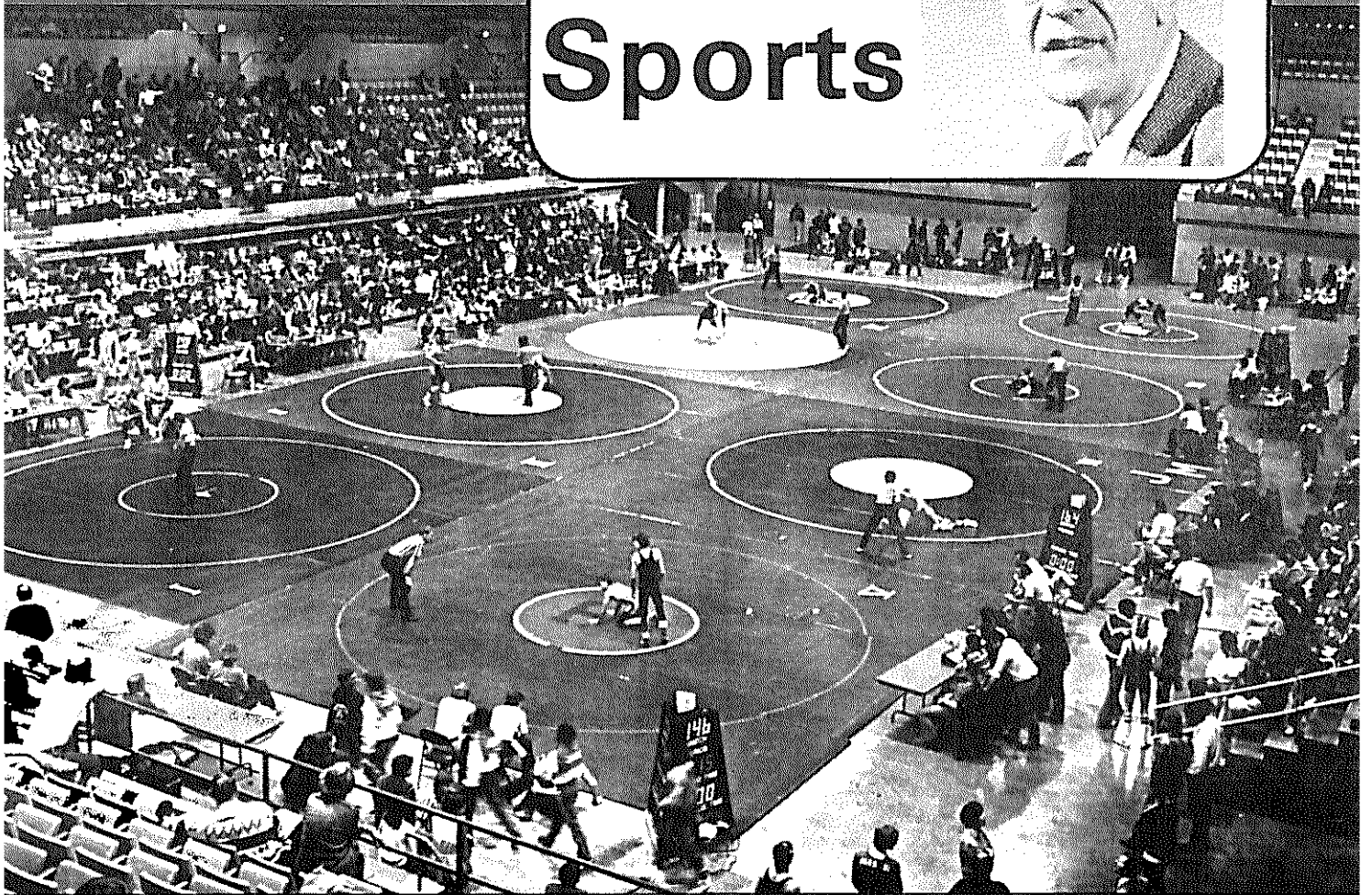


# OHIO VALLEY WRESTLING

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## 50 YEARS OF GROWTH

By Dennis Bowman

OHIO VALLEY WRESTLING: FIFTY YEARS OF GROWTH

Edited by Dennis Bowman

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Front Page - 1985 OVAC Wrestling Tournament in progress.

Cover Photos - upper right hand corner Mr. Bill Van Horne - Sportswriter for the News Register and the major reason this book is in print. I dedicate this book to Bill for his 45 years plus of excellent sports journalism.

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Preface by Dennis Bowman

My main reasons for writing and coordinating this book are sentimental, emotional and historical. When I look back, I think of priceless memories associated with the sport of wrestling. These memories are a rich mixture of athletes, coaches, fans and the press. Their contribution to the sport of wrestling must be told. Unfortunately, time dulls the memory and old newspaper clippings turn yellow. This book is a tribute to the Ohio Valley Wrestlers and those people who helped the sport grow.

In 1937, Shadyside and Barnesville were the only two teams in the Valley. There were a "hand full" of fans and very little press coverage. Today, the sport of wrestling in the Ohio Valley is comprised of thirty-seven teams, four hundred and eighty-one athletes and an enthusiastic tournament turnout of over 10,000 fans.

In 1954, the OVAC Tournament was responsible for the new sense of pride beginning to surface in the sport of wrestling. This book strives to give a documentary account of wrestling in the Ohio Valley. It includes the names of wrestlers from 1937 to 1985.

Dennis Bowman  
Assistant Tournament Director  
OVAC Wrestling

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The writer wishes at this time to recognize the following for their outstanding help.



wrestling articles became so popular that the STEUBENVILLE HERALD-STAR began publishing the column in 1931. Without question, Bill's "folksy" style of writing has captured the hearts of wrestling enthusiasts on both sides of the Ohio River. By the way, Welker is a two-time recipient of the "West Virginia Wrestling Sportswriter of the Year Award" and his informative articles have received national recognition.

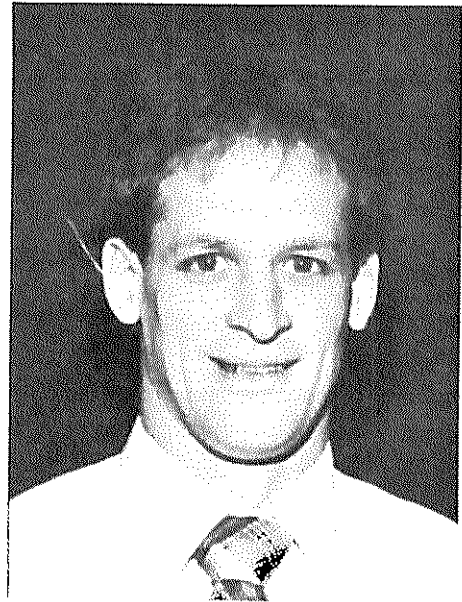
Bill Welker's dedication to Ohio Valley Wrestling spans many years, and his devoted assistance in making this book a reality is greatly appreciated by the promoters of FIFTY YEARS OF OHIO VALLEY WRESTLING.

(Dennis Bowman)

Bill Welker began his coaching career in the Ohio Valley in 1970, but his wrestling roots traverse half a century. In 1938, his cousin, Harold Welker, won the 145-pound State Title in the first Pennsylvania State Wrestling Championships held at Penn State's Rec Hall. Bill's brother, Floyd, was crowned the 120-pound State Champion in 1959. Bill tripled the feat by winning the Pennsylvania States at 95 pounds in 1963. His brother wrestled on the varsity squad at West Point and Bill was a varsity performer for the University of Pittsburgh.

Bill Welker has coached scholastic wrestling for ten years at Wheeling High, Wheeling Central, and Wheeling Park. He and Eric Carder founded the Greater Wheeling Smallfry Wrestling League in 1977. After teaching the sport, Bill joined the officiating ranks and has conducted technique and rules clinics throughout the Valley in West Virginia, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

Perhaps Bill Welker's most significant contribution to Ohio Valley Wrestling involves his ability to write. In 1978, Bill began authoring "Mat Talk" in the SUNDAY WHEELING NEWS-REGISTER, which was the first sports column devoted exclusively to wrestling in the Mountain State. His series of



Terry Brinker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Brinker, married to Jill Perry of Powhatan, and they have two children, Nathan and Andrea.

A graduate of Bellaire High School in 1973 and West Liberty State College in 1978. Hired as a teacher and coach in the Shadyside School District, Terry spent two years as a special education teacher and coach, as a football assistant, head wrestling coach and a track assistant. He began teaching in the Bellaire School District in 1981 and coaching assistant in football and

wrestling. In 1985, he was named head wrestling coach.

(Dennis Bowman)



Boyd "Flash" Nelson - There is absolutely no truth to the rumor that Boyd Nelson has been around longer than the sport of wrestling.

However, if you attended the very first OVAC Wrestling Tournament in 1954, there's a good chance that you saw him there plying his trade as a top-notch photographer.

And if you attended last year's giant conference wrestling tournament at the Wheeling Civic Center, there's a good chance that you saw him again, as we hope to see him in many years to come.

A native of Bellaire, Boyd is a graduate of Bellaire High School and attended Ohio University before entering the U. S. Navy. Upon returning home from military service, he opted for a career in photo journalism and has been chief photographer for the Times Leader for the last 37 years.

There probably isn't another Ohio Valley media person who has covered as many sporting events as Boyd has down through the years, whether it be football, basketball, track, baseball, wrestling, volleyball, etc.

He has been a friend to high school wrestling, as witness the many articles in this magazine which are examples of his work and dedication.

Boyd counts hunting, skiing, swimming, gardening and traveling among his

hobbies. He and his wife, Esther, an employee of Ohio Bell, reside on Rock Hill Pike. Both are active in the Rock Hill Presbyterian Church.

Boyd has been honored by numerous organizations for his cooperation and assistance and the Ohio Valley Wrestling Association is proud to call him a friend.

(Cal Pokas  
Sport Editor  
Times Leader)

Special thanks to my wife, Loretta, and our children, Audrey Ann and Amy Marie, for their help and tolerance the past year and a half.



DENNIS BOWMAN - OVAC

#### WRESTLING'S TROUBLE SHOOTER

Dennis Bowman has been associated with Ohio Valley Wrestling for more than 25 years as a wrestler, coach, official and promoter.

Denny's participation in wrestling began at Bridgeport High, a school that has developed many great athletes. He was on George Kovalick's 1959 Ohio State Championship squad. Moreover, Bowman was a two-time OVAC champ (1960 and 1961)

for the "Bulldogs". Dennis Bowman then followed the man he revered (Coach "K") to West Liberty State College, where he lettered for four seasons and was captain of the wrestling team his junior and senior years.

In 1965, Dennis Bowman began his coaching career when he initiated the first wrestling program at Bellaire St. John Central High School. Furthermore, his 1971 "Fighting Irish" team won the OVAC Tournament Championship. Denny then moved across the street to Bellaire High where he again produced many fine matmen, including Mike Kovalick who became the Big Reds' first Ohio State Champ at 185 pounds in 1975.

After leaving coaching, Dennis Bowman truly became a "troubleshooter" for area wrestling. First, Denny spent some time as a very competent official (Who would dare to question his calls!). Second, he co-sponsored the idea of recognizing past OVAC individual champions on the 25th anniversary of their victories. Third, Bowman has literally become the "historian" for wrestling in the Valley. There are very few mat facts that Denny doesn't know. And, finally, Mr. Bowman yearly assists at all OVAC Tournament meetings, helps coordinate the souvenir program, and fills in as announcer during the competition. He was the Mr. Mat recipient in 1985. He recently assumed the mammoth task of collecting materials to promote this book.

In closing, Dennis Bowman is affectionately referred to as "The Beast", but he is as gentle as a lamb when it comes to his athletic love - Ohio Valley Wrestling! It is with pride and joy that I congratulate Denny on this book.

(Bill Welker  
MAT TALK Columnist  
WHEELING NEWS-REGISTER  
STEUBENVILLE HERALD STAR)

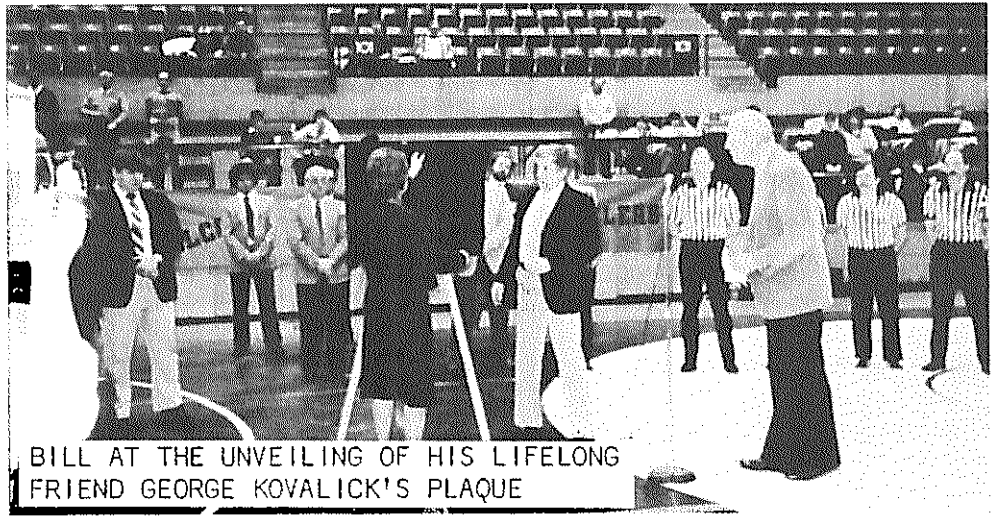


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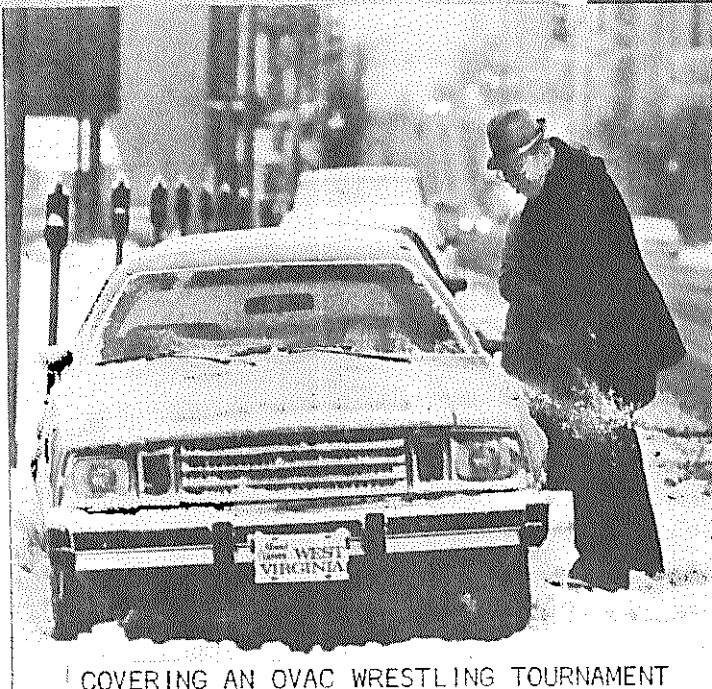
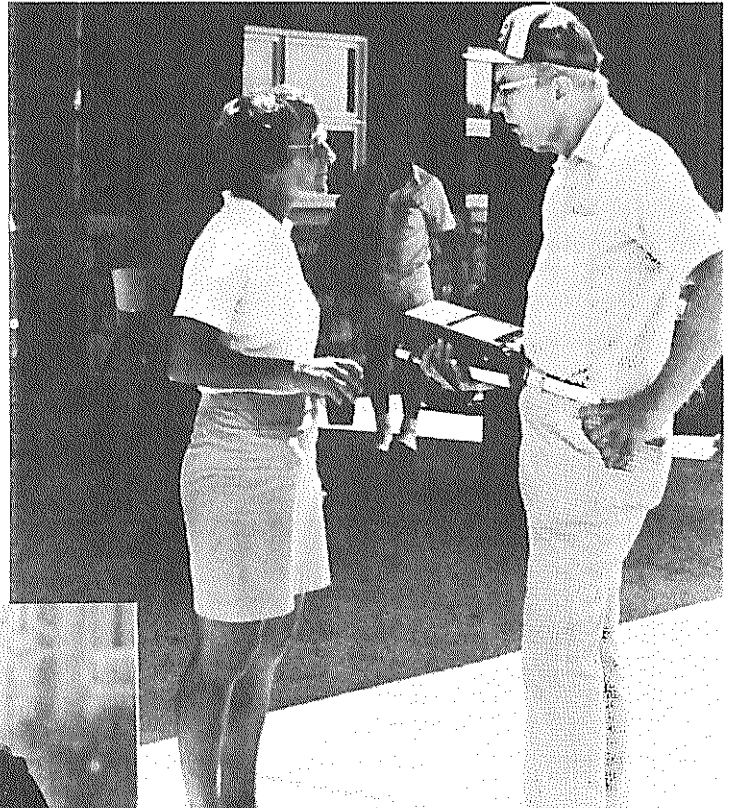


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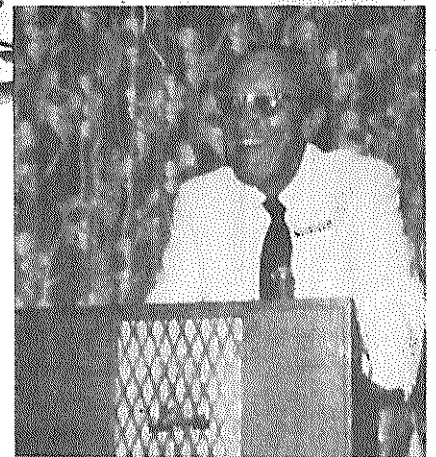
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BILL VAN HORNE ENJOYING THE MOMENT AT ST. JOHN'S ARENA IN COLUMBUS, OH. THE 1959 BULLDOGS WINNING THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

OHIO VALLEY WRESTLING:

FIFTY YEARS OF GROWTH

Dedicated to

"Bill VanHorne - A Patron of the Mats"

William Frederick (Bill) VanHorne was born on March 9, 1921 in Martins Ferry, Ohio. He was the son of James F. and Adria McGlumphy VanHorne. Bill graduated from Martins Ferry High School in 1939 and then furthered his education at the National Journalism Institute of Northwestern University (Evanston, IL) on an academic scholarship.

Bill VanHorne began his brilliant career in writing as the Sports Editor for the TIMES-LEADER at Martins Ferry in 1941. After 25 years of service to the newspaper, VanHorne relocated to the WHEELING NEWS-REGISTER, again taking on the responsibilities of Sports Editor, in 1966.

In a sense, Bill VanHorne (always a sports editor) has never been "demoted or promoted" during his 44-year marriage to the fourth estate. Still, VanHorne's selfless contributions to the sports world through his reportorial skills, integrity, fairness, and insatiable desire to search for knowledge takes him far beyond being just another sports writer. The biographical sketch that follows will vividly demonstrate how much Bill VanHorne has given of himself to Ohio Valley Sports for over four decades.

To begin with, during the late 1949's and early 1950's Bill VanHorne broadcast play-by-play accounts of local football and basketball games on WTRF Radio (now WOMP). Furthermore, for five years Bill hosted the "Saturday Sports Page of the Year Show" on the same station. Likewise, he announced numerous OVAC and District Wrestling tournaments and also served as official scorekeeper for these events.

Now note: Bill VanHorne personally took charge of running the TIMES-LEADER Baseball League for 20 years. He was the originator of the "All Ohio Valley Track and Field Team" and has been selecting it since 1943. His end of the year "Thanks for the Memories" column in the SUNDAY NEWS-REGISTER has received statewide recognition. More-

over, in 1978 Bill sponsored and has always edited N-R's weekly "Mat Talk" series, which is the first sports column devoted exclusively to wrestling in the Mountain State. Furthermore, Bill VanHorne has authored a number of articles for SPORTING NEWS and GOLF WORLD, as well as several personality pieces for West Virginia University's bowl programs.

As a sports reporter, Bill VanHorne has covered two Rose Bowls, four Peach Bowls, the Gator Bowl, the Hall of Fame Bowl, and the Bluebonnet Bowl - traveling to Pasadena, Atlanta, Birmingham, Jacksonville, and Houston. Bill has witnessed such diverse competitions as the "Indy 500", the 1948 U. S. Olympic Track and Field Trials, the 1959 Pan American Games, and the 1959 Russian Track Meet in Philadelphia. VanHorne was also present for the dedication of the College Football Hall of Fame at King's Island, the first event at the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis, the PGA Championship in Akron, the NCAA Wrestling Championships at Kent State University, and all the LPGA Wheeling Golf Classics.

Bill VanHorne is also a prolific orator. He has been the toastmaster or main speaker at countless athletic affairs. For many years, Bill and Dr. Perry Gresham, President Emeritus of Bethany College, were speaking partners for the Ohio Valley Coaches Dinner held at the Belmont Hills Country Club. With Dr. Gresham as the witty master of ceremonies and VanHorne eloquently introducing the Coach-of-the-Year selection, they kept everyone at the edge of their seats. On other occasions, Bill has teamed up with Bob Wion, the tobacco-chewing, guitar-playing coach from Martins Ferry High School, to entertain scholastic athletes and enthusiasts on the football banquet circuit.

Needless to say, Bill VanHorne has received accolades of alpine proportions

during his illustrious tenure as a sports scribe. Some of the more prestigious awards and honors include:

\*1972 WEST VIRGINIA SPORTSWRITER OF THE YEAR AWARD

\*MR. MAT AWARD FROM THE OHIO VALLEY WRESTLING COACHES ASSOCIATION

\*GENE MOREHOUSE MEMORIAL AWARD FOR CONTRIBUTIONS IN SPORTS WRITING THROUGHOUT WEST VIRGINIA

\*HONORARY CHAIRMAN OF THE 14TH ANNUAL UPPER OHIO VALLEY DAPPER DAN CHARITY SPORTS AWARD BANQUET

\*CHAIRMAN'S AWARD FOR THE ELBY'S DISTANCE RACE

\*TWO-TIME WEST VIRGINIA WRESTLING SPORTSWRITER OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER

\* R. S. MCKELVEY MEMORIAL AWARD FROM THE UPPER OHIO VALLEY DAPPER DAN CLUB

\*CALVIN GIFFIN TRACK AWARD

Bill VanHorne has also received achievement citations from the OVAC, the upper Ohio Valley Dapper Dan Club, the Southeastern Ohio District of the Czechoslovakian Society of America, the Bellaire Relays, the Martins Ferry Wrestling Boosters, and the Bellaire Touchdown Club.

Bill VanHorne is a member and Past President of the West Virginia Sportswriters Association, the U. S. Football and Basketball Sportswriters Association of America, and the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association. VanHorne also serves on the West Virginia Sportswriters Hall of Fame and the Upper Ohio Valley Dapper Dan Club selection committees. By the way, Bill is the first sportswriter from West Virginia to be elected to the Football Writers of America Board of Directors.

In the realm of civic endeavors, Bill VanHorne was a charter member and past President of the Martins Ferry Rotary Club. He served nine years on the Martins Ferry Recreational Board. Bill also found time to function as the publicity director for both the Wheeling "Ironmen" and "Blues" Professional Teams.

Throughout his sportswriting career, Bill VanHorne greatly valued the close friendships he has nurtured with athletic personalities on the local and national scenes. His most notable acquaintances include Joe and Phil Niekro, John Havlicek, Lou Groza, Tom Keane, Fred Bruney, Bill Mazerowski, and Bobby Douglas.

Woody Hayes, OSU's legendary and explosive football coach, has always complimented Bill VanHorne on "his honesty and integrity in reporting sports, and his ability to accurately assess the athletic talents of area football players".

Even vacation time finds Bill VanHorne taking in a few sporting events. Further, he has a high interest in the performing arts, which includes the theater and symphony orchestra concerts. Bill reads constantly and is a walking encyclopedia of athletic memorabilia. Likewise, VanHorne has always prompted his journalistic associates to learn to spell, use the dictionary, and never stop seeking insights on sports at all levels.

Yes, Bill VanHorne's dedication to Ohio Valley athletics has traversed almost half a century - and because of his close associations and affection for the sport of wrestling, Bill VanHorne can truly be dubbed - "A Patron of the Mats".

(Bill Welker  
Author of Mat Talk)



SECTION ONE

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SECTION ONE - In Honor of George Kovalick  
Father of OVAC Wrestling

## THE LEGACY OF GEORGE E. KOVALICK

by Bill VanHorne  
WHEELING NEWS REGISTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

This section is dedicated with love and respect to the late George Kovalick, who won more championships in more sports than any other man ever to coach in this area and who was, to a great degree, responsible for the growth in the popularity of Ohio Valley high school wrestling.

Coach Kovalick died on his 61st birthday, April 8, 1984, but left as his legacy to wrestling a group of inspired people who are determined to carry on the program which he developed and nurtured with such energy, vision, and devotion.

"Coach K" was not the founding father of high school wrestling in our valley but did more to promote and expand interest in the sport than any other individual. He always stood ready to help any coach or any school which wanted to develop a wrestling team. He also led by example for he enjoyed unparalleled success.

The first seven OVAC wrestling tournaments were won by Kovalick-coached Bridgeport High teams. The next eight were won by Martins Ferry, where John "Corky" Vrotsos introduced the sport after being indoctrinated into the finer points of wrestling by his good friend, George Kovalick.

A man who was marvelously competitive, meticulous in organization and detail and with an enormous capacity for work, George was driven not so much by the need to excel as by a sense of responsibility that would not permit him to leave any stone unturned, any avenue unexplored. He was a disciplinarian with little patience for incompetence and even less for laggardly performance.

Coach Kovalick was a man concerned with more than victory and defeat. He cared about his athletes as boys and men and he cared about what happened to them outside the athletic arena. A great number of coaches, as well as people who have succeeded in other pursuits, were touched by his influence. He never promised them a rose garden but he taught them how to survive the brambles and tangles. He made them winners - not

only on the scoreboard but in life.

A graduate of Bridgeport High School himself, Coach "K" served with the U. S. Army in the China-Burma-India Theatre of Operations during World War II. He subsequently enrolled at Kent State University. He played four years of varsity football for the Golden Flashes and captained the team in his junior year. He made All-Ohio collegiate guard as a senior.

George Kovalick began his coaching career in 1950 at Bridgeport as an assistant football coach and also initiated wrestling and gymnastics programs. He was to coach for 28 years.

By 1955, he produced a wrestling team which was runnerup in the Ohio State tournament. In 1959, his Bulldogs made history as they broke a stranglehold on the Ohio State Championship which Cleveland schools had held since 1942. He produced six individual state champions while at Bridgeport and his teams not only were dominant in the OVAC but won five straight Eastern Ohio district titles.

The versatile coach also guided Bridgeport's baseball team to four Eastern Ohio championships, four district tournament titles and three OVAC crowns. Promoted to head football coach in 1960, he moulded a team that lost only one game.

His work at Bridgeport won him a coaching post at West Liberty State College. Originally hired as head mentor in wrestling, baseball, and as an assistant in football, he became head football coach in 1962 and his team that year lost only one game. The following year, his Hilltoppers dropped their opener to Glenville and bounced back to go the rest of the way unbeaten to capture the West Virginia Conference title.

Coach Kovalick, who received his master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh, was presented the 1963 Achievement award at the Ohio Valley Coaches Banquet at Belmont Hills Country Club to celebrate his feat of directing conference title winning teams in three sports at West Liberty. He promptly followed up by directing his baseball team to the NAIA championship in 1964.

At West Liberty, one of his wrestling stars was Bob Douglas, who won an NAIA championship in 1962 and was runner-

up in both the NAIA and NCAA tournaments in 1963 before transferring to Oklahoma State University.

Coach Kovalick subsequently moved on to Moundsville High, where he served as football, wrestling and track coach. His wrestlers won the Mountaineer League title in 1967 and were Region One champions and fourth in West Virginia in '68.

In May of 1968, the veteran coach accepted an appointment as wrestling coach at Barstow, California High school. He returned to the Ohio Valley in 1971 at the bequest of his friend and former coaching associate, Gene Remenar, then principal at Weir High. Two years later, he guided Weir High's football team to an OVAC "Big School" championship, a Mountaineer League crown, and to the finals of the state playoffs.

All four of Evelyn and George Kovalick's sons - George, Mike, Will, and Joe - wrestled and played football with distinction. Mike Kovalick accomplished the unique feat of being a state champion in West Virginia as a high school junior in '74 and an Ohio titlist in '75 as a senior - after his father had accepted duties at Bellaire High as transportation chief and assistant football and wrestling coach. Will Kovalick became a state champion at John Marshall High.

Retiring from coaching in 1978, "COACH K" served as athletic director at Bellaire High until the time of his death. He continued to give of his energies and knowledge to the OVAC as baseball and track chairman, as head of the football all-star selection committee, and as the sage of the wrestling committee.

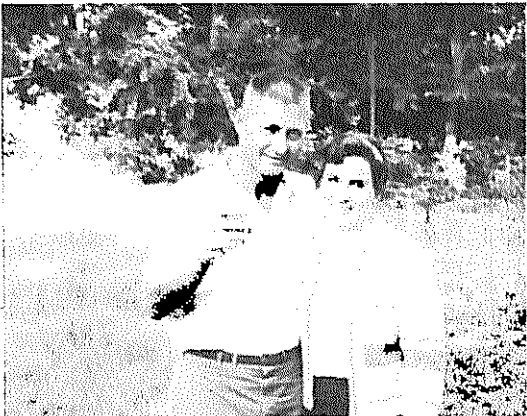
Coach Kovalick is a member of four Halls of Fame - at Kent State University, West Liberty State College, the Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association, and the Ohio High School Athletic Directors Association.

He was the first recipient of the OVAC's prestigious "Mr. Mat" Award because of his contributions to high school wrestling. The Ohio Valley Wrestling Coaches Association has named its annual scholarship award in his memory.



MEMORIES -

Oh So Beautiful But Yet



## WRESTLING

When Shadyside High School revived wrestling in 1979, it was a move which should have drawn cheers from those aware of the history of the mat sport in the Ohio Valley. Shadyside was one of the pioneer powers of the area back in the late '30s and early '40s and, under the coaching of the dynamic Art Kirkland, presented one of the top programs in the state.

However, when Kirkland went to the U. S. Navy and did not return to Shadyside as coach after World War II, the Orangemen were missing from the mat scene until '79, when Terry Brinker was charged with the responsibility of bringing the Tiger colors back to the grappling game.

An ambitious, energetic coach, Kirkland had promoted the sport to such an extent that he took his terms here, there, and everywhere to wrestle and even brought Ohio State and West Virginia Universities to Shadyside for a dual meet. One of the Shadyside trips was to Long Island, N. Y., an unforgettable experience for a group of kids from a valley riverfront town.

Two of Kirkland's first stars were Joe Stora and George Cherokee, both of whom later played football and wrestled at Ohio State. Cherokee was one of the original Cleveland Browns, was third in the state in the 154-lb. class as a sophomore in 1938, champ at 165 in 1939 and a heavyweight titlist in 1940. Stora, who now teaches and coaches baseball at Pleasantview in the Columbus area and also coaches freshmen wrestlers at Ohio State, was third in the state at 138 lbs. as a sophomore in 1938, runnerup in the same class in 1939, and state champ at 138 lb. in 1940.

Shadyside also scored with Vince Mlynek third at 95 lbs. in 1939.

In 1940, the Shadeans were nosed out for the state title 21 - 20 by Cleveland John Hay. Stora and Cherokee being joined as individual champs by George Magyar at 154. Shadyside scored well with Charles Berry third at 103 that year, while Barnesville had Walter Tickhill third at 127, and Warren Jones runner-up at 145.

In 1941 John Hay repeated and Shady-

side was again second, five points behind the Clevelanders. That year Shadyside Medal Winners were Mike Koval (now coach of Hiram College) third at 103; Berry fourth at 112; Don Clendenin runnerup at 120 lb; Mlynek fourth at 127 lbs; Warren Carpenter third at 133; Frank Green runnerup at 145 lbs; Magyar third at 154; and Mike Miller, third in heavyweight class. Warren Jones of Barnesville won the state title at 138 lbs. in that year.

In 1942 Wadsworth nipped Shadyside for the title, 34 - 33, although the Shadeans had four state champs in Clendenin at 127, Carpenter at 138, Dick Putinsky at 154, and Mike Miller the heavyweight. Mlynek was third at 133. Barnesville finished fourth in the state that year with Jim Gallagher third at 127, Dale Murphy second at 145, Denver Kaiser (later the Shamrocks Coach) third at 154 lbs; and Walter Bowersock, fourth at 165.

Because of wartime travel restrictions the state meet became practically a closed corporation for Cleveland schools, starting in 1943, and no Eastern Ohio team broke into the scoring again until 1950 when East Liverpool bagged six points.

## BARNESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

(1937-1942)

by Denver Kaiser

1940-41-42 B. H. S. Wrestler

Early wrestling had it's beginning at two schools in the Ohio Valley before World War II. Shadyside, a state power, was one and my school, Barnesville, was the other.

Barnesville was a community of approximately 5000 people, who were extremely interested in their youth and were willing to sponsor a neophyte sport.

Coach Tipton started the sport at the high school in 1937. He experienced a rough road as far as won-lost records were concerned. The team's first match was at Parkersburg, WV. Ed Long was the only B. H. S. winner (first ever) that day. I'd like to share with you those

wonderful memories of wrestling in 1937:

(1) The "uniforms" were purchased by some local merchants. Wrestlers wore no tops so they had tights and shoes as their main uniforms.

(2) The first "practice area" was the old boys' restroom in the 1924 building (Jr. H. S. now) in the basement of the boys gym. In later years, the practice area was shifted to an old classroom down the hall.

(3) The "mats for practice and meets" were taken off the wall in the gym, and then replaced during basketball practice to cushion the wall. Mattress pads for practice (donated by community members) were used when the mats on the walls weren't available.

(4) The "mat cover" was obtained in 1938 when Coach Lyle borrowed an old cotton tarp mat from Ohio State University. The cover, somehow, was never returned and Barnesville had its home match setup!

(5) Practice times were during the so-called "activity period" which coincided with lunch. We were able to have one and a half hour practices, catching our buses home after school and doing our farm chores.

(6) "Dual meets" were long distance travel caravans in which parents and coaches drove. It was unheard of for a school bus to drive a wrestling team on a

weekend jaunt across Ohio or West Virginia! The "home team" provided sleeping quarters for the Barnesville wrestlers and usually included a homecooked meal. We also wrestled two or more matches per trip if on the extended trips.

(7) The "wrestling coach" at that time received no salary!

(8) There was no weight variance in the late thirties and early forties. If 115 was the weight class, it never changed.

(9) "Schedules" ran from late December to early March.

IT WAS TOUGH TO BE A WRESTLER IN 1937-1942!

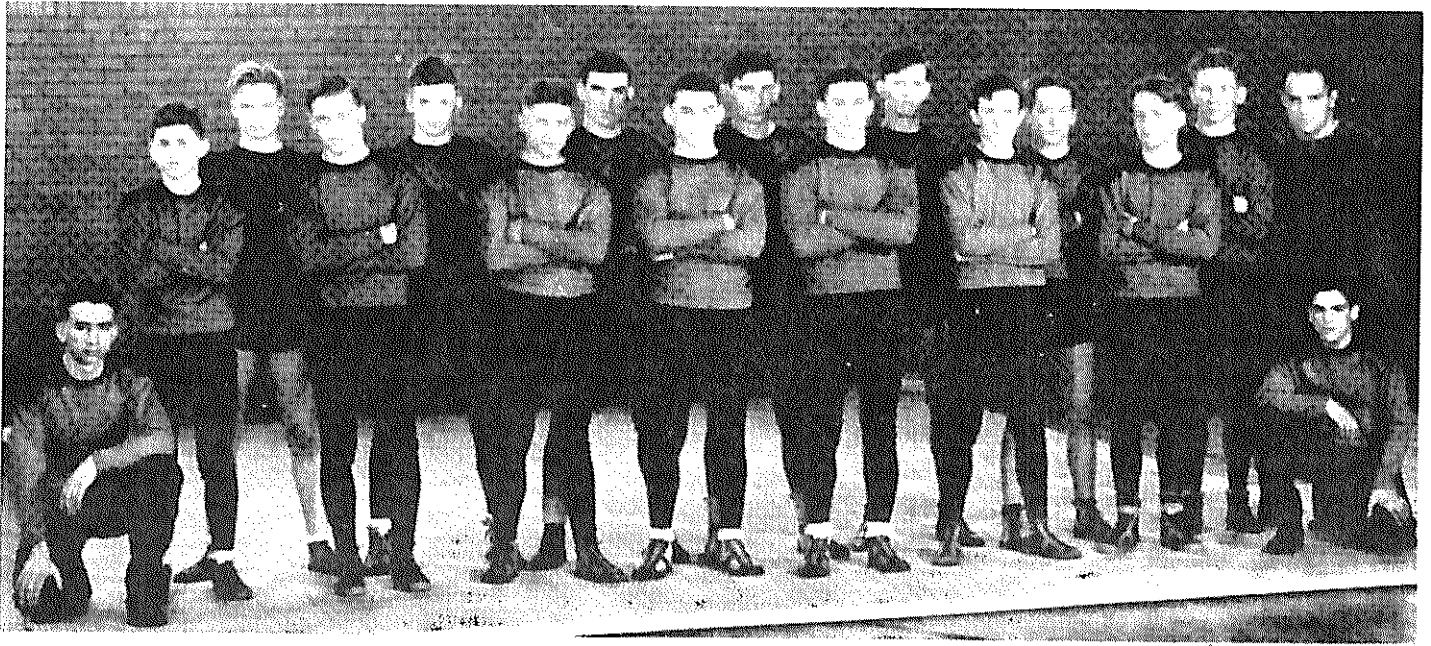
Losing weight was probably something anyone in the Medical Profession would have had a coronary over. In order to lose weight, the athletes used a sweat box. The wrestler would climb in a large box, wrap a towel around his neck and place a bucket of water over a small heater. The steam, which couldn't escape, accumulated inside the box and the wrestler would proceed to sweat.

The most prevalent identification of any wrestler at Barnesville was "mat burns"; nose, elbows, foreheads, knees were common. At that time it was like having a sore for about three months! Mats weren't cleaned regularly and I wonder why Impetigo wasn't an epidemic.

SHADYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

1937

WRESTLING



BACK ROW - Henry Kloh, Edward Chase, Charles Visnic, Pete Vucelich, Archie Ault, Joe Stora, Sherman Malson, Mr. Kirkland.

FRONT ROW - Andy Pikulin, Frank

Bomeka, George Cherokee, Paul Melanko, Charles August, John Kolzenka, Gaylord Ray.

KNEELING - Amiel Dyziadus, Bob Waite.

(THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES AND PICTURES ON SHADYSIDE HIGH WRESTLING TEAMS WERE REPRODUCED FROM 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941 SHADEAN YEARBOOKS.)

WRESTLING TEAM

1937

Many persons were surprised when they heard that there was to be a wrestling team organized in Shadyside. Our school entered into many extra-curricular activities but had never entered into the field of wrestling. However, Art Kirkland, with the backing of the Athletic Board, began to organize a wrestling team.

Four meets were scheduled and the boys settled down to serious workouts. Candidates were plentiful until the boys oriented themselves and found where they stood.

Injuries were numerous but minor in most cases. However, Charles August suffered severely with a "cauliflower"

ear.

The first match was lost to Parkersburg Hi. The team was somewhat crowd shy but won a moral victory and felt that the officiating was not the best.

The second match was won in great style. The Bridgeville PA. team, although having five years experience to their credit, did not measure up to the Shadyside matmen.

For 1937-38 plans are under way for at least eight meets with four at home and four away.

Wrestling has been a growing sport in scholastic circles with a state tournament in the spring for Ohio State High Schools, to be held at Kent State College in 1938.

We are proud of our wrestling team and hope that it is as successful next year as it was this year.

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THE SHADEAN

WRESTLING

1938



Standing, Left to Right - Raymond White, Frank Riesberger, Arnold Vandyne, Andrew Matoszkia, Jim Waite, Bill Vincente, Johnny Rosinko, Richard Davis, Vernon Pickett, Felix McParland, George Cherokee, Frank Romeka, Vincente Melemie, Mr. Kirkland.

Kneeling - Andy Pikulin, Charles Berry, George Major, Joe Prebe, Jack Jarrette, Joe Stora, Robert Hammond, Jim Farmer, Bud Hallam, Johnny Kulazenka.

Shadyside wrestling team completed the season's activities with the First State-wide High School Wrestling tournament held at the John Hay High School Gym, in Cleveland.

Joe Stora and George Cherokee placed third in their respective weights. Each boy wrestled four times while in Cleveland winning three and losing one bout in each case. The awards were in-laid bronze belt buckles.

Seven boys made the trip to Cleveland Friday, March 18, with Mr. Kirkland and Mr. Webster. Those making the trip were all members of the varsity wrestling team, namely: Joe Prebey, John Kulazenka, Andy Pikulin, Joe Stora, Frank Romeka, George Cherokee, John Rosinko.

This year is the first year that wrestling has been recognized as an interscholastic sport by the State Athletic Department.

Shadyside High School had twelve dual meets this year, winning six and losing six.

The team standing at the end of the season showed 195 points earned by Shadyside and 231 by opponents.

The following is the team record:

Carmichaels, Pa.	40	Shadyside	8
Harrisville, W. Va.	24	Shadyside	12
Cannonsburg, Pa.	38	Shadyside	3
Barnesville, Ohio	0	Shadyside	41
Parkersburg, W. Va.	18	Shadyside	17
Waynesburg, Pa.	16	Shadyside	17
Cannonsburg, Pa.	27	Shadyside	0
Barnesville, Ohio	8	Shadyside	28
Harrisville, W. Va.	14	Shadyside	17
Parkersburg, W. Va.	21	Shadyside	17
Waynesburg, Pa.	14	Shadyside	20
Carmichaels, Pa.	<u>11</u>	Shadyside	<u>18</u>

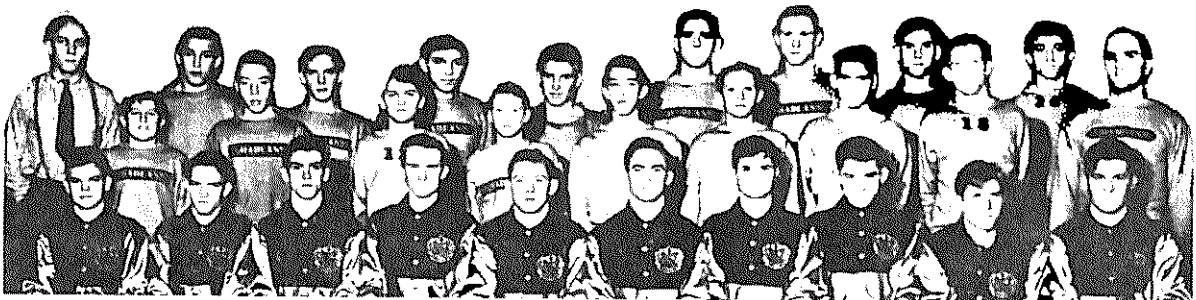
231 195

Senior lettermen were: Vernon Pickett, Andy Pikulin, Frank Romeka, and Raymond White, Manager.  
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SHADYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

1939

WRESTLING



Back Row - J. Wayt, M. Kocheran, C. Berry, J. Prebeg, J. Nuvella, M. Miller, W. Wright, C. Pikulin, W. Vincent.

Middle Row - J. Mocie, N. Tenley, M. Koval, D. Crumbaker, T. Morgan,

R. Pufinsky, R. Lewis, D. Giffin, Mr. Kirkland.

Front Row - V. Mylnek, D. Clendenin, M. August, J. Kulazenka, J. Stora, F. Green, G. Maygar, G. Mocie, G. Cherokee, J. Rusinko.

Coach Kirkland's grapplers enjoyed a successful season. After a comparatively good season with six victories and five defeats against the most formidable opponents in Penna., Ohio, and West Virginia, they made a splendid showing in the State Tournament held at Kent State University.

During the season they met Cannonsburg, Penna. State Champs, John Hay, Cleveland, Ohio Champs, Ohio U. Freshmen, Monongahela, Barnesville, Parkersburg and Caramichaels.

In the second state tournament the Shadyside matmen placed second. In this tournament Shadyside's opposition consisted of the largest schools in the state. Shadyside was the smallest school of the 20 schools competing. For their brilliant performances in the tournament they were awarded a beautiful trophy.

Cherokee won the championship in the 165 weight division. This "All-State" honor added another laurel to his long list of brilliant athletic achievements. Mylnek, who was a consistent winner throughout the season like Cherokee, won second place honors in the tournament. Joe Stora also gave a fine performance in the tournament by winning second place in the 135 division.

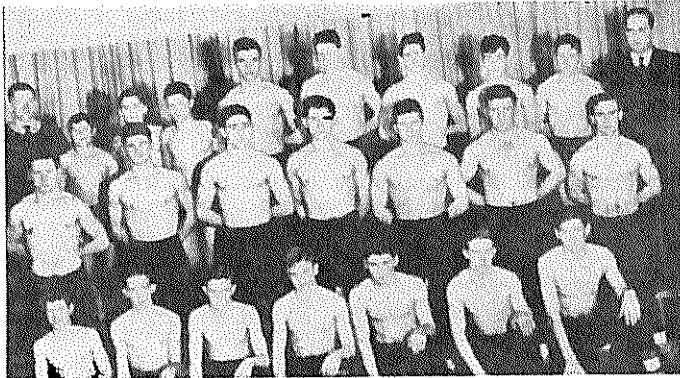
Other boys who gave a good account of themselves both in the tournament and the regular season are Clendennin, Rusinko, Major, August, Berry, Prebeg and Green.

Boys who will be lost by graduation are Kulazenka and Waite. Although they will be missed greatly, prospects for next year are bright as there are many lettermen returning.

SHADYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

1940

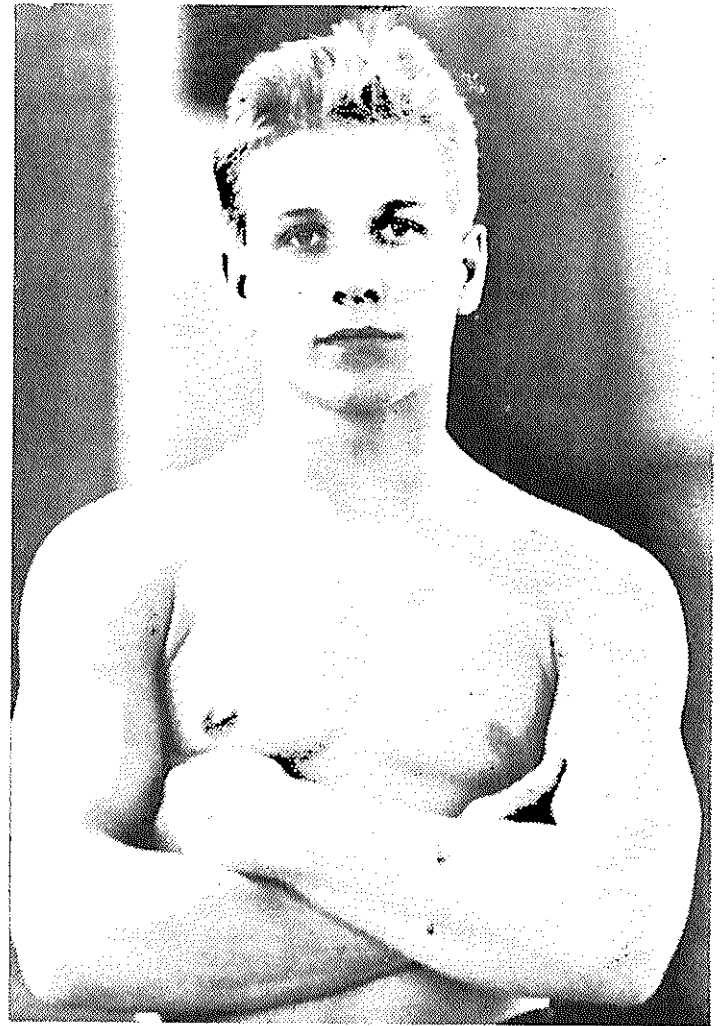
WRESTLING



Third row, left to right - Dixon Giffin, manager; John Mocie, Mike Koval, Glenn Crumbaker, Jim Wells, Don Schafer, Earl Hallam, John Wick, Newell Berry, Coach Arthur Kirkland.

Second row - Joe Stora, George Maygar, Mike Miller, Fwoefw Mocie, Captain George Cherokee, John Rusinko, Frank Green.

First row - Bog Briggs, Charles Berry, Don Clendennin, Vincent Mlynek, John Zuvella, Warren Carpenter, Charles Pikulin.



GEORGE CHEROKEE

165 LB. HEAVYWEIGHT STATE CHAMP

- \* OHIO STATE
- \* CLEVELAND BROWNS

GEORGE CHEROKEE

State Champion High School Wrestler  
Two Successive Years 1938-1940.

## WRESTLING

The 1940 grappling team was perhaps the strongest high school wrestling team in the tri-state area. This team won decisive victories over every opponent in dual meets.

The team was led by Captain George Cherokee, 165 lb. state champion of 1939.

Three members of the team took the state champion title in their own weight at the state wrestling tournament this year: George Cherokee, 165 lbs., George Magyar, 155 lbs; Joe Stora, 140 lbs. These boys are superior in their field. Also, special mention goes to Charles Berry, 105 lbs., a third place winner.

Although John Hay High School of Cleveland won the state team title by a margin of one point over Shadyside. the same team had previously been defeated in a dual meet at Cleveland by the Shadeans.

The first four team standings in the 1940 tournament were: Cleveland, John Hay 21 Shadyside 20, Cleveland Garfield 14, Cleveland West Tech 13. Shadyside was awarded runnerup.

The three champions, as well as Don Clendennin have perfect records for the season.

The schedule and scores for the past season were as follows:

Shadyside	26	Carmichaels	9
Shadyside	14½	Carmichaels	32½
Shadyside	23	Cleveland Rhodes	13
Shadyside	28½	Parkersburg	6½
Shadyside	22	Cleveland John Hay	14
Shadyside	32	Barnesville	6
Shadyside	37	Columbus South	6
Shadyside	26	Parkersburg	12
Shadyside	29½	Weston	11½
Shadyside	31	Barnesville	8

Shadeans Cop Mat Opener - Art Kirkland's grapplers opened the new season with a surprise 26-9 verdict over Carmichaels, Pa. The Shadeans scored three falls, two decisions, and picked up five more points on a forfeit.

Shadyside Matmen Lose to Carmichaels - The Shadeans lost their only match of the season when Carmichaels defeated them by a score of 34½-14½. Yet we profited by this experience.

Casketmakers Whip Rhodes High - Shadyside swept to victory when she downed Cleveland Rgodes High 23-13. The

Shadeans gained one fall and six decisions.

Shadyside Matmen Beat Parkersburg - Our boys won their first match from the Big Reds of Parkersburg by a score of 28½-6½, the Shadeans scoring three falls four decisions, and a draw, with Parkersburg taking a draw and one fall.

Shadyside Matmen Win at Cleveland- Art Kirkland's boys added another victory to their list when they defeated John Hay High School in Cleveland. one of the largest in the state. Shadyside earned three falls and three decisions. the score being 22-14.

Shadyside Cops Mat Decision- The Shadeans held its fifth verdict in six starts after an easy 32-6 victory over Barnesville on the latter's mat. Carpenter, Stora, Magyar and Cherokee threw their opponents.

Orange Grapplers Turn Back South - Our boys truly walloped the Columbus city champions (South High) before the largest crowd of the year. The Shadyside grapplers aided by five falls, chalked up a 37-6 victory over South.

Shadeans Have Second Win Over Parkersburg - With three falls, a like number of decisions and a draw to their credit, Shadyside took Parkersburg for the second time this season.

Shadyside Grapplers Defeat Weston - The wrestlers won their eighth meet in nine starts when they defeated Weston, W. Va., 29½-11½. Our boys took five falls, a decision and a draw. Their opponents won two falls and a draw.

Shadyside Matmen Beat Barnesville - Our Bone Crushers crushed Barnesville again with a score of 31-8. Of course, five falls and two decisions was nothing for the Shadeans.

Shadyside Bags Three Titles--

But Misses State Mat Crown  
Stora, Magyar, Cherokee triumph.  
John Hay nips Shadeans, 21-20.

## SHADYSIDE MATMEN OFF TO GOOD START

1940

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The Shadyside manglers, stranglers or whatever you want to call them, have started their season by winning three of the first four matches. They started out by defeating Carmichael, a tough and hard team to bluff from Pennsylvania, but lost to the same team later when they went to that school.

The Shadeans won their third meet of the season by defeating Cleveland Rhodes, one of the best teams in Ohio which shared second place in the state tournament with Shadyside. The visitors remained in Shadyside over night, staying with various members of the Shadyside squad. Charles Berry with three years' experience decisioned Melvin Stroud who has been undefeated. The 115 pound class was won by Don Clendennin of Shadyside over Dubin of Cleveland; the 122 pound class went to Melanoski of Rhodes who pinned Mlynek; John Zuvella of Shadyside won a decision over Zusy of Cleveland; Vincent Roske, co-captain of the Cleveland team, won a forfeit from Carpenter. the 140 lb. class was won by Pikulin of Shadyside over Thompson, a senior of Cleveland; the winner of the 145 pound class was the clown of the senior class, no other than Joe Stora, who took second place in his decision over Ulyskan of Cleveland; the only pin for Shadyside was scored by Masic, a really he-man from Port Pitt, over Stironek, undefeated this year. The last match of the meet was won by the 1939 champion of the 165 lb. class, no other than Cherokee, that brave warrior from Big Run.

On Friday, January 12, Shadyside won their fourth meet of the season from the Big Reds of Parkersburg, W. Va. It was the sixth meeting of the two schools both having won three meets apiece. Parkersburg had opened their season the previous week by defeating Cowen HI 45-0, winning all nine matches by falls.

Seven of the matches were won by Shadyside, three by falls and four by

decisions. Spordone of Parkersburg defeated Masic by a fall in four minutes.

## SHADYSIDE GRAPPLERS DEFEAT WESTON, W. VA.

Art Kirkland's Shadyside Hi grapplers won their eighth meet in nine at Weston, W. Va. thursday night when they downed the high school team there 29½-11½.

The Shadyside boys took five falls, for a total of 25 points, a decision that gave them three points and a draw that gave them 1½. The Weston team won two falls and a draw.

One more match is on the schedule for Shadyside, when they wind up their season next Wednesday evening at Barnesville.

Swartzwalder, wrestling coach at Parkersburg, refereed at Weston, last night, the results being as follows:

95 pounds, Briggs of Shadyside won by fall, in 55 seconds from Brown, five points.

105, Crumbaker of Shadyside lost to Starcher of Weston by fall in four and a half minutes, five points.

115, Clendennin of Shadyside won by fall in one and a half minutes from Morrison, five points.

125, Zuvella of Shadyside won by fall in two minutes, 15 seconds from Zenakis.

135, Wooster of Weston, Carpenter of Shadyside wrestled to a draw, one and a half each.

145, Stora of Shadyside, decisioned Gould in seven minutes, three points.

155, Magyar of Shadyside, won from Simms by a fall in one minute. 15 seconds, five points.

165, Craft of Weston defeated Miller of Shadyside by fall in one minute, 15 seconds, five points.

185, Cherokee of Shadyside, defeated Bonnett in two minutes.

## SHADYSIDE MATMEN HAVE TEN MATCHES

Ten matches are on the card of the Shadyside HI wrestling show this evening when the Shadean grapplers are opposed by boys from Cleveland Rhodes High School.

This will be the first of three Cleveland wrestling teams to be opposed



this season, the other two schools to be met in Cleveland on successive nights within the next few weeks.

The matches at Shadyside tonight will get underway at 8:30 p. m. Arthur Kirkland, who has been wrestling coach there for several years, has developed a number of boys who will be able to stand up with any others in the state in their own classification.

The opposing teams tonight shared second place honors in the Ohio State tournament held last spring.

The lineups:

105 pounds, Melvin Stroud, undefeated in Cleveland vs. Charles Berry, Shadyside, three years wrestling.

115 pounds, George Dubin, Cleveland, fourth year wrestler vs. Don Clendennin, Shadyside, undefeated this year.

122 pounds, Joe Melanowski, Cleveland, 105 pound state champion 1939 vs Vincent Mlynek, 95 pounds, Shadyside, second place in 1939.

130 pounds, Dick Zusy, new wrestler, Cleveland, vs. John Zuvella, new wrestler, Shadyside.

135 pounds, Vincent Roske, co-captain, undefeated this year, Cleveland, vs. Warren Carpenter, Shadyside, new wrestler.

140 pounds, Jim Thompson, senior, Cleveland, vs. Charles Pikulin, sophomore, Shadyside.

145 pounds, Fred Hams, all city football guard, vs. Joe Stora, second place 135 pounds in 1939, Shadyside.

155 pounds, Mike Vlyshen, third place 145 pounds in 1939, Cleveland, vs. George Magyar new but good, Shadyside.

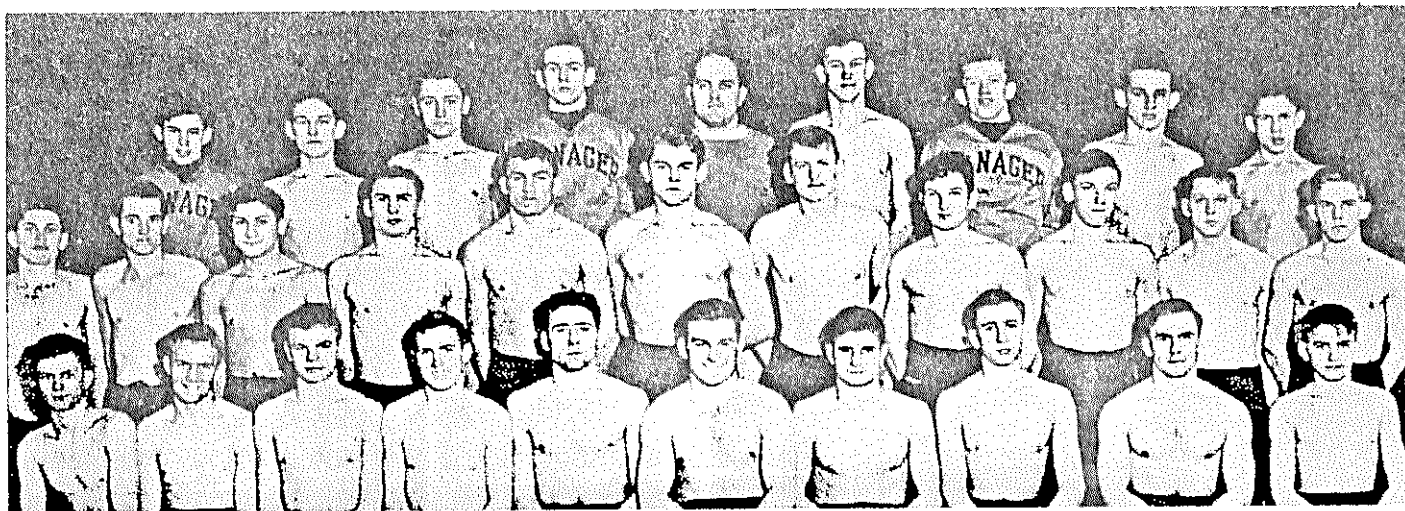
165 pounds, Andy Stironek, undefeated this year, Cleveland vs. George Mecic second year, Shadyside.

185 pounds, Anthony Coljohn, undefeated this year, Cleveland, vs. George Cherokee, state champion 1938, 165 pounds, Shadyside.

Ten bouts with seven minute time limit will take about 1½ hours. The first bout starts at 8:30.

## WRESTLING

1941



Third Row: William Reed, Steve Hader, John Hannan, Richard Lay, Mr. Kirkland, Lenord Cross, Dixon Giffin, George Mihalek, Walter Chaburka.

Second Row: Jack Crozier, Stewart Hammond, Frank Schur, Frank Klovnick, Nick Visnic, George Mocie, Don Shaffer,

Bob Bella, Junior Mayhugh, Newell Berry, Charles Berry.

First Row: Glenn Crumbaker, Don Clendennin, Vincent Mlynek, Warren Carpenter, Mike Miller, John Rusinko, George Magyar, Dick Putinsky, Frank Green, Mike Koval.

## WRESTLING

The Shadyside High Wrestling team completed their schedule with 11 wins and two losses when they defeated Parkersburg 24-11 in their final meet. They started the season off by defeating Barnesville 22-18. This year's competition consisted of the strongest teams that could be found in the states of Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania - Parkersburg being the West Virginia state champs, Cannonsburg the champions of Pennsylvania, and Cleveland John Hay, Ohio Champions.

Several boys went through the season with very good records. In the 105 lb. class, Koval won eight out of 12 meets. In the 115 lb. class, Berry won eight out of ten; in the 122 lb. class, Clendennin won 12 out of 13; in the 130 lb. class, Mlynek won six out of seven; in the 135 lb. class, Carpenter won 11 of 13; in the 140 lb. class, Putinsky won four out of nine; in the 145 lb. class, Green won five and tied one of 12 bouts; in the 155 lb. class, Maygar won eight out of nine; in the 165 lb. class, Miller won five of seven, and Mocie won five of six bouts; in the 185 lb. class, Rusinko won five out of nine.

The team record for the season was

as follows:

Barnesville	18	Shadyside	22
Cleveland	6	Shadyside	32
Carmichaels	13	Shadyside	29
Waynesburg	30	Shadyside	6
Parkersburg	17	Shadyside	27
Cleveland John Hay	18	Shadyside	14
Harrisville, W. Va.	10	Shadyside	24
Carmichaels	13	Shadyside	25
Columbus South	6	Shadyside	32
Barnesville	12	Shadyside	25
Harrisville	5	Shadyside	33
Columbus West	6	Shadyside	34
Parkersburg	<u>11</u>	Shadyside	<u>24</u>

Opponents 165 Shadyside 327

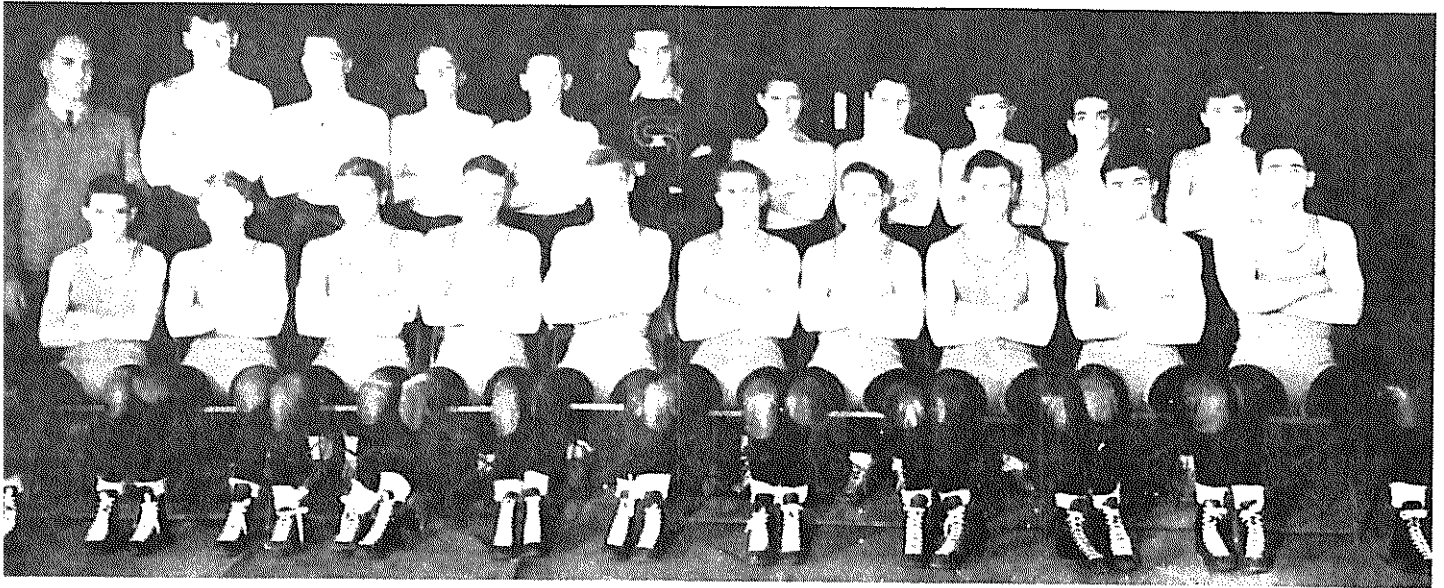
For the third consecutive year Shadyside placed second in the State Tournament, being runnerup to Cleveland John Hay. Although there were no State Champions in the Shadyside camp, eight of the ten boys placed in one of the first four placements, all eight receiving award medals.

Of the ten varsity boys, there are four seniors to graduate this year; Berry, a four-year letterman; Maygar, a three-year letterman; Rusinko, a four-year letterman, and Green, a two-year letterman.

## SHADYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

1942

## WRESTLING SQUAD



Standing, l. to r.: Coach Arthur Kirkland, Don Schaffer, John Hannan, Joe Mayhugh, Dick Lay, Walter Chaburka, Frank Koval, Ernest Wodiske, Bill Morgan, Steve Magyar.

Seated, l. to r.: Bill Reed, Mike Koval, Frank Schur, Don Clendennin, Vincent Mlynek, Warren Carpenter, Newell Berry, Dick Putinsky, Nick Visnic, Mike Miller.

Donald Clendennin a 1940-41 letterman, was chosen to captain the team. The first team comprised seven seniors, two juniors and one sophomore.

The boys wound up a glorious season, winning 11 and losing 1.

The record:

Barnesville 5 Shadyside 39

Waynesburg	10	Shadyside	30
Barnesville	3	Shadyside	35
Cleveland Garfield	11	Shadyside	31
Cleveland Rhodes	6	Shadyside	34
Parkersburg	0	Shadyside	40
Cleveland John Hay	12	Shadyside	20
Columbus South	3	Shadyside	33
Canonsburg Pa.	9	Shadyside	29
Parkersburg	9	Shadyside	32
Wellington C. Nephaw N. Y.	19	Shadyside	17
Anityville. L. Is- land. N. Y.	16	Shadyside	24

The tournament at Kent brought touch competition, and although Shadyside brought home four State Champions - Mike Miller, Dick Putinsky, Don Clendennin and Warren Carpenter - we were again nosed out of the State Championship 34-33, by Wadsworth High School.

## BARNESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

1937-38

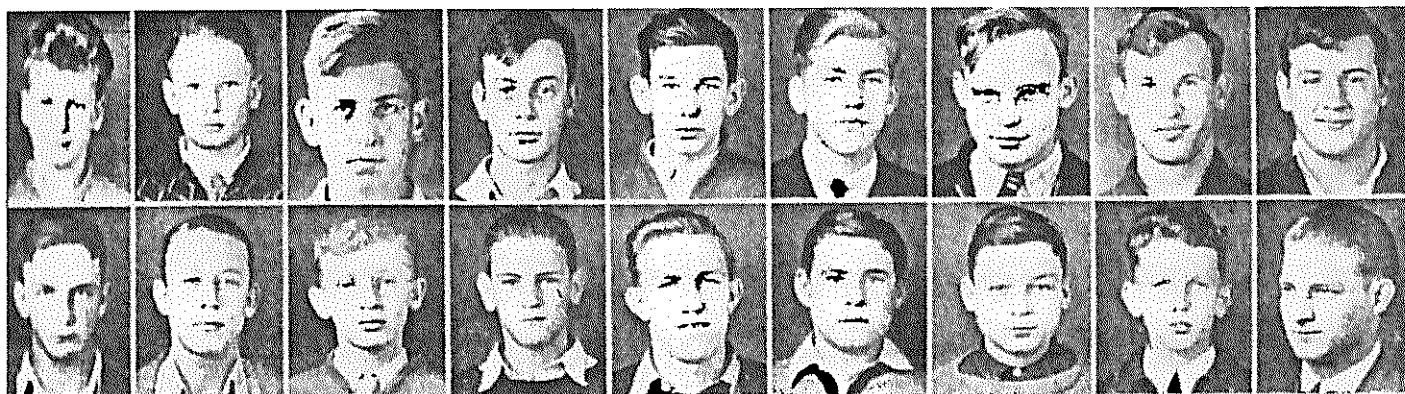
### WRESTLING

Barnesville began its first wrestling team this year, under the direction of Mr. Tipton. Although the team failed to win its matches, prospects are bright for a better season next year since eight members of the squad return, two of them being lettermen.

The team went to Parkersburg for its first match in which Edward Long, a junior, was the only winner for B. H. S. Journeying to Shadyside for the second contest,

the team was unable to score. In the third match, also with Shadyside, which was held at Barnesville, Long, House and Tickhill scored wins over their opponents. Parkersburg won all the bouts in the final match of the season in their return engagement with our team.

The squad included the following: Kaiser, Jones, E. Kominsky, Fitzgerald, Loeffler, Logan, McGregor, Persons, Stubbs, House (captain), Dailey, Tickhill, Long, Lyons, Hall, and Warfield and Carpenter (manager). Of these House, Long, Tickhill and Carpenter won letters. Long was elected captain for the next year's team.



## TEAM MEMBERS

Charlie Carpenter, Junior Dailey, William Fitzgerald, Logan Hall, Earl House, Warren Jones, Nelson Kaiser, Edward Kaminsky, Ralph Loeffler.

John Logan, Edward Long Bernard Lyons, Harold McGregor, Max Parsons, Ernest Stubbs, Walter Tickhill, Alden, Warfield, Coach Tipton.

(THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES ON BARNESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING WERE REPRODUCED FROM ITS 1937-41 ANNUALS).

## BARNESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

1938 - 1939

## WRESTLING

This year the Barnesville High School wrestlers went through a rather unsuccessful season, losing meets to Harrisville, W. Va., Parkersburg, and Shadyside, but winning from Cambridge. Although possessed of a few outstand-

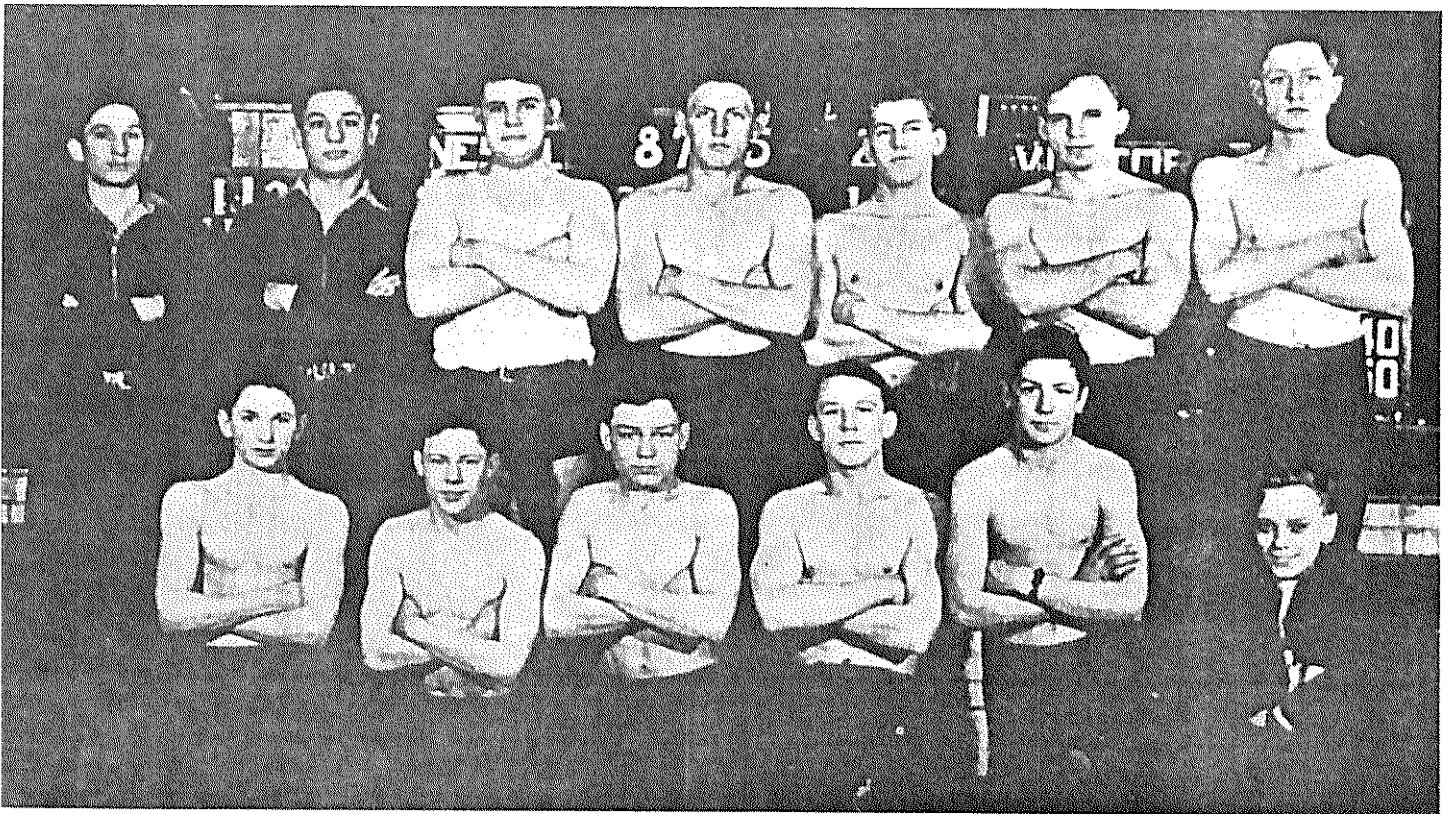
ing stars, the team did not have the consistent point getters that are necessary to win meets.

Coach Tipton built his team around two lettermen; namely, Long 125 pound class, and Tickhill 115 pound class. Others who made the team were: Gearling 95, McCort 105, Jones 135, Brownfield 145, McMullen 155, Kaiser 165, and Mayberry and Hutchinson 185.

Opening the season against a strong, well-balanced Harrisville team Barnesville was defeated although we took one fall, Long winning in the 125 pound class. This defeat can undoubtedly be charged to inexperience, for in the next two matches our boys improved considerably. Parkersburg won by only one point, 21 to 20; and Shadyside took the long end of the score, although we won three matches.

The best records of the season were made by Tickhill and Jones, both of whom lost only their first match of the schedule. Ed Long acted as captain of the team for the year.

## TEAM MEMBERS



Kneeling; Bob Lynch, Bob Gearling, Walter Tickhill, Edward Long, Reuben McCort, Archie Howell (Manager).

Standing: James Samms, Tony Spanish, Tom Hutchinson, Ellis Brownfield, Warren Jones, Nelson Kaiser, John Mayberry.

BARNESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

1939-1940

WRESTLING

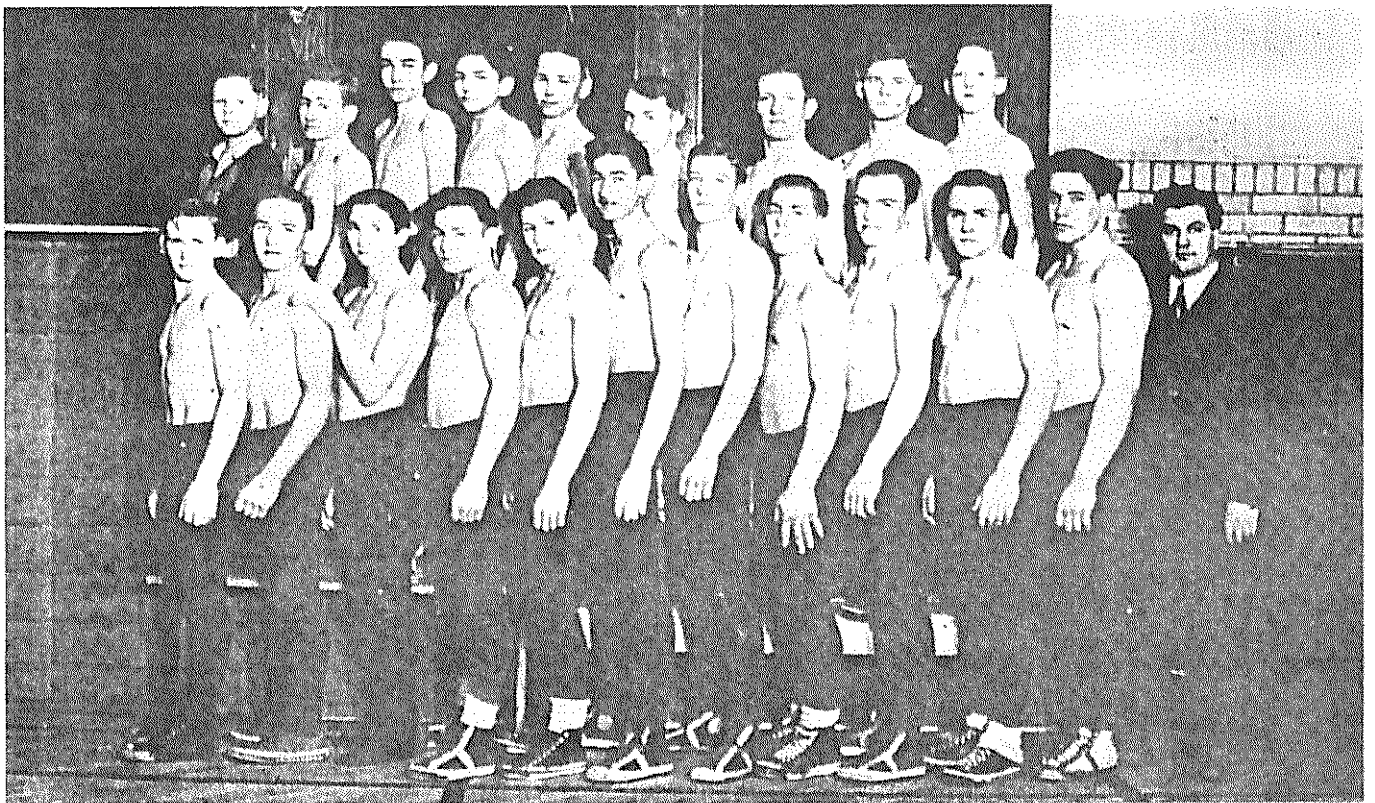
Although wrestling has finished only its third year as an inter-scholastic sport, great interest and enthusiasm were shown by the boys who participated. Under the coaching of Mr. Lyle the team made a good showing for although they won only two of their six matches, they garnered more points in the course of the season than did their opponents.

Of the six boys who competed in the state tournament two made splendid records. Tickhill won third place in the 130 pound class by scoring two falls and losing two decisions. In the 145 pound class Jones took second place by scoring one fall, one decision, and losing one decision. The team as a whole placed fifth in the state meet.

At the end of the season letters were awarded to the following: Paul Reischman, Bill Burns, John Anderson, Bob Lynch, Walter Tickhill, Conway Johnson, Dalton Hinds, Warren Jones, John O'Brien, Jim Hughes, and Fred Green, the manager.

Cambridge	3	Barnesville	43
Shadyside	32	Barnesville	6
Harrisville	25½	Barnesville	12½
Harrisville	22½	Barnesville	14½
Shadyside	31	Barnesville	11
Cambridge	<u>3</u>	Barnesville	<u>41</u>
	117		128

TEAM MEMBERS



Bill Burns, John Anderson, Bob Lynch, Walter Tickhill, Conway Johnson, Chester Hinds, Dalton Hinds, Warren Jones, John O'Brien, Jim Hughes, Walter Bowersock, Coach Lyle.

Fred Green (Mgr.), Paul Reischman, Oren Trimmer, Paul Wharton, Earl McClintock, Kenneth Ward, Dale Murphy, Jimmy Gallagher.

BARNESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

1940 - 1941

WRESTLING

The 1940-41 wrestling team was the best yet produced during the history of the sport in Barnesville High School. The team engaged in 12 dual meets, winning six of the 12. A total of 230 points were scored while our opponents scored 192 against us. The caliber of our opponents was very high, teams from Cleveland, Columbus, Akron, and Parkersburg being included on the schedule.

On February 21 and 22 the team entered the Akron district tournament at Wadsworth. Eleven schools were represented. Barnesville took second place in this competition, thus adding a beautiful gold trophy to the collection in the trophy case. Individual winners were Jones, first; Lynch and Tickhill, second; Burns, Murphy and Hughes, third.

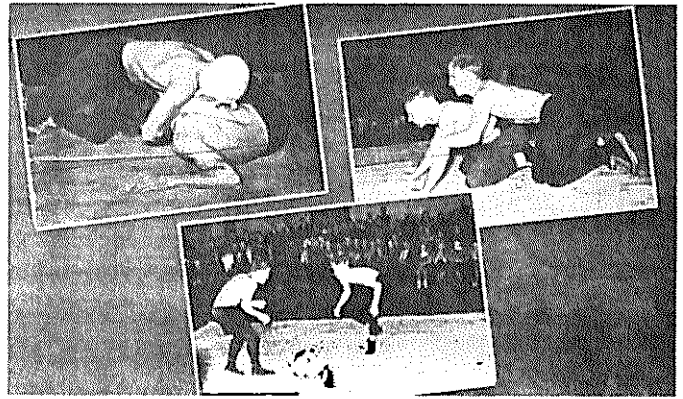
On February 28 and March 1 the team journeyed to the state tournament. Our only scoring in this meet was done by Warren Jones in the 140 pound division. Warren came through undefeated to win the state championship in his weight and also ended a brilliant high school career, losing only two out of 36 bouts in three years of competition. His points in the state tournament placed us eighth among 28 schools entered.

The boys receiving letters are as follows: 105 lb. class Paul Reischman; 115 lb. class, Bill Burns; 122 lb. class, Sam Precopio; 130 lb. class Jim Gallagher;

130 lb. class, Bob Lynch; 135 lb. class, Walter Tickhill; 140 lb. class, Dale Murphy; 145 lb. class, Warren Jones; 155 lb. class, Ellis Brownfield; 165 lb. class, Jim Hughes; 135 lb. class, Walter Bowersock; Manager David Flowers.

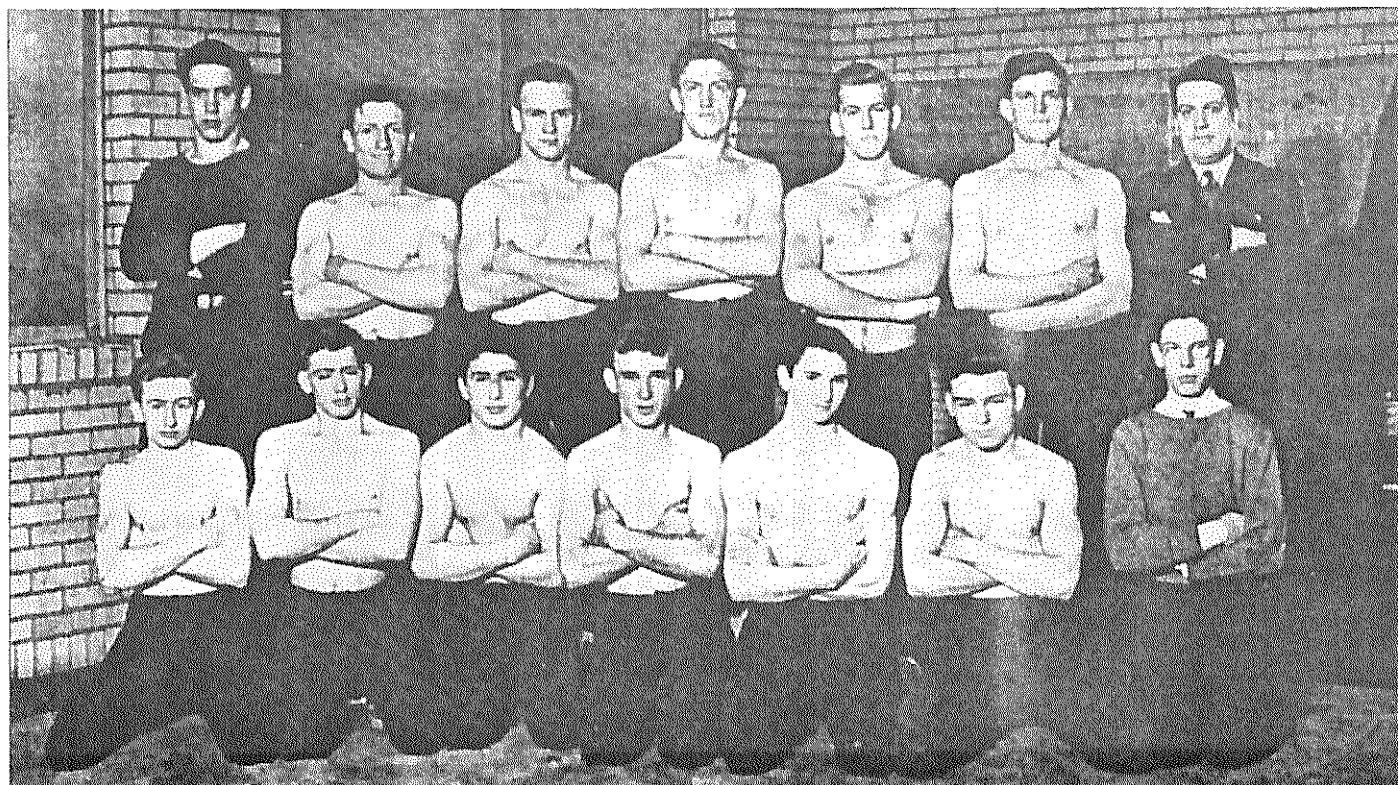
The summary of the dual meets is as follows:

Shadyside	22	BHS	18
Harrisville	13	BHS	23
Parkersburg	22	BHS	18
Akron Garfield	13	BHS	23
Cleveland Rhodes	18	BHS	12
Harrisville	16	BHS	19
Parkersburg	22	BHS	13
Shadyside	25	BHS	12
Wadsworth	31	BHS	5
Columbus West	6	BHS	27
Mt.Vernon YMCA	3	BHS	20
Cambridge	<u>0</u>	BHS	<u>40</u>
Total	192	Total	230



Top Left - Pin him, Hughes! Right - Jones and his Parkersburg opponent wait for the referee's whistle. Bottom - the bout begins.

## TEAM MEMBERS



Paul Reischman, Bill Burns, Sam Precopio, Harland French, Bob Lynch, Walter Tickhill, David Flowers (Manager).

Walter Bowersock, Hubert Rowley  
Jim Hughes, Ellis Brownfield, Warren Jones Dale Murphy Mr. Lyle.

### BARNESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

1941 - 1942

### WRESTLING

Although this year's wrestling team got off to a rather unsuccessful start by losing its first three matches, the boys soon settled down and came through with colors flying, providing many an exciting moment for mat fans.

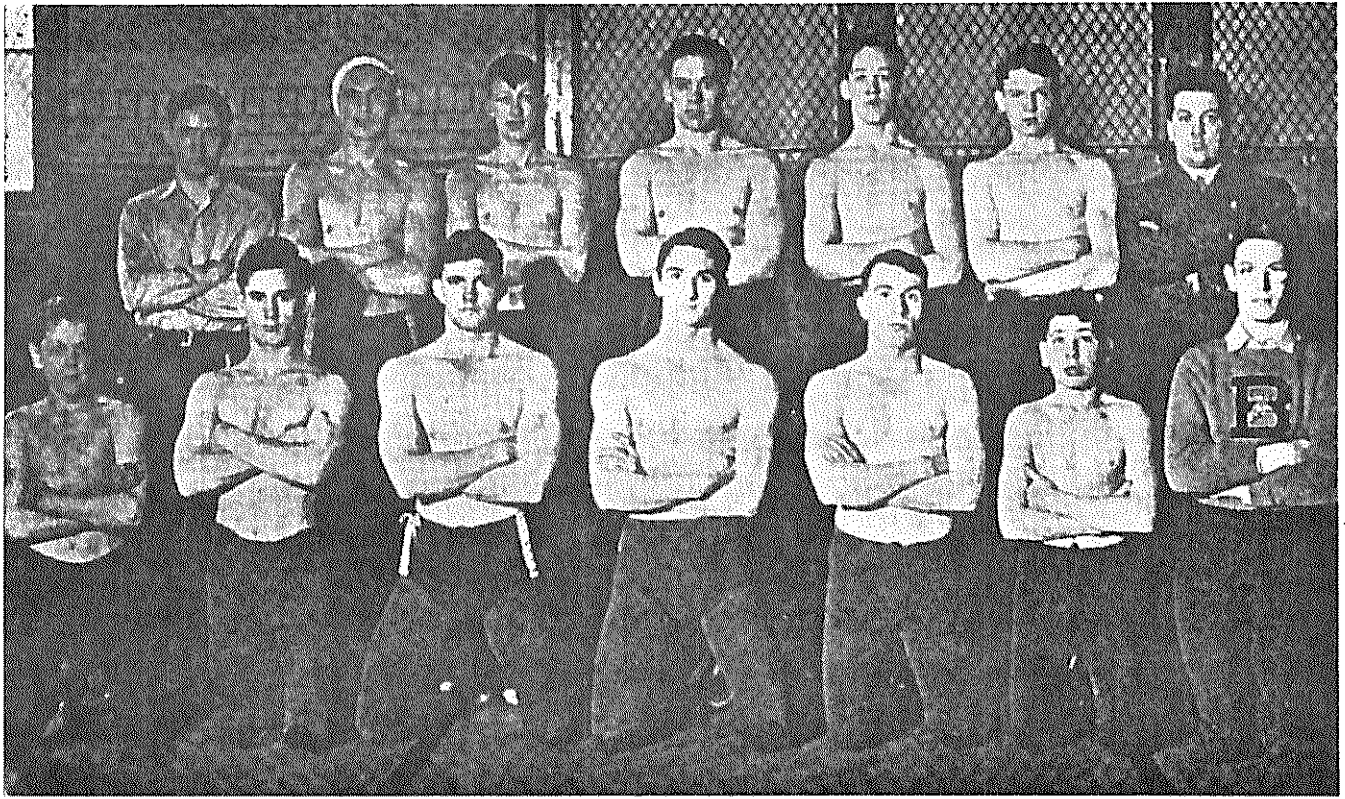
When the results were tabulated at the conclusion of the season the team had won six meets while losing the same number. The first match was fought at Shadyside on December 5. The team was not completely settled and came out on the short end of a 31-5 tally, Dale Murphy accounting for our only score.

About two weeks later Shadyside journeyed here for a return match. Mr. Lyle's matmen were determined to

get revenge, but this determination did not prove sufficient and B. H. S. again lost; this time 34-3. The next meet, with Harrisville, still failed to bring us that much needed victory, but the team was not discouraged.

Our first victory came when the team defeated the grapplers from Mansfield by a score of 31-7. The boys were very much elated.

On January 8 and 9 B. H. S. matmen made a two-day trip to Cleveland and Akron. In these two cities the team captured two more wins, one from Cleveland Rhodes, the other from Akron Garfield. They returned with high spirits, even though "Old Man Winter" made the trip a bit uncomfortable.



Front Row: John Ritz, Russell Murphy, Dale Murphy, Bob Lynch, Kenneth Ward, Joe Mahoney, Mgr. David Flowers.

Back Row: Ray Grey, Denver Kaiser, Ralph Johnson, Walter Bowersock, Jim Gallagher, Paul Orwig.

. . . A SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN

Some days later the team met a streak of bad luck and dropped two matches: these were with Parkersburg and Harrisville. The boys won't forget how Johnny Ritz succumbed to "somnus" on the way back from Parkersburg. The redeeming feature of the Harrisville meet was the defeat of their two state champions by Lynch and Gallagher. In the next meet, however, the boys came through to defeat Columbus South by a score of 27 to 9.

Two weeks later the grapplers from Wadsworth proved too tough for our team and B. H. S. went down under a 23 to 6 barrage. This defeat gave the boys the incentive to go on to win the last two matches with Parkersburg and Mansfield. In the Mansfield meet a flyweight exhibition match brought the crows to its feet with cheers and laughter. The Parkersburg victory was our first over them in five years.

The team entered the state tournament at Kent and made an excellent showing, Barnesville wrestlers won a second, two thirds, and a fourth rating in the state, these honors going respectively

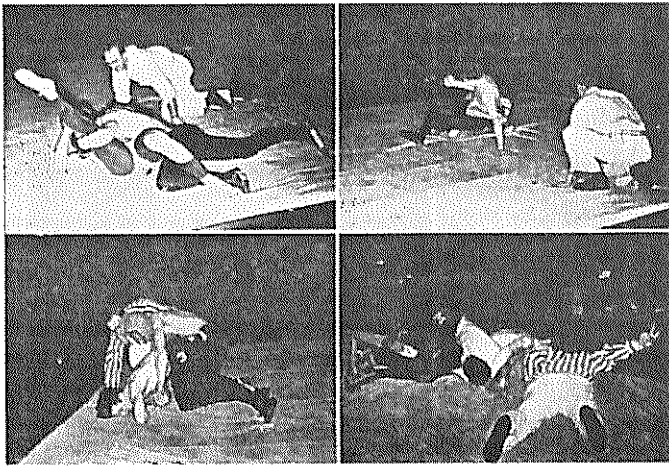
to D. Murphy, Gallagher, Kaiser and Bowersock. The team as a whole placed fourth in the state.

Letter winners for the year are: R. Murphy, Ward, Gallagher, Lynch, Kaiser, D. Murphy, Orwig, Bowersock, and Mgr. Flowers.

The results of the 1941-42 wrestling season are as follows:

Opponents	We	They
Shadyside	5	31
Shadyside	3	34
Harrisville	9	29
Mansfield	31	7
Cleveland Rhodes	31	13
Akron Garfield	19	15
Parkersburg	14	22
Harrisville	14	24
Columbus South	27	9
Wadsworth	6	28
Parkersburg	29	11
Mansfield	34	7





Gallagher puts a "half nelson" on his opponent.

Kaiser tries a "bar arm".

An exciting moment in the Harrisville match.

Give Lynch two more points!

POST WORLD WAR II

WRESTLING

## POST WORLD WAR II WRESTLING

BY

BILL MCELLOWNEY

YMCA DIRECTOR

In 1939 Franklin D. Roosevelt instituted the CCC which was also interested in competition in boxing, basketball, wrestling and swimming. Anything they could do on a competitive basis was used by this organization. They met to put on boxing tournaments, wrestling tournaments, basketball and volleyball games.

World War II started in 1941. This is when all of the CCC were automatically put into the armed forces.

The only thing that continued at the YMCA after the 40's was a boxing program. In 1945, two professional wrestlers requested to work out at the downtown YMCA. Tony Gardeane from Steubenville, who they called "Flower" and a Joe Leatherelli, from Follansbee or Wellsburg, started working out at the YMCA. Walker Dick was there at the time as the activities coordinator and director. The local guys that got in with these two professionals were Tom Coram and Bob Drummond.

Walker Dick got the idea since the kids were always wrestling over at the side while something was going on, why shouldn't he start a wrestling program. He didn't know that much about wrestling since he was in gymnastics in the "All-American Boys". He set up a wrestling clinic and he announced it in the newspaper. Jim Bradfield from Barnesville, Ohio showed up. He was a "Big 10" wrestling champion for Ohio State. Junior high and high school boys were formed into intramural teams, the majority of them being from Wheeling High School, Clay School and some other Eastern Ohio schools. One time we needed mats. Since the YMCA professionals were out of town on a conference, the dormitories were not full. Walker proceeded to go to the dormitories, hauled all the mattresses off the beds, put them on the third floor and nailed them down. He then covered them with tarps.

In 1948 and 1949, intramurally, three or four wrestlers participated in competition on the state level. Bob Steel participated in down-state competition. At that time, the wrestling schools were: Parkersburg, Fairmont West, University High, Beckley, and Romney School of Deaf.

In 1950, 51, and 52, three state champions were out of this group. In 1951, 52, and 53 the YMCA boys wrestled for Wheeling High School. They also participated in Columbus, Ohio in the Regional YMCA Championship. They won the tournament three years in a row.

They retired the trophy which is located in the Wheeling YMCA trophy case. The YMCA team continued on with high school wrestlers throughout the valley. It was conducted after the regular season which made the guys ineligible. This continued into 1965 and 1966.

In 1953 Small Fry Wrestling started at the "Y" on the fifth and sixth grade level. Some of the weights were: feather weight, skeater weight, fly weight, paper weight, atomic weight, and lead weight. They were instructed by the "Y" team and then later wrestled in high school. There was so much enthusiasm that in 1953, the first college-age wrestling team in the valley was formed at the "Y".

In 1951, I met George Kovalick. He was interested in gymnastics because it helped to develop the wrestlers and the football players. I went two days a week for the morning classes. Bradfield and I were on the stage and we found out that Kovalick was also interested in the sport. Kovalick, Bradfield and I decided that for the next few years we would hold two clinics a year for wrestling. One clinic would be held in October and one in March. We sent notices to all the football coaches in the Ohio Valley Conference, from Weirton to New Martinsville. We went over equipment cost, uniform cost and elementary teaching of the sport.

In 1954 we invited Steve Herrick from West Virginia University to instruct a clinic. We conducted that clinic in Maxwell Hall on the second floor of the YMCA.

In 1956, since wrestling was growing in interest, George and I felt there was need for a wrestling officials' clinic. Everyone and their brother were officiating wrestling matches and no one was certified. George invited two men from North Ohio, Mike Koval and Joe Stora, to certify the officials in the valley.

In 1957, Ollie Olson, at West Liberty

State College, wanted to run a wrestling class. He instituted that class with Joe Bates and Frank Bland helping with teaching responsibilities. This was the start of the West Liberty wrestling team.

Wrestling got bigger and bigger each year. We were still conducting Small Fry Wrestling. Steve Kish was in it, Bobby Douglas helped and Dick Leightner and Bill Floyd worked two nights a week.

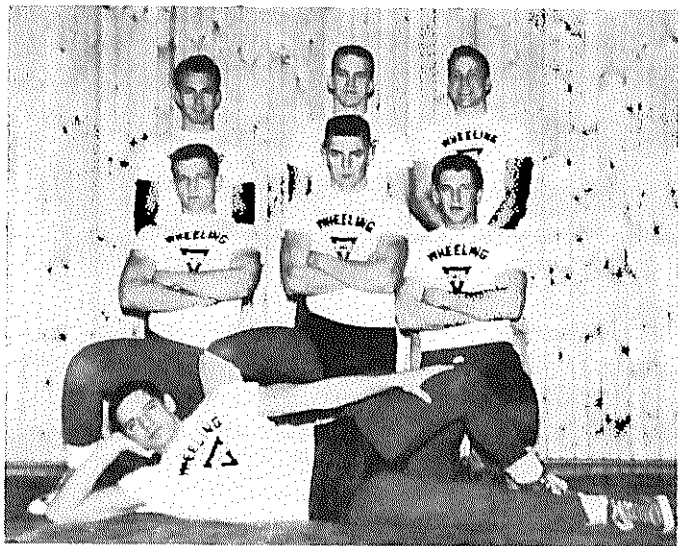
We finally formed a team in Warwood. We were expanding to the Elm Grove area, rented St. Vincent's gym and had competition between the squads.

In 1973, we entered the South Eastern Small Fry League, and Wheeling YMCA won the championship. The teams that participated were: Wheeling, Cambridge, Parkersburg, Marietta, North, and Zanesville. The YMCA continued in the league until 1975 at which time Lester Jarva, Physical Director, resigned. Wrestling then took a sharp decline at the YMCA.

George Kovalick, Jim Bradfield, J. D. Miller and I were the members of the committee to set up the Ohio and West Virginia YMCA Wrestling Area Championship at Wheeling College.

1950

#### WVU FROSH MEETS YMCA GRAPPLERS



The Wheeling YMCA wrestling team will meet the West Virginia University frosh grapplers at the Wheeling "Y" gymnasium on Friday night.

Eight bouts are on the card with weights ranging from 121 pounds to heavyweight.

The Wheeling mat team is composed

of Robert Hinegardner, 121 pounds; Bill Pritchard, 128 pounds; Bob Baughman, 136 pounds; Alvan Gasber, 145 pounds; Jack Baughman, 155 pounds; Howard Flatley, 165 pounds; Phil Comer, 175 pounds; and Leo Miller, heavyweight.

The card is part of an effort on the part of Steve Harrick, WVU wrestling coach to interest and promote the sport in high schools throughout the state.

Tickets for the matches are on sale at the Wheeling "Y".

MARCH 10, 1950

WHEELING HIGH

WRESTLERS BID

FOR STATE BERTH

A five-man Wheeling high wrestling team coached by Bob Roe and Walker Dick will depart this morning to participate in the Regional meet at Weston High School this afternoon.

Members of the Wheeling High team and their weight divisions are: Robert Heinegardner 121 pounds; Bill Pritchard 128; Captain Alvin Gasper 140 pounds; Jack Hoffer 145 pounds; and Jack Baughman 155 pounds.

Parkersburg's Big Reds were expected to come through with the regional title; Wheeling entertains hopes of landing a few berths in the regional entry to the state meet which will be staged at WVU on March 24.

Competition will be held in 12 wgt. divisions today with six schools entered.

March 11, 1950

#### BILL PRITCHARD WINS MAT TITLE IN WESTON MEET

Wheeling qualifies two, Weirton one, for State Tourney.

WESTON, W. VA., March 10 -- (Sp1.) - Bill Pritchard of Wheeling High, won the 127 pound class championship here today in an elimination tourney held to qualify 22 schoolboy matmen for the State championship wrestling tourney to be held in Morgantown, March 24.

Jack Baughman of Wheeling qualified for the 154 pound class by taking second place while Redd of Weirton finished second in the 175 pound class to win a state tourney berth.

The winners:

103 pound class Bulbib, University of Morgantown; Christlip of Weston.

112 pound class Jackson. Parkersburg; Williams Beckley.

120 pound class Maxey, Beckley; Pringle, Parkersburg.

127 pound class Pritchard Wheeling; Murphy, Parkersburg.

133 pound class Tippens, Parkersburg; Headley, University of Morgantown.

138 pound class Baker, Parkersburg; Golden, Morgantown University.

145 pound class Long, Beckley; Kiser, Parkersburg.

154 pound class Techav, Beckley; Baughman, Wheeling.

165 pound class Bennett Weston; Jones, Parkersburg.

175 pound class Starr; Parkersburg, Redd, Weirton.

185 pound class Wilson, Parkersburg; Webb, Beckley.

Unlimited Kidd, Beckley; Barrows, Parkersburg.

MARCH 25, 1950

#### PARKERSBURG MATMEN WIN W. VA. TITLE

Wheeling's Pritchard Wins  
127 Pound Title in State  
Tournament

MORGANTOWN, W. VA., March 24 - (U. P.) - On the strength of a predominant entry list, Parkersburg won the State scholastic wrestling championships for the second time in three years today, winning seven of 12 matches for 23 points.

Beckley, the defending champs, finished runnerup with eight points Wheeling, Weston and University High School or Morgantown pulled up in a three-way tie for third with three points apiece.

Bill Pritchard, of Wheeling, was the lone Region One wrestler, to score a victory as he captured the 127 pound championship via a decision over Richard Murphy of Parkersburg. His teammate Jack Baughman, 154, bowed to Beckley's Mike Techak, while Paul Starr of Parkersburg eliminated Wayne Redd of Weirton in the 185 pound class.

The match results:

105 lb. class William Crislip, Weston, decided Lewis Guidi, University.

112 lb. class defending champ Carlyn Jackson, Parkersburg, decided Kenny Williams, Beckley.

120 lb. Bill Maxey, Beckley, decided defending champ James Pringle of Parkersburg.

127 lb. Bill Pritchard Wheeling, decided Richard Murphy, Parkersburg.

133 lb. Jack Tippens, Parkersburg, decided Homer Headlee, University.

138 William Golden, University, decided Carroll Baker, Parkersburg.

145 lb. Joe Kiser, Parkersburg decided Dale Bonnett, Weston.

175 lb. Paul Starr, Parkersburg, decided Wayne Redd, Weirton.

185 lb. Leon Wilson Parkersburg, decided Lewis Webb, Beckley.

Unlimited Robert Barrows, Parkersburg, pinned J. D. Kidd of Beckley.

IN MEMORY OF AND RESPECT FOR LOUIS J. VENDITTI - (1922 - 1983)  
WRESTLING COACH, EAST LIVERPOOL H. S.

This article was taken from the August, 1954 Mentor publication in which Mr. Louis A. Venditti wrote the article:

"Where there is a will, there is a way"

A FIGHT TO KEEP WRESTLING ALIVE AT EAST LIVERPOOL

This is a story of interest, desire, and courage. A story which well exemplifies the somewhat trite but nonetheless true adage, "Where there is a will, there is a way".

Shortly after World War II in the Fall of 1946, East Liverpool High School initiated as a sport of their physical education program the sport of wrestling. One year later it won its place as a competitive sport in the athletic program of the school. East Liverpool, like so many other cities throughout Ohio, or throughout the nation for that matter, is a football and basketball town and, consequently, wrestling took its place on the lower shelf in respect to prestige of the athletic program.

In 1949, I was hired by the school board as varsity wrestling coach and

assistant football coach. My main interest at this time was primarily football but after one year at the wrestling helm I felt that the sport should, and would, play a larger role in the total athletic program than it has in the past. I was quite aware of the apparent lack of interest in wrestling, not only among the high school students but among the community sport fans as well. Temporarily forgetting the big problem I concentrated my efforts throughout most of my first year as coach on teaching the fundamentals of wrestling and developing a few good wrestlers while giving particular emphasis on creating a nucleus of interest in wrestling to the boys who were participating in the sport. Then in 1950 I entered four of my best wrestlers in the State Tournament in Cleveland, Ohio. When Bill Bryson in the 133 pound class placed second in the State and Lucian Warrick in the 145 pound division placed fourth, the spark of interest in wrestling was kindled. This bit of success and encouragement was just what the wrestlers needed, and the following year 80 enthusiastic boys came out for wrestling. Because of inadequate facilities, I was forced to cut the squad to 25 boys. This probably is the only regrettable thing that I, as a coach, had to do.

In the second year of tournament competition, five boys were entered in the State Meet and again we had two of our boys place. Wrestling interest was growing and soon it looked as though wrestling would become a major sport at East Liverpool.

Then just as wrestling seemed to gain the foothold of status and prominence towards which the boys and I had worked, news leaked out that the school board was planning to drop wrestling as a competitive sport at East Liverpool because of the increasing cost of transportation and equipment. Just as the storm of clouds were gathering fast I called the wrestling boys together in an attempt to find a solution to our problem. Together the boys and I checked every possible means of conserving money. Realizing that if wrestling was to be kept alive, we would all have to make sacrifices. We first decided to do our own laundry for practice and scheduled matches. This item alone helped considerably in easing the over-

strained budget. Next, we decided to sell tickets to all the home matches by personally contacting as many students and citizens as possible. This was done without delay. After the second home match, one of the parents suggested that we provide printed programs for our matches. The school paper, the "Keramos Echo", was contacted to do the printing while the wrestlers were busy canvassing local business firms for advertising space in the programs. Although not realizing a great profit from these enterprises, they did afford the team a substantial income with which to operate.

