

WRESTLING



Row 1—K. Sturdevant, K. Vollandine, L. Minthorne, K. Hance, F. O'Brien. Row 2—J. Fasano (Manager), G. Policana, F. Gibbs, F. Wilcox, E. Sailer.

Prior to the first wrestling meet this year, Coach Alex Yunevich was pessimistically anticipating a bad season. With the loss of such stalwarts, as Art D'Avanzo and Dale Thompson, the rebuilding job appeared tremendous. The greatest difficulty arose when all the lettermen from last year graduated vacating every weight class.

In the process of building muscle and wrestling "savvy," Coach Yunevich found his pupils both alert and full of fight. What had been a pre-season fear turned out to be a post-season boast. In the 123-pound class, Keith Sturdevant started the season with a bang as he pinned the first man he met. Although lacking experience, Keith has done well against more seasoned veterans. In the 130-pound class, we find the "Little Panther" in Duane Vollandine. Duane had a pretty rough time of it this season as he experienced the hard knocks of wrestling but he has two more seasons to benefit all his new experiences and put his knowledge to use. In the 137-pound class Floyd Minthorn wrestling his first year varsity demonstrated wrestling

"know-how" as he grappled with strong opponents right down to the wire. Ken Hance found it difficult to replace the renowned Art D'Avanzo but in spite of this Ken did well in the 147-pound class. The only veteran returning to the matmen this year was Ed Sailer who has phenomenal use of his legs. Ed's ability to tie up his opponents with his mangling legs has made him hard to bring down.

The most outstanding man on the grappler's roster is Floyd Wilcox in the 167-pound division. Floyd who is synonymous to "Tiger" justifiably deserves his name. Floyd either pins them or kills them. 177-pound, Fred Gibbs stacks a powerful frame with good knowledge of the wrestling game. His only handicap are his feet but Fred uses his body advantageously. In the unlimited class, George Policano, becomes more than a match for his opponents as George combines both football power and strength to remain feared by those who have felt his strength. Coach Yunevich summarized this year's team as "the best all-around and scrappiest team in years."

