

Rochard

1955



Front row, left to right: Bud Rommel, Dick Kauffman, Dave Kennedy, Jim Wickersham, Gene Marti, Dick Ostrom, Bill Wooley, Curtis Kroening, Harry Schlieff, Allen Ackerman. Second row: Dave Anderson, Clyde Oswald, August Williams, Lowell Glynn, Stan. Olson, Al Gibbons, Tom Jung, Ray Hanson. Third row: William Evert, Roger Nelson, Dick Thompson, Caryle Campbell, Glenn Hawley, Jim Dunn, John Hallenbeck, Lowell Penz, Perry Williams, Bill Nelson, Bob Angelici. Back row: DeWaine Silker, Clayton Oswald, Toby Reiss, Roy Hawley, Harley Miller, Ron Royce, Russell Page, Ray Knutson, Tom Beagel, Norman Doty, Tom Seldon, Bob Ness, Clyde Ridenour.

Grapplers Produce State Champion

This year's wrestling team finished with a record of three wins and five defeats, good enough for a sixth place finish in the Big Nine. This season was a year of rebuilding as the grapplers experienced their first year below .500 in the history of the sport. Next year's team will be bolstered by the return of eight lettermen.

The local wrestlers won two of their three matches against Austin by the scores of 34-11 and 22-16. The other win came at the expense of Northfield by a tally of 27-18. The Rockets wrestled their best team match of the year when they were defeated by the strong aggregation from Mankato by a score of 23-12. Dick Kauffman, Bill Wooley, Curtis Kroening, Harry Schlieff, Clyde Oswald, and Lowell Glynn all wrestled at a .500 pace or better during the season.

The Rockets finished seventh in regional competition by scoring a total of 25 points. Dick Kauffman at 95 pounds and Harry Schlieff at 138 pounds placed fourth in this tournament. Bill Wooley, the Rocket's 127 pounder, finished third. Glynn placed first as he defeated all competition.

Lowell Glynn was crowned state champion in the 165 pound weight class to make him the fifth Rocket grappler to receive such a honor. Shep was undefeated throughout the year as he won his six dual matches besides breezing through the regional tournament on his way to the state meet.

