Leon Gridley’s Wrestling Swan Song?
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Frosh Sports
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At the West Point Invitational Tournament, March 17-18, Gary Williamson displayed outstanding form and ability in coping 2nd place in his weight class. Jerry Lamonica and Dick Duciaume also represented Oswego at this tourney, but were not as fortunate as Williamson, both of them succumbing in their initial matches. Regardless of their final standing, all three of these fine athletes are to be congratulated on the work they have done this season.

With the ringing down of the curtain on basketball season and the frosh wrestlers making their final appearance of the season at West Point, Oswego bids farewell to the winter sports for this year. "'Tis spring, and a young man's fancy turns lightly to thoughts of baseball, track, golf, and tennis." With the advent of warmer weather and the melting of the snow come the spring sports.

Coach Dick urges all freshmen interested in track to come out for the team. The frosh do not have meets as such, but they do run with the varsity on occasion.

Frosh baseball is already underway with the yearling hopefuls now working the kinks out of their throwing arms in the gym. Mr. Glinski is the frosh mentor and he is looking forward to another good season at the helm of the frosh squad.

The local "golf pro" is Coach Luongo and he is welcoming freshmen to try out for the team. The Linksmen practice at the YMCA and travel to a series of meets during the course of their season.

Leon Gridley, Oswego State wrestling captain, won a fourth place medal in the 4-1 Wrestling Tournament at Cleveland, Ohio, on March 10 and 11.

The tournament is an annual gathering of top wrestlers throughout the country. Oswego placed 20th of the 30 teams that competed. The winner was Wayne College, Pennsylvania, with RIT and Kent State placing second and third, respectively.

Dave Locasio, the only other Oswego grappler entering, was eliminated in a well-fought match by New England Champion Mario DeStephano who had a 14-2 record this year. The score was 4-1.

Gridley won his first match over Don Hafele of the U. of Rochester by a score of 5-2. In his second match, he was pinned by Lycoming's Morgan Peters, who became the 167 lb. champion. In the consolation fight, Gridley defeated Gary Mutter of Hillsdale, Michigan, College and Dave Skonberg of Wheaton College. He lost, however, to Dave Kaiser of Miami of Ohio who again became the third place winner this year. Gridley's over-all record for this season was a fine 16-6.

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