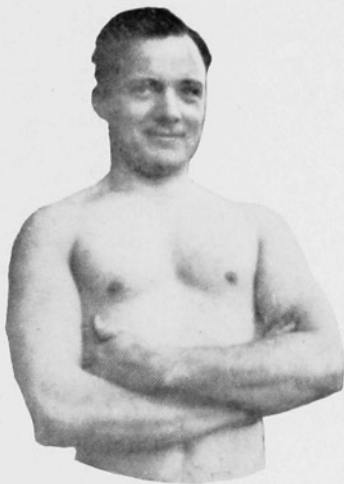


Wrestling



CHENEY, Coach

One of the stiffest schedules ever encountered by a U. C. team in any sport fell to the lot of the 1927 wrestling squad. The mat artists engaged in matches with Michigan State, Purdue, and Indiana in addition to four dual meets with B. A. A. teams and the Buckeye tournament at Athens. Only one of these eight encounters took place at home.

Naturally the Bearcats were out of their class in the meets with Michigan State, Purdue, and Indiana and they were beaten by one-sided scores, although they made good showings in almost every bout in these meets. They won three of the four meets with Buckeye schools and placed second in the B. A. A. tourney. Ray Cheney, serving his first year as wrestling coach, did exceptionally well in developing the material available and his team next year should be a much stronger one.

Four veteran wrestlers formed the nucleus of the team. They were Messu Gorab, in the 115 pound class, Captain "Cookie" Benton in 125 pound, George Mitchell in the 158 and Floyd Hinricks in the heavyweight division. New men who won regular berths were Ran Foulk, in the 135 pound class, Al Butz in the 145 and Whitney Flannery in the 175. Harmon Moress, light weight, competed in one meet and Charlie Dunlop, welterweight, took part in two.

In the first two meets with Michigan State at East Lansing and Purdue, the Bearcats were beaten 16-4 and 25-8. Captain Benton won a decision in both meets, while Hinricks gained a decision in the first meet and Gorab won a fall at Purdue.

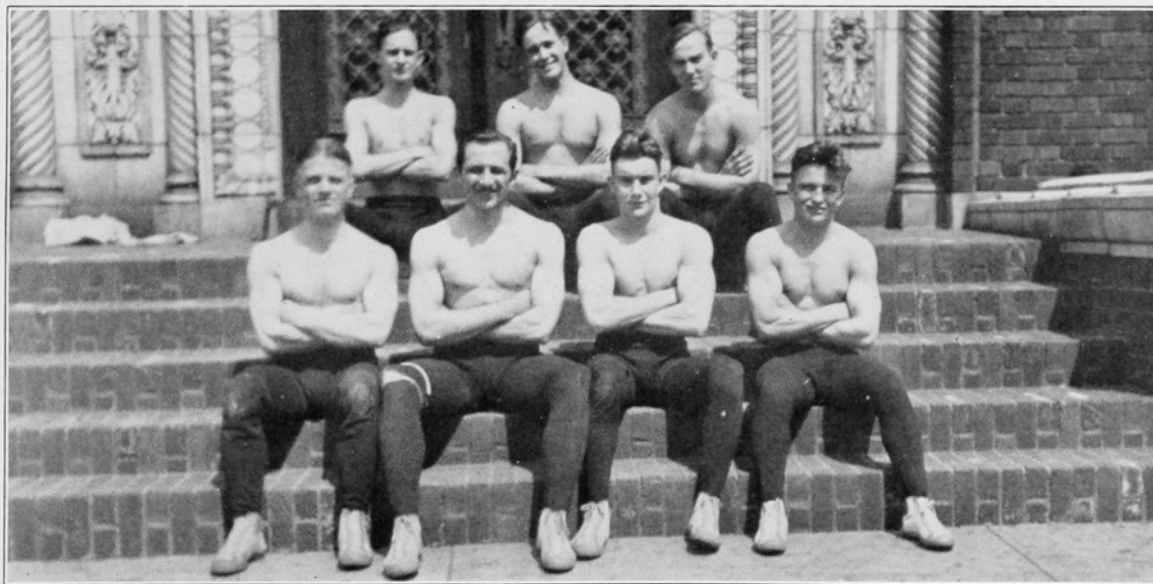
Against Miami at Oxford, Varsity came into her own, winning 22-3. Butz and Hinricks scored falls and Gorab, Benton, Foulk, and Mitchell received decisions over their opponents. Dunlop wrestling in the light heavyweight division lost a decision after two overtime periods in the only bout that went against the Bearcats.

Benton was the only Bearcat to win this bout in the Indiana meet at Bloomington. The score was 23-2. A closely contested meet with Ohio Wesleyan at Delaware went to Varsity, 16½-14½. U. C. won the 'heavyweight' bout by forfeit.

The strong Ohio U. team handed coach Cheney's pets a 22-5 set-back at Athens. Hinricks scoring a fall in the lone bout won by U. C. Benton's defeat was his only set-back of the season. The return meet with Miami resulted in another one-sided triumph for the Red and Black, the score was 22-6. Foulk and Mitchell threw their opponents in this meet and Gorab, Benton, and Butz won decisions. Hinricks lost a decision and Flannery's bout was called a draw.

In the season's finale—the B. A. A. meet at Athens—Ohio U. outclassed the rest of the field and the Bob Cat representatives won the championship in every class except the feather weight division. In this weight Captain Benton of the Bearcats successfully defended the title which he won last year, defeating Glass of Ohio in the finals. Glass had previously beaten Cookie in the U. C.-Ohio meet and had not been beaten all year. Mitchell and Flannery reached the finals of the tourney in their respective weights before being defeated. Gorab was unable to compete in the tourney because of an injured ear. The team scores were Ohio U., 38; Cincinnati, 17; Wesleyan, 8; Miami, 5; and Denison, 4.

Captain Cooke Benton, J. E. Flannery, Messu Gorab, Floyd Hinricks and George Mitchell were awarded letters at the winter sports banquet. Hinricks was elected Captain of the 1928 team.

BENTON
Captain

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