Big Nine Wrestling Standings - 1955

Owatonna

Mankato

Albert Lea

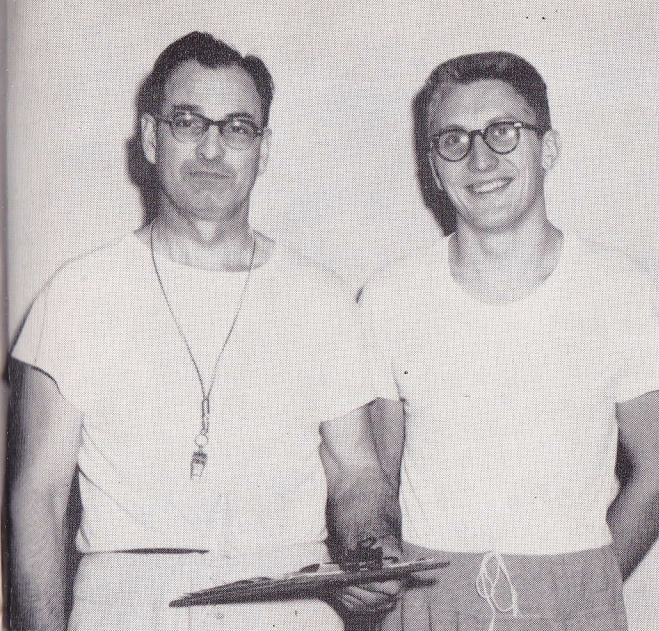
Winona

Faribault

ROCHESTER

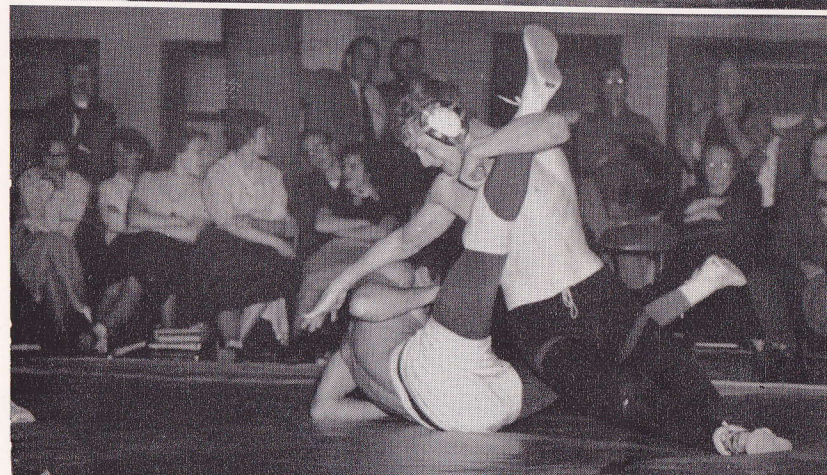
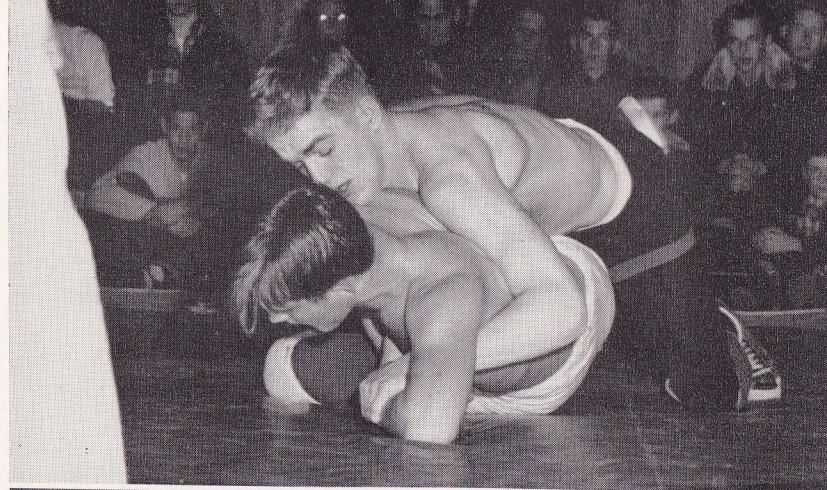
Austin

Northfield



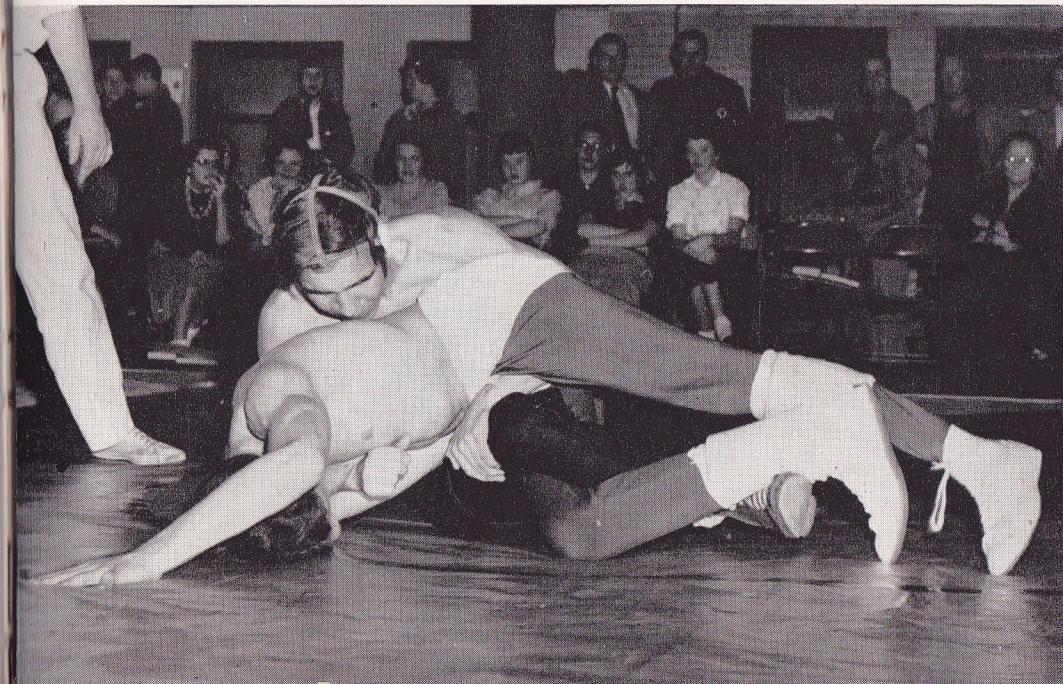
Year of Rebuilding Advance Chances

Head wrestling coach Clyde Ridenour and assistant De-
Waine Silker pause during a practice session.

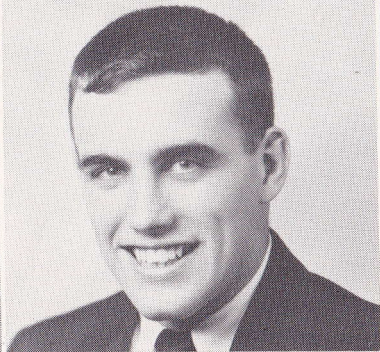


Trying to get his man in position for a fall is Clyde Os-
wald, 145 pounder.

William Wooley is shown reaching for a half-nelson in
his bid for a pin against a Mankato man.



Curtis Kroening is shown breaking down his opponent during the Rocket's
tussle with Mankato.



Glynn, Lowell — "R" Club 10, 11, 12; Baseball 10, 11, 12; Football 10, 11, Co-Captain 12; Wrestling 10, 11, 12.