

EIGHT SENIORS LEAD OSWEGO GRAPPLERS INTO CAMPAIGN FOR THIRD STRAIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

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Wrestling is a loner's sport, where any lack of ability, conditioning, or more important, strength of character, becomes quickly evident. A wrestler makes it on his own strength, stamina, fortitude, and guts. The Oswego wrestlers have appeared to possess more than their share of these ingredients. Their record is undeniable evidence of this.

Last year the Laker wrestlers captured seven State Championships—one third, and one fourth in winning the State University Tournament at Brockport. The Lakers completed the best season ever in the history of wrestling at Oswego and compiled a 11-1 record—the only loss coming at the hands of Lock Haven, one of the nation's best wrestling schools.

Two outstanding wrestlers of this team were Harry Furter, a three time State Champ who compiled a record forty-four straight dual match wins, and Dick Shiel, a two time State Champion. Shiel, who is no longer eligible to wrestle, is acting as Assistant Coach for Coach James Howard.

This year's varsity is primarily a Senior-Sophomore team as it possesses eight seniors and seven sophomores. This distribution promises future experienced wrestlers.

Bob Williams, a two time State Champ, is captain of this year's team. He, along with many other veterans of last year and last year's fine crop of freshman wrestlers, constitute the current Laker Wrestling team. The lettermen of this team have especially notable records.

Steve Mullady is a senior who transferred here last year from Nassau Community College. He was number one man at 115 pounds last season and had a 4-2 record.

Frank Friscano is also a senior. A math major, Friscano wrestles at 123 pounds and was number one man in this weight class last year. He won at this weight in the State Univer-

sity Tournament and had a fine over-all record of 7-1.

Brian Jones, a senior from Ilion, New York, had a 5-0 record last year after recovering from a pre-season rib separation. Jones is a two time State University Tournament Champion and lost in the semi-finals of the 1965 NCAA Tournament in Boulder, Colorado.

Bill Wilson who won the State

University Tournament in 1964, is a senior and established a 5-0-1 record last season before injuring a rib. He will be wrestling at 137 this season.

Junior Richard Baldwin, was 3-0 last season and led the team in reversals and predicaments. He also set a new Laker record with a decision score of 22-9 against the University of Rochester and was number two man at

147 pounds. He is one of returning lettermen on this year's squad.

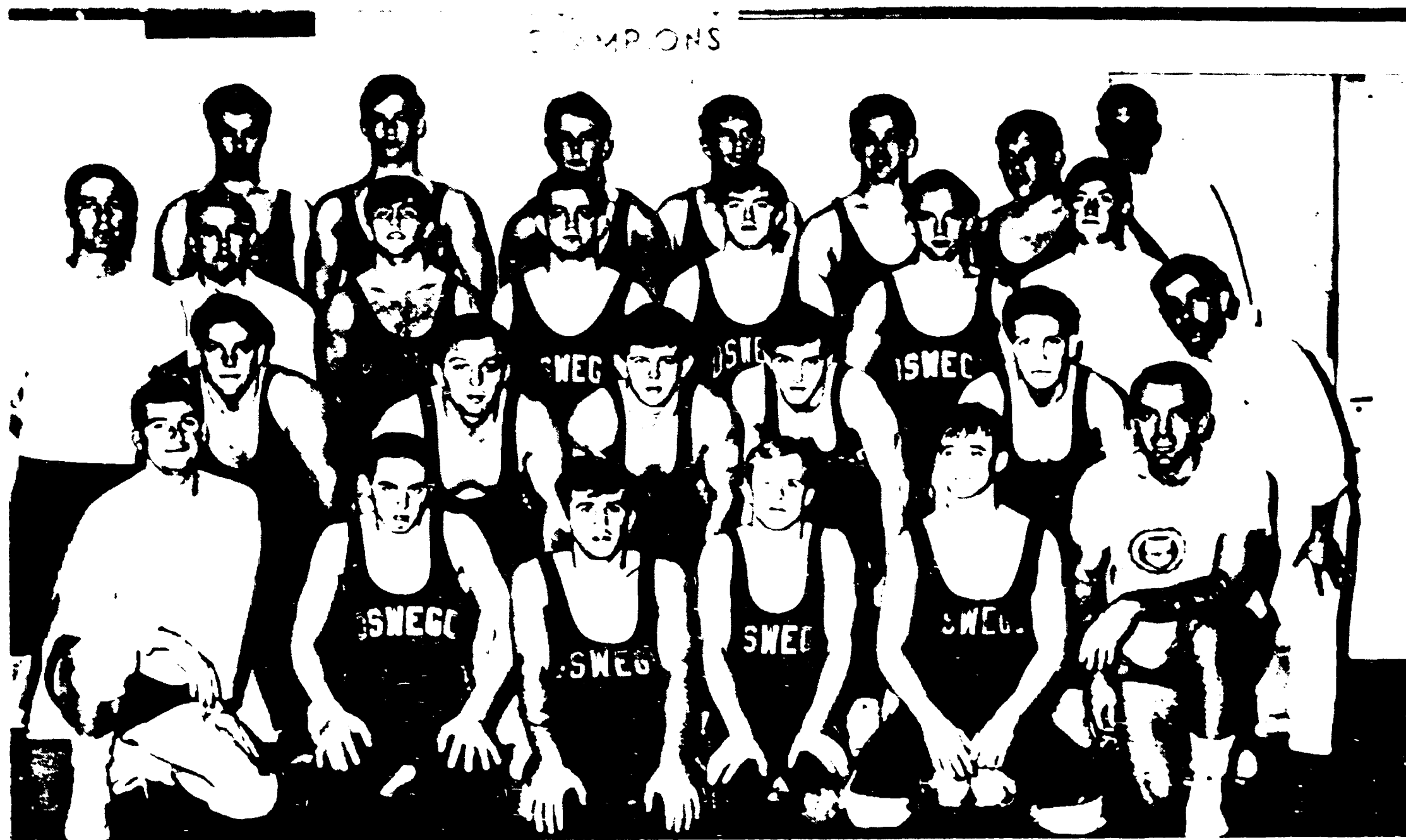
Robert Williams, this year's captain, had a 10-1 record last season, won the State University Tournament for the second time and led the team in takedowns and escapes. Williams, a senior, will wrestle at 152 pounds until his eligibility ends on February first.

Tom Gustanis, a senior, had a 9-1-2 record last season at 160 pounds and won for the second time in the State University Tournament. He led the team for the second year in a row in scoring and the most pins.

Terry Ryan, a senior who transferred from Nassau Com-

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LAKER WRESTLING TEAM—back row (l-r) Dick Baldwin, Terry Ryan, Coleman McGann, Carl Reistrom. Third row: Coach Jim Howard, Dan Stone, Tom DiOrio, Dick LaCombe, Andy Carey, Bill Wilson,

Dick Shiel. Second row—Fred Jondreau, Bob Williams, Brian Jones, Art Zeigler, Marshall Carlozzi. Front row—Coach Ed Frey, Steve Mullady, Frank Friscano, Richard McGee, Brian McGann.

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munity College. had a 7-4 record for the Lakers last year, wrestling at 177 pounds and led the team in "near falls."

Andy Garey, a senior, normally wrestles at 167 pounds but wrestled last season at 191 pounds and compiled a fine rec-

ord of 2-1.

Carl Reistrom, a senior who transferred from Onondaga Community College, had a 4-4-1 record last season and placed third in the State University Tournament.