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ENGINEERS IN SPORTS

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Walter Doring

WRESTLERS as most people imagine them are short, stocky, swarthy-skinned fellows with bulging muscles and size seventeen neck. Strange as it may seem, Walter Doring doesn't measure up to any of these requirements. He is of average height, less than average weight, light complexioned, and wears size thirteen and a half collars. On the campus you might easily mistake him for a musical student, but on the mat he can lick his weight in tigers.

Last spring, Bernard F. Mooney, Ohio State's wrestling coach, entered a few of his prodigies in a meet in Cincinnati. Competition was very keen since the tourney was open to all amateurs no matter if they were school boys, college boys, or laborers. As you know or at least guessed, Doring brought home the bacon in the form of the A. A. U. championship of the 118-pound class for the state of Ohio. In the spring quarter, he won, of course, with no trouble at all, the title in his weight among the freshmen and in the intra-murals.

Doring is a product of Roosevelt High School, East Chicago, Indiana. He very thoroughly impressed upon your writers the fact that East Chicago was in Indiana, not Illinois. So let it go down in history that at least this one fact has been correctly relayed by your dutiful reporters. While still in high school, Doring won four letters in wrestling. He started his grappling career as a freshman, and won a letter the first year, and every year following. If letters were awarded in debate, undoubtedly Doring would have a couple more letters in his possession. But as it is, he has only his professors and his friends as proof of his argumentative prowess. But Doring's abilities do not stop here. Besides being a grunt and groan expert and an orator, he is an accomplished musician as well. He plays the clarinet and the cornet equally well. While in high school, he was a member of the school's concert orchestra.

Doring has hopes of becoming a chemical engineer some day, but in the meantime he divides his time between experimenting in the laboratory, sweating on the mats, working at the University Hospital, and working for the National Youth Administration.

As far as the opposite sex is concerned, Doring is out of circulation. He is a married man of six months experience. Probably his matrimonial status should have been mentioned in the opening paragraph so the one or two ladies who read this article wouldn't have to worry through all this only to be disappointed.

Edward Hudson

Another one of Spike Mooney's boys is Ed. Hudson. Listening to Hudson talk, you would think that Spike was the only man in the athletic department. Spike says this and Spike says that is the main stream of Hudson's conversation. This is no reflection on Hudson's conversation, but we assure you that at the end of five minutes talk, you are very thoroughly convinced that Bernard F. Mooney is a very good fellow.

Getting down to the object of this article, Hudson came to O. S. U. from John Marshall High in Cleveland. He is a sophomore in Industrial Engineering, and a candidate for the wrestling team in the 165-pound class. To date, he has had two years of wrestling experience—one year in high school and last year here at Ohio State. In his first year of competition, while a senior at John Marshall, he walked off with the city championship in the 155-pound class which isn't bad for a beginner. Whether you know it or not, Cleveland is quite a "rassling" town. They like the bouts fast and rough. Last year down here he won the freshman and intra-mural titles in the 165-pound class.

Hudson got a later start on his grappling career by waiting until he was a senior before he took the initial step. During the other three years in high school, he was wrestling manager. It seems that he had a peculiar and not altogether healthful habit of breaking arms and wrenching knees. Of course, you admit that when you attend a wrestling match you expect to see a couple of wrenched knees or broken arms before the evening is over, but when a grappler breaks his own arm or wrenches his own knee, that's news.

Hudson accomplished other things in high school outside the sphere of wrestling. He represented his school at track meets by running the quarter mile and half mile. He was a member of the student council, and president of the National Honor Society of his class.

Here at Ohio State University, Hudson is a member of the Student Society of Industrial Engineers and a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

When asked about this year's wrestling team, he said, "It's going to be better than ever."

Jack Hindmarsh

By this time there should be no doubt in anyone's mind that the engineering students of this university are doing their part in helping Coach Mooney develop a winning wrestling team. Also no one can deny that Jack Hindmarsh individually is doing his share and probably a little more.

Jack, you know, wrestles in the 125-pound class. His usual weight is about 135 pounds, but by rigorous training, he manages to stay at least ten pounds below that weight.

As to Jack's life history, he was born in Ashtabula, Ohio, in March, 1915. Unfortunately, the Ashtabula schools sponsor no wrestling teams, so Jack received his early training on the Ashtabula Y. M. C. A. mat squad. Wrestling on this team, Jack was matched with men from Y. M. C. A.'s of other cities, some of these being from Erie, Pa.; New Castle, Pa.; and Warren, Ohio. High school teams from nearby cities were also scheduled by the Ashtabula team; so by the time Jack was ready to come to college, he was well enough trained in the sport to pursue a college mat career.

Competing for a varsity wrestling berth was, of course, only a secondary reason for Jack's enrollment at Ohio State. Like nearly all students who choose to study engineering, Jack's primary purpose for college matriculation was to learn engineering. He has chosen Industrial Engineering as his own particular field, and states that he likes the shop courses in preference to other subjects found in the curriculum. This, of course, would naturally appeal to a person who spends his recreation hours in a rough and tumble sport like wrestling.

As far as other sports are concerned, Jack states that swimming as well as various other sports holds his interest, but he has as yet found no time for them while attending college. Jack follows one activity that is less strenuous than most of the rest, however, it being the hobby of stamp collecting.

Jack's varsity record in wrestling is still young and, of course, much is yet expected of him. The fact that he is only a sophomore and is already ranked as the number one man in the 125-pound division is, no doubt, an indication of his merit. However, because of keen competition, Jack has to keep in tip-top condition to keep his place on the team; but this in itself is an asset to him, because it makes him better prepared to meet opponents from opposing schools.

There is no reason why Jack should not have a brilliant wrestling record for the rest of his college career. As a freshman, he won the University championship in the 135-pound class. This year he has really put his heart and soul into his training, and has managed to make the 125-pound division. This should make his competition somewhat easier, so all of us are expecting him to continue his good work in Big Ten competition.

Everyone who knows Jack personally is convinced that he is a fine fellow, and he may be assured that we shall always be rooting for him.