The local newspaper, East Liverpool Review, had devoted considerable space for the news coverage and provided more than adequate news stories of all the team's matches. Robert Curry and the Review Sport Staff contributed greatly in keeping wrestling before the public eye in East Liverpool. James Lowry, another of the helpful citizens of the town, had contributed to this end, too, in his capacity as Sportscaster over Radio Station WOHI. Every Monday, he provided a ten-minute radio program to broadcast wrestling news. Four boys and myself would go to the station each Monday and participate in the broadcast.

Wrestling attendance has increased considerably. This increased interest and even the very existence of wrestling at East Liverpool can be attributed to the cooperation, hard work, determination, and courageous desire on behalf of a handful of people, and an enthusiastic group of athletes.

During the past season, the wrestling team compiled the best record since the sport began; seven wins and two losses. The past three years have found two East Liverpool boys winning the State Championship in their respective weight classes - the first State Championship ever won by an athlete from East Liverpool. Seven other boys placed either second, third, or fourth.

Wrestling has done much for the small boy who normally doesn't get to participate in sports because of his size or weight. It gives boys a new athletic interest, a place to prove their strength in an orderly fashion. It means keeping boys off the streets, out of trouble, and something to keep them occu-

pied during their leisure moments.

I have derived a great deal of satisfaction in coaching wrestling; it has been fun in spite of all the pertinent problems. I feel wrestling has proven itself as a major sport at East Liverpool and has won its place as such.

. . . . A PAST TO BE PROUD OF . . . .

#### EAST LIVERPOOL'S STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS AND PLACE WINNERS OF THE 1950'S

1950	Bill Bryson	133	Second Place
1950	Lucian Warrick	145	Fourth Place
1951	Tom Osborn	112	Fourth Place
1951	Pat Beadle	165	Third Place
1952	Tom Osborn	120	Second Place
1952	Don Chadwick	154	CHAMPION
1952	Tom Jenkins	185	Fourth Place
1953	Herman Hoppel	133	Second Place
1954	Darryl Hoppel	120	CHAMPION
1954	Dale Diddle	185	Fourth Place
1955	Darryl Hoppel	127	CHAMPION
1955	Jim Hoppel	133	CHAMPION
1956	David Hoppel	112	Second Place
1956	Jim Hoppel	138	Third Place
1956	Gary Kraft	145	Fourth Place
1957	David Hoppel	120	Second Place
1958	David Hoppel	133	Fourth Place

#### A DECADE OF WRESTLING AT ELMS

##### A SALUTE TO THE 1950'S

In 1950 - Four seniors were selected for state competition: L. Warrick, T. Beadle, Capt. B. Bryson, and B. Jackman.

In 1951 - Coach Lou Venditti compiled the best year record of the sport's comparatively short time at ELMS - four years 4-4.

In 1952 - Although at the beginning of the season it was doubtful that there would be enough money to support a team, the excellent attendance at the wrestling matches assured the high school of a squad again next year. Two team members were undefeated this year - Don Chadwick (165) 9-0 and Herman Hoppel (133-138) 5-0.

In 1953 Herman Hoppel at 133 lb. class was voted Captain of the wrestling team and was the leading wrestler on the squad. His record was 7-2. Five of the seven wins were by pins and the other two by decision.

In 1954 - the grapplers who qualified for the State meet at Cleveland were: B. Pierson 3-4, R. Turner 5-5, J. Eccleston, Darryl Hoppel 8-2, M. Roberts, Joe Jackson 10-0, J. Johnson 4-1 tie, D. Diddle 8-2, J. Hoppel 9-1.

In 1955 - The district meet was held at Kent State University. Eight wrestlers won district meet crowns and qualified for State. They finished in the district meet as follows: Darryl Hoppel - first; Jim Hoppel - first, Bill Pierson - second; Roy Mays - second; Dale Mays - second, Even Roberts - third, Kenny Scates - fourth, Cecil Ollie - fourth. At the State matches Darryl Hoppel and Jim Hoppel won State crowns. This was the first time brothers had won State Championships in the same year.

In 1956 - The team rated eighth in Ohio. Eight wrestlers qualified for the district meet: E. Shamp, David Hoppel, B. Pierson, D. Adkins, B. Hall, J. Hoppel G. Kraft and B. Swoger. All went to State except Swoger. At the State meet, Dave Hoppel finished second, Jim Hoppel third, and Gary Kraft fourth.

In 1957 - Seven wrestlers placed in regional tournament. In the State tournament Dave Hoppel won a second place by a close decision and Frank Bookman and Gary Kraft lost consolation matches.

In 1958 - The team placed second at the regional tournament. Five wrestlers qualified at the regionals to go to State. They were: Deyarmon David Hoppel, Payater, Bookman, and O'Neil. David Hoppel placed fourth in the State at 133.

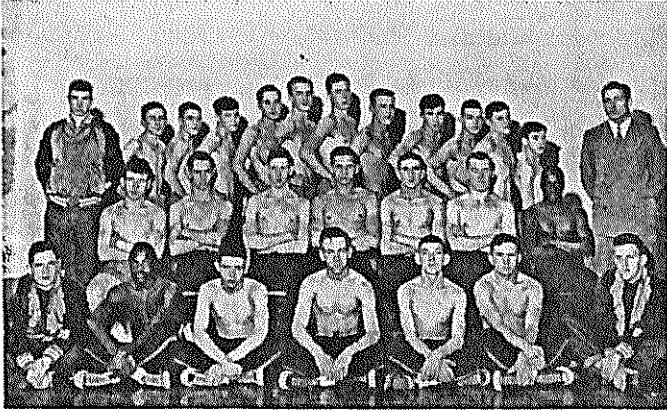
In 1959 - Mr. Lou Venditti was coach for ten consecutive years. The team placed fifth in the Regional Wrestling tournament when it was held at the Memorial Auditorium for the first time. Bob Springer placed second in the 138 lb. class and was the only Potter who went to State matches. Capt. Bill O'Neil climaxed his wrestling career with a 10-0 record but was unable to compete in the regional tournament because of an injury.

## TEAM RECORD

1950 - 1959

1950 - 2-6, 1951 - 4-4, 1952 - 5-4,  
1953 - 5-4, 1954 - 7-3, 1955 - 8-4  
1956 - 7-3, 1957 - 10-2, 1958 - 7-2  
1959 - 8-2

January 4, 1951



HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM FORMED AT BRIDGEPORT BY COACH KOVALICK

High school wrestling, a sport scarcely recognizable to those who follow the grunt and groan antics of the professional ring, has returned to the local Eastern Ohio area for the first time since 1942.

George Kovalick, a newcomer to the Bridgeport High coaching staff, has introduced the mat sport there and has organized a team which will make its debut against the Wheeling YMCA grapplers at the "Y" tonight. The first event will be at 7:30 PM.

Wrestling was once immensely popular at Shadyside and Barnesville Highs but neither of those schools has had a team since 1942. The war brought curtailment of the mat program for the Shadeans and Shamrocks and they did not revive the sport when the world hostilities ceased.

Shadyside was once one of the strongest schools in the State insofar as wrestling was concerned and finished second in the State meet for four straight years. Twice the Orangemen, coached by Art Kirkland, were nosed out of the State title by only a single point.

However, East Liverpool has been the only Ohio riverfront school with a team since the war. Wheeling High has backed a team, though, and last year produced one individual titlist in the West Vir-

inia meet at Morgantown.

Both Wheeling and East Liverpool have been lined up for matches with Bridgeport's mat novices. Kovalick has arranged for home and away series with the Wildcats and Potters, as well as with the Wheeling "Y" array.

## HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM FORMED

Wheeling High will provide the Bulldog matmen's initial home opposition on Thursday, January 11, and East Liverpool will pay a visit to Bridgeport on January 24. The Wheeling "Y" team will repay tonight's call on February 1. The Bridgetts will appear at Wheeling on February 6 and at East Liverpool on February 19.

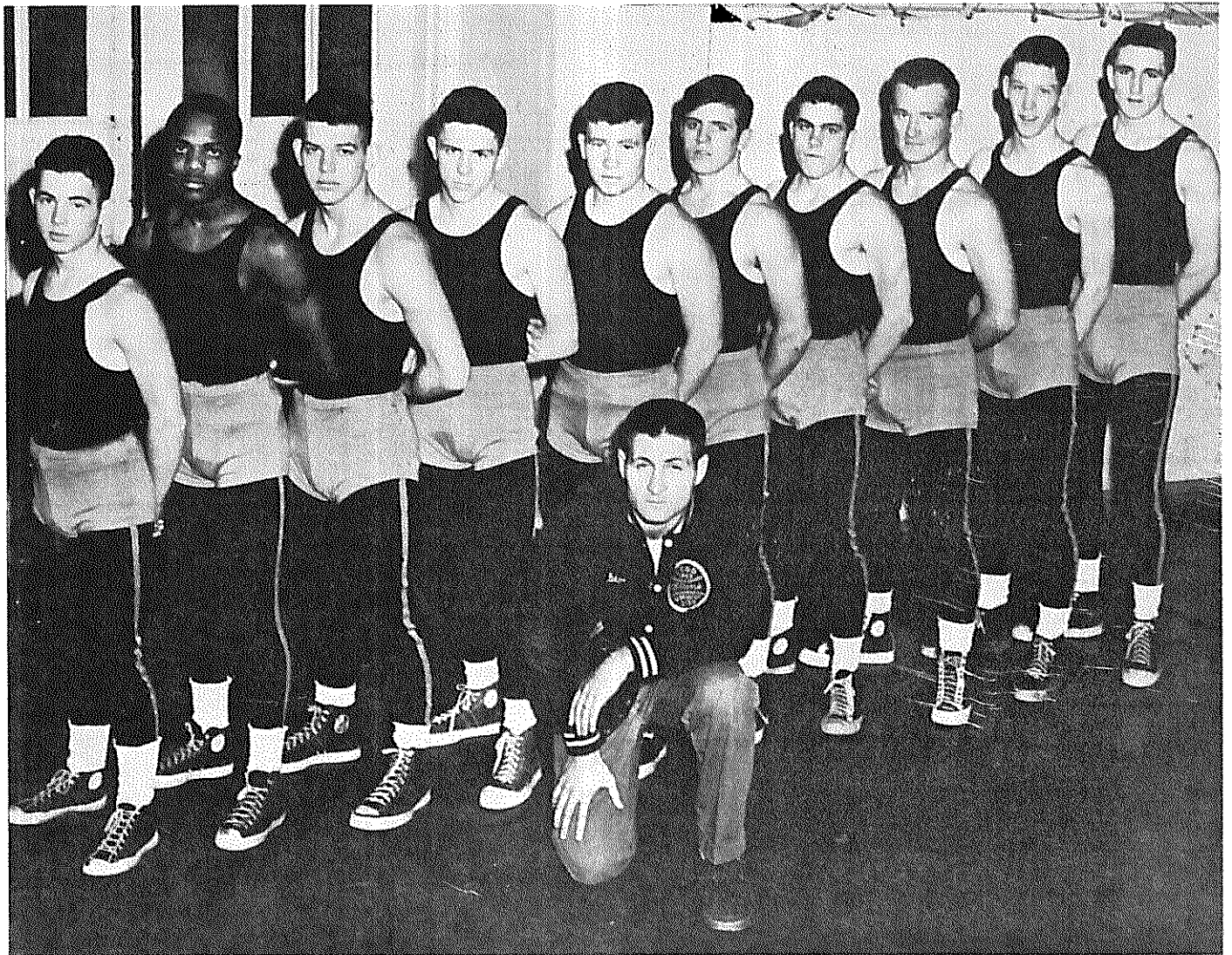
Kovalick may arrange for other matches if his boys show enough promise.

A former Bridgeport High football star and an army veteran, Kovalick became interested in wrestling while attending Kent State University, where he was an All-Ohio guard on the gridiron and was Captain of the team. He was not a member of the varsity wrestling squad but received instructions in collegiate grappling tactics in classes conducted by the famed Joe Begala, Kent coach who is hailed as one of the nation's leading experts on wrestling.

Kovalick started some of his pupils wrestling in gym classes and found that the boys like the sport. Having talent available at the various weight classes, he decided to encourage the boys in their interest by organizing a team, even though his official coaching duties were to be only in football and baseball.

"Not all boys can play basketball well or care to play it," Kovalick says. "Many of these like wrestling and I think it will help keep them in good physical condition during the winter months. We may not win many matches in our first year but we'll have fun - and it'll at least be a start."





February 25 1952

PRITCHARD, GARDNER COP W. VA. MAT TITLES

Little Bob Pritchard and Big Jack Gardner, a pair of game matmen from Wheeling High, assured the Northern Panhandle schools of at least two state championships this year by winning the titles in their respective divisions in the Fifth Annual West Virginia High School Wrestling Tournament held Saturday night at the WVU Field House.

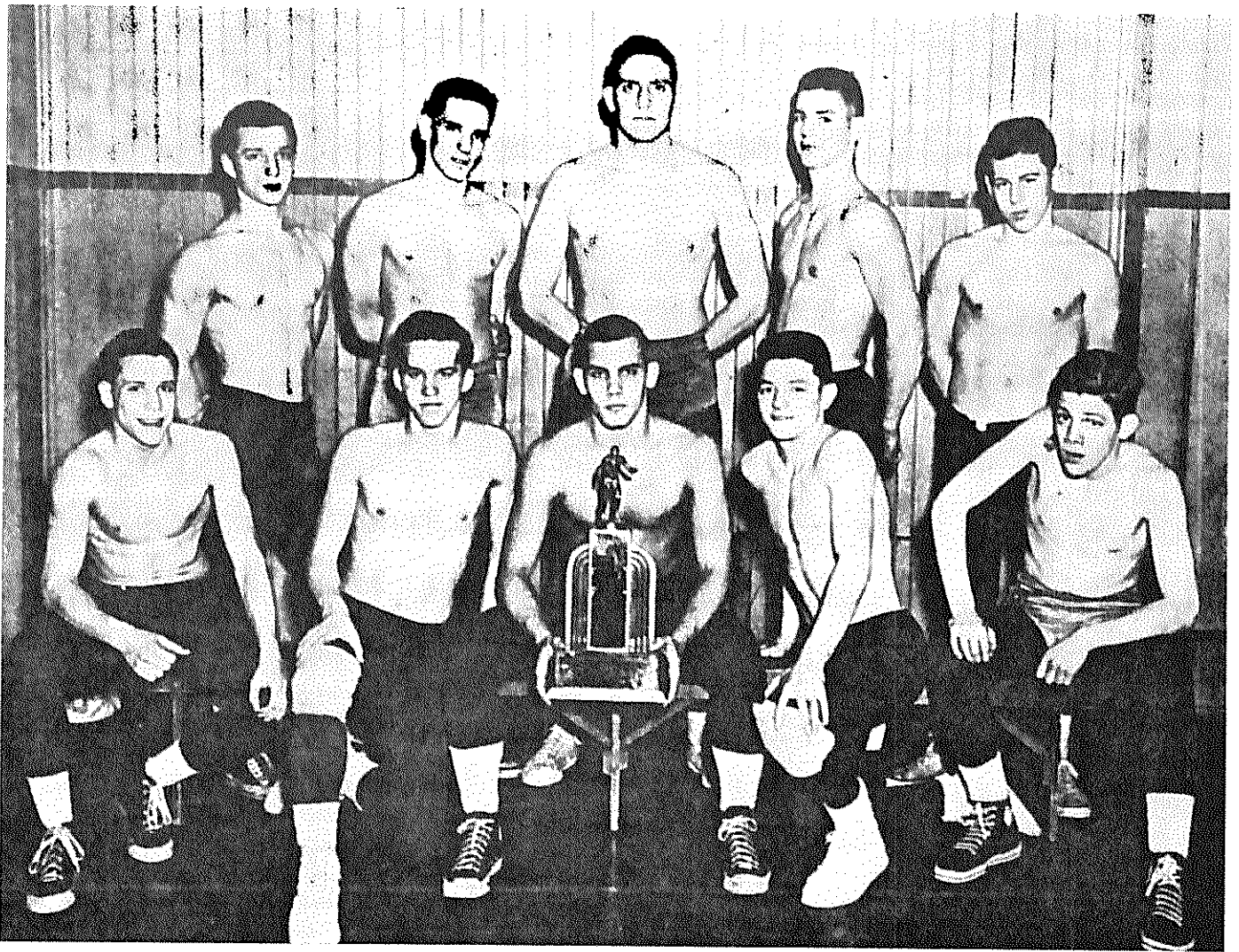
Pritchard and Gardner teamed up to give Wheeling its third State individual mat crown in the past two years. Pritchard's state title feat came in the 122 lb. division against Ken Williams of Beckley. Gardner won his crown by beating Tom Nedeth, Parkersburg, in the unlimited division.

It was the second time that a Pritchard had brought home the bacon for Wheeling. Bob's brother, Bill, now a star on

the WVU mat team, turned the trick last year.

Jack Baughman, Wheeling High's third entrant in the finals, bowed to Jerry Reese of Fairmont West in the 145 lb. division.

The victories by Pritchard and Gardner, who also takes a turn at playing football, has marked a steady improvement in the wrestling sport at Wheeling High since the school elected to return to the sport several years ago.



1953 WHEELING WRESTLING STATE CHAMPS

Front Row: Bob Steele, Frank Bland,

Ernie Fuchs, Bob Pritchard, Phillip Kiger.  
Second Row: Norman Bates, Peter Melissakis, Bob Gardner, Bob Baughman, Tom Parker.

First State wrestling championship was won by Wheeling at Parkersburg on February 28 by scoring 38 points to Beckley's 29. The boys won four weight classes, and four of five consolation matches to acquire this score. The winners were Bob Pritchard, three times State champion at 112, Bob Gardner twice State champion in the heavy-weight, Ernie Fuchs 145, Pete Melissakis, 154. The consolation winners were Bob Steele 121, Frank Bland 133, Norman Bates 138, and Bob Baughman 165. Charles Gregg was the only boy to lose on Saturday night. Gardner received credit for the only fall in the final when he pinned Allen of Beckley in 33 seconds of the second period.

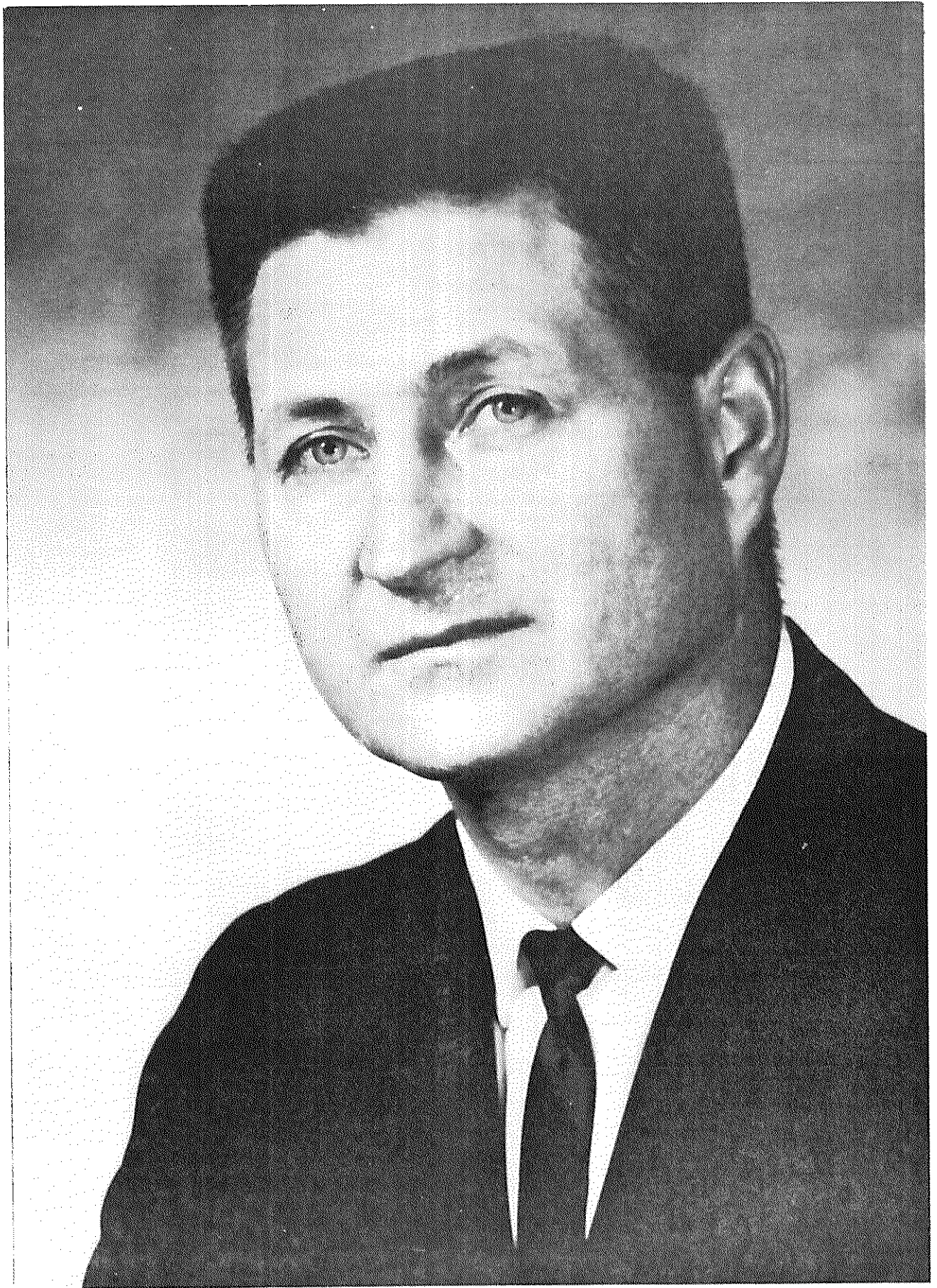
Wheeling lost its only match of the season on December 29 at Fairmont West

High 23-17. Then the team went on a seven-match winning streak to the State tournament. On January 7 they defeated Bridgeport 30-18. On January 9 they journeyed to Parkersburg to hand the Big Reds a defeat 27-8 and on January 24 again defeated Parkersburg 22-11. They met Linsly, a weak team, on January 27 and defeated them 42-10. On February 14 Fairmont returned the visit and went home with a loss 27-15. Wheeling defeated Bridgeport 24-13 and in the final match of the year defeated Linsly 35-8.

This was indeed a highly successful year for the wrestling team coached by Mr. Edwin Murphy, Mr. Bob Roe, and Mr. Jim Bradfield of Barnesville, who is wrestling instructor at the YMCA, where most of the boys learned the sport.

Coach Roe says. The Wheeling High School wrestling team has had a remarkable record in that only three years of competition in the State tournament they became the State champions in 1953. The boys have accomplished this honor by their own efforts. They bought their own uniforms, furnished a lot of their transportation, and even took care of their own meals and lodging in many cases. Much credit must be given to Mr. James Bradford and Mr. Edwin Murphy who coached the team. It is the sincere hope that the example set by these boys will be an inspiration to other boys to keep and carry on the fine tradition in wrestling at Wheeling High.

THE START OF THE  
O V A C TOURNAMENT



HONOR PICTURE

GEORGE KOVALICK

Now enjoying somewhat of a boom among Ohio Valley schools, the scholastic version of wrestling bears faint resemblance to the histrionics of the professional grunt-and-groan game.

It's our guess that some of the streamlined high school youngsters are in much better condition than some of the pot-bellied hams, who are making a living by their contortions of face and body on the pro circuit - these ferocious looking body slams, no contestants in apparent agony, no flying drop kicks, nor any acts of villiany on the high school mat.

High school wrestling is good, clean sport - designed to test the strength and skills of boys who are near evenly matched in weight. It's growing popularity is a tribute to its worthiness as an addition to the sports program. Locally it is gaining steadily in favor with Barnesville and Steubenville this year joining Linsly Institute, Bridgeport, Wheeling High, East Liverpool, Parkersburg, and Claysville, PA., among the schools supporting mat teams.

Now in the making is an Ohio Valley Conference tournament. Soon we may see most of the larger schools of the valley supporting teams for wrestling is proving a fine athletic outlet for the boys not busy with basketball in the winter months. And, as a selling point to some coaches, it helps keep the football players in shape. It is not a costly sport to support. It doesn't demand a lot of fancy equipment. The chief drawback may be in finding enough coaches familiar with the youngsters.

In case you've never seen a high school match, let us tell you a little about wrestling as it is done by the teen-aged matmen.

There's room in schoolboy wrestling for little boys as well as big ones. There are ten weight classifications ranging from 103 pounds to heavyweight. Each school has representatives at all ten weights. A team receives five points when one of its boys scores a pin and three points when a match is won by decision.

Each match is divided into three two-minute periods. The boys are in standing position at the outset of the match. However, at the beginning of the second period they assume what is called "referee's position", with one of the contestants down on his hands and knees and the other up on both knees with his hands grasping the lad in the "down" position. One hand is on the rival's arm, just above the elbow and the other on his waist at the navel. For the third period the positions are reversed with the boy who started the second period "down" being "up" and vice-versa.

In pinning an opponent, contact must be maintained. In other words, no slams are permitted. No straight head scissors, no hammerlocks or punishing holds and no double wristlocks are allowed; but there are nevertheless a number of methods which the boys use in trying to score points and since each period is only two minutes in length, they really hustle.

In a match that goes the full six minutes the winner by decision is determined by the number of points accumulated by each contestant during the match. These points do not count in the team score but are used only in determining the winner. No matter how many points may accrue, the winner scores just three markers for his team in a tussle that goes the time limit.

In determining the winner of the individual match, one point is awarded for an escape and one for placing the opponent in what the referee judges as a predicament. Two points are awarded for take downs, reverses, and near falls. A timer keeps track of the amount of "riding time" accumulated by each contestant and the boy with the time advantage has two points figured in his score.

You can see that the sport has its own glossary of terms. We'll try to explain some of them for you, although we'll have to admit that we're a comparative novice in covering wrestling. Some of the terms and explanations for them, as we've learned by our own observation and by our conversations with George Kovalick, wrestling coach at Bridgeport High, follow:

Escape - The boy who has been in the "down" position or in the clutch of his opponent breaks free.

Take Down - One boy brings the other down to the mat and floors him.

Reverse - The boy who is in "down" position reverses the situation.

Near Fall - A boy becomes very close to gaining a pin over his opponent.

Predicament - A boy has his opponent in a bad spot, even though unable to pin him.

Points are awarded on signal from the referee who consequently must be on his toes at all times. A poor referee makes for poor match.

With so many of the holds used in professional ranks being used, we asked Kovalick what holds his boys used:

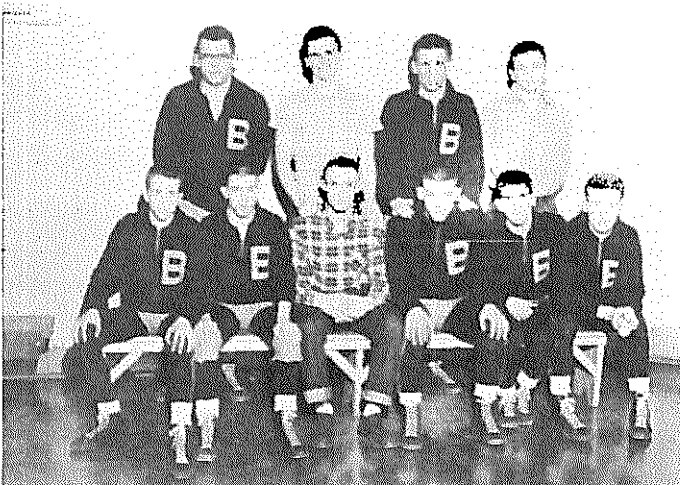
"For take downs we use single or double leg drops, arm drags and the fireman's throw". George said. "In trying to accumulate riding time we use the arm-and-waist ride and the waist-and-ankle ride. For reversals we try sitouts and switches. For escapes we use rolls and most pins are scored with the half-nelson".

If you don't understand all that, don't worry about it. Confidentially, we don't either. But we're learning. And we have a hunch that more and more folks hereabouts will be learning with us for high school wrestling is here to stay.

#### FIRST 1954

#### OVAC

#### INDIVIDUAL CHAMPS



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Tuesday, March 2, 1954

#### FIRST OVAC TOURNEY

WHEELING, BRIDGEPORT Set Pace in Mat Meet

Bridgeport and Wheeling Highs are expected to fight it out for top team laurels in the Ohio Valley Conference Wrestling Tournament which ends tonight at the Bridgeport gymnasium at Kirkwood.

As a result of the opening night's grappling, Bridgeport will be represented in seven, Linsly Institute in two, and Barnesville in one.

Matmen who lost last night will again be in action tonight to battle it out for third and fourth places in their respective divisions. First place will be worth six points in team score while second place will be worth four points, third place worth two, and fourth place will net a single point.

The only points registered to date have been on pins, each of which is worth a single marker. Consequently, Wheeling leads Bridgeport 4-3 going into tonight's competition which is to begin at 7:00 PM and which is to include a total of 20 matches.

106 - Merritt Christy, Bpt. vs. Watkins, Whg.

115 - David Smith, Bpt. vs. Charles Branz, Linsly

123 - Jack Kronjaeger, Whg. vs. Gerald Lattocha, Bpt.

130 - Joe Carpenter, Whg. vs. Ben Hehr, Bpt.

136 - Harvey Rutter, Whg. vs. Norman Honecker, Bpt.

141 - Norman Bates, Whg. vs. Ron Taylor, Bpt.

148 - Ray Offord, Bpt. vs. Griffin, Whg.

157 - Bill Floyd, Bpt. vs. Joe Bates, Whg.

168 - Bruce Richards, Barnes. vs. Ed Gretz, Bpt.

Hwt. - Jones, Linsly vs. Frank Ledvinka, Bpt.

One of the features will be the match between Bpt. Captain Dave Smith and Branz, the Linsly Mite. Wheeling will have two West Virginia Champs, Rutter and Norman Bates being tested by Bulldog operatives. And Bpt.'s two standouts, Christy and Floyd, will be trying to add to their impressive records. Floyd has been de-

feated only once in eighteen matches and finished third in the Ohio State Meet. Christy has lost only twice in 17 starts.

Wednesday, March 3, 1954

#### BRIDGEPORT WRESTLERS WIN OVC TOURNAMENT

Winning individual honors in seven of the ten weight classes, Bridgeport High's wrestlers captured the championship of the first Ohio Valley Conference Tournament concluded Tuesday night on the Bulldog mat in Kirkwood. The Bulldogs piled up 58 points on seven victories and three runnerup berths while second place Wheeling High scored 41 point. Barnesville ran third with 24 markers and Linsly Institute rounded out the field with 20.

Five of the matmen who were top seeded in their divisions were defeated in the finals as Gerald Lattocha, Bpt., gained a referee's decision; Jack Kronjaeger of Wheeling at 123 pounds; Ben Hehr of the Bulldogs topped Joe Carpenter of the Gold in the 130 pound class; Bob Griffin of Whg. took Ray Offord of Bpt. in the 148 pound division; Ed Gretz, Bpt., decisioned Bruce Richards of Barnesville at 168 pounds; and Frank Ledvinka, Bpt., won from Jones, Linsly, in the heavy-weight division.

Living up to their favored billing were Merritt Christy, Dave Smith, and Bill Floyd of Bpt., and Wheeling's two State Champs, Harvey Rutter and Norman Bates. However, Bates defeated Bpt.'s sophomore Ronny Taylor only on time advantage. It was Taylor's only loss in eight starts this year.

The match between Lattocha and Kronjaeger was the closest of the night but one point was the margin of victory in four other championship matches. Captain Smith, only Bpt. senior, gained a lone pin in the finals when he nailed Charlie Branz of Linsly in 1:32 of the second round.

Smith now has a record of ten victories against five defeats. Hehr has the same record. Floyd, third in the State of Ohio in his weight class, has won 19 out of 20 and Christy stands 17 and two on the season.

A trophy will be presented to Bpt. in the near future and medals have been ordered for individual champs.

Coach George Kovalick announced that as a result of his team's impressive showing in the conference meet, that he has decided to enter his squad in the Sixth Annual High School Invitational Wrestling Tournament on March 12 and 13 at Findlay College. Results of last night's final matches follow:

106 - Merritt Christy, Bpt. dec. Watkins, Whg. 7-0

115 - David Smith, Bpt. pinned Charles Branz of Linsly 1:32 of the second round

123 - Gerald Lattocha, Bpt. dec. Jack Kronjaeger, Whg. on a referee's decision after point tie of 2-2

130 - Ben Hehr, Bpt. dec. Joe Carpenter of Whg. 10-7

136 - Harvey Rutter, Whg. dec. Norman Honecker, Bpt. 2-0

141 - Norman Bates, Whg. dec. Ron Taylor, Bpt. 3-2

148 - Robert Griffin, Whg. dec. Ray Offord, Bpt. 8-5

157 - Bill Floyd, Bpt. dec. Joe Bates of Whg. 4-3

168 - Ed Gretz, Bpt. dec. Bruce Richards of Barnes. 3-2

Hwt. - Frank Ledvinka, Bpt. dec. Jones of Linsly 4-3



BRIDGEPORT HIGH'S 1954

OVAC CHAMPION TEAM



1955



1955 BRIDGEPORT OVAC CHAMPS

BRIDGEPORT. BARNESVILLE VIE  
FOR CONFERENCE MAT LAURELS

Bridgeport and Barnesville who have developed into arch wrestling rivals, vie for the Ohio Valley Conference Grappling Championship tonight on the Shamrocks' mat.

Weirton and Linsly Institute are also involved in the four-team tourney but were relegated to the ranks of the also-rans when they qualified only one boy apiece for tonight's finals as semi-final engagements were run off Monday night.

Bridgeport - already winner of the Ohio Valley Wrestling League Title, Champion of the Kent Regional and second to Bedford in the Ohio State Meet - qualified finalists in all 11 divisions, while Barnesville qualified nine of the 11 hopefuls.

The Bulldogs accumulated 17 points to 14 for Barnesville and two apiece for Linsly and Weirton in the first night at the tourney.

A trophy provided by the Bridgeport Booster Club will be awarded to the championship team following tonight's competition.

The summary of Monday results follow:  
107 - Christy, Bpt. fall Shelby, Linsly  
107 - Wagner, Barnes. dec. Archer, Weir.  
9-4

116 - Urban, Barnes. pinned Travaglino, Weir.

116 - Hayes, Barnes. won on forfeit

125 - Hehr, Bpt. pinned Brown in 1:05 of second period

125 - Urban, Barnes. pinned Hooper, Weir. in 1:25 of second period

132 - Ickey, Bpt. won on forfeit

132 - Martin, Barnes. pinned Recks, Weir. in 1:43 of second period

138 - Honecker, Bpt. pinned Miller, Linsly in 1:21 of first period

138 - Ballar, Weir. pinned Farracee, Barnes. in 1:10 of second period

143 - Taylor, Bpt. pinned Fluharty, Weir. in 1:40 of second period

143 - C. Lewis, Barnes. dec. Hazlett, Linsly 9-4

March 2, 1955

BRIDGEPORT GRAPPLERS

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

Bridgeport High's wrestlers completed a highly successful season by capturing the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament Tuesday night at Barnesville.

Coach George Kovalick's grapplers won OVC titles in nine of the 11 weight classes and piled up 73 points to 47 for the host Shamrocks. Weirton and Linsly Institute rounded out the field with five markers apiece.

The Conference trophy, donated by the Bridgeport Boosters Club, is the fourth won by the Bulldogs this season. They had previously won awards by capturing the Championships of the newly-organized Ohio Valley Wrestling League and the Regional Tourney at Kent State University and by finishing second to Bedford in the Ohio State Meet at Lakewood.

Big surprise on last night's Conference card, which ended a two-night tourney, was the victory scored by Don DeLande, Bulldog 181 pounder, over Barnesville's Dewitt Lewis 8-2, to avenge a pinning by the Shamrocks' Regional Champion in the State Meet last week. Another surprise was the victory scored by Bridgeport 150 pounder Tom Evans over Gerald Kuthy, Regional Runnerup in the first period.

Barnesville's great, undefeated State Champion, 116 pounder Larry Hayes, was given a close battle by Bridgeport sophomore Bill Laipple but won on the decision of referee Joe Stora after time ran out with the score tied at 2-2. Barnesville's other conference winner was Kenneth Martin, who nipped Bridgeport's Charles Ickey 7-6 in the the 132 pounds.

Results of the final matches follow:  
107- Christy, Bpt. dec. Wagner, Barnes 2-0

116 - Hayes, Barnes. won from Laipple, Bpt. on referee's dec.

125 - Hehr, Bpt. dec. Urban, Barnes. 4-0

132 - Martin, Barnes. dec. Ickey, Bpt. 7-6

138 - Honecker, Bpt. pinned Ballas, Weir. in 1:15 of first period

143 - Taylor, Bpt. dec. C. Lewis, Barnes. 4-2

150 - Evans, Bpt. pinned Kuthy, Barnes. in 1:33 of first period

160 - Floyd, Bpt. dec. Richards, Barnes. 5-2

171 - Gretz, Bpt. dec. Bushfield, Linsly 10-1

181 - DeLande, Bpt. dec. D. Lewis, Barnes,  
8-2  
Hvyw. - Ledvinka, Bpt. dec. Palmer, Barnes.  
3-0

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1956 OVAC INDIVIDUAL CHAMPS

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Tuesday, February 28, 1956

TEN BRIDGETS REACH FINALS  
IN OVC WRESTLING TOURNEY

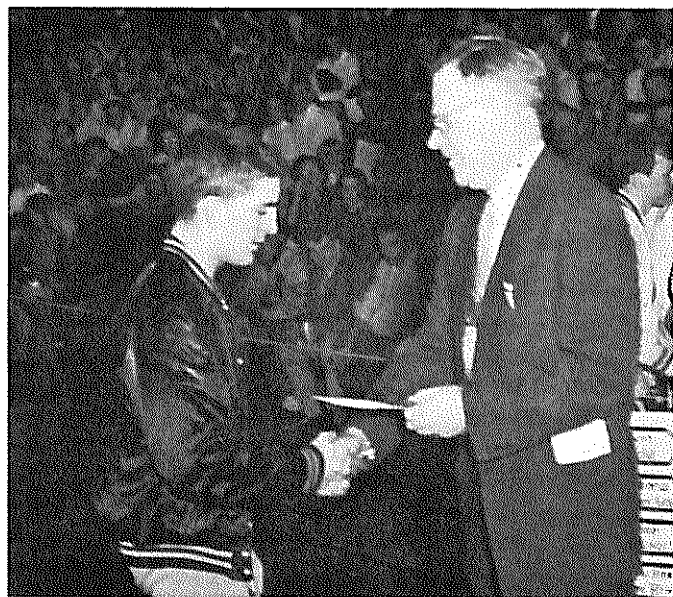
Having qualified ten boys for tonight's finals, Bridgeport High's wrestling team appears well on the way to a successful defense of its Ohio Valley Conference Championship in the Tournament at the Holloway Memorial Auditorium, Kirkwood.

The Bridgets scored 11 points as the tourney opened Monday evening and thus hold a four-point margin over second place Wheeling. Weirton is third with four points while Linsly Institute and Barnesville have three apiece; however, Linsly and Weirton have finals while Barnesville and Wheeling have five.

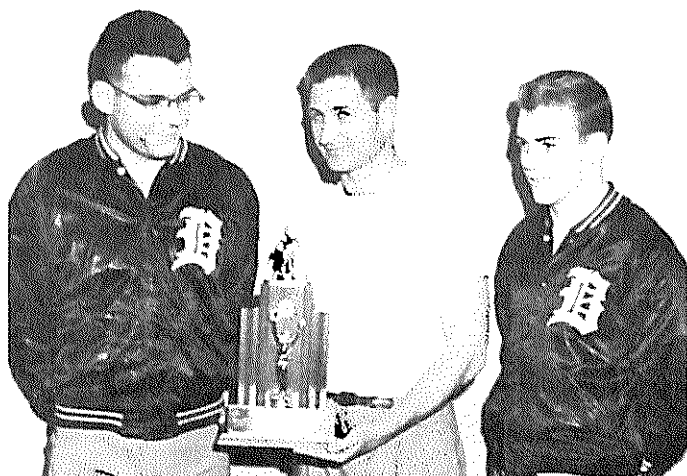
Five of the Bulldogs are defending Champions. Battling to retain the crowns they won last year are Merritt Christy at 103 pounds, Ronnie Taylor at 145, Tom Evans at 154, Don DeLande at 175, and Franklin Ledvinka, heavyweight. And, of course, Gerald Lattocha, Bridget 127 pounder, who won the State Championship last weekend at Lakewood, is a definite favorite in this class.

Barnesville has the favored grapplers at 112 in Dave Wagner and at 120 in John Urban, both regional titlists.

Tonight's action will start at 8 PM. Summary of last night's bouts follows:



127 LB. GERALD LATTOCHA BRIDGEPORT'S  
FIRST STATE CHAMPION 1956



1956 OVAC CHAMPIONSHIP  
COACH AND CO-CAPTAINS

PRELIMINARY ROUND

103 - Selby, Linsly, pinned Huff, Barnes.  
in 1:07 of first period  
127 - Travalgino, Weirton, dec. Brown,  
Linsly, 9-4  
154 - Childress, Weirton, pinned Bindas,  
Linsly, in one minute of second period

SEMI-FINALS

103 - Snyder, Weirton, dec. Moran, Whg.  
5-2  
103 - Christy, Bpt. dec. Selby, Linsly,  
4-0  
112 - Hehr, Bpt. and Wagner, Barnes,  
advanced to the final on byes  
120 - Smith, Bpt. dec. Archer, Weirton,  
4-2  
120 - Urban, Barnes,, dec. Kearn. Whg.  
13-4  
127 - Parsons, Whg. dec. Valoski, Barnes.  
3-2  
127 - Lattocha, Bpt. dec. Travalgino,  
Weirton 9-4  
133 - Laipple, Bpt. pinned Greenlief,  
Weirton in one minute 15 seconds of  
third period  
133 - Eddy, Whg. pinned Temple, Barnes.  
in 35 seconds  
138 - Leightner, Bpt. dec. Psaroudis,  
Weirton, 2-0  
138 - Howe, Whg. Pinned Wines, Barnes.  
in 50 seconds of third period  
145 - Hazlett, Linsly dec. Ferrabee,  
Barnes, 7-4  
145 - Taylor, Bpt. dec. Fluharty, Weir.  
6-0  
154 - Lewis, Barnes. dec. Milligan.  
Whg. 9-4  
154 - Evans, Bpt. pinned Childress,  
Weirton in 1:38 of second period  
165 - Walters, Barnes. advanced to  
finals on bye  
165 - Millard, Whg. dec. Comas, Bpt.  
8-4  
175 - Jamison, Whg. dec. Lallathin,  
Barnes, 4-2  
175 - DeLande, Bpt. pinned Forbes,  
Linsly, in 1:12 of second period  
Heavyweight - Ledvinka, Bpt. advanced to  
finals on bye  
Heavyweight - Trimmer, Barnes. dec. Woj-  
taszek, Whg. 6-0

BRIDGEPORT WINS OVC

WRESTLING TITLE AGAIN

Wednesday, February 29, 1956

Bridgeport successfully defended  
its Ohio Valley Conference wrestling  
championship at the Holloway Memorial  
Auditorium Tuesday night and copped  
individual honors in seven of the 11  
weight classes.

Coach George Kovalick's matmen  
concluded the mat season by piling up  
104 points to 48 for runnerup Barnes-  
ville. The Shamrocks nosed out Wheeling  
by three points in a tight battle for  
the runnerup trophy. Fourth place went  
to Weirton with 11 markers and Linsly  
Institute brought up the rear with ten.

Dave Wagner, 112 pounder, and John  
Urban, 120 pounder. who won regional  
titles for Barnesville two weeks ago  
also captured conference laurels and  
Shamrock 165 pounder Bill Walters also  
won. Wheeling produced one individual  
champ in its Captain, Bill Howe, who  
decisioned Bridgeport's promising sopho-  
more, Dick Leightner, in the final.

The team title was the third in a  
row for Bridgeport. Five of the Bulldogs  
successfully defended their titles. They  
were Merritt Christy at 103 pounds, Ronn-  
ie Taylor at 145, Tom Evans at 154 Don  
DeLande at 175, and Franklin Ledvinka,  
heavyweight.

Bridgeport's state champion, Gerald  
Lattocha, pinned Carson of Wheeling in  
the third period to take the 127 pound  
Brown and Bill Laipple took 133 pound  
honors for the Blue. Christy, Taylor,  
Evans, DeLande, Lattocha, and Laipple  
were also regional champs.

Christy, undefeated in valley compe-  
tition, has now won the OVC title in the  
mife division three straight times and  
finished his career undefeated in valley  
competition. Last night's results:

103 - Christy, Bpt. pinned Snyder.  
Weirton. in 50 seconds of the second  
period  
112 - Wagner, Barnes. dec. Hehr, Bpt.  
11-1  
120 - Urban, Barnes. dec. Smith, Bpt.  
2-0  
127 - Lattocha, Bpt. pinned Carson, Whg.  
in 57 seconds of third period  
133 - Laipple, Bpt. decisioned Eddy,  
Whg. 6-2  
138 - Howe, Whg. dec. Leightner, Bpt.  
4-0

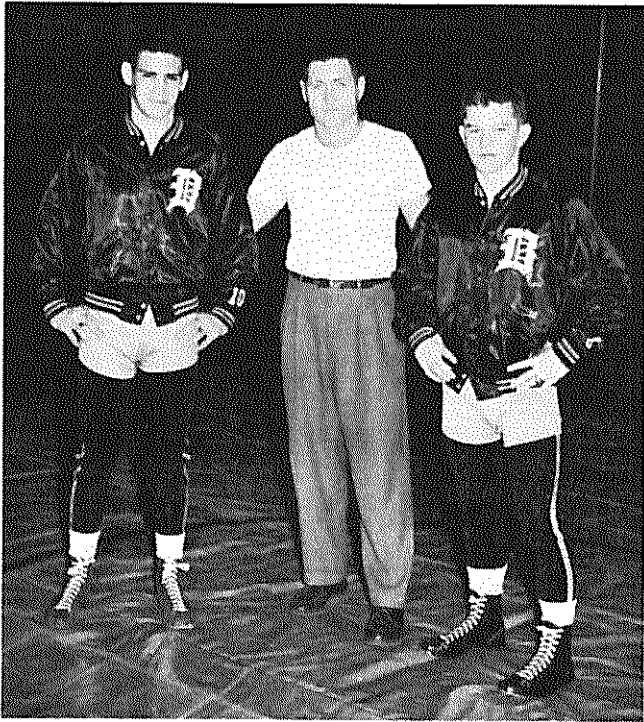
145 - Taylor, Bpt. dec. Hazlett, Linsly  
6-0  
154 - Evans, Bpt. dec. Lewis, Barnes.,  
4-3  
165 - Walters Barnes. pinned Millard,  
Whg. in 50 seconds of the third period  
175 - DeLande. Bpt. dec. Jamison, Whg.  
6-4  
Heavyweight - Ledvinka, Bpt. dec. Trimm-  
er, Barnes. 4-0



BULLDOGS

1956 OVAC CHAMPION

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CO-CAPTAINS

BRIDGEPORT HIGH SCHOOL

JERRY COMAS

DICK LEIGHTNER

February 25 and 26, 1957

BRIDGEPORT WINS OVC TITLE



OVC WRESTLING CHAMPS - The 11 Ohio Valley Conference wrestling champs for 1957 proudly display their trophies after winning the finals at the Bridgeport gym. The host Bulldogs completely dominated the tourney by placing seven on the championship list. Kneeling, from left to right, are Dave Snyder, Weirton; Dick Lyle,

Richard Nagy and Art Hehr, Bridgeport; Rich Veloski, Barnesville; and Captain Bill Leipple of Bridgeport, Standing are Harold Dee, Steve Lattocha and Jerry Comas, Bridgeport; and Warren Lallathin and Rodney Moore of Barnesville. This was the fourth consecutive year that the Bulldogs won the OVC tourney.

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Bridgeport High's domination of the Ohio Valley Conference wrestling tourney was extended through a fourth straight year when the Bulldogs easily outdistanced their foes Wednesday night at the Bridget gym.

Winning in seven of the 11 weight classes, Coach George Kovalick's grapplers racked up a total of 71 points and almost doubled the score on runnerup Barnesville, which accumulated 37 points.

Barnesville claimed three individual championships while Weirton collected the other. Wheeling and Linsly were shut out in the title matches.

Wheeling High, however, picked up points in the semi-finals to nose out Weirton for third place, 21-20. Linsly brought up the rear with six points.

Four of the matches were won by falls. One other saw Steve Lattocha of Bridgeport gain the championship in the 157 pound division the easy way as Wheeling's Don Milligan was unable to compete due to illness.

Bridgeport led the way in pins. Defending champion Bill Laipple scored one over Wheeling's Andy McAnich in the 141 pound class. Laipple, an Eastern Regional champ the past two years and fourth in the state meet this year, won in the 135 pound class last winter.

Harold Dee another regional champ, pinned Dave Wines of Barnesville, while the other falls were recorded by Barnesville's Warren Lallathin over Bridgeport's Robin Frasnely in the 178 pound class and Weirton's Bob Snyder over the Shamrocks' Dave Murphy in the 106 pound class.

Chalking up decision wins for Bridgeport were Dick Lyle - Rich Nagy - Art Hehr, another regional champ who finished third in the state although only a sophomore, and Jerry Comas.

Other Barnesville winners were Rich Veloski and Rod Moore. The Shamrocks were hurt in the OVC meet by the loss of



defending champions John Urban by injury and Dave Wagner and Bill Walters due to disciplinary reasons.

Complete summary of the OVC wrestling finals follows:

106 class - Snyder, Weir. pinned Murphy, Barnes in 1:20 of the 2nd period  
115 class - Lyle, Bpt. dec. Selby, Linsly 4-3  
123 class - Nagy, Bpt. dec. Bogers, Whg. 7-0  
130 class - Hehr, Bpt. dec. Greenleaf Weir. 2-0  
136 class - Veloski, Barnes. dec. Leightner, Bpt. 4-0  
141 class - Laipple, Bpt. pinned McAnich, Whg. in 1:36 of the 1st period.  
148 class - Dee, Bpt. pinned Wines, Barnes. in 1:02 of the 1st period.  
157 class - Lattocha, Bpt. won by forfeit  
168 class - Comas, Bpt. dec. Redd, Weir., 5-2  
178 class - Lallathin, Barnes. pinned Frasnely, Bpt. in 1:35 of the 2nd period.  
Heavyweight - Moore, Barnes. dec. Jamison, Whg. 19-9

#### BRIDGEPORT NEARS

#### ANOTHER OVC CROWN

Bridgeport High appeared headed for its fourth consecutive Ohio Valley Conference wrestling championship today after qualifying nine grapplers for the finals during Monday's first round competition.

The finals will be presented Wednesday night at the Bulldogs' gym. Starting at 8 PM and following Junior High matches at 7. In addition to the nine Bridget competitors, the field will include five wrestlers from Barnesville, four from Wheeling High, three from Weirton, and one from Linsly Institute.

Coach George Kovalick's club, which has made great strides since the start of the campaign, qualified Dick Lyle, Art Hehr, Dick Leightner, Bill Laipple, Harold Dee, Steve Lattocha, Jerry Comas, and Robin Frasnely via opening round wins while Rich Nagy reached the finals through a bye.

Barnesville qualified Dave Murphy, Rich Veloski, Dave Wines, Warren Lollathin and Rod Moore. For Wheeling, Rogers, McAnich, Don Milligan and Phil Jamison qualified while Redd and Greenleaf quali-

fied for Weirton through victories while Snyder reached the finals via a bye, Linsly's only hope in the finals is John Selby.

Only one defending champion will make a bid to retain his crown. He is Laipple of Bridgeport. Barnesville's John Urban is a 1955 OVC champion but did not participate in the tourney due to an injury suffered in the state tourney. Dave Wagner and Bill Walters of Barnesville also won conference titles last winter but were not in last night's lineup for the Shamrocks.

Winning by falls in the opening round were Laipple, Hehr, and Lallathin for Barnesville; McAnich of Wheeling; Selby of Linsly, and Redd of Weirton. Complete summary of opening round matches follows:

106 - Snyder, Weir. gained finals via bye  
106 - Murphy, Barnes. pinned Clayton, Bpt. in 1:10 of third period  
115 - Selby Linsly, Bunfill Barnes. in 1:17 of third period  
115 - Lyle Bpt. dec. Kennon, Whg. 7-1  
123 - Nagy, Bpt. gained finals via bye  
123 - Rogers, Whg. dec. Linn, Barnes. 6-2  
130 - Hehr, Bpt. pinned Nichols Barnes. in 1:05 of second period  
130 - Greenleaf, Weir. dec. Coulter, Whg. 2-0  
136 - Veloski, Barnes. dec. Traveglino, Weir. 7-2  
136 - Leightner, Bpt. dec. Parsons, Whg. 7-5  
141 - Laipple, Bpt. pinned Bulter, Barnes. in 1:25 of second period  
141 - McAnich, Whg. pinned Staats, Weir. in 1:05 of second period  
148 - Dee, Bpt. gained finals via bye  
148 - Wines, Barnes. dec. McKinley, Whg. 10-2  
157 - Milligan, Whg. gained finals via bye  
157 - Lattocha, Bpt. dec. Jeffers, Barnes. 5-0  
168 - Comas, Bpt. pinned Thompson, Barnes. in 20 seconds of third period  
168 - Redd, Weir. pinned Means, Whg. in 48 seconds of first period  
178 - Lollathin, Barnes, pinned Morrison, Weir. 36 seconds of first period  
178 - Frasnely, Bpt. dec. Moore, Whg. 5-0  
Heavyweight - Moore, Barnes, and Jamison Whg. both finals via byes

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Boyd Nelson

BRIDGETS WIN CONFERENCE CROWN

Bridgeport High almost doubled the score on its closest rival in copping its fifth straight Ohio Valley Conference wrestling title Monday at the Bulldogs' gym at Kirkwood.

Coach George Kovalick's charges registered a total 89 points, as compared to 48 markers by runnerup Weirton. Other teams' scores were Steubenville, 41; Barnesville, 34; Wheeling, 29; and Martins Ferry, 6. Linsly did not dent the scoring column.

Bridgeport won six individual championships. Weirton and Steubenville each had two conference champs while Barnesville claimed the other.

Leading the way for the Bulldogs was their Ohio state champion, undefeated Art Hehr, who captured his second straight conference title. Hehr easily won the 127-pound diadem. Last winter he was champ in the 120 pound division. Hehr finished the current season with 20 straight wins to his credit.

Other Bridgeport winners were Co-Captains Jerry Comas and Dick Leightner in the 154 and 138 pound divisions, respectively; Bobby Douglas, 103-pound class; Frank Cunningham, 120-pound class; and Walt Tolarchyk, 145 pounds. Comas was also a 1957 OVC champion.

Barnesville's conference champ is Warren Lollathin, its veteran 175 pounder. Weirton is represented among the

titlists by Dave Snyder and Ed Greenleaf while Steubenville's conference winners are Dave Cunningham and Tom Lotzgeselle, the latter wrestling in place of George Hugus in the heavyweight class. Snyder is also a past OVC champ.

In the finals only two falls were registered, those by Snyder over Barnesville's Bob Murphy and Lollathin over Bridgeport's Gary Bigelow. Complete summary of the OVC meet follows:

FINALS

- 103 - Douglas, Bpt. dec. Thornburg, Barnes, 5-2
- 112 - Snyder, Weir. pinned Murphy, Barnes., 1:58 of first period
- 120 - Cunningham, Bpt. dec. Mayo, Steub., 5-1
- 127 - Hehr, Bpt. dec. Travaglino, Weir. 7-1
- 133 - Greenleaf, Weir. dec. Bella, Bpt. 1-0 (overtime)
- 138 - Leightner, Bpt. dec. McAnich, Whg. 9-0
- 145 - Tolarchyk, Bpt. dec. Sutton, Weir. 6-2
- 154 - Comas, Bpt. dec. Tressler, Steub. 6-0
- 165 - Cunningham, Steub. dec. Means, Whg. 3-2
- 175 - Lollathin. Barnes. pinned Bigelow, Bpt. 43 seconds of second period
- Heavyweight - Lotzgeselle, Steub. dec. Pitts Whg. 2-0

SEMI-FINALS

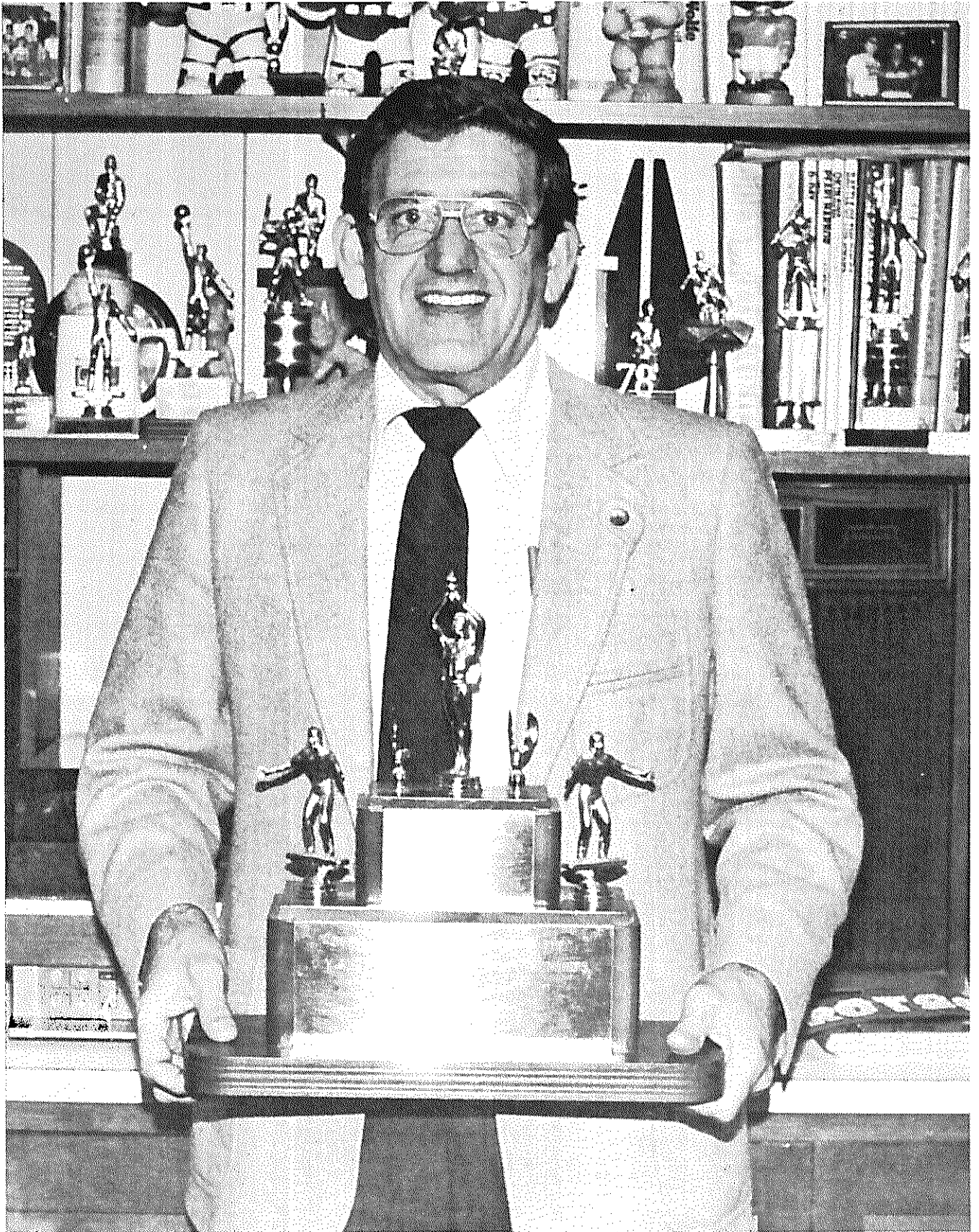
- 103 - Douglas, Bpt. dec. Ritchie, Weir. 14-3; Thornburg, Barnes. dec. McDaniel, M. F. 7-6
- 112 - Murphy, Barnes. sec. Jones, M. F., 5-0. Snyder, Weir. pinned Menoski, Bpt. 45 seconds of the second period
- 120 - Cunningham. Bpt. dec. Bunfill, Barnes. 6-0; Mayo Steub. dec. Payne, Weir. 11-5
- 127 - Hehr Bpt. Milhoan, Barnes, 7-0; Travaglino. Weir. pinned Bogers, Whg. 1:36 of first period
- 133 - Bella, Bpt. dec. Mazur, Whg. 5-6; Greenleaf, Weir. pinned Buonamici, M. F. 42 seconds of third period
- 138 - Leightner, Bpt. pinned McGuire, Barnes. 1:30 of second period; McAnich, Whg. dec. A. Bellas, Steub. 3-2 (overtime).

145 - Tolarchyk, Bpt. dec. Parson, Whg.  
5-0; Sutton, Weir. dec. Ackerman, M. F.  
2-1  
154 - Comas, Bpt. pinned Varner, Weir.  
1:17 of first period; Tressler, Steub.  
dec. McKinley, Whg. 6-3  
165 - Cunningham, Steub. pinned Kerns,  
Weir. 1:03 of second period; Means, Whg.  
dec. Binns, M. F. 6-0  
175 - Lollathin, Barnes. pinned Dezio.  
Linsly 57 seconds of first period; Bige-  
low, Bpt. dec. Sommer, M. F. 3-1  
Heavyweight - Pitts, Whg. dec. Jones.  
Linsly 2-0

#### PRELIMINARIES

103 - Ritchie, Weir. dec. Calland, Steub.  
11-6; Thornberg, Barnes. pinned Hall, Whg.  
20 seconds of second period.  
120 - Bunfill, Barnes. pinned Edwards,  
Whg 1:30 of first period; Payne, Weir.  
pinned Magee, Linsly, 32 seconds of  
second period.  
127 - Bogers, Whg. dec. Bruney, M. F. 3-0  
133 - Bella, Bpt. pinned M. Bellas, Steub.  
1:44 of first period; Mazur, Whg. dec.  
Selby, Linsly 4-2; Buonamici, M. F. dec.  
Lynn, Barnes. 7-4  
138 - McGuire, Barnes. dec. Buturia, Linsly  
3-0; A. Bellas, Steub. dec. Childers, Weir.  
2-0  
145 - Tolarchyk, Bpt. dec. Tomlin, Steub.  
4-0; Parson, Whg. pinned Hazlett, Linsly,  
1:05 of third period; Ackerman, M. F.  
pinned Simmond, Barnes., 1:58 of first  
period  
154 - Varner, Weir. dec. Asaro, Linsly,  
3-0; McKinley, Whg. dec. Walters, M. F.,  
9-2; Tressler, Steub. pinned Thompson,  
Barnes. 1:22 of third period  
165 - Kerns, Weir. pinned Asaro, Linsly,  
51 seconds of second period; Binns, M. F.  
dec. Weirzbecki, Bpt. 2-0  
175 - Bigelow, Bpt. pinned Martins, Whg.  
1:30 of second period.

SECTION TWO  
WE HONOR JOHN VROTSOS



HONOREE JOHN VROTSOS

MARTINS FERRY HIGH SCHOOL

John Vrotsos never nurtured boyhood dreams about being a wrestling coach.

When he was growing up in Martins Ferry's Fourth Ward, football and basketball were his sports and it was on the gridiron and on the hardwood that he won glory as a Purple Rider athlete.

When he did become a wrestling coach, it wasn't even his own idea. Nevertheless, through his dedication, determination, competitive spirit, meticulous attention to detail, and his ability to teach in athletics as well as in the classroom, he came to be a record setter and established himself among the most respected figures in the history of Ohio Valley wrestling.

In 1956, Dr. Harold Meyer, superintendent of Martins Ferry schools and subsequently to be the commissioner of the Ohio High School Athletic Association and the Ferry Board of Education, wanted to add wrestling to the athletic program at Ferry High. At that time, Vrotsos was joining the faculty at his hometown high school and Meyer not only wanted him to assist on the coaching staff in football and track but urged him to initiate the wrestling program.

The superintendent obviously knew his man. Unfamiliar with the finer points of high school wrestling, Vrotsos immediately set about to familiarize himself with the sport. He read every book and saw every instructional film on wrestling that he could find. To get a feel for the sport himself, he went to the Wheeling YMCA and wrestled.

However, perhaps the smartest move that Vrotsos made was going to George Kovalick who by then had lifted Bridgeport High not only to the heights in valley competition but had guided the Bulldogs to state prominence.

Like Vrotsos, Kovalick had started from scratch. He had learned by trial and error and, in his success, became so sold on the value of the sport that he wanted to see it spread throughout the area. He believed the more competition he could find for his charges the better they would become. And he foresaw the possibility that Martins Ferry, a larger school than Bridgeport, could have the makings of a sound program,

with proper development. He made Vrotsos a deal he could not refuse. He told the Martins Ferrian that he was welcome at all Bridgeport practices and matches. He offered his help and that help was gratefully accepted.

Vrotsos carefully studied Kovalick's every move - and the moves of his wrestlers. The two men found that they had much the same philosophies about athletics. Thus began a friendship that was to be very close and enduring, even though Bridgeport and Ferry were to develop into prime rivals on the mat.

Vrotsos became thoroughly indoctrinated in the sport and in the winter of 1957-58, the first Purple Rider mat team appeared on the scene. It got off to an inglorious start with a shut-out loss to a strong Weir High team and suffered a total of ten dual meet defeats.

However, Vrotsos would not be satisfied until he built a team - in fact, a succession of teams - in which he and his school could be proud. By his second season as coach, Ferry was not only able to defeat Weirton but was to win 15 of 16 dual meets, with the only loss to Bridgeport, and finished second to the Bulldogs in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference tournament.

After losing ten dual meets in their baptismal year, the Riders were to lose a total of only nine in the next season even though Vrotsos booked the toughest opposition he could find. Two of these dual meet losses were to state champion teams - Bridgeport in 1959 and Maple Heights in 1963. In that period, the Ferrians won 84 dual meets and in 1964 and '67 they did not lose any.

In 1960, Martins Ferry won its first of eight consecutive Ohio Valley Athletic Conference tournaments - a record that still stands. Seven of those were won with Vrotsos as coach and the last under his successor, Arthur Hehr, a two-time state champion at Bridgeport under Kovalick.

Vrotsos-coached teams also won six straight Eastern Ohio district tournaments. Except in their first year, they were never worse than second in the district eliminations.

Best finish of the Purple in the Ohio State meet at Columbus was a tie for fifth in 1960 when Jerry McDaniel

was runnerup at 105 pounds and Bob Bruney and Jeff Jones were third at 154 and 112 respectively.

Vrotsos produced an individual state champion in John Scordos, who was third at 175 pounds in 1963 and state titlist in '64. Steve Scipio was third at 165 pounds in 1965 and second in '66. Keith Sommer was second at 175 in 1959 and Jack Kardules was fourth at 145 in 1961.

In addition to dominating Eastern district and OVAC honors in the Vrotsos years, Rider teams copped the Worthington Invitational twice and the Beaver Local tournament three times.

Born in Sabarton, WV on August 9, 1927, John Vrotsos was one of the nine children and Maria Vrotsos. The family moved to Martins Ferry in 1935 and he was enrolled in the second grade at North School. He had seven brothers and two sisters, and two of those brothers, Tony (who later played at West Virginia University) and Nick (who became basketball captain at Alabama and went on to an illustrious coaching career at Dillonvale, Dover and Massillon), precede him as Rider star athletes.

John, known as "Corky" to his friends, was a three-year letterman in both football and basketball for the Purple Riders. He was a All-Eastern Ohio center and line-backer in football under Fred Thomas and played guard in basketball under Floyd Baker and Ralph Gartrell.

After service in the U. S. Army, Vrotsos entered West Liberty State College in February of 1948 and was graduated in June of 1951. He was a three-year varsity grid performer for the Hilltoppers during the school's glory era. In fact, while he was on the grid team, the West Liberty forces, coached by Dr. Joe Bartell, went undefeated twice in three seasons and played in the Smoky Mountain and Pythian Bowl games.

Vrotsos began his coaching career at Newcomerstown in 1951 as a junior high coach in football, basketball and track. In May of 1952, Vrotsos returned to Martins Ferry as city recreation director. He served in that capacity full time until 1957 when he joined the Ferry High faculty.

Vrotsos was a member of the Martins Ferry football staff when the

Riders went undefeated four times in five years and was highly regarded as an assistant by both Hayden Buckley and Bob Wion. In fact, many a touchdown play developed from a call made by the quick-minded Vrotsos from the coaches' box on the grandstand roof at Ferry stadium.

For a number of years while he was in coaching he assisted with the city recreation program and he resigned his coaching duties at the end of the 1967 wrestling season in order to fulfill an obligation as recreation director, though he continued on the high school faculty.

Since retiring from coaching, Vrotsos has served the Martins Ferry schools as community school director and subsequently as administrative assistant to the superintendent of schools and assistant principal of the high school.

In 1978, he was brought back into the wrestling spotlight when the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference's prestigious Mr. Mat Award was presented to him for his tremendous contributions to the mat sport in the local area.

Vrotsos and his wife, Jackie Ayers Vrotsos, are the parents of two sons - John, a former Ferry High and West Liberty wrestler, who is assistant wrestling coach at St. Clairsville High; Keith, a football, basketball and baseball star at Ferry High who went on to become outstanding in baseball at Ohio University; and a daughter - Mrs. Roger (Susan) Levi.

Keith, who was named for ex-Rider matman Keith Sommer, is now employed by Roadway Truck Company and is residing with his new bride, Julie Fisher Vrotsos, at Painesville.

Jackie and "Corky" have two grandchildren - Vincent Levi, 3, and Nicholas Levi, 1. They reside in Martins Ferry.

"I have great memories of my experiences in coaching and as an athlete," Vrotsos said. "The friendships have been wonderful. One does not forget former teammates or coaching associates. Nor will I ever forget the young men who wore the purple and white and who put so much effort and devotion into our wrestling program. They were truly magnificent. One of the greatest satisfactions in coaching is in knowing how many of these

athletes whom I have been so fortunate to coach have gone on to accomplish so much in life and to be such worthy citizens. That is a tremendous source of pride to me."

#### OVAC WRESTLING TOURNEY

#### SEVEN SCHOOLS COMPETE IN TWO-SESSION EVENT

#### Undefeated Bridgeport Favored to Capture Sixth Straight Title

With wrestlers from seven schools competing, the annual Ohio Valley Athletic Conference mat tournament will be presented Saturday at the Martins Ferry High gymnasium.

The tourney will be divided into two sessions, the first starting at 1 p. m. and the second at 8 p. m. Barring late scratches, there will be 55 matches during the matinee card to reduce the field to finalists in each of the 11 weight classes for the evening program.

Two mats will be used during the afternoon in order that two matches can be run off simultaneously.

Bridgeport's undefeated Bulldogs, who have swept to the conference mat title for five straight years, are heavily favored in tomorrow's meet. Martins Ferry's host forces are likely to offer the most formidable challenge. Rounding out the field will be last year's runnerup, Weirton; Wheeling High, Linsly Institute and Barnesville.

The 1958 champions in five different weight classes will compete. Bridgeport will present four of these in Dobby Douglas, last year's 103-pound kingpin who moves up to 112; Frankie Cunningham, defending at 120 pounds; Captain Art Hehr, defending at 127; and Walter Tolarchyk, defending at 145. The other '58 titlist who'll again be on hand is Ed Greenleaf, Weirton, in the 133-pound class.

Hehr will be seeking an OVAC title for the third straight year. He won the 120-pound title as a sophomore and last year was the boss at 127. Defending state champion at his weight, the Bridget captain has a string of 36 straight victories to his credit.

Bridgeport enters the tourney with six undefeated grapplers. In addition to Hehr, the Bulldogs boasting perfect marks this season are John Porter at 103, Douglas at 112, Cunningham at 120, Ed Brown at 138, and Tolarchyk at 145.

Martins Ferry presents an unconquered pair in Bill Ackerman, at 154, and Captain Keith Sommer, at 175. Ferry's 165 pounder, Ron Binns is unbeaten at that weight although he lost once while wrestling as a heavyweight.

Ferry's only loss in 16 dual meets this winter was to the championship team. Smaller trophies will go to each of the 11 individual titlists.

Team points are awarded on the basis of five for first place, three for second place, one for every pin, and one for advancement.

George Kovalick, Bridgeport coach, is tournament director and is being assisted in preparations for the event by John Vrotsos, Martins Ferry coach.

The OVAC tournament will offer area fans their last opportunity to see the grapplers in action locally. The Ohio side schools will be occupied by the district tourney at East Liverpool next week and the winners and runnerup in the competition at Liverpool will advance to the state tourney at Columbus on February 20 and 21.

#### BRIDGEPORT REPEATS AS OVAC CHAMPS

#### SEVEN BULLDOGS TAKE INDIVIDUAL LAURELS

Martins Ferry Runnerup, Cops Three Titles; District Tourney This Week

After winning the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference championship for the sixth straight year, Bridgeport High's wrestlers looked forward to the defense of their Eastern Ohio district championship in a two-day tournament at East Liverpool.

Bridgeport was clearly the class of the field in the OVAC tourney last Saturday at Martins Ferry gym but the Bulldogs may find stiffer opposition at the Pottery City, where some 15 schools are expected to send grapplers into competition Friday and Saturday.

Seven Bulldogs won OVAC crowns and two more took runnerup honors in their respective weight classes as Coach George Kovalick's squad piled up a total of 70 points.

Martins Ferry, loser only to Bridgeport in 16 dual meets this season, made an impressive showing in finishing second to the Blue in the conference meet with six points. Like the Bridgets, Ferry qualified nine grapplers for



the finals. Three members of the John Vrotsos-coached team won titles.

Bridgeport and Ferry far outdistanced the rest of the field. Weirton finished third with just 18 points and Barnesville was fourth with 12 markers. Steubenville tallied five points and Wheeling four while Linsly Institute, with its previously undefeated Johnny Dezio being edged by Bridgeport's Ted Wierzbicki in the first round, failed to score.

Four members of the unbeaten Bridgeport squad repeated as OVAC titlists. Captain Art Hehr became a three-year conference titlist as the defending state champion ran his victory string to 39 in a row. The OVAC titlist at 120 pounds as a sophomore, Hehr won the 127 pound laurels both in 1958 and this year. He scored two first period pins to reach the finals Saturday and then racked up a lopsided decision over a gallant, Ferry's Dick Dunbar, in the championship match.

Bridgeport's speedy Bobby Douglas, 103 pound titlist last year when only a freshman, moved up to the 112 pound class this year and took the championship with a decision over Ferry's Jeff Jones.

The other repeaters for Bridgeport were Frank Cunningham at 120 pounds and Walter Tolarchyk at 145 pounds. Both Cunningham and Tolarchyk scored pins in the finals over MF opponents - Cunningham stopping Rider plebe Dale Deaton and Tolarchyk winning from Bob Bruney.

One of 1957's champions, Ed Greenleaf, Weirton - 133 pounder, was dethroned by Bridgeport's Mickey Bella.

John Porter, senior 103 pounder, started the Bulldogs' succession of triumphs in Saturday night's finals when he decided Ferry's Jerry McDaniel. Victories by Douglas, Cunningham, Hehr, Bella, 138 pounder Ed Brown, and Tolarchyk followed as the Bridgects took the first seven matches on the evening program.

#### FIRST ROUND

103 - Thornburg, Barnes. pinned Hall, Whg. in 1:21 of second period; McDaniel, M.F. pinned Virtue, Weir. in 1:13 of second period

112 - Lucas, Barnes. dec. Byrd, Weir. 2-0; Douglas, Bpt. pinned Nanney, Whg. in 1:33

120 - Cunningham, Bpt. pinned Mechling, Whg. in 1:15; Bruno, Weir. pinned Kemp, Barnes. in 1:31 of third period

127 - Hehr, Bpt. pinned Rine, Whg. in 15 seconds; Billcheck, Weir. pinned Burturia, Linsly in 1:46 of third period; Dunbar, M. F. decisioned Huff, Barnes 2-0

133 - Mayo, Steub. pinned Mossman, Linsly, in 1:08 of second period; Bella, Bpt. pinned Mulloy, Whg. in 1:18; Lynn, Barnes. pinned HeiHeirdinger, M. F. in 1:20

138 - Kardules M. F. dec. Scipio, Steub. 5-3; Murphy, Barnes. pinned Coohy, Whg. in 46 seconds

145 - Tolarchyk, Bpt. pinned McCort, Barnes. in one minute, eight seconds; Shock, Steub. pinned L. Ernes, Bpt. dec. Switzer, Steub. 6-2

165 - Binns, M. F. dec. Lallathin, Barnes 10-2; Burns, Weir. pinned Sarap. Steub. in 1:50 of third period; Wierzbicki, Bpt. dec. J. Dezio, Linsly 3-2

175 - Sommer, M. F. dec. Swiger, Weir. 6-0; Matusec, Bpt. dec. Simmons, Barnes. 6-1

Heavyweight - Ward Bpt. dec. Baylak Weir. 3-0; Shaefer, Steub, dec. Weide, Whg. 5-0; Toundas, M. F. pinned Brown, Barnes. in 1:32

#### SEMI-FINALS

103 - Porter, Bpt. pinned Thornburg, Barnes. in 20 seconds of third period; McDaniel, M. F. pinned Ritz. Steub. in 58 seconds of second period

112 - Jones, M. F. pinned Lucas, Barnes. in 1:15 of second period; Douglas, Bpt. dec. Bonar. Steub., 16-0

120 - Cunningham, Bpt. dec. Goldberg, Linsly 5-0; Deaton, M. F. dec. Bruno, Weir. 5-0

127 - Hehr, Bpt. pinned Billcheck, Weir. in 1:20; Dunbar, M. F. dec. Johnson Steub. 5-4

133 - Greenleaf, Weir. dec. Mayo, Steub. 3-0; Bella, Bpt. dec. Lynn, Barnes 6-1

138 - Brown, Bpt. dec. Varner, Weir. 5-0; Murphy, Barnes. dec. Kardules, M.F. 4-2

145 - Tolarchyk, Bpt. pinned Marshall, Whg. in 1:05 in second period; Bruney, M. F. dec. Childers, Weir. 9-1

154 - Ackerman, M. F. dec. Reed, Barnes. 8-0; Sutton, Weir. pinned Ernes, Bpt. in 1:20

165 - Binns, M. F. dec. Burns, Weir. 5-1; Means, Whg. dec. Wierzbicki, Bpt. 3-0 in overtime.

175 - Sommer, M. F. pinned Smith, Steub. in 55 seconds; Matusek, Bpt. pinned Taylor Whg. in 1:20 of third period.  
Heavyweight - Ward, Bpt. dec. Shaefer, Steub. 4-3; Toundas, M. F. dec. Jones, Linsly 4-2

#### FINALS

103 - John Porter, Bpt. dec. Jerry McDaniel, M. F. 7-2  
112 - Bobby Douglas, Bpt. dec. Jeff Jones, M. F. 6-1  
120 - Frank Cunningham, Bpt. pinned Dale Deaton, M. F.  
127 - Art Hehr, Bpt. decisioned Dick Dunbar, M. F. 14-2  
133 - Mickey Bella, Bpt. dec. Ed Greenleaf, Weir. 5-1  
138 - Ed Brown, Bpt. dec. Bob Murphy, Barnes - 7-4  
145 - Walter Tolarchyk, Bpt. pinned Bob Bruney, M. F. in one minute, 19 seconds  
154 - Melvin Sutton, Weir. dec. Bill Ackerman, M. F. 2-0  
165 - Ronnie Binns, M. F. pinned Mike Means, Whg. in 31 seconds of third period  
175 - Keith Sommer, M. F. dec. John Matusek, Bpt. 4-0  
Heavyweight - George Toundas, M. F. dec. Phil Ward, Bpt. 2-0

Then Melvin Sutton, of Weirton, pulled an upset by scoring a decision over Ferry's previously undefeated Bill Ackerman, who had won 18 straight. Sutton had lost to Ackerman twice during the season.

The host Ferrians finished the night in auspicious fashion with Ronnie Binns pinning Wheeling's Mike Means for the 165 pound crown, Captain Keith Sommer winning from Bridgeport's John Matusek in the 175 pound final, and George Toundas edging Bridget Sophomore Phil Ward for the heavy-weight laurels.

Sommer and six of the Bridgeport delegation - Porter, Douglas, Cunningham, Hehr, Brown, and Tolarchyk - will take perfect records into the district meet this week. Binns has not lost as a 165 pounder, although defeated once as a heavyweight.

Brown scored a 7-4 nod over Barnesville's Bob Murphy in the 138 pound final.

The 165 pound class probably produced the best-balanced field of the tournament. After Wierzbicki edged Dezio, the Bridget sophomore lost in overtime in the

semi-finals to Means, who was then stopped by Binns in the title round.

Wednesday, February 25, 1959

HAIL TO THE CHAMPS! George Kovalick paid \$1 to see his Bridgeport High wrestling team win the state championship at Columbus last Saturday night. Passes were distributed to each school for the coach and squad but Kovalick somehow found himself one short. It is typical of the unassuming, unobtrusive coach that he would pay his way into the tournament, rather than go ask anyone else for a pass.

Bridgeport's victory, breaking the Cleveland area's long domination of the state meet, was a popular one with coaches and fans from around Buckeyeland. It has been felt in some quarters that the Cleveland schools' impressive string of championships was no better for high school wrestling than the Yankees' domination of the American League is good for baseball.

No Bridgeport fan was happier over the outcome of the state meet than balding Joe Stora, the former Shadyside High and Ohio State athlete who is now football and wrestling coach at Springfield Township in Jefferson County and also one of the most capable of wrestling referees. Shadyside missed winning the state school-boy mat championship by one point twice in three years and Joe was a member of one of those teams which came so close. In 1940, when he was state champion in the 138 pound class, Shadyside was nipped by Cleveland John Hay 21-20.

"In one match, I had a guy pinned but the referee said he didn't see it" Joe recalls. If he's been credited with a pin, the Orangemen would have received an additional point and would have tied for first place.

Stora didn't have any of his Springfield Flying Tigers at the state meet this year but he was in the front row rooting hard for the boys from this district. Joe was one of the first to congratulate Kovalick and his boys upon their triumph. He had plenty of company.

Al Blatnik, the West Liberty State College basketball mentor who was a Kovalick coaching contemporary at Bridgeport, left the West Virginia State Interscholastic Conference tournament at Buckhann-

on to hurry to Columbus with his former athletic pupil, Joe Blaha, to see the Bulldogs win the championship. Many of Kovalick's former wrestlers, including Bill Floyd of the current Ohio State varsity, were in the stands, and long John Havlicek, whose first love is basketball, was prominent among those at the St. John Arena rooting the Bridget's home.

Long before the meet was over, it was common knowledge that Bridgeport had victory in the bag. Over in one corner of the giant St. John Arena, Kovalick and his charges quite acceptably accepted the handshakes and pats on the back from their admirers. They were tired but happy. We were impressed that they were comparatively unemotional about their feat. There was no wild cheering nor jumping up and down among the Bulldogs. It was evident that they had felt all along that they could do the job.

Kovalick hadn't said so but we suspected that he'd felt all season that this might be his year. That's one of the reasons why he was so upset when Eddie Brown lost out in the district meet on what George firmly asserts was an illegal call. The hard-working coach of the Bulldogs felt that Brownie could have gone far in the state meet and would have picked up some points - which could have been quite valuable in case the battle for the championship was close.

But, despite Brown's misfortune, Bridgeport won the state meet and won it handily, with a 15-point edge over second place Maple Heights. And to show how times have changed last year Art Hehr was the only wrestler from outside the Cleveland area to win an individual title. This year Clevelanders could claim only five of the gold medals. Six went elsewhere, with the Bulldogs claiming three of them and Carl Hoppel, the Beaver Local freshman bringing another to the Eastern Ohio district.

Earlier this winter this column touched upon Kovalick's dedication to his work his diligent efforts, and his love for the sport. He has been able to convey his enthusiasm for wrestling to his young charges and to instill in them a tremendous competitive spirit. It is significant that Walt Tolarchyk won three overtime matches in the state meet and that all three of the Bridgeport champions - Tolarchyk, Hehr and Douglas -

came from behind to win in the finals.

The Bulldogs wrestled confidently and calmly. They did not panic when they were behind for they had the know-how and the desire necessary to win.

We feel that, despite his untiring efforts, there must have been times when Kovalick has wondered whether he would ever catch up to the Cleveland schools, some of which have assistant coaches, junior high teams, and conditions superior to those under which George has worked.

However, the Bridgeport coach has never allowed himself to let up in any way. And now that he's reached the top, he and his Bridget squads may have to be reckoned with for some time - probably for as long as he elects to stay at his alma mater.

George said it was a pretty good feeling to go into the state meet with a state champ in the person of Hehr. Next February he'll have two defending state champs in Tolarchyk and Douglas. He'll miss Hehr, Brown, Mickey Bella, and John Porter but he'll have seven regulars back - with Tolarchyk, Douglas and Frank Cunningham heading the group. And one of the vacancies will be filled by Larry Kazmirski, who wrestled for the Blue at 112 pounds as a sophomore but grew into a 120 pounder and had to sit on the sidelines this year because he couldn't dislodge Cunningham.

As Red Barber would say, Kovalick appears to be sitting in the catbird's seat. And it couldn't happen to a nicer guy.

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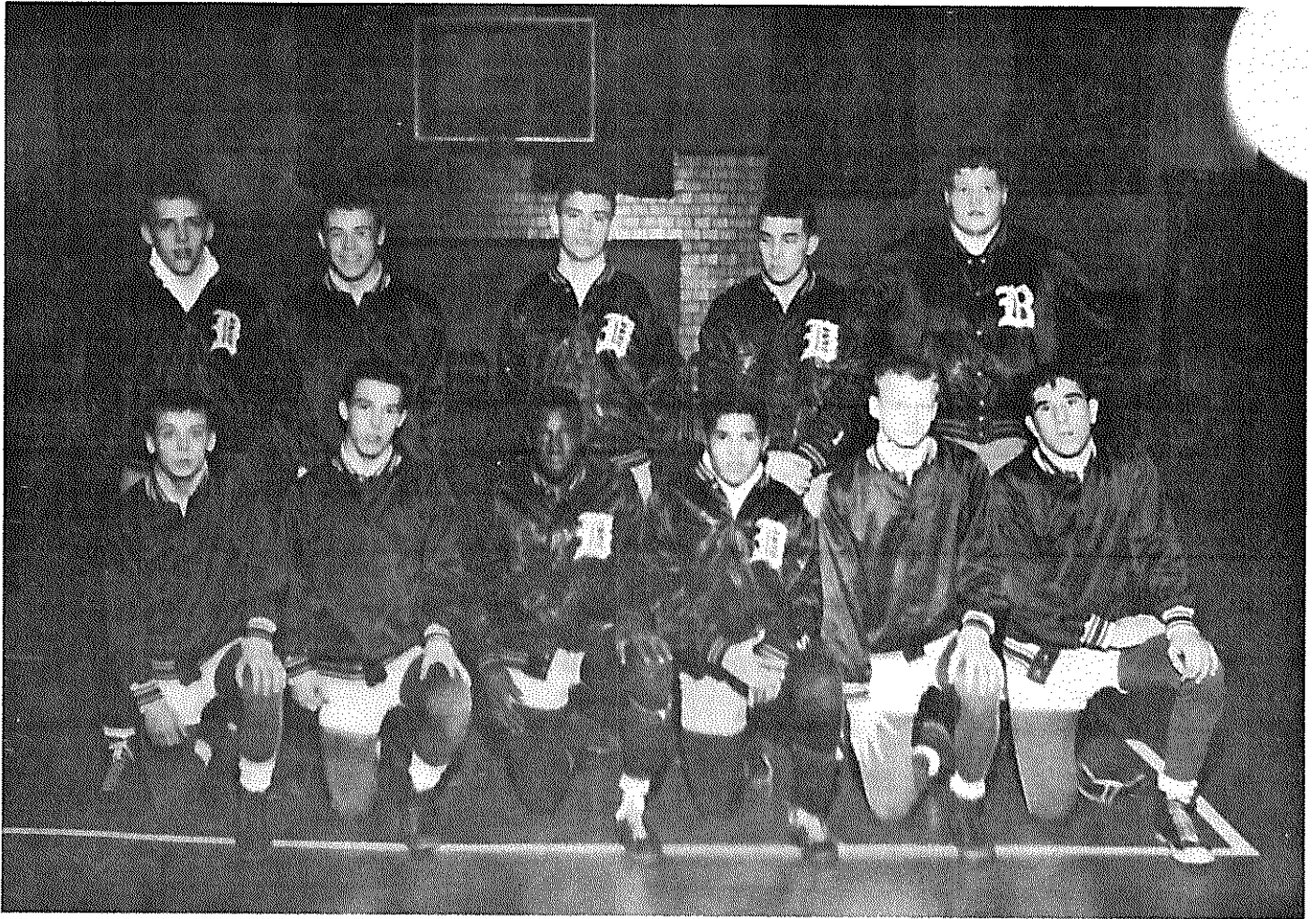
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## HAIL TO THE OVAC CHAMPIONS OF 1960!

These wrestlers are the 1959-60 season Ohio Valley Athletic Conference champions. Kneeling from left are Jerry McDaniel (103) and Jeff Jones (112) of Martins Ferry, Bobby Douglas (120) and Frank Cunningham (127) of Bridgeport, and John Heiniger (133) and Jack Kardules (138) of Martins Ferry. Back row are Walter Tolarchyk (145) of Bridgeport, Bob Bruney (154) of Martins Ferry and three more Bridgeport performers, Dennis Bowman (165), Ted Wierzbicki (175) and Phil Ward (heavyweight).

### BRIDGEPORT CAPTURES OVAC MAT TOURNEY SEVENTH TIME

Ferry finishes runnerup to Kovalick's  
Bulldogs

Bridgeport, the perennial champion, again reigns supreme in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference.

The Bulldogs won the conference crown for the seventh straight year Saturday as they outdistanced a field of six rivals at the Martins Ferry High gymnasium. The host Ferrians were runnersup and offered the Blue its only serious competition.

In fact, the finals nearly turned into another Ferry-Bridgeport dual meet, ten Bulldogs and eight Purple Riders qualifying for the championship round, along with three matmen from Weirton and one from Linsly.

Bridgeport and Ferry swept the individual honors, with six Bulldogs and five Ferrians winning titles. Coach George Kovalick's champs scored 65 points to 52 for the Purple, coached by John Vrotsos.

Weirton was a distant third with 17 points, followed by Linsly with seven, Steubenville with six, Barnesville with two and Wheeling with one.

The tourney was divided into two sessions, preliminaries and semifinals being run off in the matinee hours and the championship bouts taking place at night. Saturday's heavy snow reduced the size of the turnout for the night session, but nevertheless, an enthusiastic audience was on hand to hail the champs.

Three Bridgeport grapplers - Captain Walter Tolarchyk, Frank Cunningham and Bobby Douglas - won OVAC titles for the third straight year. Tolarchyk, defend-

ing state champion, pinned Ferry's Bill Ferry's Bill Schmidt to repeat as 145-pound kingpin; Douglas, moving up from the 112-pound class where he was state champ last year, decisioned Weirton's Larry Ritchie for 120-pound laurels; and Cunningham, last year's OVAC 120-pound titlist, won the 127-pound championship with an 8-1 nod over Ferry's Dick Dunbar. Tolarchyk has not lost a match the last two years, while Douglas and Cunningham have dropped only one apiece during that span.

One of the 1959 champions, Ferry's George Toundas, was dethroned. He and 280-pound Bridgeport junior, Phil Ward, were tied at 1-1 at the end of regulation time in the heavyweight final. Each scored a point in overtime and a referee's decision was necessary to decide the match in favor of Ward, unbeaten although tied by Toundas in an earlier bout this year.

Bridgeport's other winners were Dennis Bowman, who decisioned Weirton's Harry Burns, 7-5, in the 165-pound final, and Ted Wierzbicki, who decisioned Linsly's John Dezio, 3-1, for the 175-pound crown.

Ferry swept the first two finals of the night, Jerry McDaniel pinning Bridgeport freshman Craig Burley in the 103-pound class, and co-captain, Jeff Jones taking Weirton's Gary Virtue 4-0, at 112 pounds.

Thus, McDaniel and Jones preserved perfect season's records, as did Rider co-captain Bob Bruney, who decisioned Bridgeport's John Matusek, 6-3, in the 154-pound class. Another Rider, Jack Kardules, is unbeaten though once tied. He topped Bridgeport's Bob Kuhar, 8-2, in the 138-pound final.

A surprise winner for the Riders was John Heiniger, at 133 pounds. Pinned by Bridgeport's John O'Hara in a regular season match, Heiniger got even by scoring an 8-5 decision in the exciting rematch.

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## 1960 RESULTS

### TIMES-LEADER

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#### CHAMPIONSHIP BOUTS

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165 pounds - Dennis Bowman, Bpt., dec. Harry Burns, Weir., 7-5.  
175 pounds - Ted Wierzbicki, Bpt., dec. John Dezio, Linsly, 3-1.  
Heavyweight - Phil Ward, Bpt., won from George Toundas, M. F., in overtime by referee's decision.

#### SEMI-FINALS

103 pounds - McDaniel, M. F., pinned Bair, Steub., in 40 secs. Burley, Bpt., pinned Kilgore, Barnes., in 1 min. 42 secs. of second period.  
112 pounds - Jones, M. F., dec. Thornburg, Barnes., 6-0. Virtue, Weir., pinned Sommer, Bpt., in 1 min. 51 secs.  
120 pounds - Douglas, Bpt., pinned Murray, Steub., in 1 min. 27 secs. of second period. Ritchie, Weir., dec. Deaton, M. F., 10-0.  
127 pounds - Cunningham, Bpt., dec. Nanney, Whg., 16-0. Dunbar, M. F., dec. Billcheck, Weir., 2-0.  
133 pounds - O'Hara, Brill., pinned Smith, Whg., in 55 secs. Heiniger, M. F., dec. Robinson, Steub., 2-0.  
138 pounds - Kardules, M. F., dec. Bird, Weir., 11-3. Kuhar, Bpt., dec. Smoot, Steub., 3-0 in overtime.  
145 pounds - Tolarchyk, Bpt., dec. Reed, Barnes., 7-0. Schmitt, M. F., dec.

Strake, Steub., 8-0.  
154 pounds - Bruney, M. F., dec. Childers, Weir., 10-4. Matusek, Bpt., pinned Nanney, Whg. in 1 min. 3 secs. of second period.  
165 pounds - Burns Weir., dec. Walters, M. F., 2-1 in overtime. Bowman, Bpt., pinned Switzer, Steub., in 1 min. 50 secs. of second period.  
175 pounds - Wierzbicki, Bpt., dec. Balak, Weir., 2-0. Dezio, Linsly, dec. Yeager, M. F. 5-3.  
Heavyweight - Toundas M. F., pinned Pyle Steub., in 27 sec. of third period. Ward, Bpt., dec. Jones, Linsly 3-0.

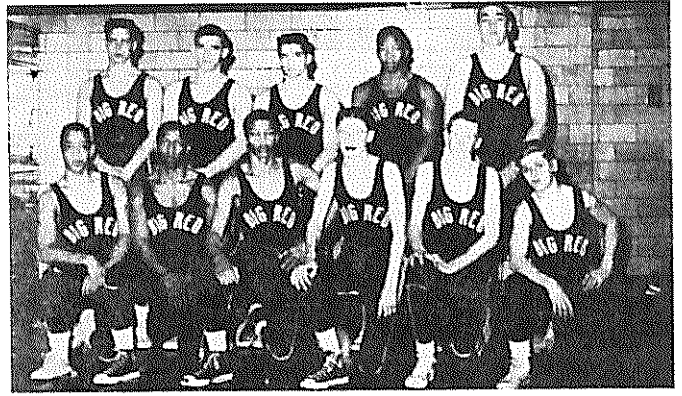
#### PRELIMINARIES

112 pounds - Thornburg, Barnes., dec. Miller, Steub., 7-0. Sommer, Bpt., pinned Flaherty, Whg., in 43 sec. of third period.  
120 pounds - Douglas, Bpt. pinned Lucas, Barnes., in 1 min. 31 sec. of second period. Deaton, M. F., pinned Van Horn, Whg., in 1 min. 47 secs. of second period.  
127 pounds - Cunningham, Bpt., pinned Foreman, Barnes., in 1 min. 28 secs. Nanney Whg., dec. McGraw, Linsly 5-0. Dunbar, M. F., dec. Scipio, Steub., 2-0.  
133 pounds - Heiniger, M. F., dec. Tennant, Weir. 5-0. Johnson, Steub., pinned Mann, Barnes., in 53 secs. of second period.  
138 pounds - Kardules, M. F., dec. McCort, Barnes., 12:3. Kuhar, Bpt., dec. Smilias, Whg., 7-0.  
145 pounds - Reed, Barnes. dec. Boyda, Whg., 5-0. Strake, Steub., pinned Staats, Weir., in 49 sec. of second period.  
154 pounds - Bruney, M. F. dec. Rider, Barnes., 6-0. Childers, Weir., dec. Simmons, Steub. 4-2.  
165 pounds - Burns, Weir., pinned Taylor, Whg., in 22 sec. of second period. Switzer Steub., dec. Reed, Barnes., 3-0. Dezio, Linsly, dec. Yeager, M. F., 4-0.  
Heavyweight - Toundas, M. F. dec. Weide Whg. 4-1. Pyle, Steub., dec. Cottilli, Weir., 2-0. Jones, Linsly, pinned Wilcox, Barnes., in 31 secs. of second period.

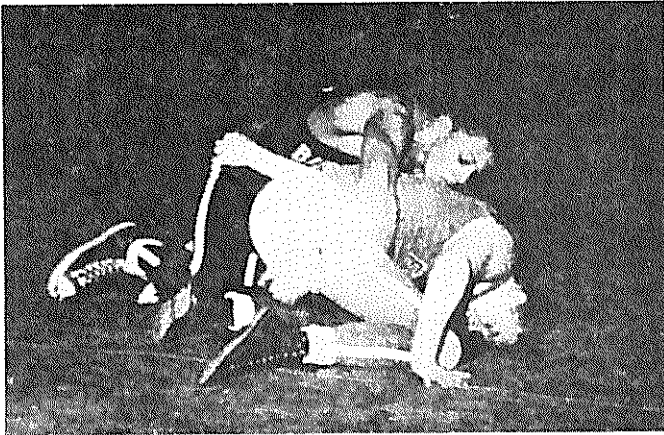
## WRESTLING SQUAD

This year's Big Red wrestling squad completed its best season since its revival as a varsity sport in 1956 by compiling a record of five wins, four losses, and one tie. The grapplers beat the Barnesville Shamrocks and the Brilliant Blue Devils twice each and split with Weirton. They lost to Bridgeport Beaver Local and Martins Ferry. Their record also included a tie with Martins Ferry.

The varsity team was composed of six seniors and five juniors. Their wrestling weights ranged from 103 pounds to 235 pounds. The team members elected as their co-captains Tom Switzer and Bob Johnson, who were three-year lettermen.



The 1959-60 varsity wrestling squad coached by Gus DelRosa, are shown kneeling left to right: Larry Smoot, co-captain Bob Johnson, Paul Scipio, Buzzy Miller, Sam Paul, and Bob Bair. Standing - Fred Shock, co-captain Tom Switzer, Wally Neel, Willy Simmons, and Paul Pyle.



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## FERRY WINS MAT TOURNEY

### Bridgeport's Seven-Year OVAC Reign Ended

#### Weirton Runnerup to Host Purple Which Captures Six Individual Titles

Bridgeport High's long reign as wrestling champion of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference tournament was ended Saturday night at the Martins Ferry High gym as the host Purple Riders supplanted the Bulldogs on the conference throne.

The Ferrians accumulated 60 points and won five individual championships while Weirton, with 49 points and three titlists, claimed runnerup honors. The Bridgets who had worn the conference crown for seven years, were forced to settle for third place this time with 42 points - and three individual winners.

Ten schools, representing the largest field in the history of the tournament, participated but only four were able to land berths in the finals. Steubenville which had three boys in the finals but produced no champions, finished fourth in the tourney with 22 points, followed by Wheeling, with six points, Barnesville with five points, Wheeling Central with four, and Linsly Institute and Moundsville, with three apiece. Brilliant failed to tally.

Martins Ferry's triumph represented quite a feather in the cap of Coach John Vrotsos, who started from scratch when he introduced wrestling at his school four years ago. The Purple has enjoyed a rapid rise in the mat sport but Saturday night's victory produced the most cherished prize yet attained by a Rider grappling squad.

Weirton moved off to an early lead. Going into the semi-finals the Red Riders had 18 points to 15 for Ferry and nine for Bridgeport. At the end of the afternoon session, Weirton had 27 points to 26 for the Purple, 17 for the Bridgets and 13 for the Steubers. However, Weir qualified only five boys for the finals while Martins Ferry qualified eight and Bridgeport six.

In the first five championship bouts of the night, Weirton and Bridgeport produced two titlists apiece to Ferry's one. But then the powerful Purple won three bouts in succession with Johnny Edwards, at 138, Jack Kardules,

at 145, and Bill Yeager, at 154. That definitely sewed it up for the hosts.

Kardules was one of the five 1960 champs who won again this year although only Ferry's heavyweight, Phil Ward, triumphed in the same weight class as last year. The other repeater - Ferry's Jerry McDaniel, and Kardules and Bridgeport's Bob Douglas and Dennis Bowman - moved up a class this year.

One 1960 champ Ted Wierzbicki, of Bridgeport, was repulsed in his bid for another title. The 175-pound titlist last year, Weirzbicki boiled down to 165 this time but was nosed out by Harry Burns Weirton's all-state footballer. in the hottest final of the night. Burns and Wierzbicki were tied at 1-1 at the end of the regulation six minutes.

In the overtime session, Burns scored two points on a reversal. Wierzbicki came back to get a point on an escape but couldn't overtake the Weirton star.

Weirton's other winners were little Jim Crain, at 103 pounds, and John Billcheck, at 133. Both Crain and Burns are unbeaten this year.

Crain, a sophomore, defeated Ferry's Alvin Jackson, a sophomore 10-2 in the first bout on the evening card. The veteran McDaniel took Bridgeport's Jack Dyson, 12-3, in the 112 pound final but Harry Sommer of the Bulldogs decisioned Curt Tyler, of the Ferrians, 8-4, at 120. Then Bridgeport's amazing Douglas, pound for pound one of the district's great all-around athletes gained an unprecedented fourth conference mat title by pinning Steubenville's Clyde Putnam in the 127 pound final.

Weirton's Billcheck pinned Ferry's Dale Deaton in the 133 pound final but Edwards won for the Purple over Weirton's Jerry Bird, 9-2, at 138. Then Kardules edged Bridgeport's Joe Gorza, 3-1, at 145 and Yeager defeated Weirton's Henry Childers, 4-2, at 154.

After the Burns - Wierzbicki spiningler, Bridgeport's Bowman decisioned Willie Simmons of Steubenville, 5-2. Then Ward, unbeaten this year, preserved his unblemished record with a 2-0 verdict

over Paul Pyle, Steubenville heavy.

Not only did Douglas win his fourth straight title, but he and Weir's Billcheck had the distinction of being the only wrestlers to pin every opponent they faced.

Bridgeport Coach George Kovalick went into the tournament without the services of two injured regulars 154 pounder Al Lackman and heavyweight Fred Fox. However, the Bulldogs get a welcome crack at the Riders in the district tournament at Bridgeport on Saturday, Feb. 25. In the meantime the Purple will try to stay sharp as it battles the top ranked Columbus, Whitehall, Tuesday night on the Whitehall mat, and then plays host to East Liverpool in a 4:30 PM match.

The complete summary of the conference tournament follows:

#### FINALS

103 pounds - Jim Crain, Weir. dec. Alvin Johnson, M. F., 10-2  
112 pounds - Jerry McDaniel, M. F. dec. Jack Dyson, Bpt. 12-3  
120 pounds - Harry Sommer, Bpt. dec. Curt Tyler, M. F., 8-4  
127 pounds - Bob Douglas, Bpt. pinned Clyde Putnam, Steub., in one min. 15 secs. of third period  
133 pounds - John Billcheck, Weir. pinned Dale Deaton, M. F. in 39 secs. of third period  
138 pounds - John Edwards, M. F. dec. Jerry Bird, Weir., 9-2  
145 pounds - Jack Kardules, M. F. dec. Joe Gorza, Bpt., 3-1  
165 pounds - Harry Burns, Weir. dec. Ted Wierzbicki, Bpt., 2-1 in overtime  
175 pounds - Dennis Bowman, Bpt., dec. Willie Simmons, Steub., 5-2  
Heavyweight - Phil Ward, M. F. dec. Paul Pyle, Steub., 2-0

#### SEMI-FINALS

103 pounds - Crain. Weir. pinned White, Mds., in one min. 33 sec. Jackson, M. F. pinned Clark, Bpt. in one min. 46 secs. of third period  
112 pounds - McDaniel, M. F. pinned O'Connell, Whg. C., in 19 secs. of second period. Dyson, Bpt. dec. Allese, Weir., 6-3

120 pounds - Tyler, M. F. dec. Maratis, Weir., 4-0. Sommer, Bpt. dec. Flaherty, Whg., 6-0

127 pounds - Douglas. Bpt. pinned Chorp-ening, Weir. in one min. 46 secs. of second period. Putnam, Steub. pinned Foreman, Barn. in one min. 16 secs. of second period

133 pounds - Billcheck, Weir. pinned Smith, Whg. in 43 secs. of third period. D. Deaton, M. F. dec. Williams, Steub., 8-6

138 pounds - Edwards, M. F. pinned Palmer, Mds. in 55 secs. of second period. Bird, Weir., pinned Parris, Steub. in one min. 23 secs. of second period

145 pounds - Kardules, M. F. dec. Reed, Barn. 5-0. Gorza Bpt. dec. Mosman, Linsly 3-2 in overtime

154 pounds - Childers, Weir. pinned Kusic Linsly in 46 secs. of second period. Yeager, M. F. dec. Stewart, Brill.

165 pounds - Wierzbicki, Bpt. pinned Sailer, Whg. in one min. 50 secs. of third period. Burns, Weir. dec. Kidney, M. F.

175 pounds - Bowman, Bpt. pinned Schuetz, Whg. C. in nine secs. of second period. Simmons, Steub. dec. Thoburn, M. F., 2-0  
Heavyweight - Pyle, Steub. pinned Wheatley, Barn. in 49 secs. of second period. Ward, M. F. dec. Cottlilli, Weir., 1-0

#### QUARTER-FINALS

103 pounds - Jackson, M. F. pinned Sterling, Brill. in one min. eight secs. of second period. White, Mds. dec. Isidore, Steub. 10-4. Clark, Bpt. dec. R. Ferguson, Barnes. 10-1. Crain, Weir. pinned Bogers, Whg. in 30 secs.

