

# Sittin' In

WITH THE ATHLETES

Kallio and Conrad.

Matmen Fade Slowly.

John Pesek's Test.

Fog Allen's New Book.

—BY SEC TAYLOR—

THEY GO ON AND ON.

PROFESSIONAL wrestlers seem to go on forever.



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It must have been at least 20 years ago that The Register received stories almost every week about the exploits of Earl Conrad of Thayer, Ia.

He was a lightweight then and claimed the world's title in

that class. He is billed to appear in a mat show here tonight in which he and Gus Kallio, recognized as the world's middleweight champion by the National Wrestling association, will be featured although they will not meet each other.

Kallio, an Americanized Finn, has been wrestling almost as long as Conrad, to my knowledge, and may have been exchanging grips even longer.

IT WAS AT least 12 years ago, possibly 15 or more, that Kallio came to Cedar Rapids to dispute the claims of Jack Reynolds, then of that city, to the welterweight title. I was asked over to referee.

Kallio was too much for the Iowan and won decisively, although it took the Finn quite a long time to win the required two falls. After that defeat Reynolds left Cedar Rapids and, I believe, has never returned except possibly for a short visit.

Since then Kallio has grown heavier and now claims the middleweight title.

Wrestlers work as often and strenuously as any other professional athletes but for some reason remain in competition much longer.

Those who attend tonight's show will see two men who are experts at the tug-and-pull game who will discard the tricks of the modern heavyweights for good, old-fashioned holds.