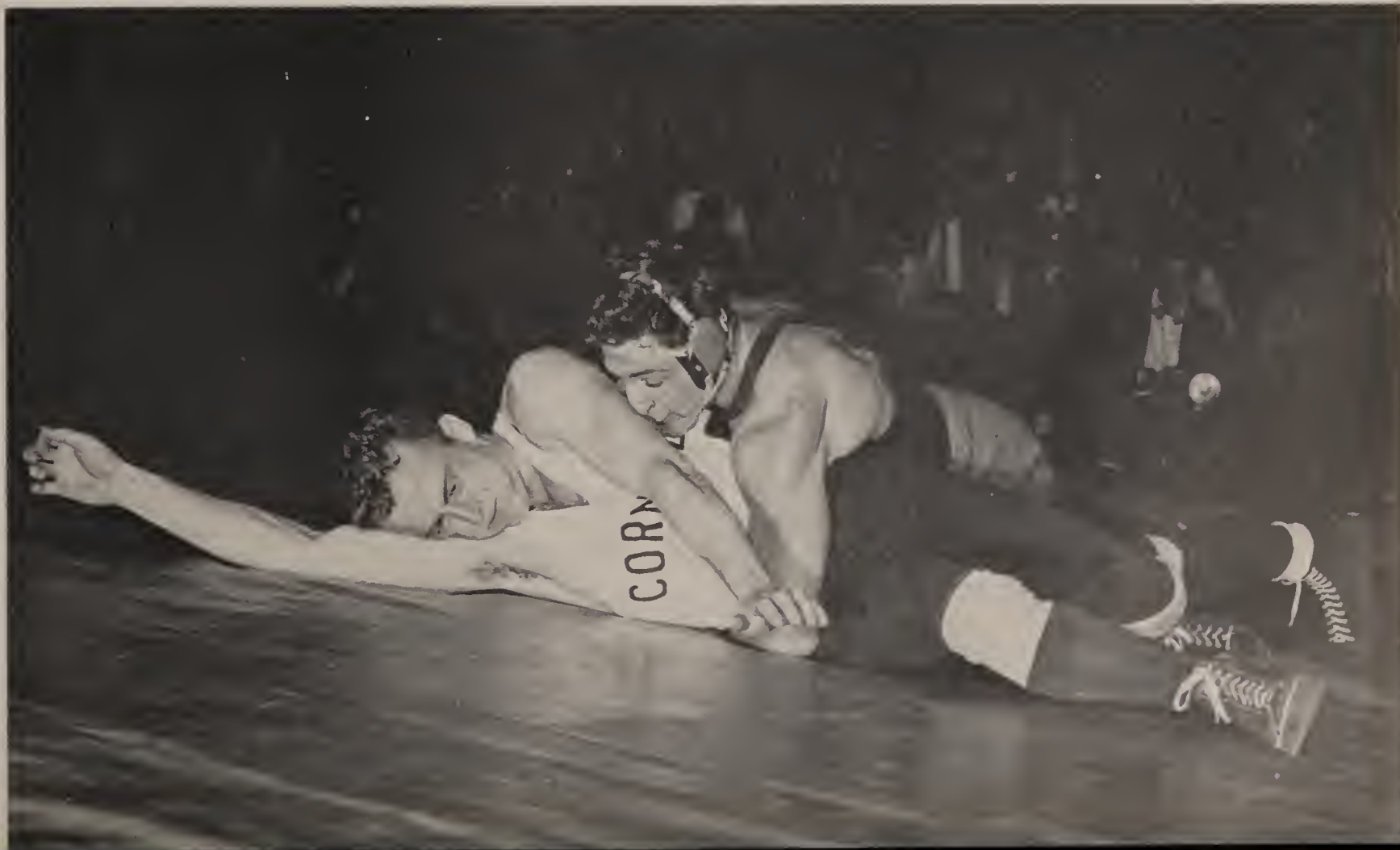
In their first away meet of the season the Piety trounced the West Point Cadets, 22-8. Next on their road trip the Orange downed a strong Penn State squad, 18-8. Returning home, they downed Cortland Teachers, 19-9, for their sixth win.

Next on the Orange schedule was Lehigh, perennially one of the strongest teams in the East and up to this year their jinx team. In all the previous meetings between the two, Syracusans had always come out second best. This year they turned the tables and dumped the Engineers, 20-6.



Above, Captain Pascal Perri is the victim of a cross-face hold.

Below, Captain Pas Perri rides Chuck Taft with tight waist hold. Syracuse whitewashed Cornell, 28-0.





The undefeated Orange wrestlers of Coach Joe McDaniel. Eastern champs for the second successive year, they had four individual title holders, Hunte, Gebhardt, Gerbino and Settanni.

Coach Joe McDaniel with his Eastern Intercollegiate champions. Individual title holders were Ken Hunte, George Gebhardt and Bob Gerbino. Gebhardt and Hunte were also National finalists.

Gebhardt was the only man to pin for the Hill forces but decisions by Tschirhart, Nethersole, Settanni, Hunte and Perri were all they needed to win.

Their 28-0 triumph over Cornell ended the dual meet season. Ken Hunte, by winning in this meet, ended the year with 21 consecutive dual meet victories over a 3-year period.

In the Easterns held at Princeton, the Orange were considered the team to beat along with Penn State and Lehigh. After the first two rounds of competition the Hill squad still had seven men left of their eight starters. However, in the third meet, the semi-finals, they lost three men and entered the finals one man down on Lehigh.

However, Gerbino, Hunte and Gebhart came through in the finals. With Lehigh copping only one title, the Orange had their second straight Eastern intercollegiate championship.

In the Nationals, the Orange entered four men, Gebhardt, Hunte, Gerbino and Tschirhart. Gerbino and Tschirhart were eliminated early in the meet, but George and Ken reached the finals before losing.

An undefeated season, an Eastern title and fourth in the Nationals is a real record to shoot at.



Above, Lou Tschirhart appears to be pulling the hair of his Cornell opponent. Below, Ken Hunte attempts a body breakdown.