112 pounds - McDaniel, M. F. pinned Lucas, Barnes. in 40 secs. Allese, Weir. pinned Sarf. Mds. in 1 min. 45 secs. of second period. O'Connell, Whg. C. pinned Ritz, Steub. in 1 min. 25 secs. of second period

120 pounds - Sommer, Bpt. dec. Bonar, Steub. 4-1. Moratis, Weir. pinned Palmer, Mds. in 1 min. 38 secs. of second period. Flaherty, Whg. decisioned Lucas, Barnes. 6-3. Tyler, M. F. pinned Carmoney, Brill. in 33 secs. of third period

127 pounds - Douglas, Bpt. pinned Asmus, Whg. C. in 22 secs. of second period. Chorp-ening, Weir. pinned Sterling, Brill. in 1 min. 3 secs. of third period. Putnam, Steub. pinned Scott, Whg. in 22 secs. of

second period. Foreman, Barns. dec. L. Deaton, M. F., 6-2

133 pounds - Billcheck, Weir. pinned Fitzpatrick, Barnes. in 1 min. 2 secs. of second period. Williams, Steub. pinned Principe, Whg. C. in 1 min. 32 secs. of second period. Smith, Whg. dec. Conners, Mds., 4-0. D. Deaton, M. F. dec. Tolarchyk, Bpt., 6-2

138 pounds - Parris, Steub. pinned P. Ferguson, Barnes. in 1 min. 22 secs. Palmer, Mds. pinned Kletzer, Whg. in 29 secs. of second period. Bird, Weir. pinned Bradley, Brill. in 1 min. 12 secs.

145 pounds - Kardutes. M. F. pinned Wheeler, Whg. C. in 58 secs. of second period. Reed, Barn. pinned Cox. Mds., in 1 min. 25 secs. of third period. Gorza, Bpt. pinned Demko, Weir, in 1 min. 10 secs. Mosman, Linsly dec. T. Smith, Whg., 8-0

154 pounds - Kusic, Linsly pinned Sheppard, Whg. in min. 12 secs. of second period. Yeager, M. F. decisioned Duplage, Whg. C. 7-0. Childers, Weir. pinned McCort, Barn. in 1 min. 36 secs.

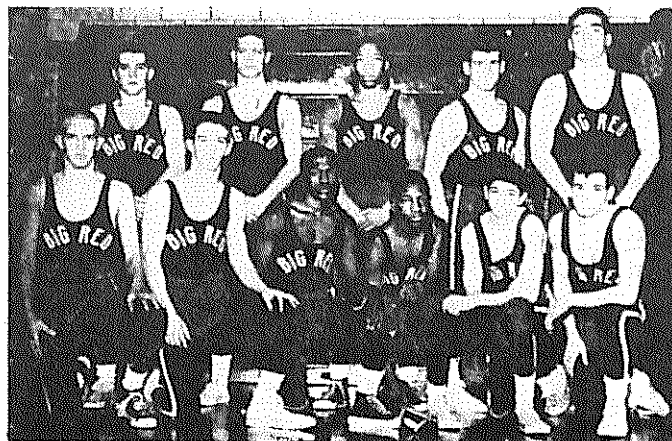
165 pounds - Kidney, M. F. pinned Bane, Brill. in 1 min. 6 secs. of second period. Burns, Weir. pinned Lallathin, Barnes. in 1 min. 44 secs. of third period. Wierzbicki, Bpt. dec. Tressler, Steub., 5-0

175 pounds - Bowman, Bpt. pinned Groves, Brill. in 1 min. 21 secs. Schuetz, Whg. C. pinned Dickerson, Barn. in 1 min. 15 secs. Simmons, Steub. pinned Balak, Weir. in 1 min. 32 secs. of third period. Thoburn, M. F. dec. Rice, Whg., 5-0

Heavyweight - Ward, M. F. pinned Johns, Whg. in 43 secs. of third period. Wheatley, Barn. pinned Kovalick, Bpt. in 1 min. 59 secs. of second period. Bottilli, Weir. pinned Michaels, Whg. C. in 20 secs. of second period.

#### PRELIMINARY ROUND

103 pounds - Bogers, Whg. pinned Purpura, Whg. C. in 59 secs.



1st Row: Left to right - Harry Archer, co-captain Jack Bonar, Tino Jackson, Hershhal Herring, Also Isidore, Clyde Putnam. 2nd Row: Keith Strake, Fred Shock, co-captain Willie Simmons, Dick Tressler, Paul Pyle.

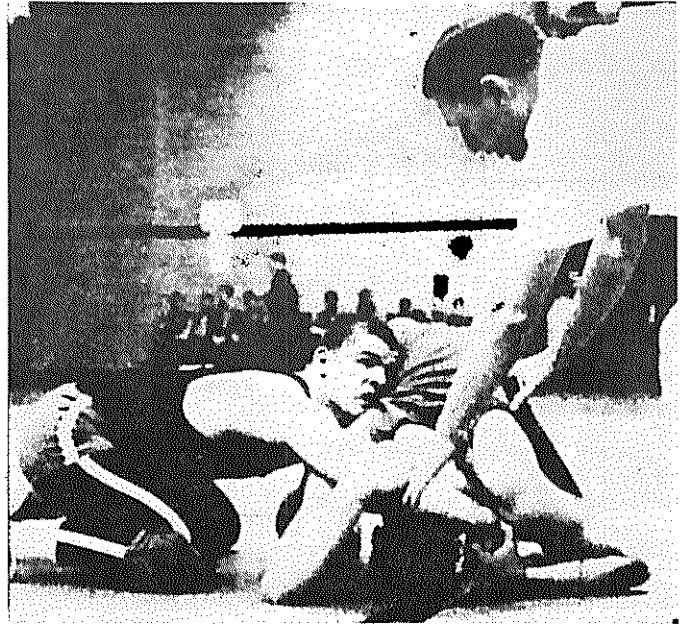
#### WRESTLING SQUAD

The 1961 wrestling squad of Steubenville High School compiled a record of three wins, six losses, and one tie. Big Red suffered defeats at the hands of Weirton, Beaver Local, Martins Ferry, Bridgeport and Weirton, but was victorious over Linsly Military and Brilliant. The grapplers split with Southside, Pennsylvania and tied Barnesville.

In tournament competition the SHS squad finished fourth in the district and the OVAC. The varsity team, composed of 11 players, including four seniors, four juniors, two sophomores, and one freshman, elected Jack Bonar and Willie Simmons to co-captain the '61 squad.



Coach DeI Rosa



Tressler strangles his man





Jerry McDaniel - 112, Phillip Ward - Heavyweight, of Martins Ferry High School, plan their strategy for the evening.

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## PURPLE RIDERS FACE WHITEHALL TUESDAY

Bridgets Runnersup in OVAC:  
Five Ferrians Win Individual Homers

By BILL VAN HORNE

Having retained the Ohio Valley Ath-let Conference championship with a decisive triumph in the annual conference tournament last Saturday at their home gym, Martins Ferry High's wrestlers will turn to a Tuesday night engagement with Whitehall, a power of the Central Ohio district.

Whitehall will visit the Ferry gym for a match that will mark the final home appearance of the campaign for the Purple and will see the Riders attempting to avenge a 22-19 defeat suffered in a tussle with the suburban Columbus grapplers last year.

Tomorrow night's engagement will be the final dual meet of the campaign for the Purple, which on Saturday of this week goes into the Eastern Ohio district tourney as the defending champion and labeled "the team to beat".

In winning the conference crown for the second straight year, the Ferrians piled up 71 points, compared to 42 for runnerup Bridgeport, which had won the OVAC title seven successive times before being dethroned by the Purple last February. Steubenville finished third with 40 points while the defending West Virginia state champion, Weirton, was a distant fourth with 21, followed by Moundsville with 12, Wheeling with 7, Brilliant with 3, and Wheeling Central and Powhatan's first-year forces with 2 apiece. Linsly Institute, with its squad depleted by illness and injuries, withdrew from the tourney Saturday morning.

Martins Ferry Coach John Vrotsos, whose energetic efforts have built the Purple Riders into a mat power, saw his charges win berths in the finals in ten of the 12 weight classes during Saturday's tourney eliminations, which started in the afternoon and were concluded with the titular bouts on a night-time program.

Actually, Ferry had the conference championship sewed up even before the finals began but the Riders added further luster to their crown when they copped five individual titles. Winning

championships for the Purple were Allen Jackson at 103 pounds, Co-Captain Johnny Edwards at 127, Joe Reasbeck at 154, Johnny Scordos at 165 and Co-Captain Bill Yeager at 175.

Bridgeport had six finalists but only two champs - Captain Jack Dyson at 120 pounds and Don Fortney at 145. Steubenville, with five finalists, produced three champs in Wilbert Williams at 133 pounds, Valentino Jackson at 138, and Heavyweight Ron Mazzaferro. Weirton was able to qualify only two grapplers for the ultimate round but both of them, Mike Crain at 95 pounds and Pat Allese at 112 won.

Never in the history of the conference has its wrestling tournament produced more close matches. Three bouts, two of them finals, went overtime before being decided. Two finals were decided by 1-0 scores and another by a referee's decision.

Upsets spiced the program. In at least five finals, the championships went to boys who avenged regular-season losses in the titular battles.

There were 24 pins scored in the first round of the tourney and nine in the semi-finals but only two in the championship bouts, one of those being achieved by Jackson, the Martins Ferry junior who stopped Bridgeport Freshman Ron Kasper in 1 min. 39 secs. of the second period of the 103-pound final and the other being attained by husky Mazzaferro when the Steubenville heavy-weight trapped Neal Hartzell of Bridgeport early and avenged a regular-season defeat by scoring a pin in 28 secs. Mazzaferro had been forced to come from behind in the third period to eliminate Weirton's George Harvey in the semi-finals.

There were only two 1961 individual titlists in the tournament and both repeated - although in different weight classes than last year. Ferry's Yeager, champ at 154 pounds last February, won at 175 this time, his final against Bridgeport's Ron Scott being halted at the end of the second period when Scott sustained a recurrence of a knee injury. Scott, behind by a 6-0 score at the time, was forced to default.

Ferry's other co-captain, Edwards was the other repeater. He won at 138 as a junior and at 127 as a senior. His final with Steubenville's Clyde Putman

was one of the thrillers of the night. Putman had defeated Edwards by one point during a regular-season encounter but the two grapplers were tied at 5-5 when regulation time ran out Saturday night. They wrestled through a pair of one-minute overtime periods without a score but Edwards got the nod on a split decision - the referee and one of two judges voting for the Rider star.

The only wrestler to carry a perfect season's record into the tournament, Bridgeport's Dave Kovalick, saw his string snapped at 11 triumphs when he dropped a 3-1 nod to the ultra-promising Martins Ferry sophomore, Johnny Scordos, in an exciting final. Scordos scored a take-down and a riding time point to get even for a 2-0 regular-season loss to the Bulldog standout. In the semi-finals, Scordos had a close call against Weirton's Gary Bepler but battles to a 3-2 overtime decision.

Ferry's other winner, Reasbeck, a fast-improving junior, piled up a 9-3 decision over Steubenville's 154-pounder, Dick Tressler. However, two other Steubenville wrestlers, Williams and Jackson, scored decisions over Ferry's Deaton brothers in the finals. Williams, at 133, nosed out Dale Deaton, 2-0, while Jackson, at 138, topped Larry Deaton, 4-2, in a battle of sophomores.

Weirton crowned the first champ of the night when little Mike Crain, a sophomore, took a 6-2 decision over Moundsville's Dan Pastilong in their 95-pound scrap. Weir's other winner was Allese who avenged a previous loss to Ferry's Rich Snider by nosing out the blond Rider junior, 1-0, in overtime. It was a heart-breaker for Snider as Allese scored the only point on an escape with just one second left in the overtime of the 112 final.

Another 1-0 loser was Ferrian Bill Brown, who saw Bridgeport's Dyson reverse an earlier setback by achieving an escape point to gain the decision at 120.

Bridgeport's other champ, Fortney, also won from a Rider, Bob Lucas, 5-1, in the 145 final.

Bridgeport Coach Ron Calovini, who had entered the tournament without representation at 112 or 138 pounds because several of his grapplers were ill, said after the matches that he thought "the roof had caved in during the last three

matches" as Kovalick and Hartzell were upset and Scott was forced to retire because of his leg injury. But the Bulldogs nevertheless staved off Steubenville by two points in the duel for runnerup honors.

The complete tournament summary follows:

#### FIRST ROUND

95 pounds - Kish Bpt. pinned Purpura, Whg. C. in 1 min. 57 secs. Pastilong, Mds. dec. May, Brill., 14-0  
 103 pounds - Jackson, M. F. pinned Whitecotton, Whg. in 1 min. 17 secs. R. Sterling Brill. pinned Marano, Whg. C., in 1 min. 50 secs. of third period.  
 Matijevich, Weir. dec. Maupin, Mds. 4-2  
 112 pounds - White, Mds. dec. Isidore, Steub. 7-1  
 120 pounds - Dyson, Bpt. pinned Watson, Steub. in 1 min. 45 secs. Brown, M. F. pinned Rabbit, Whg. in 30 secs. of second period. Sarff. Mds. pinned West, P. in 1 min. 7 secs. of third period  
 127 pounds - Putman, Steub. dec. McPeak, Mds. 4-0. Edwards, M. F. dec. Scott, Whg. 7-0. Clark, Bpt. dec. LaCross, Brill. 5-2. Chorpenning, Weir. dec. Chaplinski, Whg. C. 5-4  
 133 pounds - Conner, Mds. pinned Lathem, Brill. in 54 secs. Tolarchyk, Bpt. dec. Principe, Whg. C., 8-0. Williams, Steub. pinned Rataiczak, P. in 1 min. 49 secs. D. Deaton, M. F. pinned Waro, Weir. in 1 min. 14 secs. of second period  
 138 pounds - Jackson, Steub. pinned Sadler, Bpt. in 45 secs. of third period. Yarbrough, P. pinned Whitelatch, Mds. in 1 min. 40 secs. of second period. Popp, Brill. dec. West, Weir. 4-2. L. Deaton M. F. pinned Morgan, Whg. in 45 secs. of first period.  
 145 pounds - Strake, Steub. pinned Biles, P. in 1 min. 45 secs. of third period. Fortney, Bpt. dec. Coster Mds. 4-2. Lucas, M. F. dec. Garrison, Whg. C. 8-4. Byrd, Weir. dec. Smith, Whg. 4-0.  
 154 pounds - Tressler, Steub. pinned Wolford, Bpt. in 1 min. 20 secs. of third period. Bloom, Weir. dec. Kulpa, Whg. C. 12-0. Kinkaid, Mds. pinned Peterson. Brill. in 1 min. 42 secs. of second period. Reasbeck, M. F. dec. Shepard, Whg. 6-3  
 165 pounds - Kovalick. Bpt. pinned Francis, Mds. in 1 min. 23 secs. Altmeyer. Whg. C.

pinned Ford, Steub. in 1 min. 43 secs.  
 Bepler, Weir. dec. Ruble, Whg. 4-1  
 175 pounds - Yeager, M. F. pinned Channing, Weir. in 1 min. 21 secs. of second period. Syzmilias, Whg. dec. Helminski Whg. C. 3-0. Scott, Bpt. pinned Jones, Steub. in 38 secs. of second period  
 Heavyweight - Hartzell, Bpt. dec. Minor, Mds. 10-2. Young, Whg. pinned M. Scordos, M. F. in 1 min. of second period. Mazzaferro, Steub. pinned Brown, Pa. in 1 min. 37 secs. Harvey, Weir. pinned Principe, Whg. C. in 1 min. 29 secs. of third period.

#### SEMI-FINALS

95 pounds - Crain, Weir. pinned Burchfield, Steub. in 49 secs. of second period. Pastilong, Mds. dec. Kish, Bpt. 8-0  
 103 pounds - Jackson, M. F. dec. R. Sterling, Brill. 10-1. Kasper. Bpt. dec. Matjevich, Weir. 5-0  
 112 pounds - Snider, M. F. dec. Mayle, Whg. C. 5-0. Allese, Weir. dec. White, Mds. 5-2  
 120 pounds - Brown, M. F. pinned Sarff. Mds. in 1 min. 38 secs. of third period. Dyson, Bpt. dec. Flaherty, Whg. 6-1  
 127 pounds - Edwards, M. F. dec. Clark, Bpt. 8-3. Putman, Steub. dec. Chorpenn- ing, Weir. 5-1  
 133 pounds - Williams, Steub. pinned Tolarchyk, Bpt. in 1 min. 25 secs. of third period. D. Deaton, M. F. dec. Conner, Mds. 5-1  
 138 pounds - L. Deaton, M. F. pinned Popp, Brill. in 1 min. 29 secs. of third period. Jackson, Steub. dec. Yarbrough. P. 8-6  
 145 pounds - Fortney, Bpt. dec. Strake, Steub. 5-4. Lucas, M. F. dec. Byrd, Weir. 6-3  
 154 pounds - Tressler, Steub. pinned Kinkaid, Mds. in 32 secs. of third period. Reasbeck, M. F. pinned Bloom, Weir. in 1 min. 38 secs. of third period.  
 165 pounds - Kovalick, Bpt. dec. Altmeyer Whg. c. 8-1. J. Scordos, M. F. dec. Bepler, Weir. 3-2, in overtime  
 175 pounds - Yeager, M. F. pinned Syzmilais, Whg. in 1 min. 28 secs. of third period  
 Heavyweight - Hartzell. Bpt. dec. Young, Whg. 8-3. Mazzaferro, Steub. dec. Harvey, Weir. 8-5

#### FINALS

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 120 pounds - Dyson, Bpt. dec. Brown, M. F. 1-0  
 127 pounds - Edwards, M. F. dec. Putman, Steub. referee's decision  
 133 pounds - Williams, Steub. dec. Dale Deaton M. F. 2-0  
 138 pounds - Jackson, Steub. dec. Larry Deaton, M. F. 4-2  
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 175 pounds - Yeager, M. F. won by default from Scott, Bpt.  
 Heavyweight - Mazzaferro, Steub. pinned Hartzell, Bpt. in 28 secs. of first period.

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## HOST FERRIANS FAVORED IN OVAC

Saturday, February 9, 1963

### Mat Tourney

With the host Purple Riders cast in the role of defending champions and favorites, the annual Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling tournament opens this afternoon at 1 at the Martins Ferry High gymnasium.

A total of 99 grapplers from nine schools will vie in the eliminations and, barring scratches, 87 matches will be necessary to determine individual titlists in 12 weight classes.

Providing the opposition for the Ferrrians, who will be seeking their third straight conference crown, will be Bridgeport, seven-time conference OVAC kingpin before yielding the championship to Martins Ferry in 1961; Weirton, Moundsville, Steubenville, Brilliant, Wheeling High, Powhatan, and Wheeling Central.

Ferry has established itself as the favorite by virtue of a record that is an outstanding record. The Riders have won ten of the 11 dual meets they've engaged in this season and have already claimed championship trophies in two tournaments - one at Beaver Local and the other at Worthington. They were also third in the Franklin Heights Invitation.

The Ferrrians have met Bridgeport, Weirton, Moundsville, Steubenville, Wheeling, and Wheeling Central in dual meets and none of those conference adversaries has been able to match the power of the John Vrotsos-coached squad. The Rider's only loss in a dual meet was to Maple Heights, defending Ohio state champion.

Three mats will be in use during the afternoon session of the tournament - Wheeling Central and Bridgeport having loaned their mats for the day's action. This means that three matches can be run off simultaneously. All contests except the 12 finals will be on the matinee program. There will be no consolation bracket.

The finals are scheduled to begin tonight at 7:30. Gym doors will be open at 7.

Weigh-ins for the matmen are to start at 9 this morning and continue until noon. The gym doors will open to the fans for the matinee program at 12:20.

Following the finals tonight, trophies will be awarded to each of the individual champions and also to the winning and runnerup schools.

Points will be awarded on the basis of five for the first place and three for second in each weight class. One point will be awarded a team for each pin that a member of its squad scores and a point will also be awarded for each bout won by a grappler to advance to another round.

Three referees have been hired for the tournament. They are Ross Rescneti and Henry Reihner, both of Washington, Pa., and George Kovalick, former Bridgeport High coach who is now coaching at West Liberty State College.

Four of last year's individual champions will complete in today's eliminations but each of the four has moved up one weight class since last season. The 1962 titlists who are back again are Weirton's Pat Allese, last year's 112-pound champ now wrestling at 120 pounds; and three Martins Ferrrians - Allen Jackson at 112 pounds; and Joe Reasbeck at 165 and John Scordos at 175. Reasbeck and Scordos, both unbeaten, have won 17 apiece this season, Jackson has copped 16 out of 17. Allese has won 15 out of 16.

These four 1962 champs will be solid favorites in their respective weight classes but competition will be more wide open in some of the other weights. Top-rated heavyweight is Wheeling's George Harvey, defeated only once in 15 outings.

Moundsville's Bob Miller is top seeded at 154 pounds and Bridgeport's Gerald Tolarchyk at 145. Tolarchyk and Melvin Clark, 138 pounder, are the Bulldogs' best bets for individual honors, although Ron Kasper can't be discounted at 133, where a real free-for-all looms.

Ferry's Bill Brown rates a slight edge at 127 and the Riders' Jack Somerville figures to duel Moundsville's Dan Pastilong for the 103-pound class may provide a scramble.

Martins Ferry wrestlers have been seeded in ten of the 12 weight classes. Bridgeport has eight seeded grapplers while Wheeling Central, Weirton, and Moundsville have six each; Wheeling and



Steubenville four apiece; Powhatan three; and Brilliant one.

## RIDERS CLAIM SEVEN OVAC TITLES

by BILL VAN HORNE

It was Martins Ferry against the field Saturday in the annual Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling tournament at the Purple Rider gym and the defending champions spread-eagled all opposition as they won the title for the third straight year.

Landing nine grapplers in the finals and claiming seven individual championships, the Riders piled up 75 points to a mere 36 for runnerup Moundsville. Bridgeport finished third with 29 points.

Weirton took fourth place with 23 markers, one more than Wheeling Central. Rounding out the field were Steubenville with 13 points, Powhatan with 3, Wheeling High with 2, and Brilliant with 1.

While Ferry gained seven individual titles, Moundsville had two and Bridgeport, Wheeling Central, and Weirton earned one apiece.

Despite the manner in which the John Vrotsos-coached team dominated the tourney, there were definite signs that the Purple could expect a strong challenge from Moundsville in future years. Moundsville has had a wrestling team for only three years but has made rapid progress under Coach Paul Crago. The Trojans landed five boys in the finals Saturday night and only one of them. Captain Bob Miller, is a senior. Five of the nine Ferrians in the finals, including three champions, will be back next year.

For a trio of Purple Riders, Saturday night's OVAC titles were their second in as many years. The 1962 champions who won again were Co-Captain Allen Jackson, Joe Reasbeck, and John Scordos. All three moved up one weight class this time. Jackson winning at 112, Reasbeck at 165, and Scordos at 175.

Both unbeaten this season, Reasbeck and Scordos have won 20 straight matches apiece. Both "pinned" their way through the conference tourney. Scordos, a junior, scored first-period pins in his first two matches and then

stopped Wheeling Central's Bill Garrison in the second period of their championship match. Reasbeck, a senior, scored all of his pins in the second period, Weirton's Darald Channing being his victim in the final.

Jackson, a senior, who has lost only once in 20 bouts this season, was victor on default in the 112-pound final when Moundsville's Joe Maupin was forced to yield to a rib injury in the third period. Jackson led, 7-1, at the time.

Paige Whorton, 95-pound mite, became the first Moundsville athlete ever to win a conference wrestling championship when he pinned Steubenville's Ross Lavender. However, the Trojans' 103-pound ace, Dan Pastilong, was forced to settle for runnerup laurels for the second straight year when he bowed to Ferry's Jack Somerville, a junior, 5-1.

After Jackson won from Maupin, Rich Snider, Ferry's senior 120-pounder, provided a surprise when he gained a revenge victory over Weirton's Pat Allese, last year's 112-pound titlist. Allese had nipped Snider, 1-0, in overtime in the finals last year and had defeated the Ferrian twice this season. The Weirton star was unbeaten this year until Saturday night when Snider took him down in the first period, built an early 4-1 lead, and then staved off the rallying Weir Grappler for a 5-4 decision.

Ferry's Bill Brown, senior co-captain, lived up to his favored role at 127 pounds and decisioned Bridgeport's Al Paglia, 3-0, in the finals. At 133 pounds, Coach Vrotsos got another pleasant surprise when Larry Deaton battled his way to victory. Deaton, a junior, had to go overtime to edge Weirton's Chorpene in the first round, 2-0; then shut out Bridgeport's Ron Kasper, 6-0, in the semi-finals before topping Paul Cappas, Wheeling Central, 5-0, in the finals. Cappas had knocked off Wheeling High's previously unbeaten Mike Bogers, 7-5, in the semi-finals.

Len Chaplinski became the first Wheeling Central athlete ever to take an OVAC wrestling title when he topped Melvin Clark, Bridgeport, 10-4 in the 138-pound final. Chaplinski had edged Ferry sophomore Bill Padgelek, 3-2, on riding time in the semi-finals.

FIRST ROUND

Bridgeport's Gerald Tolarchyk followed in the footsteps of his older brother, Walter, a former Ohio State champion, when he took a 4-1 verdict over Moundsville's Edward Coster in the 145-pound final.

Moundsville's Bob Miller, defeated only once all season, took a 3-0 decision over Ken Ackerman, Ferry junior, in the 154-pound final.

Another Ferry junior, Don Cook, provided one of the day's upsets when he decisioned Wheeling's giant heavy-weight, Mike Young, previously unbeaten, 11-5, in the semi-finals. However, Weirton's veteran George Harvey was too big and too experienced for Cook in the final and piled up a 12-1 decision. The day's results follow:

FINALS

95 pounds - Paige Whorton, Mds. pinned Ross Lavender, Steub. in 1 min. 20 sec. of third period  
 103 pounds - Jack Somerville, M. F. dec. Dan Pastilong, Mds. 5-1  
 112 pounds - Allen Jackson, M. F. won by default from Joe Maupin, Mds. with 1 min. 16 sec. left in third period  
 120 pounds - Rich Snider, M. F. dec. Pat Allese, Weir. 5-4  
 127 pounds - Bill Brown, M. F. dec. Al Paglia, Bpt. 3-0  
 133 pounds - Larry Deaton, M. F. dec. Paul Cappas, Whg. C., 5-0  
 138 pounds - Len Chaplinski Whg. C. dec. Melvin Clark, Bpt., 10-4  
 145 pounds - Gerald Tolarchyk, Bpt. dec. Edward Coster, Mds. 4-1  
 154 pounds - Bob Miller, Mds. dec. Ken Ackerman, M. F., 3-0  
 165 pounds - Joe Reasbeck, M. F., pinned Darald Channing, Weir. in 1 min. 5 sec. of second period  
 175 pounds - John Scordos, M. F. pinned Bill Garrison, Whg. C., in 1 min. 49 sec. of second period.  
 Heavyweight - George Harvey, Weir. dec. Don Cook. M. F. 12-1

PRELIMINARY ROUND

133 pounds - Vanover, Mds. dec. Rataiczak, P., 4-3  
 138 pounds - Simmons. S. pinned Barcus Brill. in 1 min. 30 secs.

95 pounds - McAninch. M. F. dec. Yost, Bpt. 4-0. Whorton, Mds. dec. McGuire, Pa. 7-0. Lavender, Steub. dec. Miller, Weir., 2-0 in overtime.  
 103 pounds - Lamont, Bpt. pinned Anazalone, Weir. in 1 min. 28 sec. of third period. Pastilong, Mds. pinned Kushner, Brill. in 40 sec.  
 112 pounds - Marano, Whg. C. dec. Kish, Bpt. 5-0. Jackson, M. F. dec. Isidore, Steub. 5-0. Maupin, Mds. pinned Gwennap, Whg. in 1 min. 43 sec. of second period. R. Sterling, Brill. dec. Matijevich, Weir., 5-1  
 120 pounds - Belles, Bpt. pinned Watson, Steub. in 1 min. 46 sec. of third period. Snider, M. F. pinned Tate, Brill. in 1 min. 3 sec. Allese. Weir. dec. Moyle, Whg. C., 8-0.  
 127 pounds - Moulds, Weir. pinned J. Sterling, Brill. in 1 min. 43 sec. of third period. Brown, M. F. dec. Felix, Whg. 9-2. Pastoria, Whg. C. pinned Marrinella, Steub. 25 sec. of third period. Pagila, Bpt. dec. Aston, Mds., 5-0.  
 133 pounds - Deaton, M. F. dec. Chorpening, Weir. 2-0 in overtime. Cappas. Whg. C. dec. Dawson, Brill. 5-0. Bogers, Whg. dec. Coyne, Steub. 5-0. Kasper, Bpt. won by default from Vanover, Mds., in third period.  
 138 pounds - Clark, Bpt. pinned Persinger Mds. in 1 min. 30 sec. of second period. Padgelek, M. F. pinned Bowman, Weir. in 1 min. 10 sec. of third period. Chaplinski, Whg. C. pinned C. Young, Whg. in 1 min of second period. Yarbrough, P. pinned Simmons, Steub. in 1 min. 42 sec. of second period.  
 145 pounds - Coster, Mds. dec. Watkins, Whg. C. 8-0. Lucas, M. F. won by default from La Cross, Brill. in third period. Stern. Steub. pinned Kuzio, P. in 1 min. 58 sec. of third period. Tolarchyk, Bpt. dec. Byrd, Weir. 5-4.  
 154 pounds - Wilson, Bpt. pinned Craig, Brill. in 55 sec. Ackerman, M. F. pinned Jennings, Weir. in 30 sec. of third period. Mahfood, Steub. pinned Vallonga, Pa. in 44 sec. of third period.  
 165 pounds - Reasbeck, M. F. pinned Kaveloes, Pa. in 1 min. 29 sec. of second period. Channing, Weir. dec. Francis, Mds. 6-4. Jones, Steub. dec. Kulpa, Whg. C. 4-3. Waite, Bpt. dec. Ruble, Whg. 2-0.

175 pounds - Scordos, M. F. pinned Peterson, Brill. in 1 min. 55 sec. Garrison, Whg. C. pinned Littleton, Weir. in 47 secs. of third period. Smith, Mds. dec. Roach, Bpt. 4-2. Schaefer, Steub. dec. Potter, Whg. 5-1.

Heavyweight - Cook, M. F. pinned Lofton, Bpt. in 1 min. 31 sec. Young, Whg. dec. Dunn, Brill. 5-0. Harvey, Weir. pinned Rine, Mds. in 24 secs. of second period. Cordery, P. dec. Principe, Whg. C., 2-0.

#### SEMI-FINALS

95 pounds - Whorton, Mds. pinned McAninch, M. F. in 26 secs. of third period. Lavender, Steub. dec. Naegle, Whg. C. 4-3.

103 pounds - Pastilong, Mds. dec. Lamont. Bpt. 11-5. Somerville, M. F. pinned Varlas, Whg. C. in 53 secs. of second period.

112 pounds - Snider, M. F. dec. Parsons, Mds. 5-0. Allese, Weir. pinned Belles, Bpt. in 1 min. 23 secs. of third period.

127 pounds - Paglia, Bpt. pinned Pastoria, Whg. C. in 1 min. 11 secs. Brown, M. F. dec. Moulds, Weir. 5-0.

133 pounds - Cappas, Whg. C. dec. Bogers, Whg. 7-5. Deaton, M. F. dec. Kasper, Bpt. 6-0

138 pounds - Clark, Bpt. dec. Yarbrough, Pa. 6-2. Chaplinski, Whg. C. dec. Padgitek, M. F. 3-2

145 pounds - Tolarchyk, Bpt. pinned Stern, Steub. in 50 secs. of second period. Coster, Mds. pinned Lucas, M. F. in 50 secs. of second period

154 pounds - Miller, Mds. dec. Wilson, Bpt. 9-0. Ackerman, M. F. dec. Mahfood, Steub., 6-2

165 pounds - Reasbeck, M. F. pinned Waite Bpt. in 1 min. 42 secs. of second period. Channing, Weir. pinned Jones, Steub. in 20 secs. of third period

175 pounds - Scordos, M. F. pinned Schaefer, Steub. in 1 min. 40 secs. Garrison, Whg. C. dec. Smith, Mds. 4-3

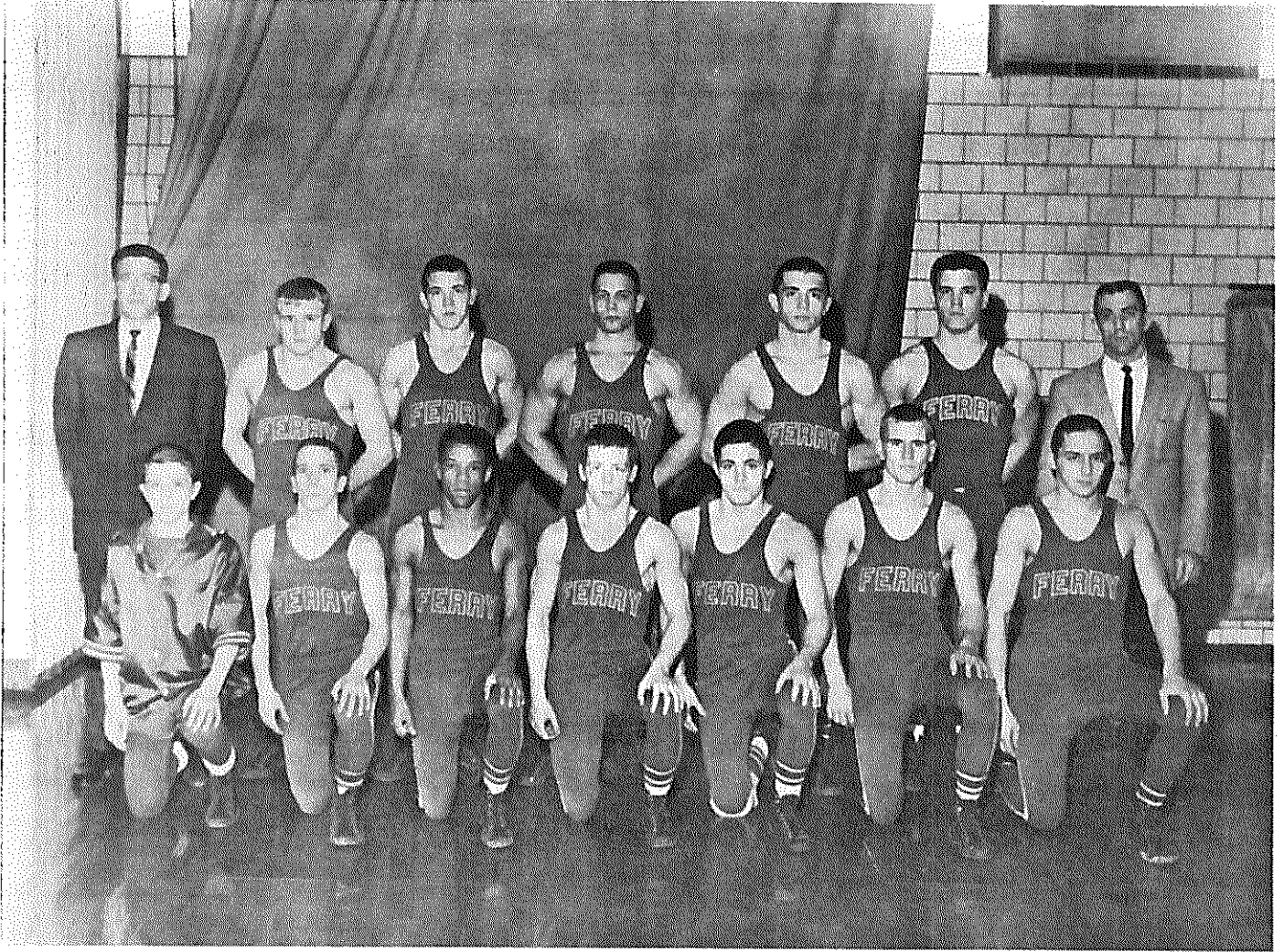
Heavyweight - Harvey, Weir. pinned Cordery, Pa. in 25 secs. of second period. Cook, M. F. dec. Yound, Whg. 11-6

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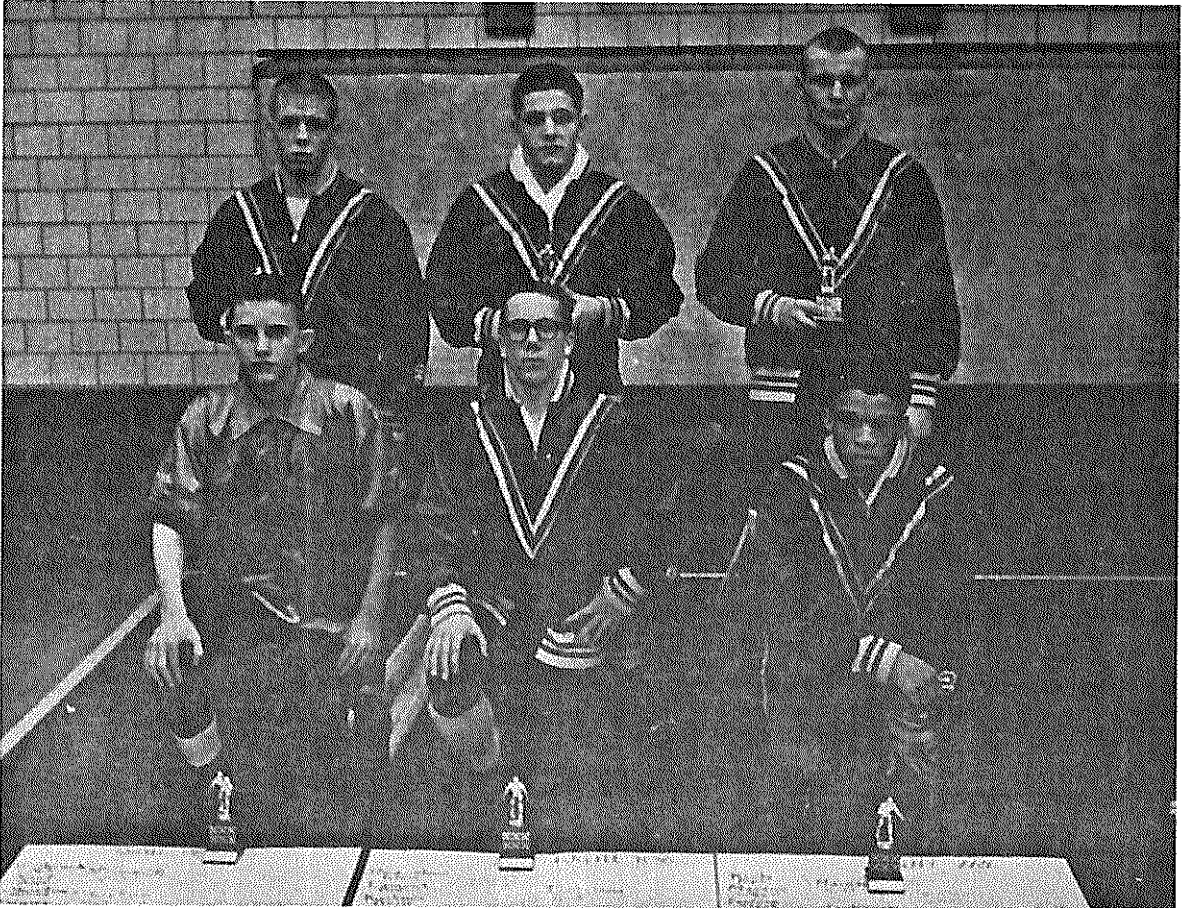


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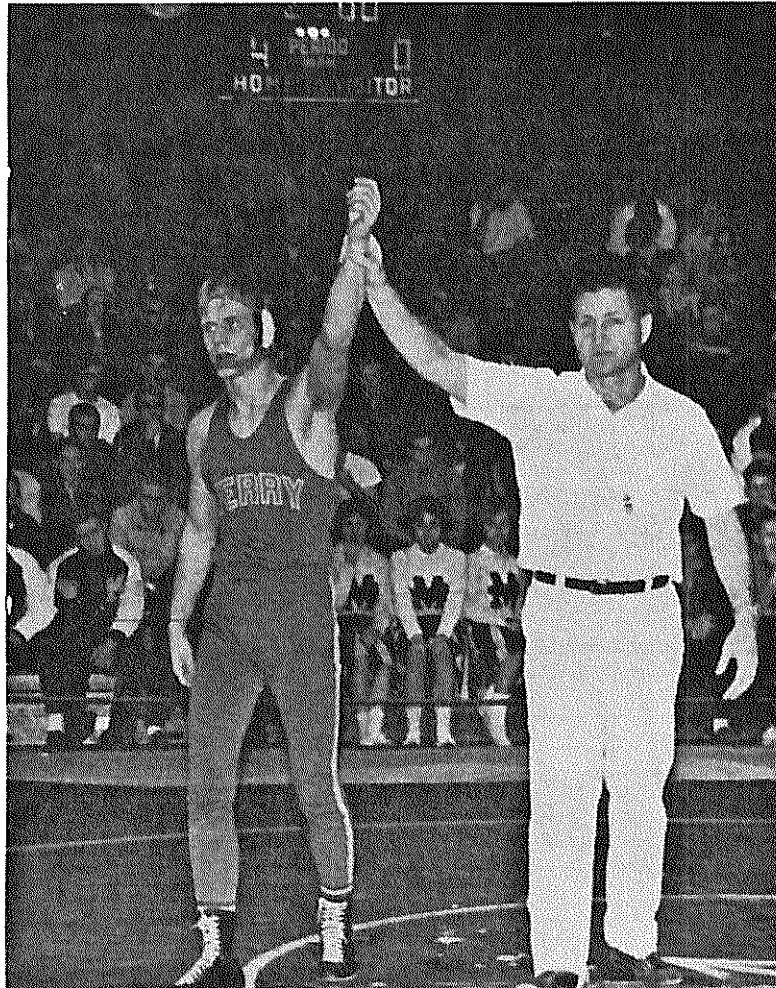
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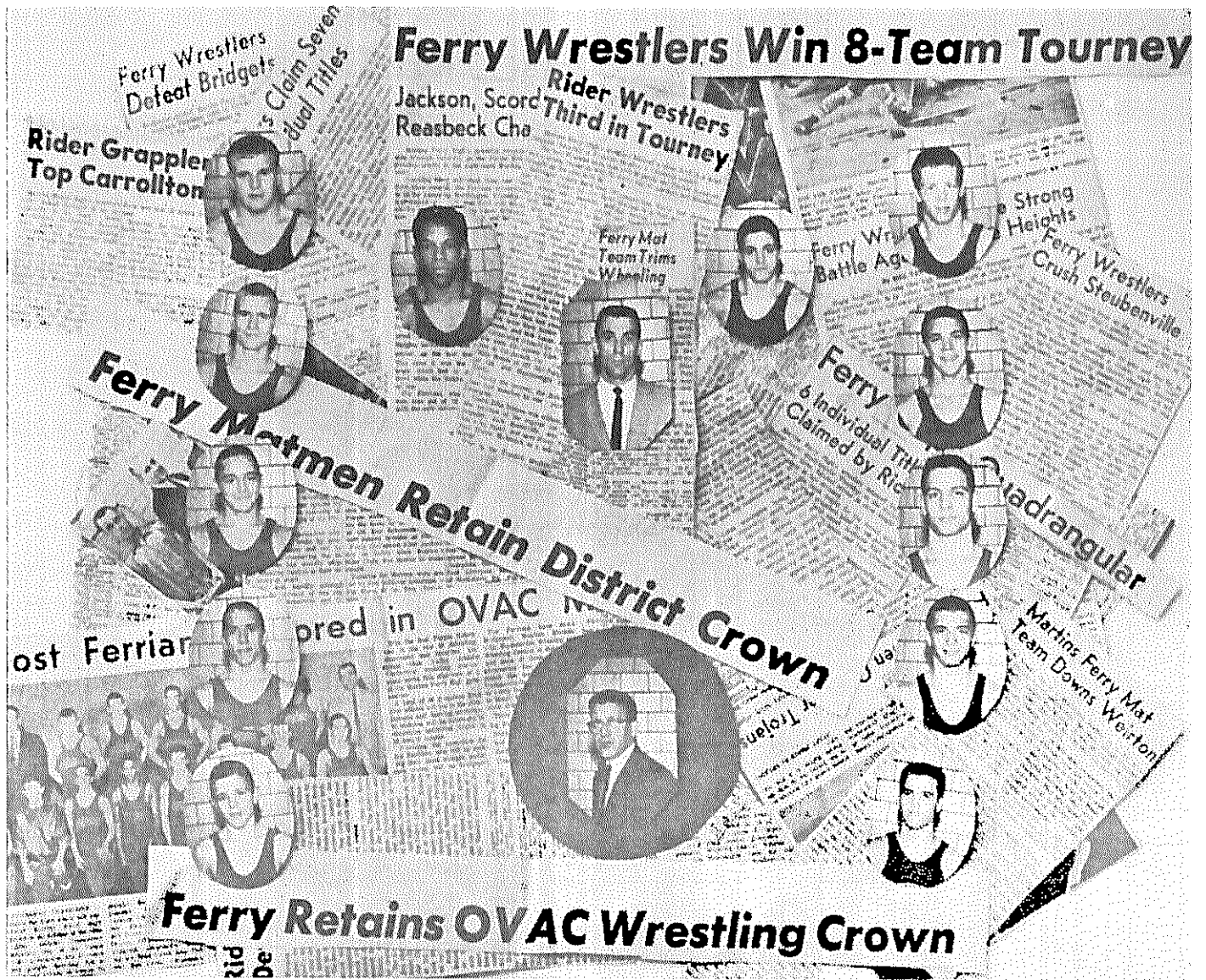
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Front: Wharton, Mds., Somerville, M. F. Jackson, M. F.  
Back: Snider, M. F., Brown, M. F., Deaton, M. F.

LARRY DEATON  
ATHLETE, JUNIOR COACH AND OVAC OFFICIAL  
WINNING HIS OVAC TITLE IN 1963





**Ferry Wrestlers Win 8-Team Tourney**

Ferry Wrestlers Defeat Bridgetts & Claim Seven Individual Titles

Rider Wrestlers Third in Tourney  
Jackson, Score Reasbeck Cha

Rider Grapples Top Carrollton

Strong Heights Ferry Wrestlers Crush Steubenville

Ferry Mat Team Trims Wheeling

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**Ferry Matmen Retain District Crown**

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Martins Ferry Mat Team Downs Weirton

**Ferry Retains OVAC Wrestling Crown**

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By: Richard Edge  
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#### OHIO COUNTY - AGAIN

In the school year of 1964-1965 I was an assistant football and track coach at Triadelphia High School, and during the off season, I felt the need for a program for those athletes that wanted to stay in shape, but did not play basketball. Since I graduated from West Liberty State College and had a couple of courses in wrestling from Coach George Kovalick. I felt that wrestling was the way to go for the conditioning program needed at Triadelphia High School, even though I was a non-wrestler. Thus, wrestling began in Ohio County schools.

I knew that Ohio County had wrestling in the 1950's at Wheeling High School but in the 1960's no county school had the sport. I was told that wrestling could not be called a sport, but an activity, and since it was not approved by the Board of Education I could not get paid as a coach or sponsor. But what the heck! I was young and ambitious and felt like it was my duty to do something for the boys and the school. So, I met with any boy interested in "coming out". Much to my surprise, I had about 40 boys and most of them were not from the football team. Now, where were we going to practice? Since the gymnasium was too small for basketball practice it was idle after school. The practice area was the gym, with its fifty-foot high ceilings, but we had a locker room if we cleaned it out and a shower room where most of the showers worked. What about mats, uniforms, schedules, and how will the boys learn wrestling from me - a non-wrestler!?

First things first! We had about eight old tumbling mats that were made by the convicts at the West Virginia Penitentiary. The mats were 4' x 8' and about 8" thick. I put four to six boys on each mat and started practice. Our worst injuries were floor burns. Many times we would not stop practice because of lack of mats, especially if we were in a "wrestle-off". The only moves I knew were "double leg tackle", the "stand up, the "sit out", and the "arm drag". Our routine became conditioning, conditioning, and more condition-

ing! I purchased a book written by the wrestling coach of the Naval Academy. In the evening I would read a chapter and then try out the moves on my wife on the living room floor! The next day, I would try it out at practice - like I knew what I was doing! During the first year, some of the boys would go to the YMCA at night to work with their independent team because all we did was conditioning. We did have a schedule that first year and, needless to say, we did not win a match. The athletic department bought us three-piece practice uniforms and we traveled by cars to all of our matches which had to be away. We were invited to the school's All-Sports Banquet even though we were only an activity but to get our picture in the yearbook was yet another problem. It cost \$20.00 per picture in the yearbook and since we were not an official sport we had to pay \$20.00. The team took up a collection!

In 1965-1966 a new coach named John Hibbert came to Wheeling High School to help coach football. John was also a wrestling coach, an organizer, and a go-getter. We met in August to make our plans. By October, a salary was approved for wrestling coaches plus assistant coaches, and now we were a sport. John Hibbert had many problems, too - no place to practice, so most of the time he had to go down the alley to the YMCA to hold practice. The first year he also held his matches there - in a wrestling room. He spent his own money for uniforms, warm-ups, and other expenses, but he taught wrestling! !

The second year at Triadelphia High School we had a mat cover (which I never did find out who had bought it). We had new uniforms, warm-up jackets, shoes, and most of all a practice room. We cleaned out a storage room and put mats in there. We also had the first paid Assistant Coach - Ray Cappone. We still traveled by cars but we got our picture in the yearbook at no cost to the team.

Also the second year at Triadelphia High School we started Junior High teams at Triadelphia Jr. High, Woodsdale Jr. High, Bridge Street Jr. High. Triadelphia High School took the team on the road to each school to put on an assem-

bly to introduce the sport. All boys from the Jr. Highs who were interested would report to the high school after practice and we would hold practice for the Jr. High boys, not finishing until after 7:30 PM. We also held the first wrestling tournament in Ohio County that year. It was a Jr. High Tournament for the schools in the Triadelphia District. Of course, noone helped pay the cost of the tournament so the wrestling team once again took up a collection for trophies - hoping to get the money back from the gate - which they did. The varsity team ran the tournament and it was held at Triadelphia High School.

A traveling trophy was bought for the winning school. All went well but the Principal of the winning school would not accept the team trophy because wrestling was not a Junior High sport.

In 1966-1967, the third year, between Triadelphia and Wheeling High Schools, the wrestling program grew into six Junior High teams and a county-wide tournament. Both schools had some home matches and Wheeling High had some excellent wrestlers. The biggest problem we ran into this year was that we were still traveling by cars to away matches. On the way to a match in Steubenville, while traveling in four different cars, one of our cars was involved in an accident where two of our boys had to be taken to the hospital for observation. This trip then became an overnight stay in the hospital for the injured boys.

In 1967-1968 I took a position at Warwood High School as Head Football Coach. As part of the deal, I was permitted to start a wrestling program there. So, everything I had endured at Triadelphia High School for three years was starting over again, only this time I knew a great deal more. We had no money, no uniforms, no mat, no place to practice, and most of all, no wrestlers that had even seen a high school match. Again, we used old tumbling mats but had to practice in our football lockerroom which was two blocks away from school and had very little heat. My Assistant Coach was Larry Murphy who is now a golf pro and the son of Ed Murphy who was one of the early coaches at Wheeling High School in the 1950's. The biggest problems we encountered were the competition that wrestling gave basketball.

Warwood High School had a great tradition of good basketball teams and now wrestling was trying to "cut itself in". The cheerleaders had very little problems until we had home matches the third year. They were told that they could not be in uniform to cheer at our matches. They could not put up signs and we could have no pep rallies. Thus came the beginning of Mat Maids in Ohio County, and what a big help they were to the program and the school!

The second year of wrestling at Warwood High School we still did not have a mat but we did have our first home match. Follansbee High School loaded their mat on a school bus and came down to Warwood for a match - we won!! As a matter of fact, we had a winning record that year.

The third year wrestling really took off. The boosters club got us a mat, new uniforms, warm-ups, and we had many selling programs to make the money for shoes, earguards, knee pads, and other extras. We were undefeated that year and had our first boy qualify for the state tournament - Bruce Cox. The state only had one classification for schools and Warwood High School was one, if not the smallest, school in the regional tournament. Bruce wrestled a boy from John Marshall into an overtime by one second on the riding time clock. Before the start of the overtime, we were telling Bruce how to wrestle and to be aggressive, etc. He asked if he was allowed to pin the other boy, which he did in the first period of the overtime. Bruce was defeated in the first round of the state tournament but he was the first, and many boys were to follow in his footsteps after that year.

The fourth year Warwood High School had its first OVAC champion and State champion in Joe Matyskela, 145 lb. class. That year we took three boys to the state tournament.

From that year on Warwood High School always had OVAC and State champions. In 1972-1973 Warwood High School had its first\* and only All American High School wrestler in John Vdovjack, undefeated at 50-0. John was also the first All American High School wrestler in the State of West Virginia. He was two-time OVAC Champ at 145 lbs. and also a two-

time state champion.

In that year, the first Pee Wee wrestling team in Ohio County was formed. The boys were from Warwood and Corpus Christi Grade Schools. They would practice after the varsity reserve practice and the Junior High team, which was undefeated for three years. Here I was practicing until 7:30 again but this time I was lucky enough to get two young men that had wrestled on an earlier team to coach the Pee Wees, Bob Triveri, now Assistant Coach at Cameron High School. and Mike Joyce.

In the nine years that I was involved in Ohio County, we went from nothing to wrestling at three high schools with their own mats, seven Junior High schools, and a Pee Wee team. The county had a State Championship team in Wheeling High School, numerous individual OVAC and State champions, and Warwood High School had a high school All-American and an OVAC Championship team in dual meets.

The reward for all of this progress was a reduction in coaches' pay by \$50.00 per year for the wrestling coaches because, we were told, the lack of interest as compared to football and basketball, those coaches got the raises!!!

Dick Edge

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EMOTIONS



Boyd Nelson  
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STEVE HARRIS, Oak Glen, shows his emotional happiness after defeating his opponent.

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OVAC CHAMPS



Boyd Nelson  
Times-Leader

## FIVE RIDERS CLAIM INDIVIDUAL HONORS

Claiming titles in five of the 12 weight classes, Martins Ferry's raiders successfully defended their Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling championship Saturday night before a standing-room-only crowd at the Ferry gym.

The Riders, winning the conference crown for the fourth straight year, piled up a comfortable edge as they scored 53 points compared to 32 for Wheeling Central and Moundsville, who shared runnerup honors.

Bridgeport finished fourth with 28 points, followed by Weirton with 23; Steubenville with 19; Oak Glen with seven; Brilliant with three; and Powhatan and Wheeling High, with one apiece.

"In some respects, this was the sweetest victory of them all", Martins Ferry Coach John Vrotsos said after the tournament. "We knew that the competition was keen and that we would face a strong challenge. I am proud of the way that the boys came through".

While Ferry landed seven boys in the finals and won with five of them, Moundsville, with two champions, was the only other school to claim more than one individual title.

Pointing up the closeness of the competition was the fact that three of the 12 finals went into overtime and there were only two pins. The pins were scored by Moundsville's veteran 103 pounder, Dan Pastilong, who finally won an OVAC title with his victory over Bridgeport's Tommy Yost after being forced to settle for runnerup laurels in his weight class for two years, and Martins Ferry's undefeated John Scordos, who joined the exclusive ranks of grapplers who have won conference titles for three straight years when he stopped Wheeling Central's Norman Kulpa.

Both Scordos and teammate Bill Padgelek extended their unblemished season records through 19 matches. In winning the 145-pound crown, Padgelek gave a tremendously gritty performance. The Rider junior was taken to Martins Ferry Hospital at 3 AM on Saturday

morning after he fell ill with apparent food poisoning. It was feared that he would be unable to wrestle but he won two matches during the afternoon session and then took a 5-3 decision over Wheeling Central's previously undefeated Len Chaplinski in an exciting final. Chaplinski who was OVAC 138-pound Champion last year and who had won 14 in a row this season, scored first with a take-down but Padgelek escaped and tallied on a take-down but to lead, 3-2, after one period. Another escape in the second period gave the Ferrian a 4-2 lead but Chaplinski matched it in the third period before Padgelek cinched the verdict with a second take-down.

Chaplinski was not the only 1963 champ who failed to repeat. Ferry's Larry Deaton, who was 133-pound kingpin last season and was competing at 138 this year, lost in the semi-finals to Eli Matjevich of Weirton. Matjevich then dropped a 4-2 decision in the final to Moundsville's Ed Coster, who was runnerup at 145 last winter but melted down a class this season.

Only 1963 titlists to win again were Scordos and another Purple Rider, little Jack Somerville, 103-pound kingpin of last season who won at 112 this time with a 3-0 nod over Wheeling Central's Doug Naegle. However, 1963 runnerup who took titles this season were Ross Lavender, Steub., at 95 pounds; Pastilong at 127; Wheeling C.'s Paul Cappas at 133; and the Ferry pair of Ken Ackerman, 154, and Don Cook, heavyweight.

Ackerman and Cook must be credited with the upsets of the day. Ackerman has been experiencing a disappointing season and wasn't even seeded. He had to win three matches during the afternoon to reach the final. In one of them he edged the top-seeded grappler in the 154-pound class, previously unbeaten Steven Stern of Steubenville. In the finals he scored a 5-2 revenge victory over Bridgeport's Paul Kosar, who had pinned him in a regular-season match. To win the title, he topped three out of the four seeded matmen in his weight class.

Steubenville's Bob Kessler came into the heavyweight final unbeaten. He won ten straight last season before

being sidelined at tourney time with an injury and had copped 13 straight this year before meeting Cook in the title match. Outweighed, Cook nevertheless nipped the Steuber star 2-1, with the winning point coming on riding time.

Bridgeport's unbeaten Chick LaMotte extended his winning streak through 15 matches in topping Ferry's Gary Greer, 3-0, and Steve Harris, Oak Glen, 165-pounder, edge Moundsville Freshman "Chuck" Smith, a 1963 W. Va. State Champion, on a 2-1 officials' decision after neither wrestler scored in the extra period.

Harris, now unbeaten, though once tied in 12 starts, was the people's choice and his victory giving the new consolidated school in Hancock County its first OVAC title, brought down the house.

Weirton's Allese who is a West Virginia state champion, returned to the conference throne after a year's absence. OVAC Champ at 112 as a sophomore, he dropped a one-point decision to Ferry's since-graduated Rich Snider in last year's 120 final but came back this year to defeat Bridgeport's Vail "Jake" Bellas, 4-0, for 127-pound laurels.

Cappas became the second Wheeling Central athlete ever to win a conference title when he edged Ferry's Bob Tucker by one point, 4-3, in the 133-pound final.

Martins Ferry will turn from its OVAC title defense to wrestle Beaver Local on Tuesday night at 7 at the Ferry gym.

#### MARTINS FERRY RETAINS OVAC

#### Results of OVAC Wrestling

##### FINALS

95 pounds - Ross Lavender, Steub. dec. Adrian Younger, Mds. 3-0 in overtime.  
103 pounds - Dan Pastilong, Mds. pinned Tom Yost, Bpt. in 37 secs. of second period.  
112 pounds - Jack Somerville, M. F. dec. Doug Naegle, Whg. C., 3-0.  
120 pounds - Chick LaMotte, Bpt. dec. Gary Greer, M. F. 3-0 in overtime.  
127 pounds - Pat Allese, Weir. dec. Vail "Jake" Bellas, Bpt. 4-0.

133 pounds - Paul Cappas, Whg. C. dec. Bob Tucker, M. F. 4-3.

138 pounds - Ed Coster, Mds. dec. Eli Matijevich, Weir. 4-2.

145 pounds - Bill Padgelek, M. F. dec. Len Chaplinski, Whg. C., 5-3.

154 pounds - Ken Ackerman, M. F. dec. Paul Kosar, Bpt. 5-2.

165 pounds - Steve Harris, Oak Glen, won from Charles Smith, Mds. on 2-1 decision of officials after overtime match ended with score tied.

175 pounds - John Scordos, M. F. pinned Norman Kulpa, Whg. C. in 1 min. 49 secs. of third period.

Heavyweight - Don Cook, M. F. dec. Bob Kessler, Steub. 2-1.

##### SEMI-FINALS

95 pounds - Lavender, Steub. dec. Botizan. Whg. C., 8-4, and Younger, Mds. dec. Miller, Weir. 5-1.

103 pounds - T. Yost, Bpt. dec. Parris, Steub. 7-3, and Pastilong, Mds. dec. Delaney, Weir., 4-2

112 pounds - Somerville, M. F. pinned Nieratko, Mds. in 1:42 and Naegle, Whg. C. dec. Anzalone, Weir., 3-2.

120 pounds - Allese, Weir., LaMotte, Bpt. dec. Whitecotton. Whg. C. 6-4, and Greer, M. F. dec. Morano, Whg. C. 5-1.

127 pounds - Allese, Weir. pinned Maguire, M. F. in 40 secs. of second period and Bellas, Bpt. dec. LaCross, Brill. 7-4.

133 pounds - Cappas, Whg. C. dec. Sterling, Brill., 11-2, and Tucker, M. F. dec. Persinger, Mds. 4-0.

138 pounds - Coster, Mds. dec. Yost, Bpt. 5-0, and Matijevich, Weir. dec. Deaton, M. F. 5-0.

145 pounds - Chaplinski, Whg. C. dec. Wilson, Bpt. 5-2, and Padgelek, M. F. dec. Burd, Weir. 6-2.

154 pounds - Ackerman, M. F. dec. Francis, Mds. 2-0, and Kosar, Bpt. dec. Yarbrough, Pow. 15-13.

165 pounds - Smith, Mds. dec. Jennings Weir. 3-2 and Harris, Oak Glen. dec. Popp, Brill. 4-2.

175 pounds - Scordos, M. F. pinned Wear, Whg. in 1:08 of third period and Kulpa, Whg. C. pinned Jones, Steub. in 24 secs. of third period.

Heavyweight - Cook, M. F. dec. Principe, Whg. C. 5-2, and Kessler. Steub. dec. Lofton, Bpt. 6-3.

## PRELIMINARIES

95 pounds - Botizan, Whg. C. pinned Kranek, Brill. in 1:49 of third period.  
 103 pounds - Parris, Steub. dec. Varlas, Whg. C. 5-3.  
 127 pounds - Harring, Steub. dec. Shrodes, Oak Glen 501.  
 133 pounds - Arnold, Weir. dec. Marinella, Steub. 6-5.  
 138 pounds - McGregor, Steub. dec. Williams, Oak Glen 8-5.  
 154 pounds - Ackerman, M. F. dec. Turner, Whg. 11-1; and Turkaly, Weir. dec. Bateman, Brill. 5-2.  
 165 pounds - Norman, Bpt. pinned Rabbit, Whg. C. in 1:05 of third period and Mason, M. F. dec. Hoskins, Pow. 5-1.  
 175 pounds - Marty, Bpt. dec. Rossy, Oak Glen 5-0.  
 Heavyweight - Rine, Mds. dec. Dunn, Brill. 5-0.

## FIRST ROUND

95 pounds - Miller, Weir. dec. Clark, Bpt. 4-0. Younger, Mds. dec. Vrotsos, M. F. 10-0. Lavender, Steub. pinned Brunner, Oak Glen in 1:40 of third period: Botizasn, Whg. C. pinned Maguire, Pow. in 1:01 of second period.  
 103 pounds - Delaney, Weir. pinned Many-penny, Oak Glen in 1:59 of second period. Pastilong, Mds. pinned Titchie, Whg. in 1:13; Yost, Bpt. dec. McAninch, M. F. 2-1 in overtime; Parris, Steub. dec. Sterling, Brill. 13-9  
 112 pounds - Somerville, M. F. dec. Kish, Bpt. 5-1. Anzalone 0; Nieratko, Mds. dec. Watson, Steub. 6-5. Naegle, Whg. C. dec. Baxter, Oak Glen 7-3.  
 120 pounds - Whitecotton, Whg. won by forfeit; LaMotte, Bpt. dec. Price, Oak Glen 6-1. Morano, Whg. C. dec. Arango, Weir. 7-4. Greer, M. F. dec. Burchfield, Steub. 2-0.  
 127 pounds - Maguire, M. F. dec. Getting, Mds. 10-0. Bellas, Bpt. dec. Wilds, Whg. 3-0. LaCross, Brill. dec. Snyder, Whg. C. 3-0. Allese, Weir. pinned Herring, Steub. in 1:35 of second period.  
 133 pounds - Tucker, M. F. dec. Lackman, Bpt. 3-0. Persinger, Mds. dec. Arnold, Weir. 5-2. Cappas, Whg. C. pinned Miller, Oak Glen in 1:48. Sterling, Brill. won from Bruer, Whg. in overtime on referee's decision.

138 pounds - Coster, Mds. pinned LaFollette, Pow. in 1:51 of second period. Matijevich, Weir. dec. Powell, Brill. 7-0. Deaton, M. F. dec. Varlas, Whg. C. 5-0. Yost, Bpt. dec. McGregor, Steub. 5-2.  
 145 pounds - Chaplinski, Whg. pinned Young, Whg. in 1:17 of second period. Byrd, Weir. pinned Hindes, Oak Glen in 32 secs. of third period. Padgelek, M. F. dec. Coyne, Steub. 5-0.  
 154 pounds - Francis, Mds. pinned Bowen, Oak Glen, in 1:11 of second period. Ackerman, M. F. dec. Stern, Steub. 5-4. Yarbrough, Pow. dec. Blatt, Whg. C. 5-3. Kozat, Bpt. dec. Turkaly, Weir. 3-0.  
 165 pounds - Smith, Mds. dec. Norman, Bpt. 9-0. Jennings, Weir. dec. Joyce, Steub. 5-2. Popp, Brill. dec. Mason, M. F. 5-2. Harris, Oak Glen, dec. Principe, Whg. 3-0.  
 175 pounds - Scordos, M. F. dec. Marty, Bpt. 11-0. Wear, Whg. dec. Connell, Weir. 3-2. Kulpa, Whg. C. pinned Miller, Mds. in 12 secs. of second period. Jones, Steub. dec. Tarr, Brill. 6-4.  
 Heavyweight - Kessler, Steub. pinned Cottilli, Weir. in 1:30 of second period. Lofton, Bpt. dec. Cordery, Pow. 7-2. Cook, M. F. pinned Rine, Mds. in 1:24 of second period. Principe, Whg. C. dec. Weide Whg. 6-5.



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## FERRY RETAINS CONFERENCE MAT TITLE

Riders Nose Out Bridgeport, 49-47

By BILL VAN HORNE

Martins Ferry High won its fifth straight Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling championship Saturday night at the home gym and coach John Vrotsos happily called the triumph "The sweetest of them all".

Vrotsos who started the season with only two holdover regulars in the lineup, saw his charges nose out neighboring Bridgeport, 40-47, before a gym-jamming crowd in what was undoubtedly the most exciting tournament in OVAC wrestling history.

Ferry chased Bridgeport virtually all day. Coached by ex-Ferry wrestling captain Gene Buonanamici, the Bulldogs went into the semi-finals with a one-point edge, 15-14, and entered the night session still leading by one, 41-40.

Both Ferry and Bridgeport qualified six grapplers for the finals and the Bridgerts stretched their lead to five points with victories by 103 pounder Tommy Yost, 120 pounder Chich LaMotte, and 133 pounder Tom Lackman, offset only by the surprising performance of Ferry's 112 pounder, Tucker Lee.

However, wins by Bob Tucker, at 138, and Bill Padgelek, at 154, cut the gap to a point again and made the 165-pound struggle between Ferry's sensational sophomore, unbeaten Steve Scipio and Bridgeport's Bob Faithful, a junior, a pivotal match.

The underdog Faithful, knowing that he must win to preserve the Bridget lead, put up a tremendous battle. He took the lead with an early take-down but muscular Scipio quickly scored a reversal and tacked on two predicament points for a 4-2 first-period lead. However, the Ferrian found he had a tiger on his hands and the score ultimately mounted to 11-7 in Scipio's favor before Scipio pinned the Bulldog grappler in the third period to give Ferry its winning margin.

The victory was the nineteenth straight for the Rider sophomore and his third pin of the tournament. If he had lost, Ferry would have relinquished

the title as 175 pounder Gary McKaye, also a sophomore, and heavyweight Pete Diehl, were pinned by their Weirton opponents. The pins by Jonathon Jennings, 175-pound junior, and Mattio Magnone, 240-pound sophomore were enough to push Weir into third place in the team standings with 27 points - one more than Moundsville.

Oak Glen and Wheeling Central finished with 21 markers apiece while Steubenville had 15, Brilliant 4, and the neophyte Triadelphia team 3.

Ferry produced four individual champions while Bridgeport had three, Central and Weirton two each, and Moundsville one.

Testifying to the closeness of the competition, the first six finals were decided by one point and three of them on riding time. A Moundsville freshman, Larry Rine, became the first titlist of the night when he nipped Cliff Everly, Oak Glen sophomore, 7-6, in the 95-pound class with a take-down only four seconds before the final buzzer. This was the twelfth straight win of the year for little Rine, who is unbeaten.

Bridgeport's Yost, a senior, won in a battle of unbeaten grapplers in the 122 finale when he edged Steubenville's Ross Lavender, moving up a class after taking 95-pound honors last year as a sophomore trailed 2-0 going into the last period but scored three points on a near fall. Yost reversed him with 40 seconds to go but Lavender escaped with 11 seconds left only to suffer his first loss in ten starts on the riding time marker. Yost, who rode his opponent out during the entire second period has now won 15 in a row.

Ferry's Lee, a junior, wasn't even seeded but upset three seeded grapplers to earn his 112 title. He topped fourth seeded John Krena, Weirton, 3-0, in the first round; won a referee's decision from top-seeded Steve Kish, Bridgeport, in overtime, and edged third-seeded Dennis Wilfong, Oak Glen, 3-2, on riding time in the final.

Wilfong scored an early takedown but Lee quickly reversed him and used a "cobra hold" (figure four) to pile up the needed riding time as both boys rode each other out in the last two periods.

The spunky Bridgeport captain, LaMotte, retained the 120-pound title in a weld-and-wooly bout with his only 1965 conqueror, Weirton's top-seeded John Arango, 6-5. These two went after each other like a couple of wildcats and Arango was leading 4-2 in the third period before LaMotte scored a reverse and picked up two quick predicament points before Arango escaped. The scoreboard operator did not catch Referee George Kovalick's signal of the predicament points and when they were belatedly put on the board, Weirton Coach Carl Fodor protested the ruling strenuously.

Bridgeport's senior, 127 pounder Ron Kasper, suffered his first defeat in sixteen bouts when nosed out by Wheeling Central junior, Doug Naegle, 2-1. It was the tenth win in 11 outings for Naegle, who made a first-period takedown standup, although Kasper rode him out in the second period and escaped in the third.

The Bulldog's Lackman, a sophomore, avenged his only two defeats of the season and recorded his twelfth victory as he shaded Moundsville senior Brian Persinger, 7-6, on riding time to snap Persinger's 16-bout win streak. Lackman had gone ahead, 6-4, on a takedown with 16 seconds to go but was trapped for two predicament points in the last two seconds. However, the riding time he had built up was sufficient.

Ferry's Tucker, a senior, won his 17th in 19 starts by topping Oak Glen's Bill Miller, 3-0. After a scoreless first period, Tucker got a quick reversal in the second period and rode his opponent the rest of the match. Tucker didn't give up a point in the entire tourney. He scored three straight shutouts.

Last year's OVAC 138-pound champ, Paul Cappas, of Wheeling Central, moved up to 145 this year and claimed another title when he topped Al Aston, Mounds-

ville, 5-2, for his eleventh victory in 13 starts.

After scoring first-period pins in his two earlier tourney outings, Ferry Captain Bill Padgelek shut out Bridgeport's Tim Marty, 6-0, in the 154 final. Padgelek went ahead with a takedown in the first period and scored a reversal in the first five seconds of the second period. Padgelek, last year's OVAC 145-pound champ, has now won seventeen out of 18.

Although McKaye and Diehl lost in the finals, they made important contributions to the Ferry victory. In the semi-finals, McKaye upset the top-seeded John Calvert of Moundsville 5-0. Calvert had pinned the Ferry sophomore in a match just a week earlier.

Diehl went overtime in the semi's to take a 3-0 verdict over Steubenville and thus kept Ferry close on Bridgeport's trail entering the night session. The meet summary follows:

#### FINALS

95 pounds - Larry Rine, Mds. dec. Cliff Everly, Oak Glen 7-6.

103 pounds - Tom Yost, Bpt. dec. Ross Lavender, Steub. 5-4

112 pounds - Tucker Lee, M. F. dec. Dennis Wilfong, Oak Glen 3-2.

120 pounds - Chick LaMotte, Bpt. dec. John Arango, Weir., 6-5.

127 pounds - Doug Naegle, Whg. C. dec. Ron Kasper, Bpt. 2-1.

133 pounds - Tom Lackman, Bpt. dec. Bill Miller, Oak Glen, 3-0.

145 pounds - Paul Cappas, Whg. C. dec. Al Aston, Mds. 5-2.

154 pounds - Bill Padgelek, M. F. dec. Tom Marty, Bpt. 6-0.

165 pounds - Steve Scipio, M. F. pinned Bob Faithful, Bpt. in secs. of the third period.

175 pounds - Johnathon Jennings, Weir. pinned Gary McKaye, M. F. in 35 secs.

Heavyweight - Mattio Magnone, Weir. pinned Pete Diehl, M. F. in 42 secs. of overtime period.

103 pounds - Price, Oak Glen, pinned Kranek, Brill. in 1:35 of the third period.

112 pounds - Varlas, Whg. C. won from Turvey, Steub. in overtime on referee's decision.

120 pounds - Brandenburg, M. F. dec. Stott-lemeyer, Mds. 5-3.  
 127 pounds - Thoburn, M. F. dec. Baxter, Oak Glen, 5-4.  
 133 pounds - Ben Padgelek, M. F. dec. Bowers, Oak Glen 4-2.  
 138 pounds - Pernell, Weir. dec. Kirkbridge, Steub. 10-4.  
 145 pounds - Kinsey, Triad. dec. Ross, Oak Glen 5-1.  
 154 pounds - Bennett, Weir. dec. Jackson, Steub. 6-1.  
 165 pounds - Bateman, Brill. dec. Weston, Triad. 12-0.  
 175 pounds - Checca, Steub. pinned Gadd, Oak Glen, in 39 secs. of second period.  
 Heavyweight - Miller, Mds. pinned Spencer, Oak Glen, in 28 secs. of second period.

#### FIRST ROUND

95 pounds - Everly, Oak Glen, dec. Hengler, Whg. C. 11-0. Rine, Mds. pinned Wise, Brill. in 55 secs. Valles, Weir. dec. Fregiato, M. F. 6-3. Sims, Steub. dec. Clark, Bpt. 6-5.  
 103 pounds - Yost, Bpt. dec. Tenaglio, Weir. 8-0. Vrotsos, M. F. dec. Terrill, Triad. 5-0. Younger, Mds. dec. Melvit, Whg. C. 3-1. Lavender, Steub. pinned Price, Oak Glen, in 1:03.  
 112 pounds - Lee, M. F. dec. Krena, Weir. 3-0. N. Sterling, Brill. dec. Nieratko, Mds. 9-7. Wilfong, Oak Glen, dec. Minter, Triad. 6-4. Kish, Bpt. dec. Varlas, Whg. C. 3-0.  
 120 pounds - LaMotte, Bpt. pinned Price, Oak Glen in 1:29 of second period. Burchfield, Steub. pinned Wilson, Triad. in 1:30 of second period. Marango, Whg. C. pinned Kirkland, Brill. in 20 secs. of third period. Arango, Weir. dec. Brandenburg, M. F. 5-2.  
 127 pounds - Kasper, Bpt. pinned Thoburn, M. F. in 59 secs. of second period. Parker, Steub. dec. Huggins, Brill. 2-1. Naegle, Whg. C. pinned Carter, Triad. in 50 secs. Motley, Weir. dec. Gettings, Mds. 6-3.  
 133 pounds - Persinger, Mds. pinned Ben Padgelek, M. F. in 1:27 of second period. Snyder, Whg. C. dec. Arnold, Weir. 4-2, in overtime. Gilbert Sterling, Brill. pinned Oits Steub. in 31 secs. of second period. Lackman, Bpt. pinned Looney, Triad. in 1:49.

138 pounds - Tucker, M. F. dec. Pernell, Weir. 8-0. Varlas, Whg. C. dec. D. Miller, Mds. 6-4. B. Miller, Oak Glen, pinned Stewart, Triad.  
 145 pounds - Cappas, Whg. C. pinned Kinsey, Triad. in 18 secs. of second period. Coyne, Steub. dec. Potter, Weir. 4-0. Aston, Mds. pinned Puskus, Bpt. in 1:59 of second period. Channel, M. F. pinned Wine, Brill. in 52 secs. of second period.  
 154 pounds - Bill Padgelek, M. F. pinned Bennett, Weir. in 50 secs. Quinn, Triad. pinned Moore, Brill. in 1:12 of third period. Marty, Bpt. dec. Doyle, Whg. C. 2-0. Hudkins, Mds. dec. Hinds, Oak Glen, 8-0.  
 165 pounds - Scipio, M. F. pinned Wolfe, Mds. in 35 secs. of second period. Jones, Weir. dec. Monroe, Steub. 1-0. Bowen, Oak Glen, pinned Purpura, Whg. C. in 1:46 of second period. Faithful, Bpt. dec. Bateman, Brill. 10-5.  
 175 pounds - Calvert, Mds. pinned Huggins, Triad. in 1:27. McKaye, M. F. dec. Rabbit, Whg. C. 4-0. Witzberger, Bpt. pinned Fithen, Brill. in 1:55 of second period. Jennings, Weir. dec. Checca, Steub. 5-0.  
 Heavyweight - Manone, Weir. dec. Norman, Triad., 8-0. Herink, Bpt. pinned Miller, Whg. C. in one min. Jones, Steub. dec. Ramsey, Brill. in 1:47. Diehl, M. F. dec. Miller, Mds. 4-0.

#### SEMI-FINALS

95 pounds - Everly, Oak Glen pinned Sims, Steub. in one min. of third period. Rine, Mds. dec. Valles. Weir. 12-3.  
 103 pounds - Yost, Bpt. dec. Vrotsos, M.F. 10-2. Lavender, Steub. dec. Younger, Mds. 8-2.  
 112 pounds - Wilfong, Oak Glen dec. N. Sterling, Brill. 4-2. Lee, M. F. won referee's decision over Kish, Bpt. in overtime match.  
 120 pounds - Arango, Weir. dec. Marano, Whg. C. 11-6. LaMotte, Bpt. dec. Burchfield, Steub. 6-1.  
 127 pounds - Kasper, Bpt. pinned Parker, Steub. in 55 secs. of second period. Naegle, Whg. C. dec. Motley, Weir. 9-2.  
 133 pounds - Persinger, Mds. dec. Snyder, Whg. C. 6-2. Lackman, Bpt. dec. Sterling, Brill. 4-0.

138 pounds - Tucker, M. F. dec. Varlas,  
Whg. C. 5-0. Miller, Oak Glen, dec.  
Tomolonis, Bpt. 5-4.  
145 pounds - Cappas, Whg. C. dec. Coyne,  
Steub. 4-0. Aston, Mds. dec. Channel,  
M. F. 5-1.  
154 - Padgelek, M. F. pinned Quinn, Triad.  
in 1:59. Marty, Bpt. dec. Hudkins, Mds.  
2-0.  
165 pounds - Scipio, M. F. pinned Jones,  
Weir. in 25 secs. of second period.  
Faithful, Bpt. pinned Bowen, Oak Glen  
in 1:13 of second period.  
175 pounds - Jennings, Weir. pinned Witz-  
berger, Bpt. in 1:27. McKaye, M. F. dec.  
Calvert, Mds. 5-0.  
Heavyweight - Magnone, Weir. dec. Herink,  
Bpt. 7-1. Diehl, M. F. dec. Jones. Steub.  
3-0 in overtime.

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OVAC CHAMPS



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Hornin' In with Van Horne

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF SOME  
SCHOOLBOY WRESTLING RULES

Despite the rising popularity of high school wrestling as both a participant and spectator sport in the Ohio Valley, we come across many people who have never seen a match or who, if they have been curious enough to take a look at the grapplers, admit that they do not understand it.

By now, most everyone should know that there's very little in common between amateur wrestling and the hippodrome antics of those overstuffed grunt and groaners that show up now and then on the TV screen. But we'll have to admit that the sport has a language all its own and when one of the uninitiated hears the guy next to him yelling something like "pound the nail", "out the back door!", "double leg drop!", "scissors!", "ride him out!", "pancake!", etc., he's bound to be confused.

It's pretty difficult to explain the various holds and expressions that are used without pictures to illustrate them but we thought we'd take a few paragraphs today to tell about some of the rules of the amateur mat game, with the idea that we may enlighten a few folks who have just discovered the sport - or may be discovering it by tournament time.

Eleven weight classes are normally wrestled in Ohio high school ranks and 12 over in West Virginia. In the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference tournament, 12 weights are used, starting with the 95-pound class and going up through 103, 112, 120, 127, 133, 138, 145, 154, 165, 175 and heavyweight, or unlimited.

It is important to remember that there is a distinction between "match points" and "team points". The former are awarded to a wrestler for what he accomplishes during his particular bout and, unless one pins the other, the one with the most match points wins. However, these match points do not figure in the team score. In a dual meet, a team is awarded three points for each decision that it gains, regardless of the score, and five points for a pin, default, or forfeit. In case of a draw, each team gets two points. Tournament scoring is different yet but we won't get into that right now.

There are three two-minute periods in a high school wrestling match. In the opening period, the opponents address each other from a standing position. In the second period, one wrestler takes the "down" or defensive position. In the third stanza they switch, the wrestler being "down" in the second period taking the top position.

**TAKEDOWN** - When one wrestler takes the other to the mat and gains control. This is worth two points the first time a grappler achieves it in a match and one point on every subsequent takedown.

**REVERSAL** - When the bottom wrestler gains control over the top wrestler, in other words reversing their positions. This is worth two points.

**ESCAPE** - When the bottom wrestler breaks contact with the top wrestler and gets free. One point.

**PREDICAMENT** - When one contestant has the other in a pinning combination and forces the "down" wrestler's shoulders to a momentary stop less than four inches above the surface of the mat. Two points.

**NEAR FALL** - When one wrestler forces one shoulder of his opponent to the mat and has the other shoulder within an inch of the mat. Three points.

**FALL (OR PIN)** - When one wrestler forces both shoulders of his opponent to the mat for a period of two seconds.

A wrestler may also be awarded points if his opponent is judged by the referee to be "stalling" while in either top or bottom positions. This rule is especially necessary to keep grapplers who are ahead from merely trying to control their opponents and last out the match.

A stop clock is kept on each wrestler at the sidelines and if one controls the other for a minute or more longer than his opponent has control, he is awarded a "riding time" point. This year a new rule stipulates that a grappler can pick up two points by accumulating an edge of two minutes or more in riding time.

In tournaments no ties are permitted. They must be wrestled off in two extra periods of one minute each. The scoreboard is cleared and they start into overtime at 0-0. If at the end of two minutes of grappling they are



still deadlocked in score, it is up to the referee to decide the winner by decision.

The more you know about this sport, the more you are going to appreciate it. It demands physical conditioning, agility, determination, competitive spirit and know-how. When a boy is out on that mat there's no one who can do anything to help him (except for moral support). It boils down to a test between him and his opponent. And it gets mighty interesting at times.

#### CONFERENCE MAT TITLE BAG 103 POINTS

Weirton Runnerup; Bridgeport Third

By BILL VAN HORNE

Finishing 13 points ahead of previously unbeaten Weirton, Martins Ferry High won its sixth straight Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling championship Saturday night at the Purple Rider gym with the largest crowd ever to witness a high school grappling match in this area viewing proceedings.

This was the second straight year that the Ferrians were not the favorites entering the OVAC tournament but finished on top. Last year the host Riders nosed out neighboring Bridgeport by just two points but this time they finished with 62 markers, compared to 49 for the touted Weir squad.

Bridgeport earned third place with 38 points, five more than Moundsville.

In all, 15 schools took part and all of them figured in the scoring. Oak Glen and Steubenville tied for fifth place, with 22 points apiece, while Wheeling Central scored 17, Wheeling 10, St. John's Central and Triadelphia 9 each, Barnesville 6, Bellaire 3, Linsly Institute and Union 2 each, and Mingo 1.

Both Ferry and Weirton were represented by seven finalists but the Purple won four individual titles while Weir could claim only one. Bridgeport and Moundsville copped three individual crowns and Steubenville took the other.

Coach John Vrotsos had his charge primed for the tournament and they responded to the challenge magnificently. Weirton mentor Carl Fodor brought three unbeaten wrestlers into the tournament and none of them went home with a title.

While the top-seeded performer triumphed in seven of the 12 weight classes, the tournament was studded with upsets. One of the biggest climaxed the eliminations when, in the final bout on the Saturday night program, Ferry's Tom Campbell edged Weirton's previously undefeated Mattio Magnone, 3-2, for heavyweight laurels.

Magnone had pinned Campbell earlier in the year and took a seasonal winning streak of 22 into the final scuffle. However, the 230-pound Campbell scored three points in the second period on an escape and takedown. The 250-pound Magnone tallied two points on a reversal in the third period but missed the riding time point he needed to carry the Ferry senior into overtime by two seconds.

Magnone was the second wrestler ousted from the unbeaten ranks by Campbell in the tournament. After decisioning Byarie Jones, Steubenville's all-state footballer 8-0 in the quarter finals, the blond Ferrian had pinned St. John Central's Frank Vingia, previously unbeaten in 13 starts, in a semi-final match.

Magnone was one of three 1965 OVAC kingpins who failed to repeat. Wheeling Central's Doug Naegle, moving up from 127 to 133 this year, was nipped by Weirton's only titlist, Dwight "Skip" Motley 2-0, in the finals.

Moundsville's Larry Rine, last year's 95-pound titlist who advanced to 103 this year, was trimmed in the semi-finals by Bridgeport's Jim Callarik by a decisive 6-0 score and Coach John Roman's fast improving sophomore went on to whip Weirton's Dave Valles 7-0, in the finals. Callarik wasn't even seeded in his class but went through the tournament without being scored upon. Callarik pinned Steubenville's Joe Porter in the first round and won from the third seeded St. John's Central's freshman, Rex Frohnapfel 6-0 in the second round.

Best performances for the OVAC tournaments was a surprise winner at 112 in 1965 and this time came through at 127, although not seeded among the top four. Harry Kilgore, of St. John's, scored a pin over fourth seeded Mike Gittings of Moundsville in the first round but then lost to Lee 7-0 in the second round. In the semi-finals

Lee spilled second seeded Bob Varlas, of Wheeling Central 5-2 and in the championship bout he took Oak Glen's second seeded Dave Price 2-0, thanks to two predicament points gained in the second period. Price had won from Weirton's top seeded Charles Delaney, previously unbeaten in 21 starts, 2-1 on riding time in the semi-finals.

Ferry's other titlist was senior 120-pound final by default when Weirton's red-haired John Arango, unbeaten this year, could not compete because of a knee injury sustained in the semi-finals. Arango's injury deprived the fans of what should have been a rousing scrap for Brandenburg had battled the Weir star to a draw earlier in the year. After easy victories in the first two rounds Saturday, Brandenburg found himself up against Moundsville's Page Whorton, a grappler who had recently gained a tie with the Ferrian. This time Brandenburg whipped his Trojan rival 6-3.

Ferry will lose three of its OVAC champs - Brandenburg, Lee, and Campbell by graduation but Captain Scipio will return next year, along with two of the three other Purple Riders who got to the finals Saturday to help their team pile up the points needed to retain the championship. Owne Channel, who battled to the 154-pound finals before bowing to Moundsville's unbeaten Jim Hudkins, winner of 13 straight, by a 3-1 score in the finals, will finish up this year but two other Ferry finalists, Jon Scipio at 112 and Mike Deaton at 95 pounds, will be returning. Young Scipio, Steve's "kid" brother, is only a sophomore and little Deaton is a mere freshman.

Jon Scipio, who wasn't even seeded, avenged a regular season loss to second seeded Adrian Younger, of Moundsville. In the semi-finals and put up a game battle before yielding an 8-4 decision to Steubenville senior Ross Lavender in the finals. Lavender had been OVAC champ at 95 pounds in 1964 and was runnerup at 103 last year.

Deaton, seeded fourth in his class, won from second seeded Gil Haddix, of Weirton 3-0 in the semis before losing to Moundsville's unbeaten Dwight Wolfe, also a freshman, 4-0 in the finals.

Bridgeport's champions, in addit-

ion to Callarik, were seniors Tom Lackman and Bob Faithful at 138 and 175, respectively. Lackman had won at 133 last year and became a repeater in championship row although undoubtedly handicapped by a chest injury which has kept him for several weeks. Lackman scored on an escape in the second period then rode out Weirton's Dennis Arnold to win 2-0 in the final after scoring decisive victories in his first two outings.

Unbeaten this year, Faithful pinned Bellaire's Gary Hudson, scored a 9-0 shutout over Ferry's Gary McKaye in the semi-finals, and tore up Weirton's Larry Kosut, 10-3 in the finals to run his winning streak to 14.

Another of the Faithful boys, Fred, who is only a sophomore, reached the finals at 145 by spanking Wheeling Central's second seeded Tom Schnupp 9-1 but then bowed to a Moundsville senior, Dave Miller, 6-2.

Moundsville's Hudkins scored two pins on his way to the finals but had no picnic against Ferry's Channel, who sustained a leg injury in the third period. By vote of the coaches, Hudkins won the trophy provided by the newly organized Ohio Valley wrestling officials and Coaches Association for the outstanding wrestler in the tourney. Hudkins, recently hospitalized by a leg injury, was impressive but how he got the nod for this award over Scipio, with his three pins, Callarik, with his three shutout decisions and one pin, and Campbell, with victories over two previously unbeaten grapplers, is a bit difficult for a lot of people (yours truly included) to understand.

## SUMMARY OF OVAC TOURNAMENT

### FINALS

95 pounds - Dwight Wolfe, Mds. dec. Mike Deaton, M. F. 409.  
103 pounds - Jim Callarik, Bpt. dec. Dave Valles, Weir. 7-0.  
112 pounds - Ross Lavender, Steub. dec. Jon Scipio, M. F. 8-4.  
120 pounds - Jim Brandenburg, M. F. won from John Arango, Weir. by default.  
127 pounds - Tucker Lee, M. F. dec. Dave Price, Oak Glen 2-0.

133 pounds - Dwight Motley, Weir. dec.  
 Doug Naegle, Whg. C. 2-0.  
 138 pounds - Tom Lackman, Bpt. dec. Dennis  
 Arnold, Weir. 2-0.  
 145 pounds - Dave Miller, Mds. dec. Fred  
 Faithful, Bpt. 6-2.  
 154 pounds - Jim Hudkins, Mds. dec. Oen  
 Channel, M. F. 3-1.  
 165 pounds - Steve Scipio, M. F. pinned  
 Gary Jones, Weir. in 1:32 of third period.  
 175 pounds - Bob Faithful, Bpt. dec. Larry  
 Kosut, Weir. 10-3.  
 Heavyweight - Tom Campbell, M. F. dec.  
 Mattio Magnone, Weir. 3-2.

#### FIRST ROUND

95 pounds - C. Lavender, Steub. dec. A.  
 Piatt, Bell. 8-2. Baller, Whg. C. dec.  
 Murray, Triad. 17-0. Felice, Whg. dec.  
 Roster, St. John, 6-5. Porter, Oak Glen  
 pinned Jones, Mingo, in 1:15.  
 103 pounds - Callarik, Bpt. pinned Porter,  
 Steub. in 37 secs. of second period. Bow-  
 man, Whg. dec. Moorman, Mingo, 6-0. Froh-  
 nappfel, St. John dec. Harkness, Triad.  
 8-2. Gavarkavich, M. F. dec. Mansfield,  
 Linsly 14-2. Glovengo, Union dec. Dailer,  
 Whg. C. 8-3.  
 112 pounds - Gompers, Whg. C. dec. Baker,  
 Triad. 6-0. Loosemore, Weir. pinned Rob-  
 inson, St. John 1:40 of second period.  
 Johnson, Barnes. dec. Exley, Linsly 9-1.  
 R. Price, Oak Glen, dec. Covey, Bpt.  
 7-0. J. Scipio, M. F. dec. Heaton, Mingo,  
 6-2.  
 120 pounds - Charvat, Linsly pinned Kovas,  
 Whg. in 1:44. Wilson, Triad. dec. Hobbs,  
 Oak Glen, 9-0. Bowman, St. John, dec.  
 Steele, Barnes 13-0. Marty, Bpt. dec.  
 Minor, Union, 6-0. Brandenburg, M. F.  
 dec. Wycherly, Whg. C. 6-1. Whorton,  
 Mds. pinned Mokros, Bell. 50 secs. of  
 second period. Turvey, Steub. dec.  
 Bright, Mingo, 8-0.  
 127 pounds - D. Price, Oak Glen. pinned  
 Lamberson, Barnes. in 55 secs. Chacol-  
 as, Whg. pinned Casey, Mingo, in 1:25  
 of third period. Carter, Triad. dec.  
 Levite, Steub. 4-1. Johnson, Bell..  
 dec. Reline, Bpt. 3-1. Lee, M. F. dec.  
 Hastings, Linsly, 6-0. Kilgore, St.  
 John, pinned Gittings, Mds. in 1:20  
 of second period.  
 133 pounds - Snider, Triad. dec. Heaton,  
 Mingo, 3-2. Fullwood, Steub. dec. Laff-  
 erty, Oak Glen, 6-2. Palmer, Whg. pinn-  
 ed G. Faithful, Bpt. in 1:30 of third

period. Smith, St. John, dec. Wilson,  
 Mds. 9-0. Reese, Barnes, dec. Koci,  
 Bell., 2-2. Padgelek, M. F. pinned  
 Troll, Linsly, in 38 secs.  
 138 pounds - Grelles, St. John, pinned  
 Fellows, Mingo, in 45 secs. of third  
 period. Reed, Barnes., pinned Lester.  
 Linsly, in 45 secs. of second period.  
 Bowers, Oak Glen, pinned Creamer, Bell..  
 in 1:22 of third period. Parker, Steub.,  
 dec. Hennon, Whg. C. 6-5. Arnold, Weir.  
 dec. McCullough, Triad., 6-1. Pettit,  
 Mds. dec. Bauer, Whg., 3-0.  
 145 pounds - Knight, Barnes., pinned  
 Weimer, Linsly, in 1:44 of third period.  
 Kinsey, Triad., pinned Andrews, Bell.,  
 in 1:03 of second period. Wallace,  
 Steub. dec. T. Channel, M. F., 2-0.  
 Pernell, Weir. dec. Tranovich, St.  
 John, 4-1. F. Faithful Bpt. won on  
 default from Miller, Mingo. Lowther,  
 Oak Glen, pinned Chapline, Whg. in 27  
 secs. of third period.  
 154 pounds - Sarap, Steub. dec. Miooso-  
 vich, Mingo, 4-2. Potter, Weir., dec.  
 Taulor, Oak Glen, 4-2. Doyle, Whg. C.,  
 pinned Bumbico, St. John 1:04 of third  
 period. Lashhorn, Bpt., dec. Zilka,  
 Union, 14-4. Anderson, Triad. dec.  
 Pitner, Barnes., 6-0. O. Channel, M.F.  
 pinned Mitchell, Bell. in 1:02 of third  
 period.  
 165 pounds - Turek. Bpt., pinned Venes-  
 ky, St. John, in 30 secs. of third per-  
 iod. Coram, Whg. pinned Marchetta,  
 Mingo, in 18 secs. of third period.  
 Checcha, Steub. pinned Young, Triad.,  
 in 1:50. Braunlich, Whg. C. dec. Ledd-  
 er, Bell., 7-0. Strosnider, Oak Glen,  
 pinned Shank, Barnes., in 32 secs. of  
 third period.  
 175 pounds - Hudson, Bell., dec. Mellott,  
 Barnes., 8-5. McKaye, M. F. pinned Petre-  
 sino, Triad. in 19 secs. of third period.  
 Rabbitt, Whg. C. dec. Wilson, Whg.. 7-0.  
 DiBernadino, Mingo, dec. Meeker, Mds.,  
 4-1. Monroe, Steub. dec. Landers, St.  
 John, 9-0.  
 Heavyweight - Jones, Steub. pinned Kale,  
 Mingo, in 1:42 of second period. Norman,  
 Triad., pinned Kidney, Bpt. in 45 secs.  
 of third period. B. Piatt, Bell., dec.  
 Romanek, Mds., 11-9. Vulgamore, Oak Glen,  
 pinned Kirk, Barnes.. in 1:38 of third  
 period.

## QUARTER FINALS

95 pounds - Wolfe, Mds. pinned C. Lavender, Steub. in 41 secs. of second period. Deaton, M. F., pinned Porter, Oak Glen, in 1:35 of second period. Haddix, Weir. dec. Felice, Whg. 8-0. Clark, Bpt., pinned Baller, Whg. C., in 1:12 of second period.

103 pounds - Rine, Mds., pinned Bowman, Whg. in 25 secs. of second period. Vallas, Weir., dec. Gavarkavich, M. F., 13-3. Callarik, Bpt., dec. Frohnappfel, St. John, 6-0. Gio-vengo, Union, dec. Everly, Oak Glen, 3-0, in overtime.

112 pounds - R. Lavender, Steub. pinned Gompers, Whg. C., in 1:08. Younger, Mds. dec. Loosemore, Weir., 6-0. R. Price, Oak Glen, pinned Johnson, Barnes., in 1:35 of second period. J. Scipio, M. F., dec. Robinson, Whg., 10-7.

120 pounds - Arango, Weir., pinned Charvat, Linsly, in 1:50 of third period. Whorton, Mds., pinned Turvey, Steub. in 1:56 of second period. Marty, Bpt., dec. Wilson, Triad., 3-2. Brandenburg, M. F., dec. Bowman, St. John, 10-2.

127 pounds - Delaney, Weir., dec. Chacolas, Whg., 6-0. D. Price, Oak Glen, dec. Carter, Triad., 2-0. Lee, M. F., dec. Kilgore, St. John, 7-0. Varias, Whg. C., dec. Johnson, Bell., 5-4.

133 pounds - Naegle, Whg. C., pinned Snyder, Triad., in 1:39. Motley, Weir. pinned Smith, St. John, in 1:59 of second period. Padgelek, M. F. won on default from Reese, Barnes., Fullwood, Steub., dec. Palmer, Whg., 18-7.

138 pounds - Lackman, Bpt. dec. Grelles, St. John, 6-0.

145 pounds - Miller, Mds., dec. Knight, Barnes. 12-0. Schnupp, Whg. C., pinned Kinsey, Triad., in 1:06. Wallace, Steub., dec. Pernel, Weir., 4-3. F. Faithful, Bpt., dec. Lowther, Oak Glen, 4-2.

154 pounds - Doyle, Whg. C., dec. Potter, Weir., 6-2. Hudkins, Mds., pinned Sarap, Steub., in 1:10 of second period. O. Channel, M. F., dec. Anderson, Triad., 2-0. Hodgson, Whg., dec. Lashorn, Bpt., 13-7.

165 pounds - S. Scipio, M. F., pinned Turek, Bpt., in 1:14 of third period. Coram, Whg. dec. Braunlich, Whg., 3-0. Wolfe, Mds., dec. Strosnider, Oak Glen, 11-4. Jones, Weir., dec. Checca, Steub., 9-0.

175 pounds - Kosut, Weir., pinned Di-Bernadino, Mingo, in 1:05 of second period. B. Faithful, Bpt. pinned Hudson, Bell., in 1:20. McKaye, M. F. dec. Rabbitt, Whg. C., 2-0. Specer, Oak Glen, dec. Monroe, Steub., 7-0.

Heavyweight - Magone, Weir., pinned Vulgamore, Oak Glen, in 1:27. Vingia, St. John pinned B. Platt, Bell., in 1:46 of second period. Norman, Triad., dec. Cole, Whg., 9-0. Campbell, M. F., dec. Jones, Steub., 8-0.

## SEMI-FINALS

95 pounds - Deaton, M. F., dec. Haddix, Weir., 3-0. Wolfe, Mds., dec. Clark, Bpt., 7-6.

103 pounds - Valles, Weir., dec. Civeno, Union, 11-4. Callarik, Bpt., dec. Rine, Mds., 6-0.

112 pounds - J. Scipio, M. F., dec. Younger, Mds., 7-4. R. Lavender, Steub., dec. Price, Oak Glen, 7-2.

120 pounds - Arango, Weir., dec. Marty, Bpt., 4-2. Brandenburg, M. F., dec. Whorton, Mds., 6-3.

127 pounds - D. Price, Oak Glen, dec. Delaney, Weir., 2-1. Lee, M. F., dec. Varias, Whg. C., 5-2.

133 pounds - Naegle, Whg. C., pinned Fullwood, Steub. in 1:35. Motley, Weir., dec. Padgelek, M. F., 4-0.

138 pounds - Lackman, Bpt. dec. Parker, Steub. 9-2. Arnold, Weir., dec. Bowers, Oak Glen 1-0. in overtime.

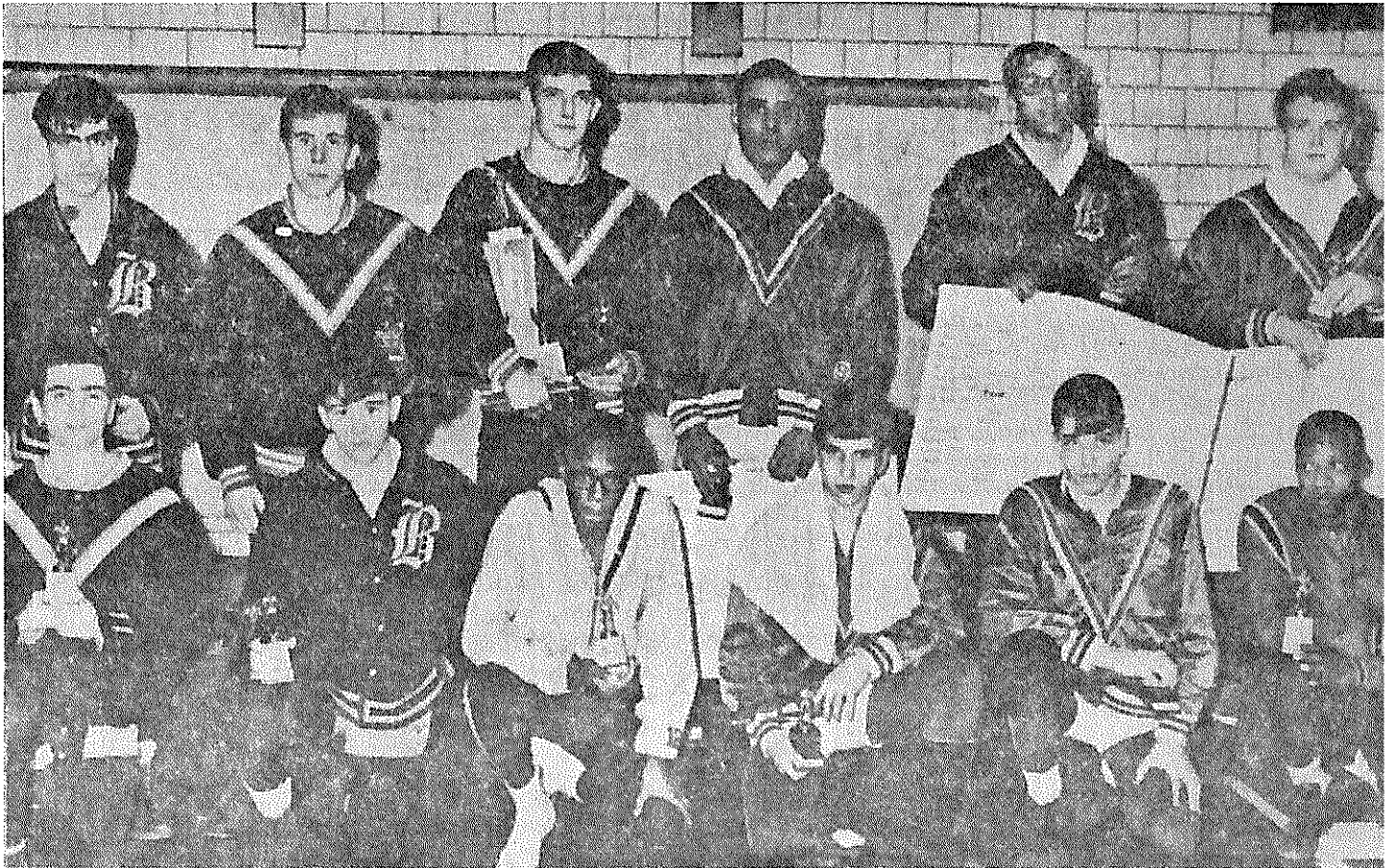
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154 pounds - Hudkins, Mds. pinned Doyle, Whg. C., in one min. O. Channel, M. F., dec. Hodgson, Whg., 5-2.

165 pounds - Scipio, M. F., pinned Coram, Whg., in 39 secs. of second period. Jones, Weir., pinned Wolfe, Mds., in 1:40.

175 pounds - Kosut, Weir., dec. Spender, Oak Glen, 3-0. B. Faithful, Bpt., dec. McKaye, M. F., 9-0.

Heavyweight - Magnone, Weir., pinned Norman, Triad., in 1:30 of second period. Campbell, M. F., pinned Vingia, St. John, in 1:38 of second period.

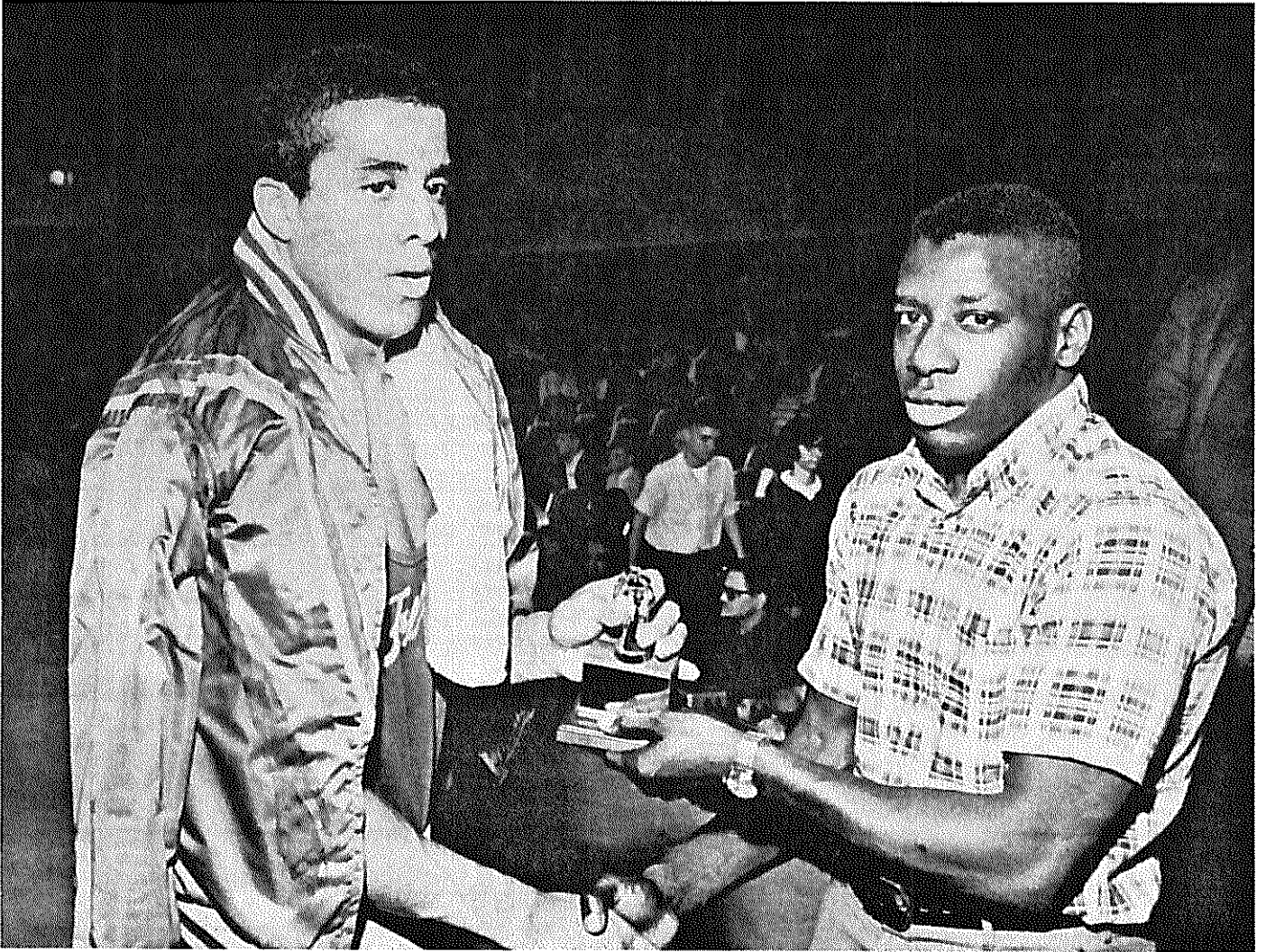


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## BRIDGEPORT LEADS OVAC MAT EVENT

### Six Teams in Position to Claim Honors

The battle for top honors in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference's annual wrestling tournament appeared wide open after first-day action saw Bridgeport surprisingly take the early lead.

The Bulldogs had assumed 34 points after preliminary, first round and quarter final action Friday at the Martins Ferry High gymnasium that saw wrestlers in action until around 1:00 this morning.

Ferry, bidding for a record equaling seventh straight conference title, was in second place with 32 points, while Moundsville and Weirton were tied for third place with 30 points.

In fifth place was Oak Glen, with 25 markers, followed by Wheeling, 24; Steubenville, 20; St. John's Central 19; Wheeling Central, 16; Union, 15; Bellaire, 14; Mingo and Triadelphia, 12 each; Barnesville, 7; and Follansbee, 2. Wellsburg and Linsly failed to score.

Semi-final action got underway at 1:00 this afternoon. Consolation matches were to follow, with the title bouts scheduled in the 12 weight classes for 7:30 tonight.

Ferry and Moundsville each had seven wrestlers going into the semi-finals this afternoon. Bridgeport had six matmen in the running, while Weirton and Oak Glen had five each and Wheeling four. Steubenville and Wheeling Central had three wrestlers alive, while St. John's, Union, and Triadelphia each had two. In with one wrestler each were Bellaire and Mingo.

## OVAC MAT TOURNAMENT RESULTS

### PRELIMINARY ROUND

147 pounds - Vaccaro, Steub., pinned Burch, Union, 2:55.

156 pounds - Dickinson, Triad., dec. Myers, Oak Glen, 4-3.

135 pounds - Ward, Barnes., dec. Jewell, Whg., 3-1.

### FIRST ROUND

97 pounds - Baller, Whg., pinned Worthy, Triad., 3:02. Miller, Weir., pinned Kendrach, Mingo, 1:30. Iverson, Whg., dec. Rees, Bell., 8-0. Clark, Bpt.,

dec. Garry, Barnes., 9-0. Prado, Mds., dec. Hill, Union, 7-5. Swartzmiller, Oak Glen, dec. Jones, Steub., 10-0. Robinson, St. John, pinned Dailey, Foll., 3:59.

105 - Wolfe, Mds., pinned Illig, Foll., 1:02. Felici, Whg. dec. Piatt, Bell., 12-0. Lavender, Steub., dec. Johnson, Barnes., 4-3. Haddox, Weir., pinned Jurek, Whg. C., 5:50. Foster, St. John, pinned Jones, Mingo, 3:56.

112 pounds - Russell, Bell., dec. Mansfield Linsly, 4-0. Hobbs, Oak Glen, pinned Douglas, Steub., 5:57. Frohnappfel, St. John, dec. Pearson, Triad., 6-3. Nicholson, Whg., dec. Stephens, Barnes., 8-2. Lowe, Mds., pinned Mueller, Whg. C., 1:26. Gavarkavich, M. F., pinned Belici, Foll., 3:25. Heaton, Mingo, pinned LeMasters, Weir., 2:39.

122 pounds - Scipio, M. F. pinned Turner, Whg., 3:35. Everly, Oak Glen, pinned Turvey, Steub., 1:59. Giavengo, Union, pinned Ault, St. John, 1:55. Recline, Bpt., dec. Bright, Mingo, 7-4. Steele, Barnes., pinned Part, Linsly, 2:27. Sacripanti, Weir., dec. Doyle, Whg. C., 16-4. Mokros, Bell., dec. Mey, Triad., 5-0.

129 pounds - Johnson, Barnes., dec. Sacripanti, Foll., 10-7. Marty, Bpt., dec. Moore, Mds., 9-0. Johnson, Bell., pinned Heaton, Steub., 32 secs. Tirney, St. John, dec. Hall, Wells., 3-0. Ackerman, M. F. dec. Rexroad, Weir., 4-0. Louk, Oak Glen, pinned Schayes, Mingo, 3:06. Robinson, Whg., dec. Charvat, Linsly 5-0. Hill, Union, dec. Shalvey, Whg. C., 5-3.

135 pounds - Arnold, Weir., dec. Grelles, St. John, 4-2. Carter, Triad., pinned Lamberson, Bell., 5:36. Gaul, Bpt., pinned Chappell, Foll., 4:36. Miller, Oak Glen dec. Young, Steub., 3-0.

Padgelek, M. F., pinned Ward, Barnes., 1:13. Lipinski, Union, pinned Flaherty, Whg. C., 3:31. Dasey, Mingo, pinned Lester, Linsly, 5:01. Pettit, Mds. dec. Bartz, Well., 6-0. Lester, Linsly, 5:01. Pettit, Mds., dec. Bartz, Well., 6-0.

140 pounds - Motley, Weir., pinned Tackarsh, Well., 47 secs. Chacalos, Whg., dec. Fink, Oak Glen, 5-0. Henne, Whg. C., dec. Smith, St. John, 3-2. Cheripko, Foll., dec. Peptino, Triad., 4-2. Sullivan, Mds., dec. Shoppe, Steub., 6-0. Minor, Union, dec. Reed, Barnes., 5-2.

Lackman, Bpt., pinned Vogler, M. F., 3:21. Creamer, Bell., dec. Vogto, Mingo, 9-0.

147 pounds - Wilson, Mds., dec. Foglietti, Weir., 10-3. Andrews, Bell., pinned Wilds, Whg., 5:20. Channel, M. F., pinned Bradoc, Triad., 1:06. Lowther Oak Glen, dec. Vaccaro, Steub., 7-2. G. Faithful, Bpt. pinned Wisner, Wells. 1:34. Schnupp, Whg. C., dec. Ackerman, Barnes., 9-0. Zende, Mingo, pinned Oberdick, Linsly, 1:59 of overtime. Tranovich, St. John, pinned Bolock, Foll., 5:07.

156 pounds - Shank, Barnes. dec. Nichols, Wells., 4-3. Chapline, Whg., pinned Demko, Weir., 3:29. F. Faithful Bpt., dec. Craig, Foll., 4-0. Trella, St. John, dec. Dougherty, Bell., 9-1. Marchetta, Mingo, pinned Weimer, Linsly, 3:24. Sarap, Steub., dec. Jones, M. F., 7-0. Doule, Whg. C., dec. Dickson, Triad., 2-0. Rich, Union, dec. Vucelich, Mds., 3-2.

167 pounds - Zilka, Union, pinned Six, Oak Glen, 1:11. Meeker, Mds., pinned Lohr, Wells., 1:15. Jones, Weir., pinned Mellott, Barnes., 5:10. Kettler, Whg., pinned Roe, Mingo, 1:05. Anderson, Triad., pinned Bailey, Linsly, 1:52. Kirkbride, Steub., pinned Purpura, Whg. C., 2:28.

177 pounds - Oliveto, Foll., dec. Trussel, Union, 6-3. Crosier, Steub., pinned Friend, Bpt., 1:44. Bruno, Bell., pinned Wright, Mds., 2:19. Kosem, Whg. C., dec. Wehr, Barnes., 6-0. Coram, Whg. pinned Greathouse, Oak Glen, 3:05. Fodor, Weir., dec. DiBerardino, Mingo, 2-0 overtime. Landers, St. John, pinned Diaman, Linsly, 5:09.

Heavyweight - Harris, Bell., pinned Pyle, Union, 5:59. Bohus, St. John, dec. Pugh, Foll., 5-2. Bass, Steub., dec. Agostinelli, M. F., 5-0. Romanek, Mds., dec. Carson, Oak Glen, 4-1. Price, Barnes., pinned Adams, Wells., 5:26.

#### SECOND ROUND

97 pounds - Miller, Weir., dec. Sommer, M. F., 3-1. Clark, Bpt., dec. Prado, Mds., 9-3. Robinson, St. John, pinned Swartzmiller, Oak Glen, 59 secs. Iversen, Whg., dec. Baller, Whg. C., 2-0, overtime.

105 pounds - Haddox, Weir., pinned Foster, St. John, 3:05. Deaton, M. F., dec. Lavender, Steub., 10-3. Wolfe, Mds.,

pinned Felici, Whg., 5:50. Price, Oak Glen pinned Shaffer, Wells., 32 secs. 114 pounds - Callarik, Bpt. pinned Russell, Bell., 2:37. Loew, Mds. dec. Heaton, Mingo, 3-0. Frohnappfel, St. John dec. Gavarkavich, M. F., 5-1. Hobbs, Oak Glen, dec. Nicholson, Whg., 11-4.

122 pounds - J. Scipio, M. F., dec. Steele Barnes., 16-2. Reline, Bpt., dec. Everly Oak Glen, 5-4. Giovengo, Union, dec. Mokros, Bell., 8-0. Rine, Mds. dec. Sacripanti, Weir., 5-1.

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Heavyweight - Magnone, Weir., pinned Bohus, St. John, 37 secs. Norman, Triad., pinned Price, Barnes., 29 secs. Kale, Mingo, dec. Harris, Bell., 3-0. Romanek, Mds., dec. Bess, Steub., 4-0.

QUARTER-FINAL

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 114 pounds - Callarik, Bpt., pinned Russell, Bell., 2:37. Lowe, Mds., dec. Heaton, Mingo, 3-0. Frohnappel, St. John, dec. Gavarkavich, M. F., 5-1. Hobbs, Oak Glen, dec. Nicholson, Whg., 11-4.  
 122 pounds - J. Scipio, M. F., dec. Steele, Barnes., 16-2. Reline Bpt., dec. Everly, Oak Glen, 5-4. Giovengo, Union, dec. Mokros, Bell., 8-0. Rine, Mds., dec. Sacripanti, Weir., 5-1.  
 129 pounds - Ackerman, M. F., dec. Tierney, St. John, 4-0. Marty, Bpt., pinned Johnson, Barnes., 5:27. Louk, Oak Glen, dec. Hill, Union, 6-0. M. Johnson, Bell., dec. Robinson, Whg., 3-0.  
 135 pounds - Padgelek, M. F., dec. Arnold, Weir., 6-0. Pettit, Mds., dec. Dasey, Mingo, 6-0. Carder, Triad., dec. Gaul, Bpt., 1-0. Miller, Oak Glen, dec. Lipinski, Union, 8-1.  
 140 pounds - Motley, Weir., pinned Cheripko, Foll., 2:45. Chacalos, Whg., dec. Hennen, Whg. C., 4-0. Sullivan, Mds., dec. Minor, Union, 2-0. Lackman, Bpt., dec. Creamer, Bell.  
 147 pounds - Channel, M. F., pinned Zende, Mingo, 47 secs. Schnupp, Whg. C., dec. Tranovich, St. John, 6-5. G. Faithful, Bpt., pinned Andrews, Bell., 36 secs. Lowther, Oak Glen, dec. Wilson, Mds., 10-4.  
 154 pounds - Doyle, Whg. C., pinned Marchetta, Mingo, 3:19. Sarap, Steub., pinned Rich, Union, 1:34. Chapline, Whg., dec. Trella, St. John, 8-4. F. Faithful Bpt., dec. Shank, Barnes., 5-4.  
 167 pounds - Steve Scipio, M. F., pinned Anderson, Triad., 37 secs. Zilka, Union, dec. Meeker, Mds., 3-0. Jones, Weir., pinned Fodor, Weir., 3:17. Dosem, Whg. C., dec. Bruno, Bell., 5-4.  
 Heavyweight - Magnone, Weir., pinned Bohus, St. John, 37 secs. Norman, Triad., pinned Price, Barnes., 29 secs. Kale,

Mingo, dec. Harris, Bell., 3-0. Romanek, Mds., dec. Bass, Steub., 4-0.

SEMI-FINALS

97 pounds - Clark, Bpt., pinned Robinson, St. John, 3:26. Iverson, Whg., dec. Miller, Weir., 4-0.  
 105 pounds - Deaton, M. F., dec. Wolfe, Mds., 2-1. Price, Oak Glen, dec. Haddox, Weir., 5-0.  
 114 pounds - Callarik, Bpt., dec. Hobbs, Oak Glen, 4-0. Frohnappel, St. John pinned Lowe, Mds., 5:05.  
 122 pounds - J. Scipio, M. F., dec. Reline, Bpt., 11-0. Rine, Mds., dec. Giovengo, Union, 8-4.  
 127 pounds - Johnson, Bell., dec. Louk, Oak Glen, 7-5. Ackerman, M. F., dec. Marty Bpt., 2-1 overtime.  
 135 pounds - Pettit, Mds., dec. Miller, Oak Glen 4-0. Padgelek, M. F., pinned Carder, Triad., 5:26.  
 140 pounds - Sullivan, Mds., dec. Lackman, Bpt., 11-2. Motley, Weir., dec. Chacalos, Whg., 6-0.  
 147 pounds - Lowther, Oak Glen, dec. G. Faithful, Bpt., 6-0. Schnupp, Whg. C., dec. Channel, M. F., 5-4.  
 156 pounds - F. Faithful, Bpt., dec. Channel.

CONSOLATION

97 pounds - Robinson, St. John, dec. Miller, Weir., 4-1.  
 105 pounds - Wolfe, Mds., dec. Haddox, Weir., 5-4.  
 114 pounds - Hobbs, Oak Glen, dec. Lowe, Mds., 3-1.  
 122 pounds - Reline Bpt., dec. Giovengo, Union, 6-4.  
 129 pounds - Louk, Oak Glen, won from Marty, Bpt. default.  
 135 pounds - Miller, Oak Glen, dec. Carder, Triad., 6-2.  
 140 pounds - Lackman, Bpt., pinned Chacalos, Whg., 3:23.  
 147 pounds - Channel, M. F., dec. G. Faithful, Bpt., 4-0.  
 154 pounds - Chapline, Whg., won from Doyle, Whg. C., default.  
 165 pounds - Zilka, Union, dec. Kirkbride, Steub., 12-3.  
 177 pounds - McKaye, M. F., dec. Dosem, Whg. C., 7-0.  
 Heavyweight - Romanek, Mds., dec. Kale, Mingo, 3-0.

FINALS

97 pounds - Greg Clark, Bpt., dec. Larry Iverson, Whg., 6-0.

105 pounds - Rick Price, Oak Glen, dec. Mike Deaton, M. F., 7-6.

114 pounds - Jim Callarik, Bpt. dec. Rex Frohnappfel, St. John, 8-1.

122 pounds - Larry Rine, Mds., dec. Jon Scipio, M. F., 5-2.

129 pounds - Don Ackerman, M. F., dec. Mike Johnson, Bell., 5-2.

135 pounds - Ben Padgelek, M. F., dec. Doug Pettit, Mds., 6-1.

140 pounds - Dwight Motley, Weir., pinned Bob Sullivan, Mds., 3:25.

147 pounds - Dave Lowther, Oak Glen, pinned Tom Schnupp, Whg. C., 3:30.

156 pounds - George Sarap, Steub. dec. F. Faithful, Bpt., 1-0 overtime.

165 pounds - Steve Scipio, M. F., dec. Gary Jones, Weir., 8-0.

177 pounds - Tom Coram, Whg., dec. Jim Crosier, Steub., 7-1.

Heavyweight - Matteo Magnone, Weir., pinned Bob Norman, Triad. 39 secs.

95 pounds - Jeff Sommer, M. F., vs. bye. Daryl Miller, Weir. vs. Bob Kendrick, Mingo. Jim Baller, Whg. C. vs. Paul Worthy, Triad. Jack Rees, Bell. vs. Larry Iverson, Whg. Greg Clark, Bpt. vs. Steve Garry, Barnes. Charles Hill, Union vs. Rick Prado, Mds. Mike Schwartzmiller, Oak Glen. vs. Lamar Jones, Steub. Lou Dailey, Foll. vs. Mike Robinson, St. John.

103 pounds - Mike Deaton, M. F., vs. bye. J. Johnson, Barnes., vs. Curt Lavender, Steub. Angelo, Felici, Whg. vs. Art Piatt, Bell. George Illig, Foll. vs. Dwight Wolfe, Mds. Mike Foster, St. John, vs. Rich Jones, Mingo. Ed Jerek, Whg. C., vs. Gail Haddox, Weir. Ted Cozza, Linsly, vs. Paul Schaffer, Wells. Rick Price, Oak Glen, vs. bye.

112 pounds - Jim Callarik, Bpt., vs. bye. Roy Russel, Bell., vs. Dave Mansfield, Linsly. Randy Hobbs, Oak Glen, vs. Kevin Douglas, Steub. Randy Stephens, Barnes. vs. George Kovas, Whg. Rex Frohnappfel, St. John, vs. K. Pearson, Triad. Doug Belici, Foll., vs. Ed Gavarkavich, M. F. Terry Heaton, Mingo, vs. Dave Valles, Weir. Jay Dailer, Whg. C., vs. Bob Lowe, Mds.

120 pounds - Jon Scipio, M. F., vs. Bob Turner, Whg. Jim Steele, Barnes., vs. Joe Part, Linsly. Bill Reline, Bpt., vs. Ken Bright, Mingo. Dan Turvey, Steub., vs. Jack Everly, Oak Glen. Tom Giovengo, Union, vs. John Martin, Foll. Kurt Mey, Triad., vs. Larry Makros Bell. Ray Sacripanti, Weir., vs. Mike Doyle, Whg. C. Jim Ault, St. John, vs. Larry Rine, Mds.

127 pounds - Charles Marty, Bpt. vs. Tom Moore, Mds. John Sacripanti, Foll. vs. Larry Conway, Barnes. Greg Tierney, St. John, vs. Ron Hall, Wells. Billy Rexroad, Weir., vs. Don Ackerman, M. F. Mike Johnson, Bell., vs. Earl Heaton, Steub. Dave Charvat, Linsly, vs. Robbie Robinson, Whg. Kevin Shalvey, Mingo, vs. Gene Hill, Union. Ralph Louk, Oak Glen vs. prelim. match between Ernie Schayes, Mingo, and Tom Williams, Triad.

133 pounds - Ben Padgelek, M. F. vs. Dave Ward, Barnes. Fred Jewell, Whg. prelim. match winner. Mike Grelles, St. John, vs. Tom Arnold, Weir. Bob Gaul, Bpt. vs. Terry Chappell, Foll. Roy Lamberson, Bell. vs. Eric Carder, Triad. Fred Miller, Oak Glen, vs. Bob Young, Steub. Tom Flaherty, Whg. C., vs. Rich Lipinski, Union. Dave Lester, Linsly, vs. John Dasey, Mingo. Marty Bartz, Well., vs. Doug Pettit, Mds.

138 pounds - Dwight Motley, Weir., vs. Joe Tackarsh, Wells. John Cheripko, Foll. vs. Richard Blum, Triad. George Chacalos, Whg., vs. Earl Jackson, Oak Glen. Terry Hennen, Whg. C. vs. Bob Smith, St. John. Bob Sullivan, Mds., vs. Rich Schoppe, Steub. Phil Maise, Linsly, vs. Jerry Minor, Union. John Creamer, Bell., vs. Ed Schovich, Mingo. Tom Lackman, Bpt., vs. winner of Art Reed, Barnes. Larry Vogler, M. F. prelim. match.

145 pounds - Dave Lowther, Oak Glen vs. winner of Tucker Burch, Union, Pat Vaccaro, Steub. prelim. match. John Wilson, Mds. vs. Joe Faglietti, Weir. Kough Andrews, Bell., vs. Narman Wilds, Whg. Ted Wisnew, Wells., vs. George Faithful, Bpt. Tom Schnupp, Whg. C., vs. Steve Ackerman, Barnes. Pete Bolack, Foll., vs. Mike Tranovich, St. John. Greg Schaunesy, Linsly. Charles Bradac, Triad., vs. Terry Channel, M. F.

154 pounds - Fred Faithful, Bpt., vs. John Craig, Foll. Harold Nichols, Wells., vs. Stan Shank, Barnes. Jim Chaplin, Whg., vs. Tony Varlas, Weir. Dave Dough-

erty, Bell., vs. Charles Adams, Mds. George Sarap, Steub., vs. Larry Jones, M. F. Lou Trella, St. John, vs. Joe Rich, Union. George Weimer, Linsly, vs. Sam Marchetta, Mingo. Pat Doyle, Whg. C., vs. Jim Myers, Oak Glen. Marty Dickinson, Triad., prelim. match winner. 165 pounds - Steve Scipio, M. F., vs. Charles Bales, Bpt. Russ Anderson, Triad., vs. Larry Zaccanini, Linsly. Mike Meeker, Mds., vs. Don Lohr, Wells. Larry Venditti, Foll., vs. John Zilka, Union. Gary Jones, Weir., vs. Bill Hunker, Barnes. Don Roe, Mingo, vs. Wayne Kettler, Whg. Bob Kirkbride, Weir., vs. Tony Purpura, Whg. Allen Six, Oak Glen, vs. Jim Veneskey, St. John.

175 pounds - Jim Crosier, Steub., vs. Steve Friend, Bpt. Jim Oliveto, Foll., vs. Bob Trussels, Union. Dave Bruno, Bell., vs. Mike Wright, Mds. Larry Wehr, Barnes. vs. Jerry Kosem, Whg. C. Tom Coram, Whg., vs. Glenn Greathouse, Oak Glen. Greg DiBerardino, Mingo, vs. Charles Fodor, Weir. Gary Landers, St. John, vs. Bob Shettel, Linsly. Anthony Filberto, Wells., vs. Gary McKaye, M. F. Heavyweight - Matteo Magnone, Weir., vs. bye. Greg Pugh, Foll., vs. Charles Bohur, St. John. Greg Harris, Bell., vs. Charles Pyle, Union. Bruce Dennison, Linsly, vs. Kevin Kale, Mingo. Keith Monroe, Steub., vs. Ed Agostinelli, M. F. Kit Darson, Oak Glen, vs. Dave Romanek, Bell. Charles Adams, Wells., vs. Jerry Price, Barnes. Bob Norman, Triad., vs. bye.

#### FERRY BAGS SEVENTH OVAC MAT TITLE

Bridgeport Second, Weirton Third  
In Two-day Tourney

By BILL VAN HORNE

News-Register Sports Editor

Although upsets studded the 14th Annual Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling tournament, when the final match was over, Martins Ferry's host Purple Riders occupied their usual place at the head of the pack.

Capturing their seventh straight OVAC mat championship, the Ferrians finished with 77 points, compared to 64 for Bridgeport, runnerup in the 17-team field.

The triumph marked another milestone in the coaching career of John Vrotsos, who has piloted the grappling team at Ferry ever since the sport was introduced there. By Saturday's victory, the Riders equaled the OVAC record for successive championships in wrestling. Bridgeport won the title for seven straight years before being supplanted by the Purple.

Weirton, the defending West Virginia state titlist, finished third last night with 57 points, followed by Moundsville, 55; Oak Glen, 51; Wheeling, 42; Steubenville, 35; St. John's Central, 28; Wheeling Central, 22; Bellaire, 20; Triadelphia 18; Union, 17. Mingo 12; Barnesville 7; and Follansbee, 2. Wellsburg and Linsly were entered but did not score.

At the end of the Friday tourney session, which lasted more than six hours and did not end until after 1:00 am Saturday, Bridgeport, with 34 markers, was two points ahead of the Purple. However, the Riders took the lead when their 127-pounder, Don Ackerman, upset the Bulldogs' "Chuck" Marty in an overtime thriller, 2-1, during the Saturday afternoon semi-finals and the hosts never looked back.

Ferry placed five boys in the finals and a crowd which overflowed the Rider gym and spilled out into the auditorium section saw three of them crowned as champions, as Ackerman, 135-pounder Ben Padgelek and 165-pounder Steve Scipio copped titles.

Other schools with more than one champ were Weirton with Dwight "Skip" Motley at 145, and heavyweight Matteo Magnone; Bridgeport with Greg "Poncho" Clark, 97 pounds, and Jim Callarik, 114; and Oak Glen with Rick Price, 105, and Dave Lowther, 147.

Rounding out the list of champions were Larry Rine, Moundsville, 122; George Sarap, Steubenville, 156; and Tom Coram, Wheeling, 177.

Steve Scipio, Ferry's captain, won the 165-pound crown for the third straight year and received a trophy from the Ohio Valley Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association as the outstanding grappler of the tourney. Scipio has lost only two matches in three seasons and none this year.

Clark, tiny Bridgeport senior,

became the first champ of the night by blanking Larry Iverson, Wheeling sophomore, 6-0. Clark is unbeaten at 97 pounds but has wrestled in the 105 class most of the season. The little Bulldog had pinned St. John's Central's previously unbeaten Mike Robinson in the first minute of their semi-final bout.

Price, unbeaten Oak Glen senior, came from behind in the third period to edge Ferry's Mike Deaton, a sophomore, for 105-pound honors. A riding time point was the difference as Price racked up his fourteenth straight.

Last year's 105-pound champ, Bridgeport's Callarik, moved up a class and trimmed a familiar foe for St. John's sophomore Ray Frohnafel, 8-1, in the titular go. This was the ninth win of the season for the unbeaten Bridget star.

Moundsville's Rine, scoring three points in the last period on an escape and take-down, ran his season's record to 11-1 and avenged his only loss by topping Ferry's Jon Scipio, 5-2.

Ackerman turned tiger in this tourney as he avenged a regular-season loss to Marty in the semi-finals and then bounced from behind to top Bellaire's Mike Johnson in the finals. Johnson had upset previously unbeaten Ralph Louk, Oak Glen, 6-0, in the semis.

Padgelek (14-2) became Ferry's second titlist with a 6-1 verdict over Doug Pettit, Moundsville, after pinning Triadelphia's Eric Carder in the semis.

Moundsville's Bob Sullivan whipped the defending 140-pound titlist, Tom Lackman, Bridgeport, in the semis but ran into Weirton's Motley in the final and was pinned in the second period. Motley, now 16-1 on the season, was OVAC and WV State Champ at 135 last year and has moved up a class. He won three of his four tourney matches by pins.

Oak Glen's once-tied Dave Lowther, a junior, remained unbeaten in 14 outstanding by pinning Tom Schnupp, Wheeling Central, in the 147 windup. Schnupp had edged second-seeded Terry Channel, Ferry, in the semis 5-4.

Last year's 147 champ, Bridgeport's Fred Faithful, now at 156, averted his first loss of the season in the semis when a near fall right at the end of the match pulled him from behind against

Wheeling's Jim Chapline. However, his 11-match win streak was napped when Sarap escaped from him in the second overtime period of the final for a 1-0 nod.

Ferry's Steve Scipio, stretching his unbeaten string to 16 this season, scored two pins on his way to the finals but Weirton's Gary Jones managed to go the distance in losing 8-0. This is the second straight year Scipio had topped Jones in the final.

Wheeling's Coram proved the master at 177, topping Jim Crosier, Steubenville, in the final 3-0 after scoring two earlier pins and a one-point nod over Ferrian Gary McKaye.

Magnone, who suffered his only defeat of last season in the OVAC tourney, won his way through with three pins this year and two of them were in the first period. Bob Norman, Triadelphia, lasted only 39 seconds in the finals. Norman has only two defeats on his record and both are to Magnone, defending WV State Champ second time in two years.

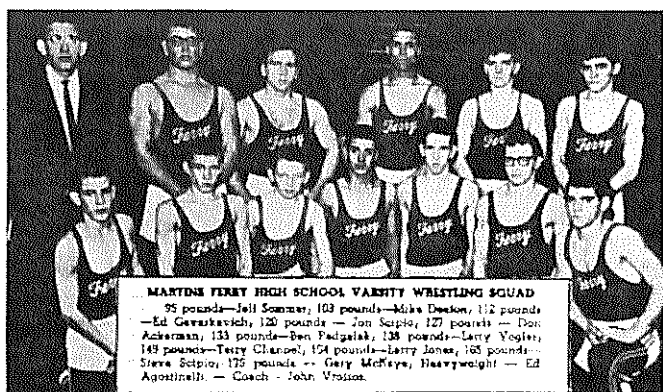
1967 TEAM  
CHAMPION COACHES



Dave Kovalick,  
Coach, Bridgeport  
High School

Bob Douglas

John Vrotsos,  
Martins Ferry  
High School



MARTINS FERRY HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY WRESTLING SQUAD  
 95 pounds—Jill Sommer, 103 pounds—Mike Deaton, 112 pounds  
 —Ed Geraskovich, 120 pounds — Jon Seipie, 127 pounds — Don  
 Acherman, 133 pounds—Ben Padgelek, 138 pounds—Larry Vogler,  
 143 pounds—Terry Chappel, 154 pounds—Larry Jones, 165 pounds—  
 Steve Seipie, 175 pounds — Gary McKeely, Heavyweight — Ed  
 Agostinelli — Coach — John Vrotsos.

## URGE VROTSOS NOT TO YIELD COACHING JOB

It's not official yet but John Vrotsos, wrestling coach at Martins Ferry High School, is contemplating retirement from the coaching field. He should be talked out of it.

Vrotsos has been piloting the Purple Riders matmen for the past seven years. Over that same period, he has also been serving as an assistant coach in football, and a darned good one.

A brother of Massillon, basketball Coach Nick Vrotsos and a former Rider athletic star in his own right, John has done a tremendous job in building Martins Ferry into a state-recognized wrestling power. He introduced the bone-bending sport at Ferry High — after studying for a year with George Kovalick, then coaching at Bridgeport, and also working out himself at the Wheeling YMCA.

Vrotsos started from scratch. He took a gang of green kids who didn't even know the rules, the names of the holds, or the slightest bit about the rudiments of the sport. In his team's first match, it suffered a rough initiation as it lost to Weirton, 48-0. But before the first season was over the Riders were respectable; by the time a second season rolled around they were powerful. In fact, the '59 Riders lost in dual meet competition only to Bridgeport, which was the State Champ, and Vrotsos had a runnerup in the 175-pound class at the state tournament in Keith Sommer whose only loss was to Billy Armstrong of Huron, later a star center on the Ohio State football team.

Ferry tied for 11th in the state in '59 and climbed into a tie for fifth in 1960 with three state tourney medal winners in Jerry McDaniel, second at 103 Jeff Jones third at 112, and Bob Bruney, third at 154.

Ferry supplanted Bridgeport as top team in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference and the Eastern Ohio district in 1961 and has dominated the OVAC and district meets ever since.

Although he was never a wrestler himself, Vrotsos has done a grand job. He is a perfectionist who had studied hard to learn about his sport. Moreover, he is a great competitor himself and his spirit has been reflected in the performance of his boys.

Several Martins Ferry boys — such as Sommer, Jack Kardules, Al Jackson, and Joe Reasbeck — have won opportunities to go to college because of their wrestling prowess. An early Vrotsos pupil, Gene Buonamici, is now coach of the mat sport at Bridgeport.

Incidentally Kardules was a fourth-place medal winner at 145 pounds at the state tournament in 1961 and last year as a junior, John Scordos took a third-place medal at Columbus for the Purple in the 175-pound class.

Many boys have benefitted in one way or another from the wrestling program at Martins Ferry and they swear by Vrotsos as a fine teacher and fine man.

But now John says that he is "tired". Doubtlessly he is, for he works hard year around. He manages the Martins Ferry swimming pool and handles the city recreation program in addition to his coaching and teaching duties. However, Vrotsos should be persuaded to retain his wrestling coaching post for at least another year or two. The school needs him.

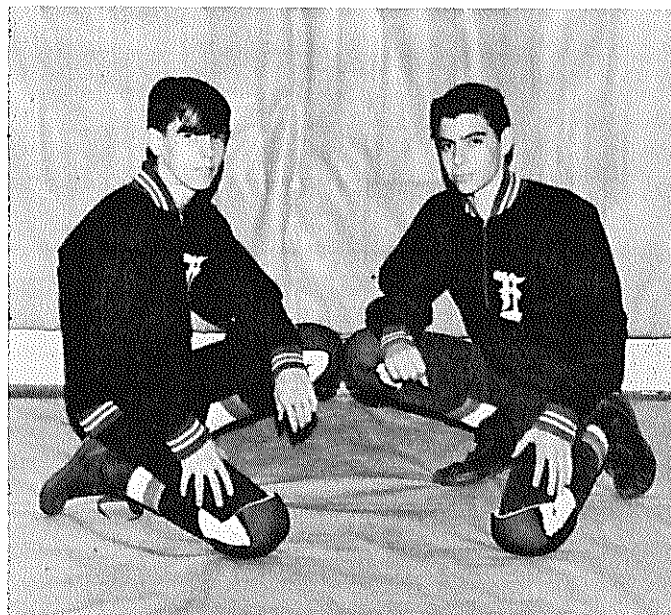
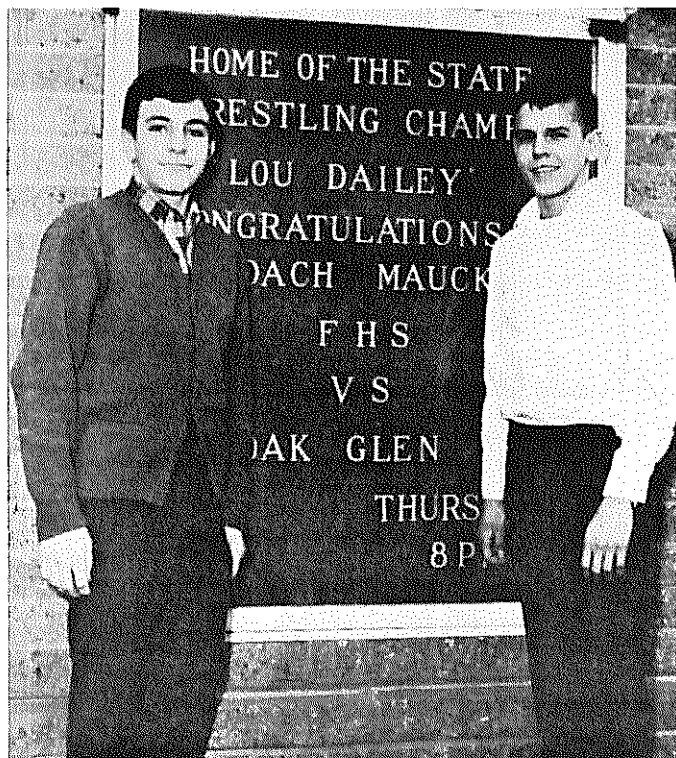
Graduation will rent a large hole in the Martins Ferry wrestling team. Prospects for another winning squad next winter are not exactly bright, although Bill Padgelek, still unbeaten this season, will be around to head the group. The 1964 - 65 campaign will be no year in which to turn the program over to a new and possibly inexperienced hand. More than ever the Riders will need the Vrotsos touch. Miracles will not be expected of him but we feel sure that he can keep the program moving along if there be a few lean days ahead.

We know that John is not considering stepping down because he's afraid to face the prospects of a losing season. He's just not that kind of a guy. We've watched him perform, as boy and man,



since his grade school days and he's always responded to challenges. But in recent years he's experienced some back trouble and undoubtedly his busy schedule has at times gotten the best of him.

We would not wish to impose upon the man but this is simply no time for him to hang up the sweatsuit. We hope that the Martins Ferry Board of Education, the administration, the Purple Rider student body, and Ferry fans will join us in urging him to hang in there.



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SECTION THREE

THE MOUNDSVILLE ERA

BILL HINEGARDNER

(The following was reproduced from a Bill Van Horne Editorial, 1982).

## BILL HINEGARDNER

### "WV WRESTLING'S MAN OF CHARACTER

By Bill Van Horne  
Wheeling News-Register Sports Editor  
1980 and 1982 WV Wrestling  
Sportswriter of the Year

For the first time since John Marshall High School came into being, Bill Hinegardner does not occupy a coaching chair at the State High School wrestling tournament.

The end of an extremely successful coaching era came last spring when Hinegardner tendered his resignation from the head job. However, the former Concord College athlete did not leave the cupboard bare as he retired from the coaching field, while retaining his position as a guidance counselor at John Marshall. He left the program well organized and in the capable hands of Ed Dugas, who had been his loyal associate and sidekick throughout the years when the Monarch matmen have been prominent on the state and Ohio Valley scenes.

An impressive indication that the momentum built up during the Hinegardner years is continuing was John Marshall's January triumph in the giant Ohio Valley Athletic Conference tournament.

Only 39 when he decided that he would yield the coaching reins, the somewhat rotund figure so familiar to valley wrestling fans said that he had been considering relinquishing the post for three years "though I have loved the job and have felt honored to direct the John Marshall program. Some things have happened to me that many coaches go through a lifetime without experiencing. I am indeed grateful".

Hinegardner-coached wrestling teams won West Virginia state championships for three years in a row - 1972, '73 and '74 - with the last of those three successive titles being achieved before the home folks at the Moundsville Fieldhouse. However, in some respects, the most exciting triumph came in 1979 when the Monarchs surprised many by capturing the state tourney at Wheeling after finishing third in the Region One meet.

To go along with its four state championship trophies, John Marshall has four runnerup awards from the state tournament. They were claimed in 1969, '75, '77, and '78.

Hinegardner's Monarchs were third in the state tourney last year, fourth in 1980, fifth in '81 and sixth in '71. They finished out of the top six only twice - in 1970 and '76, as they were 11th both years.

In the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference meet - one of the largest conference wrestling tournaments in the nation - the Concord graduate saw his charges prevail four times in '72, '73, '74 and '77. They were second five times - 1969 '75, '78 '79 and '82. Moreover, J. Marshall won the OVAC "Big School" (Class AAAA) dual meet crown six times and was runnerup three times before finishing third for two years. Since the dual meet titular competition was initiated within the conference in the 1971 - 72 season, JMHS has never been worse than third - an admirable record for consistency.

From December of 1971 until December of 1976, when they were finally stopped by Brooke, the Monarchs put together a string of 41 straight dual meets without a defeat. In the 1973 - 74 season the string was preserved when JMHS came from far behind to tie Steubenville 28-28, with heavyweight Rick Jafrate's pin climaxing the comeback and knotting the score.

Hinegardner's forces were Region One champs in 1972, '73, '74, and '75 and won numerous invitational meets. The first big splash came in '72 when the Monarchs were Mountaineer League, OVAC Region One and state champions, as well as OVAC dual meet titlists.

Hinegardner's dual meet record was an eye-popping 133 victories against 29 losses and one tie.

The bespectacled John Marshall mat mentor, a sound fundamentalist who had a knack for developing talent that came to him from Junior High ranks, was twice cited by the Upper Ohio Valley Dapper Dan Club for achievement. In 1974 he shared the OVAC "Coach of the Year" award with Jay Circosta, who directed a perfect-record football team at Woodsfield, OH High School. It is the only time in the history of the award that

there have been co-winners and it is the only occasion that a wrestling coach has been so honored.

"Heinie" was also West Virginia "Coach of the Year" in wrestling four times and in 1976 was cited by the National Coaches Association for his achievements.

Hinegardner's first state champions were Albie Kazemka (95 pounds) and Dwight Wolfe (120). In all, the veteran coach has had 20 individual state titlists at the Moundsville-Union-Sherrard consolidation. Among them were a pair of two-time winners in Greg Morris, at 167, in 1977 and '79, and Ted Zervos, who had back-to-back titles at 119 in 1981 and '82.

Hinegardner also assisted in football for 11 years - three at Moundsville and eight at John Marshall. He was an assistant track coach for nine years and an assistant in baseball for three.

Bill and his devoted wife, Shirley, have two children - Tim, 15, and Tammy, 12.

In retirement from coaching Hinegardner exhibits no obvious withdrawal symptoms, though he may squirm a bit more in his seat when one of those Monarchs is on the mat. Anyhow, his fellow coaches are not about to let his love of the sport go to waste. He was officially listed as "advisor" to tournament director Ron Mauck at the OVAC tournament and he has signed on as a clinician for several wrestling camps and schools.

January 9, 1968

### "THE MOUNDSVILLE ERA"

By Bill Van Horne

DECISION OF the upper Ohio Valley Athletic Conference to move its wrestling tournament from Martins Ferry, where it had become a fixture, to Moundsville was made at the request of coaches of OVAC mat teams. It is not likely that in the future the tournament will remain at one site on a more or less permanent basis.

Instead, the tourney will be altered, being held in a gym or fieldhouse on the West Virginia side of the river one year and on the Ohio side the next.

John Vrotsos and his staff at Martins Ferry did an admirable job in operating the tournament but some coaches did not

believe it fair to give Ferry, a perennial power in the sport, the advantage of the host role every year.

There is merit in the arrangement that is now to be tried but there is a challenge, too. It would be a shame if the tourney were run off with less than the clockwork precision which typified the event at Martins Ferry, or if the host school failed to provide the kind of enthusiasm and the support at the gate which developed at Ferry.

Thus it is significant that the first West Virginia school to be awarded the host role should be Moundsville whose coach, George Kovalick, is indeed experienced as a tournament manager. In fact, the first OVAC wrestling tourney some 15 years ago was managed by Kovalick, then coaching at Bridgeport. George is unique in that he has served the conference as a tournament manager, as a competing coach, and as a referee. So, he knows every aspect of the event and the pitfalls that must be avoided in the presentation of the tourney.

While wrestling fans from throughout the Valley were attracted to the tournaments at Martins Ferry, the conference could always count on a lot of hard-core support from fans in the host city as Ferry's success on the mat has produced quite an avid group of followers for the grappling game. It will be interesting to see if Marshall County provides the same kind of turnout.

This year's tournament will be the largest in conference history and likely one of the most exciting. In the Trojan fieldhouse, there are plenty of good seats. Let's hope that they are filled, especially for the final night of the tourney.

While the mat sport has made great strides hereabouts, no local school has inspired the wild enthusiasm that is apparent in the Cleveland area a hotbed of high school wrestling. When Maple Heights, the long-time Ohio power, wrestles, it attracts capacity crowds to its home meets and takes a big following on the road.

A few years ago, Vrotsos brought Maple Heights to Martins Ferry for a dual meet. Although the meet was in January and the roads were snow-covered, several special busses, loaded with fans, accompanied Mike Milkovich's squad. At

most local mat meets cheerleaders are conspicuous by their absence or, if they do show up, don't know what to yell. But the Heights' cheerleaders had a special set of cheers worked out for wrestling and it was easy to see that the girls knew the sport.

Certainly they were sharper than the lassies from the area high school who, at a basketball game in which their favorites were some 30 points behind, suddenly gave out with "Our team is red hot!".

January 7, 1968

RECORD FIELD LIKELY  
Four Sessions Scheduled  
for OVAC's Mat Tourney

With a record field expected to compete, the 1968 Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling tournament will be divided into four sessions, it was announced today by George Kovalick, Moundsville HI Coach.

Kovalick and George Walley, the latter being Athletic Director at Moundsville, will serve as directors for the tourney, which is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, January 19 and 20, at the Moundsville High School fieldhouse.

The tournament was spread over two days for the first time last January when a record field of 18 teams competed at Martins Ferry. However, only one session was held on the first day of the tourney last year, while two sessions were held on the second day.

Kovalick points out that the initial session last year started at 6:00 pm and ran until nearly 1:00 am the next morning. To avert reoccurrences of such a situation, it has been decided that a preliminary session will be held on Friday afternoon, January 19, starting at 2:00 pm.

Quarter finals will be the same day during an evening session starting at 7:00 pm. On Saturday afternoon, January 20, semi-finals will be at 1:00 pm. Consolations will follow at 3:00 pm.

The championship bouts will be on Saturday night, January 20, starting at 7:00 pm.

Last year the tournament drew wrestlers from 18 schools. With Brilliant, which wasn't a conference member last year, back in the OVAC and with several

other schools sponsoring mat teams for the first time, a larger entry list is likely for the '68 eliminations.

Martins Ferry has won the tournament for seven straight years but the Rider reign will be in serious jeopardy this year with Wheeling High, Oak Glen's defending West Virginia champs, and St. John's Central rated as particularly strong contenders.

Tournament pairings will be made at a meeting of the coaches of competing teams at 7:00 pm on Tuesday January 16, at Room 108 of Moundsville High School.

Officials for the tournament have already been selected by vote of the coaches. On the first day matches will be worked by Marshall Jack, Steubenville; J. D. Miller, Wheeling; Robert Miller, Moundsville; and Robert Tralagino, Weirton. Ed Dugas and Tom Pannet will be judges. On the second day, referees will be John Abraham, Canonsburg, PA.; Joe Mitchell, East Liverpool; and Jerry Tenaglia, Burgettstown, PA.

Trophies will be presented to the team champion and runnerup and individual trophies to the champ and runnerup in each weight class. There will be medals for third and fourth place finishers.

With Moundsville, Cameron, Union, and Bellaire mats to be used, it will be possible to have four matches in progress at the same time.

ST. JOHN'S RUNNERUP: GOLD 3D

Martins Ferry High scored a milestone triumph in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling tournament, which concluded a two-day, four-session stand on Saturday night at the Moundsville fieldhouse.

This was the eighth straight OVAC mat title for the Purple Riders and represents a new record, the Ferrians previously having shared a mark of seven in a row with Bridgeport's Bulldogs.

Landing five grapplers in the finals and copping three individual titles, the Riders finished with 87 points, compared to 71 for runnerup St. John's Central which also produced three individual champions. Wheeling High finished third with 48 points and Union was fourth with 41.

Host Moundsville came in fifth, with 39 counters, followed by Oak Glen, the defending West Virginia state champion, with 37. Bridgeport was next in the 20-school field with 33. Then came Bellaire, 30; Weirton, 26; Barnesville, 25; Steubenville, 22; Mingo, 20; Brilliant and Follansbee, 14 each; Wheeling Central, 10; Triadelphia and Wellsburg, 9 apiece; Linsly Institute, 7; and Warwood, 2. Cameron failed to score and Wayne Twp.'s only entry was unable to compete because of illness.

Ferry's victory was a signal honor for Coach Art Hehr, who is in his first year with the Purple Riders as successor to the ultra-successful John Vrotsos. And St. John's could point with pride to a runnerup trophy in only its third year of wrestling and its second under the tutelage of Coach Joe Bates. Wheeling's third-place finish also marked resurgence of the Gold in the grappling sport under Coach John Hibbert.

Although entering the tourney without a top-seeded contestant, Martins Ferry won titles with Jeff Sommer, a sophomore, at 105; Mike Deaton, a junior, at 114; and Jon Scipio, a senior, at 129. The Riders also had runnerups in Don Ackerman, at 135, and Captain Terry Channel, at 147, and produced three third-place winners.

#### FERRY WINS EIGHTH STRAIGHT OVAC MAT TITLE

Champions for St. John's were Rex Frohnappel, a senior at 122; and juniors Jim Venesky, 167; and Frank King, heavy-weight.

Only other school with more than one titlist was Wheeling with Mike Falck, junior 97-pounder, and Tom Coram, senior, at 182.

Other individual kingpins were Fred Miller, Oak Glen, 140; John Wilson, Moundsville, 147; Fred Faithful, Bridgeport, 156; and Bob Young, Steubenville, 135.

Unbeaten Coram, who has now won 13 straight this year, was the only 1967 champion to repeat as he whipped Bridgeport's Bob Reed 10-3 in the titular match after leading only 4-3 going into the final period.

Ferry's Ackerman, titlist at 129 last year, moved up a weight class and scored an upset in the semi-finals over a previous conqueror, Moundsville's Doug Pettit, who had been undefeated. However, Young,

who has only a tie with Pettit marring his record in 14 starts, accomplished an escape in the last period to nose out the Rider 4-3 in the final.

Two of Ferry's champs, Deaton and Scipio, avenged their only losses of the season in the finals, Scipio whipping Bellaire's Mike Johnson 6-1, and Deaton nipping Moundsville's previously unbeaten Dwight Wolfe 4-2. Deaton has now won 15 out of 16.

Little Falck became the night's first champ when two riding time points provided a 6-4 margin over Follansbee's Lou Dailey, a junior and the first boy from his school ever to get this far in an OVAC mat tourney, the Wave having had a team for only two years. Falck is now unbeaten in 12 outings.

St. John's 105-pounder, Mike Robinson, has lost only twice in 12 starts but both losses have been to Ferry's Sommer within a four-day period. This time the score was 6-0.

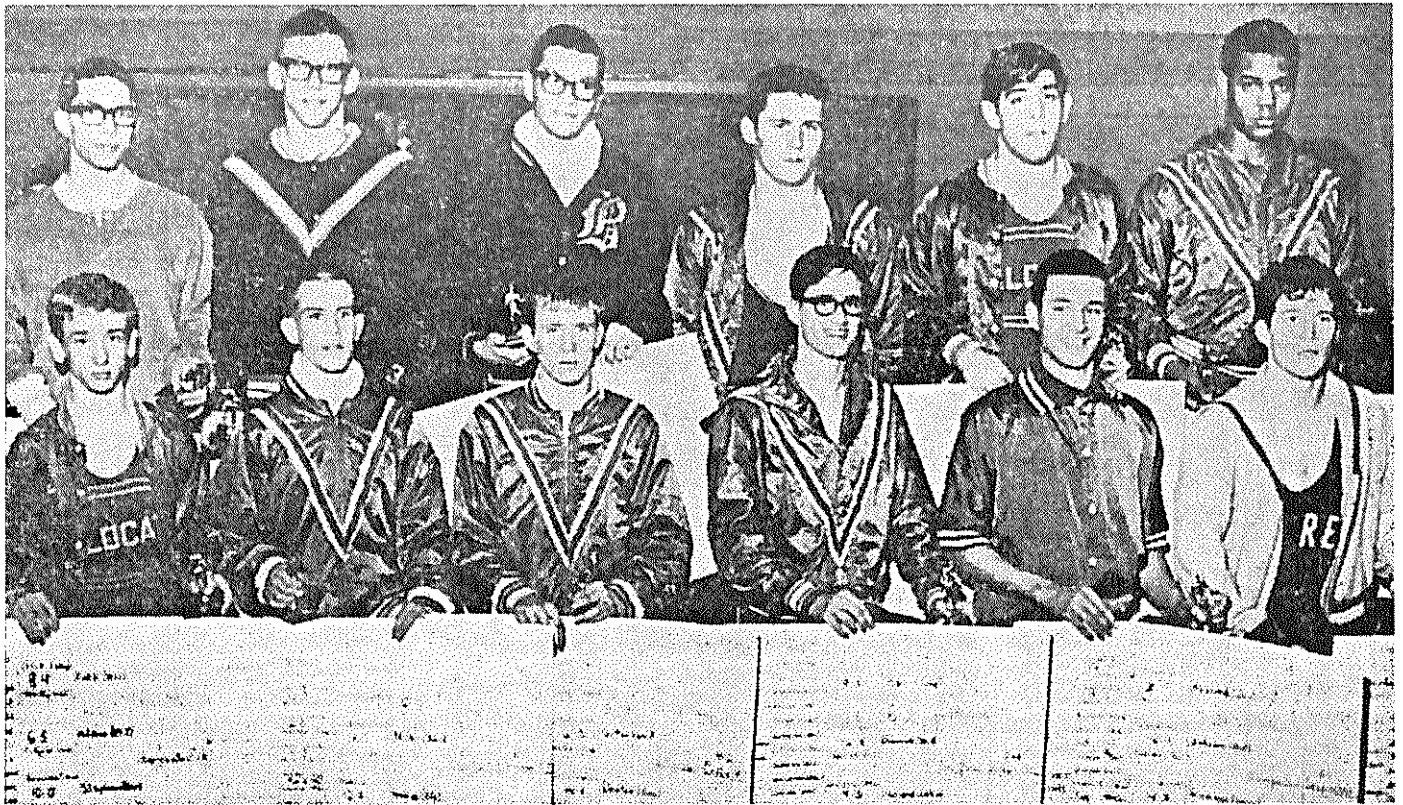
Frohnappel, 10-1-1, thwarted by Bridgeport's Jim Callarik in the past two years, earned his way to the throne room with an 8-3 trimming of Brilliant sophomore Dave Bednarik. St. John's took its second title as the unbeaten Venesky overpowered Dave Chilenski of Oak Glen for the 167-pound title and climaxed its efforts when King topped the giant Mingo heavy, Kevin Kale, 6-2.

Miller, of Oak Glen, who had pinned Wheeling's Robbie Robinson on Friday, won the 140-pound title with an 8-3 nod over Rich Lapinski of Union, who had not lost previously but found his 13th start the unlucky one.

Wilson, a senior, provided the hometown Moundsville fans with their top thrill when he defeated Ferry's Channel 4-1 for the 147 honors. Both Wilson and Channel had been in 15 bouts previously this season and the only mar on their records was a tie when they had met earlier at Ferry.

After being forced to settle for a second place award for two straight years Bridgeport's Faithful, 9-0-1, made his way into king row in his senior campaign with a 3-2 nod over Wheeling's Jim Chapline in a match decided on riding time.

There was not a single pin in the 12 final matches.



## OVAC WRESTLING RESULTS

## SEMI-FINALS

### FINALS

97 pounds - Mike Falck, Whg., dec. Lou Dailey, Foll., 6-4.  
 103 pounds - Jeff Sommer, M. F., dec. Mike Robinson, St. John, 6-0.  
 112 pounds - Mike Deaton, M. F., dec. Dwight Wolfe, Mds., 4-2.  
 122 pounds - Rex Frohnappfel, St. John, dec. Dave Bednarek, Brill., 8-3.  
 129 pounds - Jon Scipio, M. F., dec. Mike Johnson, Bell., 8-3.  
 135 pounds - Robert Young, Steub., dec. Don Ackerman, M. F., 4-3.  
 140 pounds - Fred Miller, Oak Glen, dec. Rick Lipinski, Union, 8-3.  
 147 pounds - John Wilson, Mds., dec. Terry Channel, M. F., 4-1.  
 156 pounds - Fred Faithful, Bpt., dec. Jim Chapline, Whg., 3-2.  
 167 pounds - James Vensky, St. John, dec. David Chilenski, Oak Glen, 8-1.  
 182 pounds - Tom Coram, Whg., dec. Bob Reed, Bpt., 10-3.  
 Heavyweight - Frank King, St. John, dec. Kevin Kale, Mingo, 6-2.

98 pounds - Mike Falck, Whg., dec. John Hotlosz, St. John, 6-2. Lou Dailey, Foll., dec. Gary Stephens, Barnes., 9-4.  
 106 pounds - Jeff Sommer, M. F., dec. Gale Haddox, Oak Glen, 10-1. Mike Robinson, St. John, dec. Darrell Miller, Weir., 8-4.  
 113 pounds - Mike Deaton, M. F., dec. John Johnson, Barnes., 6-1. Dwight Wolfe, Mds., dec. Robert Sutton, Weir., 10-4.  
 123 pounds - Dave Bednarek, Brill., dec. Dave Barr, M. F., 6-2. Rex Frohnappfel, St. John, pinned Ray Sacripanti, Weir., 5:44.  
 130 pounds - Jon Scipio, M. F., dec. Tom Giovingo, Union, 9-2. Mike Johnson, Bell., dec. Bill Rexroad, Weir., 7-0.  
 136 pounds - Don Ackerman, M. F., pinned Doug Pettit, Mds., 4:53. Robert Young, Steub., won by default Gene Hill, Union.  
 141 pounds - Rick Lipinski, Union, dec. Bob Duncan, M. F., 3-0. Fred Miller, Oak Glen, dec. Bob Smith, St. John, 4-3.  
 148 pounds - John Wilson, Mds., dec. Steve Ackerman, Barnes., 6-0. Terry Channel, M. F., dec. Jerry Minor, Union, 4-0.  
 157 pounds - Fred Faithful, Bpt., dec. Art Reed, Barnes., 9-0. Jim Chapline, Whg., dec. Bill Glaser, Central, 4-3.  
 168 pounds - David Chilenski, Oak Glen, pinned Bob Kirkbride, Steub. 5:46. James



Venesky, St. John, dec. Joe Rich, Union. 6-2.  
 183 pounds - Tom Coram, Whg.. dec. Ed Agustinelli, M. F., 7-0. Bob Reed, Bpt.. dec. David Bruno, Bell., 6-0.  
 Heavyweight - Frank King, St. John, dec. Gary Schultz, Whg. 8-3. Kevin Kale, Mingo, dec. Greg Harris, Bell., 3-1.  
 98 pounds - Stephens, Barnes., dec. Hotlosz, St. John, 6-2.  
 106 pounds - Miller, Weir. dec. Haddox, Oak Glen, 8-6.  
 113 pounds - Sutton, Weir.. dec. Johnson, Barnes., 3-0 overtime.  
 123 pounds - Barr, M. F., dec. Sacripanti, Weir., 10-4.  
 130 pounds - Giovingo, Union, dec. Rexroad, Weir., 7-4.  
 136 pounds - Pettit, Mds., won by default over Hill, Union.  
 141 pounds - Duncan, M. F. dec. Smith, St. John, 6-5.  
 148 pounds - Minor, Union, dec. Ackerman, Barnes. 5-2.  
 157 pounds - Reed, Barnes., dec. Glasser, Central, 4-0 overtime.  
 168 pounds - Rich, Union, dec. Kirkbride, Steub. 13-2.  
 183 pounds - Agostinelli, M. F., dec. David Bruno, Bell., 3-0.  
 Heavyweight - Harris, Bell., dec. Schultz, Whg.. 2-0.

January 23, 1968

By Bill Van Horne

News-Register Sports Editor

MARTINS FERRY High's half-pint wrestling coach, Art Hehr, now claims a unique distinction. He is the only former Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling champion to coach a team to the OVAC crown.

In fact, in the 15-year history of the conference tournament, Hehr, on Saturday night at Moundsville became just the third coach to accept the championship trophy in behalf of his team. George Kovalick won seven straight titles at Bridgeport and John Vrotsos seven in a row at Martins Ferry.

Hehr was a title-winning member of three of Kovalick's championship teams - in 1957, '58, and '59. In fact, as the Bulldogs' 127-pound ace, Art was undefeated in both '58 and '59

and was state champion both years. He also played guard on the Bridget football team and was a member of Gene Remenar's colorful combine that featured Long John Havlicek at quarterback and was tabbed as "Johnny and the Ten Dwarfs".

Saturday's triumph at Moundsville was a record one for Ferry, giving the Riders a string of eight straight OVAC mat titles and a particularly gratifying one to Hehr. Although he had inherited a fine nucleus of veterans from Vrotsos and he and his assistant, Denny Bowman, had piloted their squad through its dual meet schedule without a loss, Art had not been without his critics, and he knew it. They would have really opened up on him if Ferry had not won the conference crown but Art quietly went about his work without complaint.

Wrestling coaches are not usually subjected to the pressure of football and basketball coaches since there is less fan interest but Martins Ferry is used to winning teams and Art found that in everything he did he was being compared to Vrotsos, who had initiated the mat sport at Ferry and brought the Purple to the forefront.

No one realized this more than Vrotsos himself and John has attempted to stay in the background. Even when Art invited him to after-school practice, he would not go because he felt it was Hehr's show.

However, the situation should be more relaxed for both Art and John now. Art has passed the big hurdle and now he will start getting the Riders primed for the Eastern Ohio district tournament, where they will be attempting to regain the crown relinquished to Carrollton last February after a six-year Ferry reign.

The Ferrians will not be favorites in the district meet. They finished well behind Carrollton in the North Canton Invitational. Rusty Bright is apparently "loaded" with talent this year.

Still, the Purple's performance in the OVAC tourney is evidence of the value of seasoning in rugged competition and Hehr's squad figures to put up a battle in the district tourney. Ferry's appearances in the North Canton and Worthington tournaments were invaluable in preparing the Riders for the OVAC eliminations. They finished third in eight-team fields

at North Canton and Worthington but gained important experience.

It proved once again that you are not likely to develop a championship team by wrestling people you know you can beat.

Of course, the conference tourney itself gets bigger and better every year. It is significant that three comparative upstarts - St. John's Central, Wheeling, and Union - followed Ferry in the scoring Saturday while such familiar contenders as Moundsville, Oak Glen, Bridgeport, and Weirton were further back.

It was also interesting to see how many schools had two men in the coaching chairs. It is just recently that many schools decided that wrestling is an important enough adjunct to their athletic program to provide the head coach with an assistant. This is bound to help the sport.

Now that Ferry has won eight conference titles in a row, there will be speculation on the chances of the Riders running their string to nine straight next season. Hehr will lose such important members of his cast as Jon Scipio, OVAC titlist at 127; Captain Terry Channel, and Don Ackerman, both runnersup in their respective weight classes Saturday. However he will have five of his medal winners back headed by Jeff Sommer, the 103-pound kingpin who is only a sophomore, and Mike Deaton, 112-pound titlist who is a junior.

Of course, St. John's should be a prime challenger again, with champs Jim Venesky and Frank King back, and there will be other hopefuls emerging from the pack. However, I would think that the Marshall County Consolidation would be bound to produce a strong entry, since both Moundsville and Union have developed good, solid wrestling programs. The Monarchs will have to be reckoned with - quicker than you can say John Marshall.

Hehr himself feels that his Ferry team next winter may actually be better balanced than this year's. Except for the contribution made by Eddie Agostinelli, the junior who took off some 50 pounds in one year to wrestle as a light heavy and won a third-place medal

Saturday, the great hulk of the Rider OVAC points were realized by the little guys - grapplers between 103 and 145.

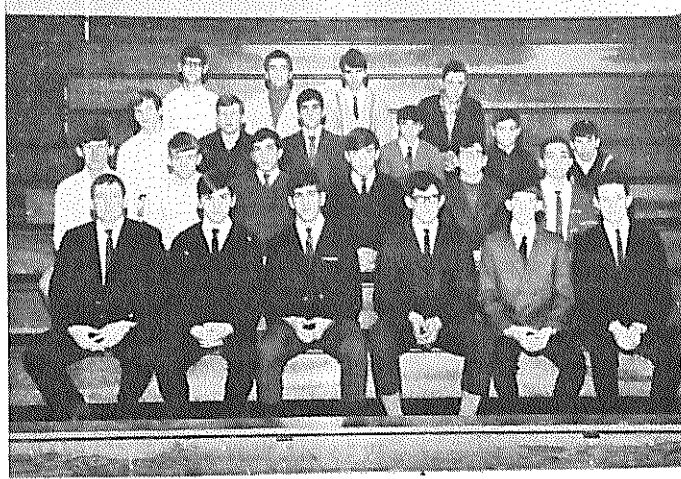
Hehr thinks that the very fact that not a single Ferry wrestler was top seeded in his weight class was a psychological stimulant to the Purple. He points out proudly that four of his charges - Sommer, Deaton, Barr, and Ackerman - ousted the top seed in their weight classes and that four - Deaton, Robbie Duncan, Scipio, and Ackerman - avenged earlier losses during the tourney. Just last Wednesday, Duncan had been edged by Bob Smith, of St. John's, 3-2, but the Ferry junior got even by topping Smith 6-5 for third place at 138 pounds Saturday. Barr, a first-year regular as a junior, was not seeded at all in the 120 division and had to wrestle in the prelims. But he surprised the top-seeded Ken Bright of Mingo 5-2 in overtime Friday and wound up with a third-place medal when he topped third-seeded Ray Sacripanti, of Weirton, in the consolation round.

Scipio squared accounts with Bellaire's Mike Johnson in the 127-pound final and Ackerman pinned top-seeded Doug Pettit of Moundsville in the 133 semis before bowing to Steubenville's Bob Young in the finals.

Real sleeper of the tourney was Fred Miller of Oak Glen, who was not even seeded but pinned top-ranked Robbie Robinson of Wheeling on Friday and went on to best two other seeded grapplers Saturday to capture 138-pound laurels.

1968

BLUE WAVE



GUESS WHO'S COACHING?

Current 1985 OVAC Director, Ron Mauck, started the programs at both Follansbee and later Brooke High Schools.

MARTINS FERRY HIGH SCHOOL'S 1967-68  
OHIO VALLEY ATHLETIC CONFERENCE-SECTIONAL-DISTRICT  
WRESTLING CHAMPIONS  
CARROLLTON INVITATIONAL CHAMPS



VAN HORNE  
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SPORTS

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Bobby Douglas, wrestling internationalist, left no doubt as to his right to a place on the United States Olympic team in the 1968 games at Mexico City.

During the recent tryouts for the U. S. grapplers at Ames, IA., Douglas wrestled eight matches against competitors good enough to rate invitations to the tryouts. The former Bridgeport High, West Liberty State College, and Oklahoma State University star won five matches by pins and three by decisions. Two of the decisions were runaways, by scores of 11-1 and 14-0, but in this final match against a familiar rival, Tom Huff of Iowa, Bobby got into trouble early.

Huff caught Douglas in a fireman's carry and piled up a five-point lead in the first minute. However, the lithe veteran from Bridgeport has always been best when the chips are down. He roared back to defeat Huff 7-5.

Incidentally, Douglas, who had won his fifth national AAU championship last month while wrestling at 154 pounds, competed at 138½ pounds in the Olympic trials, that being the same weight where he ranked second in the world in 1966.

One of Bobby's opponents was a young fellow named Dan Gable from Iowa State. Just a college sophomore, Gable had been one of the sensations of the NCAA tournament in March at Penn State. Not only had he been a winner but he had been acclaimed as "Sophomore of the Year" in NCAA competition. However, Gable learned that experience counts for he was pinned by Huff and thrashed 11-1 by Douglas.

Now 26 years old, married and with a wife who is expecting an offspring just about the time that the Olympics unfold at Mexico City, Bob has (as reported in this column earlier) made up his mind that this will be his last year of amateur wrestling. He's getting to a point in life where he simply can't afford to retain amateur status.

Now a school teacher in suburban Detroit, Douglas can accept no coaching job until after he retires from competition. He has been contacted by several major universities, including one from the Big 10, about the possibility of joining their coaching staffs and ultimately expects to become a collegiate coach. But not until after he makes a bid for that gold medal at Mexico City.

"But, fourth in his weight at the 1964 Olympics at Tokyo, will not finish his school teaching duties until June 21. Then he and his wife will return here and he hopes to find employment for a few weeks.

The Olympic wrestling squad will assemble at Alamosa, Colorado, on Sept. 14 for high-altitude training to acclimate the athletes to the conditions under which they'll be competing at Mexico City. The squad will fly to Mexico on Oct. 7 and free-style wrestling competition there will begin Oct. 16.

"I've never been in better shape in my life than I was for the Olympic trials," Douglas told me on the phone from Detroit. "I really didn't have any trouble making weight. Of course, I took sauna baths and ran a lot. I plan to run and work out a lot in the summer."

This will be Bob's last shot at the one prize in sports that he wants most. That Olympic medal has long been his dream and he's determined he's going to get it. The Iranians, the Russians, the Turks, and the Bulgarians - who produce most of the world's outstanding grapplers - are thus forewarned.

Incidentally, Douglas is quite disappointed that Bill Smith, the San Francisco Olympic Club coach who was in charge of the U. S. squad at the world tournament at Toledo in 1966, will not be directing the American Olympic team. Smith who won a gold medal himself at Helsinki in 1952, was invited to coach the U. S. team - without pay. But Canada offered him \$1,200 a month for ten months to coach the Canadian team. Considering that he has a wife and five children, his decision to accept the offer is hardly surprising.

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January 18, 1969

St. John's, John Marshall  
Lead Final Day Qualifiers

NEW OVAC WRESTLING CHAMP APPEARS LIKELY

An era unmatched in valley sports history appears on its way to an end.

Martins Ferry, winner of eight consecutive OVAC wrestling championships, appears out of the running for the title following Friday's preliminary, first-round, and quarter-final matches of the tourney being held at the Moundsville fieldhouse.

A new champion is likely and thus it will end what possibly is the longest championship reign ever compiled by a valley sports team.

St. John's Central of Bellaire led after the first day with 43 points, while John Marshall is right behind with 42 markers. Both teams sent eight boys into today's semi-finals.

Ferry is third in the large field with 32 markers but had only five wrestlers going into the semi-finals.

Other team scoring after the first day had Bellaire and Brilliant tied for fourth place with 27 points - followed by Wheeling, 26; Barnesville, 23; Wheeling Central, 18; Steubenville, 17; Oak Glen, 17; Mingo and Bridgeport, 13 each; Weirton, 11; Triadelphia, 9; Wintersville, 8; Warwood and Linsly, 6 each; Union Local, 5; Follansbee, 4; Wellsburg, 2; and Cameron, 1.

Wheeling also has five qualifiers left while Brilliant and Barnesville have four each. Bellaire, Weirton, and Wheeling Central have three left, Oak Glen has two survivors, while Bridgeport, Triadelphia, and Steubenville each have one hopeful.

Members of the Irish wrestling team who will be trying for honors in this afternoon's bouts are: John Hotlotz, Mike Robinson, Rusty Frohnappel, Greg Tierney, Lou Trella, Jim Veneskey, Frank King, and Ed Evans.

Martins Ferry matmen trying to salvage some honors for the defending champ will be Jeff Sommer, Mike Deaton, Robbie Duncan, Charles Blum, and Ed Agostinelli.

Bellaire matmen in the running are Jeff Stolz, Byron Thoburn, and

Greg Harris. Barnesville's hopes will be in the hands of Hungie Stephens, Bruce Jeffries, John Johnson, and Art Gibson.

QUARTER-FINALS

97 pounds - Hotlotz, St. John, pinned Hammond Bell. 4:35. Deach, Whg. C., dec. Ward, Barnes.. 4-2. Kazemka, J. M., dec. Frazier, M. F.. 19-1. Wilfong, Weir., dec. Pricer, Oak Glen, overtime ref. dec.

105 pounds - Falck, Whg.. pinned Lavender, Steub., 1:00. Robinson, St. J., dec. Presutti Bell.. 11-0. Price, Oak Glen, dec. Dailey, Foll., 8-5. Sommer, M. F., pinned Paglia, Bpt.. 5:05.

114 pounds - Hill, J. M., pinned Jones, Mingo, 3:41. Deaton, M. F., dec. Dunaway, Whg., 8-3. Pitts, Brill., dec. Koseum, Whg. C., 5-0. Johnson, Barnes., dec. Rea, Folls., 8-0.

122 pounds - Wolfe, J. M., pinned Jones, Winters, 3:00. Frohnappel, St. J., dec. DeFabbio. Mingo, 8-3. Gibson, Barnes., pinned Marling, Bell., 5:10. Doyle, Whg. C., dec. Nixon, M. F., 7-1.

129 pounds - Price, Bpt. pinned Sparks, Mar. 1:05. Duncan, M. F., pinned Morgan, Linsly, 3:59. Sutton, Weir., dec. Winesdoerffer, Whg. C., 7-2. Cvitanovich, J. M., dec. Lamberson. Bell., 3-2 overtime.

135 pounds - Stoltz, Bell., pinned Smith, Brill. 52 secs. Harveth, J. M., dec. Marchetta, Mingo, 3-1. Nicholson, Whg., pinned Tolbert, War., 1:45. Stephen, Barnes., dec. Kosky, St. J., 14-13.

140 pounds - Bednarek, Brill., pinned Miller Oak Glen, 5:45. Doyle, Whg. C., pinned Cohen, Steub., 1:17. Wilds, Whg., dec. Moore, M. F., 8-3. Hill, J. M., dec. Lamotte. Bpt. 8-3.

147 pounds - Jewell, Whg.. pinned Hogan, Wint., 3:10. Wilson, Triad., dec. Jackson, Mingo, 7-6. Tierney, St. J., dec. Smith, Barnes., 5-4. Blum, M. F., dec. Bierkortte, Whg. C., 1-0 overtime.

156 pounds - Dakan, J. M.. dec. Shaughency, Linsly, 4-0. Trella, St. J., pinned Young, Whg. C., 3:30. Arnold, Weir. pinned Meyers, Oak Glen, 3:40. Thoburn, Bell., dec. Takarsh, Wells., 6-0.

167 pounds - Eastham, Brill., pinned Stewart, Whg., 2:50. Agostinelli, M. F., dec. Evans, St. J., dec. Misselwitz, Steub., 14-2.

177 pounds - Jefferies, Barnes., pinned Timmer, Wint., 3:15. Venesky, St. J., pinned Hillard, Brill., 1:07. Berke, J. M., pinned Eyberger, Mingo, 5:30. King, Steub., dec. Harpolon, Oak Glen, 8-0.

HEAVYWEIGHT - King, St. J., pinned Boyd, J. M., 5:25. Harris, Bell., dec. Fields, Oak Glen, 3-0. Coss, Brill., dec. DeBeradine, Mingo, 3-1. Shultze, Whg., dec. Williams, Steub., 4-0.

#### PRELIMINARY ROUND

105 pounds - McDonald, Brill., pinned Watson, Wint., 1:25. Sberna, J. M., pinned Scott, Cam., 4:30.

114 pounds - Presutti, Bell. pinned Skarvak, Weir., 1:40.

122 pounds - Wesley, U. L., pinned Lowther, Oak Glen, 1:27. Suddoth, Wells., dec. McConnell, Whg., 10-2. Young, Steub., pinned Kirk, Weir., 1:19. Frye, Brill., dec. Matyskidia, War., 6-2.

129 pounds - Anderson, U. L., dec. Means, Brill., 3-0. Spencer, Steub. pinned Bonar, Cam., 3:08. Schmidt, Mingo, dec. DeFelice, Whg., 4-2. Watt, Wint., dec. Evans, Oak Glen, 7-5.

135 pounds - Stolz, Bell., pinned Mingo, Linsly, 3 min. Wilson, Triad., pinned Lupinetti, Well., 2:44. Skills, Weir., dec. Hennon, Whg. C., 7-0.

140 pounds - Schmidt, Mingo, pinned Tate, , 1:25. LaMotte, Bpt., pinned Timmons, Barnes., 3:18. Nicols, Bell., dec. Gram, Linsly, 2-1. Joyce, War., dec. Powell, Wells., Vavra, St. J., dec. Barnabel, Weir., 4-2 overtime.

147 pounds - Beline, Bpt., pinned Deen, Linsly, 1:37. Nemath, Oak Glen, dec. Kinsley, Brill., 6-5. Triveria, War., pinned Fullerton, Cam., 2:20. Lloyd, Steub., dec. Orr, U. L., 10-3. Brannon, J. M., dec. Castinelli, Foll., 6-3.

156 pounds - Spencer, Steub. dec. Johnston, Barnes., 11-8. Williams Mingo, pinned Harris, U. L., 4:37. Chambers, Cam., dec. Thiel, M. F., 6-1.

165 pounds - Sacco, Whg. C., dec. Rafer, War., 12-0. Randolph, Mingo, dec. Glyptis, Weir., 4-0. Powell, Barnes., dec. Robinson, Wint., 10-2.

177 pounds - Anderson, Triad., pinned Duncan, Bell., 1:35. Blum, M. F., pinned Breiding, Whg., 5:30.

HEAVYWEIGHT - McLaughlin, Linsly, pinned Gasto, Wells., 5:30. Anthony, Whg. C., dec. Jones, Wint., 8-3.

#### FIRST ROUND

97 pounds - Dusch, Whg. C., pinned Nixon, Wells., 1:25. Hammond, Bell., pinned McCombs, Cam., 45 secs. Hoflotz, St. J., pinned Hauek, Mingo, 1:35. Kazemka, J. M., pinned McDonald, Brill., 1:27. Ward, Barnes., pinned Paz, Linsly, 3:45. Frazier, M. F., pinned Dryden, Steub., 1:55. Price, Oak Glen, dec. Garltz, Triad., 7-3.

105 pounds - Sommer, M. F., pinned Wallace, Wells., 4:15. Paglia, Bpt., pinned Allen, Mingo, 1:42. Dailey, Foll., pinned Jacoby, Linsly, 5:32. Falck, Whg., pinned McDonald, Brill., 3:20. Price, Oak Glen, dec. Sparks, War., 10-6. Presutti, Bell., dec. Hanson, Triad., 11-6. Robinson, St. J., dec. Sberna, J. M., 12-3. Lavender, Steub., pinned Macek, Whg. C., 5:50.

114 pounds - Deaton, M. F., dec. Malinsky, Wells., 17-4. Pitts, Brill., pinned Williams, Steub., 3:30. Johnson, Barnes. pinned Eft, Wint., 5:30. Kosem, Whg. C., dec. Tolarchyk, Bpt., 6-0. Dunaway, Whg., dec. L. Robinson, St. J., 6-0. Rea, Foll., pinned Dalton, Triad., 3:30. Hill, J. M., pinned Presutti, Bell., 5:50. Jones, Mingo, dec. Van Fossen, Oak Glen, 4-0.

122 pounds - Wolfe, J. M., dec. Suddoth, Wells., 9-3. Jones, Wint., pinned Riggs, Cam., 1:57. DeFabio, Mingo, pinned Wesley, U. L., 3:59. Gibson, Barnes., dec. Young, Steub., 4-0. Frohnafel, St. J., dec. Bagaglia, Linsly, 5-3. Doyle, Whg. C., dec. Frye, Brill., 4-0. Marling, Bell. pinned Foster, Foll., 3:01. Nixon, M. F., dec. Basham, Triad., 9-0.

129 pounds - Duncan, M. F., dec. Schmidt, Mingo, 4-0. Morgan, Linsly, pinned Baller Triad., 2:30. Lamberson, Bell., dec. Cocc Foll., 3-0. Cvetanovich, J. M., dec. Anderson, U. L., 7-2. Sutton, Weir., pinned Watt, Winters., 3:55. Winesdoerffer, Whg. C., dec. Robb, Barnes., 8-4. Price, Bpt., pinned Spencer, Steub., 5:45. Sparks, War., dec. Magistro, St. J., 4-3.

135 pounds - Talbert, War., pinned Owens, Foll., 2:10. Nicholson, Whg. dec. Nichol Steub. 11-3. Marchetta, Mingo dec. Wilson, Triad. 6-0. Kosky, St. J., pinne

Edmonston, Wint., 5:53. Stephen, Barnes.,  
dec. Skills, Weir., 4-1. Harveth, J. M.,  
dec. Masters, Oak Glen, 7-5. Smith, Brill.,  
dec. West, Bpt., 12-7. Stolz, Bell., dec.  
Barr, M. F., 6-5.

140 pounds - Miller, Oak Glen, pinned Burge,  
Cam., 3:20. Bednarek, Brill., dec. Schmitt,  
Mingo, 8-1. Hill, J. M., pinned Vavra, St.  
J., 4:31. Doyle, Whg. C., pinned Nicols,  
Bell., 2:30. Coen, Steub., dec. Poff, U. L.  
5-0. Moore, M. F., pinned Compston, Wint.,  
1:30. LaMotte, Bpt., dec. Pentino, Triad.,  
4-1. Wilds, Whg., dec. Joyce, War., 6-1.

147 pounds - Tierney, St. J., pinned  
Reline, Bpt., 1:59. Wilson, Triad. pinned  
Wallace, Bell., 41 secs. Jewell, Whg., dec.  
Nemath, Oak Glen, 8-0. Jackson, Mingo, dec.  
Lloyd, Steub., 12-7. Hogan, Wint., pinned  
Triverio, War., 3:50. Bierkorte, Whg. C.,  
dec. Brannon, J. M., 6-2. Blum, M. F., dec.  
Eanotti, Weir., 6-0.

156 pounds - Arnold, Weir., dec. Spencer.  
Steub., 10-3. Shaughency, Linsly, pinned  
Tominak, Triad., 1:05. Myers, Oak Glen,  
pinned Taylor, Brill., 2:45. Trella, St.  
J., pinned Steward, Whg., 43 secs. Tho-  
burn, Bell., pinned Chambers, Cam., 5:04.  
Dakan, J. M., dec. Williams, Mingo, 2-0.  
Tarkarsh, Wells., dec. James, Wint., 3-1.  
Young, Whg. C., dec. Kutzio, War., 8-1.

167 pounds - Roberts, O. G., pinned  
Oberdick, Linsly, 1:50. Evans, St. J.,  
dec. Wood, J. M., 7-2. Ball, Bell.,  
dec. Randolph, Mingo, 4-0. Easthom,  
Brill., pinned Mortakis, Triad., 5 min.  
Kaiser, U. L., pinned Hervey, Wells.,  
3:06. Agostinelli, M. F., pinned Sacco,  
Whg. C., 40 secs. Misselwitz, Steub.,  
pinned Hall, Cam., 5:50. Stewart, Whg.,  
dec. Powell, Barnes., 9-0.

177 pounds - Harpold, O. G. pinned Harv-  
ey, Wells., 4:10. Hillard, Brill., dec.  
Tennant, Cam., 9-8. Veneskey, St. J.,  
dec. Blum, M. F., 16-0. Jefferis, Barnes.,  
pinned Schmitt, Whg. C., 1:48. Trimmer,  
Wint., dec. Magnone, Weir., 5-4. King,  
Steub., pinned Zaccagnini, Linsly, 4:30.  
Eyberger, Mingo, dec. Jarrett, War., 6-0.  
Burke, J. M., dec. Anderson, Triad., 4-3.  
HEAVYWEIGHT - King, St. J., pinned Anth-  
ony, Whg. C., 55 secs. Coss, Brill.,  
pinned Pandelos, M. F., 3:45. Boyd, J.  
M., dec. McCort, Barnes., 3-1. Harris,  
Bell., pinned McLaughlin, Linsly, 55 secs.  
Fields, O. G., dec. Hvizdzak, Weir., 12-0.  
DiBerardino, Mingo, dec. Gaylor, Triad.,  
2-0. Williams, Steub., dec. Jarrett,

War. 6-3. Schultze, Whg. dec. Yeater,  
Cam. 3-0.

## MONARCHS FINISH SECOND

Ferry's Eight-Year Reign  
as Champ is Terminated

St. John's Central is the new Ohio  
Valley Athletic Conference wrestling  
titlist.

Ending Martins Ferry's eight-year  
reign, the Fighting Irish won the team  
championship at Moundsville fieldhouse,  
where the annual tourney ended a hectic  
two-day stand with an excitement-filled  
Saturday night session.

Qualifying seven boys for the finals,  
the Fighting Irish emerged with only two  
individual titlists but finished with 96  
points. Host John Marshall was a close  
runnerup with 91 and dethroned Martins  
Ferry finished third with 66.

Wheeling High took fourth place  
with 57 points, followed by Brilliant  
with 41. Then came Bellaire 35; Wheel-  
ing Central 29. Weirton, 25; Barnesville  
23; Bridgeport and Steubenville 19 each;  
Oak Glen 17; Mingo 13; Triadelphia 9.  
Wintersville 8; Warwood and Linsly Insti-  
tute 6 each; Union Local 5; Follansbee 4;  
Wellsburg 2; and Cameron 1.

John Marshall had five in the finals  
and four of them claimed titles. Indivi-  
dual winners for Coach Bill Hinegardner  
were Albie Kazemka, 97 pounds; Dwight  
Wolfe, 122; Gene Hill, 140; and Rick  
Burke, 177.

Ferry furnished three champs in  
Jeff Sommer, 105; Mike Deaton, 114;  
and Robbie Duncan, 129. Wheeling High  
had two titlists in Bill Nicholson, 135;  
and Fred Jewell, 147.

Winning for St. John's were Ed  
Evans, sophomore 167-pounder, and heavy-  
weight Frank King. Weirton's Tom Arnold  
won at 156 pounds.

Sommer, a junior who is now unbeaten  
in 15 bouts this year, topped a familiar  
rival, Mike Robinson of St. John's 7-3  
to take the 105 crown for the second  
straight year. Deaton repeated at 114  
and ran his season's record to 14-1  
with an 8-4 nod over John Marshall's  
previously unbeaten Charles Hill, who  
had won 12 in a row.

St. John's went into the finals  
with an 11-point edge over John Marsh-



all but didn't clinch the title until Evans edged Brilliant's Gene Eastham 2-1, and ran his season's record to 9-2. King's 3-2 nod over Wheeling hvvwt. Jerry Schultz was icing on the cake but the Irish St. J. strongman, winning the title for the second straight year, had a close call. Schultz had a takedown that could have turned the tide - but it came after the buzzer, the referee ruled.

Jim Veneskey, who had won the 167-pound championship last year, suffered his first loss of the season in the 177 final when Burke surprised him and avenged an earlier loss. Burke, 11-2, a junior, went out to a quick 3-0 lead and rode out Veneskey in the last period to preserve a 3-2 edge.

Kazemka, 8-1, a junior, topped previously unbeaten St. John sophomore John Hotlotz, 5-2, in the 97-pound final.

Another St. John's wrestler suffering his first loss of the year was Lou Trella, who bowed to Weirton's Arnold 6-3 in the 156 final. Arnold is now unbeaten in 15 starts.

Dave Bednarek, who had won ten in a row for Brilliant, lost to Gene Hill 11-2 of the Monarchs 5-3 in the 140 windup.

Wolfe, 13-11, won a rubber match from his only conqueror, Mike Doyle of Wheeling Central. 4-1 while Ferry's Duncan 15-1 topped Bridgeport's Wayne Price, who had been unbeaten in six previous outings.

Wheeling's Nicholson put down the surprise bid of Jeff Stolz, unseeded Bellaire wrestler, 9-4, and is now unbeaten in 13 starts. Jewell ran his record.

## OVAC WRESTLING RESULTS

### FINALS

97 pounds - Albie Kazemka, J. M., dec. John Hotlotz, St. J., 5-2.

105 pounds - Jeff Sommer, M. F., dec. Mike Robinson, St. J., 7-3.

114 pounds - Mike Deaton, M. F., dec. Charles Hill, J. M., 8-4.

122 pounds - Dwight Wolfe, J. M., dec. Mike Doyle, Whg. C., 4-1

129 pounds - Robbie Duncan, M. F., dec. Wayne Price, Bpt., 2-0.

135 pounds - Bill Nicholson, Whg., dec. Jeff Stolz, Bell., 9-4.

140 pounds - Gene Hill, J. M., dec. Dave Bednarek, Brill., 5-3.

147 pounds - Fred Jewell, Whg., dec. Greg Tierney, St. J., 6-2.

156 pounds - Tom Arnold, Weir., dec. Lou Trella, St. J., 6-3.

167 pounds - Ed Evans, St. J., dec. Gene Eastham, Brill., 2-1.

177 pounds - Rick Burke, J. M., dec. Jim Veneskey, St. J., 3-2.

HEAVYWEIGHT - Frank King, St. J., dec. Jerry Schultze, Whg., 3-2.

### SEMI-FINALS

97 pounds - Hotlotz, St. J., dec. Dusch, Whg. C., 10-3. Kazemka, J. M., dec. Wilfong, Weir., 6-3.

105 pounds - Robinson, St. J., pinned Falck, Whg. 1:57. Sommer, M. F., pinned Price, Oak Glen, 1:59.

114 pounds - C. Hill, J. M., pinned Johnson, Barnes., 5:09. Deaton, M. F., pinned Pitts, Brill., 5:50.

122 pounds - Wolfe, J. M., dec. Frohnappfel, St. J., 9-0. Mike Doyle, Whg. C., dec. Gibson, Barnes., 8-3.

129 pounds - Price, Bpt., dec. Sutton, Weir., 4-2. Duncan, M. F., dec. Cvetanovich, J. M., 7-C

135 pounds - Stolz, Bell., dec. Stephen, Barnes., 8-3. Nicholson, Whg., pinned Harveth, J. M., 5:57.

140 pounds - G. Hill, J. M., dec. Wilds, Whg., 2-0 overtime. Bednarek, Brill., dec. Matt Doyle, Whg. C., 3-0 overtime.

147 pounds - Tierney, St. J., dec. Wilson, Triad., 8-3 Jewell, Whg., dec. Blum, M. F., referee's decision overtime.

156 pounds - Arnold, Weir., dec. Dakan, J. M., 6-2. Trella, St. J., dec. Thoburn, Bell., 4-0.

165 pounds - Eastham, Brill., dec. Agostinelli, J. M., 4-3. Evans, St. J., dec. Roberts, Oak Glen, ref. dec. overtime.

177 pounds - Veneskey, St. J., pinned King, Steub., 3:40. Burke, J. M., pinned Jefferis Barnes., 5:30.

HEAVYWEIGHT - King, St. J., pinned Coss, Brill., 5:27. Schultze, Whg., dec. Harris, Bell., 2-0.

### CONSOLATION MATCHES

97 pounds - Gary Dusch, Whg. C., dec. Don Wilfong, Weir., 3-0 overtime.

105 pounds - Mike Falck, Whg., pinned Calvin Price, Oak Glen, 5:38.

114 pounds - Floyd Pitts, Brill., dec. John Johnson, Barnes., 13-6.  
122 pounds - Rusty Frohnafel, St. J. dec. Art Gibson, Barnes., 6-3.  
129 pounds - Bob Sutton, Weir., dec. Dan Cvetanovich, J. M., 6-1.  
135 pounds - Rich Harveth, J. M., dec. Hungie Stephen, Barnes., 6-1.  
140 pounds - Norman, Whg., won from Matt Doyle, Whg. C., by default.  
147 pounds - Charles, M. F., pinned Mark Wilson, Triad., 4:29.  
156 pounds - R. G. Dakan pinned Byron Thoburn, Bell.  
167 pounds - Ed Agos, Mingo, dec. Darl Roberts, Oak Glen.  
177 pounds - Walter, Steub., dec. Bruce Jefferis 9-2.  
HEAVYWEIGHT - Greg, Bell., dec. Dick Coss, Brill.

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## WHEELING CENTRAL CAPTURES OVAC MAT

Martins Ferry Second  
John Marshall Third

By BILL VAN HORNE  
News-Register Sports Editor

Wheeling Central Catholic High, a new power in high school wrestling, became the first West Virginia school ever to capture the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference mat championship Saturday night at Moundsville fieldhouse.

Coach John Hibbert's squad provided three individual champions and piled up 69 points, 12 more than eight-time titlist Martins Ferry, which took the runnerup trophy. John Marshall with 55 with its 57 markers.

Host John Marshall was third, with 55 counters, followed by Bellaire, 45; Brilliant, 44; Barnesville, 42; Oak Glen, 41; St. John's Central's defending champs, 40; Bridgeport, 36; Steubenville, 30; Wheeling, 23; Wintersville, 21; Brooke, 19; Triadelphia, 17; Warwood, 11; Mingo, 9; Linsly Institute and Union Local, 5 each; Cameron, 4; and Weirton, 3.

Ferry, John Marshall, Brilliant, and Barnesville produced two individual titlists apiece and Oak Glen furnished one in its unbeaten heavyweight, Ed Fields.

The 1969 kingpins who repeated were Albie Kazemka of John Marshall, 98 pounds; Jeff Sommer, Martins Ferry, 107; Robbie Duncan, Ferry, 130; and Rick Burke, John Marshall, last year's 175-pound titlist who moved up to 185 to triumph this year. Sommer has been a conference kingpin for three years.

Central's champs were the Doyle brothers, Mike at 123 and Matt "Choo-Choo" at 137, and Dave Bierkortte, at 165.

Barnesville won with Art Gibson at 115 and Bruce Jefferis at 175 and Brilliant with Dave Bednarek at 145 and Roger Taylor at 155.

St. John's had trailed Wheeling Central by only one point, 33-32, after Friday's action in the giant two-day tourney but the Bellaire Irish failed to get any of their six survivors of Friday's combat past Saturday's semi-final round.

Top-seeded grapplers won in every weight class except for the 155 and 175-

pound classes. Seven of the OVAC champs - Sommer, Gibson, Mike and Matt Doyle, Bednarek, Bierkortte and Fields - are unbeaten.

Saturday's tournament triumph was the fourth this season for Central, which has risen to the heights in only two years under Hibbert's coaching. The Knights had previously won the Mountaineer League tourney, the St. John's Invitational, and Brooke quadrangular.

Saturday's tourney, attended by a large crowd, was the 17th in OVAC history. Bridgeport won the first seven, Ferry the next eight, and St. John's copped honors last year.

Ferry's Sommer won his third straight OVAC title in sensational fashion. The unbeaten Purple Rider senior, now sporting 13 wins on the season and a loser only once in 43 outings over two years, scored four pins in four matches and not a single bout lasted one minute. He pinned the previously unbeaten Calvin Price, of Oak Glen, in just 49 secs. in the finals.

Bellaire sophomore Art Jones waged an exciting match with Kazemka and for a time it appeared that an upset might be in the making in the 96-pound final but Kazemka's experience paid off and the J. Marshall senior scored a pin with just three seconds left in the last period to run his season's record to 12-1. It was the first defeat in 13 outings for Jones, who shows tremendous promise for the future.

Barnesville's Gibson, winning his ninth straight shot, repeated half-nelsons to pin Bellaire's Mike Presutti in the 115 windup.

Central's pepperpot Mike Doyle, who had pinned his three earlier opponents, fell behind early against J. Marshall's Charles Hill but fought back like a tiger and ultimately finished with a 15-6 decision, his 16th victory of the season.

Ferry's Duncan, successfully defending honors at 130, rode Wheeling's Don Dunaway through the second period and then scored a reverse early in the third for a 4-1 nod, his 15th victory in 16 starts this season. In the semi-finals, Dunaway had bested a two-time conqueror, Jim Bradac, of Triadelphia, 6-3.

A takedown in the third period gave Central's "Choo-Choo" Doyle a 3-2 verdict over Bellaire's Jeff Stolz. It marked the third time the Central 137-

pounder had nipped the Big Red star by a single point this season and left Doyle unbeaten in 17 outings.

Brilliant's Bednarek won his 12th without a loss but had a battle from Ferry's Charlie Blum in the 145-pound final. Blum's minute edge in riding time left him trailing only 6-5 at the finish of a sizzler.

Mingo's John Williams was top seeded at 155 but was disqualified in a semi-final with Bridgeport's Ed Rouse, who was whipped by Taylor, of Brilliant, 14-4, in the final. Taylor, a senior, is now 12-1. He was seeded only third but defeated second-seeded Bob F. Casinelli, of Brooke, in the semi-finals.

Bierkortte successfully protected his unblemished record and won his 16th in a row by topping Gene Easthom, Brilliant, in the 165-pound final. The Central junior led only 5-4 entering the final period but then put on the steam.

Central's fourth finalist was unseeded Val Gundling, 175-pound junior who played basketball last year. He lost to Bruce Jefferis, fourth seed from Barnesville, on two riding time points 4-2. Jefferis (10-1) had upset top-seeded Ed "Buzz" Evans, of St. John's 6-1, in the semi-finals and Gundling had ousted second-seeded Terry DiCapio, Oak Glen, 8-6. Evans was last year's 165-pound OVAC champ.

John Marshall's Burke, winner at 175 last year, moved up a weight class and claimed the honors at 185. In the final, he lived up to his top-seeded billing by defeating previously unbeaten Jack Trimmer, Wintersville, 8-2. Burke has won 12 times in 13 starts this season.

After pinning his way into the finals, Oak Glen's Fields settled for a 5-2 decision over Steubenville's previously undefeated Tim Williams. Fields has now topped 12 in a row.

#### OVAC MAT RESULTS

98 - Albie Kazemka (JM) p. Art Jones (BELL) 5:57.  
107 - Jeff Sommer (MF) p. Calvin Price (OG) 49 secs.  
115 - Art Gibson (BARNES) p. Mike Presutti (BELL) 4:41.  
123 - Mike Doyle (WHG. CEN.) d. Charles Hill (JM) 15-6.

130 - Robbie Duncan (MF) d. Don Dunaway (WHG) 4-1.

137 - Matt Doyle (WHG. CEN.) d. Jeff Stolz (BELL) 3-2.

145 - Dave Bednarek (BRILL) d. Charles Blum (MF) 6-5.

155 - Roger Taylor (BRILL) d. Ed Rouse (BPT) 14-4.

165 - Dave Bierkortte (WHG.CEN.) d. Gene Easthorn (BRILL) 10-6.

175 - Bruce Jefferis (BARNES) d. Val Gundling (WHG. CEN.) 4-2.

185 - Rick Burke (JM) d. Jack Trimmer (WINTS) 8-2.

HEAVY - Ed Fields (OG) d. Tim Williams (STEUB) 5-2.

#### SEMI-FINALS

98 - Jones (BELL) p. Oberdick (MF) 3:28; Kazemka (JM) d. Lavender (STEUB) 9-4.

107 - Sommer (MF) p. Hotlosz (ST J) 17 secs.; Price (OG) p. Hammond (BELL) 5:58.

115 - Presutti (BELL) d. Robinson (ST J) 2-0; Gibson (BARNES) d. Bennington (BPT) 10-0.

123 - Doyle (WHG. CEN.) p. Marling (BELL) 3:35; Hill (JM) p. Suddoth (BRKE) 2:36.

130 - Dunaway (WHG) d. Bradac (TRIAD) 6-3; Duncan (MF) d. Roskovich (BPT) 5-2.

137 - Doyle (WHG. CEN.) d. Kosky (ST J) 7-6; Stolz (BELL) d. Harveth (JM) 1-0 ovt.

145 - Blum (MF) p. Reline (BPT) 1:55; Bednarek (BRILL) d. Barnett (WHG) 4-0.

155 - Rouse (BPT) won over Williams (MINGO) by disqualification; Taylor (BRILL) d. Casinelli (BRKE) 10-5.

165 - Easthom (BRILL) d. Powell (BARNES) 10-4; Bierkortte (WHG. CEN.) d. Link (ST J) 5-0.

175 - Jefferis (BARNES) d. Evans (ST J) 6-1; Gundling (WHG. CEN.) d. DiCapio (OG) 7-5.

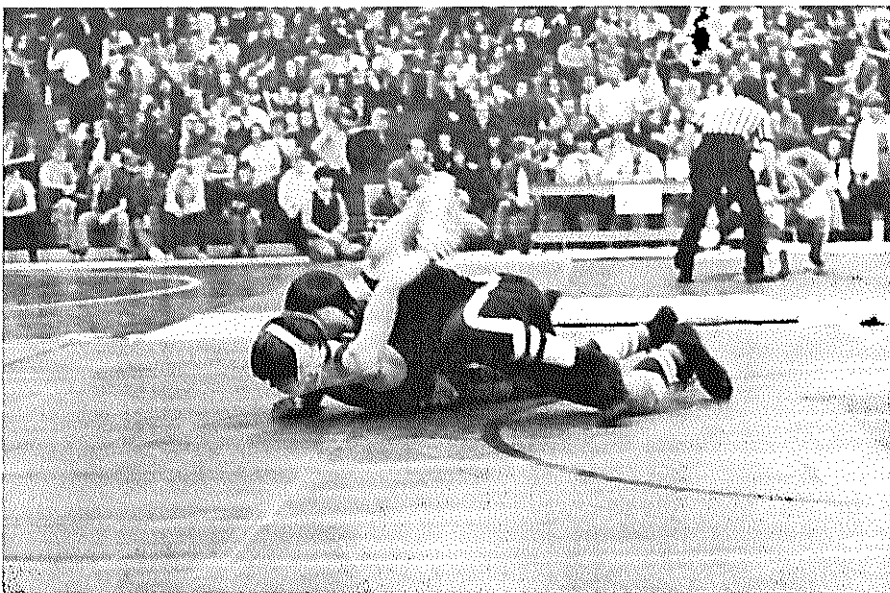
185 - Trimmer (WINTS.) d. Blum (MF) 8-5; Burke (JM) d. Moody (BRILL) 8-2.  
HEAVY - Fields (OG) p. Yocke (WHG. CEN.) 46 secs. Williams (STEUB) d. Wierzbicki (ST J) 6-1.

#### CONSOLIDATIONS

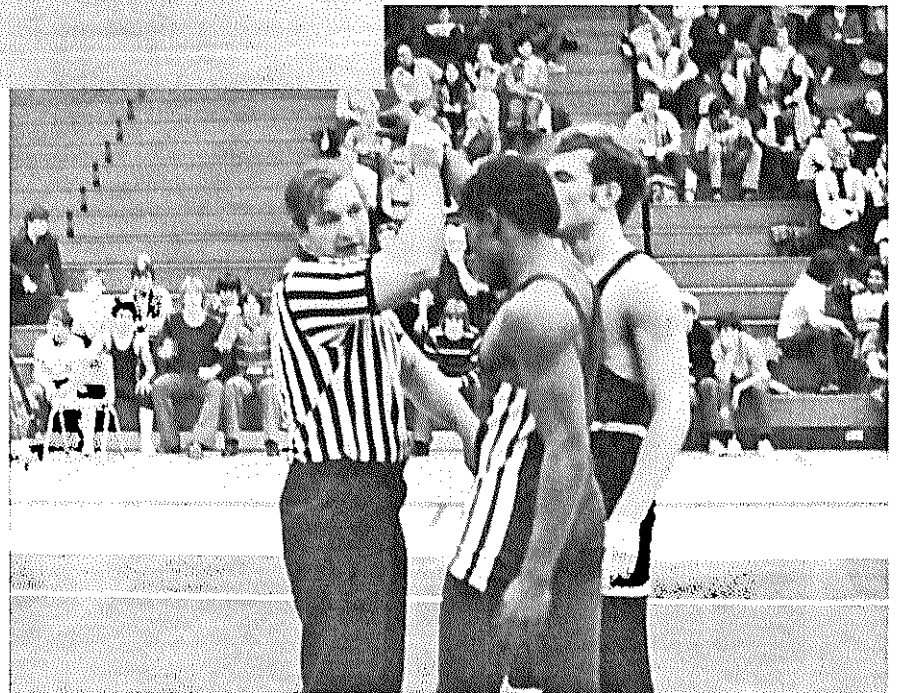
98 - Lavender (STEUB) p. Oberdick (MF) 5:40.

107 - Hotlosz (ST J) d. Hammond (BELL) 3-2.

115 - Robinson (ST J) d. Bennington (BELL) 2-1.  
123 - Suddoth (BRKE) p. Marling (BELL) 5:29.  
130 - Bradac (TRIAD) d. Roskovich (BPT) 9-6.  
137 - Koskey (ST J) d. Harveth (JM) 7-2.  
145 - Barnett (WHG) d. Reline (BPT) 12-2.  
155 - Cassinelli (BRKE) over Williams (MINGO) by disqualification.  
165 - Powell (BARNES) p. Link (ST J) 3:07.  
175 - Evans (ST J) d. Dicapio (OG) 4-1.  
185 - Blum (MF) d. Moody (BRILL) 5-0.  
HEAVY - Yocke (WHG.CEN.) d. Wierzbicki (ST J) 2-1.



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Wednesday Evening, January 13, 1971

## ST. JOHN'S, SHAMROCKS ALSO STRONG

### J. MARSHALL HAS 11 SEEDED MATMEN IN OVAC TOURNEY

John Marshall High's host forces, St. John's Central of Bellaire, and the Barnesville Shamrocks loomed today as the teams most likely to succeed in the annual Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling tournament, which is scheduled for Friday and Saturday of this week at the Monarchs' fieldhouse in Moundsville.

Tournament seedings, announced today, cast Bill Hinegardner's Monarchs, Denny Bowman's Irish, and Dave Kovalick's Shamrocks in the favorite roles, although defending champion Wheeling Central and the Bridgeport Bulldogs are not to be discounted as threats for the title.

John Marshall has won seeded berths at 11 of the 13 weight classes while Barnesville and St. John's have eight seeded grapplers each, compared to six for Wheeling Central; five each for Wintersville, Steubenville, and Mingo; four apiece for Brooke, Bridgeport, and Martins Ferry; three for Weirton; two each for Bellaire, Brilliant, Oak Glen, and Triadelphia; and one for River.

Only teams in the 20-school field failing to gain a single seeded berth were Wheeling High, Linsly Military Institute, Warwood, and Cameron.

It may be significant that John Marshall, while having the most seeded wrestlers, does not have the top-seeded performer in any weight class. St. John's and Bridgeport have three No. 1 seeds apiece, compared to two from Barnesville and one each for Bellaire, Oak Glen, Mingo, and Ferry.

The No. 1 seeds are Art Jones, Bellaire, 98 pounds; Calvin Price, Oak Glen, 105; Daryl Ward, Barnesville, 112; Terry Bennington, Bridgeport, 119; Dick Johnson, Barnesville, 126; Ross Roskovich, Bridgeport, 132; Dave Cocco, Brooke, 138; Gary Kosky, St. John's 145; Mike Bilica, Bridgeport, 155; Dave Beltrondo, St. John's, 167; Rick Link, St. John's, 175; Howard Ludewig, Mingo, 185; and Don Blum, Martins Ferry, heavyweight.

Strangely enough the only 1970 individual champion in the field this year, Wheeling Central's Matt "Choo-

Choo" Doyle, did not gain a top-seeded spot. Kingpin last year at 137 pounds, where he was unbeaten, Doyle is now wrestling at 126 pounds. Barnesville's Dick Johnson was seeded ahead of Doyle.

Wrestlers who were formerly runners-up in their weight classes last year are Bellaire's Jones, Oak Glen's Price, and Wheeling Central's Val Gundling.

Six wrestlers were seeded in all weight classes except 112 and 119, where only three were seeded as it was felt there was not much to choose between. Many of the contestants at those six places will be scored in the weights below the top three.

For the first time this year, six places will be scored in the tournament, instead of four. Scoring will be on a 12-9-7-5-3-1 basis, with an advancement point being awarded each winner in each round and an additional team point being given for every pin.

Four mats will be in use during Friday matinee and evening sessions, which are scheduled for 2 pm and 7 pm, respectively. Three mats will be used on Saturday when sessions start at 1 pm and 7 pm. Fans planning to attend all four sessions can purchase tickets at the gate for all sessions at a reduced rate.

Seeding, as announced by tournament directors Hinegardner and George Walley after a long session with coaches in competing teams, follow:

98 pounds - 1. Art Jones, Bell.. 2. Harley McDonald, Brill. 3. Ken Reynolds, J. M. 4. Robbie Stephens, Barnes. 5. Mark Eckleberry, Oak Glen 6. Rich Oberdick, M. F.  
105 pounds - 1. Calvin Price, Oak Glen. 2. Don Wilfong, Weir. 3. Ed West, J. M. 4. Robert Allen, Mingo. 5. Robert Laverder, Steub. 6. Bob Foster, St. J.  
112 pounds - 1. Daryl Ward, Barnes. 2. Dave Dobbs, J. M. 3. Roger Hammond, Bell.  
119 pounds - 1. Terry Bennington, Bpt. 2. Gary Winters 3. Ken Williams, Steub.  
126 pounds - 1. Dick Johnson, Barnes. 2. Matt Doyle, Whg. C. 3. Alex Lyons, Weir. 4. Mike Rotillo, St. J. 5. Dick Nichols, Brooke 6. Mark Campbell, J.M.  
132 pounds - 1. Ross Rosovich, Bpt. 2. Joe Kosem, Whg. C. 3. Hardy Bierce, J. M. 4. Frank Myers, Barnes. 5. Dan Rybeck, Triad. 6. Derk Ferguson, Wint.

138 pounds - 1. David Cocco, Brooke. 2. Dave LaMotte, Bpt. 3. Frank Binkiewicz, Wint. 4. Russ Frohnappel, St. J. 5. Mark Mitchell, M. F. 6. Keith Campbell, J. M.

145 pounds - 1. Gary Kosky, St. J. 2. Harry Cohen, Steub. 3. Mike Eddy, Mingo 4. Jim Ackerman, M. F. 5. Rodney Powell, Brooke 6. Mike Maidens, J. M.

155 pounds - 1. Mike Billica, Bpt. 2. Rick Spencer, Steub. 3. Rick Kittle, J. M. 4. Bill Elder, Mingo 5. Joe Young, Whg. C. 6. Nick Tate, Brooke.

167 pounds - 1. Dave Beltrondo, St. J. 2. Rick James, Wint. 3. Val Gundling, Whg. C. 4. Bruce Eshler, Barnes. 5. Bob Strawn, J. M. 6. Jim Ryan, Triad.

175 pounds - 1. Rick Link, St. J. 2. Dan Claugas, Barnes. 3. Keith Saltsman, Wint. 4. Bob Pettrozzi, Mingo. 5. Harry Higgins, Brill. 6. Nick Busick, Weir.

185 pounds - 1. Howard Ludewig, Mingo 2. Ed Evans, St. J. 3. Tom Zuk, J. M. 4. John Mueller, Whg. C. 5. Eric Brubaker, River 6. Dan Moncilovich, Steub.

HEAVYWEIGHT - 1. Don Blum, M. F. 2. Walley Presuit, Wint. 3. Rick Yocke, Whg. C. 4. Bob Hawk, J. M. 5. Dean Wehr, Barnes. 6. Mike Donahie, St. J.

Wednesday Evening, January 20, 1971

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SPORTS

By BILL VAN HORNE  
News-Register Sports Editor

It took 289 matches to decide the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling championship last weekend at the Moundsville fieldhouse. And it wasn't until the very last bout that the committee charged with the responsibility of selecting the winner of the Dave Bierkortte Memorial Award as the outstanding wrestler in the two-day tourney made its decision.

If Martins Ferry heavyweight Don Blum had lost in his titular engagement with giant Wally Pesuit, of Wintersville, or had won unimpressively, the committee - of which I was a member - would have been in a quandry. Fortunately, Blum got the committee off the hook when he pinned Pesuit. Don thus became the only contes-

tant in the entire tournament to score four successive pins.

Going into Saturday night's finals Blum and little Calvin Price, Oak Glen 105 pounder, had three pins apiece. However, Price was not especially impressive in his 5-1 victory over Weirton's Don Wilfong in the finals and the committee began considering other possibilities. Wheeling Central's Val Gundling was one of the strong candidates, with two lop-sided shutout decisions and two pins in the 167-pound class. Bridgeport's 132-pounder, Ross Roskovich, had not scored a pin but three of his victories were shutout decisions and had only two points scored against him in the whole tourney. Central's "Choo'Choo" Doyle had a first-round pin and three decisions and, while yielding a few points, had come through victorious in what was generally regarded as one of the tournament's strongest weight classes. Moreover, Doyle was the only matman in the tourney who was a repeat champ from last year and had battled courageously despite a shoulder injury.

Strange indeed are the ways of fate. Blum was the last wrestler that Dave Bierkortte had defeated last season during a career cut short so tragically by the accident that took the Central star's life. Now Don has become the first winner of the Bierkortte award.

Decision of the conference coaches to install a true consolation elimination, in which all grapplers defeated by boys who reached the championship round were eligible to compete, added to the excitement of the tourney. Actually, this is a much more equitable way of deciding place winners than simply having losing semi-finalists wrestle off for third and fourth, though it is also more complicated.

George Walley and Bill Hinegardner, the tournament directors, had assembled a capable, experienced staff of officials to work the eliminations and there were few hitches in proceedings, considering the magnitude of the undertaking. Seven referees were used, with only Dick Leightner working both days. I would imagine that when Saturday night came, Dick was more worn down than any of the wrestlers, since he had officiated from 2 pm to approx. 9:30 pm on Friday with little more than an hour's rest, and also worked two sessions on Saturday. Fortunately,

the former Bridgeport High star is in excellent physical condition.

Crowds were good-sized and enthusiastic for the night sessions but I was shocked to learn that the Brooke Boosters would sponsor a pro rasslin' show in direct competition with the conference tournament. Undoubtedly, the crowds at Moundsville would have been even larger if fans from some of the schools involved had not been forced to choose between basketball and wrestling.

I see no reason why that the dates for the conference tournament could not be established a year or two ahead and then the athletic directors and basketball coaches be requested to stay clear of the Saturday night of the tourney weekend in arranging schedules.

Incidentally, some coaches have expressed the opinion that since the OVAC tournament is the biggest, most colorful wrestling event of the valley (bigger than the WV regionals or the Eastern Ohio sections and district events) that it should be moved back on the schedule a couple of weeks. As it is, dual meet competition seems somewhat of a letdown, in most cases.

Thursday Evening, January 14, 1971

## 241 WRESTLERS COMPETE IN CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

20 Schools Will Vie In  
Two-Day Eliminations

Bierkorte Memorial Award Will  
Go to Outstanding Grappler

By BILL VAN HORNE  
News-Register Sports Editor

The biggest, most colorful high school wrestling tournament ever to be held in these parts, the two-day Ohio Valley Athletic Conference eliminations at the Moundsville Fieldhouse, will involve 241 contestants from 20 schools.

Individual championships in 13 weight classes will be at stake, along with team laurels.

The tourney will get underway with a hectic matinee session on Friday. Barring last-minute scratches, there will be 187 matches jammed into the afternoon session, which gets underway at 2:00.

An evening session, starting at 7:00, will reduce the field in each weight class to semi-finalists.

Semi-finals and consolation bouts are booked for Saturday afternoon, with action beginning at 1:00. The finals will be on Saturday night, starting at 7:00, along with contests to determine third, fourth, fifth, and sixth place in each weight class.

This is the first year that the conference has ever offered a "true consolation" bracket and awarded points for fifth and sixth place. Thus, four mats will be in use throughout the Friday competition and three will be used on Saturday.

One of the most coveted prizes of the tournament will be the first annual Dave Bierkorte Memorial Award, which will go to the outstanding wrestler of the tourney. Awarded by the Wheeling Central Catholic Booster Club, it will honor the memory of the fine athlete who was OVAC champion at 165 pounds last year and unbeaten during the entire season. Young Bierkorte, only a junior last year, was killed in a traffic accident last spring.

The recipient of the Bierkorte Award will be announced after the Saturday finals but the trophy will not be awarded until the conference spring dinner meeting at Wilson Lodge, Oglebay Park.

Wheeling Central is defending team titlist and appears poised for a strong bid for another crown. Also participating will be Martins Ferry, which has won the OVAC tourney eight times; Bridgeport, which has copped the title on seven occasions; St. John's Central, the 1969 titlist; host John Marshall, Mingo, Brooke, Warwood, Oak Glen, Steubenville, Barnesville, River, Weirton, Cameron, Triadelphia, Wheeling High, Bellaire, Linsly Military Institute, Brilliant and Wintersville.

John Marshall has the most seeded wrestlers, 11, but does not have the top-seeded grappler in any weight class. St. John's and Bridgeport have three No. 1 seeds apiece, compared to two for Barnesville and one each for Bellaire, Oak Glen, Mingo and Ferry.

The No. 1 seeds are Art Jones, Bellaire, 98 pounds; Calvin Price, Oak Glen, 105; Daryl Ward, Barnesville, 112; Terry Bennington, Bridgeport, 119; Dick John-

son, Barnesville, 126; Ross Roskovich, Bridgeport, 132; Dave Cocco, Brooke, 138; Gary Kosky, St. John's, 145; Mike Bilica, Bridgeport, 155; Dave Beltrondo, St. John's, 167; Rick Link, St. John's, 175; Howard Ludewig, Mingo, 185; and Don Blum, Martins Ferry, heavyweight.

Only 1970 individual champion in the field in Wheeling Central's Matt "Choo-Choo" Doyle. He won at 137 pounds last year but is now wrestling at 126. He was seeded second to Johnson, who was unbeaten when pairings were made Monday night. However, Doyle took a 12-9 decision over Johnson in a dual meet Wednesday.

Scoring will be on a 12-9-5-3-1 basis, with an advancement point being awarded each winner in each round and an additional team point being given for every pin.

Referees Friday will be Mike Sager, coach at Marshall University; Fred Pechek, coach at West Liberty State College; Art Hehr, coach at Skyvue High; and Dick Leightner, St. Clairsville. Referees Saturday will be Carl Fodor, former Weirton coach; Jerry Tanaglia, East Liverpool; and Leightner.

George Walley and Bill Hinegardner, athletic director and wrestling coach, respectively, at John Marshall, are tournament directors, with John Vrotsos, former Martins Ferry coach, serving as coordinator.

The tournament pairings follow:

#### PRELIMINARY MATCHES

98 pounds - George Mednenhall, Linsly, vs. Don KapraL, St. J. Jim Mahlie, Wint. vs. Lance Tarr, War.  
105 pounds - Mike Oberdick, M. F. vs. Jim McCormick Linsly.  
112 pounds - Greg Wright, Bpt. vs. Frank Hotlosz St. J. Dan Doyle, Whg. C. vs. Skip Williams, Oak Glen.  
119 pounds - Scott Jenkins, Weir. vs. Dave Kosky, St. J. Eric Sohovich, Mingo, vs. Bruce Campbell, Triad.; Felix Bruno, Whg. C. vs. Nick Riggle, Cam.  
126 pounds - Scott Carnahan, O. G. vs. Tim McKaye, M. F.; Jim Griffith, Linsly, vs. Mike Schmitt, Mingo; Kevin Duda, Brill. vs. Jerry Sweeney, Steub.  
132 pounds - Jim Metz, Cam. vs. Les DeFelice Whg.; John Hicks, Weir. vs. Pat Lupinetti, Brooke.

138 pounds - Marty Gresak, Linsly, vs. Ed Exner. Bell. Todd Henry, Brill. vs. Dan Hendershot, River; George Young, Steub. vs. John Vdoviak, War.

145 pounds - Charles Antill, River, vs. Clyde Burge, Cam.; Rick Cappiccie, Whg. C., vs. Allan Brown, Brill.; Rich Eloi, Weir. vs. Frank Ferguson, Barnes.; Bruce Reline, Bpt. vs. Andy Vrotsos Linsly.

155 pounds - Brian Campbell, War. vs. George Speights, River; Tom Stern, Cam. vs. Charles Hasper, St. J.; Carl Childers, O. G. vs. Don Stewart, Whg.; Dave Reischman, Barnes. vs. Nick Pomento, Brill.

167 pounds - Bob Myers, O. G. vs. Jeff Benton, Brill.; Morgan Coast, War. vs. Mark Lupinetti, Brooke; Jeff DeFrances, Steub. vs. John Smith, Bpt.

185 pounds - Dave Hutton, Wint. vs. John Carpenter, Barnes.

HEAVYWEIGHT - Tom Kessel, O. G. vs. Mark Bishop, Triad. Ray McCoy, Brooke, vs. Craig Eddy, Whg.; Don Goddard, War. vs. Arlie Henry, River.

#### ST. JOHN'S CAPTURES OVAC

#### WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Wheeling Central Second;  
Monarchs Finish Third

By BILL VAN HORNE  
News-Register Sports Editor

St. John's Central High, of Bellaire, captured the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling championship for the second time in three years as the Fighting Irish topped the largest, best-balanced field in the 18-year history of the tournament Saturday night at Moundsville fieldhouse.

The Johnnies accumulated 88 points in the 20-team meet while Wheeling Central, the defending champion, settled for the runnerup trophy with 83. Host John Marshall took the third-place award with 81 counters.

Bridgeport finished a strong fourth, with 79 markers, followed by Steubenville, 74; Wintersville, 69; Barnesville, 61; Oak Glen, 49; Martins Ferry, 40; Bellaire, 36; Mingo, 35; Brooke, 34; Weirton, 23; Brilliant, 22; Triadelphia, 21; Warwood, 20; Linsly Institute, 13; River, 7; Cameron, 4; and Wheeling, 3.

Wheeling Central was in front, 77-74 over St. John's and John Marshall,

then sharing second place, as the final session of the two-day tourney began but the green-clad youngsters from the Bellaire Catholic school came on strong in the finals.

St. John's finished three individual titlists. Winning crowns for Coach Denny Bowman (12-1), was Gary Kosky at 145; Rick Link (10-1) at 175; and Ed Evans (10-0) at 185. Evans gained his second OVAC title in three years.

Only 1970 champion to win again was Wheeling Central's Matt "Choo-Choo" Doyle (11-1). Victorious at 137 last winter, he sweat down to 126 this season and again prevailed. Central's other titlist was Val Gundling (14-1) at 165.

Oak Glen and Bridgeport also furnished two titlists apiece with Calvin Price (13-0) at 105, and Harry "Skip" Williams (10-2) at 112, winning for the Bears while Ross Roskovich (10-0) at 133, and Dave LaMotte (10-0), at 138, copped crowns for the Bulldogs.

Selected as the outstanding wrestler in the tournament and named as winner of the Dave Bierkotte Award, which was established by the Wheeling Central Booster Club to honor the memory of the great Central matman who was killed in an accident last spring, was Martins Ferry's heavyweight, Don Blum (12-1). Blum was the only contestant in the field to pin his way through the entire tournament.

Other champions were Ken Williams (8-1), Steubenville, at 119; Nick Tate, Brooke (9-3-1), at 155; and Art Jones (10-0), Bellaire's scrappy 98-pounder. Jones, "Skip" Williams, LaMotte, Tate, and Link are juniors while all other champions are seniors.

Ten top-seeded wrestlers - Jones, Price, Roskovich, LaMotte, Kosky, Link, and Blum - prevailed. Jones nipped Ken Reynolds, J. Marshall, by only one point, 7-6, in the finals while Price topped Don Wilfong, Weirton, 5-1; Roskovich edged Joe Kosem, Central, 2-0; LaMotte pinned previously unbeaten Frank Binke-witz, Wintersville, in 3:13; Kosky edged previously unbeaten Harry Cohen, Steubenville, 2-1; Link thumped previously unbeaten Keith Saltsman, Wintersville, 15-2; Evans took unbeaten Howard Ludwig, Mingo, 7-2; and Blum pinned undefeated Wally Pesuit, Wintersville, in 3:47.

Daryl Ward, Barnesville, top seeded

at 112, lost to "Skip" Williams, 3-2, in the final. Terry Bennington, Bridgeport, No. 1 seed at 119, bowed in the semi-finals to surprising Jim Talbert, unseeded Warwood grappler who was then edged by Ken Williams, 2-1, in the title showdown. Dick Johnson, of Barnesville, top seed at 126, lost to the second-seeded Doyle, 8-3, in their windup. Mike Bilica, Bridgeport, who was seeded first at 155, bowed to Tate, 1-0, in the finals.

Dave Beltrondo, St. John's No. 1 seed at 167, lost Friday in the first round, 9-8, to Bob Myers, Oak Glen, who was later eliminated by John Marshall's Bob Strawn, who bowed in the finals to Gundling in an 11-0 whitewash. Howard Ludwig, Mingo, was the top-rated grappler at 185 and came into the final with an 11-match win streak but bowed to Evans, 7-2.

Dave Cocco, unbeaten Brooke 138-pounder, was hospitalized during the week with a knee injury and lost to the Bruins for the season. LaMotte, originally seeded second to Cocco, then was moved to the top-seeded spot.

## OVAC Wrestling

### PRELIMINARIES

100 pounds - Mendenhall (L), Soltesz(SJ), 5:00. Mahlie (WI) D. Tarr, WA, 5-2.  
114 pounds - Hotlotz (SJ) d. Wright (BPT) 17-5,  
121 pounds - Kosky (SJ) p. Jenkins, (WE) :50; Campbell (TR) p. Schovich (MI), 3:05; Bruno (WC) d. Riggle (C) 6-0.  
128 pounds - Griffith (L), p. Schmitt (MI) 1:58; Duda (BRI) d. Sweeney (ST), 12-0; McKay (MF) d. Carnahan (OG), 9-5.  
134 pounds - P. Lupinetti (BRK) d. Hicks (WE) 4-3. DeFelice (WH) d. Metz (C) 10-0.  
140 pounds - Henry (BR) d. Speitts (R), 5-2. Exner (BE) d. Gresak (L), 6-4. Young (ST) d. Vdovjak (WA) 6-0.  
147 pounds - Antill (R) p. Burge (C), 3:19; Reline (BPT) p. Vrotsos (L) 4:45; Ferguson (BA) p. Eloi (WE) 3:05; Cappiccie (WAC) d. Brown (BR) 7-1.  
157 pounds - Reischman (BA), p. Pomento (BRI). 3:31; Speights (R) p. Campbell, (WA) 2:55; Stewart (WH) d. Childers (OG) 7-3; Stern (C) p. Hasper (SJ) 5:50.  
169 pounds - Myers (OG) d. Benton (BR) 9-2; M. Lupinetti (BK) d. Coast (WA)

5-2; Smith (BPT) p. DeFrancis (ST) 2:40.  
187 pounds - Hutton (WL) p. Carpenter  
(BA) 4:55; Kirzyc (WE) d. Deegan (C)  
11-2.  
HEAVY - Bishop (TR) p. Kessel (OG) 3:55;  
McCoy (BK) p. Eddy (WH) :39; Henry (R)  
p. Goddard (WA) 1:10.

#### FIRST ROUND

100 pounds - Jones (BE) p. Mendenhall  
(L) 3:37; Reynolds (JM) p. Nau (WC),  
2:33; Stephens, (BA) p. Burke (TR) :20;  
Eckleberry (OG) d. Fenimore (WH) 7-0;  
Kocher (BK) p. Foliette (MI) 5:50; Mc-  
Caffery (ST) p. Algeo (R) 1:25; McDonald  
(BR) p. Mahlie (WI) 2:15; Oberdick (MF)  
d. Palgia (BPT) 6-0.  
105 pounds - Price (OG) p. McCormick (L),  
1:24; Lavender (ST) p. Camilletti (WC),  
1:54; Allen (MI) d. Ochsenbein (WA) 7-2; West  
(JM) d. Wise (BA) 8-0; Foster (SJ) d.  
Withers (BK) 13-2; Cammer (BRI) d. Savar-  
ine (TR) 10-2; Grover (BPT) d. Rebich (WI) 4-0  
Wilfong (WE) d. Marcred (BE) 7-0.  
114 pounds - Helmbright (WH) d. Scott (C)  
8-0. Ward (BA) d. Hoflosz (SJ) 8-0; Rouse  
(MI) d. Ashe (L) 2-0; Doyle (WC) d. Hamm-  
ond (BE) 10-7; Montelone (WA) p. Miller  
(BK) 1:07 (OT) Lawrence (BRI) d. Dryden  
(ST) 2-1; Bennington (BPT) d. Kosky (SJ)  
3-2; Hall (WE) d. Parker (WI) (ref. dec.):  
Williams (OG) d. Dobbs (JM) 5-0.  
121 pounds - Bennington (BT) d. Kosky  
(SJ) 3-2; Talbert (WA) d. Richardson  
(WH) 11-2; Williams (ST) p. Campbell  
(TR) :50; Brinker (BE) d. Robinson (JM)  
4-2; Pickering (OG) d. Courtwright (BRI)  
10-0; Barr (L) p. Starcher (WI) 3:08;  
Bruno (WC) d. Winters (BA) 6-4; Mason  
(BK) d. Duncan (MF) 13-7.  
128 pounds - Nichols (BK) p. Eft (WI)  
4:57; Johnson (BA) d. McKay (MF) 15-2;  
Lyons (WE) p. Griffith (L) 1:46; Roti-  
llip (SJ) d. Taggart (WH) 17:1; Dunn  
(C) p. Creighton (BE) 3:49; Shalvey  
(WA) d. Jordan (TR) 15-2; Cordery (BT)  
d. M. Campbell (JM) 4-2; M. Doyle (WC)  
p. Duda (BRI) 4:30.  
134 pounds - Rybeck (TR) p. Roberts (OG)  
3:49; Roskovich (BPT) d. DeFelice (WH)  
8-2; Mavormatis (ST) d. Ramsey (BE) 10-0;  
Ferguson (WI) p. Pierce (M) 3:31; Bierce  
(JM) d. Ashe (L) 5-4; Moses (MF) d. Baker  
(SJ) 11-9; Myers (BA) d. Cross (WA) 7-1;  
Kosem (WC) d. Lupinetti (BR) 7-0.  
140 pounds - Jorandi (BK) d. Carpenter  
(BA) 4-1; LaMotte (BP) p. Exner (BE)

5:01; K. Campbell (JM) d. Magers (C)  
6-0; Mitchell (MF) p. Strick (WC) 1:27;  
Cooper (WE) p. Elder (M) 1:33; Frohnappel  
(SJ) p. Henry (BRI) 3:03; Binkiewicz  
(WI) p. Young (ST) 3:45; Michals (OG)  
d. Dobrynski (TR) 7-4.  
146 pounds - Kosky (SJ) d. Antill (R)  
12-0; Taylor (BE) d. Powell (BK) 5-2;  
Ackerman (MF) d. Cappiccie (WC) 12-0;  
Reline (BP) d. Eddy (MI) 12-2; Rinehart  
(WI) d. Barrett (TRI) 8-2; Jivider (OG)  
d. Myers (WH) 13-7; Matyzkiela (WA) d.  
Maidens (JM) 7-2; Cohen (ST) d. Ferguson  
(BA) 8-1.  
156 pounds - Bilica (BP) d. Speight  
(R) 6-1; Young (WC) d. Glass (L) 17-2;  
Kittle (JM) p. Stewart (WH) 2:50; Elder  
(M) p. Stern (C) 3:45; Taylor (MF) d.  
Harman (WE) 3-2; Frangos (TR) d. Bruno  
(BE) 7-4; Reischman (BA) d. Spencer  
(ST) 5-4. Tate (BR) d. Geary (WIN) 12-2.  
168 pounds - Myers (OG) d. Beltrondo  
(SJ) 9-8; Strawn (JM) p. Williamson  
(MI) 1:30; Suriano (MF) d. White (WE)  
15-0; Gundling (WC) p. M. Lupinetti  
(BK) 3:18; Eshler (BA) d. Ross (C) 9-3;  
Adams (BE) d. Hill (WH) 3-2 (OT): Ross  
(L) d. Ryan (TR) 3-2; James (WI) d.  
Smith (BP) 16-2.  
177 pounds - Regoli (BELL) p. Cuning-  
ham (BK) 5:24; Eddy (TR) p. Nisperly.  
(BE) 2:00; Seltzman (WI) p. Crew (JM)  
5:29; Kuskey (L) p. Busick (WE) 1:20;  
Sandomas (ST) d. DeLong (OG) 12-1.  
Petrozzi (MI) d. Salimbene (MF) 7-0;  
Claugus (BA) p. Reidel (WC) 3:07. Link  
(SJ) bye.  
185 pounds - Ludewig (MI) p. Hutton  
(WI) 2:27; Kuree (TR) d. Jarrett (WA)  
4-0; Bruhankes (R) Dec. Ray (BK) 13:5;  
Mueller (WC) p. Krusel (BE) 2:52; Mon-  
cilovich (ST) p. Myers (WH) 3:29; Evans  
(SJ) p. Kirzyc (WE) :51; Zorbini (BRI)  
p. Delmond (BP) 1:36; Zuk (JM) d. Pow-  
ell (MF) 10-1.  
HEAVY - Blum (MF) p. Bishop (TR) 1:39;  
Yocke (WC) p. McCoy; (BK) :35; Prsuit  
(WI) p. Henry (R) 1:36; Wehr (BA) p.  
Schultz (M) :52; Hawk (JM) d. Hvizdak  
(WE) 10-3; Blanchard (BRI) d. Marsh  
(BP) 13-2. Kalifut (ST) p. Durbin (C)  
2:43; Donahue (WJ) p. Wright (BE) 3:33.

#### QUARTER FINALS

100 pounds - Stephens (BARN) pinned  
Kocher (BRK) 40 secs. Jones (BELL) d.  
Eckleberry (OG) 6-1; McDonald (BRILL)  
d. Oberdick (MF) 7-1; Reynolds (JM)



d. McCaffery (ST) 6-0.  
 107 pounds- Allen (MI) p. Kammer (BRI)  
 1:20; Price (OG) pinned Lavender (ST)  
 3:36; West (JM) pinned Grover (BPT) 5:01;  
 Wilfong (WEIR) dec. Foster (ST J) 6-3.  
 114 pounds - Ward (BARNES) p. Helmbright  
 (W) 1:40; Montelone (WAR) p. Rouse (MI)  
 3:30; Doyle (WHG C) d. Hall (WEI) 12-2:  
 Williams OG) d. Lawrence (BRI) 3-0.  
 121 pounds - Talbert (WAR) pinned Pickering  
 (OG) 3:27; Bennington (BPT) d. Brinker  
 (BELL) 11-2; Williams (ST) d. Barr (L)  
 8-2; Bruno (MI) d. Mason (BRK) 8-5.  
 128 pounds - Rotillio (ST J) d. Shalvey  
 (WAR) 11-3; Lyons (WEIR) p. Dunn (CAM)  
 4:46; Doyle (WHG C) d. Cordery (BPT)  
 11-1; Johnson (BARN) over Nichols (BRK)  
 Ovt. ref. dec.  
 134 pounds - Bierce (JM) p. Moses (MF)  
 :57; Roskovich (BPT) d. Rybeck (TR) 12-0;  
 Kosem (WHG C) d. Ferguson (WINT) 5-1;  
 Mayromatos (ST) d. Myers (BARN) 4-3.  
 140 pounds - Mitchell (MF) dec. Jonard  
 (BRK) 6-1; Frohnappfel (ST J) d. Cooper  
 (WEIR) 15-6; LaMotte (BPT) d. Campbell  
 (JM) 11-0; Binkiewicz (WINT) d. Michaels  
 (OG) 7-0.  
 147 pounds - Reline (BPT) d. Jividen  
 (OG) 6-0; Kosky (ST J) d. Taylor (BRI)  
 11-2; Cohen (STEUB) d. Matyskela (WAR)  
 9-1; Ackerman (MF) d. Rinehart (WINT)  
 4-0.  
 157 pounds - Tate (BRK) dec. Reischman  
 (BARN) 4-0; Kittle (JM) d. Frangos (TR)  
 7-1; Billica (BPT) p. Young (WHG C) 4:20;  
 Elder (MINGO) d. Taylor (MF) 2-0 ovt.  
 169 pounds - Strawn (JM) d. Myers (OG)  
 8-2; James (WINT) d. Ross (LIN) 5-1;  
 Suriano (MF) d. Eshler (BARNES) 2-1.  
 Gundling (WHG C) d. Adams (BELL) 12-0.  
 177 pounds - Claugus (BARNES) p. Kuskey  
 (LIN) 4:45; Saltsman (WINT) d. Sandonas  
 (STEUB) 4-1; Regoli (BELL) p. Pettrozzi  
 (MINGO) 3:50; Link (ST J) d. Eddy (TR)  
 7-0.  
 187 pounds - Ludewig (MINGO) p. Bruo-  
 raker (RIVER) :45; Zuk (JM) d. Zorrini  
 (BRILL) 6-2; Evans (ST J) d. Moncilovich  
 (STEUB) 11-4; Kurre (TR) d. Mueller (WHG  
 C) 10-7.  
 HEAVY - Blum (MF) p. Wehr (BARNES) 3:55;  
 Hawk (JM) d. Blanchard (BRILL) 2-0;  
 Presuit (WINT) d. Donahue (ST J) 8-3;  
 Yocke (WHG C) d. Kalifut (ST) 7-2.

## OVAC WRESTLING RESULTS

### CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

95 pounds - Art Jones, Bell. dec. Ken  
 Reynolds (JM) 7-6.  
 105 pounds - Calvin Price (OG) dec. Don  
 Wilfong (WEIR) 5-1.  
 112 pounds - Harry "Skip" Williams  
 (OG) dec. Daryl Ward (BARNES) 3-2.  
 119 pounds - Ken Williams (STEUB.) dec.  
 Jim Talbert (WAR) 2-1.  
 126 pounds - Matt Doyle (WHG. C.) dec.  
 Dick Johnson (BARNES) 8-3.  
 133 pounds - Rose Roskovich (BPT.)  
 dec. Joe Kosem (WHG. C.) 2-0.  
 138 pounds - Dave LaMotte (BPT.) pinned  
 Frank Binkewicz (WINT.) 3:12.  
 145 pounds - Gary Kosky (ST J) dec.  
 Harry Cohen (STEUB) 2-1.  
 155 pounds - Nick Tate (BRK) dec. Mike  
 Billica (BPT.) 1-0.  
 167 pounds - Val Gundling (WHG. C) dec.  
 Bob Strawn (JM) 11-0.  
 175 pounds - Rick Link (ST J) dec. Keith  
 Saltsman (WINT.) 15-2.  
 185 pounds - Ed Evans (ST J) dec. Howard  
 Ludewig (MINGO) 7-2.  
 HEAVY - Don Blum (MF) pinned Wally Pes-  
 uit (WINT.) 3:47.

### CONSOLATION (FIFTH AND SIXTH)

98 pounds - Stephens (BARNES.) dec.  
 McCaffery (STEUB.) 10-5.  
 105 pounds - Allen (MINGO) dec. West  
 (JM) 9-0.  
 112 pounds - Lawrence (BRILL) dec. Mon-  
 telone (WAR.) 4-0.  
 119 pounds - Barr (LIN) dec. Pickering  
 (OG) 2-1.  
 126 pounds - Lyons (WEIR) dec. Rotillio  
 (ST J) 8-4.  
 133 pounds - Ferguson (WINT.) dec. Rybeck  
 (TRIAD) 12-5.  
 138 pounds - Young (STEUB) dec. Mitchell  
 (MF) 4-2.  
 145 pounds - Ferguson (BARNES.) dec.  
 Taylor (BELL.) 6-0.  
 155 pounds - Elder (MINGO) dec. Reisch-  
 man (BARNES) 1-0, ovt.  
 167 pounds - Suriano (MF) dec. Adams  
 (BELL.) 5-0.  
 175 pounds - Sandonas (STEUB.) dec. Eddy  
 (TRIAD) 2-1.

187 pounds - Moncilovich (STEUB.) dec.  
Kurre (TRIAD) 9-0.  
HEAVY - Bishop (TRIAD) dec. Donahue (ST J)  
3-1.

#### CONSOLATIONS (THIRD AND FOURTH)

98 pounds - McDonald (BRILL) dec. Eckle-  
berry (OG) 10-3.  
105 pounds - Lavender (STEUB.) dec.  
Foster (ST J) 4-3.  
112 pounds - Hotlotz (ST J) dec. Doyle  
(WHG. C.) 1-0.  
119 pounds - Bennington (BPT) dec. Bruno  
(WHG. C.) 5-4.  
126 pounds - Nichols (BRK) dec. Cordery  
(BPT) 5-2.  
133 pounds - Mavromatis (STEUB.) over  
Bierce (JM) ref. dec.  
138 pounds - Frohnappel (ST J) pinned  
Campbell (JM) 4:25.  
144 pounds - Reine (BPT) dec. Ackerman  
(MF) 4-0.  
155 pounds - Kittle (JM) dec. Young  
(WHG. C.) 7-0.  
167 pounds - James (WINT) dec. William-  
son (MINGO) 5-2.  
175 pounds - Claugus (BARNES.) dec. Reg-  
oli (BELL.) 16-4.  
187 pounds - Zuk (JM) pinned Yocke (WHG.  
C.) 2:41.

#### SEMI-FINALS

98 pounds - Jones (BELL.) pinned Step-  
hens (BARNES) 4:30; Reynolds (JM) dec.  
McDonald (BRILL.) 6-2.  
105 pounds - Price (OG) pinned Allen  
(MINGO) 3:04; Wilfong (WEIR.) dec. West  
(JM) 5-3.  
112 pounds - Ward (BARNES.) pinned Monte-  
long (WAR.) 5:05; Williams (OG) dec.  
Doyle (WHG. C.) 2-1.  
119 pounds - Talbert (WAR) dec. Benning-  
ton (BPT) 2-1; Williams (STEUB.) pinned  
Bruno (WHG. C.) 5:58.  
126 pounds - Johnson (BARNES.) dec.  
Rotillio (ST J) 3-1; Doyle (WHG. C.)  
dec. Lyons (WEIR.) 11-6.  
132 pounds - Kosem (WHG. C.) dec. Bierce  
(JM) 6-3; Roskovich (BPT.) dec. Mauro-  
matis (STEUB.) 7-0.  
138 pounds - Poinkiewicz (WINT) dec.  
Frohnappel (ST J) 2-0; Lamotte (BPT.)  
dec. Mitchell (MF) 6-2.

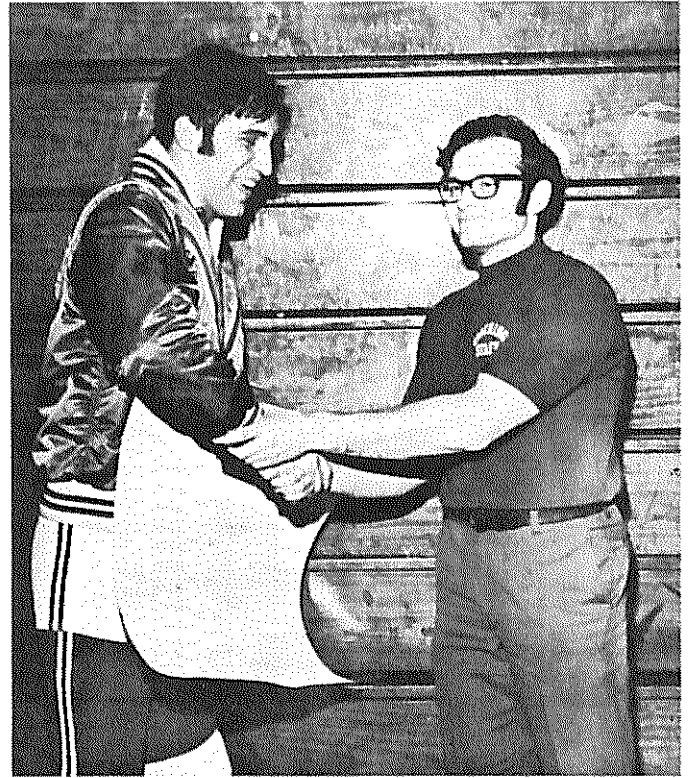
145 pounds - Kosky (ST J) dec. Ackerman  
(MF) 7-2; Cohen (STEUB.) dec. Reine  
(BPT.) 4-1.  
155 pounds - Tate (BRK) dec. Kittle  
(JM) 3-2; Bilica (BPT) dec. Elder  
(MINGO) 6-2.  
167 pounds - Gundling (WHG. C.) pinned  
James (WINT.) 5:30; Strawn (JM) dec.  
Suriano (MF) 8-1.  
175 pounds - Link (ST J) pinned Regol  
(BELL.) 3:25; Saltsman (WINT.) pinned  
Claugus (BARNES.) 3:55.  
185 pounds - Ludewig (MINGO) dec. Kurre  
(TRIAD) 8-0; Evans (ST J) dec. Zuk (JM)  
11-1.  
HEAVY - Blum (MF) pinned

#### CONSOLATIONS

98 pounds - Eckleberry (OG) dec. Menden-  
hall (LINS) 3-1; McCafferty (STEUB.)  
pinned Nau (WHG. C.) 3:25.  
105 pounds - Lavender (STEUB.) dec. Mc-  
Cormick (LINS) 4-0; Foster (ST J) dec.  
Marced (BELL.) 4-0.  
112 pounds - Hotlotz (ST J) dec. Helm-  
bright (WHG.) 2-1; Lawrence (BRILL.)  
dec. Dobbs (JM) 2-1.  
119 pounds - Barr (LINS) pinned Campbell  
(TRIAD) 1:39; Pickering (OG) dec. Rich-  
ardson (WHG.) 6-2.  
126 pounds - Nichols (BRK) dec. McKay  
(MF) 14-5; Cordery (BPT.) dec. K. Duda  
(BRILL.) 1-0 ovt.  
132 pounds - Rybeck (TRIAD.) dec. De-  
Felice (WHG.) 8-4; Ferguson (WINT.)  
dec. Lupinetti (BRK) 9-1.  
138 pounds - Young (STEUB.) dec. Michaels  
(OG) 9-0. K. Campbell (JM) dec. Exner  
(BELL.) 3-2.  
145 pounds - Ferguson (BARNES) dec.  
Matyskela (WAR.) 10-2; Taylor (BELL.)  
dec. Antill (RIVER) 18-8.  
155 pounds - Reischman (BARNES.) pinned  
Geary (WINT.) 8:00; Young (WHG.C.) pinned  
Speights (RIVER) 3:32.  
167 pounds - Williamson (MINGO) dec.  
Myers (OG) 4-0; Adams (BELL.) won by de-  
fault.  
175 pounds - Sandonas (STEUB.) dec. Crow  
(JM) 4-3.  
185 pounds - Hutton (WINT.) pinned Bru-  
baker (RIVER) 3:33; Monclovich (STEUB.)  
pinned Kirzyc (WEIR) 2:20.  
HEAVY - Donahue (ST J) pinned Henry  
(RIVER) 1:39; Bishop (TRIAD) pinned  
Wehr (BARNES.) 2:49.

## CONSOLATION SEMI-FINALS

98 pounds - Eckleberry (OG) pinned Stephens (BARNES.) 2:30; McDonald (BRILL.) dec. McCafferty (STEUB.) 6-1.  
105 pounds - Lavender (STEUB.) dec. Allens (MINGO) 9-3; Foster (ST J) dec. West (JM) 2-0 ovt.  
112 pounds - Hotlotz (ST J) dec. Montelone (WAR.) 5-2; Doyle (WHG. C.) dec. Lawrence (BRILL.) 2-1.  
119 pounds - Bennington (BPT.) pinned Pickering (OG) 2:37; Bruno (WHG. C.) dec. Barr (LINS) 6-0.  
126 pounds - Cordery (BPT.) dec. Lyons (WEIR) 9-5; Nichols (BRK) dec. Rotilio (ST J) 6-0 ovt.  
132 pounds - Mavromatis (STEUB.) dec. Rybeck (TRIAD) 6-4; Bierce (JM) pinned Ferguson (WINT.) 1:57 ovt.  
138 pounds - Campbell (JM) dec. Mitchell (MF) 3-2; Frohnafel (ST J) dec. Young (STEUB.) 5-0 ovt.  
145 pounds - Reline (BPT.) dec. Ferguson (BARNES) 3-0; Ackerman (MF) dec. Taylor (BELL.) 3-0 ovt.  
155 pounds - Young (WHG. C.) dec. Elder (MINGO) 4-3; Kittle (JM) pinned Reisman (BARNES.) 2:24.  
167 pounds - Williamson (MINGO) dec. Suriano (MF) 4-2; James (WINT.) dec. Adams (BELL.) 7-0.  
175 pounds - Regoli (BELL.) dec. Eddy (TRIAD) 7-3; Claugus (BARNES.) dec. Sandones (STEUB.) 5-1.  
185 pounds - Hutton (WINT.) dec. Kurre (TRIAD.) 16-2; Zuk (JM) dec. Moncillovich (STEUB.) 6-2.  
HEAVY - Hawk (JM) dec. Bishop (TRIAD.) 7-0; Yocke (WHG. C.) dec. Donahue (ST J) 7-0.



COACH STEVE KISH  
CONGRATULATING DON BLUM  
OUTSTANDING WRESTLER OF TOURNAMENT

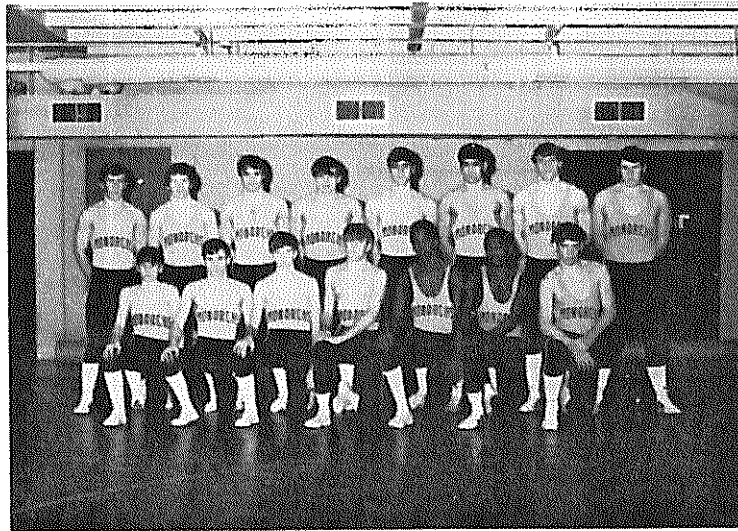
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JOHN MARSHALL'S

1972

OVAC CHAMPS

West Virginia State Champions



Wednesday Evening, January 26, 1972

## 258 Wrestlers in Tourney

### JOHN MARSHALL RATES

### AS OVAC MAT FAVORITE

John Marshall's Monarchs will be favored to achieve their first Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling championship this weekend when they play hosts to the 19th annual conference tournament at Moundsville fieldhouse.

Among the top six seeds in each weight class for the Friday and Saturday eliminations, the Monarchs have 11 boys. That's four more than any other school as Brooke, Steubenville, Martins Ferry and St. John's Central's defending champions have seven each.

Warwood, Brilliant, and Oak Glen are in with five seeds apiece, compared to four for Wintersville and Weirton; three each for Barnesville and Bellaire; two apiece for Linsly Institute, Wheeling, River and Bridgeport; and one each for Wheeling Central and Triadelphia.

However, John Marshall boasts the top-seeded grappler in only one weight class while Brooke has three and St. John's two.

Top-seeded, on the basis of records against competition, were Robbie Stephens, Barnesville (10-0), at 98 pounds; Art Jones, Bellaire (9-0), at 105 pounds; Dan Doyle, Wheeling Central (11-1) at 112 pounds; Greg Lawrence, Brilliant (7-0) at 119; Doug Mason, Brooke (18-0), at 126; Mike Mavromatis, Steub. (8-0), at 132; John Nichols Brooke, (16-2), at 138; John Vdovjak, Warwood (10-0), at 145; Bob Strawn, John Marshall (13-1), at 167; Rick Link, St. John's (7-0), at 175; Mike Donahue, St. John's (6-0), at 185; and Wally Pesuit, Wintersville (8-0), heavyweight. Accompanying records are for matches only against conference foes.

Despite the absence of Bridgeport's unbeaten 138-pound star, Dave Lamotte, due to a leg injury, there will be four 1971 individual titlists in the tournament. They are Jones, who has moved up from 98 to 105 pounds; Oak Glen's Harry "Skip" Williams, who won at 12 last year but is now third seeded at 119; Tate and Link.

In addition there will be five 1971 runnersup participating. They are John Marshall's Ken Reynolds, seeded No. 3 at 105; Mike Billica, Bridgeport, seeded No. 2 at 167; Strawn; Pesuit, and Wintersville 175-pounder Keith Saltsman, seeded second.

In all, there will be 258 wrestlers from 21 schools in the tourney, which begins at 2 pm on Friday. Quarter-finals will be at 7 on Friday night; semi-finals at 1 pm Saturday with consolations at 3 and both championship and consolation finals at 7 pm.

Six places will be scored in the tournament. Four mats will be in use.

George Walley, athletic director at John Marshall, and Bill Hinegardner, head coach of the Monarchs, are co-directors of the tournament.

The six seeds in each weight class follow:

98 pounds - Robbie Stephens (BARNES.)  
2. Mark Eckleberry (OG); 3. Robert Jarrett (STEUB.) 4. Robert Mendenhall (LINSLY); 5. Jeff Felton (BROOKE); 6. Lance Tarr (WAR.).

105 pounds - 1. Art Jones (BELL.) 2. Gene Monteleone (WAR.); 3. Ken Reynolds (JM) 4. Dennis Pickering (OG); 5. Rick Oberdick (MF); 6. Joe Cammer, (BRILL.)

112 pounds - 1. Dan Doyle (WHG. C.) 2. Ed West (JM); 3. Bob Foster (ST J); 4. George Mahlie (WINT.); 5. Chris Pryor (WEIR); 6. Kevin McCafferty (STEUB.).

119 pounds - 1. Greg Lawrence (BRILL.)  
2. Dick Ochsenbein (WAR.); 3. Harry "Skip" Williams (OG) 4. Dave Dobbs (JM)  
5. Frank Hotlosz (ST J); 6. Jeff Haught (MF).

126 pounds - 1. Doug Mason (BROOKE) 2. Alex Lyons (WEIR.) 3. Mike Rotillio (ST J); 4. Rich Tluchowski (STEUB.) 5. Frank Constantini (WHG.) 6. Ron Griffin (JM).

132 pounds - 1. Mike Mavromatis (STEUB.)  
2. Randy Bierce (JM) 3. Kevin Duda (BRILL.) 4. Jeff Duncan (MF); 5. Ken Robinson (BROOKE); 6. Dave Kosky (ST J).

138 pounds - 1. John Nichols (BROOKE)  
2. Mark Campbell (JM); 3. Bill Johnson (STEUB.) 4. Frank Binkiewicz (WINT.)  
5. Mark Mitchell (MF); 6. Bill Taggart (WHG.).

145 pounds - 1. John Vdovjak (WAR.); 2. Pat Lupinetti (BROOKE); 3. Dave Jividen (OG); 4. Mike Maidens (JM); 5. Tom Myers (ST J); 6. Shawn Crosier (STEUB.).  
 155 pounds - 1. Nick Tate (BROOKE); 2. Rick Spencer (STEUB.); 3. Rick Kittle (JM); 4. Gary Bruno (BELL.) 5. Chuck Antill (RIVER); 6. Jim Ackerman (MF).  
 167 pounds - 1. Robert Strawn (JM); 2. Mike Bilica (BPT); 3. Harry Higgins (BRILL.); 4. Tom Suriano (MF); 5. Brian Campbell (WAR.); 6. Frank Ferguson (BARNES).  
 175 pounds - 1. Rick Link (ST J); 2. Keith Saltsman (WINT.); 3. Mitch Taylor (MF); 4. Charles Dight (BROOKE); 5. Bruce Long (BARNES.); 6. Bill Ferguson (STEUB.).  
 185 pounds - 1. Mike Donahue (ST J); 2. Mike Regoli (BELL.); 3. Jim Sellitti (WEIR.); 4. Jim Meeker (JM); 5. Ron Kuskey (LINS); 6. Eric Brubaker (RIVER).  
 HEAVYWEIGHT - 1. Wally Pesuit (WINT.); 2. Jim Woofter (OG) 3. George Kovalick (WEIR); 4. Mark Bishop (TRIAD).

BELLAIRE'S JONES TOP  
 WRESTLER IN TOURNEY

By BILL VAN HORNE  
 News-Register Sports Editor

John Marshall High won its first Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling championship Saturday night before a roaring, tourney-record crowd at the Moundsville fieldhouse.

With action completed in ten of the 13 weight classes, the Monarchs were deadlocked with up-river rivals Weirton and Brooke each with 80 points. But the Red Riders and Bruins were blanked the rest of the way while Bill Hinegardner's squad picked up ten big points to tuck away the title.

John Marshall had been the pre-tourney favorite, with 11 seeded grapplers, but apprehension set in among Monarch fans Saturday afternoon when only one of their matmen survived the semi-finals. However the hosts bounced back strong in the consolation bracket to close in on Brooke and Weirton and then cleaned up in the higher weights at the night session to gain its coveted triumph.

John Marshall had only one individual titlist, Jim Meeker, the all-state football player who took honors at 185 pounds. It was Meeker's pin of Weirton's Jim Sellitti that clinched the team

championship for the Monarchs, although it had been Scott Lehasky, promoted to the starting lineup for this tourney, who put them ahead when he copped fifth-place honors at 175. Heavyweight Dave Crow's pin in the third-place consolation simply iced the cake.

While Brooke and Weirton, with their 80 points apiece, shared the runnerup trophy - ten points in arrears of J. Marshall - St. John's Central's defending titlists finished fourth with 68½ points. Then came a surprisingly strong Warwood team, with 68, followed by Steubenville, 65½; Martins Ferry 65; Wintersville 56½; Barnesville, 55; Bellaire, 43; Oak Glen 39; Brilliant 36½; Wheeling Central 25; River 24; Linsly, 16; Wheeling 15; Bridgeport 13; Mingo 10; Union Local 6; Cameron 4; and Triadelphia 2.

Selected for the Dave Bierkorte Memorial Award as the outstanding wrestler in the tourney was Bellaire's crowd-pleasing mite, Art Jones, who scored three pins in four matches. Champion at 98 pounds last year, Jones moved up to 105 this year to grab another title. He is unbeaten in 12 starts this season.

Jones pinned Joe Cammer 11-2 of Brilliant, in the finals. Other 1970 champions to win again were Harry "Skip" Williams, of Oak Glen, victorious at 112 last year and winner at 119 this year; and St. John's Central's unbeaten 175-pounder Rick Link. Link (14-0) defeated Keith Saltsman, of Wintersville, in the finals for the second straight year. The score was 8-0 as Link handed Saltsman his first loss in 12 outings. Williams (11-2-1), a state champ in West Virginia last year, nosed out Greg Lawrence of Brilliant 12-1 by a 2-1 score on riding time.

One 1970 titlist, Brooke's Nick Tate (18-6), lost out at 155 pounds as he bowed in the finals to Rich Spencer (12-1) of Steubenville by a 5-2 count.

However, Brooke has two champions in Doug Mason (22-2) at 126 pounds and Dick Nichols (20-4) at 138. Nichols won a wild one from previously unbeaten George Speights (6-1), first River High wrestler ever to reach the finals. Mason edged Alex Lyons (15-5) of Weirton, in the 126-pound title match 5-4.

Other titlists were Barnesville's

Robbie Stephens, at 98 pounds; Wheeling Central's Dan Doyle, at 112; Steubenville's Mike Mavromatis, at 132; Warwood's John Vdovjak, at 145; Barnesville's Frank Ferguson, at 167; and Wintersville's Wally Pesuit, the giant heavyweight.

Pesuit (13-0) was the only wrestler to pin his way through the tourney. He scored three quick first-period falls but had more difficulty in the finals when Weirton's Ted Gillette, though outweighed tremendously, put up a lively scrap before being pinned in the third period.

Stephens (14-0) blanked Warwood's Lance Tarr, 15-0, in the 98-pound final. Doyle (9-2) took his crown with an 8-2 verdict John Marshall's Ed West (13-2). Mavromatis (13-0) edged Dave Kosky (10-5) of St. John's 1-0, with an escape. Ferguson (12-2) and Weirton sophomore Eric Frankovich (15-6) were surprise finalists at 167, where Ferguson triumphed 6-1.

When Meeker stopped Sellitti, it gave the John Marshall 185-pounder at a 14-3 record. It was the fourth loss in 17 starts for Sellitti.

One 1970 champion, Dave Lamotte, Bridgeport standout, underwent knee surgery earlier in the week at Martins Ferry Hospital and missed a chance to defend his title.

#### CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

98 pounds - Robbie Stephens (BARNES.) dec. Lance Tarr (WAR.) 15-0.  
 105 pounds - Art Jones (BELL.) pinned Joe Cammer (BRILL.) 4:22.  
 112 pounds Skip Williams (OAK GLEN) dec. Greg Lawrence (Brilliant)  
 119 pounds - Dan Doyle (WHG. C.) dec. Ed West (JM) 8-2.  
 126 pounds - Doug Mason (BROOKE) dec. Alex Lyons (WEIR.) 5-4.  
 132 pounds - Mike Mavromatis (STEUB.) dec. Dave Kosky (ST J) 1-0.  
 138 pounds - Dick Nichols (BROOKE) dec. George Speights (RIVER) 10-8.  
 145 pounds - John Vdovjak (WAR.) dec. Pat Lupinetti (BROOKE) 2-0 ovt.  
 165 pounds - Rick Spencer (STEUB.) dec. Nick Tate (BROOKE) 6-2.  
 167 pounds - Frank Ferguson (BARNES.) dec. Eric Frankovich (WEIR.) 6-1.  
 175 pounds - Rick Link (ST J) dec. Keith Saltsman (WINT.) 8-0.  
 185 pounds - Jim Meeker (JM) pinned Jim Sellitti (WEIR.) 3:51.

HEAVYWEIGHT - Wally Pesuit (WINT.) pinned Ted Gillette (WEIR.) 4:29.

#### THIRD PLACE FINALS

98 pounds - Felton (BROOKE) dec. Jarrett (STEUB.) 3-0.  
 106 pounds - Oberdick (MF) dec. Monte-leone (WAR.) 4-2.  
 112 pounds - Pryor (WEIR.) dec. McCafferty (STEUB.) 12-10.  
 119 pounds - Hotlotz (ST J) dec. Ochsenbein (WAR.) 6-4.  
 126 pounds - Rotillo (ST J) dec. McKaye (MF) 5-2.  
 132 pounds - Bierce (JM) dec. Duncan (MF) 2-1.  
 138 pounds - Mitchell (MF) dec. Johnston (STEUB.) 4-3.  
 145 pounds - Jividen (OG) dec. Maidens (JM) 6-2.  
 155 pounds - Ackerman (MF) dec. Bruno, BELL. 5-0.  
 167 pounds - Bilica (BPT.) dec. Strawn (JM) 4-1.  
 175 pounds - Taylor (MF) dec. Long (Barnes.) 3-0.  
 185 pounds - Regoli (BELL.) pinned Atkinson (WINT.) 2:11.  
 HEAVYWEIGHT - Crow (JM) pinned Geary (BROOKE) 4:50.

#### FIFTH PLACE FINALS

98 - Mendenhall (LINS) pinned Larosa (WINT) 1:35.  
 106 - Wise (BARNES) won by default over Pickering (OG).  
 112 - Foster (ST J) d. Mahlie (WINT) 5-4.  
 119 - Lukacena (WINT) d. Ferguson (BARNES) 5-0.  
 126 - Griffin (JM) p. Miller (WHG. C.) 1:37.  
 132 - Shalvey (WAR) d. Richardson (WHG) 3-2.  
 138 - Waldeck (WEIR) d. Ashe (LINS) 13-3.  
 145 - Myers (ST J) d. Hill (WHG) 5-0.  
 155 - Harmon (WEIR) d. Antill (RIVER) 4-2.  
 167 - Higgins (BRILL) p. Suriano (MF) 4:18.  
 175 - Lehasky (JM) p. Ferguson (STEUB) 4:30.  
 185 - Simpson (WAR) won by default over Donahue (ST J).  
 HEAVY - Woofter (OG) p. Williamson (MINGO) 1:40.



## SEMI-FINALS

98 pounds - Tarr (War.) dec. Jarrett (Steub.), 3-2; Stephens (Barn.) dec. Mendenhall (Lin.) 12-4.  
 105 pounds - Cammer (Brill.) dec. Wise (Barn.) 11-10; Jones (Bell.) dec. Pickering (O.G.), 4-2.  
 112 pounds - West (J.M.) dec. Foster (St.J.), 4-1; Doyle (Whg.C.) dec. Mahlie (Wint.), 10-5.  
 119 pounds - Lawrence (Bril.) dec. Ferguson (Barn.), 5-2; Williams (O.G.) dec. Ochsenbien (War.) 7-3.  
 126 pounds - Mason (Brooke) pinned McKaye (M.F.), 2:53; Lyons (Weir) dec. Rotillio (St.J.), 5-0, o.t.  
 132 pounds - Kosky (St.J.) dec. Shalvey (War.), 7-4; Mavromatis (Steub.) dec. Duncan (M.F.), 3-1, o.t.  
 138 pounds - Nichols (Brooke), dec. Ashe (Linsly), 18-5; Speights (Riv.) pinned Waldack (Weir.), 5:38.  
 145 pounds - Lupinetti (Brke.), dec. Jividen (O.G.), 5-2; Vdovjak (War.) dec. Maidens (J.M.), 7-2.  
 155 pounds - Tate (Brke.) dec. Bruno (Bell.) 6-2; Spencer (Steub.) dec. Harmon (Weir.), o.t. ref. dec.  
 167 pounds - Ferguson (Barnes.) dec. Higgins (Bril.), 4-0; Frankovitch (Weir.) dec. Strawn (J.M.), 10-2  
 175 pounds - Link (St.J.) dec. Lahasky (J.M.), 9-1; Saltsman (Wint.) dec. Taylor (M.F.), 10-2.  
 185 pounds - Sellitti (WEIR.) dec. Regoli (BELL.) 3-2; Mecker (JM) over Donahue (ST J) by default in third period (Donahue injured ankle).  
 HEAVY - Pesuit (WINT.) pinned Williamson (MINGO) 49 secs; Gillette (WEIR.) dec. Crow (JM) 3-1.  
 126 pounds - Miller (WHG. C.) dec. Constantini (WHG.) 9-7; Griffin (JM) dec. Lewton (WAR.) 3-0.  
 132 pounds - Richardson (WHG.) dec. Dolan (WHG. C.) 5-2; Bierce (JM) dec. McDonald (TRIAD) 3-1.  
 138 pounds - Mitchell (MF) pinned Dolan (WHG. C.) 2:26; Johnston (STEUB.) dec. Baker (ST J) 2-1.  
 145 pounds - Myers (ST J) dec. Rinehart (WINT.) 8-0; Hill (WHG.) dec. Selip (WEIR) 5-0.  
 146 pounds - Jivident (OG) dec. Hill (WHG.) 3-1; Maidens (JM) dec. Myers (ST J) 3-2.  
 155 pounds - Bruno (BELL.) dec. Antill (RIVER) 11-2; Ackerman (MF) dec. Harmon (WEIR.) 2-1.  
 167 pounds - Strawn (JM) dec. Suriano (MF) 7-6; Bilica (BPT.) dec. Higgius (BRILL.) 3-0.  
 175 pounds - Long (BARNES.) dec. Lehasky (JM) 3-1; Taylor (MF) dec. Ferguson (STEUB.) 7-6.  
 185 pounds - Atkinson (WINT.) over Donahue (ST J) by default; Regoli (BELL.) dec. Simpson (WAR.) 4-0.  
 HEAVY - Crow (JM) dec. Wooffer (OG) 8-3; Geary (BROOKE) dec. Williamson (MINGO) 12-7.

## CONSOLATION FIRST ROUND

98 pounds - Felton (BROOKE) dec. Foster (ST. J) 15-0. Larosa (WINT.) dec. Eckleberry (OG) 6-1.  
 105 pounds - Oberdick (MF) dec. Cohen (STEUB.) 8-0; Monteleone (WAR.) dec. Ballard (UL) 10-2.  
 112 pounds - Pryor (WEIR.) pinned Alego (RIVER) 2:00; McCafferty (STEUB.) pinned Fisher (TRIAD) 4:38.  
 119 pounds - Hotlosz (ST J) dec. Livingston (WEIR) 6-2; Lukacena (WINT.) dec. Ashe (LINS) 6-0.

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Front row L-R Rob Stephens, Art Jones, Dan Doyle, Skip Williams,  
Doug Mason, Mike Mavromatis  
Back row L-R Dick Nichols, John Vdovjak, Rick Spencer, Frank  
Ferguson, Rick Link, Jim Meeker, Wally Pursuit

1973

## Monarchs Defend Crown

### OVAC WRESTLERS CLASH

John Marshall may prove a rude host this weekend to the 24-team OVAC wrestling tournament at the Moundsville Fieldhouse.

The defending champion Monarchs, with 12 seeded entries, are rated the team to beat but Barnesville, with nine seeds and Warwood, with eight, are rated stiff challengers.

Other contenders could be Steubenville (8), Martins Ferry (8), and Weirton (6). Union Local has seven seeds, Oak Glen six, and Linsly and Brooke five each.

Defending individual laurels this year will be 112-pound Dan Doyle (10-0) of Wheeling Central, 145-pound John Vdovjak (14-0) of Warwood, who has a two-season victory streak of 37, and 115-pound Rick Spencer (6-1) of Steubenville Big Red. Vdovjak also captured WV honors last season while John Marshall was wrapping up team laurels.

John Marshall's Ed West (10-0), runner-up at 112 last year, is top-seeded now at 126.

Other runnersup in the field include top seeds Dave Kosky (5-1) of St. John's at 132 and Eric Frankovich (13-0) of Weirton at 185, plus River's George Speights, who has moved up from 138 to 134.

Besides West, JM's other top seeds are Randy Bierce (8-0-2) at 138 and Scott Lehasky (6-0-1) at 167.

Other top seeds include Brooke's Kevin Felton (13-0) at 98 and John Geary (12-0) at 175; Buckeye North's Joe Kammer (6-2) at 105; Weirton's Chris Pryor (13-0) at 119 and heavyweight George Kovalick (9-0).

Some 297 entries will compete in the largest-ever wrestling event in the Ohio Valley.

Weigh-ins will be held from ten to noon Friday and Saturday. Preliminaries start at 1 pm Friday with quarter-finals at 8 pm.

Admission books for the entire tourney will be available at \$4 for adults and \$2 for students with single session tickets priced at \$1.50 and 75 cents.

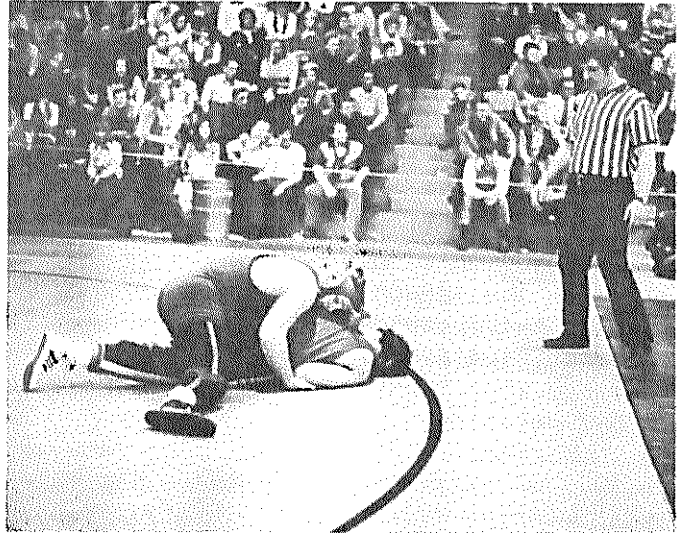
Officiating will be handled by George Nedeff, Fred Pechek, Walt Tolarczyk, Joe Dyser, Frank Mossier and Jerry Tenaglia.

Trophies will be awarded the top three teams with individual awards for six place winners in each weight class. The outstanding wrestler will be given the Dave Bierkorte Memorial Award by the Wheeling Central Boosters Club.

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GEORGE KOVALICK, JR. RIDING HIS OPPONENT

1973

### AFTER OVAC'S FIRST DAY ACTION

### SHAMROCKS, JM MAT CONTENDERS

Barnesville High held the lead after the marathon first day action in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference tournament at Moundsville Fieldhouse but host John Marshall, the defending champion, appeared in position for another strong run at the title.

Barnesville concluded the Friday night session with 29½ points on the scoreboard, compared to 28 for the Monarchs, by John Marshall qualified seven grapplers for this afternoon's semi-finals, while the Shamrocks qualified six.

Martins Ferry, which has four boys in the semi-finals, stands third in scoring with 24½ points, followed by Steubenville and Brooke, 19½ each; Warwood 18½; Weirton, 18; Linsly 17; Union Local 16; Bellaire St. John's Central, 15½; Oak Glen

15; Wheeling Central, 14; Triadelphia, 12; Buckeye North, 11½; River and Wheeling, 11 each; Beallsville, Bridgeport, and Wintersville, 10½ apiece; Bellaire, 7½; Jefferson Union 7; Mingo 6½; Weirton Madonna 4½; and Cadiz, 1.

The tourney resumes at 1 pm today. Semi-finals will be followed by consolation bouts. Finals, which will determine six place winners in each of 13 weight classes, will begin at 8 pm.

Three top-seeded grapplers failed to survive the quarter-finals. Joe Cammer, of Buckeye North, No. 1 seed at 105 pounds, lost a 3-1 overtime decision to Mark Marple, of J. Marshall; previously unbeaten Chris Pryor of Weirton saw his 14-match win streak at 119 ended by Frank Hotlosz, of St. John's; J. Marshall's Randy Bierce sustained his first setback in 12 outings when edged on a referee's decision in overtime in the 138-pound class by Warwood's Keith Shalvey; and John Geary, Brooke 175-pounder, sustained his first defeat in 14 outings when the Monarch's Mike Cain took a 6-2 decision.

Warwood's 145-pounder, John Vdovjak, a 1972 WV state champ, extended his two-year winning streak to 39 with two pins.

Vdovjak, Wheeling Central's Dan Doyle at 112, and Steubenville's 155-pounder, Rick Spender - a trio of defending OVAC champs - all remain in contention for repeat titles.

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Sunday, January 28, 1973

Dan Claugus, Barnesville High's 175-pound wrestling star, took only 59 seconds to pin Weirton sophomore Mike Kovalick in the semi-finals of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling tournament Saturday. Here Claugus has Kovalick on his way to the mat for the quick pin. Claugus pinned his way through the entire tournament and was picked for the Dave Bierkortte Memorial Award as the outstanding wrestler in the colorful eliminations.

#### BARNESVILLE RUNNERUP

#### J. MARSHALL OVAC MAT CHAMP

The Monarchs of John Marshall again ruled supreme in the Ohio Valley Athletic

Conference wrestling tournament Saturday.

In the finals of the two-day tourney at Moundsville Fieldhouse, Coach Bill Hinegardner's squad did not capture a single individual title but won team laurels for the second straight year.

John Marshall finished with 112½ points to 93 for runnerup Barnesville. Brooke was third, with 74½ points, just one more than Warwood, which finished only a point ahead of Weirton, with its 72½.

Steubenville was sixth in the 24-team field with 63 points, followed by St. John's Central 56½; Martins Ferry 54½; Union Local and Linsly Institute 51 each; Oak Glen 48; Wheeling Central 46½; Wintersville 28½; Beallsville 25½; Wheeling 25; Triadelphia and River 23 each; Bellaire 20; Buckeye North 16½; Bridgeport 13½; Jefferson Union 11; Mingo 7½; Weirton Madonna 4½ and Cadiz, one.

Balance and depth paid off for John Marshall, which had runnersup in five weight classes.

The Dave Bierkortte Memorial Award for the outstanding wrestler in the tourney went to Barnesville's rugged 175-pounder, Dan Claugus, who pinned his way through the event as he capped his performance by stopping the hosts' Mike Cain. Claugus is 14-1 on the season.

Barnesville had another titlist in Challen Stewart (12-2), who defeated champion Dan Doyle, of Wheeling Central, in the semi-finals and went on to take Jeff Felton, Brooke, in the finals. Doyle had won 11 straight.

Two grapplers won titles for the second straight year. Warwood's John Vdovjak, who is defending state champion, repeated in the 145-pound class as he scored five points in the last period to break a scoreless draw with Linsly's Doug Pell. Vdovjak has now captured 41 straight matches over two seasons and is 18-0 this season.

The other repeat champ was Rick Spencer (10-1), of Steubenville who pinned Barnesville's Bruce Eshler in the 155-pound windup.

Two finals went into overtime with Frank Hotlosz, of St. John's, nipping Wintersville's Jim Mahlie, 1-0, for the 119-pound laurels and Ken Robinson, Brooke, getting a referee's decision over Keith Shalvey, Warwood, after they battled

through three periods, plus the overtime, without either scoring.

First champ crowned was Brooke 98-pounder Kevin Felton, who is now unbeaten in 17 matches this year. His final win of the tourney was over Rusty Mercer, J. Marshall, who has bowed to him three times this season but is otherwise unbeaten.

Linsly's Bob Mendenhall (14-3) topped Randy West, Barnesville, 6-4, for the 105-pound crown. Don Nipper (10-0) of Beallsville, handed Ed West, J. Marshall, his first loss in the 126 windup. West had won 13 in a row.

Dave Kosky, of St. John's, joined the ranks of the champs with a 6-1 verdict over previously unbeaten Ron Griffin of JMHS, in the 132-pound final.

Martins Ferry's lone titlist was Tom Suriano, at 167. Now 14-1 on the season, Suriano edged J. Marshall's Scott Lehasky, 2-1, on a riding time point.

Eric Frankovich (17-1) of Weirton, pinned Eric Brubaker, River, for the 185-pound laurels and Denny Haney, Warwood (15-3), became the champ heavyweight with a 3-2 nod over Oak Glen's Jim Woof-ter, who had earlier edged top-seeded George Kovalick, Jr., Weirton.

#### OVAC WRESTLING TOURNEY RESULTS

##### CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

98 - Kevin Felton (BRK) d. Rusty Mercer (JM) 5-0.  
105 pounds - Bob Mendenhall (LINS) d. Randy West (BARNES) 6-4.  
112 pounds - Challen Stewart (BARNES) d. Jeff Felton (BRK) 7-5.  
119 pounds - Frank Hoflosz (ST J) d. Jim Mahlie (WINT.) 1-0 ovt.  
126 pounds - Don Nippert (BEALLS) d. Ed West (JM) 9-6.  
132 pounds - Dave Kosky (ST J) d. Ron Griffin (JM) 6-1.  
138 pounds - Ken Robinson (BROOKE) dec. Keith Shalvey (WAR.) ref. dec. ovt.  
145 pounds - John Vdovjak (WAR.) d. Doug Pell (LINS) 5-0.  
155 pounds - Rick Spencer (STEUB.) p. Bruce Eshler (BARNES) 3:23.  
167 pounds - Tom Suriano (MF) d. Scott Lehasky (JM) 2-1.  
175 pounds - Dan Claugus (BARNES) p. Mike Cain (JM) 2:34.

185 pounds - Eric Frankovich (WEIR) p. Eric Brubaker (RIVER) 4:40.  
HEAVY - Denny Haney (WAR.) d. Jim Woof-ter (OG) 3-2.

##### THIRD-FOURTH PLACE BOUTS

98 pounds - Frank Charlton (TRIAD) d. Jeff Oberdick (MF) 7-6.  
105 pounds - Mark Eckleberry (OG) d. Chuck Ballard (UL) 7-5.  
112 pounds - Dan Doyle (WHG. C.) d. George Mendenhall (LINSLY) 5-2.  
119 pounds - Chris Pryor (WEIR.) d. Dave Camilletti (WHG. C.) 7-0.  
126 pounds - Vic George (WHG.) d. Darrell Owens (STEUB.) 7-3.  
132 pounds - Ron Jewell (WAR.) d. Denny Hepburn (UL) 5-0.  
138 pounds - Randy Bierce (JM) d. Mike Rotillio (ST J) 3-1.  
145 pounds - Mark McFarland (UL) d. Mark Campbell (JM) 3-1.  
155 pounds - Dean Patterson (OG) d. John Kotson (ST J) 6-2.  
167 pounds - Mark Harman (WEIR.) d. Terry Brinker (BELL.) 12-2.  
175 pounds - John Geary (BROOKE) d. Randy Howell (UL) 6-2.  
185 pounds - Steve Wojcik (WHG. C.) d. John Hunter (BARNES.) 12-3.  
HEAVY - George Kovalick (WEIR) d. Greg Kalifut (STEUB.) 5-1.

##### FIFTH-SIXTH PLACE BOUTS

98 pounds - Mark Sengewalt (WHG. C.) d. Joe West (BELL.) ref. dec. ovt.  
105 pounds - Jim Bowman (BROOKE) p. Mark Marple (JM) in 1:52.  
112 pounds - Rich Simmons (JM) d. Chuck Gregg (UL) 10-9.  
119 pounds - Kevin McCafferty (STEUB.) d. Richard Rouse (MINGO) 3-1.  
126 pounds - Wayne Lukacena (WINT.) d. Dave Ferguson (BARNES.) 6-3.  
132 pounds - Jeff Duncan (MF) d. Chuck Brinker (BELL.) 1-0.  
138 pounds - Mike Waldeck (WEIR.) d. Kevin Duda (BUCKEYE N.) 5-4.  
145 pounds - Bill Taggart (WHG.) d. Shawn Crosier (STEUB.) 7-5.  
155 pounds - Ron Koontz (JM) p. Bruce Thomas (JU) 2:19.  
167 pounds - Scott Smith (BARNES) d. Sid Hercules (WAR.) 4-2 ovt.  
175 pounds - Mike Kovalick (WEIR) d. Bill McKenzie (WAR) 6-0.

185 pounds - Tom Kurre (TRIAD) d. Jim Ducker (BPT.) 2-0.

HEAVY - Jim Dean (MF) d. Jim Daugherty (JM) 7-0.

#### SEMI-FINALS

98 pounds - Mercer (JM) p. Oberdick (MF) 3:28; Felton (BROOKE) d. Charlton (TRIAD) 5-3.

105 pounds - Wise (BARNES) d. Marple (JM) 10-5; B. Mendenhall (LINS) d. Ballard (UL) 5-3.

112 pounds - Stewart (BARNES) d. Doyle (WHG. C.) 14-9; Felton (BROOKE) dec. G. Mendenhall (LINS) 4-3.

119 pounds - Hotlosz (ST J) d. McCafferty (STEUB.) 3-1; Mahlie (WINT.) d. Rouse (MINGO) 5-2.

126 pounds - West (JM) d. Ferguson (BARNES) 9-1; Nippert (BEALL.) d. George (WHG.) 7-6.

132 pounds - Kosky (ST J) d. Hepburn (UL) 8-2; Griffin (JM) d. Duncan (MF) 4-2.

138 pounds - Shalvey (WAR.) dec. Waldeck (WEIR) 4-3. Robinson (BRK) d. Duda (BUCK. N.) 6-4.

145 pounds - Vdovjak (WAR.) d. Campbell (JM) 5-1. Pell (LINS) d. McFarland (UL) 3-0.

155 pounds - Eshler (BARNES) d. Kotson (ST J) 11-1; Spencer (STEUB.) d. Patterson (OG) 6-2.

167 pounds - Suriano (MF) d. Brinker (BELL.) 8-3; Lehasky (JM) d. Smith (BARNES.) 4-1 ovt.

175 pounds - Cain (JM) d. Howell (UL) 4-0; Claugus (BARNES.) p. Kovalick (WEIR.) 59 secs.

185 pounds - Brubaker (RIVER) over Wojcik (WHG. C.) by referee's dec. in ovt. Frankovich (WEIR) p. Kurry (TRIAD.) 3:40.

HEAVY - Woofter (OG) dec. Kovalick (WEIR) 4-2; Haney (WAR.) dec. Dean (MF) 2-0.

#### CONSOLATION FIRST ROUND

98 pounds - Thomas (STEUB.) d. Dolak (BPT.) 5-3; West (BELL.) d. Fluharty (WAR.) 3-0; Sengewait (WHG. C.) p. Miller (RIV.) 3:50; Gregg (UL) p. Winesdorfer (LINS.) 4:26.

105 pounds - Bowman (BROOKE) p. Strizak (BELL.) 2:10; Wade (WEIR) d. Camner (BUCK. N.) 11:02; Eckleberry (OG) p.

Cash (BPT) 1:34; Henlin (WHG.) d. Owens (STEUB.) 5-2.

112 pounds - Vrotsos (MF) over Minney (CADIZ) by forfeit; Gregg (UL) p. Doyle (WAR.) 2:58; Simmons (JM) d. Ramsey (JU) 6-0; Jarrett (STEUB.) d. Larosa (WINT.) 2-0.

119 pounds - Algeo (RIV.) d. Healy (BARNES) 7-2; Pryor (WEIR.) p. Jarrett (UL) 44 secs. Camilletti (WHG. C.) d. Oyster (OG) 13-2; Gallagher (BEALLS) over Haught (MF) by default.

126 pounds - Owens (STEUB.) d. Brown (BUCK N) 10-0; Marling (RIV.) d. Cook (LINS) 7-4; Thomas (MF) over Creighton (BELL.) by default; Kukacena (WINT.) d. Livingston (WEIR.) 2-1.

132 pounds - Brecht (WEIR.) d. Clark (BARNES) 10-3; Jewell (WAR.) d. Caruso (LINS) 3-0; Tluekhowski (STEUB.) d. Booth (JU) 7-4; Brinker (BELL.) d. Primovic (BPT.) 5-1.

138 pounds - Bierce (JM) p. Ruthem (WINT.) 1:30; Ashe (LINS) d. McGeeghan (OG) 3-0; Clark (BARNES) d. Ramsey (BELL.) 5-2; Rotillio (ST J) p. Yates (MINGO) 4:15.

145 pounds - Argent (OG) d. Clark (MINGO) 301; Taggart (WHG.) dec. Blake (JU) 6-2; Crosier (STEUB.) p. Kosky (ST J) 4:40; Ferguson (BUCK N.) d. Lynn (BARNES) 3-1.

155 pounds - Carter (WHG. C.) over Ackerman (MF) by default; Thomas (JU) dec. Mitchell (BROOKE) 7-0; Koontz (JM) d. Campbell (WAR) 5-2; Gresak (LINS) p. Dodd (WHG.) 4:55.

167 pounds - Harmon (WEIR.) over Benton (BUCK. N.) by default; Ross (LINS.) p. Greenwood (WHG.) 3:45; Hercules (WAR.) p. Bellanco (TRIAD) 3:35; Masci (WINT.) p. Sall (ST J) 59 secs.

175 pounds - McKenzie (WAR.) over Stewart (RIVER) by default; Brown (BUCK. N.) p. Schmied (WINT.) 3:59; Geary (BRKE) d. Teasdale (ST J) 8-0; Moncilovich (STEUB.) p. Palovich (WHG. C.) 4:05.

185 pounds - Hunter (BARNES) over Jafrate (JM) by default; Nixon (OG) over Thomas (BEALLS.) by default; Salimbene (MF) dec. Simpson (WAR.) 2-1; Ducker (BPT.) d. DeFlavis 6-1.

HEAVY - Major (UL) over Petrozzi (MINGO) by default; Zorbini (BUCK. N.) d. Defelice (ST J) 3-2; Kalifut (STEUB.) d. Delman (BPT) 7-4; Daugherty (JM) d. Kanzigg, 6-0.

CONSOLATION SECOND ROUND

98 pounds - West (BELL.) 11-1 d. Thomas (STEUB.) 11-1; Sengewalt (WHG. C.) dec. Gregg (UL) 5-4.  
 105 pounds - Bowman (BRK) p. Wade (WEIR) 59 secs.; Eckleberry (OG) p. Hanlin (WHG.) 3:50.  
 112 pounds - Gregg (UL) d. Jarrett (STEUB.) 3-1; Simmons (JM) d. Vrotsos 3-2.  
 119 pounds - Pryor (WEIR.) p. Gallagher (BEALL.) 3:43; Camilletti (WHG. C.) d. Algeo 3-1.  
 126 pounds - Luckacena (WINT.) p. Thomas (MF) 2:05; Owens (STEUB.) p. Marling (RIVER) 3:59.  
 132 pounds - Jewell (WAR.) dec. Brecht (WEIR.) 7-0; Brinker (BELL) d. Tluchowski (STEUB.) 7-3.  
 138 pounds - Bierce (JM) d. Clark (BARNES) 10-0; Rotillio (ST J) d. Ashe (LINS) 5-3.  
 145 pounds - Taggart (WHG.) dec. Argent (OG) 4-3; Crosier (STEUB.) dec. Ferguson (BUCK. N.) 7-2.  
 155 pounds - Thomas (JU) p. Carter (WHG. C.) 1:49; Koontz (JM) d. Gresak (LINS) 13-2.  
 167 pounds - Hercules (WR.) p. Ross (LIN) 1:40; Harmon (WEIR) d. Masci (WINT) 6-5.  
 175 pounds - Geary (BRKE) d. Brown (BUCK N.) 7-3; McKenzie (WAR) d. Moncliovich (STEUB.) 4-2.  
 185 pounds - Hunter (BARNES.) p. Nixon (OG) 1:52; Ducker (BPT.) d. Salimbene (MF) 2-1.  
 HEAVY - Kalifut (STEUB.) dec. Zorbini (BUCK N.) 2-0; Daugherty (JM) d. Major (UL) 14-1.

CONSOLATION SEMI-FINALS

98 pounds - Oberdick (MF) d. West (BELL.) 10-1; Charlton (TRIAD.) d. Sengewalt (WHG. C.) 8-3.  
 105 pounds - Ballard (UL) d. Bowman (BRKE) 11-2; Eckleberry (OG) d. Marple (JM) 8-2.  
 112 pounds - Doyle (WHG. C.) dec. Simmons (JM) 3-2; Mendenhall (LIN) dec. Gregg (UL) 9-5.  
 119 pounds - Pryor (WEIR) d. Rouse (MINGO) 5-0; Camilletti (WHG. C.) d. McCafferty (STEUB.) 11-2.  
 126 pounds - George (WHG.) d. Lukacena (WINT.) 9-5; Owens (STEUB.) d. Ferguson (BARNES.) 7-1.

132 pounds - Hepburn (UL) d. Brinker (BELL) 4-3; Jewell (WAR.) d. Duncan (MF) 2-0.  
 138 pounds - Bierce (JM) d. Duda (BUCK. N.) 7-0; Rotillio (ST J) d. Waldeck (WEIR.) 5-2.  
 145 pounds - McFarland (UL) p. Taggart (WHG.) 4:27; Campbell (JM) d. Crosier (STEUB.) 2-0.  
 155 - Kotsen (ST J) d. Thomas (JU) 3-1; Patterson (OG) d. Koontz (JM) 6-4.  
 167 - Harman (WEIR) d. Smith (BARNES) 5-2; Brinker (BELL) d. Hercules (WAR) 3-2.  
 175 pounds - Geary (BRKE) d. M. Kovalick (WEIR.) 4-3; Howell (UL) d. McKenzie (WAR.) 5-3.  
 187 pounds - Hunter (BARNES) d. Kurre (TRIAD) 9-4; Wojcik (WHG. C.) d. Ducker (BPT.) 1-0 ovt.  
 HEAVY - G. Kovalick (WEIR.) d. Daugherty (JM) 5-0; Kalifut (STEUB.) d. Dean (MF.) 6-2.

FIRST ROUND

98 - Fluharty (WAR.) p. Wilson (WHG.) 2:24; Davis (ST J) p. Johnson (BARNES) 3:30; Winesdorffer p. Reardon (WM) 2:30; Miller (RIVER) d. Courtright (BN) 7-2.  
 105 pounds - Wade (WEIR.) d. Crum (BEALL) 23-4; Poole (WINT.) d. Fisher (TRIAD.) 3-2; Leake (MF) d. Camilletti (WHG. C.) 7-5; Hanlin (WHG.) d. Velt (ST J) 8-0; Owens (STEUB.) p. Wypasek (WM) 5:15; Huffman (RIVER) d. Polen (JU) 6-0.  
 112 pounds - Steffik (BPT.) p. Walling (ST J) 5:30; Larosa (WINT.) d. Stack (RIVER) 7-0; Hatcher (MINGO) d. Johnson (BUCK. N.) 19-0; Ramsey (JU) d. Eikleberry (BEALL) 10-2.  
 119 pounds - Oyster (OG) p. Young (WAR.) 1:05; Carpico (BR.) p. Widmor (BPT.) 1:25; Gallager (BEALL.) d. Wilson (JM) ovt.  
 126 pounds - Thomas (MF) p. Stasko (MAD.) 2:45; Cook (LIN) p. Litten (UL) 1:25; Ossman (BROOKE) d. Donahue (JU) 6-3; Meyers (ST J) d. Williams (MINGO) 3-0; Waychoff (OG) p. Black (TRIAD) 5:00; Livingston (WEIR) d. Vallani (WAR.) 7-4.  
 132 pounds - Brecht (WEIR) d. Defelice (WHG.) 8-2; Ruthem (WINT.) p. Zink (TRIAD) 5:07; Dolan (WHG. C.) p. Grossenbacker (RIVER) 40; Caruso (LINS) d. Courtweight (BN) 2-0; Booth (JU) d. Garden (MINGO) 7-4; Grimm (BROOKE) d. Mueller (MAD.) 6-5; Tluchowski (STEUB.) d. Crum (BEALL) 12-5.



138 pounds - Pompeo (TRIAD.) p. Miller (WHG. C.) 2:45; Edmundson (BPT.) d. Stewart (RIVER) 3-0; DeFrances (STEUB.) p. Baker (WHG.) 3:13; Duda (BN) p. Blum (MF) 4:50; Yates (MINGO) p. Hall (UL) 3:05; Ramsay (BELL.) d. Decker (JU) 7-4; Ward (BEALL) p. Cercole (MAD.) 3:22.

145 pounds - Barr (MF) p. Hossman (BEALL) 1:08; Widmor (BPT.) p. Wright (WM) 1:40; Clark (MINGO) d. Haspel (BR) 9-2; Lemal (WEIR) p. Marshall (TRIAD.) 3:24; Blake (JU) d. Silvernail (WINT.) 6-2; Ferguson (B. N.) p. Frizzi (BELL.) 4:30; Hendershot (RIVER) d. Constantini (CENT.) 7-4.

155 pounds - Kotson (ST J) over Melonas (WEIR.) by forfeit; Dodd (WHG.) p. Bertwell (MAD.) 4:29; Mitchell (BR) p. Ridgeway (UL) 5:30; Dumas (TRIAD.) p. Vingo (WINT.) 3:35; Workman (RIVER) p. Datkulak (BEALL) 5:57.

167 pounds - Blower (OG) d. McFarland (MINGO) 3-0; Virtue (MAD.) d. Burenski (BPT.) 9-6; Taylor (BEALL) d. Nagy (UL) 8-0; Brinker (BEALL) d. Ischy (RIVER) 13-0.

175 pounds - Schmied (WINT.) d. Lasure (BELL.) 1:45; Williams (JU) d. Cox (OG) 2:55; Dodd (WHG.) over Lapenna (MINGO) by default; McCay (TRIAD) d. Clyde (MF) 4-0.

185 pounds - DeFlavis (MAD.) p. Fahey (STEUB.) 3:28; Jones (BR) d. Ruskowski (ST J) 5-3.

HEAVY - Hammond (WHG.C.) p. Blake (CAD.) 3:42; Leach (BARNES) p. Traskoma (JU) 2:40; Delman (BPT.) p. Linaweaver (WHG.) 2:29; Henry (RIVER) p. Andria (WINT.) 3:06; Beading (MAD.) d. Dietrich (TRIAD.) 14-2; Kanzigg (BEALL) d. Dams (BR.) 13-0.

## SECOND ROUND

98 pounds - Felton (BR) p. Fluharty (WAR) 1:35; Charlton (TRIAD) p. Dolak (BPT.) 1:40; West (BELL.) p. Delucas (CADIZ) 4:40; Thomas (STEUB.) d. Davis (ST J) 4-0; Oberdick (MF) p. Miller (RIVER) 5:38; Gregg (UL) d. Weiss (WINT.) 13-4; Mercer (JM) p. Winesdorfer (LINS.) 2:25; Sengewalt (WHG.C.) p. Dillion (BEALL) 3:23.

105 pounds - Wise (BARNES) p. Strizak (BELL.) 4:45; Bowman (BROOKE) d. Poole (WINT.) 18-3; Marple (JM) d. Wade (WEIR) 6-2; Cammer (BUCK. N.) d. Leake (MF) 11-7; B. Mendenhall (LINS) p. Cash (BPT.) 1:45; Eckleberry (OG) d. Huttman (RIVER) 6-1; Owens (STEUB.) d. Montelone (WAR.) 6-3; Bellard (UL) d. Hanlin (WHG.) 6-0.

112 pounds - Vrotsos (MF) p. Golden (OG) 1:28; Jarrett (STEUB.) p. Steffik (BPT.) 2:35; G. Mendenhall (LINS) p. Minney (CADIZ) 1:16; Doyle (WHG.C.) p. Larosa (WINT.) 1:59; Stewart (BARNES) p. Doyle (WAR.) 20 secs.; Felton (BR) p. Ramsey (JU) 2:45; Gergg (UL) p. Hatcher (MINGO) 3:45; Simmons (JM) d. Hosfelt (TRIAD.) 10-0.

119 pounds - Healey (BARNES) p. Dawson (BN) :52; Pryor (WEIR) p. Caruso (LINS) :50; McCafferty (STEUB.) d. Gallagher (BEALL) 5-0; Mahlie (WINT.) d. Algeo (RIVER) 3-2; Camilletti (WHG.C.) p. Carpico (BR) 1:58; Royse (MINGO) d. Oyster (OG) 9-0; Haught (MF) p. Chops (TRIAD) 3:40; Hoflosz (ST J) d. Jarrrett (UL) 6-0.

126 pounds - Ferguson (BARNES) p. Thomas (MF) 3:57; West (JM) d. Livingston (WEIR) 10-0; George (WHG.) p. Brown (BUCK.N.) :54; Nippert (BEALL) p. Cook (LINS) 1:20; Creighton (BELL.) d. Myers (ST J) 10-3; Lukacema (WINT.) d. Dolan (WHG.C.) 16-2; Owens (STEUB.) d. Waychoff (OG) 5-0; Marling (RIVER) d. Ossman (BR.) 8-7 ovt.

132 pounds - Clark (BARNES) p. Ruthem (WINT.) 5:13; Kosky (ST J) d. Dolan (WHG. C.) 13-3; Hepburn (UL) d. Caruso (LINS) 9-2; Duncan (MF) d. Tiuchowski (STEUB.) 5-3; Griffin (JM) d. Brinker (BELL.) 11-3; Primovic (BPT.) p. Grimm (BR.) 1:25; Booth (UL) d. Carnahem (OG) 8-1.

138 pounds - Shalvey (WAR.) p. Ruthem (WINT.) 1:10; Bierce (JM) p. Pompea (TR.) 5:07; Ashe (LINS) d. DeFrances (STEUB.) 1-0; Robinson (BR) p. Yates (MINGO) 1:25; Waldeck (WEIR.) d. Ramsey (BELL.) 6-0; Duda (BN) d. McGeehan (OG) 5-4; Clark (BARNES) d. Edmundson (BPT) 12-3; Rotillio (ST J) d. Ward (BEALL) 14-2.

145 pounds - Taggart (WHG.) p. Widmor (BPT.) 3:40; Vdoviak (WAR.) p. Clark (MINGO) 2:51; Argent (OG) p. Barr (MF) 3:30; Lynn (BARNES) p. Lemal (WEIR.) 1:48; McFarland (UL) p. Kosky (ST J) 1:35; Campbell (JM) d. Blake (JU) 9-0; Crosier (STEUB.) d. Hendershot (RIVER) 6-0; Pele (LIN) d. Ferguson (BN) 8-4.

155 pounds - Patterson (OG) p. Carter (WHG.C.) 2:17; Thomas (JU) d. Adams (BELL.) 6-5; Spencer (STEUB.) d. Mitchell (BROOKE) 11:0; Gresak (LINS) p. Workman (RIVER) 1:55; Ackerman (MF) d. Sutphia (BN) 12-1; Kotsen (ST J) d. Dumas (TRIAD) 8-2; Eshler (BARNES) p. Dodd (WHG.) 3:10.

167 pounds - Lenasky (JM) p. Ross (LINS) 5:15; Greenwood (WHG.) d. Blower (OG) 6-2; Benton (BN) p. Virtue (MAD.) 1:12; Hercules (WAR.) p. Taylor (BEALL) 3:54; Smith (BARNES) p. Bellanco (TRIAD) 2:58; Masci (WINT.) d. Long (STEUB.) 11-5; Brinker (BELL.) d. Harmon (WEIR.) 5-1; ovt. Suriano (MF) p. Sall (ST J) 2:25.

175 pounds - Howell (UL) p. Schmied (WINT.) 5:07; Geary (BR) d. McCoy (TRIAD) 5:59; Cain (JM) d. Teasdale (ST J) 9-0; Kovalick (WEIR) d. Stewart (RIVER) 18-0; McKenzie (WAR.) p. Ullom (BPT) 3:20; Claugus (BARNES) p. Palorick (WHG.C.) :40; Brown (BN) d. Dodd (WHG.) 16-5; Moncilovich (STEUB.) d. Williams (JU) 5-1.

185 pounds - Frankovich (WEIR.) p. Simpson (WAR.) 1:43; Kurre (TRIAD.) p. Deflavis (MAD.) :29; Brubaker (RIVER) p. Hunter (BARNES) 4:25; Ducker (BPT.) d. Jones (BR.) 10-0; Wojcik (WHG.C.) p. Nixon (OG) 3:17; Salimoene (MF) p. Dubinsky (UL) 2:45; Jafrate (JM) p. Wilhelm (BN) 2:27; Thomas (BEALL) d. Fabry (BELL.) 11-6.

HEAVY - Defelice (ST J) p. Hammond (WHG.C.) 3:05; G. Kovalick (WEIR.) d. Zorbini (BN) 5-0; Dean (MF) d. Petrozzi (MINGO) by default; Haney (WAR.) p. Kanzigg (BEALL) 2:35; Daugherty (JM) p. Henry (RIVER) 2:30; Woofter (OG) p. Delman (BPT.) 1:15; Kalifut (STEUB.) p. Leach (BARNES) 5:06; Major (UL) d. Beading (MAD.) 3-1.

#### QUARTER FINALS

98 pounds - Mercer (JM) p. Gregg (UL) 1:40; K. Felton (BROOKE) d. West (BELL.) 7-2; Oberdick (MF) d. Sengewait (WHG.C.) 11-4; Charlton (TRIAD) d. Thomas (STEUB.) 6-4.

105 pounds - B. Mandenhall (LINS) d. M. Eckleberry (OG) 11-6; Ballard (UL) p. Owens (STEUB.) 2:53; Wise (BARNES) d. Bowman (BROOKE) 10-5; Marple (JM) d. Cammer (BUCK. N.) 3-1 ovt.

112 pounds - Doyle (WHG.C.) d. Jarrett (STEUB.) 2-0; J. Felton (BROOKE) d. Simmons (JM) 4-0; G. Mendenhall (LINS) d. Vrotsos (MF) 8-0; Stewart (BARNES) d. Gregg (UL) 18-4.

119 pounds - Holtlosz (ST J) d. Pryor (WEIR) 5-2; McCafferty (STEUB.) d. Haught (MF) 5-0; Roose (MINGO) d. Camilletti (WHG. C.) 3-0; Mahlie (WINT.) d. Healy (BARNES) 5-3.

126 pounds - West (JM) p. Lukacena (WINT.) 2:45; Nippert (BEALL.) p. Marling (RIVER) 45 secs.; Ferguson (BARNES) p. Creighton (BELL.) 3:00; George (WHG.) d. Owens (STEUB.) 10-7.

132 pounds - Kosky (ST J) d. Clark (BARNES) 9-2; Hepburn (UL) d. Jewell (WAR.) 4-2; Griffin (JM) p. Primovic (BPT.) 3:30; Duncan (MF) d. Booth (JU) 8-1.

138 pounds - Duda (BUCK N.) p. Ashe (LINS) 40 secs.; Waldeck (WEIR.) d. Clark (BARNES) 13-5; Robinson (BROOKE) dc. Rotillio (ST J) 10-5; Shalvey (WAR.) d. Bierce (JM) ovt. ref. dec.

145 pounds - Vdovjak (WAR.) p. Argent (OG) 1:50; McFarland (UL) d. Crosier (STEUB.) 3-0; Campbell (JM) d. Taggart (WHG.) 7-2; Pell (LINS) p. Lynn (BARNES) 5:21.

155 pounds - Spencer (STEUB.) p. Thomas (JU) 1:15; Patterson (OG) d. Ackerman (MF) 6-3; Eshler (BARNES) d. Gresak (LINS) 6-2; Kotson (ST J) d. Campbell (WAR.) 7-4.

167 pounds - Lahasky (JM) p. Greenwood (WHG.) 1:58; Brinker (BELL.) d. Benton (BUCK. N.) 8-0; Smith (BARNES) d. Hercules (WAR.) 4-1; Suriano (MF) d. Masci (WINT.) 8-1 ovt.

175 pounds - Cain (JM) d. Geary (BROOKE) 6-2; M. Kovalick (WEIR.) d. McKenzie (WAR.) 8-0; Howell (UL) p. Brown (BUCK N.) 4:57; Claugus (BARNES) p. Moncilovich (STEUB.) 1:05.

185 pounds - Kurre (TRIAD.) p. Ducker (BPT.) 1:37; Frankovich (WEIR.) p. Salimbeno (MF) 5:02; Wojcik (WHG. C.) d. Thomas (BEALL) 7-1; Brubaker (RIVER) d. Jafrate (JM) 5-2.

HEAVY - Woofter (OG) p. Kalifut (STEUB.) 2:47; Dean (MF) p. Major (UL) 2:36; Haney (WAR.) d. Dougherty (JM) 5-1; G. Kovalick (WEIR.) d. Defelice (ST J) 11-2.

VAN HORNE on SPORTS

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John Marshall High School accomplished an unprecedented feat Saturday night when the Monarchs won the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling tournament without capturing an individual title in any of the 13 weight classes.

Even more surprising is the fact that J. Marshall has been able to claim the OVAC team title for two straight years while

garnering only one individual crown in that period, the since-graduated Jim Meeker having ruled at 185 pounds last January. On the other hand, in 1972 Coach Bill Hinegardner produced three individual state champions as his team copped West Virginia team honors so that should give you some idea of how strong the competition is in the conference eliminations.

"It would have been even more satisfying if we would have had some individual champs Saturday night but I don't think our victory was by any means a fluke" says Hinegardner. "We had five boys in the finals and all of them lost but as I sat there watching I had to ask myself why I was getting so uptight about it when four of the five will be back next season".

J. Marshall not only produced five runnersup but had one third-place finisher, one fourth-place finisher, two fifths and two sixths. So 11 of the 13 Monarch matmen finished in the money, quite an achievement considering the size and scope of the tournament.

The performance of the John Marshall team is not only a tribute to the dedication and ability of the athletes involved and to the coaching of Hinegardner and assistant Ed Dugas (who got so excited during one of the Saturday afternoon matches that he twisted his ankle so badly that he could hardly walk) but also to the overall program in wrestling in Marshall County with three junior highs feeding material into the high school. Moreover, despite the brief history of the school, it has a tradition to uphold in wrestling, with three straight Mountaineer crowns, two successive OVAC championships, and a state title to its credit. Success has bred more success.

In general, large schools are supposed to have more athletic potential than smaller schools. Therefore, it is most interesting to note the strong showing in the OVAC tourney of Barnesville, in finishing second, and Warwood, in finishing fourth, just a point behind third-place Brooke and a point ahead of fifth-place Weirton. The best-ever OVAC performance of the Vikings, who were fifth last year and moved up a notch this time, and the Shamrocks, who were ninth in team standings last year, reflected the work done by Dick Edge, at Warwood, and Dave Kovalick, at Barnes-

ville, in building up wrestling programs in their schools.

John Vrotsos, the ex-Martins Ferry mentor who knows an awful lot about this sport, made the observation to me Saturday that "coaching always shows up". Perhaps the best illustration of the point he was making was the improvement of Union Local, which has never really been a factor in the OVAC meet before. Under the tutelage of Denny Bowman, who earlier had brought St. John's Central to the top, the Jets have made amazing progress in a single year. Last year they scored just six points in the OVAC tourney; this year they piled up 51.

Linsly Institute, making rapid strides under Bill Skillcorn, also had 51, compared to 15 a year ago, and the Cadets who had never landed a boy in the finals before, produced a titlist in 105-pounder Bob Mendenhall and a runnerup in 145-pounder Doug Pell.

Little Beallsville made its presence felt with its initial champ in undefeated Don Nippert, who scored a reversal and a near-fall against John Marshall's Ed West in the final seconds of the third period to hand the Monarch star his first loss.

The efforts by athletes from double-A and single-A schools against triple-A rivals would appear to substantiate the judgement of the conference wrestling coaches in rejecting a proposal that the annual tourney be divided into two classes. It is fine to have two divisions in dual meet competition but every wrestler in the conference has the right to know how he stacks up against the very best that the league has to offer. That is the opportunity which the tourney affords. Nippert, for instance, is not just champ of the OVAC small schools; he's champ at 126 pounds in the entire conference. That is an honor which should give him considerable satisfaction.

This was the largest tourney in the 20-year history of the conference grappling carnival and attracted the largest crowds. It was also marked by some eyebrow raising upsets. The top-seeded entry reached the finals in only seven of 13 weight classes and won in just five.

Top-seeded matmen who lived up to their billing were Kevin Felton of Brooke at 98 pounds; Dave Kosky of St. John's at 132; defending WV champion John Vdovjak of Warwood, who has won

41 straight matches at 145; Rick Spencer of Steubenville at 155; and Eric Frankovich of Weirton at 185.

The 119-pound champ, Frank Hotlotz of St. John's, was seeded eighth. Seeded seventh were two titlists - Linsly's Mendenhall at 105 and Brooke's Ken Robinson at 138. Denny Haney, the heavyweight champ from Warwood, had been seeded sixth. Challen Stewart, 112-pound titlist from Barnesville, was seeded fifth and if you wanted to know what this tournament was all about, you should have seen the emotion that overcame Stewart after his won over top-seeded Danny Doyle, defending champ from Wheeling Central, in the semi-finals. Nippert was seeded third at 126 while 167-pound kingpin Tom Suriano, of Martins Ferry, was a No. 2 seed, as was Dan Claugus, of Barnesville. 175-pound champ.

Claugus earned the Dave Bierkortte Memorial Award, as the outstanding wrestler in the tourney via four straight pins, three of them in the first period.

Coach Dick Dei, of Wheeling High, pointed out that the conference owed a great debt of gratitude to Weirton Coach George Kovalick, whose teams won seven straight OVAC titles when he was at Bridgeport. Many of the coaches at the tourney learned much of their wrestling by competing under Kovalick - either at the high school or collegiate level. This number included George's brother, Dave, at Barnesville; Union Local's Bowman, Oak Glen's Chuck Rine; Dei, Brooke's Ron Mauck; and Bridgeport's Ab Mazur. Moreover, Hinegardner used to be George's assistant at Moundsville. Even one of the referees, Walter Tolar-chyk, now coach at Hoover High of North Canton, was a Kovalick-trained product, both at Bridgeport and West Liberty. George also had two sons, George, Jr. and Mike, competing in the tourney as well as a nephew in Suriano.

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The 1974 West Virginia High School wrestling tournament, which will be run off at the Moundsville Fieldhouse with defending state champion John Marshall in the host role, will be the largest

tourney in the history of the state eliminations. Quite possibly it will also be the best.

The Northern panhandle area has become the wrestling hotbed of West Virginia in the last decade and it is appropriate that the state tourney should come to Moundsville because of the support given the sport by athletes, school officials and fans from John Marshall, in particular, and from the entire Region One area in general.

"We will need the cooperation and support of people from throughout our area to make the meet a success", says coach Bill Hinegardner, who will work with John Marshall athletic director George Walley in setting up tournament arrangements. "We feel that our experience in handling the OVAC tourney, which is even larger than the state tourney, will be invaluable but it is unfortunate that we will not be able to call upon some of our Ohio-side friends for help that weekend because Ohio teams will be into their sectional eliminations."

In the last eight years, the state champion has come from Region One five times with Weirton victorious under Carl Fodor in 1966, Oak Glen under Vince Monseau in '67, Wheeling under Frank Sirianni in '69, and John Marshall under Hinegardner for the last two years. Thus, interest in the sport has mushroomed and the area has developed a growing, enthusiastic, knowledgeable army of followers.

It has been the practice for each region to qualify only its champion to the state tournament but the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission, acting upon a recommendation of the wrestling coaches, has decided that two boys in each weight class should qualify out of each region in 1974. The new ruling should work to the advantage of schools in Region One because the teams, in general, are stronger here than around the rest of the state. There have been many cases down through the years where the local regional runnerup could have fared very well in state competition.

It will be possible for two boys from Region One to reach the state finals in the same weight class. The tourney setup, which must be approved by the SSAC but which is regarded as the most equitable arrangement, would have each regional champ meet a runnerup from some

other region in the first round. It would also have contestants from the same region seeded into different brackets.

In the past the state tourney has been limited to 96 boys. Now the field will include 192 boys. Moreover, there will be more than twice as many matches as in the past because there will be "true" consolations, with each matman eliminated from titular consideration on Friday, February 22, first day of the two-day event, having the opportunity to compete again in the consolation bracket if his conqueror wins his way through the quarter-finals.

Because of the enlarged field, the tourney will conclude on Saturday night, instead of Saturday afternoon, as has been customary in the past. Four places will be counted in each weight class.

Inclusion of regional runnerups is regarded as a giant step forward. Certainly such an arrangement would have been welcomed last winter by little Kevin Felton, the Brooke High sophomore 98-pounder.

Felton defeated John Marshall's Rusty Mercer three times during the season but an improving Mercer decided Felton in the regional final and then went on to win a state title. During the entire season, Mercer did not lose to a single wrestler other than Felton.

Since both youngsters will be back next season, wrestling fans can look forward to some exciting duels between them, assuming that both compete in the same weight class again.

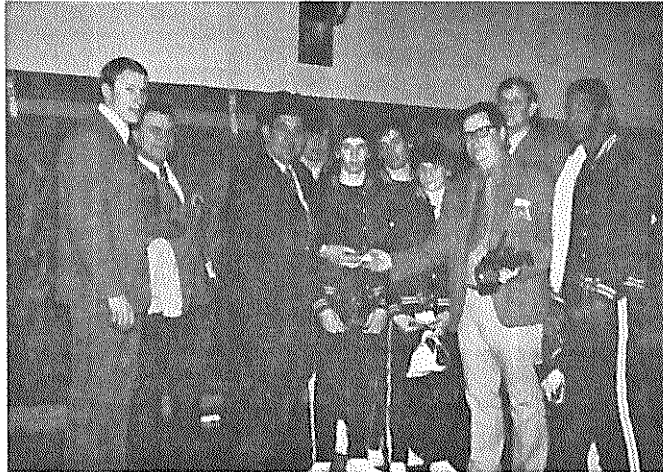
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OVAC CHAMPIONS



Front row L-R Kevin Felton, Bob Mendenhall, Challen Stewart,  
Frant Hotlosz, Don Nippert, Dave Kosky  
Back row L-R Ken Robinson, John Vdovjak, Rick Spencer,  
Tom Suriano, Dan Claugus, Eric Frankovich, Denny Haney

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JOHN MARSHALL CLAIMS OVAC MAT  
CHAMPIONSHIP THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR

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Before a gym-jamming crowd of 2,300 roaring fans, host John Marshall High achieved its third straight Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling championship Saturday night at the Moundsville Fieldhouse.

The largest turnout ever for a schoolboy wrestling event in this area watched the mighty Monarchs, who have not lost either a dual meet or at a tournament since 1971, wrap up the crown when Scott Lehasky, at 167, topped previously unbeaten Bill McKenzie, of Warwood, to put the hosts so far ahead with four weight classes remaining that they were uncatchable.

The depth and balance of Bill Hinegardner's team paid off for Weirton had four champions to the hosts' three and made it close at the finish by taking the titular bouts in the last three weight classes, with two of the nods being by pins.

John Marshall finished with 136 points to 130 for the runnerup Red Riders while Warwood claimed the third place trophy with 108 points, just one more than Steubenville High. Martins Ferry was fifth with 72½ markers, followed by Wellsville, with 64½; Linsly, 60½; East Liverpool, 51; Bellaire St. John's Central, 50; Brooke, 44; Oak Glen, 43½; Union Local, 41; Wheeling Central, 37½; Wintersville, 29; Wheeling, 28; Bellaire, 26½; Beallsville, 25; Shenandoah, 25; Triadelphia, 23½; Jefferson Union, 21½; Bridgeport, 19; Magnolia and Mingo 10 each; Buckeye West, 8; Meadowbrook, 6½; Cadiz, 6; St. Clairsville, 5; and Union Madona, 2. Toronto, Cameron, and Wayne North failed to score.

A brilliant sophomore from Weirton, 175-pounder Kevin Grace, who pinned five straight opponents on his way to the title, won the Dave Bierkortte Memorial Award as the outstanding wrestler in the tournament.

Weir High's other titlists were Chris Pryor at 126. Mike Kovalick at 185, and Eric Frankovitch, heavyweight. John Marshall was represented in king row by Ron Griffin, 132; Ron Koontz, 155; and Scott Lehasky, 167.

Frankovitch was a repeat champion, although he won at 185 last year. Other two-year titlists are Bob Mendenhall, Linsly, who won at 112; Challen Stewart, Barnesville, victorious at 119; and Kevin Felton. Brooke, the 98-pound ruler.

Other champions are Jeff Oberdick, Martins Ferry, at 105; Rick Tluchowski, Steubenville, at 138; and Dean Patterson, Oak Glen, at 145.

Brooke's Felton found himself with a little tiger on his hands in Mike Gregg, Union Local sophomore, who had won 14 straight, but Felton was ahead, 7-6, going into the third period and the Brooke junior added two points on a predicament to nail down his 15th nod in as many starts, 9-6.

Oberdick (12-3) only a sophomore, built a 6-1 lead in the first period against Jim Fluharty (16-2) of Warwood, and stood off the Viking junior for a 6-5 verdict as Fluharty was unable to turn the blond Ferrian over in the last period to get the points he needed to win.

The unbeaten Mendenhall stretched his season's winning streak to 18 matches by a 6-0 shutout of Wheeling's Duke Hanlan (13-2), a junior. Mendenhall, now a senior, was titlist at 105 last year and moved up a weight.

Stewart, a Barnesville senior, also moved up a weight after being 112 titlist last year and this time copped 119 laurels with a pin of surprising Steve Nightengale (6-1-2), of Wellsville, in 2:31. It was the fourth pin in five tourney matches for Stewart (14-0). Nightengale was unseeded but upset top-seeded Joe Jarrett, Steubenville, in the first round on Thursday.

Weirton's Pryor, a senior, gained his eighteenth victory without defeat by pinning John Dolan, (15-0), Wheeling Central, impressively in 1:59.

SHELDON GRACE

. . . outstanding wrestler

Two unbeaten grapplers, Griffin, John Marshall, and Darrel Owens, Steubenville, both 14-0, hooked up in a wing-ding 132-pound final, with Griffin eking out a 6-5 nod, with a third-period escape providing the margin.

The 138-pound final went overtime with Steubenville's Tluchowski getting a takedown that gave him a 13-2 record and a 2-0 nod over Butch Coleman, (10-2), of Wellsville.

Linsly's Doug Pell suffered his first loss in 18 starts and had to settle for runnerup honors at 145 for the second straight year when topped by Oak Glen's Patterson (17-1), also a senior, by an 8-5 score.

John Marshall's Koontz (14-0) needed a third-period escape to decision John Kotson, (11-3), of St. John's 4-3 in the 155-pound windup.

Warwood's Bill McKenzie had pinned four straight opponents on his way to the 167-pound final but suffered his first loss in 17 outings to John Marshall's Lehasky (14-1) by a 5-2 score in a win that wrapped up the team title for the Monarchs.

Sensational Weirton sophomore Grace, (16-3), garnered his fifth straight pin of the tourney in the 175 final when he flattened Warwood's Mike Yankavitch, (16-2), in 2:47.

Weirton's Mike Kovalick, (17-1), whose dad has coached seven conference champion teams and whose elder brother was an OVAC titlist, won a crown of his own when he topped Mike Cain (11-2-1) of the Monarchs, 6-2 in a 175-pound battle of juniors. Cain had scored four straight pins prior to the final.

Warwood's Denny Haney had won 17 straight and had scored four straight pins going into the heavyweight final, in which he was defending titlist, but was pinned by Eric Frankovitch (8-0), of Weirton, who was last year's OVAC and state champion at 185 but was late reporting this season and moved up a class.

#### OVAC TOURNEY RESULTS

##### CHAMPIONSHIP

- 98 - Kevin Felton (BROOKE) d. Mike Gregg (UL) 9-6.
- 105 - Jeff Oberdick (MF) d. Jim Fluharty (WAR) 6-5.
- 112 - Bob Mendenhall (LINS) d. Duke Hanlan (WHG) 6-0.
- 119 - Challen Stewart (BARNES) p. Steve Nightengale (WELLS) 2 mins., 31 secs.
- 126 - Chris Pryor (WEIR) p. John Dolan (WHG. C.) 1 min., 59 secs.

132 - Ron Griffin (JM) d. Darrell Owens (STEUB.) 6-5.

138 - Rick Tluchowski (STEUB) d. Butch Coleman (WELLS) 2-0 ovt.

145 - Dean Patterson (OG) d. Doug Pell (LINS) 8-5.

155 - Ron Koontz (JM) d. John Kotson (ST J) 4-3.

167 - Scott Lehasky (JM) d. Bill McKenzie (WAR) 5-2.

175 - Sheldon Grace (WEIR) p. Mike Yankovitch (WAR) 2 mins., 47 secs.

187 - Mike Kovalick (WEIR) d. Mike Cain (JM) 6-2.

HEAVY - Eric Frankovitch p. Henny Haney (WAR) 2 mins., 51 secs.

##### THIRD AND FOURTH PLACE

98 - Jack Willer (WAR) d. Mike Davis (ST J) 2-0.

105 - Craig Platt (STEUB) d. Kevin Chronister (WELLS) 8-2.

112 - Rick Jenkins (EL) p. Jeff Felton (BROOKE) 4 mins., 54 secs.

119 - Joe Jarrett (STEUB) d. Gary Dobbs (JM) 2-1.

126 - Art Cohen (STEUB) d. Tim Sullivan (JM) 2-1.

132 - Keith Carter (WELLS) d. Carl Wilkerson (WEIR) 5-3.

138 - Mike Waldeck (WEIR) d. Denny Bickford (SHEN) 9-6.

145 - Brian Brecht (WEIR) d. Dan Parsons (EL) 8-4.

155 - Sid Hercules (WAR) p. Tom Barr (MF) 4 mins. 25 secs.

167 - Scott Smith (BARNES) d. Butch Blondello (BROOKE) 6-2.

175 - Tom Taylor (BEALLS) d. Rick Schmied (WINT.) 10-8.

187 - Steve Wojcik (WHG. CEN.) d. Tim Moncilovich (STEUB) 1-0.

HEAVY - Jim Dean (MF) d. Rick Jafrate (JM) 3-0.

##### FIFTH AND SIXTH PLACE

98 - Joe Winesdorffer (LINS) d. Mike Kaiser (MF) 4-2.

105 - Jay Bierce (JM) p. Howard Stackhouse (WINTS.) 3 min. 28 secs.

112 - Keith Owens (STEUB) d. Frank Charlton (TRIAD) 8-2.

119 - Dave Camilletti (WHG. CEN.) d. Bill Henderson (EL) 7-0.

126 - Mark Thompson (MF) d. Kevin Poland (SHEN) 3-2.

CONSOLATION SEMI FINALS

132 - Bob Walker (OG) d. John Yoder (MF) 8-4.  
 138 - Denny Hepburn (UL) over Ron Jewell (WAR) by default.  
 145 - Doug Lehasky (JM) p. Lonnie Marshall (TRIAD) 4 mins. 59 secs.  
 155 - Dick Primovic (BPT) d. Jim Ridgeway (UL) 11-4.  
 167 - Jeff Blower (OG) d. Hank Fleishour (STEUB) 5-2.  
 175 - Mark Teasdale (ST J) d. Jim McElwain (JU) 2-0.  
 187 - Vernon Fabray (BELL) d. Rich Zacharias (WELLS) 4-1 ovt.  
 HEAVY - Dave Leach (BARNES) p. Steve Mabbott (EL) 48 secs.

SEMI FINALS

98 - K. Felton (BROOKE) p. Kaiser (MF), 1 min; Gregg (UL) p. Davis (ST J) 3 mins. 30 secs.  
 105 - Oberdick (MF) d. Chronster (WELLS) 3-0; Fluharty (WAR) p. Platt (STEUB) 3 mins.  
 112 - Mendenhall (LINS) p. Charlton (TRIAD) 2 mins. 55 secs; Hanlin (WHG) d. Felton (BROOKE) 6-3.  
 119 - Stewart (BARNES) d. Camilletti (WHG. CEN) 3-0; Nightengale (WELLS) d. Dobbs (JM) 10-6.  
 126 - Pryor (WEIR) p. Thomas (MF) 4 mins. 14 secs.; Dolan (WHG. CEN) d. Cohen (STEUB) 7-1.  
 132 - Griffin (JM) p. Yoder (MF) 3 mins. 49 secs.; Owens (STEUB) d. Carter (WELLS) 8-2.  
 138 - Coleman (WELLS) d. Jewell (WAR) d. 6-5; Tluchowski (STEUB) d. Waldeck (WEIR) 4-2.  
 145 - Pell (LINS) p. Parsons (EL) 2:45; Patterson (OG) d. Brecht (WEIR) 10-3.  
 155 - Koontz (JM) d. Primovic (BPT) 11-4; Kotson (ST J) p. Ridgeway (UL) 5 mins. 5 secs.  
 167 - Lehasky (JM) d. Blower Fleishour (STEUB) 1 min. 28 secs.  
 175 - Grace (WEIR) p. Taylor (BEALLS) 3 mins. 20 secs.; Yankovitch (WAR) d. Schmied (WINTS) 5-3.  
 185 - Kovalick (WEIR) d. Wojcik (WHG. CEN.) 5-1. Cain (JM) p. Moncilovich (STEUB) 3 mins. 33 secs.  
 HEAVY - Haney (WAR) p. Jafrate (JM) 5 mins. 25 secs.; Frankovitch (WEIR) p. Leach (BARNES) 4 mins. 26 secs.

98 - Miller (WAR) d. Kaiser (MF) 5-2; Davis (ST J) d. Winesdorffer (LINS) 7-4.  
 105 - Platt (STEUB) d. Stockhouse (WINTS) 6-2; Chronister (WELLS) 1:55 ovt.  
 112 - Jenkins (EL) d. Charlton (TRIAD) 9-0; Felton (BROOKE) d. Owens (STEUB) ref. dec. in ovt.  
 119 - Dobbs (JM) d. Henderson (EL) 16-8; Jarrett (STEUB) p. Camilletti (WHG. CEN.) 4 mins. 20 secs.  
 126 - Sullivan (JM) d. Thomas (MF) 6-0; Cohen (STEUB) d. Poland (SHEN) 11-6.  
 132 - Wilkerson (WEIR) p. Yoder (MF) 2 mins. 30 secs.; Carter (WELLS) d. Walker (OG) 8-3.  
 138 - Bickford (SHEN) over Jewell (WAR) by default; Waldeck (WEIR) d. Hepburn (UL) 3-1.  
 145 - Brecht (WEIR) p. Marshall (TRIAD) 2 mins. 49 secs.; Parsons (EL) d. Lehasky (JM) 11-9.  
 152 - Barr (MF) d. Ridgeway (UL) 4-1; Hercules (WAR) d. Primovic (BPT) 7-0.  
 167 - Smith (BARNES) p. Blower (OG) 7-2; Blondillo (BROOKE) d. Fleishour (STEUB) 2 mins. 47 secs.  
 175 - Taylor (BEALLS) p. Teasdale (ST J) :37 secs.; Schmied (WINTS) p. McElwain (JU) 3 mins. 25 secs.  
 187 - Moncilovich (STEUB) d. Fabry (BELL) 5-1; Wojcik (WHG. CEN.) d. Zacharias (WELLS) 9-6.  
 HEAVY - Dean (MF) d. Leach (BARNES) 5-3; Jafrate (JM) d. Mabbett (EL) 5-2.

THIRD ROUND CONSOLATIONS

98 - Miller (WAR) d. Bressler (STEUB) 6-3; Winesdorffer (LINS) d. Nickerson (TRIAD) 2-0.  
 105 - Bierce (JM) d. Burns (WHG) 15-1; Stackhouse (WINTS) d. Faykus (ST J) 9-5.  
 112 - Jenkins (EL) p. Simmon (JM) 3 mins. 45 secs.; Owens (STEUB) p. Pease (WELLS) 3 mins. 23 secs.  
 119 - Henderson (EL) d. Stanley (WAR) 10-3; Jarrett (STEUB) d. Gregg (UL) 8-0.  
 126 - Sullivan (JM) d. Nicholson (WHG) 7-2; Poland (SHEN) d. Marshall (MAG) 10-6.

132 - Walker (OG) d. Waters (EL) 5-4.  
 Wilkerson (WEIR) d. Brinker (BELL) 7-0.  
 138 - Hepburn (UL) d. Zink (TRIAD) 9-0;  
 Bickford (SHEN) p. James (JM) 2 mins.  
 50 secs.  
 145 - Lehaskey (JM) p. Yates (MINGO) 2  
 mins. 25 secs.; Marshall (TRIAD) d.  
 Villiani (WAR) 2-1.  
 155 - Barr (MF) d. Greenwood (WHG) 2-1;  
 Hercules (WAR) p. Caruso (LINS) 4 mins.  
 12 secs.  
 167 - Smith (BARNES) d. Gaurdeau (WEIR)  
 8-3; Blondello (BROOKE) d. Widmor (BPT)  
 4-0 ovt.  
 175 - Teasdale (ST J) d. Salibeme (MF)  
 5-3;  
 McElwain (JU) d. Sharp (STEUB)  
 5-4.  
 185 - Fabry (BELL) d. Trimmer (WINTS)  
 2-0; Zacharias (WELLS) d. Angius (WAR)  
 10-9.  
 HEAVY - Mabbott (EL) d. Kanzigg (BEALLS)  
 8-2; Dean (MF) p. Dietrich (TRIAD) 4  
 mins. 24 secs.

VAN HORNE  
 on  
 SPORTS

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In this country, there is a tendency to associate quantity with quality when, in truth, that which is the largest is not always the best. There is not necessarily a correlation between size and timbre.

However, last weekend's Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling tournament was not only the biggest ever held, with 32 schools entered but the three-day eliminations at Moundsville also produced the finest competition ever seen in the amateur mat sport in this area and drew the largest crowds. The throng of 2 300 which turned out for Saturday night's colorful finals signalled a public acceptance for the sport locally beyond the fondest dreams of just a few years ago.

Every year the competition seems to improve, not only because of the dedicated young men that are involved but because there are more knowledgeable coaches than ever before. Too often in the past schools would decide to sponsor a wrestling program and simp-

ly designate someone on the faculty or coaching staff who wished to pick up a few extra bucks to be in charge. There may yet be a school or two around with a coach who is not really qualified but the great majority now have men who are devoted to wrestling, who have an understanding and enthusiasm for the sport and who are doing an excellent job of teaching.

The fact that there is more information available to the coaches and wrestlers through films, instruction books, clinics, etc. Junior High and frosh programs have also been a boon.

Moreover, the sport has been made more interesting and competition more aggressive by the elimination of points for "riding time". The U. S. is moving more and more toward adoption of rules such as those that prevail in international meets and this has picked up the tempo of the action and made it more exciting for the spectators, as well as more challenging for the wrestlers. There is greater emphasis on takedowns and a reduced tendency toward "playing it safe".

However, to get back to the matter of quality and quantity, I would suspect that the OVAC tournament has gone about as far as it can go in size. In fact, despite the excitement of those three days at Moundsville, there is something to be said for a revamped format. Coaches, wrestlers, referees, and those of us who served in various official capacities (yours truly was an announcer and scorer) were at a point of exhaustion by 10:00 Saturday night. Any further growth and the tourney would be completely unmanageable. They can't use more than six mats.

I have resisted suggestions in the past that the tournament be broken up into classes because I have felt that every boy deserves to know whether or not he is the very best at his weight in the entire conference, just not the best in Class A, Class AA, or Class AAA. Although a team score is kept and there is heavy emphasis on team results, wrestling in essence is an individual sport and a Bobby Mendenhall, Challen Stewart, Mike Gregg, or Bill McKenzie should not be denied the opportunity to face the best opposition around, just because of the enrollment of his

particular school.

On the other hand, I heard a compromise proposal advanced by several coaches last weekend that would appear to have merit and should be seriously considered by the conference. This solution advocates separate tournaments, one for Triple A schools and another for Class AA and Class A members. But it stipulates that the two meets would be on different weekends, with the Class AA - Class A meet held first. Then the top three finishers in each weight class in the Class AA - Class A tourney would automatically be eligible for the Triple A eliminations. Their performances would not figure in the Class AAA team scoring (the mechanics of this may take some work) but they would have the opportunity to go against the Triple A matmen and to prove their merit.

This means that a school such as Warwood, Barnesville, Union Local, or Linsly (all of which are doing well in the mat sport) would have a chance to earn championship trophies within their own divisions but also that their athletes would have the satisfaction of testing themselves on the mat with the big-school stars. Some of the logistical problems inherent in the massive event held last weekend would be averted and we would have two outstanding tournaments instead of one.

The conference should continue to encourage athletic directors of schools with wrestling teams to avoid scheduling basketball games on the night of OVAC mat tourney finals and thus make it possible for fans to sit in on the action without having to make a choice between two sports.

Incidentally, I anticipate that the three teams which finished at the head of the pack Saturday night - John Marshall, Weirton, and Warwood - will again become locked in spirited competition for regional honors and possibly in the state tournament, which will be held at Moundsville for the first time.

But there is a touch of irony in the fact that Weirton sophomore Sheldon Grace, who won the Dave Bierkortte Memorial Award as the OVAC meet's outstanding wrestler by scoring five straight pins on his way to championship laurels at 175 pounds, may not even suit up

for the regional or state events. The 175-pound class does not exist in the West Virginia regional and state tournaments, though it does in Ohio tournaments, and OVAC schools have agreed to wrestle it in meets involving member teams.

There is no room for young Mr. Grace at 185 because Weirton has another OVAC champ there is Mike Kovalick, a junior and also boasts an OVAC heavyweight titlist in Eric Frankovitch, a senior. So if Kovalick and Frankovitch remain healthy, the brilliant sophomore may sit out the regional. Next year Kovalick will probably move up to the heavyweight division and there will be room at 185 for Grace.

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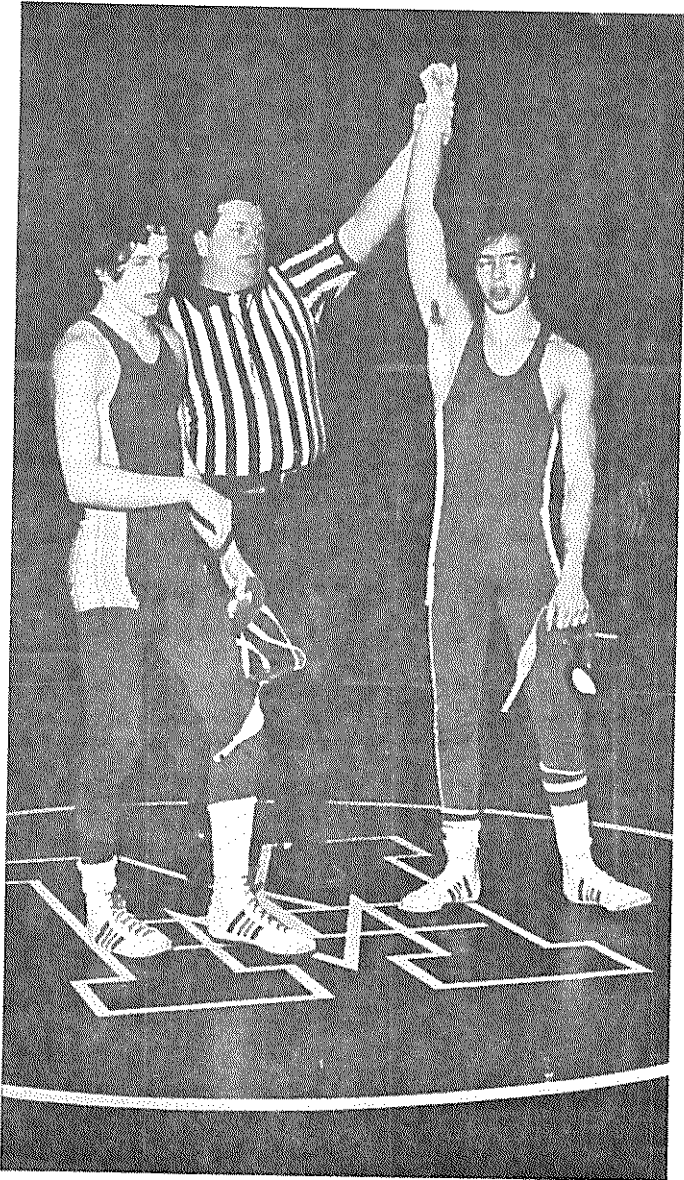
OVAC CHAMPS



Front row L-R Kevin Felton, Jeff Oberdick, Bob Mendenhall,  
Challen Stewart, Chris Pryor, Ron Griffin  
Back row L-R Rick Tluchowski, Dean Patterson, Ron Koontz,  
Scott Lehasky, Sheldon Grace, Mike Kovalick, Eric Frankovich

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Sherry, St. John's, at the  
OVAC Tourney



119-pound Vrotsos,  
Martins Ferry High School  
Decision

## GIANT OVAC MAT TOURNEY OPENS THURSDAY

### 34 SCHOOLS ENTER ELIMINATIONS

The largest and most competitive Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling tournament ever held will begin a three-day stand at the Moundsville Fieldhouse on Friday.

A total of 34 high schools have entered the eliminations, according to George Walley, John Marshall High athletic director, and Bill Hinegardner

are co-directors of the meet.

The tourney will be launched at 6:00 pm on Thursday and all first-round action will be completed at that session. The second round is scheduled for 1:00 pm on Friday with quarterfinals at 7:00 pm., followed by consolation matches. Semi finals are slated for 1:00 pm on Saturday, followed by further consolation action.

On Saturday night the tournament will be climaxed with championship matches in all weight classes, along with bouts to determine third, fourth, fifth, and sixth place in each weight class. Saturday night's session will begin at 7:30 pm.

As many as six mats will be in use at the same time during early rounds of the eliminations.

The tournament will take a new twist this year. While wrestlers from the various schools will be pitted against each other regardless of the size of their respective schools, and while there will be only one individual champion in each weight class, team trophies will be awarded to the schools with the highest number of points in each of the three divisions of the conference.

This is a "first" for the tourney, which is being held for the 21st time this year.

Individual trophies will be awarded to six place winners in each weight class.

John Marshall, which has been both West Virginia state and OVAC titlist for three straight years, and Weirton, which was runnerup to the Monarchs in both the state and OVAC events last year, head the 14-team Triple A field, which also includes Bellaire, Brooke, Cambridge, East Liverpool, Magnolia, eight-time titlist Martins Ferry, Oak Glen, St. Clarisville, Steubenville, Triadelphia, Weirton, Wheeling, and Wintersville.

Seven-time champion Bridgeport and another former kingpin, Wheeling Central, are among the 13 Class AA schools in the field. Others are Barnesville, Buckeye North, Cadiz, Buckeye South, Jefferson Union, Linsly Institute, Meadowbrook, Mingo, Toronto, Wellsville, and Union Local.

Two-time champ Bellaire St. John's Central is in the Single A field, along with heavily-favored Warwood, Bealls-



ville Buckeye West Cameron, and Weirton Madonna.

While there will be separate team titlists in each class, there will be considerable interest in seeing how Warwood with an excellent team, fares in over-all scoring against the Triple A big guns.

Wrestlers will weigh in from 3:00 to 5:30 pm on Thursday, from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm on Friday, and from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm on Saturday. On each of the last two days, they will be given a one-pound weight allowance.

There will be four individual champions of last year in the competition. They include Brooke's remarkable little Kevin Felton, who has lost only one match in his entire high school career and who was 98-pound titlist for the last two years but has now moved up to 105; Jeff Oberdick, of Martins Ferry, last year's 105-pound kingpin who is now at 112; Sheldon Grace, of Weirton, who was picked as the outstanding wrestler in the tournament last January when he pinned five straight opponents in the 175-pound class; and Mike Kovalick, who won at 185 for Weirton last year but is now representing Bellaire High.

At least eight referees will work tournament matches. Already lined up to officiate are Jerry Tenaglia, of Mt. Lebanon, PA.; Walter Tolarchyk, coach at Hoover High at North Canton, OH.; Larry Deaton, of Martins Ferry; George Nedeff, former WVU wrestling coach; Bob Becker, of Marietta; Vince Monseau, West Liberty State College wrestling coach; Dr. John Carline, of Morgantown; and Joe Bates, former St. John's Central coach who is now located at Woodsfield.

#### SEEDED MATMEN SET

#### FOR OVAC TOURNAMENT

98 - Rick Drake, (BARNES) 9-0; Roger Metz, (WAR) 8-0; Nick Bessler (STEUB) 5-1; Kelley Wallace (UNION L) 8-1; Kent Nickerson (TRIAD) 12-1; Joe Debold (JM) 10-2; Joe Mahlie (WINTS) 4-4-1; Tim Hanlin (WHG) 10-4-1; Brad Pryor (WEIR) 10-6; Larry Ward (CAM) 9-1; Rich Polen (JEFF UN) 7-1.

105 - Kevin Felton (BROOKE) 11-0; Mike Gregg (UNION L) 10-1; Bob Earley (CAMB) 8-1; Mike Davis (ST J) 5-0; Tim Haysler (JEFF UN) 8-0; Mike Kaiser (MF) 8-3; Stan Johnson (WAR) 7-1; Craig Platt (STEUB) 7-3; Joe Winesdorffer (LINS) 8-5; Dave Brannan (JM) 7-5; Ralph Mitchell (EAST LIV) 9-2-1; Kevin Chronister (WELLS) 6-5.

112 - Duke Hanlin (WHG) 13-0; Jeff Oberdick (MF) 11-1; Don Hardsouk (WEIR) 10-2; Keith Owens (STEUB) 9-1; Jim Fluharty (WAR) 7-1-1; Bruce Ferguson (BROOKE) 9-2; Ray McKenzie (LINS) 13-3; Jay Bierce (CAMB) 9-3; Dave McCombs (CAMB) 9-3; Paul Prezzia (WELLS) 5-7.

119 - Gary Dobbs (JM) 13-0; Greg Jewell (WAR) 9-0; John Vrotsos (MF) 10-0; Frank Charlton (TRIAD) 10-4; John Trivini (STEUB) 5-1-1; Ed Everly (OG) 7-4; Brent Crum (BEALLS) 5-1; Ron Hardsouk (WEIR) 5-3; Jim Varlas (WHG. CEN.) 10-3; Bob Sinca-vich (LINS) 10-6; Mike Reardon (WEIR MAD) 6-1-2.

126 - Ron Stanley (WAR) 7-0; Mike Caruso (LINS) 14-1; Jeff DeLucas (CADIZ) 7-0; Mark Hyde (WEIR) 11-1-1; Bruce King (MEADOWBRK) 8-2; Keith Eikleberry (BEALLS) 5-3; Devron West (JM) 9-5; Doug Beck (BROOKE) 10-4-1; Randy Ream (CAMB) 4-3; Howard Parsons (EAST LIV) 7-3-1; Jim DiFabrizio (BELL) 6-3-1.

132 - Jack Maynard (TRIAD) 12-1; Carl Wilkinson (WEIR) 8-4; Jack Miller (WAR) 8-1; Jay Nicholson (WHG) 13-4; Randy Brost (MF) 6-4; Brian Allen (CAMB) 6-3; Joe Lukacena (WINTS) 6-3; Bill Mansfield (BEALLS) 5-2; Bob Thompson (MEADOWBRK) 7-2; John Lagos (JM) 7-6-1; Dave Wypasek (WEIR MAD) 9-1.

138 - Bob Walker (OG) 11-0; Keith Carter (WELLS) 10-1; Tom Triveri (WAR) 9-0; Kevin Poland (SHEN) 4-0; Tim Muscaro (WEIR) 12-3; Bill Sims (EAST LIV) 5-4; Eugene White (UNION L) 6-1; Dan Mobley (CAMB) 5-4; Jerry Pryor (BARNES) 7-3; Joel Davia (CADIZ) 4-1-1; Bill Zink (TRIAD) 9-5-1; Jon Murray (JEFF LOC) 6-1-1.

145 - Steve Waters (EAST LIV) 10-1; Tony Melonas (WEIR) 10-3-1; Randy Snyder (JEFF UN) 8-0; Lonnie Marshall (TRIAD) 12-1; Randy Stephens (BARNES) 7-2; Delmar Reed (OG) 9-1-1; Chad Kildow (UNION L) 5-3-1; Duane Bias (CADIZ) 4-1-1.

155 - Dick Primovic (BRIDPT) 7-0; Sam Dotson (WEIR) 12-2-1; Stan Caruso (LINS) 10-3-1; Charles Hossman (BEALLS) 8-0;

Jim Ridgeway (UNION L) 7-2; Dan Villani (WAR) 0-0; Lou Geary (BROOKE) 10-4-1; Dennis Mallernee (CADIZ) 6-0; Bob Kitt-ridge (EAST LIV) 5-5-1; Allen Logan (BARNES) 5-5; Doug Simmons (CAM) 6-3. 167 - Doug Legasky (JM) 11-0; Sid Hercules (WAR) 9-0; Butch Biondillo (BROOKE) 11-2; Hank Fleishour (STEUB) 8-3; Jeff Kirby (LINS) 10-4-1; Steve Gaudreau WEIR) 7-5; Gary Blum (MF) 8-5; Rich Davis (JEFF UN) 7-1; Brian Regoli (BELL) 7-2-1; Doug Walker (MEADOWBRK) 6-2; Jim Graham (OG) 8-2; Mike O'Farrell (EAST LIV) 6-5.

175 - Sheldon Grace (WEIR) 8-0; Mike Yankavitch (WAR) 9-0; Rick Schmeid (WINTS) 9-1; Randy Howell (UNION L) 9-1; Randy Davia (CADIZ) 6-0; Bob Carter (BARNES) 7-2-1; Hank Dipietro (BROOKE) 4-0; Joe Betz (WELLSV) 7-6; Ed Blair (EAST LIV) 6-5; Charles Fisher (CAM) 8-6.

185 - Mike Kovalick (BELL) 7-0; Mike Cain (JM) 12-0; Jim Ducker (BDGPT) 8-0; Jim Angius (WAR) 9-0; Bob Thayer (EAST LIV) 9-1-1; Mark Trimmer (WINTS) 7-2; Dan Gilchrist (BROOKE) 7-3; John Slevin (ST. CL.) 7-1; Larry Scarnecchia (WHG. CEN.) 10-2; Dan Fiedorczyk (WEIR MAD) 7-2; Bill Figley WELLSV) 7-3-1.

HEAVY - Steve Mabbott (EAST LIV) 11-0; Ernie Andria (WINTS) 9-1; Chris Vincent (JM) 10-3-1; John Leon (BROOKE) 11-3; Bernie Shalvey (WHG. CEN.) 10-2; John Major (UNION L) 8-1; Bob Musgrave (STEUB) 6-5; Dennis Morris (BELL) 6-3-1; Doug Owens (LINS) 13-4; Steve Doe (WAR) 7-2-1.

#### OHIO VALLEY TO SHOWCASE TOP MAT TALENT IN OVAC TOURNEY

The best high school wrestling talent in the Ohio Valley will go on display at the Moundsville Fieldhouse tonight.

The occasion will be the opening round of the 21st annual Ohio Valley Athletic Conference tournament. Six mats will be in use and more than 200 matches will be run off on the first evening of the tournament.

Headed by the host John Marshall, OVAC and West Virginia state titlist for the last three years, the field will include athletes from 34 high schools.

While the tourney format has not been changed and, as usual, the youngsters in each weight class will battle it out until there is only one kingpin

in each of the 13 weight designations by the close of the giant meet on Saturday night, trophies will be awarded to two teams in each of the three divisions of the conference.

Point totals will be accumulated under one heading and an overall titlist will be determined. Thus Warwood, which looms as a strong favorite in Class A ranks, is also likely to challenge John Marshall and Weirton, two of the stronger Class AAA teams, for overall honors.

In addition to John Marshall and Weirton, the 14-team Triple A field includes Bellaire, Brooke, Cambridge, East Liverpool, Magnolia, eight-time titlist Martins Ferry, Oak Glen, St. Clairsville, Steubenville, Triadelphia, Wheeling and Wintersville.

Seven-time champion Bridgeport and another former titlist, Wheeling Central, are among the 13 Double A schools entered. The others are Barnesville, Buckeye North, Cadiz, Buckeye South, Jefferson Union, Linsly Institute, Meadowbrook, Mingo, Toronto, Wellsville and Union Local. Union Local and Jefferson Union could battle it out for honors among the Class AA entrants.

Two-time champion St. John's Central is in the Single A fold, along with Warwood, Beallsville, Buckeye West, Cameron, and Weirton Madonna. Warwood is the clear-cut favorite among these schools.

The tournament begins at 6:00 today. Second-round combat is slated for 1:00 pm on Friday. The quarter-finals will start at 7:00 Friday night, followed by consolation matches.

Semi-finals will be at 1:00 pm on Saturday, followed by further consolation action. On Saturday night, there will be championship matches in all weight classes, along with bouts to determine the third-place finishers in each weight and the sixth-place finishers.

Individual trophies will be awarded to six wrestlers in each weight division.

There will be four individual champions of last year in the competition. They are Brooke's Kevin Felton, who stands 72-1 in his high school career and who was OVAC 98-pound titlist for the last two years but has moved up to 105; Jeff Oberdick of Martins Ferry, last year's 105-pound ruler who is now at 112; Sheldon Grace of Weirton, who was

selected as the outstanding grappler in the tourney last January when he pinned five straight opponents in the 175-pound class; and Mike Kovalick, who won the 185-pound laurels last year representing Weirton but now wrestles for Bellaire High.

Top seeded matmen in the various weight classes are Rick Drake of Barnesville at 98 pounds; Felton at 105; defending West Virginia state champion Duke Hanlin of Wheeling at 112; Gary Dobbs of John Marshall at 119; Ron Stanley of Warwood at 126; Jack Maynard of Triadelphia at 132; Bob Walker of Oak Glen at 138; Steve Waters of East Liverpool at 145; Dick Primovic of Bridgeport at 155; Doug Lehasky of John Marshall at 167; Grace at 175; Kovalick at 185; and Steve Mabbott of East Liverpool, heavyweight.

Referees for the tourney include Jerry Tenaglia of Mt. Lebanon, PA; Walter Tolarchyk, former Bridgeport High and West Liberty State College athlete who is now head wrestling coach at Hoover High in North Canton; Larry Deaton of Martins Ferry; George Nedeff, former WVU wrestling coach; Bob Becker of Marietta; Vince Monseau, West Liberty State College wrestling coach; Dr. John Carline of Morgantown; and Joe Bates, former St. John's Central match coach who is now located at Woodsfield High.

Semi-finals are at 1:00 pm on Saturday, with more consolation bouts rounding out the matinee program. The championship contests are slated for 7:30 pm on Saturday night, along with bouts to determine third, fourth, fifth and sixth place in each weight class.

While, after only one round of competition, it is impossible to get an accurate fix on the possible outcome, Weirton paced the over-all scoring at the end of last night's session with 16 points, followed by Warwood and Wintersville with 15½ each, Union Local with 15, East Liverpool and Linsly Institute with 14½ each, and John Marshall and Brooke, with 14 apiece. John Marshall has been kingpin for the past three years.

With divisional titlists in team scoring to be crowned for the first time, Weirton was tops in Class AAA, Union Local in Class AA, and Warwood in Class A.

32 of the 34 teams entered in the giant eliminations figured in last night's scoring.

Quickest pins were 22 secs. nobs by Weirton 167-pounder Steve Gaudreau and Cadiz 175-pounder Randy Davia.

Last night's results follow:

#### OVERALL SCORING

Weirton 16; Warwood and Wintersville both 15½; Union Local 15; East Liverpool and Linsly both 14½; Brooke and John Marshall both 14; Triadelphia 13; Steubenville 12½; Cambridge 11½; Meadowbrook 10½; Oak Glen 10; Bellaire and Cadiz both 9; Jefferson Union Shenandoah and Weirton Madonna all 8; Martins Ferry 7½; Mingo, Bellaire St. John's and Wheeling Central all 6; Beallsville and Magnolia both 4; Cameron 3; Toronto 2; Buckeye North 1; Buckeye South and St. Clairsville failed to score.

#### DIVISIONAL BREAKDOWN

AAA - Weirton 16, Wintersville 15½, East Liverpool 14½, Brooke and John Marshall both 14, Triadelphia 13, Steubenville 12½, Cambridge 11½, Oak Glen 10, Bellaire 9, Martins Ferry 7½, Wheeling 6, Magnolia 4, St. Clairsville 0.  
AA - Union Local 15, Linsly 14½, Meadowbrook 10½, Cadiz 9, Jefferson Union 8,

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#### QUARTERFINALS IN OVAC MAT ACTION TONIGHT

They'll be separating the milk from the cream, the wheat from the chaff, the strong from the stronger, and the skilled from the more skilled tonight in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling tournament at Moundsville.

The giant three-day tournament, looking for all the world like a six-ring athletic circus, got off to a pin-studded start Thursday night before a gym-jamming opening night crowd at Moundsville Fieldhouse. There were 97 pins during a program of nearly 200 bouts.

The second round of the eliminations were scheduled to get underway at 1:00 pm today. Quarter-finals are tonight at 7:00, with consolation bouts to follow.

Mingo and Wheeling Central both 7, Wells-ville 6½, Barnesville and Bridgeport both 6, Toronto 2, Buckeye North 1. A - Warwood 15½, Shenandoah 8, Weirton Madonna 8, Bellaire St. John's 7, Buckeye West 6 Beallsville 4, Cameron 3, Buckeye South 0.

#### FIRST ROUND

98 - Lazarus (LINS) d. Iateg (SHEN) 16-5; Bressler (STEUB) d. Trudo (ST C) 12-5; T. Hanlin (WAR) p. Mark (MINGO) 5:03; Nickerson (TRIAD) d. Chadwell (BEALLS) 7- ; Drake (BARNES) p. Green (MF) 3:55; Lower (BROOKE) d. Stenger (WHG. CEN.) 3-0. Pryor (WEIR) p. Cocke (EL) 2:30. Mahlie (WINTS) over Schaffer (TOR) by default; Metz (WAR) d. Carter (CADIZ) 12-1; Grammer (ST J) d. Sarver (MAG) 6-0; Molnar (BUCK W) d. Ward (CAM) 5-3; Polen (JU) d. Johnson (CAMB) 6-2 ovt. 105 - Platt (STEUB) p. Thomas (TRIAD) 5:29; Early (CAMB) p. Young (MINGO) 3:58; Blake (CAM) p. Church (MAD. WEIR) 0:58; Chronister (WELLS) p. Frankfield (WEIR) 1:01; Brannan (JM) p. Fadul (WHG) 1:54; Haysler (JU) p. Camilletti (WHG. CEN.) 3:50; Mansfield (WINTS) d. Sandford (SHEN) 5:04; Felton (BROOKE) p. Scamell (BPT) 4:15; Johnson (WAR) d. Merritt (BARNES) 15-0; Davis (ST J) p. Smith (CADIZ) 1:38; Courtwright (BUCK N) d. Furro (BEALLS) 8-2; Mitchell (EL) p. Canfield (MAG) 4:30; Gregg (UL) p. Zeroski (BUCK W) 1:10; Winesdorffer (LINS) p. Brandich (OG) 3:05; Kaiser (MF) d. Capito (MAD) 5-0. 112 - D. Hanlin (WHG) p. Defrank (WINTS) 1:45; Fluharty (WAR) p. Dewalt (BUCK W) 2:40; Lionhart (JU) d. Robb (BARNES) 7-0; Sherby (MEAD) d. Shriver (BEALLS) 9-2; Owens (STEUB) d. Pattison (CAMB) 11-1; Mizer (CADIZ) d. McCombs (CAM) 9-6; Oberdick (MF) p. Fair (BUCK N) :43; Harsouk (WEIR) p. Moore (UL) 1:15; Frye (TRIAD) d. Polak (WHG. CEN.) 5-3; McKenzie (LINS) d. Faykos (ST J) 5-4; Prezzia (WELLS) d. Metts (OG) 6-4; Williams (MINGO) d. Jones (BUCK S) 8-4. 119 - Varlas (WHG. CEN.) p. Elliott (BUCK W) 5:15; Dobbs (JM) p. Yoho (CAM) 3:50; Trivini (STEUB) p. Rush (JU) 3:53; Cain (UL) d. Day (MAG) 4-2; Charlton (TRIAD) d. Bailey (WELLS) 7-0; Harsouk (WEIR) d. Marsh (WINTS) 4-0 ovt; Feldner (SHEN) d. Sincavich (LINS) 4-2;

Brinker (BELL.) p. Herrick (TOR) 2:15; Burns (WHG) p. Benardi (ST C) 3:15; Rear- don (WEIR MAD) d. Hoskins (BARNES) 8-2; Hill (CAMB) d. Fugett (MEADB) 12-2; Vrotsos (MF) d. Yoho (CAD) 4-0; Everly (OG) p. Ramsey (BRPT) 4:34; Jewell (WAR) p. Sherry (ST J) 2:58; Dray (MINGO) d. Courtright (BUCK N) 4-0; Gamble (BRKE) d. Crum (BEALLS) 9-1 ovt. 126 - Parsons (EL) d. Tierney (MF) 10- 1; Covey (BRPT) p. Hatcher (MINGO) 2:58; Hyde (WEIR) p. Smith (WELLS) 1:30; John- son (STEUB) p. Cramer (MAG) 1:45; Defab- rizzo (BELL) p. Bristen (BUCK W) 1:25; Emerth (WHG. CEN.) d. Eikleberry (BEALLS) 11-5; Zeszafek (WEIR MAD) d. Hurtsman (UL) 11-7; King (MEADOW) p. Conaway (BUCK S) 1:27; Ream (CAMB) p. Dowler (WHG) 2:16 ovt; West (JM) d. Brown (BUCK N) 5-0; Thomas (SHEN) p. Scott (CAM) 5:53; Tipton (BARNES) p. Hayes (ST C) 3:21; Eikleberry (OG) d. Kosky (ST J) 6-1; Carusso (LINS) p. Vanfoss- en (JU) 5:54. 132 - Stephens (SHEN) p. Mannireno (MINGO) Imin.; Johnson (BELL) p. Steff- ik (BRPT) 5 35; Thompson (MEADOW) d. Glover (CAD) 13-3; Miller (WAR) p. Wolfe (EL) 4:45; Allen (CAMB) d. Donohue (JU) 10-3; Baber (UL) p. Robbins (LINS) 4:53; Wypasek (WEIR MAD) p. Howler (WHG. CEN.) 3:51; Lukocena (WINTS) d. Bressler (STEUB) 11-0; Bretchen (BUCK W) p. O'Neil (CAM) 4:35; Maynard (TRIAD) p. Lynn (BARNES) 5:16; Broust (MF) d. Vermillan (OG) 13-2; Mansfield (BEALLS) d. Fox (ST J) 9-0; Lagos (JM) p. Brown (BUCK N) 1:57. 138 - Ullom (JM) p. McConnaughey (BRPT) 1:11; Triveri (WAR) p. Woods (BUCK W) 3:44; Walker (OG) d. Schmitt (WHG. CEN.) 8-2; Crum (BEALLS) p. Young (ST C) 1:40; Ferguson (STEUB) d. Murray (JU) 15-8; Muscaro (WEIR) p. Faykus (ST J) 1:13; Poland (SHEN) p. Marshall (MAG) 1:44. Mobley (CAMB) d. Kocher (BRKE) 3-2; Bruber (LINS) p. Chaplin (CAM) 4:30; Zink (TRIAD) won by default over Mc- Elroy (MEADOW); Pryor (BARNES) d. Hicks (MF) 9-8; Carter (WELLS) d. Ferguson (WINTS) 13-1. Davis (CAD) d. Mayle (BUCK N) 8-0. Simms (EL) d. Adams 16-5; Licause (WEIR MAD) d. Bernares (WHG) 10-7. 145 - Waters (EL) p. King (WAR) 4:18; Marshall (TRIAD) p. Kerns (LINS) 47 secs.; Bias (CAD) d. Ensell (BUCK N) 2-1; Frizzi (BELL) d. Ludewig (MINGO) 4-3; Wear (WHG. CEN.) d. Austin (ST. C) 5-1; Stephens

(BARNES) d. Dobbs (WHG) 13-4; Saunders (WINTS) p. Davis (BUCK S) 1:39; Thompson (JM) d. Snyder (JU) 14-7; Davis (BEALLS) d. Kafury (CAMB) 7-2; Reed (OG) d. Kocher (BRKE) 7-4; Kildow (UL) d. Sweeney (STEUB) 4-2; Rogers (WEIR MAD) d. Downing (CAM) 5-0; Ramage (MEADOW) p. White (WELLS) 3:47; Zeroski (BUCK W) p. McCullough (SHEN) 2:57; Foster (ST J) d. Melonas (WEIR) 4-3.

155 - Martin (OG) d. Schwing (JM) 11-6; Primovic (BRPT) p. Brown (BUCK N) 2:58; Mallernee (CAD) p. Mays (TOR) 43 secs.; Ridgeway (UL) p. Janczak (WEIR MAD) 1:25; Froment (CAMB) d. Edwards (STEUB) 6-0; Zink (TRIAD) p. Hossman (BEALLS) 5:03; Geary (BROOKE) p. Schumacher (ST C) 1:40; Demartin (JU) p. Leonard (BUCK S) 3:25; Schuller (MF) d. Ewart (BELL) 3-1; Barkoci (MINGO) d. Logan (BARNES) 7-4; Cobb (MAG) p. Villani (WAR) 3:40; Kitteridge (EL) d. Mathess (WELLS) 13-9; Caruso (LINS) d. Mercer (MEADOW) 12-3; Smith (WINTS) p. Wodusky (WHG. CEN.) 3:35; Simmons (CAM) d. Baker (ST J) 10-5; Dotson (WEIR) d. Myers (BUCK W) 6-0.

167 - Walker (MEADOW) p. Laney (CAM) 1:26; Curtain (WHG. CEN.) p. Mitchell (SHEN) 59 secs.; Hammeck (MINGO) p. Petronek (ST J) 50 secs.; Lehasky (JM) p. Bailey (UL) 1:14; Kirby (LINS) won by default over Lawrence (CAMB); O'Farrell (EL) p. Irvin (BUCK S) 3:32; Davis (JU) p. Hanna (MAG) 1:34; Hercules (WAR) p. Sparing (CAD) 2:38; Biondello (BRKE) p. Hogue (ST C) 3:50; Graham (OG) p. Gregg (TRIAD) 4:12; Fleishour (STEUB) p. Hores (BRPT) 1:46; Drysdale (WELLS) d. Campeti (WHG) 6-2; Gradeau (WEIR) p. Pendleton (WINTS) 22 secs.; Regoli (BELL) d. Reynolds (BARNES) 3-1.

175 - Miller (ST J) d. Stermer (MEADOW) 9-8; Petrozzi (MINGO) won by default over Fisher (CAM); Davis (CAD) p. Milosavljevic (BELLSV) 22 secs.; Grace (WEIR) p. Hughes (WEIR MAD) 1:50; Naynick (OG) p. Clark (SHEN) 3:41; Schmeid (WINTS) p. Kozlowski (WHG. CEN.) 2:50; Howell (UL) d. Habig (MF) 13-0; Blair (EL) d. Lovejoy (BELL) 11-0; Betz (WELLSV) d. Whitlatch (JM) 4-3; Depietro (BRKE) p. Captor (BUCK N) 1:20; Venhoyt (CAMB) p. Rice (ST C) 5:17; Anderson (MAG) p. Neidert (WHG) 3:28; Vincent (LINS) d. Dudley (TRIAD) 12-3; Worwa (BUCK W) d. McElwain (JU) 9-3.

185 - Turner (MEADOW) p. Zackey (BUCK S) 5:21; Trimmer (WINTS) p. Calhoun (BUCK W) 3:19; Nicolozakes (CAMB) d. Scarnecchia (WHG. CEN.) 3-1; Hortsman (UL) p. Dossett (MAG) 4:47; Thayer (EL) p. Best (CAD) 1:28; Ducker (BRPT) p. Murphy (CAMB) 3:00 Angius (WAR) p. Heyman (LINS) 3:31; Fiedorczyk (WEIR MAD) p. Conners (ST J) 3:46; Gilchrist (BRKE) p. Moxley (BARNES) 1:45; Eafrazi (WEIR) p. Figley (WELLS) 3:24; Plotz (MF) d. McFadden (OG) 3-2.

HEAVY - Major (UL) p. Stanley (WAR) 1:24; Leon (BRKE) p. McGraw (MINGO) 40 secs.; Morris (BELL) d. McMath (OG) 7-3; Shalvey (WHG. CEN.) p. Palcic (WEIR) 5:02; Hodor (ST J) p. Felix (BUCK W) 4:30; Owens (LINS) p. Minder (MF) 1:38; Mobbott (EL) p. Hill (CAM) 2:25; Buckham (TOR) p. Henry (ST C) 1:34; Doe (WAR) d. Wheeler (BEALLS) 5-0; Pompeo (TRIAD) d. Greiner (BARNES) 5-19; Andria (WINTS) p. Morrison (CAD) 57 secs.; Vincent (JM) p. Trzaskoma (JU) 4:45; Miley (SHEN) d. Sellers (MAG) 7-5; Musgrave (STEUB.) d. Young (CAM) 10-2.

Over 200 Matches Tonight as OVAC  
Tourney Is Launched at Moundsville

From quick, little 98 pounders to hulking heavyweights, the best high school wrestling talent in the Ohio Valley will be on display tonight at the Moundsville Fieldhouse.

The occasion will be the opening round of action in the 21st annual Ohio Valley Athletic Conference tournament.

It's likely that there will be quick pins galore in the initial round since the pairing match up some of the top grapplers around with some of the least successful ones.

Headed by host John Marshall, OVAC and West Virginia state titlist for the last three years, the field will include 416 athletes from 34 high schools. While the tourney format has not been changed and, as usual, the youngsters in each weight class will battle it out until there is only one kingpin in each of the 13 weight designations by the close of the giant meet on Saturday night, trophies will be awarded to two teams in each of the three divisions of the conference.

Still, point totals will be accumulated under one heading and an over-all titlist will be determined. Thus Woodward, which looms as the strong favorite

in Class A ranks, is also likely to challenge John Marshall and Weirton for over-all honors.

In addition to John Marshall and Weirton, the 14-team Triple A field will include Bellaire, Brooke, Cambridge, East Liverpool, Magnolia, eight-time titlist Martins Ferry, Oak Glen, St. Clairsville, Steubenville, Triadelphia, Wheeling, and Wintersville.

Seven-time champion Bridgeport and another former titlist, Wheeling Central, are among the 13 Double A schools entered. The others are Barnesville, Buckeye North, Cadiz, Buckeye South, Jefferson Union, Linsly Institute, Meadowbrook, Mingo, Toronto, Wellsville and Union Local.

Two-time champ Bellaire St. John's Central is in the Single A fold, along with Warwood, Beallsville, Buckeye West, Cameron, and Weirton Madonna.

The tournament begins at 6:00 pm today. Second-round combat is slated for 1:00 pm on Friday with quarter-finals at 7:00 pm followed by consolation matches.

Semi-finals will be at 1:00 pm Saturday, followed by further consolation action. On Saturday night, there will be championship matches in all weight classes, along with bouts to determine third, fourth, fifth, and sixth place in each weight.

NEWS REGISTER - Wheeling, WV

By BILL VAN HORNE  
News-Register Sports Editor

For most of three days at the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling tournament at Moundsville, the countenance of young Eric Carder, the head coach at Warwood High School, wore a pained expression. And no wonder.

Carder was trying to fight off the flu, which finally took him down when the tournament was over and put him in a sick bed. He was also under severe pressure because he and his Vikings were intent on winning it all.

Warwood was a lead-pipe cinch to capture Class A honors in the giant tourney but that "A" title was not the goal at which the Vikings were aiming. They wanted to beat the big boys; to lead the over-all scoring.

Saturday night, about 11:00, in

the climax to the most hotly-contested tournament in the 21-year history of the OVAC eliminations, the Warwood boys realized their ambition. Despite the fact that they did not capture an individual championship in any weight class, the Vikings finished one and a half points ahead of defending state and OVAC kingpin John Marshall.

This was a noteworthy feat in many respects. For a school the size of Warwood to outpoint all the Triple A powers is no small accomplishment. But, to my knowledge there has never been an OVAC team titlist that won its prize without a single individual crown in its possession.

Warwood won because Carder and his charges didn't give up at any time. There is a tendency among many wrestlers to let down when they are eliminated from competition for individual titles. But the Vikings fought back in consolation matches and that's where they picked up the points to swing the balance in their favor.

Warwood had only one representative, Ron Stanley, in the championship matches and he lost the 132-pound title to Linsly's Mike Caruso in a wild-and-wooly affair, 14-13.

Meantime, John Marshall had four athletes in the title matches and two of them Gary Dobbs at 119 and Doug Lehasky, at 167, maintained their unblemished records to cop individual crowns, though Dobbs went overtime against Martins Ferry's John Vrotsos and won by a split verdict of the officials and Lehasky shaded Brooke's Butch Biondello by only a point.

Had either Mike Cain, at 185, or heavyweight Chris Vincent, triumphed in the finals for the Monarchs, Bill Hinegardner's team would have repulsed the Warwood bid. Both gave it a great try but Cain lost to Bellaire's Mike Kovalick in overtime and Vincent bowed to East Liverpool's Steve Mabbott in overtime.

While JMHS had four finalists, the Monarchs did not qualify a single matman for either the third-fourth place or fifth-sixth place windups. And that made a crucial difference. Warwood had two third-place finishers in Jim Fluharty, at 112, and Greg Jewell, at 119; two fourth-placers, Sid

Hercules, at 167, and Steve Johnson, at 105; two fifth-placers, Roger Metz, at 98, and Mike Yankavitch, at 175; and one sixth-placer, Jim Angius, at 185.

So while Bill Hinegardner wound up with two champs and runnersup, he had a total of only four finishers in the top six. Carder, without any individual titlists, had eight place winners.

Both Warwood and John Marshall could point to many close bouts which, if they had gone the other way, could have altered the outcome. Anyhow, the results of the OVAC tourney, the biggest ever held, certainly set the state for another blistering battle when the Vikings and Monarchs go at it in the regional next month at Brooke. The fact that neither Linsly or the Ohio-side teams will be present then could help JMHS - or could help Warwood.

But you will not see in this area this year another tourney which will match the quality of the OVAC eliminations. Consider the fact that Brooke's Kevin Felton, who had been seeking his fourth straight OVAC championship and who was a 1974 state champion, had to settle for fifth place at 105 and by one-point margins lost two matches (more than he had lost previously during his entire high school career) in two days. Consider that Wheeling High's Duke Hanlin, defending West Virginia 112-point champ, could finish only fourth in his weight class.

Bellaire's Kovalick, who defeated Cain four times last year while wrestling for Weirton and was a West Virginia state champion, was selected for the Dave Bierkorte Memorial Award as the outstanding grappler in the tourney by vote of the coaches, who obviously considered this match with the John Marshall star as the super set-to of the tourney. But how about the feat of Cadiz High's Randy Davia, who became the first OVAC mat titlist ever from his school?

Davia pinned four out of the five opponents he faced in the 175-pound class and none of the pins took over three minutes. One of his victims was Sheldon Grace, of Weirton who was picked as the outstanding wrestler in the tourney last year.

From a team standpoint, the achieve-

ment that raised the most eyebrows, other than Warwood's victory, was that of Union Local, which won the Class AA trophy and finished third in overall points, behind Warwood and JMHS. The Jets never really got off the ground in the mat sport until three years ago when Denny Bowman, now at Bellaire, was coaching there. Young Jim Crosier, who was an OVAC tourney runnerup for Steubenville in 1967 and subsequently was an Ohio University athlete, has done a bang-up job in bringing the Union Local program along to the point where the Jets finished ahead of such schools as Weirton, Brooke, East Liverpool, Wintersville, etc., even though Liverpool was the only school, other than John Marshall, with more than one individual kingpin.

The fact that Warwood and Union Local should finish first and third, respectively, in the overall standings is a persuasive argument for keeping the tourney together as one grand and glorious spectacle, rather than splitting it into three separate events. A boy still has the right to know he is No. 1 in the entire conference.

The results prove that the seeding committee did an excellent job, for the most part. Seven individual champs were top seeds and three more were No. 2 seeds. Biggest surprises were Keith Owens of Steubenville the No. 4 seed who won at 112; Davia, seeded fifth at 175, and Brooke's scrappy Lou Geary, who was seeded only seventh at 155 but came through. In his final match, Geary trailed top-seeded Dick Primovic of Bridgeport, 11-6, but rallied for a pin.

The tournament will become even more testing next season when Parkersburg High and Parkersburg South are added to the field. Those are schools that usually figure prominently in the sport. But the odds are against any single power dominating the meet for long periods of time. There are just too many good coaches, too many good athletes, and too much competition for a lengthy reign to be likely.

## WARWOOD UNSEATS JOHN MARSHALL AS TOP

### Union Local Bags Double-A Laurels

By Jim Cochran  
News-Register Sports Writer

John Marshall High is still the reigning Triple-A team in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling realm but the Monarchs have been unseated as over-all titlists.

Warwood's Vikings, a Class A team with Class AAA coaching and talent, nosed out JMHS for top honors in the 21st annual OVAC tourney, which concluded a three-day stand at the Moundsville Fieldhouse Saturday.

The Vikes finished with 101½ points to 100 for the Triple A kingpins. Union Local was the Class AA titlist and was third in the over-all scoring with 91½ markers.

Warwood performed a rare feat in winning the championship without having an individual winner. The depth and balance of Coach Eric Carder's team paid off.

A capacity crowd witnessed the tournament, which featured numerous upsets and exciting close finishes which kept the fans in an uproar. Four finals went overtime and two of them had to be decided by referee's decisions when the score was still deadlocked at the end of the extra period. Four other matches were decided by one-point margins.

There were four individual champs of last year in the field and only one of them prevailed again, that being Mike Kovalick, of Bellaire, the 185-pounder who was selected as the outstanding wrestler in the tourney.

Barnesville sophomore Rick Drake, living up to top-seeded billing, won his 14th of a season without defeat when he topped another sophomore, J. Marshall's Joe Debolt, 19-8, to take the 98-pound laurels in the first Saturday night final.

Then Mike Gregg, of Union Local, who was runnerup at 98 as a sophomore last year, took the 105-pound crown with a 9-3 trimming of Chronister, the earlier conqueror of Felton.

Martins Ferry wrestlers lost a couple of close ones in the next two finals. Keith Owens, of Steubenville, who had knocked off 1974 West Virginia state champion Duke Hanlin, of Wheeling, by an 8-7 score, edged Oberdick 4-3 in the 112 windup and then John Marshall's Gary Dobbs went overtime against Ferry's John Vrotsos before winning on a referees' decision. The score between Dobbs and Vrotsos was 4-4 at the end of regulation time and again 4-4 after the overtime.

Dobbs has now won 18 straight on the season while Owens is 14-1. Oberdick's loss was his second in 17 starts while Vrotsos, who upset the second-seeded and previously unbeaten Greg Jewell, of Warwood, in the semi-finals is 14-3.

One of the wildest finals ever seen at the fieldhouse developed into a 14-13 nod for Mike Caruso (19-1), of Linsly, over Ron Stanley, the Warwood junior who had been top seeded and who had won 13 in a row.

At 132, Carl Wilkinson (13-4), second-seeded entry from Weirton, knocked off top-seeded Jack Maynard, Triadelphia (16-2), in a 4-3 thriller.

Oak Glen's unbeaten No. 1 seed Bob Walker (16-0) was the victor in another nail-biter as he and Keith Carter (14-2) of Wellsville were 0-0 in overtime. Walker got the vote of the officials in the 138 final.

Steve Waters (15-1) of East Liverpool, romped to an 18-0 trouncing of Delmar Reed, of Oak Glen, who struggled valiantly to keep from being pinned in the 145 final.

There was a surprise winner at 155 in Lou Geary, Brooke junior who has four losses on his record but has been coming along. Geary was behind, 11-6, against unbeaten Dick Primovic, of Bridgeport, but scored a pin in 4:52.

Doug Lehasky (16-0) of John Marshall, took the honors as the No. 1 seed at 167 with a 4-3 squeeze past Brooke's Butch Biondillo. The Brooke matmen a upset second-seeded Sid Hercules, of Warwood, 3-1, in an overtime semi.

Cadiz's Randy Davia became the first champion produced in the OVAC tourney by his school when he pinned Wintersville's Rick Schmied in the 175-pound final, right at the buzzer at the end of the first period. Davia had pinned top-seeded Sheldon Grace, of



Weirton in the semi-finals. Grace, who was unbeaten this season, had been the most outstanding wrestler in last year's tourney.

Bellaire's Kovalick, who wrestled for Weirton last year, became the only champion to successfully defend his individual title when he topped John Marshall's previously unbeaten Mike Cain, 5-1, in overtime in a rerun of last year's OVAC and West Virginia state finals. Kovalick is now 12-0 and Cain is 16-1.

Steve Mabbott, East Liverpool's unbeaten heavyweight, who is 16-0 on the season, topped Chris Vincent of the Monarchs 7-4 in overtime for the heavyweight laurels.

#### OVAC WRESTLING MATCHES

#### OVERALL TEAM POINTS

Warwood 101½; John Marshall 100; Union Local 91½; Weirton 85½; Brooke 83½; East Liverpool 69; Wintersville 60; Linsly Institute 56; Steubenville 51; Cambridge 50½; Barnesville 47; Cadiz 45; Oak Glen 43; Triadelphia 42½; Martins Ferry 40½; Bridgeport 39½; Bellaire 37; Wellsville 32; Wheeling 27½; Jefferson Union 23½; St. John's Central 23; Wheeling Central 16; Shenandoah 15; Mingo 12; Beallsville 8; Buckeye West 6; Magnolia 6; St. Clairsville 3; Cameron 3; Buckeye North 1; Buckeye South 0.

#### CLASS AAA

John Marshall 100; Weirton 85½; Brooke, East Liverpool 69; Wintersville 60; Steubenville 51; 83½; Cambridge 50½; Oak Glen 43; Triadelphia 42½; Martins Ferry 40½; Bellaire 37; Wheeling 27½; Magnolia 6; St. Clairsville 3.

#### CLASS AA

Union Local 91½; Linsly Institute 56; Barnesville 47; Cadiz 45; Bridgeport 39½; Wellsville 32; Jefferson Union 23½; Meadowbrook 14½; Mingo 12; Toronto 2; Buckeye South 0.

#### CLASS A

Warwood 101½; St. John's Central 23; Shenandoah 15; Weirton Madonna 11; Beallsville 8; Buckeye West 6; Cameron 3; Buckeye North 1.

#### CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

98 - Rick Drake (BARNES) d. Joe Debolt (JM) 19-8.  
105 - Mike Gregg (UL) d. Kevin Chronister (WELLS) 9-3.  
112 - Keith Owens (STEUB) d. Jeff Oberdick (MF) 4-3.  
119 - Gary Dobbs (JM) d. John Vrotsos (MF) ovt. ref.'s dec.  
126 - Mike Caruso (LINS) d. Ron Stanley (WAR) 14-13.  
132 - Carl Wilkinson (WEIR) d. Jack Maynard (TRIAD) 4-3.  
138 - Bob Walker (OG) d. Keith Carter (WELLS) ovt. ref. dec.  
145 - Bob Waters (EL) d. Delmar Reed (OG) 18-0.  
155 - Lou Geary (BRKE) p. Dick Primovic (BPT) 4:52.  
167 - Doug Lehaskey (JM) d. Butch Biondillo (BRKE) 4-3.  
175 - Randy Davia (CADIZ) p. Rick Schmied (WINTS) 2 min.  
187 - Mike Kovalick (BELL) d. Mike Cain (JM) 5-1 ovt.  
HEAVY - Steve Mabbott (EL) d. Chris Vincent (JM) 7-4 ovt.

#### THIRD-FOURTH PLACE MATCHES

98 - Roger Wallace (UL) d. Kent Nickerson (TRIAD) 6-2.  
105 - Bob Early (CAMB) d. Steve Johnson (WAR) 2-0.  
112 - Jim Fluharty (WAR) d. Duke Hanlin (WHG) 10-1.  
119 - Greg Jewell (WAR) p. John Trivini (STEUB) 1:40 ovt.  
126 - Jeff Delucas (CADIZ) d. Mark Hyde (WEIR) 12-11.  
132 - Jay Nicholson (WHG) d. Dave Lynn (BARNES) 7-3.  
138 - Eugene White (UL) d. Don Mobley (CAM) 16-8.  
145 - Jim Foster (ST J) d. Chad Kildow (UL) 8-7.  
155 - Jim Ridgeway (UL) p. Stan Caruso (LINS) 4:53.  
167 - Steve Gaudreau (WEIR) d. Sid Hercules (WAR) 4-3.

175 - Sheldon Grace (WEIR) p. Randy Howell (UL) 4:35.  
187 - Jim Ducker (BPT) d. Bob Thayer (EL) by default.  
HEAVY - John Leon (BROOKE) d. Ernie Andria (WINTS) 8-5.

#### FIFTH-SIXTH PLACE MATCHES

98 - Roger Metz (WAR) p. Bruce Grammer (ST J) 1:15.  
105 - Kevin Felton (BRKE) d. Tim Haysler (JU) 6-0.  
112 - Don Hardsouk (WEIR) d. Roy McKenzie (LINS) 11-6.  
119 - Mike Gamble (BROOKE) d. Jim Varlas (WHG. CEN.) 8-1.  
126 - Eddie Johnston (WINTS) d. Ed Covey (BPT) 4-1.  
132--Brian Allen (CAMB) d. Joe Lukacena (WINTS) 2-1.  
138 - Tim Muscaro (WEIR) d. Bill Simms (EL) 5-4.  
145 - Randy Stephens (BARNES) d. Lonnie Marshall (TRIAD) 7-6.  
155 - Mark Froment (CAMB) d. Sam Dotson (WEIR) 1-0.  
167 - Hank Fleishour (STEUB) d. Rich Davis (JU) 4-0.  
175 - Mike Yankavitch (WAR) d. Hank Di-  
pietro (BRKE) 3-1.  
187 - Mark Trimmer (WINTS) d. Jim Angi-  
us (WAR) 2-1.  
HEAVY - Dennis Morris (BELL) d. John  
Major (UL) 7-2.

#### SEMI-FINALS

98 - Drake (BARNES) d. Wallace (UL)  
8-7; Debold (JM) p. Grammer (ST J) 4:55.  
105 - Gregg (UL) d. Early (CAMB) 7-4;  
Chronister (WELLS) d. Haysler (JU) 3-2.  
112 - Oberdick (MF) d. Hardsouk (WEIR)  
8-4; Owens (STEUB) d. Hanlin (WHG) 8-7.  
119 - Dobbs (JM) d. Trivini (STEUB) 6-3;  
Vrotsos (MF) d. Jewell (WAR) 5-4.  
126 - Stanley (WAR) p. Hyde (WEIR) 3:20;  
Mike Caruso (LINS) p. Delucas (CADIZ)  
4:59.  
132 - Wilkinson (WEIR) d. Allen (CAMB)  
3-2; Maynard (TRIAD) d. Nicholson (WHG)  
20-4.  
138 - Walker (OG) d. Muscaro (WEIR)  
9-6; Carter (WELLS) d. Simms (EL) 3-0.  
145 - Waters (EL) d. Marshall (TRIAD)  
9-2; Reed (OG) d. Kildow (UL) 10-5.  
155 - Primovic (BPT) p. Ridgeway (UL)  
3:55; Geary (BRKE) d. Stan Caruso (LINS)  
7-6.

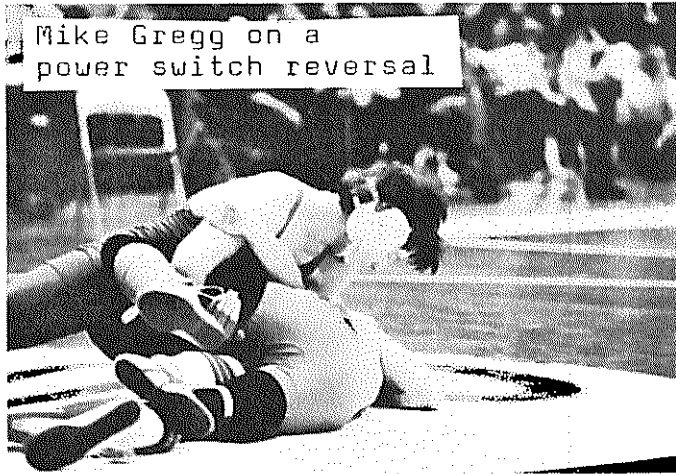
167 - Lehasky (JM) p. Fleishour (STEUB)  
1:16; Biondello (BRKE) d. Hercules (WAR)  
3-1 ovt.  
175 - Davia (CADIZ) p. Grace (WEIR)  
3:00; Schmied (WINTS) d. Yankavitch  
(WAR) 2-0 ovt.  
186 - Kovalick (BELL) d. Thayer (EL)  
5-0; Cain (JM) d. Ducker (BPT) 7-3.  
HEAVY - Mabbott (EL) d. p. Leon (BRKE)  
3:53; Vincent (JM) p. Andria (WINTS)  
4:48.

#### CONSOLATION SEMI-FINALS

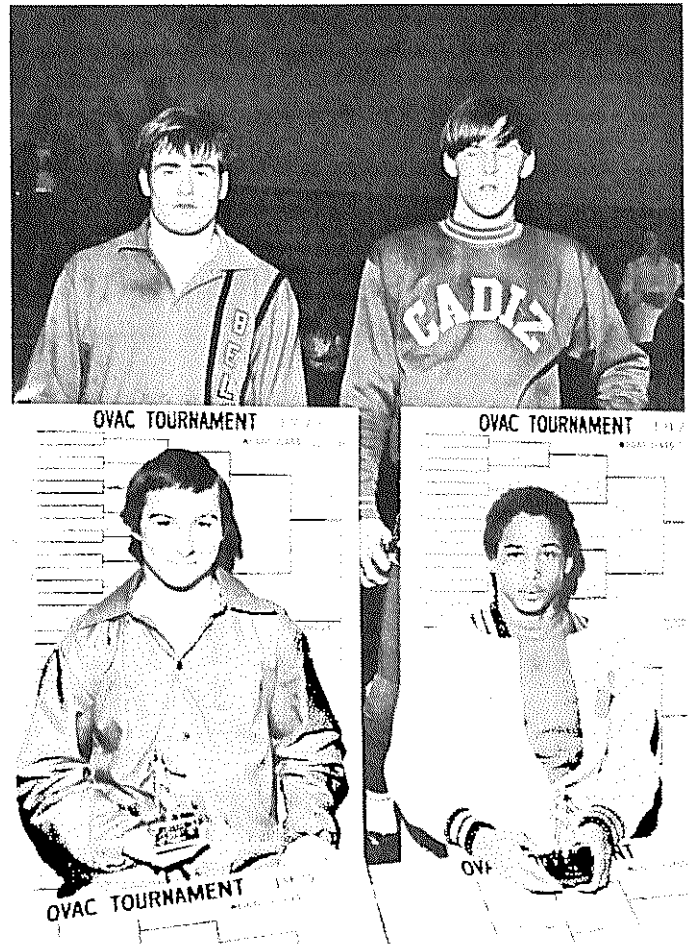
98 - Nickerson (TRIAD) p. Grammer (ST  
J) 1:35; Wallace (UL) d. Metz (WAR)  
7-3.  
105 - Johnson (WAR) d. Haysler (JU)  
7-3; Early (CAMB) d. Felton (BRKE) 4-3.  
112 - Fluharty (WAR) d. D. Hardsouk  
(WEIR) 6-1; D. Hanlin (WHG) d. McKen-  
zie (LINS) 10-1.  
119 - Jewell (WAR) d. Varlas (WHG. CEN.)  
4-0; Trivini (STEUB) d. Gamble (BRKE)  
6-4.  
126 - Hyde (WEIR) d. Johnston (WINTS)  
8-7; Delucas (CADIZ) d. Covey (BRPT)  
7-6 ovt.  
132 - Lynn (BARNES) d. Allen (CAMB)  
209; Nicholson (WHG) d. Lukacana (WINTS)  
4-1.  
138 - Mobley (CAMB) d. Sims (EL) 8-0;  
White (UL) d. Muscaro (WEIR) 6-4.  
145 - Kildow (UL) d. Stephens (BARNES)  
4-1; Foster (ST J) d. Marshall (TRIAD)  
ovt. ref. dec.  
155 - Ridgeway (UL) d. Dotson (WEIR)  
5-1; Caruso (LINS) d. Frament (CAMB)  
6-4.  
167 - Hercules (WAR) d. Davis (JU) 4-2;  
Gaudreau (WEIR) d. Fleishour (STEUB)  
3-2.  
175 - Howell (UL) d. Yankavitch (WAR)  
3-0; Grace (WEIR) p. Di-  
pietro (BRKE) 2:58.  
185 - Ducker (BPT) p. Angius (WAR) 2:52;  
Thayer (EL) d. Trimmer (WINTS) 5-3.  
HEAVY - Andrea (WINTS) p. Morris (BELL)  
1:58; Leon (BRKE) d. Major (UL) 8-2.

#### THIRD ROUND CONSOLATIONS

98 - Metz (WAR) d. Bressler (STEUB)  
7-2; Nickerson (TRIAD) d. Green (MF)  
9-2.  
105 - Johnson (WAR) d. Brannen (JM)  
6-4; Felton (BRKE) d. Winesdorffer (LINS)  
5-0.



112 - McKenzie (LINS) d. Ferguson (BRKE) 2-1; Fluharty (WAR) p. Bierce (JM) 4:45.  
 119 - Gamble (BRKE) d. Feldner (SHEN) 4-0; Varlas (WHG.CEN.) d. Hadsouk (WEIR) 3-2.  
 126 - Johnson (WINTS) d. Vanfossen (JU) 11-0; Covey (BPT) p. Johnson (STEUB) 2:05.  
 132 - Lynn (BARNES) d. Stephens (SHEN) 4-2; Lukacena (WINTS) d. Miller (WAR) 3-0.  
 138 - Mobley (CAMB) d. Gruber (LINS) 5-0; White (UL) d. Ullom (JM) 8-6.  
 145 - Foster (ST J) d. Thompson (JM) 5-1; Stephens (BARNES) d. Bias (CADIZ) 4-2.  
 155 - Frament (CAMB) d. Kittridge (EL) 12-4; Dotson (WEIR) d. Barkuli (MINGO) 2-0.  
 167 - Gaudreau (WEIR) d. Blum (MF) 7-3; Davis (JU) d. Regoli (BELL) 4-3.  
 175 - Howell (UL) d. Naymick (OG) 8-0; Dipietro (BRKE) d. Carter (BARNES) 3-1.  
 185 - Angius (WAR) d. Slevin (ST C) 3-2; Trimmer (WINTS) d. Gilchrist (BRKE) 3-2.  
 HEAVY - Morris (BELL) d. Shalvey (WHG.CEN.) 6-1; Major (UL) d. Musgrave (STEUB) 2-1.



"AS TOUGH AS THEY COME"

Top Lt. Mike Kovalick, Bellaire    Top Rt. Randy Davis, Cadiz  
 Bot.Lt. Mike Gregg, Union Local    Bot.Rt. Rick Drake, Barnesville

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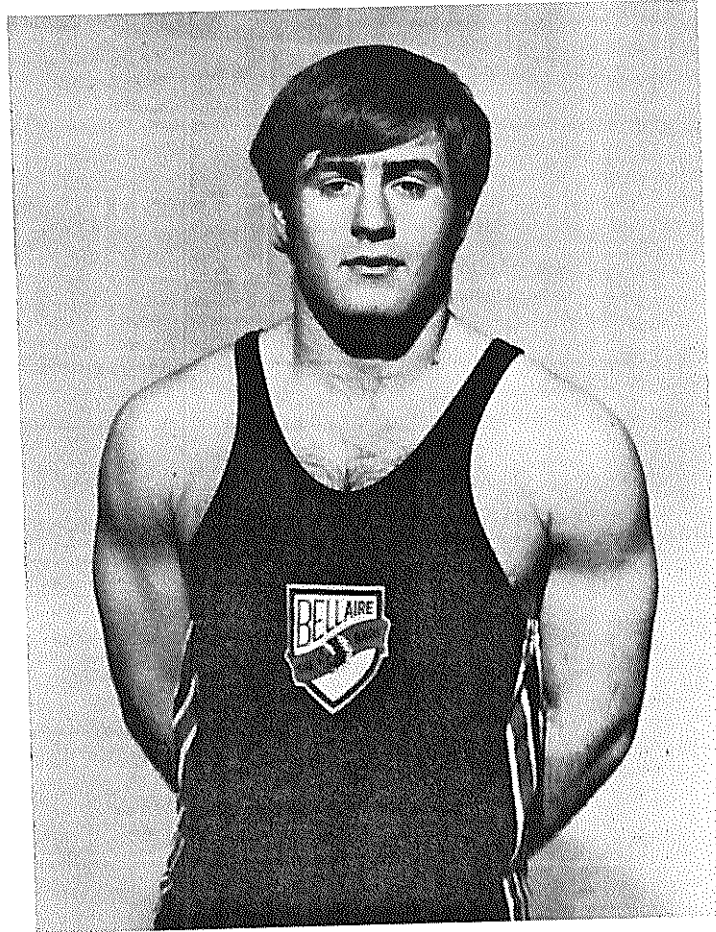


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MIKE KOVALICK

STATE CHAMPION

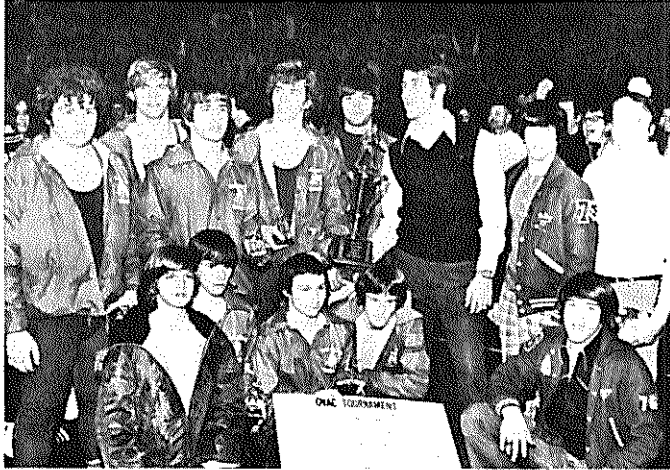
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OVAC CHAMPION TWO TIMES

1975

UNION LOCAL  
CLASS CHAMPS



Union Local accepts their first championship.  
The Jets were coached by Jim Crosier and assisted by Dave Dorm.



STEUBENVILLE YEARS

1976





SECTION FOUR

WE HONOR

ROBERT HEDMOND

The OVAC wrestling tournament goes North to Steubenville. One of the largest high school tournaments in the United States will be changing sites.

Moundsville Fieldhouse was used for the last seven years and the directors at that facility did an excellent job but fan interest, plus wrestling's growth, forced the executive committee to look most favorable on spacious St. John Arena in Steubenville.

The tournament director was chosen by the executive committee and their choice was Robert Hedmond, Athletic Director of Steubenville High School.

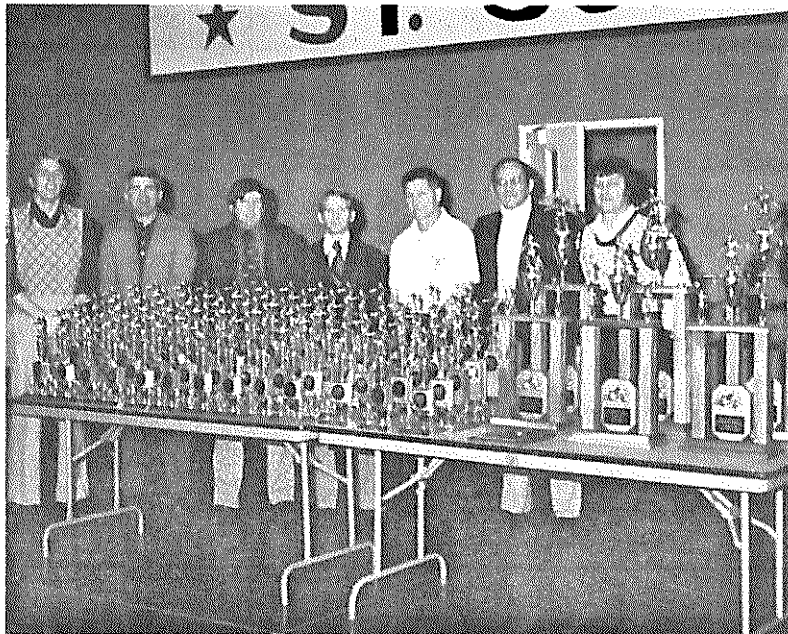
Bob, known for his great coaching ability plus excellent organization, has accepted the position as tournament director.

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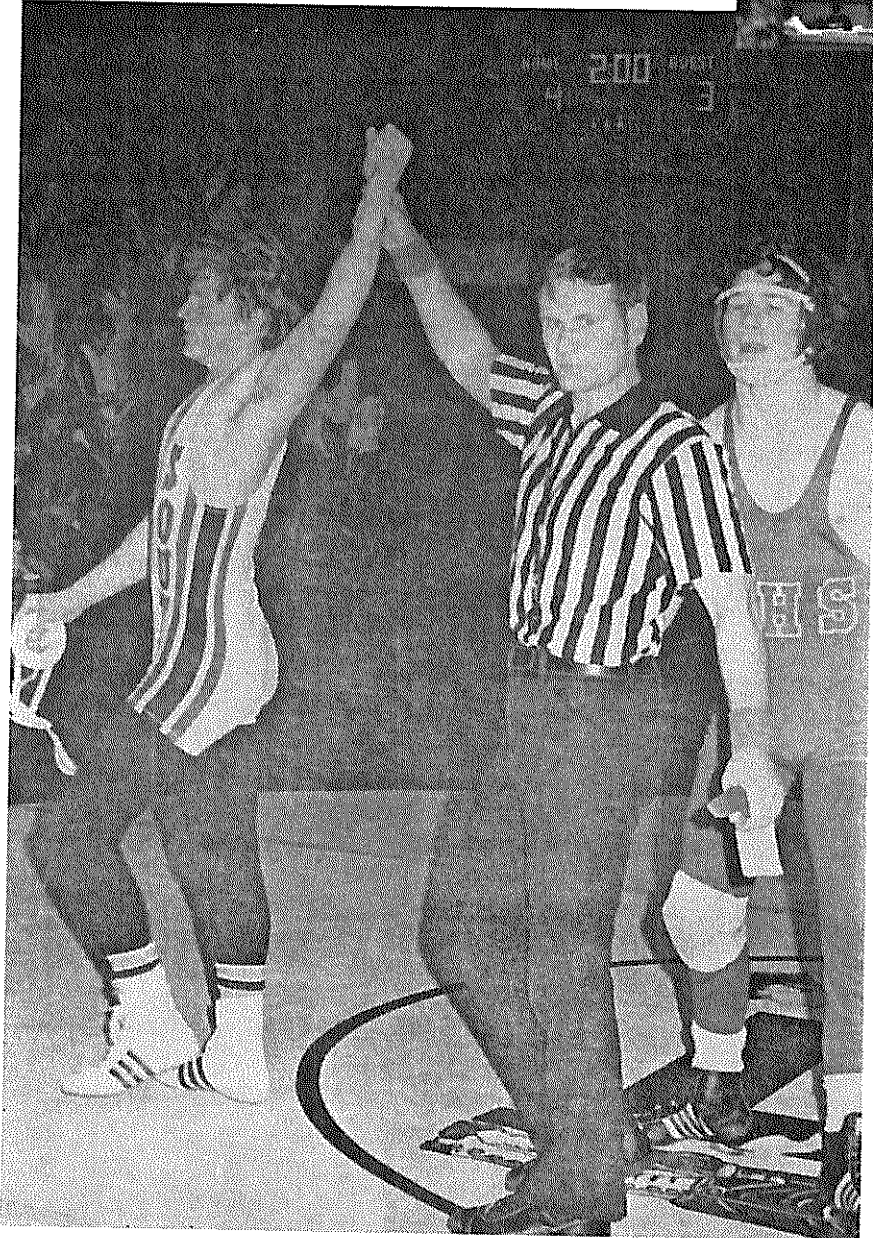
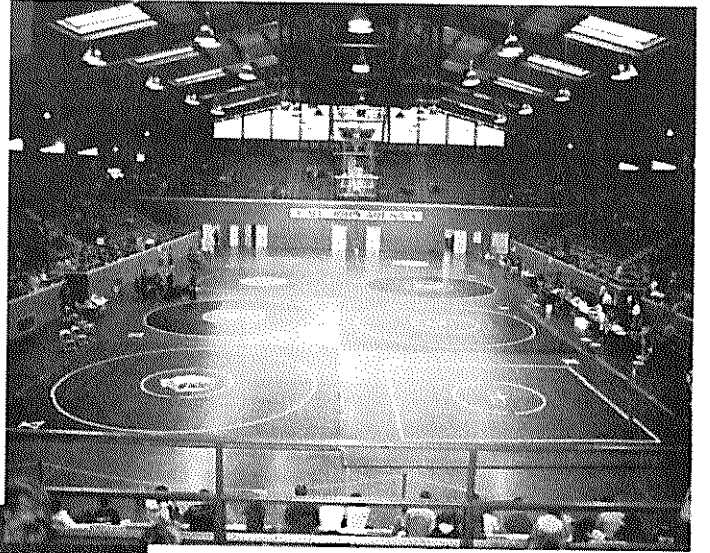
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Officials admiring awards



Park South and Parkersburg join the 1976 OVAC  
Tourney at Steubenville.

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OVAC CHAMPS



Front row L-R Pat Sole, Kelly Wallace, Bruce Ferguson,  
Ed Couey, John Truini, Ron Stanley  
Back row L-R Ron Hicks, Chuck Martin, Tom Winters, Steve  
Gaudreau, Randy Davia, Luke Spencer, Sheldon Grace

JU WINS IN "AA"; VIKES TOP "A" TEAM  
RED RIDERS GAIN FIRST OVAC WRESTLING CROWN  
IN HISTORY

Weir High won its first ever Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling championship Saturday night at St. John Arena in Steubenville with a convincing margin over Warwood, last year's champ.

Weir piled up 162½ points to capture the overall championship as well as the Class AAA honors. Warwood, the single A champ for the second straight year, was second overall with 136½, followed by a string of AAA schools, including first year conference members Parkersburg with 126½ and Parkersburg South with 113. Brooke High rounded out the top five with 112 points.

Jefferson Union captured the AA championship with 85½ points, with Cadiz taking runnerup honors with 78½. Beallsville was a distant second behind Warwood in A with 51.

Cadiz High defending champion Randy Davia and Bridgeport's giant-killing 119-pounder Ed Covey tied in the balloting for the Dave Bierkortte Memorial Award, symbolic of the most valuable wrestler of the 38-team tourney.

Davia won his second straight crown with a 1:07 pin over Martins Ferry junior John Schuller, his fourth pin of the tourney to go along with a 12-0 decision. Davia's first two pins came in less than one minute. The Cadiz strongman raised his spotless record to 12-0 with the victory, while Schuller is now 14-2 on the season.

Bridgeport's Covey thrived on being the underdog as the seventh seed in the 119 class, downed the number two seed, Warwood's Greg Jewell in the quarter-finals, and bested the number four seed, Martins Ferry's Jeff Oberdick in the semis. In the finals he scored a 4-3 decision over the fourth seed, Parkersburg's Dave Hedrick. Covey's five tourney wins raised his mark to 11-2, with Hedrick falling to 16-3.

Weirton had two winners in heavy-weight; Sheldon Grace, returning to the throne after a year's absence and 167-pounder Steve Gaudreau, who scored an upset win over defending champ Lou Geary of Brooke in the finals.

Grace, winner of the Bierkortte award as a sophomore at 175 via five

straight pins, had to settle for third at the same weight last year after being upset by Davia in the semis. He pulled the pin trick again this week, making Bellaire 300-pounder Dennis "Moose" Morris his fifth victim in 5:27. Grace is now 17-0 on the season, while Morris suffered his first defeat to fall to 10-1.

Gaudreau third last year at the same weight, celebrated Saturday acceptance into the Air Force Academy by avenging his only loss this season with a 5-1 win over Geary. His record is now 14-1 after entering the event as the fourth seed and besting first seed Rich Davis in the semis. Geary, the champ at 155 last year, suffered his second loss in 18 decisions. He was awarded second seed in the pre-match meetings.

Warwood's only champion, as well as his team's only finalist for the past two seasons, was 132-pounder Ron Stanley, besting defending WV state champion Brad Dornick by a 5-1 score in the finals. Stanley lost a high-scoring decision to Linsly's Stan Caruso in last year's 126 finals. In winning the battle of unbeatens, the top-seeded Stanley raised his mark to 15-0. The third-seeded Dornick fell to 18-1.

Parkersburg South's championship hopes were high after 98-pound sophomore Pat Sole defeated John Marshall junior Tom Defibaugh by a 5-0 score in another battle of unbeatens. Sole, now 16-0, was the first of four Patriot finalists and the only winner. Defibaugh lost his first after 16 wins.

Union Local's Kelly Wallace won his 13th straight match in the 105 finals, besting South's Woody Burns 6-0. A first period takedown with one second left got Wallace on the way to victory. Burns, fifth in the state at 105 last year is now 16-2.

Brooke's Bruce Ferguson, the fourth seed at 112, won his 14th match against one loss with a 2-1 decision over South's Dan Underwood, the top seed with a 13-4 record now. A reverse with just 40 seconds left gave Ferguson the win.

Steubenville's John Truini won an overtime referee's decision over Cadiz mite Jeff Delucas in the 126 finals. The score was 4-4 at the end of regulation and 1-1 after the overtime. Truini,

now 10-1, downed defending champ Caruso in the semis. Delucas, now 11-1, was third seed as well as placing third last year.

Martins Ferry's Brian Hicks pinned unseeded Rodney Johnson in 1:25 of overtime to take the 138-pound final. The score was tied 5-5 after regulation. Hicks is now 15-4, with Johnson at 9-2. Hicks entered as the fifth seed.

Oak Glen's Chuck Martins, the tenth seed, pinned unseeded Brian Edison in the second period of their final after Martin had built a 10-1 lead.

The other two champs we hailed from third-place Parkersburg. First seed Tom Winters at 155 won his 15th match against a loss and a tie by downing seventh seeded Randy Snyder of Jefferson Union by a 6-1 score.

Luke Spencer scored an escape with just 50 seconds remaining to score an upset over top-seeded Bob Thayer of East Liverpool in the 185-pound finals. Thayer fell to 11-2, while Spencer won his 17th against a single loss.

#### SUMMARIES FROM OVAC TOURNEY

Overall - Weirton 162½; Warwood 136½; Parkersburg 126½; Parkersburg South 113; Brooke 112; John Marshall 105; Martins Ferry 93; Oak Glen 87; Jefferson Union 85½; Bellaire 79.

AAA - Weirton 162½; Parkersburg 126½; Parkersburg South 113; Brooke 112; John Marshall 105; Martins Ferry 93; Oak Glen 87; Bellaire 79; East Liverpool 69½; Steubenville 60; Triadelphia 55½; Cambridge 54; Wintersville 44½; Wheeling 9½; St. Clairsville 6.

AA - Jefferson Union 85½; Cadiz 78½; Union Local 71½; Barnesville 63½; Linsly 52; Wellsville 44; Bridgeport 33; River 32½; Magnolia 26½; Meadowbrook 19; Wheeling Central 17; Buckeye North 12; Toronto 8; Steubenville Central 2; Buckeye South 0.

A - Warwood 136½; Beallsville 51; Weir Madonna 24; Mingo 21; Bellaire St. John's 15; Shenandoah 15; Cameron 13.

#### CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

98 - Pat Sole (PAR S) d. Tom Defibaugh (JM) 5-0.  
105 - Kelly Wallace (UL) d. Woody Burns (PAR S) 6-0.

112 - Bruce Ferguson (BRK) d. Dan Underwood (PAR S) 2-1

119 - Ed Covey (BPT) d. Dave Hedrich (PAR) 4-3.

126 - John Truini (STEUB) d. Jeff Delucas (CADIZ) ref. dec. ovt.

132 - Ron Stanley (WAR) d. Brad Dornic (PAR S) 5-1.

138 - Brian Hics (MF) p. Rod Johnson (BELL) 1:25 ovt.

145 - Chuc Martin (OG) p. Brian Edison (WELLS) 2:37.

155 - Tom Winters (PAR) d. Randy Snyder (JU) 6-1.

167 - Steve Gaudreau (WEIR) d. Lou Geary (BRK) 5-1.

175 - Randy Davia (CADIZ) p. John Schuller (MF) 1:07.

185 - Luke Spencer (PAR) d. Bob Thayer (EL) 1-0.

HEAVY - Sheldon Grace (WEIR) p. Dennis Morris (BELL) 5:27.

#### THIRD PLACE CONSOLATION

98 - David Chadwell (BEALLS) d. Mar Lucas (RIVER) 6-0.

105 - Stan Johnson (WAR) d. Craig Pattison (CAMB) 11-8

112 - Kent Nicerson (TRIAD) d. Randy Merritt (BARNES) 4-2.

119 - Jeff Oberdick (MF) d. Mike Gregg (UL) 5-0

126 - Don Hardsouk (WEIR) d. Ed Johnston (WINTS) 4-3.

132 - Dan Mobley (CAMB) d. Doug Bec BRK) 7-3.

138 - Mar Hyde (WEIR) d. Bill Sims (EL) 8-2.

145 - Dennis Rexroad (PAR) d. Tim Muscaro (WEIR) 5-4.

155 - John Bober (UL) d. Dave Ludwig (MINGO) 5-2

167 - BJ Regoli (BELL) d. Rich Davis (JU) 6-3.

175 - John Mavromatis (STEUB) d. Jim Fry (TRIAD) 6-4

185 - Jodi Eatrati (WEIR) d. Sean O'Brian (WAR) 1-0.

HEAVY - John Leon (BRK) p. Charles Gordon (JM) 55 secs.

#### FIFTH PLACE CONSOLATION

98 - Wayne Green (MF) d. Steve Broos (PAR) 10-4.

105 - Jerry Bradich (OG) d. Joe Debold (JM) 3-0.

112 - Dave Brannan (JM) d. Bill Pattison (CAMB) 3-0.  
 119 - Greg Jewell (WAR) d. Pete Smith (WELLS) 10-0.  
 126 - Mike Caruso (LINS) d. Doug Lowe (BRK) 6-0.  
 132 - Ron Hardsouk (WEIR) p. Bill Mansfield (BEALL) 2:30 ovt.  
 138 - Dave Hess (OG) d. Jac Miller (WAR) 1-0.  
 145 - Ronne Stephens (SHEN) d. Ric Holliday (JM) 7-4.  
 155 - Tony Melonis (WEIR) d. Mie Zin (TRIAD) 3-2 ovt.  
 167 - Allan Logan (BARNES) p. Jim Graham (OG) 4:50.  
 175 - Ed Blair (EL) d. Dave Foltz (OG) 6-0 ovt.  
 185 - Bill Smith (JU) won by default over Doug Waler (MEADOW).

#### SEMI-FINALS

98 - Defibaugh (JM) p. Lucas (RIVER) 2:35; Sole (PARK S) d. Chadwell (BEALL) 1-0.  
 105 - Wallace (UL) p. Pattison (CAMB) 55 secs.; Burns (PARK S) d. Johnson (WAR) 5-2 ovt.  
 112 - Underwood (PARK S) d. Brannan (JM) 8-4; Ferguson (BRK) p. Merritt (BARNES) 5:25.  
 119 - Covey (BPT) d. Oberdick (MF) 6-4; Hedrick (PARK) d. Gregg (UL) 6-3.  
 126 - Delucas (CADIZ) p. R. Hardsouk (WEIR) 8-2; Stanley (WAR) d. Beck (BRK) 9-1.  
 138 - Hicks (MF) d. Hess (OG) 1-0; Johnson (BELL) d. Miller (WAR) 14-8.  
 145 - Edison (WELLS) d. Rexroad (PARK) 14-7; Martin (OG) d. Muscaro (WEIR) 5-4.  
 155 - Winters (PARK) d. Zink (TRIAD) 9-0; Snyder (JU) d. Baker (UL) 6-2.  
 167 - Geary (BRK) d. Regoli (BELL) 3-2; Gaudreau (WEIR) d. Davis (JU) 2-1.  
 175 - Davia (CADIZ) p. Blair (EL) 2:57; Schuller (MF) d. Foltz (OG) 4-0.  
 185 - Spencer (PARK) won by default over Walker (MEADOW); Thayer (EL) d. Eafrazi (WEIR) 2-1.  
 HEAVY - Morris (BELL) d. Leon (BRK) 3-0; Grace (WEIR) p. Lichwa (WHG CEN) 3:26.

#### CONSOLATION - THIRD ROUND

98 - Green (MF) p. Thomas (TRIAD) 45 secs.; Brooks (PARK) d. Carter (CADIZ) 7-2.  
 105 - Debold (JM) d. Gallagher (BEALL) 7-0; Bradich (OG) d. Weigel (WEIR) 8-7.  
 112 - Nickerson (TRIAD) d. Haysler (JU) 1-0; Pattison (CAMR) d. Rogers (MAG) 5-2.  
 119 - Jewell (WAR) d. McKenzie (LINS) 4-0; Smith (WELLS) d. Davis (ST J) 1-0.  
 126 - Johnston (WINTS) d. Burns (WHG) 2-0; Lowe (BRK) d. Hoffman (WAR) 9-4.  
 132 - Mobley (CAMB) d. Difabrizio (BELL) 12-1; Mansfield (BEALL) d. Hewitt (JM) 6-1.  
 138 - Sims (EL) p. Hayes (ST C) 4:10; Hyde (WEIR) d. Pryor (BARNES) 4-0.  
 145 - Stephens (SHEN) d. Fonner (MAG) 5-0; Holliday (JM) d. Stephens (BARNES) 9-6.  
 155 - Melonis (WEIR) d. Castilow (JM) 7-2; Ludewig (MINGO) d. Temple (BARNES) 4-2.  
 167 - Logan (BARNES) d. Walters (PARK) 8-7; Graham (OG) d. Hammack (MINGO) 10-6.  
 175 - Mavromatis (STEUB) p. Kaldor (BELL) 4:48; Fry (TRIAD) p. Bane (WAR) 4:10.  
 185 - Smith (JU) d. Habig (MF) 4-2; O'Brien (WAR) p. Horstman (UL) 1:37.  
 HEAVY - Doe (WAR) d. Trimmer (WINTS) 4-3; Gordon (JM) p. Wheeler (BARNES) 3:43.

#### CONSOLATION SEMI-FINALS

98 - Chadwell (BEALL) p. Brooks (PARK) 1:54; Lucas (RIVER) d. Green (MF) 4-3.  
 105 - Pattison (CAMB) d. Debold (JM) 6-4; Johnson (WAR) p. Bradich (OG) 2:17.  
 112 - Nickerson (TRIAD) d. Brannan (JM) 5-1; Merritt (BARNES) d. Pattison (CAMB) 2-0.  
 119 - Oberdick (MF) d. Smith (WELLS) 4-3; Gregg (UL) d. Jewell (WAR) 6-4.  
 126 - D. Hardsouk (WEIR) p. Lowe (BRK) 3:56; Johnston (WINTS) d. Caruso (LINS) 4-2.  
 132 - Mobley (CAMB) d. R. Hardsouk (WEIR) 10-4; Beck (BRK) d. Mansfield (BEALL) 6-2 ovt.  
 138 - Sims (EL) d. Miller (WAR) 5-2; Hyde (WEIR) p. Hess (OG) 2:29.  
 145 - Muscaro (WEIR) p. Stephens (SHEN) 2:48; Rexroad (PARK) d. Holliday (JM) 10-5.



155 - Bober (UL) d. Melonis (WEIR) 2-1;  
Ludewig (MINGO) d. Zink (TRIAD) 4-3.  
167 - Davis (JU) p. Graham (OG) 1:43;  
Regoli (BELL) d. Logan (BARNES) 4-3 ovt.  
175 - Blair (EL) d. Mavromatis (STEUB)  
4-0; Foltz (OG) d. Fry (TRIAD) 8-2.  
185 - O'Brien (WAR) won by default over  
Walker (MEADOW); Eafrazi (WEIR) d. Smith  
(JU) 4-2;  
HEAVY - Leon (BRK) p. Doe (WAR) 2:27;  
Gordon (JM) d. Luchwa (WHG. CEN.) 4-0  
ovt.

#### O.V.A.C. "MR. MAT" AWARD GOES TO VET KOVALICK

Officials of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference presented their first annual Mr. Mat Award Saturday night at St. John Arena in Steubenville and they couldn't have picked a better initial recipient than George Kovalick.

The award is to be presented annually to a person who has contributed greatly to the success of wrestling in the Ohio Valley.

Kovalick has had a long and distinguished coaching career in the area, piloting teams at Bridgeport, Moundsville, Weirton, and West Liberty State College. He currently is an assistant football and wrestling mentor at Bellaire High.

Kovalick, who was a football and baseball standout at Bridgeport, began his coaching career at his alma mater in 1950 and in the same year introduced wrestling at the school. He developed the Bulldogs into one of Ohio's top wrestling powers and ended Cleveland's domination of the state mat tournament when Bridgeport captured the Ohio title in 1959. He directed the Bulldogs to seven straight OVAC wrestling titles, while also serving first as assistant and then head football coach and head baseball mentor. Kovalick had four Eastern Ohio League and district baseball champions and won three OVAC crowns.

In 1961 he was appointed head wrestling and baseball coach and assistant football coach at West Liberty State College. His baseball team won two straight West Virginia Intercollegiate Conference Titles and were NAIA champions in 1963.

He took over as head football mentor in 1962 and for the next two seasons his Hilltopper squad lost only two games. The Gold and Black were WVIC titlists in 1963.

Kovalick had one NAIA wrestling champion in Bobby Douglas, who is now head coach at Arizona State University where one of his athletes is Mike Kovalick. Douglas was NCAA runnerup in 1963 at Oklahoma State and was twice a member of the U. S. Olympic team.

In 1965 Kovalick took over the football reins at Moundsville High where he stayed until the John Marshall consolidation in 1967. He then moved to California where he spent three years.

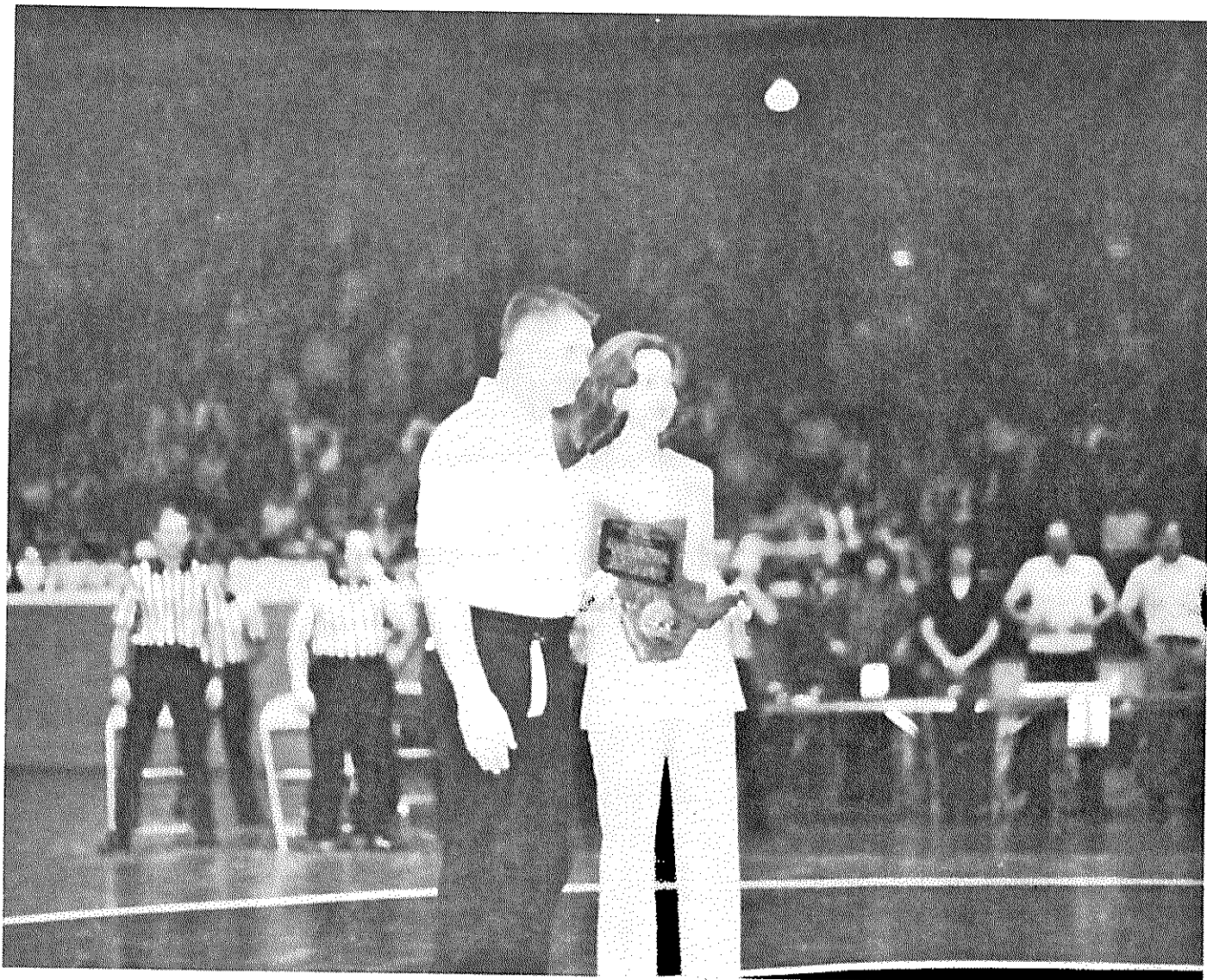
Upon his return, he took over the head football and assistant wrestling jobs at Weirton High where he remained until 1974. He and head coach Don Poluszek piloted the Red Rider mat team in 1973 to second place finishes in both the WV and OVAC Tournaments and Kovalick was selected "Wrestling Coach of the Year" in the Mountain State.

Kovalick's 1973 Weirton football team was runnerup in the state, losing to East Bank in the championship contest.

Since then he has moved to Bellaire High where he is assistant coach in both football and wrestling.

Kovalick's son Mike was both a West Virginia and Ohio State champion, capturing the latter title last year at St. John Arena in Columbus where his father's 1959 Bulldog team won the state title.

COACH "K"  
FIRST MR. MAT  
1976



Father of OVAC Wrestling

PAST WINNING COACHES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS AWARDED OVAC PLAQUES



L-R Dennis Bowman, John Hihhart, Joe Bates, George Kovelick, John Vrotsos, Bill Hinegardner, Eric Carder, Skip Murray

1977

## JOHN MARSHALL GAINS OVAC WRESTLING TITLE

The Monarchs are back.

With heavyweight Gordon Gordon's pin in the final championship bout of the night clinching the crown in dramatic fashion, John Marshall High School recaptured the over-all point title in the giant Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling tournament Saturday night before a crowd of 4,000 fans at St. John Arena in Steubenville.

Kingpins in both the WV state meet and the OVAC for three straight years (1972-73-74), the Monarchs had slipped from the throne in the past two seasons but in the three-day eliminations which would up at the Jefferson County seat Saturday, they convincingly demonstrated that they have regained their eminence.

Coach Bill Hinegardner's squad put on a neck-and-neck battle with the newest power on the local scene, Wheeling Park High, and the issue was not settled until Gordon, the undefeated Monarch heavyweight, pinned the Patriots' Sean O'Brien in 1:19.

The Monarchs had trailed by a point, 176-175, entering the night session but had pulled in front and led by three and a half points when the heavy weight took the mat. Eric Carder's Patriots could have claimed the crown with a half a point margin if O'Brien had won but Gordon was too big and too strong for the WPHS junior.

The Monarchs, who are also unbeaten in dual meet competition, thus finished with 197½ markers to 188 for Wheeling Park and bagged both the AAAA and over-all titles.

Bellaire, the triple A champion, was third in overall scoring with 137 points, compared to 134½ for Brooke and Weirton, which shared third place in the AAAA division.

Martins Ferry, which had four finalists (same number as Wheeling Park and one more than JMHS) wound up with 121½ tallies and runnerup laurels in AAA. Barnesville was victorious in the combined AA-A division with 109 points compared to 91 for second place Cadiz. Wellsville was a close third with 86.

John Marshall, Wheeling Park, and Brooke produced two individual titlists

apiece but the outstanding wrestler in the tournament, by vote of the coaches, was Jefferson Union's undefeated 167-pounder, Rich Davis.

Davis pinned his way through the tournament. Both the JU ace and Jeff Morris, Monarch 132-pounder, produced five straight pins during the three-day competition.

Davis will receive the Dave Bierkotte Memorial Award at the OVAC spring dinner meeting at Oglebay Park.

Despite the extremely cold weather that has prevailed in the Ohio Valley this week, the tourney drew an attendance of 9,465 over the three-day stand.

The Park's unbeaten sophomore sensation, Carl Stanley (18-0) became the first titlist of the night with a 6-2 victory over Martins Ferry 98-pounder Wayne Green (12-3).

Defeating Green for the second time this season, the top-seeded Stanley came out of a 2-2 tie in the second period with a reversal and near fall. Green rode him out during the third period but was unable to turn the Patriot youngster over for any points.

Brook's Mike Thomaselli (11-5) scored a quick pin over Paul Carter (12-3), Cadiz junior, in the 105-pound windup. Carter took the Bruin senior down in the opening seconds but Thomaselli quickly reversed him and gained the fall with a Gramby tieup in 1:11.

Thomaselli had been seeded only eighth entering the tournament but on his way to the final bested Wheeling Park's top-seeded Tim Hanlin.

The 112-pound title match between Beallsville's unbeaten junior, Dave Chadwell (15-0) and last year's WV 105-pound AAA kingpin, Terry Weigle (12-2) of Weirton, went overtime before Chadwell won 3-0 via a reversal and escape. The score was 2-2 at the end of regulation time.

Mike Gamble (16-1) became Brooke's second champion when he topped Kris Parsons (11-3) of East Liverpool by a 7-1 score for 119-pound honors. The third-seeded Gamble poled up a 4-1 lead in the first period on two takedowns and had a neat pin in the second frame.

The Park's unbeaten Greg Jewell (19-0) lived up to his No. 1 billing at 126 by handing East Liverpool's Ralph Mitchell his first loss in 12 starts, 8-5, in an intense, rugged battle.

Jewell, who had won from JM's Joe Debold in the semi-finals, had his hands full but three takedowns and two escapes provided his winning margin.

Mitchell, the second seed, got to within 4-3 in the second period against last year's WV state AA 119-pound champ.

John Marshall's unbeaten, top-seeded Morris (11-0-1) fell behind Wheeling Park's Dan Hoffman 4-1 in the early going but quickly turned the tables with a half nelson for a pin in 1:38, his fifth straight fall. The second-seeded Hoffman, a state AA champ last year, is now 14-4 on the campaign.

The Monarchs suffered a blow at 138 when Rick Holliday (10-2) lost to Ray Pernell (12-2) of Weirton, 13-6. The score was tied at 4-4 in the second period, but Pernell went ahead to stay with a takedown and near-pin. The No. 5 seed, the Weirton junior had whipped top-seeded Joe Greschner of Wheeling Park, 17-2, in the semis before meeting the third-seeded Holliday. Greschner also lost to Dave Hess, Oak Glen, when Hess scored in the last two seconds of their third-place match.

Bellaire's Rodney Johnson (9-0), the No. 1 seed at 145 and the 138-pound runnerup last year, scored three takedowns in the first period and went on to a 13-5 nod over Martins Ferry's Ken Woodford (11-5) who made the finals although only seventh-seed.

The 155-pound final was a duel between two unbeaten grapplers and Joel Davia (16-0), Cadiz junior, nosed out Dean Gruber of Linsly (14-1) by a 3-2 count. Gruber scored a takedown in the first period to lead 2-1, but retaliated Davis with a reversal in the second period for the deciding score.

The 167-pound title go was also between two undefeated stars and JU's Davis (16-0) ended it in the second period when he flattened Alan Logan (14-1), Barnesville junior, for a pin in 2:58. That was the fifth straight pin for the tourney's outstanding wrestler.

Martins Ferry's unbeaten John Schuller (16-0), the No. 1 seed at 175, ended the Cinderella match of unseeded Chuck Varner (6-2) Weirton junior, by a 10-3 score. Schuller, who was runnerup at the same weight last year, was in command all the way in an impressive performance. Schuller had three pins during

the tournament.

If there had been award for the tournament's biggest surprise, it would have gone to Shenandoah's Dave Mitchell, who came into the eliminations with a 3-3-1 record and battled his way to the crown. The Zeps' 185-pounder upset top-seeded Bill Smith, of JU, Thursday night in the opening round and subsequently had a 14-second pin and two overtime wins on his way to the finals, where he decisioned Martins Ferry's Rich Habig (12-2), the second seed, by a 12-7 score.

#### TEAM SCORING Over-all

John Marshall 197½, Wheeling Park 188, Bellaire 137, Weirton 134½, Brooke 134½, Oak Glen 123½, Martins Ferry 121½, Barnesville 109, Cadiz 91, Wellsville 86.

#### Class AAAA

John Marshall 197½, Wheeling Park 188, Weirton 134½, Brooke 134½, Oak Glen 123½, East Liverpool 77½, Wintersville 48, Cambridge 30, Steubenville 34½.

#### Class AAA

Bellaire 137, Martins Ferry 121½, Jefferson Union 58½, Meadowbrooke 39, River 37½, Wheeling Central 26, St. Clairsville 24, Steubenville Central 23½, Union Local 16, Buckeye South 8.

#### Class AA-A

Barnesville 109, Cadiz 91, Wellsville 86, Linsly 70, Beallsville 47; Mingo 45½, Shenandoah 44½, Bridgeport 40½, St. John's 31, Weirton Madonna 16, Buckeye West 15, Cameron 11, Buckeye North 9, Toronto 4.

#### CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

98 - Carl Stanley (WHG P) d. Wayne Green (MF) 6-2.

105 - Mike Thomaselli (BROOKE) p. Paul Carter (CADIZ) 1:11.

112 - Dave Chadwell (BEALLS) d. Terry Weigle (WEIR) 3-0 ovt.

119 - Mike Gamble (BROOKE) d. Kris Parsons (EL) 7-1.

126 - Greg Jewell (WHG. P.) d. Ralph Mitchell (EL) 8-5.  
 132 - Jeff Morris (JM) p. Dan Hoffman (WHG P.) 1:38.  
 138 - Ray Pernell (WEIR) d. Rick Holliday (JM) 13-6.  
 145 - Rodney Johnson (BELL) d. Ken Woodford (MF) 13-5.  
 155 - Joel Davis (CADIZ) d. Dean Gruber (LMI) 3-2.  
 167 - Rich Davis (JU) p. Alan Logan (BARNES) 2:58.  
 175 - John Schuller (MF) d. Chuck Varner (WEIR) 10-3.  
 185 - Dave Mitchell (SHEN) d. Rich Habig (MF) 12-7.  
 HEAVY - Gordon Gordon (JM) p. Sean O'Brien (WHG.P.) 1:19.

#### THIRD FOURTH PLACE

98 - Joe Haas (BROOKE) d. Don Simmons (JM) 3-2.  
 105 - Tim Hanlin (WHG.P.) d. Joe Mahlie (WINT) 6-4.  
 112 - Paul Caruso (LMI) d. Jeff Cionni (BROOKE) 4-3.  
 119 - Ken Smith (MAG) d. Roger Randolph (WINT) 3-0.  
 126 - Dave Barnabei (WEIR) d. Randy Merritt (BARNES) 4-3.  
 132 - Mark Vermillion (OG) d. Paul Prezzia (WELLS) 2-1.  
 138 - Dave Hess (OG) d. Joe Greschner (WHG.P.) 6-5.  
 145 - Tim Emmerth (WHG.C.) d. Jim Barnhart (OG) 7-4 ovt.  
 155 - Wil Kovalick (JM) d. Brian Edison (WELLS) 7-1.  
 167 - Greg Morris (JM) d. Dave Ludewig (MINGO) 1-0.  
 175 - Mike Kaldor (BELL) d. Jim Fry (WHG. P.) 8-5.  
 185 - Chuck Moxley (BARNES) d. Bob Exner (BELL) 2-1.  
 HEAVY - Steve Defillippo (WELLS) d. Dave Shaw (BROOKE) 1-0.

#### FIFTH SIXTH PLACE

98 - Steve Nameth (CADIZ) d. Jeff Early (CAMB) 8-2.  
 105 - Joe Mangnone (WEIR) d. Scott Cook (EL) 4-0.  
 112 - Dave Becca (MF) d. Craig Pattison (CAMB) 3-2.  
 119 - Eric Lasure (BELL) d. Jim Rownd (LMI) 2-0 ovt.

126 - Joe Debold (JM) d. Bob Sherby (MEADOW) 6-2.  
 132 - Paul Sherry (ST J) d. Dave Mlynek (BELL) 2-0.  
 138 - Doug Baker (BPT) p. Bob Thompson (MEADOW) 59 secs.  
 145 - Dan Kelch (JM) d. Rich Brothers (BPT) 2-0.  
 155 - Ron Stephens (SHEN) d. Chuck Martin (OG) 3-2.  
 167 - Mike Mortis (WHG. P.) d. Greg Walker (OG) 3-2.  
 175 - David Foltz (OG) p. Harvey Temple (BARNES) 4:41.  
 185 - Bruce Dunlap (BELL) d. Bob Parker (MAG) 2-0.

#### SEMI-FINALS

98 - Stanley (WHG.P.) d. Simmons (JM) 8-0; Green (MF) d. Haas (BROOKE) 8-3.  
 105 - Thomaselli (BROOKE) d. Mahlie (WINT) 12-1; Carter (CADIZ) d. Mahlie (WINT) 12-9.  
 112 - Weigle (WEIR) d. Caruso (LMI) 8-6; Chadwell (BEALLS) d. Cionni (BROOKE) 14-0.  
 119 - Parsons (EL) d. Lasure (BELL) 7-0; Gambel (BROOKE) d. Rownd (LMI) 10-3.  
 126 - Jewell (WHG. P.) d. Debold (JM) 4-0; Mitchell (EL) d. Sherby (MEADOW) 7-4.  
 132 - Hoffman (WHG. P.) d. Vermillion (OG) 10-2; Morris (JM) p. Mlynek (BELL) 3:32.  
 138 - Pernell (WEIR) d. Greschner (WHG. P.) 17-2; Holliday (JM) d. Thompson (MEAD) 2-1.  
 145 - Johnson (BELL) d. Kelch (JM) 11-7; Woodford (MF) d. Emmerth (WHG.C.) 5-3.  
 155 - Davis (CADIZ) d. Kovalick (JM) 4-0; Gruber (LMI) d. Edison (WELLS) 9-7.  
 167 - Davis (JU) p. Walker (OG) 3:30; Logan (BARNES) d. Ludewig (MINGO) 5-0.  
 175 - Schuller (MF) d. Temple (BARNES) 3:15; Varner (WEIR) d. Fry (WHG. P.) 4-3.  
 185 - Mitchell (SHEN) d. Atwood (EL) 8-0 ovt.; Habig (MF) d. Pitner (JM) 6-2.  
 HEAVY - Gordon (JM) d. Shaw (BROOKE) 2-0 ovt.; O'Brien (WHG. P.) d. Defillippo (WELLS) 2-1.

### CONSOLATION SEMI-FINALS

98 - Simmons (JM) d. Early (CAMB) 6-2;  
 Hass (BROOKE) d. Nameth (CADIZ) 5-2.  
 105 - Mahlie (WINT) d. Cook (EL) 7-2;  
 Hanlin (WHG. P.) d. Magnone (WEIR) 2-1  
 ovt.  
 112 - Cionni (BROOKE) d. Becca (MF) 9-3;  
 Caruso (LMI) d. Pattison (CAMB) 2-1.  
 119 - Smith (MAG) d. Lasyre (BELL) 13-6;  
 Randolph (WINT) d. Rownd (LMI) 7-0.  
 126 - Merritt (BARNES) d. Debold (JM)  
 6-3; Barnabei (WEIR) d. Sherby (MEADOW)  
 4-3 ovt.  
 132 - Prezzia (WELLS) p. Mylnek (BELL)  
 4:42; Vermillion (OG) p. Sherry (ST J)  
 2:41.  
 138 - Greschner (WHG. P.) p. Baker (BPT)  
 3:35; Hess (OG) d. Thompson (MEADOW) 2-1.  
 145 - Barnhart (OG) d. Kelch (JM) 8-6;  
 Emmerth (WHG. C.) d. Rich Brothers (BPT)  
 6-2.  
 155 - Kovalick (JM) d. Martin (OG) 4-3;  
 Edison (WELLS) d. Stephens (SHEN) 4-2.  
 167 - Greg Morris (JM) d. Walker (OG)  
 5-3; Ludewig (MINGO) d. Mortis (WHG.P.)  
 2-0.  
 175 - Fry (WHG. P.) d. Foltz (OG) 3-2;  
 Kaldor (BELL) d. Temple (BARNES) 10-1.  
 185 - Moxley (BARNES) d. Pitner (JM)  
 3-1; Exner (BELL) d. Atwood (EL) 2-0.  
 HEAVY - Shaw (BROOKE) p. Parker (MAG)  
 2:41; DeFillippo (WELLS) d. Dunlap (BELL)  
 3-2.

167 - Mortis (WHG. P.) d. Shaffer  
 (BELL) 3-1; G. Morris (JM) d. Figley  
 (WELLS) 2-1.  
 175 - Kaldor (BELL) p. Goodwin (JU)  
 2:23; Foltz (OG) 2-1 Wood (JM) 3-0.  
 185 - Exner (BELL) d. Morrison (CADIZ)  
 1-0; Moxley (BARNES) d. Smith (JU) 2-1  
 ovt.  
 HEAVY - Dunlap (BELL) d. Grywalski  
 (BUCK. W.) 2-1; Parker (MAG) p. Herz-  
 ick (WINT) 1:58.

### THIRD ROUND CONSOLATIONS

98 - Early (CAMB) d. Sarver (MAG) 5-0;  
 Nameth (CADIZ) won by forfeit over Deang-  
 elo (WEIR).  
 105 - Hanlin (WHG. P.) d. Bell (JM) 6-2;  
 Cook (EL) p. Strickland (RIVER) 4:58.  
 112 - Pattison (CAMB) d. Baker (RIVER)  
 1-0 ovt.; Becca (MF) d. Defling (BARNES)  
 3-2.  
 119 - Randolph (WINT) d. Grammer (ST J)  
 4-0; Smith (MAG) d. Walters (WEIR) 2-0.  
 126 - Barnabei (WEIR) p. Coss (BPT) 3:41;  
 Merritt (BARNES) d. Zuzak (ST CL) 9-3.  
 132 - Prezzia (WELLS) d. Delande (ST CL)  
 5-0; Sherry (ST J) d. Marshall (MAG) ref.  
 dec. ovt.  
 138 - Hess (OG) d. Hibbits (BELL) 3-2;  
 Baker (BPT) d. Francis (MAG) 3-2.  
 145 - Brothers (BPT) d. Tipton (WELLS)  
 2-0; Barnhart (OG) d. Petrozzi (MINGO)  
 8-2.  
 155 - Martin (OG) d. Sweeney (STEUB)  
 6-3; Stephens (SHEN) d. McIntire (MEAD.) 10-0.



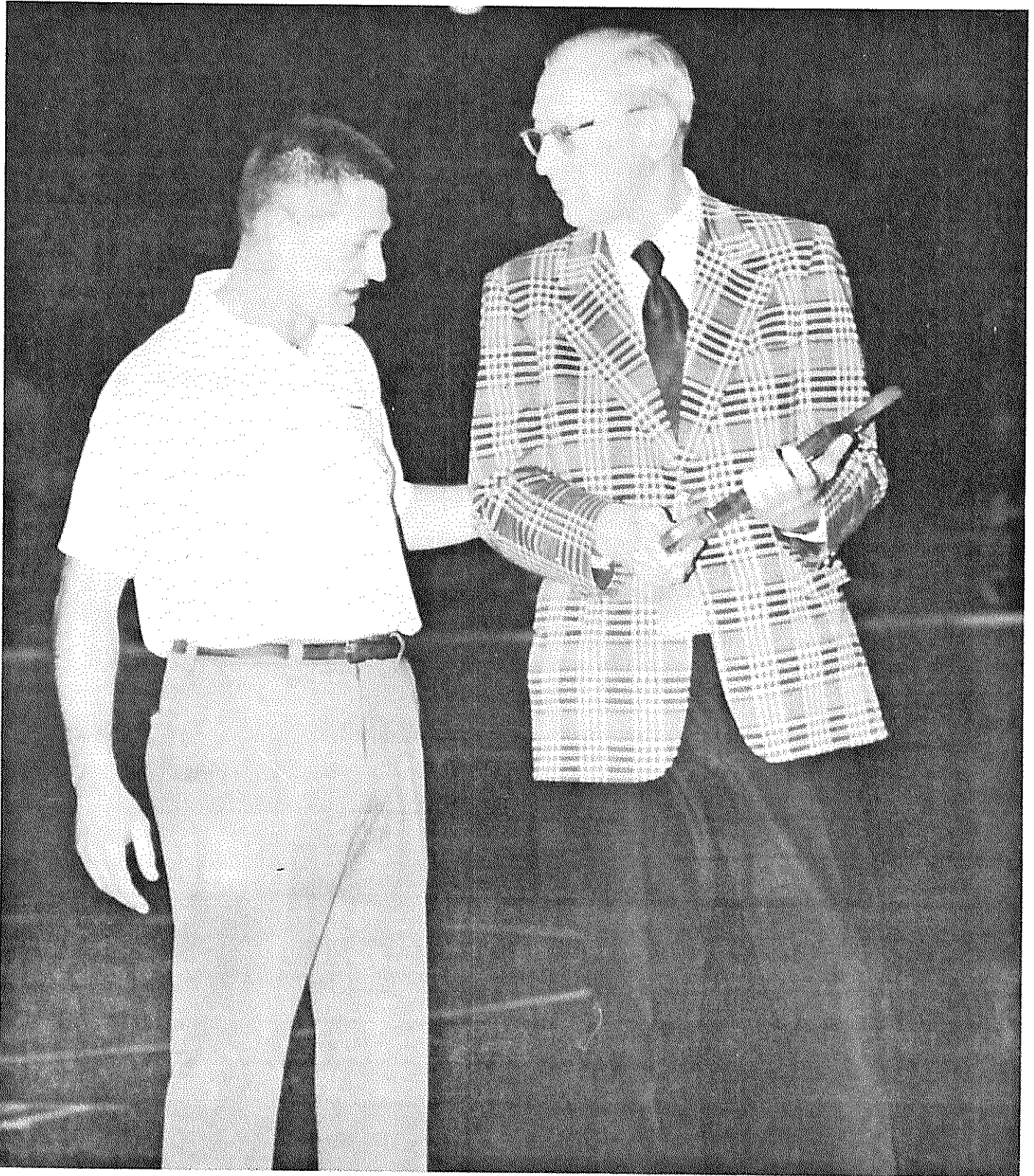


Front row L-R Carl Stanley, Mike Thomaselli, Dave Chadwell,  
Mike Gambel, Greg Jewell, Jeff Morris  
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Davis, John Schuller, Dave Mitchell, Gordon Gordon

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N'R's BILL VAN HORNE  
RECEIVES "MR. MAT" AWARD

By Nick Bedway  
Associate Sports Editor

Bill Van Horne, award-winning sports editor of the News-Register, was the surprise recipient of another coveted honor Saturday night at the OVAC wrestling tournament at St. John's Arena at Steubenville.

Recognized by area coaches and his peers as the leading authority on high school wrestling in the Ohio Valley, the News-Register columnist was presented with the second annual "Mr. Mat" Award in recognition of his services to the sport.

A native of Martins Ferry, Van Horne has been in the newspaper business for 36 years. He was sports editor of the Bellaire-Martins Ferry Times-Leader for 25 years before becoming sports editor of the News-Register in 1966. He also served as publicity director of the Wheeling Ironmen from 1962 through 1965.

The veteran scribe has previously been honored with an achievement award by the Upper Ohio Valley Dapper Dan Club and with special awards from the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference and the Bellaire Big Red Touchdown Club.

A past president of the West Virginia Sports Writers Association, Van Horne was selected as the State's Sports Writer of the year in West Virginia in 1973. He is a member of the United States Basketball Writers Association and the Football Writers Association of America. He is also a member of the National Sports-casters and Sportswriters Association.

The "Mr. Mat" Award was inaugurated last year by the OVAC with the first recipient being George Kovalick, who had guided Bridgeport to seven straight conference championships.

Identity of the winner is kept secret until the time of presentation and Van Horne, who missed the OVAC mat spectacular for the first time ever last year because he was recovering from surgery, received a special invitation to last night's finals on the premise that he would present the award to a close personal friend. Instead, he was presented

the honor himself.

The year that Van Horne was selected as the Sports Writer of the year, he received a plaque at the annual awards dinner of the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association at Salisbury, N. C. Among the sports celebrities who attended the festivities at which scribes and broadcasters throughout the nation were honored included Bart Starr, Arnold Palmer, Jesse Owens, Byron Nelson, and Enos "Country" Slaughter.

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## WEATHER DELAYS OVAC MAT TOURNEY

The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference found out the hard way that you can beat the weatherman.

Bob Hedmond, director of the annual OVAC wrestling tournament announced this morning that today's action has been postponed because of the heavy snowfall.

Hedmond said that action hopefully can be resumed Saturday, with second-round matches beginning at 1:00, and evening session at 7:00 consisting of quarter-final and consolation bouts at Steubenville's St. John Arena.

The Steubenville High athletic director said a decision would be made Saturday if the tournament is able to be resumed when and where the final two sessions would be held.

Preliminaries and first-round action was held Thursday before 700 fans who braved the elements to reach St. John Arena.

Wheeling Park, River, Cadiz, and Beallsville are the divisional leader after the first round.

Wheeling Park scored 43 points, while Brooke is second with 33. Weirton is third in the early going with 30½ points, followed by John Marshall and East Liverpool, 30 each, Steubenville 26, Oak Glen 23, Cambridge 14, and Wintersville 12.

River, with 30 markers, owns a half-point lead over Bellaire and Magnolia in the AAA race. Martins Ferry is fourth with 26½ points, followed by Jefferson Union 22, Toronto 21, St. Clairsville 20, Wellsville 18, Steubenville Central 15. Union Local 8½, Wheeling Central 8 Meadowbrook 8, and Buckeye South 0.

Cadiz owns a hefty margin over runner-up Barnesville in AA action 34 to 18. Third is Linsly and Bridgeport with 16 points each, followed by St. John's Central 12, Buckeye North 9, Mingo 6, and Shadyside 0.

Beallsville is tops among the A teams with 20½ points, followed by Weirton Madonna 12, Buckeye West 6, and Cameron 4. Three Eastern Ohio Schools Gain OVAC Wrestling Titles

Bellaire Retains AAA Crown; Cadiz, Beallsville Win

Three Eastern Ohio schools won divisional championships in the 25th

annual Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling tournament completed early Sunday morning at St. John Arena in Steubenville.

Wheeling Park was the overall titlist with a whopping 231 points. The Patriots also reign as AAA champions.

Bellaire repeated as AAA champion with 125½ points, good for fifth place overall.

Cadiz made the best showing of the East Ohio entries. The Cardinals finished third overall with 167 points in winning AA honors.

Beallsville made its best showing ever in the conference mat event with a tenth place finish overall. The Blue Devils earned a trophy as the top A team.

John Marshall earned a trophy as AAAA runnerup with 169 points. River was the runnerup with 76 points which was good for ninth place overall, while Linsly won the runnerup trophy for the combined AA, A division.

Other finishers among the top ten included: Weirton, fourth with 137 points; Brooke, sixth with 95½ points; Steubenville, seventh with 85 points; and East Liverpool 82 points.

By divisions, here's how the final standings look:

AAAA Class - Wheeling Park 231; John Marshall 169; Weirton 137½; Brooke 95½; Steubenville 86; East Liverpool 85; Cambridge 65; Oak Glen 46; Wintersville 21.

AAA Class - Bellaire 125½; River 76; Wellsville 74; Martins Ferry 55½; Magnolia 45; St. Clairsville 43; Toronto 42; Jefferson Union 38; Union Local 30½; Meadowbrook 27; Steubenville Central 16; Wheeling Central 12; Buckeye South 0.

AA Class - Cadiz 167; Linsly 61½; Barnesville 57½; Bridgeport 39; St. John's Central 22; Buckeye North 9; Mingo 9; Shadyside 0.

A Class - Beallsville 74½; Buckeye West 6; Shenandoah 4½; Cameron 4.

Even though it finished fourth overall, Weirton came up with the most individual titlists, three. Wheeling Park, Cadiz, Wellsville and John Marshall all each had two champions, while Beallsville and Barnesville had one apiece.

Four champions from last year's tournament repeated.

One of them, junior Carl Stanley of Wheeling Park, who won at 98 pounds

as a sophomore, won at 112 and was also accorded the Dave Bierkortte Memorial Trophy as the tournament's outstanding performer.

Dave Chadwell of Beallsville won his second straight title. Chadwell, who was third as a sophomore at 105, won at 112 a year ago and prevailed at 126 in this year's event.

Ray Pernell of Weirton, winner at 138 a year ago, is the 145-pound Davis of Cadiz repeated as the 155-pound titlist.

The only other individual champion from the immediate Eastern Ohio area is Barnesville's Alan Logan. A runnerup at 167 a year ago, Logan prevailed at 175.

Logan, Davis, and Chadwell all came out of the conference tournament with unbeaten records.

Another feature of the tournament was the presentation of the "Mr. Mat" Award to John Vrotsos, assistant principal at Martins Ferry High School. Vrotsos started the mat sport at Ferry High and guided the Purple Riders to seven consecutive conference championships. He produced several sectional and district championship teams and a number of outstanding matmen, including a state champion in John Scordos.

The tournament, which was delayed Friday because of the inclement weather and forced officials to cram two days of action into Saturday's schedule, was concluded at 12:20 am Sunday. The event drew 1,000 fans for the Saturday afternoon session and about the same number for Saturday night's final.

#### OVAC WRESTLING TOURNEY RESULTS

##### CHAMPIONSHIP BOUTS

98 - Randy Pryor (WEIR) d. Don Simmons (JM) 11-8.  
105 - Paul Carter (CADIZ) d. Joe Strickland (RIVER) 9-7.  
112 - Carl Stanley (WHG. PARK) d. Jeff Cionni (BROOKE) 18-6.  
119 - Terry Weigel (WEIR) d. Kris Parsons (EL) 6-1.  
126 - Dave Chadwell (BEALLS) won by default over Paul Caruso (LINS).  
132 - Dave Bailey (WELLS) d. Chuck Sec-ton (MEADOW) 2-0.  
138 - Paul Prezzia (BEALLS) d. Dave Mlynek (BELL) 4-3.

145 - Ray Pernell (WEIR) d. Rick Holliday (JM) 4-1.  
155 - Joel Davis (CADIZ) d. Matt McCool (JM) 13-6.  
167 - Greg Morris (JM) d. Alan Neff (CAMB) 7-2.  
175 - Alan Logan (BARNES) d. Jim Fry (WHG. PARK) 4-0.  
185 - Greg Lehasky (JM) d. Mike Kaldor (BELL) 10-9.  
HEAVY - Sean O'Brien (WHG. PARK) pinned Larry Gilmore (UL) 5:37.

##### THIRD FOURTH PLACE BOUTS

98 - Dunn (WHG. PARK) pinned H. Carter (CADIZ) 2:43.  
105 - Weigand (WHG. PARK) d. Haas (BROOKE) 5-0.  
112 - Pattison (CAMB) d. Crosier (STEUB) 6-4.  
119 - Lasure (BELL) won by default over Fazzolarri (WHG. PARK).  
126 - M. Pratt (CADIZ) d. Dusch (WHG. PARK) 5-2.  
132 - Curtin (WHG. PARK) d. Gallagher (BEALLS) 3-0.  
138 - Snyder (CADIZ) d. Bryan (EL) 2-1.  
145 - Woodford (MF) d. Taylor (WHG. PARK) 5-1.  
155 - Dowler (WHG. PARK) d. Perry (RIVER) 5-2.  
167 - Stasiulewicz (TOR) d. Varner (WEIR) 8-6.  
175 - Shaffer (BELL) d. Wilson (CAMB) 6-2.  
185 - Bertol (WHG. PARK) d. Millick (LINS) 3-0 ovt.  
HEAVY - Walley (JM) d. Dunlap (BELL) 4-2.

##### FIFTH SIXTH PLACE BOUTS

98 - Santarelli (STEUB) d. M. Carpenter (BEALLS) 5-1.  
105 - Iachini (STEUB) d. Pantone (MAG) 6-0.  
112 - Nameth (CADIZ) d. A. Strickland (RIVER) 2-0.  
119 - Rownd (LINS) pinned Woodward (WELLS) 52 secs.  
126 - Six (OG) won by default over Coss (BPT).  
132 - Adams (WEIR) d. Mooney (BROOKE) 4-3.  
138 - Gaston (STEUB) won by default over S. Carpenter (BEALLS).  
145 - Hobbs (OG) d. Delande (ST CL) 6-3.  
155 - R. Brothers (BPT) d. Leon (BROOKE) 4-0.

167 - Davolio (BELL) won by default over Ray (CADIZ).  
 175 - Debolt (CADIZ) d. Berardi (JM) 12-4.  
 185 - Moxley (BARNES) won by default over Atwood (EL).  
 HEAVY - Agostini (CADIZ) d. Slotwinski (ST CL) 6-1.

OVAC POSTPONES SECOND ROUND OF WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

The second round of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference's 1978 wrestling tournament has been postponed because of the winter snowstorm which has made driving conditions extremely hazardous in the area.

Tournament officials tentatively have scheduled the three-day tourney to resume tomorrow at St. John's Arena at Steubenville. Weighins are slated for 9:30 am., with the action on the mats to begin at 1:00 pm. No decision had been made this morning as to when the scheduled three-day event could be completed.

Despite the miserable weather, the preliminaries and first-round matches were held on Thursday night. Defending champion Wheeling Park jumped out to a lead in the overall standings with a total of 43 points. The Patriots also head the Class AAAA scoring while Brooke is second with 33 points, and Weir third at 30½. East Liverpool and John Marshall are tied for fourth with 30 points each.

In Class AAA, River has 30 points to hold a one-half point edge over runnersup Bellaire and Magnolia, both with 29½ points.

Cadiz has a comfortable early edge in the combined AA-A division with 34 points to 20½ for Beallsville. The Cardinals are second to Wheeling Park in the overall standings.

One top-seeded wrestler was upended during yesterday's bouts as Barnesville's 145-pounder Duane Powell was decisioned by Joe Suchan of Bellaire. Complete team scoring and results of Thursday's matches follow:

CLASS AAAA

Wheeling Park 43 Brooke 33, Weir 30½;  
 East Liverpool 30, John Marshall 30,  
 Steubenville 26, Oak Glen 23, Cambridge

14, Wintersville 12.

CLASS AAA

River 30; Bellaire 39½; Magnolia 29½;  
 Martins Ferry 26½; Jefferson Union 22;  
 Toronto 21; St. Clairsville 20; Wells-  
 ville 18; Steubenville Central 15; Union  
 Local 8½; Wheeling Central 8; Meadow-  
 brooke 8; Buckeye South 0.

CLASS AA-A

Cadiz 34; Beallsville 20½; Barnesville  
 18; Linsly 16; Bridgeport 16; Bellaire  
 St. John's 12; Weirton Madonna 12; Buck-  
 eye North 9; Buckeye West 6; Mingo 6;  
 Cameron 4; Shadyside 0.

PRELIMINARY ROUND

126 - Toto (UL) d. Miller (JU) 5-0;  
 Bertoria (STEUB C) p. Markland (BW)  
 4:59.  
 132 - Cashioli (STEUB C.) p. Bonfini  
 (ST J) 3:50.  
 132 - Eckleberry (JM) d. Beicher (MAG)  
 6-1.  
 138 - Fizer (RIVER) d. Longevitch (ST  
 J) 6-0.  
 167 - Bahen (STEUB C) d. Hunker (BS)  
 14-0; Zifzol (BN) d. Tibbs (STEUB) 9-8.

FIRST ROUND

98 - Myers (MAG) d. Childers (BELL)  
 13-0; Simmons (JM) p. Hannon (MEADOW)  
 :27; Gates (JU) p. Warbol (RIVER) 5:20;  
 Blake (CAM) p. Banja (SHEN) 1:45; Santar-  
 elli (STEUB) p. Davis (ST J) 4:52; Carpen-  
 ter (BEALLS) p. Fidak (TOR) 1:25; Smith  
 (EL) p. Treglia (MINGO) 3:58; Dunn (WP)  
 p. Gardner (OG) :23; D'Ulisse (BRK) p.  
 Schreyer (WHG.C.) :50; Pryor (WEIR) p.  
 Jeffery (CAMB) 2:55; Carter (CAD) d.  
 Lams (BARNES) 5-2; Emmerth (MAD) d. Vecc-  
 hione (WINT) 3-2; Prezzia (WELLS) Bye;  
 Riapos (WINT) Bye; Carter (CAD) p. Nedved  
 (MF) 5:59; Strickland (RIVER) p. Sholtis  
 (SHEN) :32; Pantone (MAG) d. Young (JM)  
 6-0; Haas (BRK) p. Sneddon (BRPT) 5:58;  
 Young (WHG.C.) p. Cain (MEADOW) 1:42;  
 Snyder (WEIR) d. Hessman (BEALLS) 4-0;  
 Affman (CAMB) d. Yemich (ST CL) 3-0;  
 Miller (BELL) p. Danver (EL) 2:50;  
 Iachini (STEUB) d. Bruce (UL) 19-8;  
 Kosky (ST J) p. Dennis (BW) 1:26;  
 Feaster (MINGO) p. Mason (JU) 4:35;

Weigand (WP) p. Decker (BARNES) 1:06.  
 112 - Stanley (WP) d. Hotlosz (ST J) 7-0; Miclea (TOR) p. Miller (WHG. C.) 1:05; Strickland (RIV) p. Blake (UL) 2:17; Cionni (BRK) p. Gillespie (OG) 4:33; Becca (MF) p. Ashmead (STEUB C) 5:42; Marcum (BEALLS) p. Cline (SHEN) :58; Marosi (WEIR) d. Coffman (WINT) 10-0; Ryman (EL) p. Teramana (BN) 3:11; Strizak (BELL) d. Hewitt (CAM) 12-6; Pattison (CAMB) p. Farebanks (BRPT) 1:55; Ceo (LINS) p. Wodarczyk (BW) :51; VanDyne (ST CL) d. Bell (JM) 9-5; Crosier (STEUB) p. Treglia (MINGO) 3:12; Nameth (CAD) p. Miller (WELLS) 1:35; Merritt (BARNES) d. Sarver (MAG) 4-1; Reardon (MAD) d. Kochus (MEADOW) 14-9.  
 119 - Woodward (WELLS) p. Shumaro (CAD) 4:35; Duymich (JM) p. Thompson (STEUB) 3:48; West (WHG. C.) p. Cross (BS) 1:56; Diedwards (TOR) d. White (JU) 6-3; Lasure (BELL) d. Furr (BEALLS) 20-3; Goddard (MAG) p. McHugh (BN) 3:32; Weigel (WEIR) Bye; Zackiewicz (STEUB C) p. Renner (BRK) 5:23; Baker (RIVER) p. Detling (BARNES) 3:12; Rownd (LINS) d. Beardsmore (CAMB) 2-0; Bower (OG) p. Gilot (ST CL) :55; Larose (WINT) p. Cortese (MAD) 4:22; Suto (MF) d. Timko (BPT) 3-0; Giannangili (ST J) d. Miller (CAM) 5-3; Fazzolari (WP) p. McCullom (MEADOW) 5:48; Parsons (EL) p. Kovach (MINGO) 4:31.  
 126 - Lucas (RIVER) p. Johns (MINGO) 1:36; Caruso (LINS) p. Ginn (SHEN) :13; Randolph (WINT) p. Hartley (CAM) 5:52; Coss (BRPT) d. Tatich (JM) 10-5; Buchanan (BRK) p. Hickman (CAMB) 4:45; Wildes (BARNES) d. Koos (EL) 7-4; Hockenberry (BN) d. Stone (MEAD) 13-0; Pratt (CAD) p. Klash (MAD) 1:26; Smith (MAG) p. Degian (ST J) 1:20; Strake (TOR) d. Dusich (WHG. C.) 19-1; Bender (MF) d. McAdoo (WELLS) 9-8; Chadwell (BEALLS) d. Regoli (BELL) 5-0; Zuzak (ST CL) d. Kourim (BS) 1:45; Bohn (WEIR) p. Billham (STEUB) 1:30. Dusch (WP) d. Toto (UL) 9-1; Six (OG) p. Bertoria (STEUB C) 1:04.  
 132 - Adams (WEIR) d. Lazarus (LINS) 6-1; ovt.; Sexton (MEAD) d. Dray (MINGO) 12-9; Gallagher (BEALLS) p. Warner (CAMB) 1:38; Andrews (BARNES) p. Green (BS) 3:00; Thompson (CAD) p. McCoy (BN) 1:55; Miclea (TOR) p. Loose (UL) 2:45; Dray (JU) p. Glasgow (RIVER) 4:45; Bohrer (ST CL) p. Longhi (MAD) 1:30; Bailey (WELLS) p. Rhinehart (WINT) 5:11; Mooney (BRK) p. Cashioili (STEUB C) 3:45; Wodar-  
 cyk (BW) d. Knox (CAM) 4-2; Jarrett (STEUB) p. Foose (WHG. C.) 2:24; Daugherty (EL) d. Havice (OG) 7-2; Curtin (WP) p. Eckelberry (JM) 3:42; Brothers (BRPT) ref. d.; Davis (BELL) Sokolowski (MF) d. Lucas (SHEN) 12-4.  
 138 - Snyder (CAD) p. Poling (CAM) 5:50; Marshall (MAG) d. Thomas (LINS) 2-1; Blazer (JM) d. Spencer (TOR) 5-1; Sambucco (BW) p. Nicholes (UL) 2:53; Maragos (JU) d. Powell (MF) 7-1; Bryan (EL) p. Black (MEAD) :45; Carpenter (BEALLS) d. Cample (BARNES) 10-0; Bryan (OG) d. Hill (CAMB) 9-0; Gaston (STEUB) d. Zeszvtok (MAD) 5-2; Prezzia (WELLS) p. Quinn (BN) 1:10; Gorsuch (MINGO) d. Chase (ST CL) 2-0; Mlynek (BELL) p. Shivley (BUCK S) 1:27; Cenkus (BRPT) p. Reggiri (WINT) 4:32; Dolan (WHG PARK) p. Montgomery (SHEN) 3:58; Mazzella (BRKE) d. Fizer (RIVER) 13-5; Magnone (WEIR) p. Smith (WHG. C.) 1 min.  
 145 - Michael (MAG) p. Chaplin (CAM) 3:44; Parnell (WEIR) p. Gornik (UL) 1:58; Cardamone (CAMB) d. Wells (SHEN) 6-2; Woodford (MF) p. Taylor (BUCK S) 3:30; Hobbs (OG) d. Pratt (CADIZ) 6-1; Kenny (RIVER) d. Sulter (WINT) 2-0; DeLande (ST CL) p. Beadling (MEADOW) 1:45; Terry (STEUB CATH) Bye; Holliday (JM) p. Bowman (BRPT) :56; Amato (WELLS) d. Ciancone (ST J) 4-1; Wallace (BRKE) d. Lewis (TOR) 7-0; Suchan (BELL) d. Powell (BARNES) 21-11; Potrajac (JU) p. Sonnefeld (BUCK W) 1:01; Taylor (WHG PARK) d. Carter (LINS) 10-2; Barrow (BEALLS) won by default Brinkmier (WHG. C.) Burris (EL) d. Hugus (STEUB) 5-2.  
 155 - Dowler (WHG PARK) p. Ross (ST J) 2:40; Parks (MAG) d. Olenick (JU) 8-6; Cortis (MAD) d. Tipton (WELLS) 9-8; Brothers (BRPT) p. Mason (CAM) 5:35; Davia (CADIZ) p. Vargo (ST CL) 1:01; McCool (JM) p. Yoker (BUCK S) 5:15; Sedalsky (BELL) d. Craft (EL) 11-0; Anderson (BARNES) Bye; Farms (STEUB CATH) Bye. Coffman (WINT) p. Mayles (WHG. C.) 1:54; Lewis (STEUB) d. Gallioties (WEIR) 14-1; Smith (TOR) p. Phillipi (BN) 5:30; Leon (BRK) d. Sonnefeld (BW) 6-1; ovt.; Eureka (OG) p. Thompson (CAMB) 5:31; Boskovich (MF) p. Bondy (BEALLS) 4:26; Perry (RIVER) d. Wheeler (LINS) 5-1.  
 167 - Irwin (EL) p. Anderson (BARNES) 5:32; McIntire (MEADOWS) d. Corent (JU) 9-4; Wells (SHEN) d. Smith (WHG PARK) 10-2; Ray (CAD) p. Micelean (BRK) 3:37;



Neff (CAMB) p. Yahn (LINS) 3:44; Flanagan (ST J) d. Keyser (CAM) 9-7; Varner (WEIR) p. Bahen (STEUB C) 2:17; Jones (MAG) d. Mays (WINT) 9-7; Antill (RIVER) p. Matsakis (SHADY) 4:43; Primovic (BRPT) d. Stiles (UL) 10-3; Morris (JM) p. Zifzal (BN) 10:41; Bryan (OG) d. Eddy (MINGO) 13-3; Bowman (MF) p. Pomeranski (WHG. C.) 1:00; Taylor (WELLS) p. Truchan (ST CL) 3:06; Stasiulewicz (TOR) p. Swallow (BEALLS) 4:31; Davolio (BELL) p. Scott (BN) 3:03. 175 - Walker (MEADOWS) p. Geho (CAM) :56; Fry (WP) p. Magyar (WINT) 1:18; Shaffer (BELL) p. Brown (UL) 1:06; Mallett (BELL) Bye; Bryne (ST J) Bye; Heidenbaugh (JU) p. Gribble (ST CL) :47; Wilson (CAMB) d. Polen (OG) 7-4; Kirkpatrick (WEIR) p. Brown (BN) 3:00; Ross (EL) p. Costello (BS) 1:21; Logan (BARNES) p. Bates (SHEN) 2:33; Baldwin (STEUB) d. Worwa (BW) 8-1; Lehman (RIVER) p. Hackathorne (WELLS) 2:28; DeBolt (CAD) default Sutherin (TOR); Nazzaro (LINS) d. Howard (BRPT) 7-2. Burkhardt (MF) Bye; Berardi (JM) Bye. 185 - Bartol (WP) p. Workman (CAM) 3:00; Reed (SHEN) d. McCafferty (MINGO) 6-1; Atwood (EL) d. Zackiewicz (STEUB C) 7-4. Millich (LINS) p. Carry (WELLS) :58; Judy (JU) p. Barnhart (CAD) 2:59; Secrest (UL) p. Carlier (BRPT) 3:09; DeLong (OG) p. Kandis (MF) :59; Hermeling (MAG) p. Blankenship (BN) :58; Goff (ST CL) p. Thomas (BW) 2:26; Kalder (BELL) Bye. Herrick (WINT) Bye; Eldridge (CAMB) Bye; Lehasky (JN) def. Barnes (STEUB); Grace (MAD) p. Griffiths (ST J) 5:45; Moxley (BARNES) p. Bogared (WEIR) 3:56. HEAVY - Mazzella (BRK) p. McPeek (SHEN) 1:01. O'Brien (WHG PARK) p. Lilley (CAM) 1:35. Masser (BN) p. Barnhart (WEIR) 5:25; Teaters (BS) Bye; Parker (MAG) d. Thomas (EL) 10-1; Hall (BARNES) d. Fortunato (BS) 6-4; Gilmore (UL) d. White (WELLS) 11-3; Westfall (JU) Bye; Agostini (CAD) Bye. Slotwinski (ST CL) Bye; Dunlap (BELL) p. Kirkland (WINT) 2:57; Aventino (MF) p. Pfalsgraf (RIVER) :56; Lewis (BPT) d. McGeehan (OG) 6-2; Hays (STEUB) p. Winland (BEALLS) 3:42; Carey (ST J) p. Yurina (MEADOW) 4:43; Walley (JM) d. O'Prisch (TOR) 3-0.

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## WHEELING PARK WRESTLERS TAKE COMMAND IN CONFERENCE TOURNEY

With an imposing show of quality depth, Wheeling Park High swept into the final session of the weather-plaquet Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling tournament at St. John's Arena in Steubenville Saturday night with a commanding lead in the over-all and AAAA standings.

Nosed out in the very last match by John Marshall High last year, Coach Eric Carder's Patriots took a wide advantage over the Monarchs into the finals as The Park built up 210 markers, compared to 159 for Bill Hinegardner's squad.

Final results were not available at press time last night as the tournament ran later than usual because what would normally constitute two days of action was crowded into a single day and night, due to the postponement of Friday's afternoon and night-time sessions because of the giant snowfall. Moreover, the News-Register was confronted with an early deadline because of the necessity of getting delivery trucks onto routes as quickly as possible.

Cadiz was spread-eagling the Class AA-A field as the Cardinals went into the finals with 148½ markers, leaving them third in the over-all standings behind the two AAAA powers, Wheeling Park and John Marshall.

Bellaire, defending titlist in AAA, was a certainty to repeat as it had 115½ counters, compared to 76 for second-place River and 53½ for third-place Martins Ferry. In the AA-A division, Bealls-ville's 68½ points were second to Cadiz entering the finals. Linsly Institute stood next at 57½ and then came Barnesville, with 49½. Magnolia was fourth in AAA with 45 and then came St. Clairs-ville with 43.

In AAAA, the Patriots and Monarchs were followed by third-place Weirton 122½; Brooke 95½; East Liverpool 82; Steubenville 78; Cambridge 63; Oak Glen 40; and Wintersville 21. The complete final standings will be in Monday newspapers.

Wheeling Park, the defending West

Virginia state champion, had three wrestlers in the championship finals and John Marshall had four.

The Park's Carl Stanley became the first repeat titlist when he decisoned Brooke's Jeff Cionni, 18-6, in the 112-pound windup. Stanley won at 98 pounds last year as a sophomore.

First champion of the night to be crowned was Weirton 98-pounder Randy Pryor, who topped John Marshall's Don Simmons 11-8. Paul Carter of Cadiz became the 105-pound kingpin with a 9-7 verdict over Joe Strickland, of River.

#### SEMI-FINALS

98 - Pryor (WEIR) d. Dunn (WHG PARK) 8-2; Simmons (JM) d. Santarelli (STEUB) 7-1.

105 - Strickland (RIVER) p. Weigand (WHG PARK) 5:30; Carter (CADIZ) d. Haas (BRKE) 12-4.

112 - Stanley (WHG PARK) d. Nameth (CAD) 12-3; Cionni (BRKE) d. Pattison (CAMB) 2-1 ovt. Parsons (EL) d. Fazzolari (WHG PARK) 8-0; Weigle (WEIR) d. Rownd (LINS) 6-0.

126 - Caruso (LINS) d. Pratt (CAD) 8-3; Chadwell (BEALLS) d. Six (OG) 4-0;

132 - Sexton (MEADOW) d. Gallagher (BEALLS) 7-1; Bailey (WELLS) p. Mooney (BRKE) 3:35.

138 - Prezzia (WELLS) d. Snyder (CAD) 3-0; Mlynek (BELL) d. Gaston (STEUB) 11-1.

145 - Pernel (WEIR) d. Hobbs (OG) 14-3; Holliday (JM) d. Woodford (MF) 13-5.

155 - McCool (JM) p. Leone (BRKE) 2:18; Davia (CAD) d. Perry (RIVER) 7-3!

167 - Morris (JM) d. Ray (CAD) 4-1; Neff (CAMB) d. Varner (WEIR) 3-0 ovt.

175 - Logan (BARNES) p. DeBolt (CAD) 1:15; Fry (WHG PARK) d. Shaffer (BELL) 13-4.

185 - Kaldor (BELL) d. Atwood (EL) 8-5; Lehasky (JM) d. Moxley (BARNES) 5-3.

HEAVY - O'Brien (WHG PARK) p. Dunlap (BELL) 5:22; Gilmore (UL) d. Slotwinski (ST CL) 6-1.

#### QUARTER FINALS

98 - Santarelli (STEUB) d. D'Ulisse (BRKE) 8-3; Dunn (WHG PARK) d. Gates (JU) 10-0; Pryor (WEIR) p. Carter (CAD) 3:51; Simmons (JM) p. Myers (ST CL) 3:37.

105 - Strickland (RIVER) d. Lachini (STEUB) 7-4; Carter (CAD) d. Snyder (WEIR) 8-2; Weigand (WHG PARK) d. Feaster (MINGO) 12-4; Haas (BRKE) d. Young

(WHG C) 2-0.

112 - Nameth (CAD) d. Marosi (WEIR) 5-2; Cionni (BRKE) p. Marcum (BEALLS) 3:32; Stanley (WHG PARK) p. Strickland (RIVER) 5:40; Pattison (CAMB) d. Crosier (STEUB) 6-0.

119 - Parsons (EL) p. Giannangili (ST J) 3:30; Weigel (WEIR) won by def. over Baker (RIVER); Fazzolarri (WP) d. Lasure (BELL) 6-3. Rownd (LINS) p. DiEdwards (TOR) 1:16.

126 - Pratt (CAD) d. Wildes (BARNES) 6-2; Chadwell (BEALLS) d. Randolph (WINT) 7-0; Six (OG) p. Bender (MF) 3:43; Caruso (LINS) d. Dusch (WP) 9-2.

132 - Bailey (WELLS) d. Jarrett (STEUB) 7-4; Sexton (MEADOW) d. Dray (JU) 20-5; Gallagher (BEALLS) d. Daugherty (EL) 10-5; Mooney (BRKE) d. Adams (WEIR) 12-2.

138 - Prezzia (WELLS) d. Blazer (JM) 9-2; Gaston (STEUB) d. Maragos (JU) 6-2; Snyder (CADIZ) d. Bryan (EL) 5-4;

Mlynek (BELL) d. Mazella (BRKE) 9-8.

145 - Pernel (WEIR) d. DeLande (ST CL) 13-4; Holiday (JM) d. Burrow (BEALLS) 6-5; Hobbs (OG) d. Michael (MAG) 6-3; Woodford (MF) d. Taylor (WP) 12-10.

155 - Leon (BRKE) d. Coffman (WINT) 6-2; McCool (JM) d. Brothers (BPT) 12-2. Davia (CAD) p. Lewis (STEUB) 2:25; Perry (RIVER) d. Dowler (WP) 8-6.

167 - Varner (WEIR) p. Primovic (BPT) 5:35; Ray (CAD) d. Erwin (EL) 5-0;

Morris (JM) p. Bowman (MF) 5:08; Neff (CAMB) d. Stasiulewicz (TOR) 5-4.

175 - Shaffer (BELL) d. Wilson (CAMB) 11-1; Logan (BARNES) d. Berardi (JM) 9-4; Fry (WHG PARK) p. Byrne (ST J) 1:54; DeBolt (CAD) d. Burkhart (MF) 2-0.

185 - Kaldor (BELL) d. Mamula (BRKE) 9-2; Lehasky (JM) p. Hermerling (MAG) 4:43; Atwood (EL) p. Milich (LINS) 5:25; Moxley (BARNES) d. Bertol (WHG PARK) 3-2.

HEAVY - Dunlap (BELL) d. Walley (JM) 4-2; Slotwinski (ST CL) d. Hayes (STEUB) 1-0; Gilmore (UL) p. Parker (MAG) 4:39; O'Brien (WHG PARK) p. Lewis (BRPT) 5 min.

## VROTSOS NAMED RECIPIENT OF 1978 "MR. MAT" AWARD

By BILL VAN HORNE  
News-Register Sports Editor

John Vrotsos, one of the most successful high school wrestling coaches that the Ohio Valley has ever seen, was honored Saturday night at the OVAC wrestling tournament at St. John's Arena at Steubenville.

The 50-year-old Vrotsos, who initiated the grappling sport at Martins Ferry High School and piloted the Purple Riders to the heights, was named as recipient of the third annual "Mr. Mat" Award in recognition of his services to the sport.

Now an assistant to Martins Ferry school superintendent John Yoder, Vrotsos coached the Riders to seven straight Ohio Valley Athletic Conference championships in the years from 1961 through 1967 and thus equalled the feat of George Kovalick, who had guided Bridgeport to seven straight titles and who was the recipient of the initial "Mr. Mat" Award in 1976. The year after Vrotsos resigned from his coaching post his successor, Art Hehr, won an OVAC crown with the Purple and thus extended the Rider string to an all-time record eight straight crowns.

In the two years before mounting the OVAC throne, Vrotsos-coached teams were runnersup to Bridgeport. They were second in the Eastern Ohio district meet three times and won it on six occasions.

Since he has been out of coaching, Vrotsos has remained interested in wrestling and has helped to set up tournaments in the area. He directed the OVAC and district and sectional tournaments when they were held at Martins Ferry - years when the conference tourney made giant strides.

A brother of ex-Purple Rider athletes Tony Vrotsos who went on to play football at West Virginia University, and Nick who was basketball captain at Alabama and who coached basketball and football at Dillonvale and basketball at Dover and Massillon and has been a long-time assistant in the grid sport for the Tigers, "Corky" Vrotsos is a 1946 graduate of Ferry High. He was a three-year letterman in both football and basketball. He starred as a

guard in basketball under Floyd Baker and Ralph Gartrell and was an All-Eastern Ohio center in football under Fred Thomas.

After service in the army, Vrotsos enrolled at West Liberty State College in February of 1948. He was graduated in June of 1951. He was a three-year varsity grid performer for the Hilltoppers during some of the school's most glorious years. In fact, while he was on the team, the West Liberty squads, coached by Joe Bartell, went undefeated twice and played in the Smokey Mountain and Pythian Bowl games.

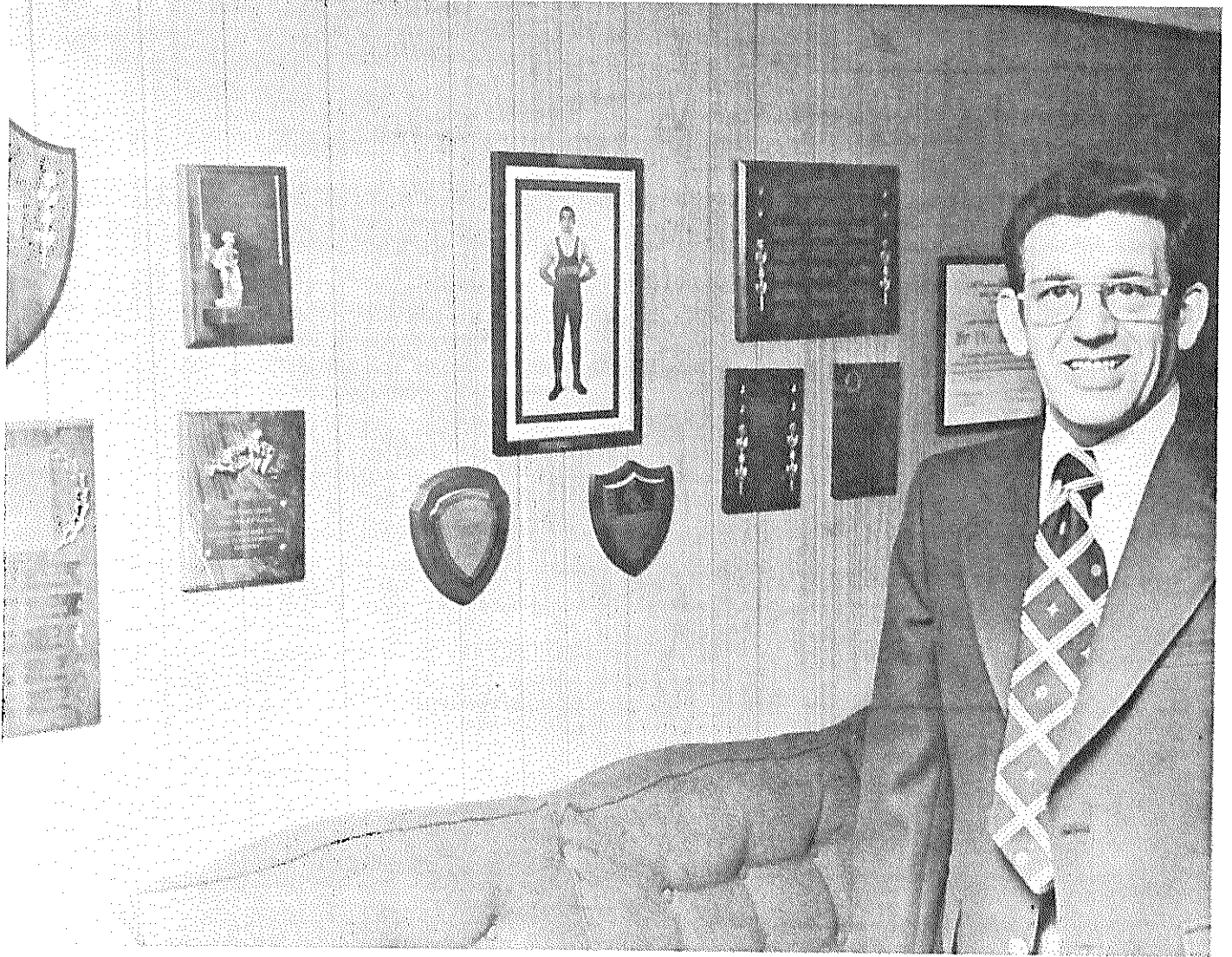
The Ferrian began his coaching career as a junior high coach at Newcomerstown in 1951. He returned to Martins Ferry as city recreational director in May of 1952. He served full time in that capacity until 1957 when he joined the high school faculty as head coach in wrestling and assistant in football and track. He was on the football staff when the Riders went undefeated four times in five years.

Vrotsos introduced wrestling at Martins Ferry in the 1957-58 school year, after preparing himself for that task by observation, study and actual wrestling himself. In his first year, his team suffered ten dual meet defeats. In all subsequent seasons combined, the Riders lost a total of only nine dual meets. They won 84 and in both 1964 and '67 did not lose any. In five different seasons, they lost only one.

Best finish of the Purple at the Ohio state meet at Columbus was a tie for fifth in 1960 when Jerry McDaniel was runnerup at 103 pounds and Bob Bruney and Jeff Jones were third at 154 and 112 pounds, respectively. Bruney is now the Riders' head football coach.

Only individual state champion produced by Vrotsos was John Scordos, at 175, in 1964. Steve Scipio was runnerup at 165 in 1966 and Keith Sommer was second at 175 in 1959.

Vrotsos and his No. 1 fan, his wife, Jackie Ayers Vrotsos, have three children - Susan, 22, a teacher at Buckeye South High School; John, 20, a junior at West Liberty and a former Ferry wrestler, and Keith, 17, a junior at Ferry High where he is a regular in three sports - football, basketball, and baseball - and one of the finest all-around athletes in the school.

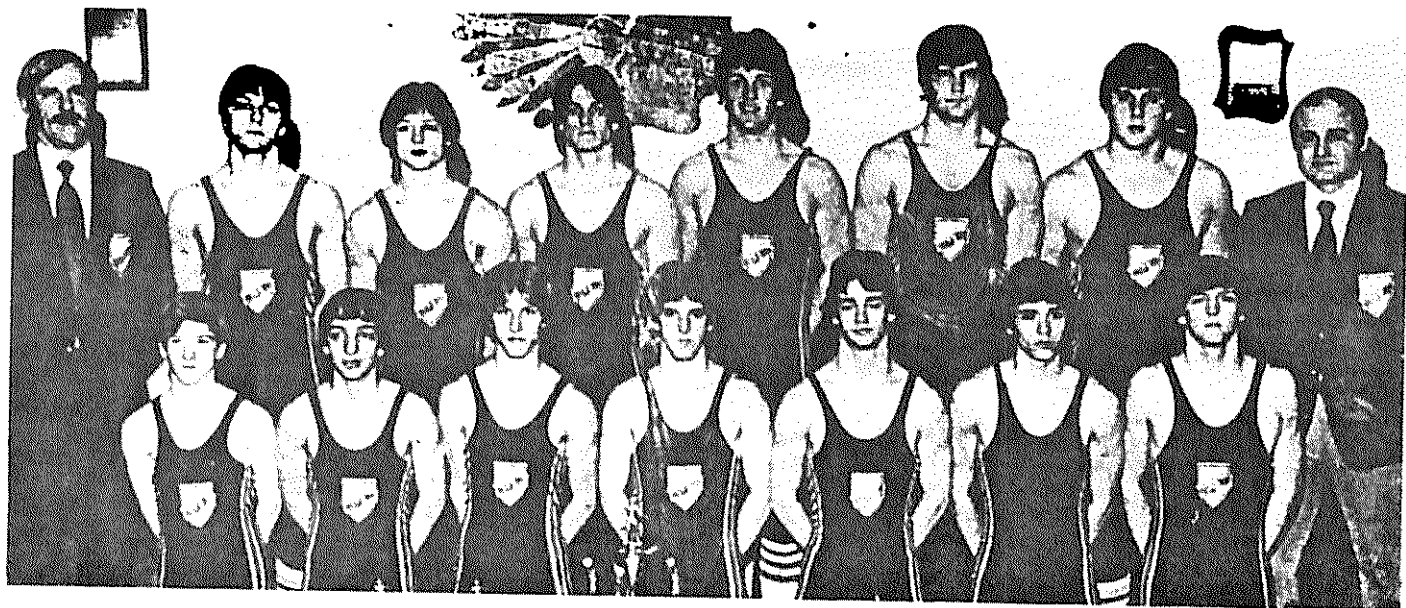


JOHN VROTSOS "MR. MAT" Winner 1978

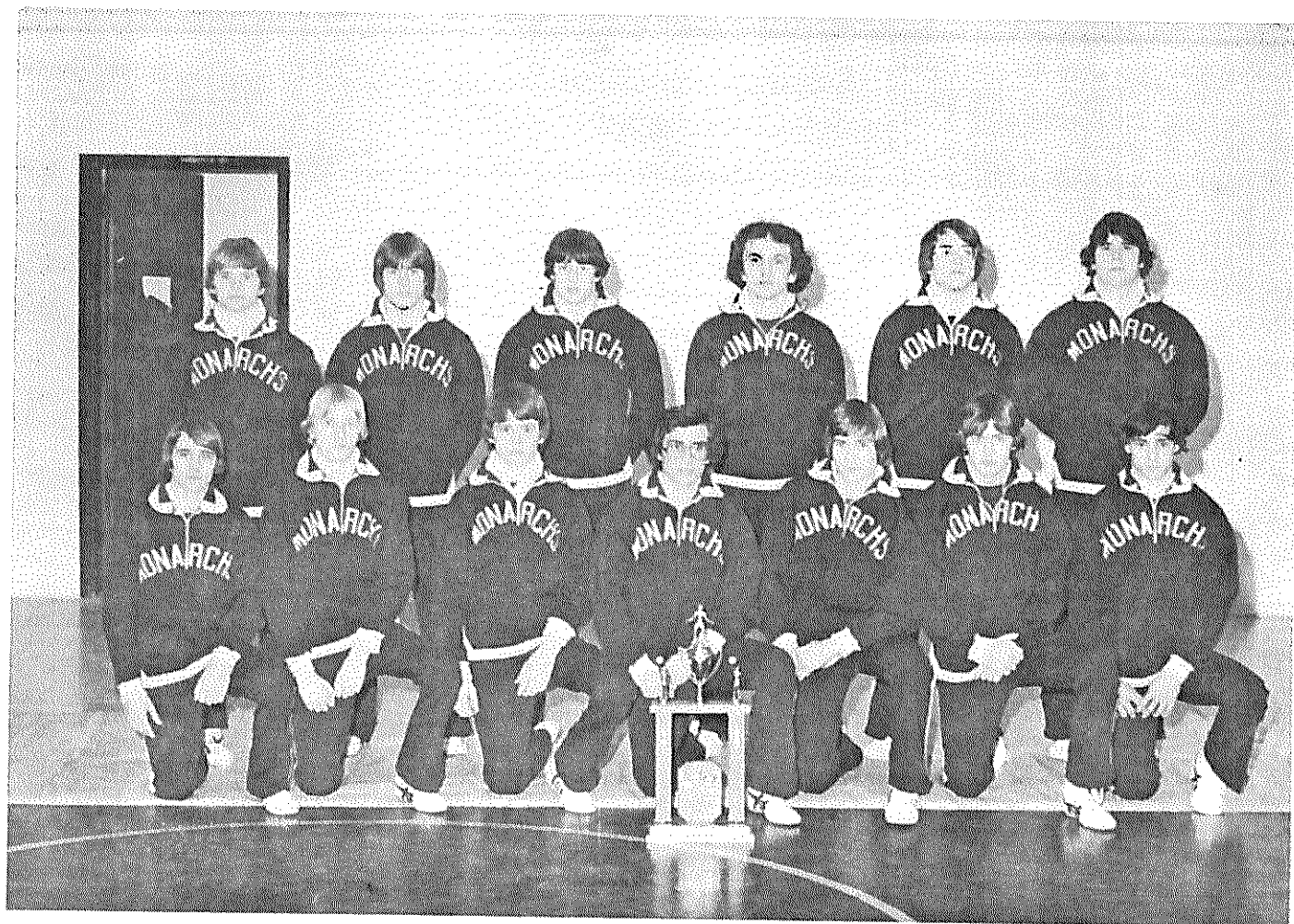


Front row L-R Randy Pryor, Paul Carter, Carl Stanley, Terry Weigel, Dave Chadwell, Dave Bailey, Paul Prezzia  
Back row L-R Ray Parnell, Joel Davia, Greg Morris, Allan Logan, Greg Lahasky, Sean O'Brien

Bellaire High 1978 OVAC AAA Champs



John Marshall 1977 WVA State Champs



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SECTION FOUR

RON MAUCK

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Dedicated

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RONALD E. MAUCK - "A MASTER OF THE MATS"

Ronald Ellis (Ron) Mauck, born on November 15, 1940, has been associated with wrestling since the late 1950's. With over 25 years of commitment to the mat sport, Ron Mauck has gained the love and respect of everyone involved in Ohio Valley Wrestling.

Ronald Mauck graduated from Bridgeport High School in 1958. He then attended West Liberty State College, where he acted as the late Coach Kovalick's football and wrestling manager for four years. For the record, Ron did wrestle one college match when Walt Tolarchyk, an outstanding area wrestler, was sidelined due to an injury.

In 1967, Ron Mauck began the wrestling program at Follansbee High School. As a matter of fact, he produced the school's first and only state champ, Lou Dailey - a "dynamo of quickness", in 1968. Mauck then took over the helm of Brooke High School's wrestling program. While there, Ron produced a 123-pound state titleholder. Jim Suddoth, in 1970. Moreover, one of Mauck's former proteges, John Craig, was an All-American in the N.A.I.A. Wrestling Championships for West Liberty State College.

Ron Mauck's wrestling teams were also highly successful. In 1972, the Brooke Bruins were second in the overall standings of the prestigious OVAC Tournament. Later that same season, Mauck's squad became the co-champions in the West Virginia Region I Wrestling Tournament. Furthermore, Ron's 1973 troops placed third in the OVAC Tourney (Note: No one expected to see them in the "top ten" that year, but they forgot to tell Ron Mauck and his mighty warriors).

After eight years as a head wrestling coach, Ron Mauck decided to hang up his whistle. Still, his contributions to the sport of wrestling were far from over. In fact, Mauck then directed his attentions to wrestling on both sides of the river. And here is where the magic really begins!

Without a doubt Ron Mauck is considered to be the foremost authority in directing wrestling tournaments throughout the Ohio Valley. To be quite honest, Mauck has the "Midas Touch" when it comes to organizing mat extravaganzas. If Ron Mauck has anything at all to do with a wrestling competition, the end result automatically spells "SUCCESS"!

Here are just a few of the many outstanding tournaments he has overseen:

- \*The Greater Wheeling Small-Fry Wrestling League Tournament
- \*The OVAC Freshmen and Junior Varsity Wrestling Tournament
- \*The Brooke Classic
- \*The OVAC Wrestling Tournament
- \*The West Virginia Region I Tournament
- \*The West Virginia State Wrestling Championships
- \*The N.A.I.A. Wrestling Championships

So, what mystical powers does this organizational wizard possess? Well, first of all, Ron Mauck knows the secret to "motivating" people. He inspires them to perform at their highest levels of ability. Secondly, Mauck is obsessed with an "attention to details". No item is discussed or suggested that Ron Mauck does not thoroughly scrutinize. In essence, he knows every minute aspect of a wrestling tournament.

Ronald Mauck's administrative brilliance came to the fore in 1979. During that year, Ron directed the annual OVAC Tournament, (a 37-team event), the West Virginia State Championships, and the N.A.I.A. (small college) championships. Since then, Mauck has overseen seven OVAC competitions (1979 to 1985) and three West Virginia State Tourneys (1979, 1982 and 1983).

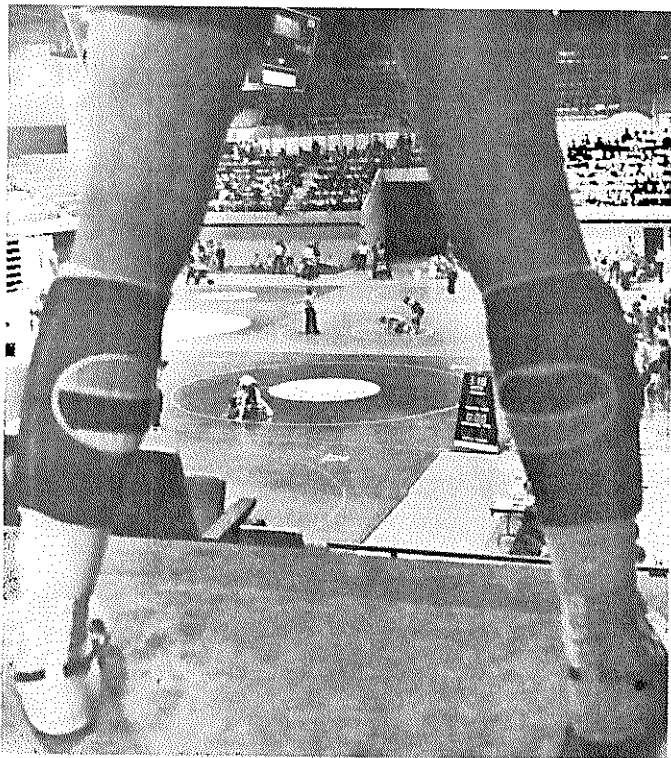
It should also be noted that Ron Mauck's leadership abilities go far beyond the mats. On the community front, Mauck has been President of the Warwood Junior High School Boosters Association from 1981 to 1984. Furthermore, Ron was the 1984 President of the Bridgeport High School Alumni Association. Likewise, Mauck has been assisting Rudy Mumley with the OVAC All-Star Football Classic since 1981. And, due to his contributions to so many virtuous causes, the Upper Ohio Valley

Dapper Dan Club honored him with an achievement award in February of 1985.

Ron Mauck is an educator by profession. And as you might have guessed, he is one of the best in his field. Ron is in charge of the Driver Education Department at Brooke High School. Furthermore, Mauck is an Adult Basic Education instructor for Ohio County Schools. Finally, Ron Mauck was President of the West Virginia Safety and Driver Education Association in 1976.

In closing, Ronald Mauck and his lovely wife, Mary Lou, reside in Warwood. They have three very bright children: Eric, Jay, and Melissa.

Yes, Ronald E. Mauck has truly earned the admiration of everyone who supports Ohio Valley Wrestling. Yet, Ron takes no bows for his untiring efforts, but diverts all credit to his colleagues. Nonetheless, because of Ronald Mauck's dedication to the sport of wrestling, he can affectionately be called a bone fide "Master of the Mats"!



Anxious moments

## GIANT OVAC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT BEGINS AT CIVIC CENTER THURSDAY

By BILL VAN HORNE  
News-Register Sports Editor

That super show of high school wrestling, the annual Ohio Valley Athletic Conference tournament, comes to the Wheeling Civic Center this week.

With eight mats in use at the same time, fans will be stretching their necks more than they do at a tennis match. It will be like an eight-ring circus and excitement will run rife for lovers of the mat sport during the three-day eliminations which get underway on Thursday at 6 pm.

Athletes from 35 schools will participate in the tournament, which crowns an over-all team titlist and four divisional team champions, in addition to kingpins in each weight class. There will be awards for the first six finishers in each weight class and these will be presented during the climactic Saturday night session, which will also see various special awards presented.

The tournament is being held at the Wheeling Civic Center for the first time. In the past, it has been presented at Bridgeport, Martins Ferry, Moundsville and Steubenville's St. John Arena. Steady growth of the event has demanded the use of large facilities - such as the arenas of Steubenville and Wheeling.

Ron Mauck, of Brooke High, and Frank Mays, of Wintersville, are tournament directors, with Bellaire athletic director George Kovalick, the patriarch of area wrestling coaches also playing a key role in the planning.

Wheeling Park High dethroned four-time titlist John Marshall as overall kingpin last year while Bellaire took the laurels in AAA and Cadiz won the combined Class AA-Class A honors.

While team trophies are to be awarded in four classes, the wrestlers compete against each other without distinction as to size of their schools. When an athlete is champion in this tournament, he is the champion. Period.

The Class AAAA schools entered are Bellaire, Brooke, Cambridge, East Liverpool, John Marshall, Oak Glen, St. Clairsville, Steubenville, Weir High, Wheeling Park and Wintersville.

The AAA entries are Bridgeport, Buckeye South, Jefferson Union, Magnolia, Martins Ferry Meadowbrook, River, Steubenville Catholic Central, Toronto, Union Local and Wellsville.

Barnesville, Buckeye North, Cadiz, Linsly Institute, Mingo, Shenandoah, Bellaire St. John's Central, Weirton Madonna, and Wheeling Central are AA entries.

The Class A hopefuls are Beallsville, Buckeye West, Cameron and Valley High of Pine Grove.

Preliminary and first-round matches are scheduled for Thursday. There will be two sessions on Friday, the first beginning at 1 pm and consisting of second-round engagements. The quarter-finals and consolation bouts will be on Friday night with the action beginning at 7 pm.

Saturday afternoon semi-finals get underway at 1:00 and will be followed by additional consolation matches. The Saturday night session will be at 7:00 with the title bouts, third-fourth place matches, and fifth-sixth place engagements being held simultaneously.

Something new at this year's tournament will be eight specially-made wrestling clocks, which are valued at more than \$2,000 each. The Moundsville Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company and the Cameron Coca-Cola Company have each donated one of these clocks but additional funds are being sought to pay off the rest of the bill.

Fourteen referees have been contracted for the tournament. They are Larry Deaton, Bob Bruney, and Steve Kish of Martins Ferry, Dave Kovalick of Barnesville, John Snively of Powhatan, Larry Rine and Ed West of Moundsville, Paul Lemery of Wheeling, Walter Tolarchyk of North Canton, Dick Rausch of New Philadelphia, George Hildebrand and Robert McVay of Washington, PA., John Riggle of Huston, PA., and Frank Vulcano of California, PA.

Pairings for the tournament, which will involve over 450 wrestlers, will be completed Monday night. Coaches will meet at the Civic Center at 1 pm today to recommend seedings to the seeding committee. The unseeded wrestlers will be placed in the brackets tomorrow night.

A souvenir program will be sold at the tourney and will list all individual

past champions, in addition to tournament pairings.

The admission price per session will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. An advance ticket book for all five sessions will be available at the Civic Center and will cost \$8 for adults and \$5 for the students. It will also be available at the box office on Thursday night and again on Friday afternoon.

Five individual champions of last year will participate in this year's tournament. They are Randy Pryor of Weirton, who has moved up from 98 pounds to 105; Carl Stanley, Wheeling Park, now up to 119 from 112; Dave Bailey, Wellsville, defending at 132; Greg Morris, John Marshall, defending at 167; and Greg Lehasky, John Marshall, defending at 185.

Among the special awards to be presented Saturday night will be the Mr. Mat Award, which goes to a person judged as contributing much to the development of high school wrestling in the Ohio Valley, and the "coach of the year" award to Eric Carder, of Wheeling Park, whose team not only won this tournament last year but also has been West Virginia state champ for the past two years.

Also announced will be the winner of the David Bierkorte Memorial Award, which is presented by the Wheeling Central Catholic Booster Club at the OVAC spring banquet to the outstanding wrestler in the tournament.

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OVAC CHAMPS



Front row L-R Barry Barbe, Randy Pryor, Trent Iachini,  
Carl Stanley, Bob Weigand, Paul Caruso  
Back row L-R Bob agostini, Greg Lahasky, Tim Bowman,  
Greg Morris, Steve Potkrajac, Jeff Hobbs, Todd Bohrer

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MAT TALK  
with Bill Welker

Recently, I had the opportunity to inter-coaches, but very few who can be described as "The Coach's Coach"; George Kovalick, mentor emeritus, is of such a breed. Last week's discussion involved the function of mat judges. We will investigate "technical violations".

Dual Meet Record - 107 wins, 54 losses, 6 ties.

Seven OVAC Team Championships  
Guided the Bridgeport High School Wrestling Team to an Ohio state championship in 1959 (the only Eastern Ohio school to accomplish this feat).

High school and college coach of Olympian Bobby Douglas.

First recipient of the prestigious OVAC Mr. Mat Award.

So, you can believe when Coach Kovalick speaks of wrestling, everybody listens! And below are some of his thoughts on the subject.

Question: Coach - what improvements have you observed since beginning the wrestling program at Bridgeport High in 1950?

"Wrestling has improved tremendously in three areas. I can remember working out in small practice (class) rooms on old canvas tumbling mats. Now coaches have their own wrestling rooms covered wall-to-wall with foam cushioned mats specifically made for wrestling. Secondly, wrestling tournaments, which once drew few fans, today need large arenas to accommodate wrestling followers. Finally "technique" in the sport has developed greatly, with former outstanding wrestlers from the valley returning to the area to coach.

Question: Where must Ohio Valley wrestling go from here?

"We need to keep enticing top-notch wrestling people into the valley to conduct clinics and coach. Also, I believe we are just one step behind those outstanding programs found in Pennsylvania and Central-Northern Ohio. Local coaches must start to schedule teams from these areas. I've always contended that to get better, you should compete with the best."

This information dialogue with Coach Kovalick, presently athletic director at Bellaire High School, is one that I will savor for a long time to come. You will find many good

coaches, but very few who can be described as "The Coach's Coach"; George Kovalick, mentor emeritus, is of such a breed.

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#### TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS

There are seven technical violations in wrestling and all but one are penalized in the following manner:

First offense - 1 penalty point (given to opponent);

Second offense - 1 penalty point;

Third offense - 2 penalty points;

Fourth offense - disqualification.

Let's take a look at three of the seven technical violations.

"Intentionally Going Out of Bounds" - If either contestant goes out of the wrestling area to avoid his opponent for any reason (except when near-fall points are scored) this technical violation will be enforced.

"Leaving the Mat Proper" - No wrestler may completely step off the wrestling mat without permission of the referee.

"Delay of Match" - When a wrestler "slows down" the normal progress of a match without just cause, a technical violation is declared. Unnecessarily adjusting of one's equipment or meandering back to the center of the mat after going out of bounds are examples of this infraction.

I will complete technical violations in our next lesson.

OVAC AWARD WINNERS

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erry Chambers  
. High Coach  
the year

Eric Carder  
High School  
Coach of the  
Year

Richard Edge  
Mr. Mat  
1979

Bob Sadler  
Wheeling City  
Councilman

Frank Rodriguez  
Wheeling Civic  
Center  
Manager

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#### EDGE RECEIVES MR. MAT AWARD AT OVAC TOURNEY

Richard D. "Dick" Edge principal at Springfield Local High School near Berg-holz, OH., and the man who introduced the sport of wrestling at Triadelphia and Warwood High Schools, received the prestigious Mr. Mat Award Saturday night at the 25th Annual Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling tournament at the Wheeling Civic Center.

The presentation was made by Ronald Mauck, co-director of the tournament and Wheeling Park High coach Eric Carder, who wrestled in high school at Triadelphia for Edge and who has been somewhat of a protege of the former Triad and Warwood mentor.

Other special awards went to Carder, who received a "Coach of the Year" plaque, and to Moundsville Junior High mentor Larry Chambers, honored for his contributions to Junior High wrestling.

Edge, now 42 years old, is in his second season as principal at Springfield Local. But before that he had coached at Triadelphia and Warwood - both since absorbed in the Wheeling Park consolidation - and for four years at Wintersville.

Some of the credit for the outstanding wrestling program at Wheeling Park, winner of the West Virginia State Championship for two straight years, must go to Edge since his work at Triadelphia and Warwood helped to arouse interest in the sport in Ohio County.

Of his former mentor, Carder said: "He has been an inspiration to me. He taught me more than wrestling. As I look back, many times my actions and reactions have been based on what he might have done in the same situation. He not only developed me as a high school wrestler but convinced me that I could wrestle in college. He has been a cherished friend and I look up to him more than any man, except my own father. I don't think there could be a more deserving recipient of the Mr. Mat Award this year than Dick Edge. It is especially appropriate that he should be honored when the OVAC tourney is held in Wheeling for the first time."

Edge, looking out over the eight mats on the Civic Center floor yesterday,

observed that "wrestling has come a long way in this city since we were working out in that "dungeon" at Triadelphia".

A 1954 graduate of Wheeling High, where he was a center in football in 1952 and a fullback in 1953, Edge entered West Liberty State College after playing in the Ohio-West Virginia All-Star Game.

After one year at West Liberty, Edge dropped out of school and entered the army. He returned to West Liberty in 1960 and became the Hilltoppers' regular center. He was a second-team choice in the West Virginia Intercollegiate Conference All-Star selections in 1961 and made first team All Conference in 1962. He was also co-captain of the Hilltoppers' 1962 Grid Squad.

In 1963 Edge taught at Triadelphia Junior High and teamed with the now-deceased John Shinsky in coaching an undefeated Bridge Street football team. The next year he became a member of Larry Phillips' varsity football staff at Triadelphia, assisted in track under Shinsky, and became the school's first wrestling coach.

In the fall of 1967 Edge, who has a master's degree from the University of Dayton, moved to Warwood as head coach in football and wrestling. His 1971 matmen were undefeated in dual meet competition and he coached the school's first individual State Champion in 145-pounder Joe Matyskiela. He also launched the career of John Vdovjak, who became a two-time State Champion and set a since-broken valley record for consecutive wrestling victories.

Edge and his wife, Patricia Lash Edge, reside in Wintersville with their three daughters - Lynn 13, Jenny 8, and Holly 5.

Chambers has been the area's most successful Junior High and many valley coaches regard him as one of the top mat instructors in the area. His work has contributed greatly to the tremendous success of John Marshall High in the sport as he has been operating a "feeder" program for the Monarchs. His matmen have won at least five OVAC Junior High crowns.

Chambers is a 1960 graduate of Cameron High, where he played football and ran track. He was a baseball player at West

Liberty State College, where he graduated in 1965.

Chambers' first coaching job was at Union High and he introduced wrestling there. In 1968, when Union was absorbed in the JMHS consolidation, Chambers moved to Moundville Junior High. He has coached track, wrestling, and football there but now concentrates on wrestling. He has also assisted in football at John Marshall.

Chambers and his wife, Brenda, have two daughters, Kelly 9, and Karen 7.

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## QUALITY WRESTLING TALENT NOW WIDE SPREAD IN OHIO VALLEY

By BILL VAN HORNE

The fact that 13 schools were represented in the championship matches of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling tournament last Saturday night at the Wheeling Civic Center is an indication of how wide spread quality competition has become in this growing sport.

In all 31 schools were represented at the tourney, with four more being last-minute scratches because of the weather conditions on Thursday, opening day of the eliminations. Of those 31, 22 were represented on the victory stand at some time Saturday night as awards went to the top six grapplers in each weight class.

I can well remember back in the late '50s and early '60s when two schools, Bridgeport and Martins Ferry, dominated the tournament. In recent years John Marshall and Wheeling Park have been the big winners but ten schools supplied individual titlists Saturday night.

The performance of youngsters from some of the smaller schools again proved the wisdom of the manner in which the conference has come to grips with the problem of having the Class A and Class AA schools compete against their big school brethren. While team honors are distributed on a divisional basis, there is just one individual champion in every weight class and he has to demonstrate his mettle against the best competition in the conference, regardless of the enrollment at the school he represents. Thus, the appeal of wrestling as both

an individual and team sport is engendered.

It stands to reason that schools such as Wheeling Park and John Marshall are going to be strong on the mat year in and year out - at least as long as men such as Eric Carder and Bill Hinegardner and their ilk are associated with the programs. Wheeling Park and John Marshall have the material, the tradition, the feeder programs, the coaching, the facilities and the motivation.

However, that does not mean those perennial big guns are going to have everything to their liking every year. While the size of the school is one element in a successful program, there are others. Consider how great Bridgeport did when George Kovalick was over there for so many years but has enjoyed only sporadic success since as there has been a rapid turnover in coaches. Consider how well Cadiz is doing now with John Stephenson developing the talent there. Consider how St. Clairsville has come from nowhere to somewhere in such a short time with Todd Bohrer, at 138, this year becoming the Red Devils' first OVAC Wrestling Champion.

As a Martins Ferry alumnus, it pleased me to see how the coaching brother act of Vince and Tom Suriano has the Purple Riders back in the hunt.

As much or more than any other sport wrestling seems to be a family affair. Look at this year's array of OVAC champions and note how many names are familiar - from the same families: Pryor, Carter, Stanley, Caruso, Magnone, Morris, Bowman, Lehaskey, and others. And Coach Dave Sommers had three wrestling Stricklands from River High out on the mats Saturday night.

You take note of the array of coaches and you see many who have been involved in the conference tournament in other years as athletes - such as Linsly's Mike Bilica, St. Clairsville's John Vavra and Rick Oberdick. St. John's Frank Vingia, the Park's Carder and Matt Doyle, Jefferson Union's Dan Doyle (Matt's brother), Wheeling Central's Rick Yocke, Bellaire's Len Chaplinski, Bridgeport's Buzzy Evans, Ferry's Surianos, Union Local's Jim Crosier and Rick Link, Steubenville's John Craig, Steubenville



Central's Challen Stewart, and others.

On the other hand, some ex-coaches are now referees - such as Steve Kish, Bob Bruney, and Dave Kovalick. Of course, most of the referees - like Larry Rine, Larry Deaton, and Ed West - are former grapplers. And some former coaches or referees (or both) - such as George Kovalick, Ron Mauck, Tommy Lackman, Denny Bowman, Dick Edge, Nolan Van Gilder, etc. - were involved with the running of the OVAC tournament.

High School wrestling is a sport of involvement. Loyalties to the sport run deep and once a person is hooked on it chances are that he will stay hooked on it. I see many fans who started going to matches years ago when they had sons competing and who seldom miss any of the big tournaments.

Even wives are inclined to get involved. In fact, one of the busiest persons at the main scoring and press table at the OVAC tournament was Chris Carder, Eric's wife.

The OVAC tournament grossed over \$10,000 and paid admissions for the three days were 5,057. Doubtlessly, the tourney would have drawn far better if the weather had not been so bad. But, in January, those kind of weather conditions have to be anticipated.

Add in all the folks who got into the tournament on passes, the nearly 400 athletes who participated, and the officials and others who were on the scene and the total attendance for the eliminations could be estimated at close to 8,500 through the Civic Center doors in three days.

Most of the athletes and fans were happy with the accommodations at the Civic Center. The nearness of the downtown restaurants and availability of parking was a plus, though Councilman Bob "Pear" Sadler had some legitimacy in his claim that some of the restaurants were not prepared for the influx of people. The wrestling crowd had only a limited time in which to eat between afternoon and evening sessions on Friday and Saturday so ready accommodations were essential.

The Civic Center dressing rooms could not accommodate 400 wrestlers, of course, so the east meeting room was converted into accommodations for the athletes. There was no adult super-

vision in those make-shift dressing quarters but I walked through with Mauck on Friday night and found everything going along smoothly. The conduct of the athletes at that point was beyond reproach and they showed they could be left on their own and be responsible people.

Of course, when 400 boys are taking showers someone is going to get cold water and one wrestler complained good naturedly to Mauck - "You guys spend \$18,000 on those new clocks and we have to shower in cold water".

The OVAC people couldn't say enough about the cooperation and hospitality extended them by Civic Center manager Frank Rodriguez and his staff nor about the enthusiastic way that Sadler pitched in to help. Sadler went out on his own and collected money from sponsors for trophies. Rodriguez was available day and night. Frank attended meetings of the committees planning the tourney and became very much involved in the project. Because of Sadler, Rodriguez, and the Civic Center staff, it is certain that the tournament will return to Wheeling, though it may be alternated between this city and Steubenville.

To show their appreciation to Sadler and Rodriguez the OVAC people presented them ceramic wrestling dolls, made by Patricia Habermehl, Ron Mauck's sister. Frank's was designated as 185-pound class and even had gray hair. The weight class on Sadler's doll was, appropriate enough, "unlimited".

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#### AREA MATMEN FARE WELL IN OVAC

TIMES LEADER

By Cal Pokas

The last time an Eastern Ohio school has reigned as overall OVAC Champion in wrestling was in 1971 when St. John's Central turned the trick.

However, while matmen from this side of the river find it tough to compete against the much larger consolidated schools in West Virginia for overall honors, they still continue to reap their share of laurels.

Wheeling Park used its depth and

balance to repeat as overall titlist and AAAA Division kingpin with 204 points. John Marshall was overall runnerup and also in AAAA competition with 183½ points.

Rounding out the top ten in the overall scoring were: Steubenville 147; Cadiz 146; Brooke 123; St. Clairsville 115; Martins Ferry 102½; Weirton 102; River 89½; and Linsly 88½.

Martins Ferry finished as Champion of the AAA Division while Cadiz won its third straight division crown, finishing atop the combined AA, A Division alignment. River was runnerup in the AAA while Linsly, making one of its best showings in the conference event, placed second to Cadiz in the AA-A competition.

Wheeling Park had three individual titlists while John Marshall, which had won four overall titles and one division crown since 1972, provided two individual champs.

Repeating as champions were Randy Pryor of Weirton at 105, Carl Stanley of Wheeling Park at 119, Greg Morris of John Marshall at 167, and Greg Lehasky of John Marshall at 185.

The immediate Eastern Ohio area had three titlists in 138-pounder Todd Bohrer of St. Clairsville, 175-pounder Tim Bowman of Martins Ferry, and heavy-weight Bob Agostini of Cadiz. Bowman and Agostini both sport 16-0-1 records, while Bohrer, despite a late start along with his Red Devil mates, is now 7-1 on the campaign.

Pryor, who was OVAC and State Champion at 98 pounds a year ago, ran his mark to 15-0 by fashioning five straight pins and ultimately was selected by the coaches as recipient of the coveted David Bierkortte Memorial Award as the tournament's outstanding performer. Stanley, who became a three-time conference champion and boasts a 72-2 career mark, won the award a year ago as a junior.

Other Park champions were Barry Barbe at 98 pounds and Bob Weigand at 126.

Steubenville produced an individual champion in 112-pounder Trent Iachini. Other titlists were Paul Caruso of Linsly at 132, Jeff Hobbs of Oak Glen at 145, Steve Potkrajac of Jefferson Union at 155.

St. Clairsville had a runnerup in freshman Dave Delande who dropped a tough 4-3 nod to Barbe at 98 pounds.

Cadiz had two runnersup in Hans Carter, who extended Pryor until pinned at the 5:21 juncture and sophomore Paul DeBolt, who was forced to default to Bowman at 175 after suffering a severe shoulder injury in the semi-finals.

River's Al Strickland sustained his initial loss in 17 bouts when he lost 13-3 to Stanley while another runnerup from the immediate area was Rich Brothers of Bridgeport, a tough 5-4 loser to Morris at 167. It was Brothers' second loss in 17 outings.

A feature of the tournament was the presentation of the prestigious "Mr. Mat" Award to Dick Edge, Principal at Springfield High in Jefferson County. Edge was recognized for his achievements in introducing the sport at Triadelphia and Warwood Highs and later coaching the sport at Wintersville. Another award, the Coach of the Year plaque for coaching the winning team in last year's OVAC tourney, went to Wheeling Park's Eric Carder, a protege of Edge who had enjoyed considerable success at Warwood and now Park High.

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#### OVAC WRESTLING RESULTS

OVERALL - Wheeling Park 204, John Marshall 183½, Steubenville 147, Cadiz 146, Brooke 123, St. Clairsville 115, Martins Ferry 102½, Weir 102, River 89½, Linsly 88½, Oak Glen 87½, Bridgeport 74½, Magnolia 63½, Jefferson Union 60½, Union Local 48½, Bellaire 48, Meadowbrook 44½, Wintersville 42½, Toronto 40, Steubenville Central 38½, Mingo 32, Barnesville 29½, Buckeye North 19, Weirton Madonna 14, Cambridge 11½, Bellaire St. John's 11, Buckeye South 6½, Shenandoah 6, Wheeling Central 4.

CLASS AAAA - Wheeling Park 204, John Marshall 183½, Steubenville 147, Brooke 123, St. Clairsville 115, Weir 102, Oak Glen 87½, Bellaire 48, Wintersville 42½, Cambridge 11½.

CLASS AAA - Martins Ferry 102½, River 89½, Bridgeport 74½, Magnolia 63½, Jefferson Union 60½, Union Local 48½, Meadowbrook 44½, Toronto 40, Steubenville Central 38½, Buckeye South 6½.

CLASS AA-CLASS A - Cadiz 146, Linsly 88½, Mingo 32, Barnesville 29½, Buckeye

North 19, Weirton Madonna 14, Bellaire  
St. John's 11, Shenandoah 6, Wheeling  
Central 4.

#### CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

98 - Barry Barbe (WHG P) d. Dave Delande  
(ST CL) 4-3.  
105 - Randy Pryor (WEIR) p. Hans Carter  
(CAD) 5:21.  
112 - Trent Iachini (STEUB) p. Mike  
Kimball (BRKE) 3:02.  
119 - Carl Stanley (WHG P) d. Al Strick-  
land (RIVER) 13-3.  
126 - Bob Weigand (WHG P) d. Larry Mazz-  
ella (BRKE) 10-4.  
132 - Paul Caruso (LINS) d. Brian Six  
(OG) 5-3.  
138 - Todd Bohrer (ST CL) d. Ron Lightner  
(JM) 1-0.  
145 - Jeff Hobbs (OG) d. Steve Magnone  
(WEIR) 605.  
155 - Steve Potkrajac (JU) d. Brian  
Lewis (STEUB) 9-0.  
167 - Greg Morris (JM) d. Rich Brothers  
(BPT) 5-4.  
175 - Tim Bowman (MF) won by default  
from Paul DeBolt (CAD).  
185 - Greg Lehasky (JM) d. Tracy Milich  
(LINS) 5-1.  
HEAVY - Bob Agostini (CAD) d. Rich Schoene  
(JM) 4-3.

#### THIRD-FOURTH PLACE MATCHES

98 - Randy Simpson (UL) d. Jim Strickland  
(RIVER) 7-3.  
105 - Sam Santarella (STEUB) d. Mike  
Pantone (MAG) 3-2.  
112 - Joe Strickland (RIVER) d. Duke  
Snyder (WEIR) 4-0.  
119 - Bill Suto (MF) d. Brian Duymich  
(JM) 5-0.  
126 - Jeff Regoli (BELL) d. Bob Bender,  
(MF) 4-3.  
132 - Rick Crosier (STEUB) d. Chuck  
Sexton (MEADOW) 8-1.  
138 - Guy Snyder (CAD) p. Chuck Davis  
(WHG P) 2:44.  
145 - Mike Tluchowski (STEUB) d. Rusty  
Conner (JM) 2-1.  
155 - Don DeLande (ST CL) d. Darren  
Dowler (WHG P) 8-3.  
167 - John Stasiulewicz (TOR) p. Bob  
Yahn (LINS) 33 secs.  
175 - Jim Primovic (BPT) d. Joe Antill,  
(RIVER) 3-0.

185 - Mark Judy (JU) d. Rick Camilleffi  
(BRKE) 1-0.  
HEAVY - Tom Aventino (MF) d. Mitch  
Slotwinski (ST CL) 3-1.

#### FIFTH-SIXTH PLACE MATCHES

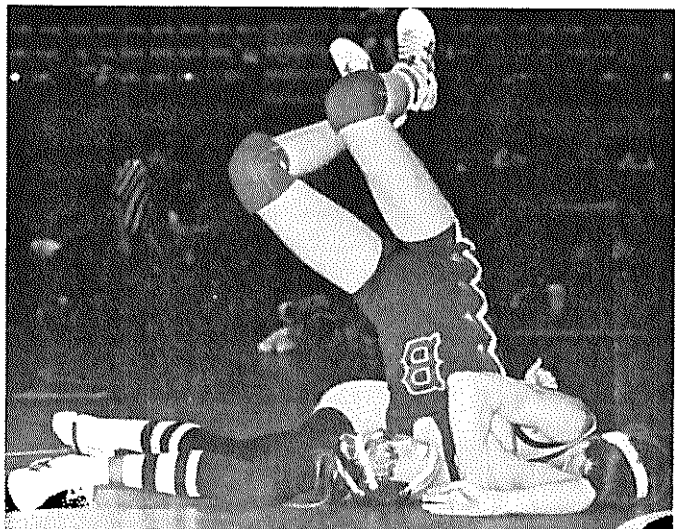
98 - Mike Carter (CAD) p. Mike Walters  
(WEIR) 2:31.  
105 - Earl Gates (JU) d. George Stanley  
(WHG P) 7-5 ovt.  
112 - Doug Midcap (WHG P) d. Steve Ceo  
(LINS) 3-2.  
119 - Aaron Goddard (MAG) p. Jeff McCor-  
mick (UL) 3:52.  
126 - Ken Larosa (WINT) won by default  
over Bob Bohn (WEIR).  
132 - Brian Uillon (JM) d. Bob Krupinski  
(WHG P) 4-0.  
138 - John Panza (BRKE) d. Mitch Toto  
(UL) 4-0.  
145 - Will Myers (WHG P) d. Mark Pievach  
(BRKE) 16-2.  
155 - Phil Mazzella (BRKE) won by forfeit  
over Gary Michael (MAG).  
167 - Phil Smith (WHG P) d. Mitch Smith  
(BARNES) 5-2.  
175 - Tony Baldwin (STEUB) won by default  
over Tim Eddy (MINGO)  
185 - Jim West (WHG P) d. Dave DeLong  
(OG) 11-2.  
HEAVY - Karl Oprisch (TOR) d. Chuck  
Taylor (BRKE) 5-2.

#### SEMI-FINALS

98 - DeLande (ST CL) p. Walters (WEIR)  
5:40; Barbe (WHG P) d. Jim Strickland  
(RIVER) 9-7.  
105 - Randy Pryor (WEIR) p. George Stan-  
ley (WHG P) 3:42; Hans Carter (CAD) d.  
Pantone (MAG) 2-0.  
112 - Kimball (BRKE) d. Joe Strickland  
(RIVER) 13-5; Iachini (STEUB) d. Duke  
Snyder (WEIR) 12-1.  
119 - Carl Stanley (WHG P) d. Duymich  
(JM) 7-4; Al Strickland (RIVER) d. Suto  
(MF) 5-1.  
126 - Weigand (WHG P) d. Bohn (WEIR)  
7-1; Mazzella (BRKE) d. Bender (MF)  
3-2.  
132 - Six (OG) d. Sexton (MEADOW) 16-5;  
Caruso (LINS) d. Uillon (JM) 9-4.  
138 - Bohrer (ST CL) d. Davis (WHG P)  
11-2; Lightner (JM) d. Guy Snuder ovt.  
ref. dec.

145 - Hobbs (OG) d. Conner (JM) 4-3; Magnone (WEIR) d. Tluchowski (STEUB) 5-2.  
 155 - Brian Lewis (STEUB) d. Mazzella (BRKE) 2-1; Potkrajac (JU) d. Michaels (MAG) 5-2.  
 167 - Morris (JM) p. Stasiulewicz (TOR) 1:24; Rich Brothers (BPT) d. Smith (BARNES) 17-0.  
 175 - Tim Bowman (MF) d. Baldwin (STEUB) 2-0; DeBolt (CAD) d. Eddy (MINGO) 6-4.  
 185 - Milich (LINS) d. Camilletti (BRKE) 8-2; Lehasky (JM) d. Judy (JU) 3-1.  
 HEAVY - Agostini (CAD) d. Slotwinski (ST CL) 4-2; Shoene (JM) d. Aventino (MF) 2-1 ovt.

155 - Dowler (WHG P) d. Ron Bowman (BRPT) 1-0; Don DeLande (ST CL) d. Eurka (OG) 5-4.  
 167 - Smith (WHG P) d. Perry Williams (WINT) 5-4; Yahn (LINS) d. Joe Groves (ST CL) 5-2.  
 175 - Primovic (BPT) p. Andy Case (ST CL) 3:38; Antilli (RIVER) d. Ray Carney (JM) 3-2.  
 185 - West (WHG P) d. Mike Sparling (CAD) 10-2; DeLong (OG) p. Tim Kirkland (WINT) 1:19.  
 HEAVY - Oprisch (TOR) d. Charles Zackiewicz (STEUB C) 11-1; Taylor (BRKE) d. Dale Hermeling (MAG) 2-0.



CONSOLATION THIRD ROUND

98 - Simpson (UL) d. Tim Rolph (OG) 3-0; Mike Carter (CAD) d. Jerry Delman (BPT) 9-6.  
 105 - Gates (JU) d. Paul Iams (BARNES) 12-6; Santarelli (STEUB) d. Don Simmons (JM) 7-0 ovt.  
 112 - Ceo (LINS) p. Riapos (WINT) 2:46; Midcap (WHG P) d. Ken Neavin (MF) 10-8.  
 119 - McCormick (UL) d. Bob Clark (BARNES) 1-0; Goddard (MAG) d. Brian Strizak (BELL) 3-2.  
 126 - Larosa (WINT) d. Alan (JM) 15-2; Regoli (BELL) d. Bryan Zackewicz (STEUB) 2-0.  
 132 - Krupinski (WHG P) d. Fran Mannarino (MINGO) 7-0; Crosier (STEUB) d. Thompson (CAD) 4-2.  
 138 - Toto (UL) d. Ed Davis (BELL) 9-7; Panza (BRKE) p. Gary Mosser (BUCK N) 3:29.  
 145 - Pievach (BRKE) d. Jeff Sproul (STEUB C) 8-6; Myers (WHG P) d. Terry (STEUB C) 6-4 ovt.

CONSOLATION SEMI-FINALS

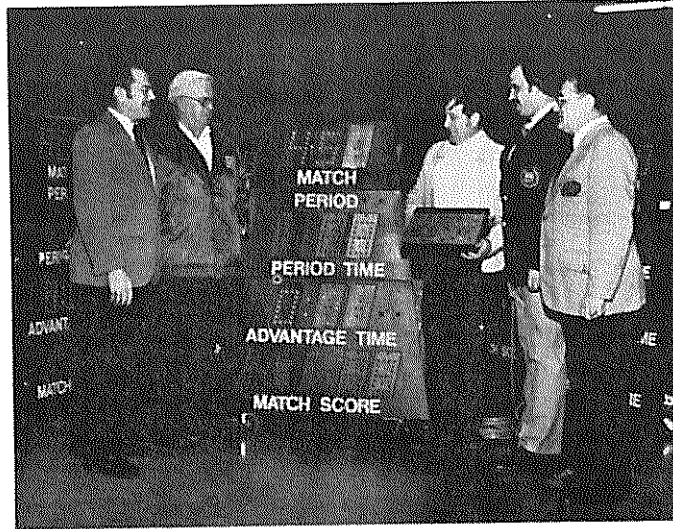
98 - Simpson (UL) d. Walters (WEIR) 9-1; Jim Strickland (RIVER) d. Mike Carter (CAD) 10-5.  
 105 - Pantone (MAG) d. Gates (JU) 17-4; Santarelli (STEUB) d. George Stanley (WHG P) 12-1.  
 112 - Joe Strickland (RIVER) p. Midcap (WHG P) 3:39; Duke Snyder (WEIR) d. Ceo (LINS) 4-0.  
 119 - Duymich (JM) d. Goddard (MAG) 3-2; Suto (MF) d. McCormick (UL) 7-1.  
 126 - Bender (MF) d. Larosa (WINT) 2-0; Regoli (BELL) won by default from Bob Bohn (WEIR).  
 132 - Sexton (MEADOW) d. Krupinski (WHG P) 4-3; Crozier (STEUB) d. Ullom (JM) 5-1.  
 138 - Guy Snyder (CAD) d. Panza (BRKE) 6-2; Davis (WHG P) d. Toto (UL) 11-6.  
 145 - Tluchowski (STEUB) p. Peivach (BRKE) 2:47; Connor (JM) d. Myers (WHG P) 7-4.  
 155 - Dowler (WHG P) d. Michaels (MAG) 7-6; Don DeLande (ST CL) d. Mazzella (BRKE) 8-2.  
 167 - Yahn (LINS) p. Smith (BARNES) 3:19; Stasiulewicz (TOR) d. Smith (WHG P) 14-3.  
 175 - Antilli (RIVER) d. Baldwin (STEUB) 3-1; Primovic (BPT) won by default from Eddy (MINGO).  
 185 - Judy (JU) p. DeLong (OG) 3:45; Camilletti (BRKE) d. West (WHG P) 3-1.  
 HEAVY - Slotwinski (ST CL) d. Oprisch (TOR) 6-3; Aventino (MF) d. Taylor (BRKE) 3-1.

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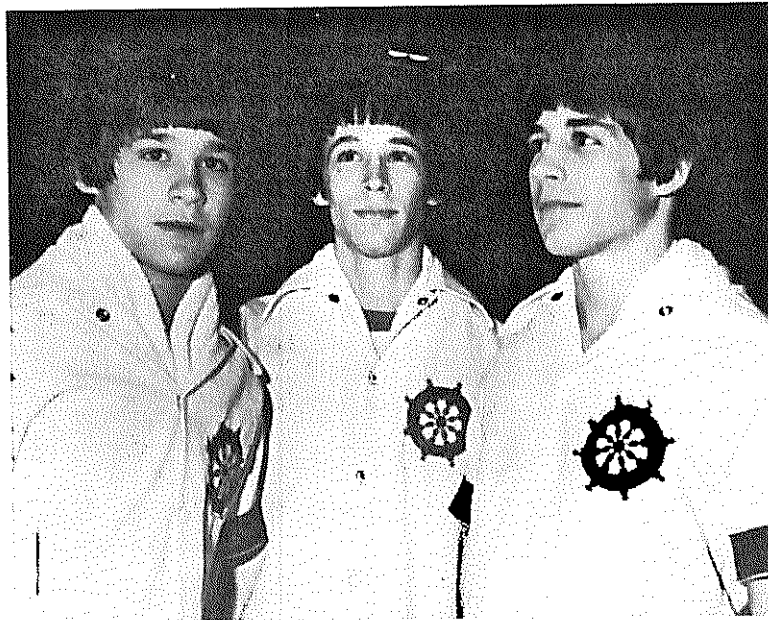
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Front Row L to R: Tim Ralph, Mike Carpenter, Dave DeLande, Trent Iachini, Mark Kosky, Lary Mazzella. Standing L to R: Rick Crosier, Rusty Connors, Brian Lewis, Mike Brooks, Don Moxley, Rich Schoene, Scott Woodford.

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#### VAN HORNE on Sports

The balance of power in Ohio Valley High School wrestling may have moved upriver, at least temporarily, with the 1-2 finish of Steubenville Big Red and Brooke in last week's OVAC Tournament at the Wheeling Civic Center but most impressive development to me was the fact that 29 of the 36 schools participating were able to put at least one place winner on the victory stand during Saturday night's session.

No small core has a corner on quality wrestling in our valley.

It stands to reason that the big-school powers are going to have more outstanding wrestlers than the smaller schools. But this year's tournament demonstrated the logic of having the athletes thrown together in competition, regardless of the size of the schools.

Wrestlers such as Beallsville 105-

pounder Mike Carpenter, St. John's 126-pounder Mark Kosky, Cadiz 167-pounder Mike Brooks, and Barnesville's 175-pounder Don Moxley have earned the right to say that they are the best in their respective weight classes in the entire conference - not just among small-school contestants.

Fourteen schools were represented in the championship match, including three Class A schools (Springfield, Beallsville, and St. John's) and three AA schools (Cadiz, Mingo, and Barnesville).

Because of the scoring system and the moral support which a wrestler may draw from his teammates, the mat game is considered a team sport. But it comes down to an individual sport in each match - one on one - with each athlete having to sink or triumph over his problems. That's why it is important that the conference have a tournament in which individuals can prove themselves in sterling competition, even while providing that each division be scored separately.

Of the 78 athletes gaining a trophy by placing among the top six in one of the 13 weight classes, 47 were seniors. That means 31 will be back to try again next year - including five champions - Tim Ralph, 98-pound junior from Oak Glen, Dave DeLande, 112-pound sophomore from St. Clairsville, Larry Mazzella, 132-pound Brooke junior, Rick Crosier, 138-pound Steubenville junior, and Mike Brooks, 167-pound Cadiz sophomore.

Moreover, ten of this year's runners-up are expected to return, including Phil Milantoni, 98-pound freshman from Brooke, Rod Haller, 105 pound junior from Wheeling Park, George Stanley, 119-pound junior from Park, Bob Clark, 126-pound junior from Barnesville, Tony Yurko, 138-pound junior from Steubenville, Mike Tluchowski, 145-pound junior from Steubenville Doug Wilson, 167-pound junior from John Marshall, Jim West, 175-pounder from the Park, Rick Camilletti, 185-pound junior from Brooke, and Mike Schoene, junior heavyweight from John Marshall.

While Wheeling Park, OVAC Champion for the past two years, had to settle for fourth place this time, it is interesting to note that interim coach Bill Welker had seven trophy winners (top six finishers) and that five of those will be back next year when Eric Carder returns from leave. So the Park program is hardly hurting.

However, Saturday's triumph will be a tremendous boost to Coach John Craig's program at Steubenville and I would anticipate that the Big Red will be a strong contender as long as John is in charge there.

Steubenville has never won the OVAC tournament before. And Brooke second in the standings this year, has not yet. But Coach Merle Tournay's Bruins, who will have four place winners returning, will again be formidable next season.

It is significant that there are more coaches with deep insight into the mat sport around than ever before. It is also significant that a new member of the conference, Springfield, should top the A standings and that schools such as Steubenville Central, Weirton Madonna and Shenandoah, which have not figured before, had trophy winners - as did Shadyside, which has just returned to the sport.

Back in the years before World War II changed so many lives, Shadyside was something of pioneer locally in high school wrestling under the coaching hand of Art Kirkland. In fact, the Shadeans were among the state powers, with such Ohio champions as Joe Store and George Cherokee, both of whom went on to Ohio State to wrestle and play football. Cherokee, of course, eventually played with the Cleveland Browns.

But wrestling was abandoned at Shadyside when Kirkland went off to the Navy where he served with distinction as a commissioned Officer. And when Art did not return to Shadyside after the war, the school did not revive its wrestling program.

However, in the last year or two small-fry wrestling has sprouted in Shadyside and now the Tigers are fielding a high school team again, with former Bellaire High star Terry Brinker at the helm.

There are more fine, young dedicated, knowledgeable coaches today than ever before in high school wrestling because the administrators and school boards are being more careful in the selection of mat mentors. Moreover, there is more knowledge readily available, with a profusion of clinics and wrestling schools in addition to printed instructional material. And the veteran coaches - particularly George Kovalick and Bill Hinegardner - have displayed an admirable willingness to share what they know with others.

Some of the credit should also go to West Liberty State College and its wrestling coach, Vince Monseau, for many schools have former Hilltopper stars on their staffs, either as head coaches or assistants.

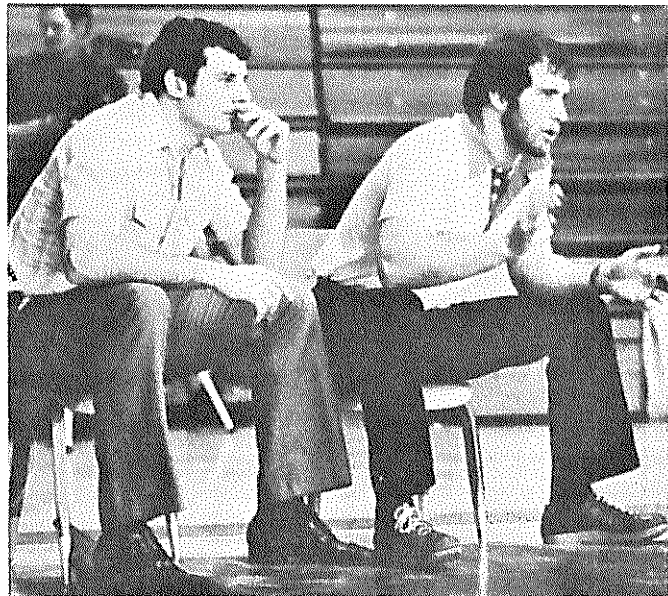
On the whole, the wrestling coaches are tireless workers. Of course, there are times when that work takes a toll. For instance, the head coach of Martins Ferry's AAA Champions, Vince Suriano, had an arm in a sling at the conference tournament. He was injured at practice while on the mat with one of his grapplers.

Because of the dedication of the coaches and athletes, the level of competition in the OVAC goes higher and higher each year. Moreover, the conference tournament is being operated in big league fashion thanks to Director Ron



Mauck, Kovalick, and the loyal workers they have recruited.

It's true that there aren't as many people interested in high school wrestling as there are who are interested in high school football and basketball; but the people who care really care.



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## OVAC SCORES

AAAA	
STEUB. 189	MARTINS FERRY 105.5
BROOKE 162	RIVER 71
J. MARSH. 159	UNION L. 67.5
WHG. P. 150	TOR. 57
WEIR 125.5	MAGN. 57

January 27, 1980

BROOKE RUNNERUP IN TOURNAMENT  
By BILL VAN HORNE

Steubenville High became the first Ohio-side school to win the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling tournament since 1971 as the Big Red prevailed in the three-day mat spectacular which was climaxed Saturday night at the Wheeling Civic Center.

Coached by John Craig, former West Liberty State College star from Follansbee, Steubenville ended West Virginia domination of the title that had developed subsequent to the triumph of Bellaire St. John's Central in the 1971 meet.

In capturing its first conference wrestling championship, the Big Reds accumulated 189 points to 162 for runnerup Brooke as the hub of OVAC wrestling power moved up river. John Marshall was third with 159, followed by Wheeling Park 150, and Weir High 125½, as AAAA teams copped the first five spots in the overall standings.

Martins Ferry retained the AAA crown with 105½ markers followed by River with 71 and Union Local with 67½; however, Cadiz, again the AA titlist, outscored the Riders as the Cardinals garnered 124 points. Barnesville was runnerup in Class AA with 103½.

Springfield, a newcomer to the conference this year, won the A trophy with 58½ points. Beallsville was a close second with 57 counters.

Steubenville boasted three individual titlists in Trent Iachini at 119

Rick Crosier at 138, and Brian Lewis at 155.

Iachini, who was the 112-pound titlist last year, was the only repeat winner this time. He was picked by the conference coaches as the tournament's outstanding wrestler as he scored three pins and a 4-0 decision during the tourney. He will receive the Dave Bierkorte Memorial Award presented by the Wheeling Central Booster Club, at the OVAC spring dinner meeting.

First champion crowned last night was 98-pounder Tim Ralph, blond Oak Glen junior who pinned freshman Phil Milantoni (15-3) of Brooke for his 18th victory in 19 starts. Ralph built a 4-1 lead in the first two periods before nailing his frosh foe in 38 seconds of the third frame.

Unbeaten Mike Carpenter, Beallsville senior, went out to an early 5-1 lead and went on to whip Rod Haller (15-3), Wheeling Park junior, in the 105-pound final. Carpenter is now 13-0 on the campaign.

Before the final session, Don DeLande ex-Bridgeport High athlete, was one of the 1954-55 OVAC champions honored by the conference. Later, his son, Dave DeLande, 21-2-1, St. Clairsville High sophomore, became the 1980 Champ at 112 pounds with a 6-3 nod over Mike Pantone (20-4) of Magnolia. Pantone was a West Virginia State Champion last year. Young DeLande was an OVAC runnerup last January as a mere freshman.

Only repeat champion from last year was Trent Iachini (20-1). Steubenville 119-pounder who pinned George Stanley (15-3), Wheeling Park junior, in 5:08. Iachini was kingpin at 112 last year.

A member of a distinguished wrestling family at Bellaire St. John's Central, senior Mark Kosky (12-1) won a battle of green-clad grapplers with Barnesville junior Bob Clark (13-3) by a 5-3 score for the 126-pound title. Mark has two brothers, Dave and Gary, who have been OVAC champs before him.

Brooke junior Larry Mazzella (20-1) and Martins Ferry senior Bob Bender (13-1-1) waged a sizzler in the 132-pound final. They had wrestled to a draw in a regular-season match and this time they were deadlocked 4-4 at the end of regulation time. But Mazzella scored on a reverse in the last minute

of overtime to win 2-0.

Going to the fore early with a take-down and near-fall, unbeaten Rick Crosier (20-0), Steubenville junior, went on to a 7-1 nod over Weir junior Tony Yurko (15-4) for 138-pound laurels. Crosier is the "kid" brother of Union Local Coach Jim Crosier.

Steubenville sophomore Mike Tluchowski, who upset defending 145-pound champion Jeff Hobbs of Oak Glen in the semi-finals, lost to Rusty Connor (15-1-1), John Marshall senior, 8-7, in the finals. Connor piled up a 5-2 lead in the first period and led the rest of the way but Tluchowski (16-6) made it close with an escape and takedown late in the match.

Brian Lewis (17-2), senior 155-pounder, became the Big Red's third kingpin when he avenged a regular season loss to Brian Wright by taking a 12-8 nod over the Springfield Local senior who had been unbeaten in 14 matches.

Mike Brooks, Cadiz sophomore, came from a 3-1 deficit in the final period to defeat Doug Wilson of John Marshall 7-4 in the 167-pound windup. Brooks (15-3-1) tailed with an escape, takedown and near-fall in the third period. Wilson, a junior, is now 11-4-2.

Barnesville's unbeaten Don Moxley, a senior, won his 15th straight as he tallied three points in the second period to win from Jim West (18-5), Wheeling Park junior, at 175.

John Marshall's Rick Schoene (15-1), last year's West Virginia State Heavyweight Champion, topped Rick Camilletti (16-4), Brooke junior, by a 6-4 count in the 185-pound final.

Schoene broke a 3-3 tie with a take-down with ten seconds left in the second round to go ahead to stay.

Mike Schoene, Rick's younger brother, was in the heavyweight final against Scott Woodford, Martins Ferry senior. If Mike, who had scored two earlier upsets, had prevailed, JMHS would have taken home the runnerup trophy but Woodford (13-2) notched a 2-1 victory with takedown with 30 seconds to go. The loss was the third in 18 outings for Schoene, a junior.

During the evening, Eric Carder, now on a one-year leave from his coaching job at Wheeling Park High, received the "Coach of the Year" plaque - a reward for the Patriots' victory in the 1979 OVAC tourney. John Walters, coach at

Triadelphia Junior High, received the Junior High "Coach of the Year" award.

Saturday afternoon's semi-finals produced some classic matches. In one of them, Steubenville's Tluchowski trailed 6-3 in the final period against defending 145-pounder champion Jeff Hobbs, of Oak Glen 15-3 but the Big Red star bounced back strong for an 8-6 victory with a takedown in the late seconds deciding the issue.

Another stirring comeback was made by Moxley against Steubenville's Don Hython. Out to avenge his loss to Moxley in the finals of the Barnesville Invitational, Hython was on top by 9-5 in the final period but two penalty points, a takedown and near-ball brought the Shamrock 175-pounder a 12-10 decision.

There were three overtime bouts in the semis. In one of them, the Park's Jim West topped previously unbeaten Ferry 175-pounder Brad Ware 5-2. In another, Springfield's Wright kept his squeezing out a 3-2 nod over Brooke's Mark Pievach.

And in the heavyweight division, Mike Schoene and Steubenville's Curt Hays were deadlocked at 3-3 at the end of regulation time and 2-2 after overtime combat but Schoene got registered the first takedown of the match.

That was the second squeaker in a row for Schoene, who also went overtime on Friday night to hand Toronto's Karl Oprisch his first loss.

In the other heavyweight semi, Ferry's Woodford upset the top-rated Chuck Taylor of Brooke, who had won 18 of 19 prior to his 2-1 loss to the Rider senior.

Weir's Melvin Kuhns suffered his first defeat in 14 matches when he was nipped by Barnesville's Brian Clark in the 126 semis.

## OVAC WRESTLING RESULTS

CLASS AAAA - Steubenville 189, Brooke 162, John Marshall 159, Wheeling Park 150, Weir 125½, Wintersville 74½, St. Clairsville 72, Bellaire 68½, Oak Glen 64, Cambridge 44½, East Liverpool 11½.

CLASS AAA - Martins Ferry 105½, River 71, Union Local 67½, Toronto 55, Magnolia 37, Wellsville 36, Steubenville Central 32½, Wheeling Central 29½, Meadowbrook 15½, Bridgeport 13½, Jefferson Union 13½.

CLASS AA - Cadiz 124, Barnesville 103½, Weirton Madonna 41½, Mingo 29½, Buckeye North 20, Shadyside 14½, Shenandoah 14½, Linsly 3.

CLASS A - Springfield 58½, Beallsville 57, Bellaire St. John's 40, Cameron 34, Buckeye West 14, Valley 4.

#### CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

98 - Tim Ralph (OG) p. Phil Milantoni (BRKE) 4:38.  
105 - Mike Carpenter (BEALLS) d. Rod Haller (WP) 10-2.  
112 - Dave DeLande (ST CL) Mike Pantone (MAG) 6-3.  
119 - Trent Iachini (STEUB) p. George Stanley (WP) 5:08.  
126 - Mark Kosky (ST J) d. Bob Clark (BARNES) 5-3.  
132 - Larry Mazzella (BRKE) d. Bob Bender (MF) 4-2 ovt.  
138 - Rick Crosier (STEUB) d. Tony Yurko (WEIR) 7-1.  
145 - Rusty Connor (JM) d. Mike Tluchowski (STEUB) 8-7.  
155 - Brian Lewis (STEUB) d. Brian Wright (SPRING) 12-8.  
167 - Mike Brooke (CAD) d. Jim West (WP) 3-1.  
175 - Don Moxley (BARNES.) dec. Jim West (W.P.), 3-1  
185 - Rick Schoene (JM) d. Rick Camilletti (BRKE) 4-6.  
HEAVY - Scott Woodford (MF) d. Mike Schoene (JM) 2-1.

#### THIRD-FOURTH PLACE MATCHES

98 - Brian Miller (BARNES) d. Jim Strickland (RIVER) 5-4.  
105 - Scott Mills (STEUB) d. Ted Zervos (JM) 3-2.  
112 - Mike Carter (CAD) d. Sam Warble (RIVER) 7-2.  
119 - Tim Young (WHG. C.) d. Jeff McCormick (UL) 7-5.  
126 - Greg Nedved (MF) d. Rick Comer (WP) 18-4.  
132 - Tom Marosi (WEIR) d. Bob Furr (BEALLS) 6-2 ovt.  
138 - Ed Smith (SPRING) d. Brian Ullom (JM) 3-0.

145 - Jeff Hobbs (OG) d. Cliff Lower (BRKE) 7-5.  
155 - Mark Pievach (BRKE) won by default  
167 - Jerry Williams (WINT) d. Glenn Taylor (WELLS) 8-0.  
175 - Don Hython (STEUB) d. Brad Ware (MF) 5-2.  
185 - Mike Auteri (WINT) d. Mike Sparling (CAD) 3-2.  
HEAVY - Karl Oprish (TOR) won by default over Curt Hays (STEUB).

#### FIFTH-SIXTH PLACE MATCHES

98 - Brian Myers (WP) d. Mike Walters (WEIR) 2-1 ovt.  
105 - John Jefferis (UL) won by default over Will Mayers (WP).  
112 - Tom Crawford (BRKE) d. Mark Wypasek (WEIR MAD) 4-1 ovt.  
119 - John Riapos (WINT) won by default over John Reardon (WEIR MAD).  
126 - Melvin Kuhns (WEIR) p. Bill Childers (BELL) 38 secs.  
132 - Larry Harris (BELL) won by default over Zackiewicz (STEUB C).  
138 - Ron Burns (WP) d. Jeff Dillon (MF) 6-5.  
145 - Ed Knox (CAM) d. Tom Wells (SHEN) ovt. criteria.  
155 - Kelly Santille (CAD) won by default over Jeff Solter (WINT).  
167 - Joe Truchan (ST CL) p. Mitch Smith (BARNES) 33 secs.  
175 - Tim Eddy (MINGO) d. Manny Marsakis (SHADY) 14-1.  
185 - Randy Bailey (BELL) d. Paul Homard (BRPT) 9-3.  
HEAVY - Chuck Taylor (BRKE) d. Craig Cottle (CAMB) 3-2.

#### SEVENTH-EIGHTH PLACE MATCHES

98 - Randy Simpson (UL) d. Ton Taylor (STEUB) 2-0.  
105 - Kevin Gamble (BRKE) won by default over Brown (RIVER).  
112 - McNeil (WP) d. Karl Yurko (WEIR) 2-1.  
119 - Hans Carter (CAD) won by forfeit over Milantoni (BRKE).  
126 - Burge (EL) d. Rick Dray (MING) 11-5.  
132 - Tony Beardmore (CAMB) won by forfeit over Jim Volino (WELLS).  
138 - Heckathorn (TOR) won by forfeit over Marcum (BEALLS).

145 - Gary Mosser (BN) won by forfeit over Kapitis (WEIR).  
155 - Steve Magnone (WEIR) won by forfeit over Van Camp (RIVER).  
167 - Prout (BELL) d. Blair (EL) 4-05.  
175 - Gilbert (JM) d. Cardimore (CAMB) 4-2.  
185 - Galloway (WP) p. Lippert (TOR) 1:20.  
HEAVY - Bob Yrina (MEADOW) won over Greenly (RIVER).

#### SEMI-FINALS

98 - Phil Milantoni (BRKE) d. Walters (WEIR) 8-4; Ralph (OG) d. Meyers (WP) 2-0.  
105 - Jaller (WP) d. Zervos (JM) 4-2; Carpenter (BEALLS) p. Snyder (WEIR) 1:03.  
112 - Pantone (MAG) d. Wypasek (WEIR MAD) 6-4; Delande (ST CL) p. Mike Carter (CAD) 5:41.  
119 - Iachini (STEUB) p. Muscaro (WEIR MAD) 3:01; Stanley (WP) d. Riapos (WINT) 6-5.  
126 - Clard (BARNES) d. Kuhns (WEIR) 4-3; Kosky (ST J) d. Comer (WP) 6-4.  
132 - Bender (MF) p. Purr (BEALLS) 4:42; Mazella (BRKE) d. Zacklewicz (STEUB C) 7-2.  
138 - Crosier (STEUB) p. Dillon (MF) 1:37; Yurko (WEIR) d. Ullom (JM) 4-3.  
145 - Tluchowski (STEUB) d. Hobbs (OG) 8-6; Conners (JM) d. Lower (BRKE) 4-2.  
155 - Wright (SPRING) d. Pievach (BRKE) 3-2 ovt.; Lewis (STEUB) d. Solter (WINT) 4-1.  
167 - Wilson (JM) p. Williams (WINT) 3:19; Brooke (CAD) d. Smith (BARNES) 3-0.  
175 - West (WP) d. Ware (MF) 5-2 ovt.; Moxley (BARNES) d. Hython (STEUB) 12-10.  
185 - Camilletti (BRKE) d. Auteri (WINT) 5-4; Rick Schoene (JM) p. Bailey (BELL) 1:20.  
HEAVY - Woodford (MF) d. Taylor (BRKE) 2-1; Mike Schoene (JM) d. Hays (STEUB) ovt. criteria.

#### CONSOLATION QUARTER-FINALS

98 - Miller (BARNES) p. Taylor (STEUB) 3-1; Strickland (RIVER) d. Simpson (UL) 4-2.  
105 - Jefferis (UL) d. Brown (RIVER) 2-0; Mills (STEUB) d. Gamble (BRKE) 10-6.  
112 - Crawford (BRKE) d. Yurko (WEIR) 4-0; Warble (RIVER) d. McNeil (WP) 3-0 ovt.  
119 - Young (WHG C) d. Milantoni (BRKE)

11-3; McCormick (UL) d. Carter (CAD) 4-2.  
126 - Nedved (MF) d. Burke (EL) 3-1 ovt.; Childers (BELL) d. Dray (MING) 6-1.  
132 - Marosi (WEIR) d. Breadmore (CAMB) 5-0 ovt.; Harris (BELL) d. Volino (WELLS) 5-4.  
138 - Smith (SPRING) d. Marcum (BEALLS) 5-0 ovt.; Burns (WP) d. Heckathorn (TOR)

145 - Wells (SHEN) won by default from Van Camp (RIVER); Myers (WP) won by default from Magnone (WEIR).  
167 - Truchan (ST CL) d. Prout (BELL) 4-2; Taylor (WELLS) d. Blair (EL) 2-1.  
175 - Manny Matsakis (SHADY) d. Gilbert (JM) 6-2; Eddy (MINGO) d. Cardimore (CAMB) 5-3.  
185 - Homard (BPT) p. Lippert (TOR) 3:44; Sparling (CAD) p. Galloway (WP) 2:42.  
HEAVY - Oprisch (TOR) d. Yurina (MEADOW) 11-2; Cottle (CAMB) d. Greenly (RIVER) 8-1.

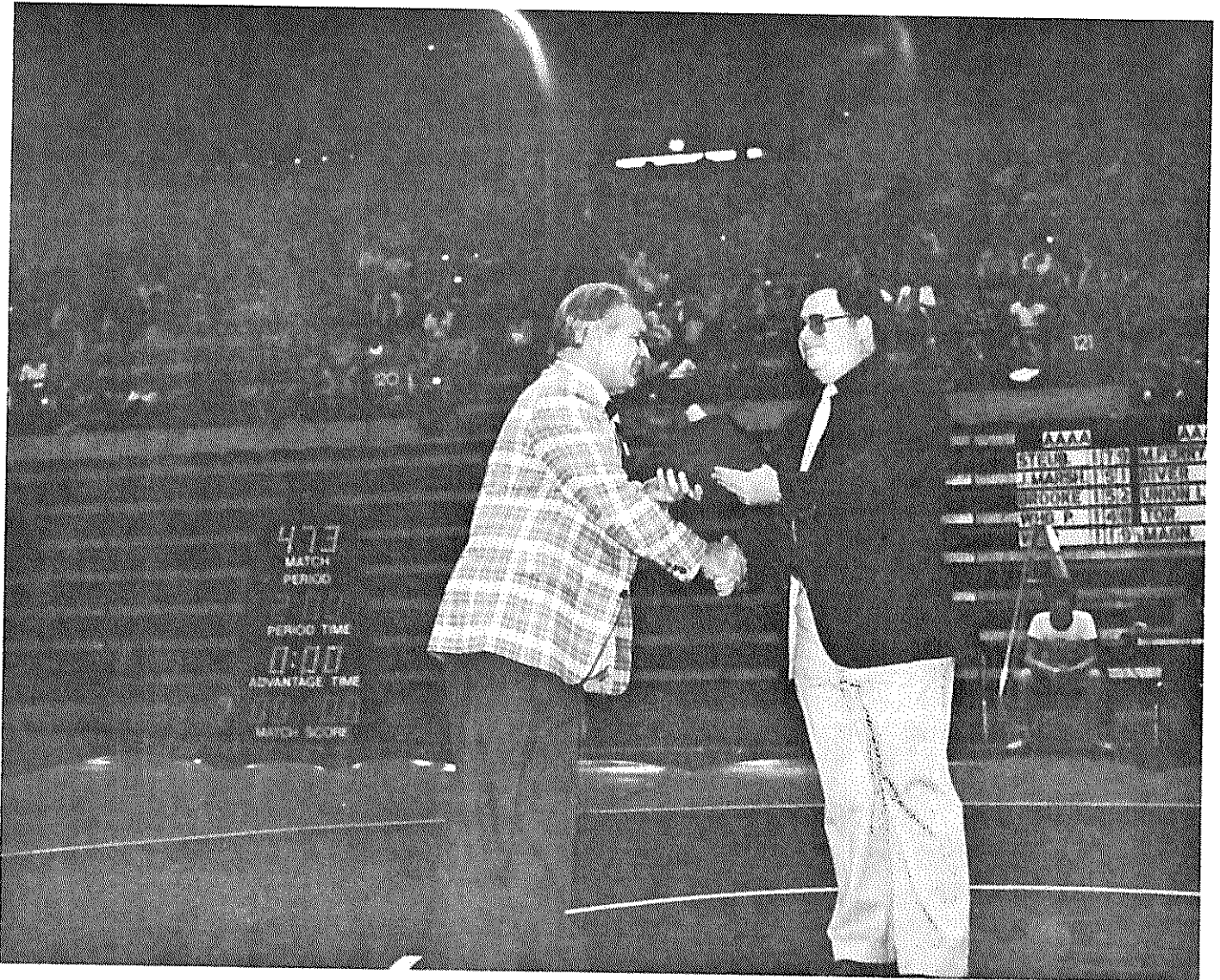
#### CONSOLATION SEMI-FINALS

98 - Strickland (RIVER) d. Walters (WEIR) 6-3; Miller (BARNES) d. Meyers (WP) 6-3.  
105 - Zervos (JM) d. Jefferis (UL) 8-0; Mills (STEUB) won by default over Snyder (WEIR).  
112 - Warble (RIVER) d. Wypasck (WM) 1-0; Carter (CAD) d. Crawford (BRKE) 4-0.  
119 - Young (WHG C) d. Riapos (WINT) 3-0; McCormick (UL) won by default over Reardon (WM).  
126 - Nedved (MF) d. Kuhns (WEIR) 6-2; Comer (WP) d. Childerd (BELL) 3-0.  
132 - Marosi (WEIR) p. Zacklewicz (STEUB) 2:31; Furr (BEALLS) d. Harris (BELL) 7-2.  
138 - Ullom (JM) d. Burns (WP) 5-0; Smith (SPRING) d. Dillon (MF) 5-4.  
145 - Hobbs (OG) d. Wells (SHEN) 11-2; Lower (BRKE) d. Knox (CAM) 7-4.  
155 - Pievach (BRKE) d. Santille (CAD) 9-4; Myers (WP) won by default over Solter (WINT).  
167 - Taylor (WELL) d. Smith (BARNES) 8-4; Williams (WINT) d. Truchan (ST CL) 5-4.  
175 - Ware (MF) d. Eddy (MINGO) 6-4; Hython (STEUB) d. Matsakis (SHADY) 15-2.  
185 - Auteri (WINT) d. Homard (BPT) 3-1; Sparling (CAD) p. Bailey (BELL) 1:22.  
HEAVY - Oprisch (TOR) won over Taylor (BRKE) ovt. criteria; Hays (STEUB) d. Cottle (CAMB) 5-1.

GEORGE WALLEY

MR. MAT

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L. George Walley, Mr. Mat  
Former Tournament Director

R. Bill Hinegardner,  
Presenter.

January 27, 1980

## WALLEY RECEIVES MR. MAT AWARD

George Walley, Jr., veteran athletic director at John Marshall High School, received the prestigious Mr. Mat Award at the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling tournament Saturday night at the Wheeling Civic Center.

Walley, who will be 55 years old next month, was honored for his contributions to high school wrestling.

The only athletic director John Marshall has ever had, Walley became the fifth recipient of the Mr. Mat Award. When the award was initiated in 1976, it went to George Kovalick, former Bridgeport High, West Liberty State College, Moundsville, Weir High, and Bellaire coach who is now athletic director at Bellaire. Subsequent winners were Bill Van Horne, Sports Editor of the News-Register, in 1977; John Vrotsos, former Martins Ferry High coach in '78; and last year's choice, Dick Edge, former Triadelphia High and Warwood coach who is now Principal at Springfield Local High in Jefferson County, OH.

Walley, who is expected to retire from his current post at the end of the school year, was athletic director at Moundsville High when wrestling was initiated there under Coach Paul Crago in 1960. He worked with Crago and later with Kovalick at Moundsville and there also began his association with Bill Hinegardner who has been wrestling coach at John Marshall ever since the consolidation came about in 1968.

When the OVAC tournament was moved from Martins Ferry to Moundsville in 1968, Wally became co-director of the meet. From 1969 through '75, he and Hinegardner were in charge of the OVAC tourney.

Wally also directed and assisted with many invitational and regional tournaments and in 1974 he directed the WV State Tournament at Moundsville which set the pattern by which the subsequent state tournaments have been operated. That '74 tourney was the first in which more than one wrestler from one region qualified and the consolation brackets were also changed to provide for "true consolations".

Of Walley, Hinegardner says: "He has been tremendously cooperative with coaches. Anything that wrestling at our school has needed, he has tried to provide. He has always been willing to help - with physical effort, monetarily, and with moral support".

A graduate of Union High School, where he played football and basketball, Walley was in the U. S. Air Force from 1943 to '46 and then enrolled at Potomac State College which he attended for two years and made the WV Conference All-Star Team as guard in '47. Then he transferred to George Washington University, where he played football and obtained his bachelor's degree in 1950. He later earned his master's degree from West Virginia University.

Walley began his coaching career as an assistant football and basketball coach at Cameron High in 1950. From 1952 through '55, he was on the staff at Union High. When Charlie Helinski moved from Union to Moundsville High, Walley became head coach of the Ironmen gridgers in '55. But the next year he joined Helinski at Moundsville. Walley served as athletic director and an assistant in track and football at Moundsville. He was also head track coach in the spring of '68.

When he became athletic director at John Marshall, Walley gave up his coaching duties.

Walley and his wife, Penny, have four daughters and two sons. One of the sons, G. J., is a former John Marshall All-State football player and State Wrestling Champion and is now a sophomore at VA Military Institute, where he is on a football scholarship. The other son, Charlie, is now a senior at John Marshall where he has competed in track and football.

In 1980 we honored both 1954 and 1955  
OVAC Champions on their 25th Anniversary.



Top Row: Rev. Frank Ledvinka, Don DeLande, Coach K,  
Norm Honecker, Ben Hehr,  
Front: Merritt Christy, Harvey Rutter, Gerald Lattocha



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CADIZ NIPS PARK FOR OVAC TITLE  
By Bill Van Horne

Under the astute tutelage of Coach John Stephenson, Cadiz has developed into a perennial small-school wrestling power but Saturday night the scrappy Cardinals from the Harrison County seat reached the zenith when they outpointed touted Wheeling Park to capture overall titular honors in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference tournament at the Wheeling Civic Center.

Cadiz had trailed the matmen from the valley's largest high school by six½ points, 195 to 188½, entering the final session of the three-day tournament but came on strong in the chips-down situation to pull out the title, 204½ to 199½.

Undoubtedly this was the greatest night in Cadiz wrestling history and the Cards could point to a number of heroes. But the most sentimental story is that of Paul DeBolt, Stephenson's senior 175-pounder. The OVAC tournament had represented heartbreak for DeBolt two years ago because he suffered an injury that forced him to default in the finals. The injury was so severe that he not only sat out the rest of his sophomore season but also his junior campaign.

However, this year DeBolt gained the triumph that propelled the Cards into the lead. Unbeaten this season, he achieved a 2-0 nod over Wheeling Park's Jim West in the 175-pound championship match for his 20th victory and that victory, attained by virtue of a reversal in the second period, sent the Cards from one point down to three in front in the team scoring.

The Park had a chance to regain the lead in the 185-pound class, where Harry Galloway wrestled Vaughn Fabry, of St. John's Central, for fifth place. Cadiz had no representative in the finals in this class and a victory by Galloway could have put the Park back on top. But Fabry bested him 5-2.

That meant the Patriots had to have a pin by heavyweight Chuck Ernest in his match with Cadiz heavy Doug Barnhart to save the bacon. But Barnhart led all the way and registered an 11-4 decision that clinched the title for the Cards.

With John Marshall's redoubtable Mike Schoene, who pinned his way through the

entire tournament, stopping Oak Glen's Mike Bailey in 1:02 in the heavyweight championship match. Ernest and Barnhart were in action in the last bout of the entire three-day event. And when it ended, Cadiz fans in the excited crowd of 2,800 had every reason to go bananas.

The Cards, of course, won the OVAC AA title for the fifth straight year but this was the first time they had broken through to cop the overall crown, which has been dominated in recent years by the larger schools.

The Park could take some solace in that it bested Steubenville, defending overall titlist, decisively for the AAAA laurels but bowing to Cadiz was a tough pill for Eric Carder's squad to swallow.

Union Local ended Martins Ferry's two-year reign in AAA and Springfield Local successfully defended A honors.

Ohio-side schools dominated individual championships as 11 of the 13 went to grapplers from the Buckeye State.

Wheeling Park had nine wrestlers in the finals (matches to decide first to eighth place) but only two of them won and the Patriots did not produce a single individual titlist. On the other hand Cadiz had five winners at the final session and two of them, 126-pounder Mike Carter; and DeBolt, won championships.

Steubenville's Mike Tluchowski (17-1) who trounced previously unbeaten Davis Livingston winner of 15 straight, by a 15-3 score in the 167-pound final, was named as the winner of the Dave Bierkortte Award as the tournament's outstanding wrestler by vote of the coaches.

Tluchowski had pins in the first three rounds, an 8-0 decision over East Liverpool's Tim Arcuragi in the semi-finals, and the impressive verdict over Livingston in the finals.

Yet, the selection of "outstanding wrestler" was not universally popular, considering the fact that John Marshall's Schoene who is now unbeaten in 16 outings, put together a string of five successive pins - and four of those in the first period! Schoene's longest match lasted 2:31.

Roger Kent, Wheeling Park's 98-pound junior, hoped to get the Patriots off winging in the championship round but was thwarted by Union Local senior Randy

Simpson 4-3. Kent needed a reversal in the third period to pull it out but Simpson (26-1) managed to keep him under control and thus handed the Park youngster his second loss in 21 outings.

Oak Glen's Tim Ralph (17-1), OVAC and State Champ at 98 pounds last year, became the first repeat titlist of the tourney when he pinned aggressive Brian Miller (15-1) previously unbeaten Barnesville sophomore in the 105-pound final. Miller scored an early takedown but paid for it in the first minute of the second period when he was set on his back and pinned in 2:46 by the Golden Bear senior. Trying to come back from the bottom position, Miller had managed to spring to his feet but was tripped forward and then caught by an arm bar.

As a sophomore Scott Mills (13-3) of Steubenville joined the parade of champions with a 4-1 nod over Bellaire's Rob Whitney (15-7) at 112 but the Park lengthened its margin over Cadiz when Patriot senior Rod Haller nipped Card soph Rich McKinney 2-1 for third place at that weight.

Jeff McCormick (25-1), Union Local senior, went ahead with a reversal early in the third period in the 119 final and made it stand up for a 4-2 nod over Park senior George Stanley (19-2) who was trying to become the third member of his family to reach king row.

Cadiz made up some ground at 126 when senior Mike Carter (19-1) proved too strong and too quick for East Liverpool's J. R. Burke (13-3-1). Jumping ahead with three points on a near-fall in the second period, Carter won the title 7-1.

Runnerup at 98 pounds as a freshman in 1979 and Champion at 112 last year when a sophomore, St. Clairsville's Dave DeLande (27-1) lived up to his advance billing with a 9-2 triumph over Bob Furr (10-2) of Beallsville in the 132 final. DeLande broke a 2-2 tie with a reversal late in the second period and iced it with a near-fall early in the third frame.

Among those looking on was Don DeLande, father of the St. Clair star and himself honored as one of the O'AC titlists of 1956 who were present. The elder DeLande competed for George Kovalick at Bridgeport.

Wellsville's Jim Volino, a senior who is unbeaten in 12 outings, administered a 10-2 thumping to Brian Zascavage (8-2) of Steubenville Central for the 138-pound crown. In the semi-finals, Volino had defeated the No. 1 AAAAA seed, Larry Mazzella of Brooke, who had won 15 straight this year and was the OVAC Champ at 132 last year.

Steubenville's Rick Crosier, who has placed in the top four in his weight class in each of his four years in high school, became a two-time champion when he took the 145 laurels. Unfortunately, his scheduled opponent in the finals, Don Dodge (18-1-1) of Wheeling Park, was forced to default because of an injury. Crosier has won 15 in a row this year and has only one loss in two years.

Four penalty points in the third period by Wheeling Park's Jim Copeny (16-3) cost him any chance against Cambridge's Brian Duff (20-1). The aggressor all the way, Duff, a junior, won 5-1 in the 155-pound final.

Livingston, the previously unbeaten Weir High senior, who was trimmed by Tluchowski (17-1) in the 167-pound final, had unseated defending champion Mike Brooks, of Cadiz via a pin on Friday. But Brooke, a junior, came back to take third place and pulled the Cards within a point of the Park. Tluchowski had been a runnerup at 145 last year.

In the key 175-pound match between DeBolt and West, DeBolt rode out the Patriot senior (17-5) the entire third period to protect his 2-0 margin.

Springfield's All-Ohio Footballer, Brett Elliott forced Brooke's Rick Camilletti to settle for second place at 185 for the second straight year as Elliott, now 14-1 on the season, rolled up an 11-4 decision. Camilletti, of course, got a late start this year due to a football knee injury that required surgery but nevertheless made his way into the finals.

## OVAC WRESTLING RESULTS

OVERALL (Top Ten): Cadiz 204½, Wheeling Park 199½, Steubenville 141, Bellaire 130½, John Marshall 102, Weirton 91, Union Local 85½, Oak Glen 84½, Brooke 77½, Barnesville 74½.

CLASS AAAA - Wheeling Park 199½, Steubenville 141, Bellaire 103½, John Marshall 102, Weirton 91, Oak Glen 84½, Brooke 77½, Cambridge 69, East Liverpool 67, St. Clairsville 46½, Wintersville 24.

CLASS AAA - Union Local 85½, Martins Ferry 66½, River 61½, Steubenville Central 60½, Wellsville 59, Meadowbrook 53, Toronto 44, Buckeye South 29, Wheeling Central 28, Jefferson Union 26, Magnolia 23.

CLASS AA - Cadiz 204½, Barnesville 74½, Shenandoah 28½, Buckeye North 18, Linsly 13½, Mingo 12, Bridgeport 11½, Shadyside 3.

CLASS A - Springfield 73, Beallsville 66, Bellaire St. John's 61, Weirton Madonna 32, Cameron 20½, Buckeye West 10½, Valley 4.

### CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

98 - Simpson (UL) d. Kent (WP) 4-3.  
 105 - Ralph (OG) p. Miller (BARNES) 2:46.  
 112 - Mills (STEUB) d. Rob Whitney 4-1.  
 119 - McCormick (UL) d. Stanley (WP) 4-3.  
 126 - Carter (CAD) d. Burke (EL) 7-1.  
 132 - DeLande (ST CL) d. Furr (BEALLS) 9-2.  
 138 - Volino (WELLS) d. Zascavage (STEUB C) 10-2.  
 145 - Crosier (STEUB) won by default over Don Dodge (WP).  
 155 - Duff (CAMB) d. Copney (WP).  
 167 - Tluchowski (STEUB) d. Livingston (WEIR) 15-3.  
 175 - DeBolt (CAD) d. West (WP) 2-0.  
 185 - Elliott (SPRING) d. Camilletti (BRKE) 11-4.  
 HEAVY - Schoene (JM) p. Bailey (OG) 1:02.

### THIRD-FOURTH PLACE

98 - Tucker (WINT) d. Mitchell (BELL) 5-2.  
 105 - Milantoni (BRKE) d. Matt Nameth (CAD) 2-1.  
 112 - Haller (WP) d. McKinney (CAD) 2-1.  
 119 - Johnson (BELL) d. Thompson (CAD) 7-3.  
 126 - Clark (BARNES) d. Tony Yurko (WEIR) 5-4 ovt.  
 132 - Ledyard (STEUB C) d. Tierney (MF) 11-4.  
 138 - Mazzella (BRKE) d. Mitchell (STEUB) 3-0.

145 - Blazek (BELL) d. Rose (ST J) 1-0.  
 155 - Roth (MF) d. Barnhart (CAD) 3-1.  
 167 - Brooke (CAD) won by default over Fabry (ST J).  
 175 - Blair (EL) p. Bondy (BEALLS) 3:45.  
 185 - McVey (RIVER) d. Zonker (BELL) 6-5.  
 HEAVY - Barnhart (CAD) d. Earnest (WP) 11-4.

### FIFTH-SIXTH PLACE

98 - Stocker (CAMB) d. Jones (OG) 5-1.  
 105 - Jeffries (UL) d. Ward (BEALLS) 5-0.  
 112 - Walters (WEIR) won by default over Iams (BARNES).  
 119 - Yurko (WEIR) d. Zervos (JM) 5-2.  
 126 - Strickland (RIVER) d. Williams (MAG) 12-0.  
 132 - Comer (WP) d. Pontia (BUCK S) 11-1.  
 145 - Van Camp (RIVER) d. Barr (CAD) 7-2.  
 155 - Antonio (BELL) won by default over Calabrese (TOR).  
 167 - Stone (MEADOW) d. Arcuragi (EL) 5-1.  
 175 - McCool (JM) won by default over Brown (WELLS.).  
 185 - Fabry (ST J) d. Galloway (WP) 5-2.  
 HEAVY - Kusic (BUCK S) d. Price (CAMB) 2-0.

### SEVENTH-EIGHTH PLACE

98 - Bunch (STEUB) p. Kuhn (MF) 4:38.  
 105 - Taylor (STEUB) d. Kotellias (MF) 3-2.  
 112 - Sneddon (BRPT) d. DiGeorge (STEUB C) 8-4.  
 119 - Crooks (MF) won by default over Bendle (SPRING).  
 126 - Wypasek (WEIR MAD) d. Barker (TOR) 5-0.  
 132 - Rochus (MEADOW) d. Riedel (WP) 6-3.  
 138 - McCullough (SHEN) p. Brandon (SPRING) 44 secs.  
 145 - Johnson (SPRING) d. Pickenpaugh (SHEN) 7-2.  
 155 - Owens (MEADOW) d. Henry (JU) 9-4.  
 167 - Cunningham (JU) d. Bennett (WEIR MAD) 6-2.  
 175 - Wilson (MEADOW) d. Brown (BUCK W) 6-2.  
 185 - Gilbert (JM) won by forfeit over Walker (STEUB).  
 HEAVY - DeLong (SPRING) p. Witzberger (WHG. C) 1:33.

### SEMI-FINALS

98 - Kent (WP) d. Jones (OG) 5-4; Simpson (UL) p. Stocker (CAMB) 5:35.  
 105 - Miller (BARNES) d. Ward (BEALLS) 8-1; Ralph (OG) d. Jefferies (UL) 7-0.  
 112 - Whitney (BELL) d. Haller (WP) 2-0; Mills (STEUB) d. Iams (BARNES) 6-1 ovt.  
 119 - McCormick (UL) d. Zerfos (JM) 13-4; Stanley (WP) d. Thompson (CAD) 15-5.  
 126 - Burke (EL) d. Williams (MAG) 6-1; Carter (CAD) d. Strickland (RIVER) 7-4.  
 132 - DeLande (ST CL) d. Ledyard (STEUB C) 21-3; Furr (BEALLS) d. Tierney (MF) 5-4.  
 138 - Zascavage (STEUB C) d. Mitchell (STEUB) 5-3; Volino (WELLS) d. Mazzella (BRKE) 7-2.  
 145 - Crosier (STEUB) d. Blazek (BELL) 15-1; Dodge (WP) d. Van Camp (RIVER) 2-1 ovt.  
 155 - Copney (WP) p. Calabrese (TOR) 1:56; Duff (CAMB) d. Antonio (BELL) 6-3.  
 167 - Tluchowski (STEUB) d. Arcuragi (EL) 8-0; Livingston (WEIR) p. Stone (MEADOW) 1:37.  
 175 - West (WP) d. McCool (JM) 10-5; DeBolt (CAD) d. Blair (EL) 6-0.  
 185 - Elliott (SPRING) d. Zonker (BELL) 6-1; Camilletti (BRKE) d. McVey (RIVER) 3-2  
 HEAVY - Schoene (JM) p. Price (CAMB) 52 secs.; Bailey (OG) d. Kusic (BUCK S) 6-3.

### THIRD ROUND CONSOLATIONS

98 - Tucker (WINT) d. Bunch (STEUB) 5-3; Mitchell (BELL) d. Kuhn (MF) 4-2.  
 105 - Nameth (CAD) p. Kotellias (MF) 3:36; Milantoni (BRKE) d. Taylor (STEUB) 3-2.  
 112 - McKinney (CAD) d. Sneddon (BPT) 4-0; Walters (WEIR) d. DiGeorge (STEUB C) 7-2.  
 119 - Johnson (BELL) won by default from Bendle (SPRING); Yurko (WEIR) d. Crooks (MF) 7-3.  
 126 - Clark (BARNES) d. Barker (TOR) 6-1; Tony Yurko (WEIR) d. Wypasek (MAD) 3-1.  
 132 - Vermillion (CAD) d. Riedel (WP) 7-3; Dean Vermillion (OG) d. Rochus (MEADOW) 9-0 ovt.  
 138 - Comer (WP) p. McCullough (SHEN) 2:48; Ponita (BUCK S) won by default from Brandon (SPRING).  
 145 - Rose (ST J) d. Pickenpaugh (SHEN) 7-5; Barr (CAD) d. Johnson (SPRING) 5-0 ovt.  
 155 - Roth (MF) d. Henry (JU) 5-4; Barnhart (CAD) d. Owens (MEADOW) 6-3.  
 167 - Brooks (CAD) d. Bennett (WEIR MAD)

17-2; Fabry (ST J) d. Cunningham (JU) 6-0.  
 175 - Brown (WELLS) d. Wilson (MEADOW) 9-2; Bondy (BEALLS) d. Brown (BUCK W) 8-1.  
 185 - Vaughn Fabry (ST J) d. Gilbert (JM) 3-0 ovt.; Galloway (WP) d. Walker (STEUB) 8-6.  
 HEAVY - Barnhart (CAD) p. Witzberger (WHG C) 1:31; Ernest (WP) p. DeLong (SPRING) 3:33.

### FOURTH ROUND CONSOLATIONS

98 - Tucker (WINT) d. Jones (OG) 6-0; Mitchell (BELL) d. Stocker (CAMB) 10-4.  
 105 - Nameth (CAD) d. Ward (BEALLS) 4-2; Milantoni (BRKE) d. Jefferies (UL) 10-1.  
 112 - Haller (WP) d. Walters (WEIR) 2-0 ovt.; McKinney (CAD) d. James (BARNES) 9-4.  
 119 - Johnson (BELL) d. Zervos (JM) 5-4; Thompson (CAD) d. Kari Yurko (WEIR) 10-2.  
 126 - Clark (BARNES) d. Strickland (RIVER) 2-1; Tony Yurko (WEIR) d. Williams (MAG) 1-0.  
 132 - Ledyard (STEUB CATH) d. D. Vermillion (OG) 14-3; Tierney (MF) d. J. Vermillion (CAD) 12-6.  
 138 - Mazzella (BRKE) d. Comer (WHG P) 6-3; Mitchell (STEUB) d. Pontia (BUCK S) 4-2.  
 145 - Rose (ST J) d. Van Camp (RIVER) 4-1; Blazek (BELL) d. Barr (CAD) 5-0.  
 155 - Roth (MF) d. Antonik (BELL) 6-4; Barnhart (CAD) d. Calabrese (TOR) 3-1 ovt.  
 167 - V. Fabry (ST J) d. Stone (MEADOW) 8-1; Brooks (CAD) d. Arcuragi (EL) 7-2.  
 175 - Blair (EL) d. Brown (WELLS) 6-2; Bandy (BEALLS) won by default over McCool (JM).  
 185 - McVey (RIVER) d. Galloway (WP) 11-9; Zonker (BELL) d. V. Fabry (ST J) 8-5.  
 HEAVY - Ernest (WP) d. Price (CAMB) 4-0; Barnhart (CAD) d. Kusic (BUCK S) 14-0.

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OVAC CHAMPIONS



Front row L-R  
 Randy Simpson, Tim Ralph, Scott Mills, Jeff McCormick,  
 Mike Carter, Dave Delande, Jim Velino  
 Back row L-R  
 Rick Crosier, Brian Duff, Mike Iluchowski, Paul Debolt,  
 Brett Elliott, Rick Schoene

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OVERALL CHAMPIONS

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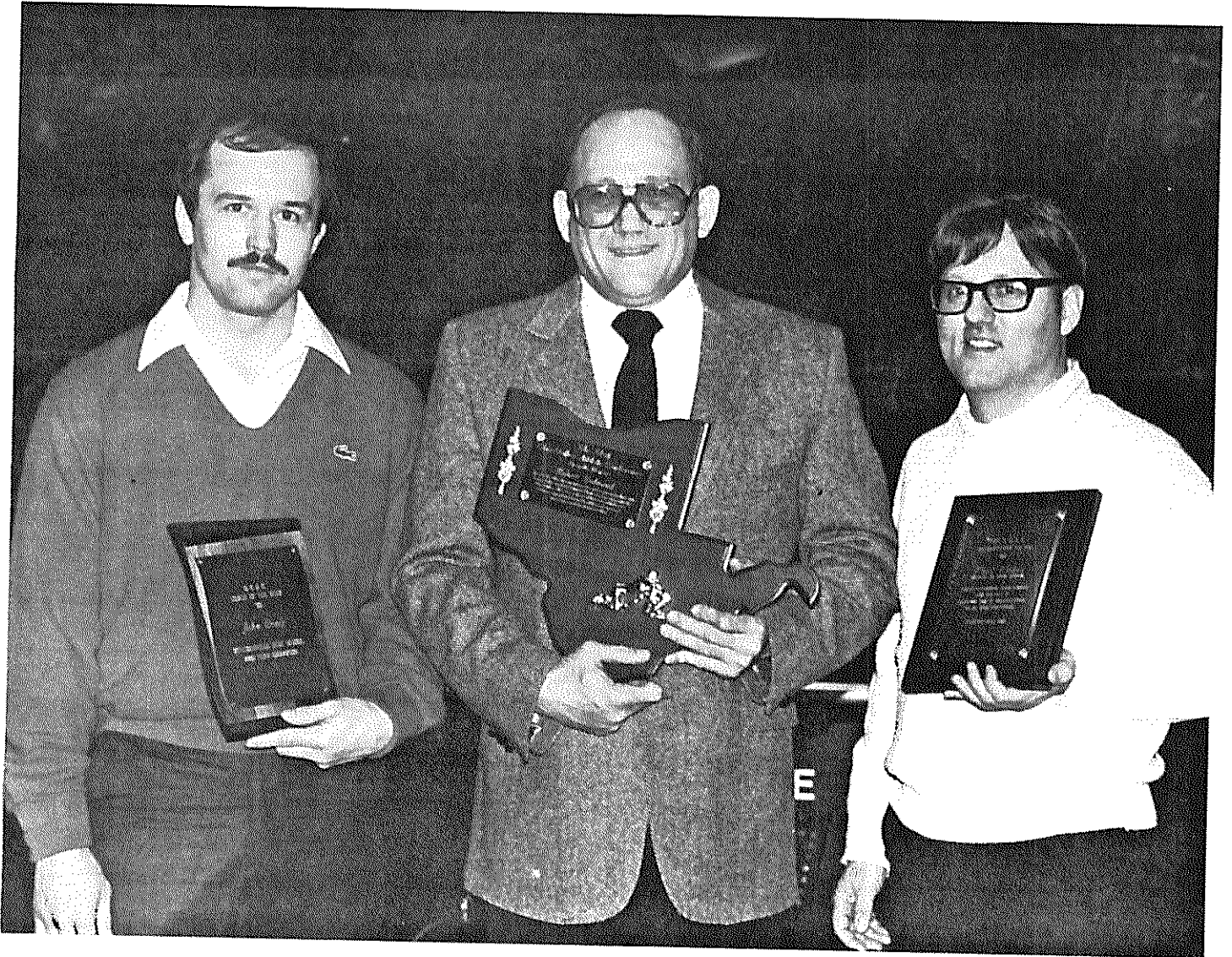
1981 RESULTS

AAAA	AAA	AA	A
WHG. P. 199	UNION 148	WADSW. 207	SPRING 73
STUBB. 141	WINDY 146	WARRS 173	BEALLS 66
BELL R 130	RIVER 111	WHELAN 20	ST. JOHN 61
MARSH. 102	SHAWNEE 110	WHELAN 16	WEIR M. 32
WEIR 91	WEIR 111	WHELAN 13	CAMERON 20





Rich Gregor and the Springfield Tigers capture the Gold.



1981 MR. MAT

John Craig  
Steubenville  
H.S. Coach of  
the year

Bob Hedmond  
Mr. Mat

Paul Kuhns  
Wellsburg Jr. High  
Hancock County  
Jr. H.S. Coach of  
the year



## HEDMOND RECEIVES MR. MAT AWARD AT OVAC TOURNAMENT

Robert L. Hedmond, Athletic Director at Steubenville High School, received the prestigious Mr. Mat Award Saturday night at the 27th Ohio Valley Athletic Conference tournament at the Wheeling Civic Center.

The Mr. Mat Award is presented annually in recognition of an individual's outstanding contributions to the sport of high school wrestling.

The 51-year-old Hedmond helped to initiate the award when he was managing the OVAC Tournament in the years that it was held at St. John Arena in Steubenville but said that he "never dreamed" then that he would someday be one of the recipients.

First recipient in 1976 was George Kovalick, somewhat the patron saint of Ohio Valley wrestling for his work at Bridgeport, Weirton, Moundsville, and Bellaire Highs and at West Liberty State College. Bill Van Horne, Sports Editor of the News-Register, was the honoree in 1977 and John Vrotsos, highly successful coach at Martins Ferry for many years, was selected in 1978. Dick Edge, now the Principal at Springfield High in Jefferson County but regarded as the man who raised high school wrestling to a high level in Ohio County as Coach at Triadelphia and Warwood, was the pick in '79 and last year the award went to George Walley, retiring Athletic Director at John Marshall High and a former manager of both the OVAC and WV State Tournaments.

Other special awards on Saturday night were presented to John Craig, who last year coached Steubenville Big Red to the OVAC over-all and AAAA tournament titles and Paul Kuhns, wrestling coach at Wells Junior High at New Cumberland. Craig was named "Coach of the Year" and Kuhns was presented the "Junior High Coach of the Year" Award.

A graduate of Follansbee High School in 1948, Hedmond spent two years in the U. S. Army and served with the Intelligence Division in Europe prior to his discharge in 1950. Then he enrolled at Shepherd State College, where he was graduated in 1954.

Hedmond began his coaching career as head mentor in football and track at Oxon Hill High in Maryland but left there in 1957 to join the staff at East Liverpool, where he was head mentor in track and assistant in football. He became head football coach at Liverpool in 1961 and served in that capacity until moving to Steubenville as assistant football and head wrestling coach in 1964.

Hedmond became the head football and assistant track coach at Brooke High in 1969 and directed the Bruins to an OVAC Championship in the grid sport in the first year of the consolidation. He returned to Steubenville in 1971 as an assistant in football and head track coach. He became Athletic Director in 1974.

With the 1981 football season, Hedmond will return to coaching. He was named as grid mentor of the Big Red by the Steubenville Board of Education in December and will succeed Jerry Harris in that capacity.

When Hedmond, who is married and the father of four sons, was head wrestling coach at Steubenville, he assisted Ang Vaccaro in the management of the sectional tournaments and gradually took over responsibility for those tournaments, with the exception of the 1969-70 school year when he was at Brooke. He ran combined AAA, AA, and A sectionals - on eight mats - at St. John Arena from 1973 through '77. Those were the biggest tournaments in Ohio at the time, outside of the state wrestling tourney. In '74 he managed the event from a hospital bed after having his appendix removed. In 1972 he wrote the guidelines which are the basis for tournament operations in wrestling in the Eastern Ohio district.

In '76 he was named Manager of the OVAC tourney when it was moved from Moundsville to Steubenville. He managed this tournament from '76 through '78 and developed the expanded format still in use. He served on the OVAC Executive Committee during this period.

Kuhns has been instrumental in initiating the wrestling program at the Junior High level in the upper Hancock County area. His enthusiasm and dedication have always attracted a large number of students to the sport.

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STEBENVILLE GAINS OVAC MAT TITLE  
By Bill Van Horne and Jim Cochran

Steubenville High made Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling history Saturday night as Coach Craig's Big Red team won the conference tournament Overall and AAAA Championships without a single individual title.

This was the second OVAC crown in three years for the Jefferson County seaters and it came in a most unusual meet - one in which Toronto, Steubenville Catholic Central, and Meadowbrook claimed individual crowns for the first time ever.

Honors were spread out as never before, with 20 schools represented in the championship finals and not a single team could gain more than one individual title.

Steubenville finished with 159 points, thanks to the depth which provided two runnersup, two third placers, a fourth placer, fifth placer and eight-place finisher in the tourney. Big Red was 11 points ahead of John Marshall (148) while up-and-coming Cambridge ran third with 144½.

Cadiz, the defending Overall titlist, was fourth with 122½ and won the AA laurels for the sixth straight year, with Springfield as runnerup in that class. Martins Ferry, sixth overall with 86 points, led Class AAA for the third time in four years as the Riders finished four and a half points ahead of River.

Little Beallsville, tenth overall with 77½ markers took the Class A title by three and a half markers over Bellaire St. John's Central.

Two of last year's titlists were deposed and two repeated, with St. Clairsville ace Dave Delande gaining his third straight conference crown.

Selected as the outstanding wrestler of the tournament by the coaches was Toronto's Larry Isleman, a senior who put on a brilliant performance of aggressiveness and takedown ability in romping to the 126-pound title.

East Liverpool junior John Goempel (20-2) had swept through the 98-pound class with four straight pins but the top-seeded Potter had to settle for a lopsided decision, 16-4, over gallant Martins Ferry sophomore Jesse Outward (15-4) in the final.

Wheeling Park senior Roger Kent (15-3) was ahead 8-1 in the 105-pound final but had to survive a sterling comeback by Beallsville sophomore Tim Ward (15-3). At the finish, Ward was trying for a pin but the three points he picked up for a near fall left him one short and Kent, last year's OVAC and WV State runnerup at 98 pounds, won 8-7.

Last year's OVAC titlist, Scott Mills of Steubenville, was deposed by Phil Milantoni of Brooke in a battle of junior 112 pounders. After Milantoni, on the way to his 17th win in 20 outings, jumped out to an early four-point lead, Mills rallied to close to 6-4 in the final period before Milantoni scored a clinching takedown for an 8-4 nod. The loss was the sixth in 20 starts for Mills, who had been competing earlier this season at 119.

One of the most exciting matches of the evening saw River High's undefeated senior Jim Strickland, third of three wrestling brothers to represent the Pilots from Monroe County, edge Ted Zervos of John Marshall 2-0 in overtime for the 119-pound crown. Zervos (14-4-1), 1981 WV State Champ, forced the match overtime with a last-second escape that knotted the count at 2-2. However, in the second period of overtime, Strickland scored a takedown. He then rode the JMHS senior out for the last period to assure the 17th straight victory of his final year of schoolboy competition.

Toronto's unbeaten Isleman (19-0), in his senior year, trimmed Cambridge's David Gibson 22-0 in the 126-pound wind-up. Isleman had only one pin during the tourney but proved a superb wrestler on his feet as he piled up box-car figures (33-3, 29-6, 12-4, and 22-9) in becoming the first Red Knight ever to cop an OVAC mat title.

Chris Ledyard, 138-pound senior, became the first Steubenville Catholic Central matman to win a conference title when he pinned John Carpico (18-2), Jefferson Union, in 2:33. Ledyard is now 19-1 on the campaign.

After surviving a semi-final thriller against Cadiz High's Chuck Kidder by a 1-0 score, St. Clairsville remarkable Dave Delande ran his season's record to 25-0 and became a three-time conference titlist when he pinned Dave Hadley, East Liverpool senior, in just 41 secs. It was Delande's third pin of the tourney and second in less than a minute. The Red Devil ace now has a valley record of 118 victories against, 10 losses, and a tie.

#### OVERALL TEAM SCORING

Steubenville 159, John Marshall 148, Cambridge 144½, Cadiz 122½, East Liverpool 121, Martins Ferry 86, Brooke 82, River 81½, Bellaire 78½, Beallsville 77½.

CLASS AAAA - Steubenville 159, John Marshall 148, Cambridge 144½, East Liverpool 121, Brooke 82, Bellaire 74, St. Clairsville 64, Wheeling Park 61, Wintersville 47, Weir 38½, Oak Glen 31.

CLASS AAA - Martins Ferry 86, River 81½, Toronto 74½, Barnesville 73½, Wheeling Central 50, Jefferson Union 49½, Meadowbrook 49, Union Local 44, Magnolia 15.

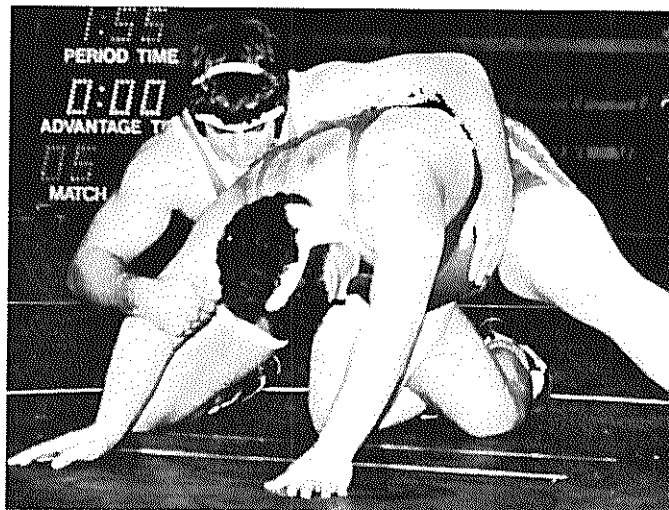
CLASS AA - Cadiz 122½, Springfield 73, Wellsville 69½, Shenandoah 44, Bridgeport 32½, Shadyside 30, Buckeye North 4, Linsly 2, Mingo 0.

CLASS A - Beallsville 77½, Bellaire St. John's Central 74, Stanton 39, Weirton Madonna 23, Cameron 14, Buckeye West 5, Valley 4.

#### CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

98 - Goempel (EL) d. Outward (MF) 16-4.  
 105 - Kent (WP) d. Ward (BEALLS) 8-7.  
 112 - Milantoni (BRKE) d. Mills (STEUB) 8-4.  
 119 - Strickland (RIVER) d. Zervos (JM) 2-0 ovt.  
 126 - Isleman (TOR) d. Gibson (CAMB) 22-9.  
 132 - Ledyard (STEUB CATH) p. Carpico (JU) 2:33.  
 138 - Delande (ST C) p. Hadley (EL) 41 secs.  
 145 - Berisford (JM) p. Rose (ST J) 5:13.

155 - Duff (CAMB) d. Blazek (BELL) 6-4.  
 167 - Brooks (CAD) won over Tluchowski (STEUB) in ovt. (rule book criteria).  
 175 - Owens (MEADOW) p. Brown (WELLS) 4:53.  
 185 - Braunlich (WHG C) d. Fabry (ST J) 3-1.  
 HEAVY - Zonker (BELL) d. Price (CAMB) 11-0.



#### THIRD-FOURTH PLACE

98 - Isaly (BEALLS) p. Dobbs (JM) 38 secs.  
 105 - Bunch (STEUB) d. Hellyer (SPRING) 5-1.  
 112 - Jeffries (UL) d. Kotellos (MF)  
 119 - Miller (BARNES) d. Beardmore (CAMB) 7-1.  
 126 - Milantoni (BRKE) d. Pryor (BARNES) 10-2.  
 132 - Blangor (STEUB) d. Lamatia (TOR) 5-0.  
 138 - Sheets (STANTON) p. Kidder (CAD) 2:47.  
 145 - Mitchell (STEUB) d. Thresher (WELLS) 2-1.  
 155 - Cunningham (JU) d. Roth (MF) 8-6.  
 167 - Stevens (BRPT) d. Yarosz (TOR) 4-3.  
 175 - Van Camp (RIVER) d. Arguragi (EL) 6-3.  
 185 - McCool (JM) d. Siddle (SHEN) 7-3.  
 HEAVY - Witzberger (WHG C) d. DeLong (STEUB) 7-3.

#### FIFTH-SIXTH PLACES

98 - Carter (CAD) d. Stewart (BRPT) 5-4.  
 105 - Nameth (CAD) d. Daugherty (CAMB) 2-1.  
 112 - Stocker (CAMB) d. Young (JM) 7-2.  
 119 - Yurko (WEIR) d. Ciofani (BELL) 13-7.

126 - Kaine (STEUB C) d. Johnston (WINT) 6-2.  
 132 - Burke (EL) d. Adams (SPRING) 18-2.  
 138 - Withers (MF) d. Rogers (SHEN) 4-3 ovt.  
 145 - Sotter (WINT) d. Zink (WP) 8-0.  
 155 - Taylor (OG) d. Matsakis (SHADY) 12-7.  
 167 - DiSerio (BRKE) Miller (JM) 8-5.  
 175 - Betch (WHG C) d. Nice (SPRING) 3-0.  
 185 - Walker (STEUB) d. Weitfield (BRKE) 9-2.  
 HEAVY - Walker (WELLS) won by default over Greenlee (RIVER).

#### SEVENTH-EIGHTH PLACE

98 - Pryor (BARNES) d. Rowe (WP) 4-2.  
 105 - Foston (BPT) d. Dragnoir (WEIR) 11-0.  
 112 - McKinney (CAD) d. Tucker (WINT) 4-3.  
 126 - Kowalski (UL) d. Gotschell (EL) 7-0.  
 132 - Kahrig (BEALLS) d. Hannahs (SHEN) 7-6.  
 138 - Antalis (SHADY) d. Taylor (WEIR) 6-4.  
 145 - Cook (EL) p. Schramm (BELL) 5:44.  
 155 - Keenan (STEUB) d. Stone (MEADOW) 4-0.  
 167 - Raptis (CAMB) c. Fabry (ST J) 5-3.  
 175 - Tom Gates (STANTON) p. Long (JU) 3:37.  
 185 - Casey Jeffries (BARNES) p. Pickering (EL) 2:33.  
 HEAVY - Butts (UL) d. Eberhart (CAD) 2-1.

#### SEMI-FINALS

98 - Goempel (EL) p. Dobbs (JM) 1:51; Outward (MF) d. Carter (CAD) 6-1 ovt.  
 105 - Kent (WP) d. Daugherty (CAMB) 7-3; Ward (BEALLS) d. Bunch (STEUB) 6-3.  
 112 - Mills (STEUB) d. Stocker (CAMB) 2-0 ovt; Milantoni (BRK) d. Young (JM) 3-1.  
 119 - Zervos (JM) d. Miller (BARNES) 6-2; Strickland (RIVER) d. K. Yurko (WEIR) 10-2.  
 126 - Isleman (TOR) d. D. Milantoni (BRK) 1204; Carpico (JU) d. Burke (EL) 12-8.  
 138 - Delande (ST CL) d. Kidder (CAD) 1-0; Withers (MF) d. Hadley (EL) 12-7 ovt.  
 145 - Berisford (JM) d. Thrasher (WELLS) 5-2; Rose (ST J) d. Solter (WINT) 5-2.

155 - Blazek (BELL) d. Roth (MF) 2-1; Duff (CAMB) d. Cunningham (JU) 14-4.  
 167 - Brooks (CAD) d. Miller (JM) 9-3; Tluchowski (STEUB) d. DiSerio (BRKE) 6-1.  
 175 - Brown (WELLS) d. Van Camp (RIVER) 11-2; Owens (MEADOW) d. Arcuragi (EL) 8-1.  
 185 - Braunlich (WHG C) d. Weitfield (BRKE) 7-2; Fabry (ST J) d. Walker (STEUB) 5-2.  
 HEAVY - Price (CAMB) d. Greenlee (RIVER) 12-9; Zonker (BELL) d. DeLong (SPRING) 13-3.

#### THIRD ROUND CONSOLATIONS

98 - Stewart (BPT) d. Rowe (WP) 1-0; Isaly (BEALLS) d. Pryor (BARNES) 7-5.  
 105 - Nameth (CAD) p. Dragonier (WEIR) 1:32; Hellyer (SPRING) d. Foster (BPT) 8-7.  
 112 - Jeffries (UL) d. Tucker (WINT) 1-0; Kotellos (MF) d. McKinney (CAD) 6-5.  
 119 - Beardmore (CAMB) d. S. Kosky (ST J) 11-4; Ciafani (BELL) d. Thompson (CAD) 6-5.  
 126 - Johnston (WINT) d. Kowalski (UL) 10-6; Pryor (BARNES) d. Gotschall (EL) 9-5.  
 132 - Lamantia (TOR) d. Hannahs (SHEN) 4-0; Blangor (STEUB) d. Kahrig (BEALLS) 4-2.  
 138 - Sheets (STAN) d. Antalis (SHADY) 5-2; Rogers (SHEN) d. Taylor (WEIR) 7-2.  
 145 - Zink (WP) d. Schramm (BELL) 9-2; Mitchell (STEUB) d. Cook (EL) 9-3.  
 155 - Matsakas (SHADY) d. Stone (MEADOW) 9-6; Taylor (OG) d. Kennan (STEUB) 6-2.  
 167 - Yarosz (TOR) d. Fabry (ST J) 10-3; Stevens (BPT) d. Raptis (CAMB) 3-2 ovt.  
 175 - Nice (SPRING) d. Long (JU) 7-6; Belch (WHG C) d. Gats (STAN) 4-0.  
 185 - McCool (JM) p. Jeffries (BARNES) 4:32; Siddle (SHEN) p. Pickering (EL) 47 secs.  
 HEAVY - Walker (WELLS) p. Butts (UL) 2:23; Witzberger (WHG C) d. Eberhart (CAD) 3-0.

#### SEMI-FINAL CONSOLATIONS

98 - Dobbs (JM) d. Stewart (BPT) 4-1; Isaly (BEALLS) d. Carter (CAD) 11-2.  
 105 - Hellyer (SPRING) f. Daugherty (CAMB) 9-6; Bunch (STEUB) d. Nameth (CAD) 9-3.

112 - Kotellos (MF) d. Young (JM) 3-1 ovt.; Jeffries (UL) d. Stocker (CAMB) 12-1.  
 119 - Beardmore (CAMB) d. K. Yurko (WEIR) 12-10; Miller (BARNES) p. Ciofani (BELL) 1:51.  
 126 - Milantoni (BRK) d. Johnston (WINT) 8-3; Pryor (WEIR) d. Kane (STEUB CENT) 11-4.  
 132 - Lamantia (TOR) d. Adams (SPRING) 8-3; Blangor (STEUB) d. Burke (EL) 9-0.  
 138 - Kidder (CAD) d. Rogers (SHEN) 9-1; Sheets (STAN) p. Withers (MF) 4:29.  
 145 - Mitchell (STEUB) d. Solter (WINT) 6-3; Thresher (WELLS) d. Zink (WP) ovt.  
 155 - Roth ( ) d. Matsakis (SHADY) 4-2; Cunningham (JU) d. Taylor (OG) 6-1.  
 167 - Yarosz (TOR) d. Miller (JM) 9-8; Stevens (BPT) d. DiSerio (BRK) 2-1.  
 175 - Van Camp (RIVER) d. Belch (WHG C) 6-5; Arcuragi (EL) d. Nice (SPRING) 1-0.  
 185 - McCool (JM) d. Walker (STEUB) 9-5; Siddle (SHEN) p. Weitfield (BRK) 2:22.  
 HEAVY - Witzberger (WHG C) won by default over Greenlee (RIVER); DeLong (SHEN) d. Walker (WELLS) 2-1.

#### CRAGO RECEIVES MR. MAT AWARD

Paul Crago, the man who did the ground work which resulted in Marshall County becoming a hot bed of high school wrestling, was honored Saturday night at the Wheeling Civic Center as he was named as recipient of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference's coveted Mr. Mat Award.

Among other special honorees, in addition to the various conference championships of the 1957 tournament, were John Stephenson, Cadiz High's ultra-successful mentor who automatically qualified for the "Coach of the Year" trophy because of his team's victory in the 1981 OVAC tourney, and William "Bill" Donohew III of Warwood, who was selected as "Junior High Wrestling Coach of the Year".

Crago launched the wrestling program at Moundsville High, since absorbed in the John Marshall consolidation. during the 1960-61 school year and in a short span of years built the Trojans into contenders for valley honors. His 1966 squad won the regional championship at Moundsville and his '65 team was third in the state.

After the '66 season, Crago gave up coaching to become an administrator

at the county level and was coordinator of the physical education program. When John Marshall High was opened, he set up the junior high program in Marshall County and it has developed into an excellent "feeder" system that has contributed to four state championships for the Monarchs.

"Paul Crago made certain that wrestling received the same respect as other sports", Bill Hinegardner, JMHS Head Coach said. "He helped to place qualified coaches in the junior highs and assured that there would be first-class equipment".

Crago who had a 53-19-1 dual meet record in his coaching career at Moundsville, is a 1939 graduate of Wheeling High, where he was captain of a state champion swimming team. He entered WV University where his education was interrupted by his service in the Air Force in World War II. He has both his bachelors and masters degree from WVU.

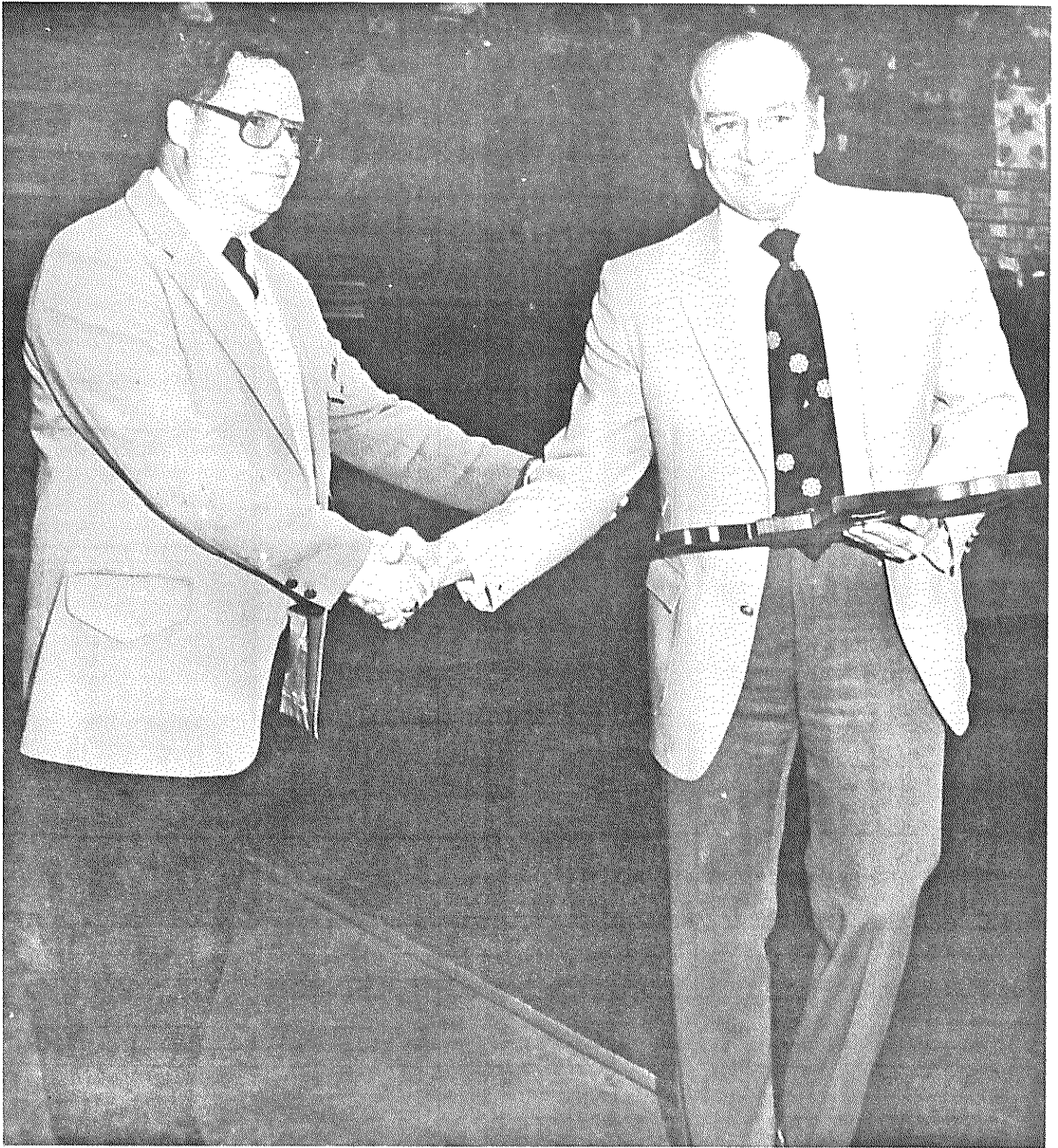
Crago and his wife, Dolores, have a son Bob, and daughter, Paula, and three grandchildren.

Now 61 years old, Crago is still active athletically as he has become an accomplished master swimmer and has become prominent in competition in his age group.

Bill Donohew is a 1966 graduate of Stonewall Jackson High, where in 1966 he was the school's first State Wrestling Champion (at 165 pounds). He was also a WV Conference titlist at 158 pounds in '69 while competing for Fairmont State College.

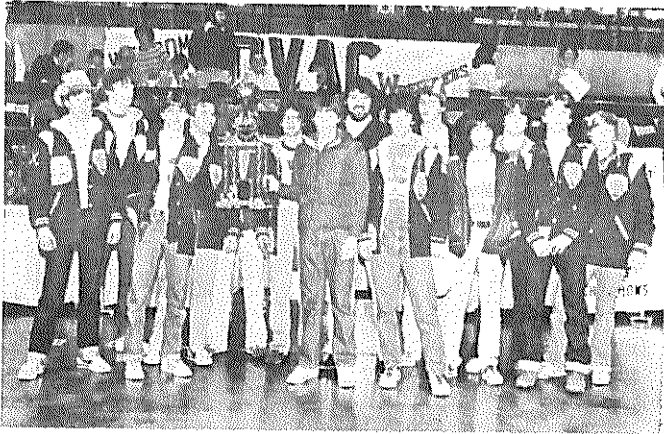
Donahew has been a head coach in wrestling at St. Mary's High and an assistant at Warwood High. In 1976, he became head coach at the newly-organized Warwood Junior High School. During the last six years his teams have won two PAC 8 dual meet championships and one tournament. His overall coaching record is 74-17-1 for dual meets.

Donohew, who teaches industrial arts and also coaches football and track, resides in Warwood with his wife, Jeanette, and their two children, Scott and Kelli.



Lt. Bill Hinegardner,  
Assistant Dir. OVAC  
Presenter

Rt. Paul Crago  
Mr. Mat Award



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1982 A TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS



Coach John Craig and his Steubenville Big Red 1982 AAAA and Overall OVAC Tournament Champions



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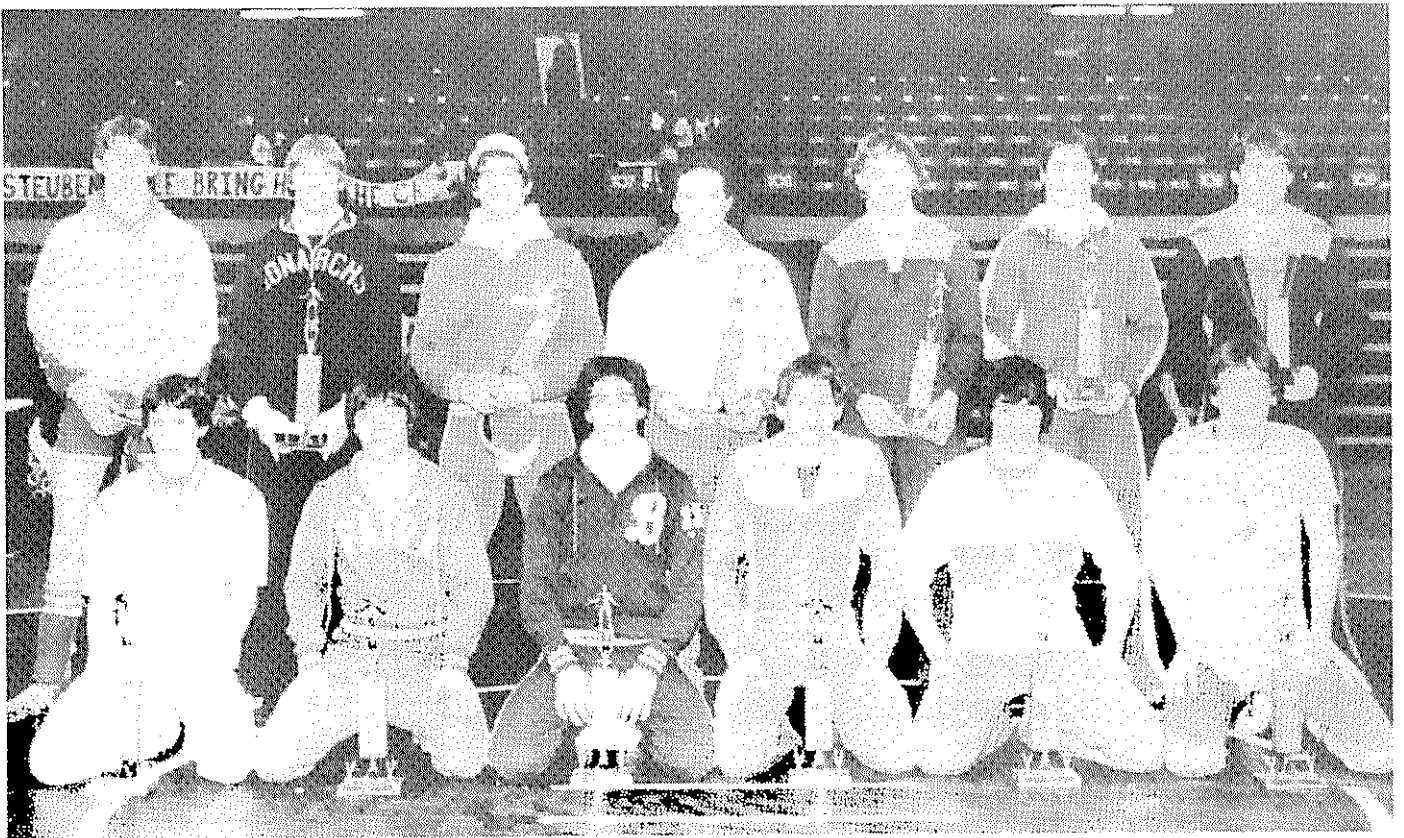
Coach Vince Suriano and son, plus very capable assistants, Tom Suriano and Jeff Oberdick, lead the Riders to the victory stand.



1982 AA OVAC CHAMPIONS

Head Coach John Stephenson and Assistant John Alleman accept the trophy with their tough Cardinal grapplers.





98 Goempel EL, 105 Kent Whg. Park,  
 112 Milantoni Bke, 119 Strickland River,  
 126 Isleman Tor, 132 Ledyard St. Cath., 138 Delande St. C.,  
 145 Berisford JM, 155 Duff Camb, 167 Brooks Cadiz,  
 175 Owens Mead, 185 Braunlich W.C. Hwy. Zonker Bell



126 lbs. Larry Isleman, Toronto High School  
 1982 OVAC Wrestling Tournament Outstanding Wrestler

Dave DeLande, son of 1955-56 OVAC Champ, Don DeLande, of St. Clairsville High has the unique distinction of holding the valley record in number of wins.

His record is an impressive 136 wins, 12 losses, and one tie in his career.

\*Three-time OVAC Champion and runner in his freshman year.

\*42-2 record senior year.

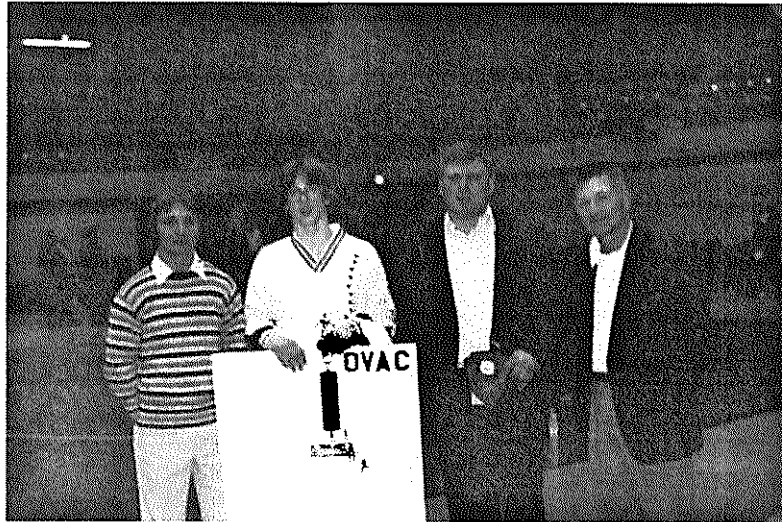
\*Went to State all four years in high school.

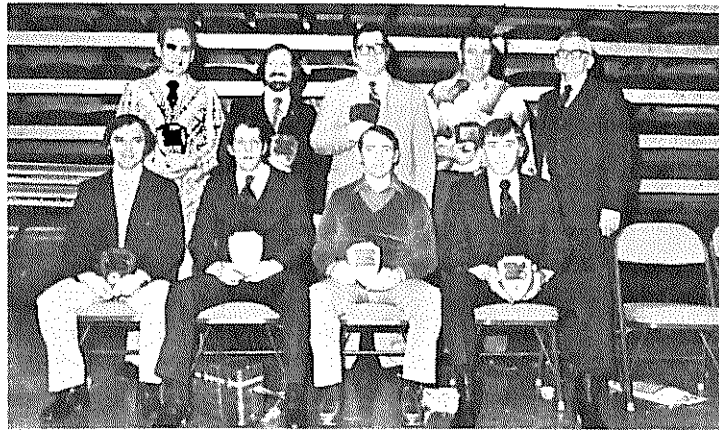
\*Placed sixth, fifth, and second in Ohio wrestling.

\*Recorded 32 pins in one season.

Dave is the son of Francis and Don DeLande (Don, a very capable wrestler in his time was a former OVAC Champ) and comes from a wrestling family. He has two brothers who also wrestled for St. Clairsville in Don, Jr. and Darren.

Congratulations to Dave and the DeLande family!

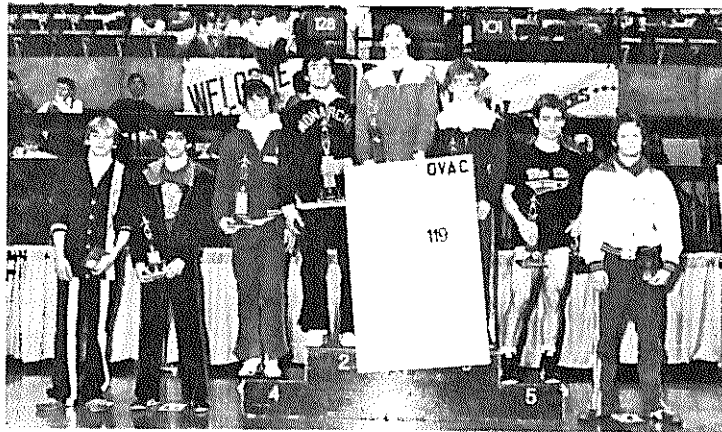




Top Row: Jerry Comas, Steve Lattocha, Warren Lollathin, Rodney Moore, Coach Denver Kaiser, Barnesville High School.

1957 OVAC CHAMPIONS HONORED IN 1982

Bottom Row: David "Duke" Snyder Dick Lyle, Art Hehr, Bill Laipple



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Classic Example of OVAC Wrestling Award Presentation to Each Class

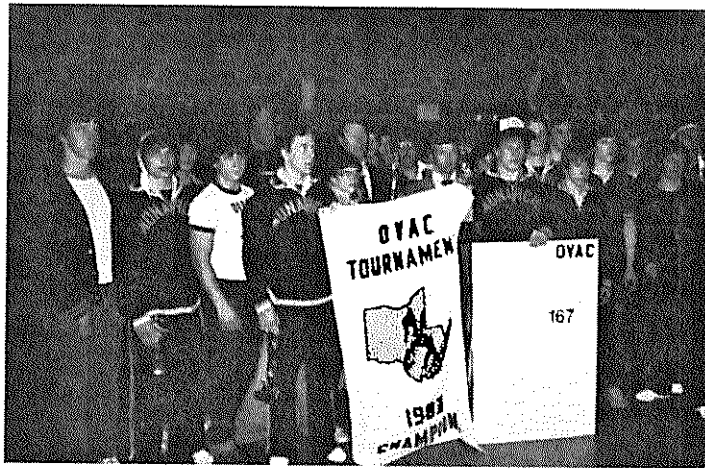
Lt. Steve	Mike	Heath	Ted	Jim	Brian	Karl	Paul
Kosky	Ciafoni	Beardmore	Zervos	Strickland	Miller	Yurko	Thompson
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Eighth	Sixth	Fourth	Second	Champ	Third	Fifth	Seventh

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Victorious 1983 OVAC Champs John Marshall High School  
Ed Dugas, Coach and Ed West, Assistant



John Marshall's solid grapplers show their stuff.

## OVAC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

## THIRD-FOURTH PLACE MATCHES

## TEAM SCORING

OVERALL - Top Ten - John Marshall 163; Steubenville 159½; Wheeling Park 153½; Cadiz 142½; Barnesville 140½; Cambridge 121; Martins Ferry 96; East Liverpool 89½; Brooke 83½; Bridgeport 83.

CLASS AAAA - John Marshall 163; Steubenville 159½; Wheeling Park 153½; Cambridge 121; East Liverpool 89½; Brooke 83½; Bellaire 73½; Oak Glen 69½; Wintersville 57; Weir 56; St. Clairsville 37.

CLASS AAA - Barnesville 140½; Martins Ferry 96; Wheeling Central 68½; Meadowbrook 62½; Wellsville 59½; River 56½; Magnolia 39½; Jefferson Union 31½; Steubenville Catholic 25; Union Local 18; Toronto 10.

CLASS AA - Cadiz 142½; Bridgeport 83½; Springfield 53; Mingo 34; Shenandoah 24½; Buckeye North 7; Linsly 1.

CLASS A - Shadyside 75; Cameron 43; Beallsville 36½; Bellaire St. John's 17; Weirton Madonna 13; Stanton Local 11; Buckeye West 9.

## CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

98 - Rowe (WP) d. Stewart (BPT) 4-0.  
 105 - Goempel (EL) d. Outward (MF) 6-5.  
 112 - McKinney (CAD) won by default over Bunch (STEUB).  
 119 - Milantoni (BRKE) d. Fosten (BPT) 4-3.  
 126 - Ward (BEALLS) d. Hibbs (JU) 7-2.  
 132 - Miller (BARNES) d. Pontius 9-0.  
 138 - Blangor (STEUB) d. Barnhart (WELLS) 12-4.  
 145 - Mike Miller (SHADY) d. Thrasher (WELLS) 6-5.  
 155 - Caldwell (RIVER) p. Lynn (BARNES) 2:37.  
 167 - Gilbert (JM) d. Booth (CAMB) 13-10.  
 175 - Keenan (STEUB) d. Zoekler (WP) 12-0.  
 185 - Braunlich (WHG C) p. Timcho (MINGO) 59 secs.  
 HEAVY - Price (CAMB) p. Witzberger (WHG C) 1-02.

98 - Simmons (JM) d. Ralston (OG) 7-2.  
 105 - Heavilin (CAD) d. Young (STEUB) 1-0.  
 112 - Taylor (WP) d. Doyle (BELL) 5-2.  
 119 - Mills (STEUB) d. Carter (CAD) 2-1.  
 126 - Ornouski (CAD) d. Underwood (WEIR) 6-1.  
 132 - Clutter (OG) d. Nameth (CAD) 4-3.  
 138 - Raptis (CAMB) d. Knox 9-4.  
 145 - Simone (WINT) d. Sambuco (MF) 10-3.  
 155 - Matsakis (SHADY) p. Mitchell (MF) 4:57.  
 167 - Dowling (BPT) d. Fisher (WP) 7-1.  
 175 - Nice (SPRING) d. Edgell (BELL) 6-5.  
 185 - Williams (JM) d. Smolira (UL) 5-3.  
 HEAVY - Moxley (BARNES) d. Logewell (JM) 10-1.

## FIFTH-SIXTH PLACE MATCHES

98 - Hillberry (EL) p. Jacobs (MEADOW) 2:59.  
 105 - West (JM) p. Hinerman (CAM) 2:17.  
 112 - Pryor (BARNES) d. Dobbs (JM) 5-4.  
 119 - Ciofani (BELL) d. Hellyer (SPRING) 5-1.  
 126 - Beardmore (CAMB) d. Parrish (BRK) 6-2.  
 132 - Ice (EL) d. Sperringer (BRK) 6-3.  
 138 - Martin (EL) d. Wineman (BARNES) 7-0.  
 145 - Dalbenzio (STEUB) p. Kriechbaum (BARNES) 3:43.  
 155 - Simmons (JM) won by default over Mazzella (BRK).  
 167 - Doomy (WINT) won by default over McCune (MAG).  
 175 - Dunn (CAM) d. Morgan (MF) 5-0.  
 185 - Harding (CAD) d. Bertola (STEUB CENT) 3-1.  
 HEAVY - Wilson (MEADOW) d. Christman (SHEN) 13-4.

## SEVENTH-EIGHTH PLACE MATCHES

98 - Kasper (ST CL) d. Carpenter (BARNES) 4-2.  
 105 - Opic (WP) p. Clipner (MEADOW) 54 secs.  
 112 - Cain (MEADOW) p. Wright (EL) 32 secs.  
 119 - Young (JM) d. Schumacher (ST CL) 6-5.  
 126 - Pryor (BARNES) d. Taylor (WP) 5-4.

132 - Knollinger (WP) p. Deaton (MF)  
3:40.  
138 - Dusci (MF) d. Dietz (WHG C) 8-3.  
145 - Kisner (BRKE) d. Creamer (WP) 4-1.  
155 - Beck (ST CL) d. Schramm (BELL) 4-3.  
167 - Gibson (CAD) d. Hilton (MF) 4-2.  
175 - Haswell (SHADYSIDE) p. Alkins (CAD)  
2:45.  
185 - Matta (SPRING) d. Long (WP) 7-5.  
HEAVY - Staley (OG) p. Stillwagoner (MAG)  
1:55.

#### SEMI-FINALS

98 - Stewart (BPT) d. Hillberry (EL) 5-0;  
Rowe (WP) d. Simmons (JM) 7-0.  
105 - Goempel (EL) d. Heavlin (CAD)  
13-7; Outward (MF) d. Hinerman (CAMB)  
13-1.  
112 - Bunch (STEUB) d. Pryor (BARNES)  
9-0; McKinney (CAD) d. Taylor (WP) 5-2.  
119 - Milantoni (BRKE) d. Mills (STEUB)  
5-1; Fosten (BPT) d. Carter (CAD) 6-5.  
126 - Ward (BEALLS) d. Ornouski (CAD)  
4-3; Hibbs (JU) d. Beardmore (CAMB) 4-3.  
132 - Miller (BARNES) d. Sperringer  
(BRKE) 9-1; Pontius (CAMB) d. Ice (EL)  
9-7.  
138 - Blangor (STEUB) d. Raptis (CAMB)  
5-0; Barnhart (WELLS) d. Martin (EL)  
1-0 ovt.  
145 - Miller (SHADY) p. Simone (WINT)  
3:16; Thrasher (WELLS) d. Sambuco (MF)  
6-3.  
155 - Lynn (BARNES) d. Mazzella (BRKE)  
7-6; Caldwell (RIVER) d. Matsakis (SHADY)  
7-6.  
167 - Booth (CAMB) d. Dowling (WINT)  
5-2; Gilbert (JM) p. Fisher (WP) 5:34.  
175 - Keenan (STEUB) p. Edgell (BELL)  
3:48; Zoekler (WP) d. Nice (SPRING) 5-2.  
185 - Braunlich (WHG C) d. Williams (JM)  
10-5; Timcha (MINGO) d. Bertola (STEUB  
C) 5-3 ovt.  
HEAVY - Witzberger (WHG CO) d. Shields  
(WEIR) 10-6; Price (CAMB) d. Wilson  
(MEADOW) ovt. criteria.

#### THIRD ROUND CONSOLATIONS

98 - Jacobs (MEADOW) p. Carpenter (BARNES)  
1:52; Ralston (OG) p. Kasper (ST CL)  
3:52.  
105 - Young (STEUB) d. Opic (WP) 14-10;  
West (JM) d. Clipner (MEADOW) 10-0.  
112 - Doyle (BELL) d. Cain (MEADOW)  
6-0; Dobbs (JM) d. Wright (EL) 4-1.  
119 - Ciofani (BELL) d. Young (JM) 10-4;  
Hellyer (SPRING) d. Schumacher (ST CL)

13-6.  
126 - Underwood (WEIR) d. Taylor (WP)  
5-4; Parrish (BRKE) d. Pryor (BARNES)  
6-5.  
132 - Nameth (CAD) d. Deaton (MF) 5-1;  
Clutter (OG) d. Knollinger (WP) 6-4.  
138 - Knox (JM) d. Dusci (WP) 6-4;  
Wineman (BARNES) d. Dietz (WHG C) 15-5.  
145 - Dalbenzio (STEUB) d. Creamer (WP)  
9-0; Kriechbaum (BARNES) d. Kisner (BRKE)  
10-4.  
155 - Mitchell (MF) d. Beck (ST CL) 3-1;  
Simmons (JM) p. Schramm (BELL) 40 secs.  
167 - McCune (MAG) d. Hilton (MF) 13-7;  
Doomy (WINT) d. Gibson (CAD) 5-4 ovt.  
175 - Dunn (CAM) d. Haswell (SHADY)  
3-2; Morgan (MF) d. Atkins (CAD) 6-3.  
185 - Smolira (UL) d. Matta (SPRING)  
7-6; Harding (CAD) d. Long (WP) 6-3.  
HEAVY - Moxley (BARNES) p. Staley (OG)  
2:55; Longwell (JM) d. Stillwagoner  
(MAG) 11-2.

#### FOURTH ROUND CONSOLATIONS

98 - Simmons (JM) d. Jacobs (MEADOW)  
5-1; Ralston (OG) d. Hillberry (EL)  
6-1.  
105 - Young (STEUB) d. Hinerman (CAM)  
12-4; Heavlin (CAD) d. West (JU) 14-3.  
112 - Taylor (WHG P) d. Dobbs (JM) 7-5;  
Doyle (BELL) d. Pryor (BARNES) 2-1.  
119 - Mills (STEUB) d. Ciofani (BELL)  
2-0; Carter (CAD) d. Hellyer (SPRING)  
1-0 ovt.  
126 - Underwood (WEIR) d. Beardmore  
(CAMB) 8-7; Ornouski (CAD) d. Parrish  
(BRKE) 3-1.  
132 - Nameth (CAD) d. Ice (EL) 3-2;  
Clutter (OG) d. Sperringer (BRKE) 4-1.  
138 - Knox (JM) d. Martin (EL) 2-0;  
Raptis (CAMB) d. Wineman (BARNES) rule-  
book criteria.  
145 - Simone (WINT) d. Kriechbaum (BARNES)  
8-7; Sambuco (MF) d. Dalbenzio (STEUB)  
6-2.  
155 - Matsakis (SHADY) p. Simmons (JM)  
4:05; Mitchell (MF) d. Mazzella (BRKE)  
4:11.  
167 - Dowling (BPT) d. McCune (MAG)  
17-9; Fisher (WHG P) d. Doomy (WINT)  
18-6.  
175 - Nice (SPRING) p. Dunn (CAM) 4:20;  
Edgell (BELL) d. Morgan (MF) 5-1.  
185 - Smolira (UL) d. Bertola (STEUB C)  
7-2; Williams (JM) p. Harding (CAD) 3:48.  
HEAVY - Longwell (JM) d. Wilson (MEADOW)  
5-4; Moxley (BARNES) d. Shields (WEIR)  
12-3.



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## JOHN MARSHALL COPS OVAC WRESTLING TITLE

By Bill Van Horne  
and Jim Cochran

John Marshall High, rated no better than a dark horse when the tournament started, presented its new head coach, Ed Dugas, with an Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling championship in his first season at the helm Saturday night.

The Monarchs, capturing the title for the fifth time in the 15-year history of the Marshall County consolidation, emerged from a dramatic three-way battle with defending champion Steubenville Big Red and Wheeling Park and clinched the crown when 167-pound junior Bill Gilbert (15-1-1) came from a 5-0 deficit to win a wild final from Cambridge's Jeff Booth (14-2) by a 13-10 score.

The Monarchs had been lodged in second place - 14½ points behind Wheeling Park - as the final day of action in the three-day tournament got underway but after Saturday afternoon's session, JMHS was in front with 146 points to 144 for Steubenville and 140½ for the Park.

From then on you could have thrown a blanket over the top three until Gilbert's victory left the Monarchs with an insurmountable 6½ point advantage.

Ultimately, JMHS finished with 163 points to 150½ for runnerup Steubenville, the champion in two of the past three years.

Gilbert trailed 8-2 at one time and 8-4 after the second frame but knotted the score at ten-all in the third period and won via a penalty point and reversal.

Gilbert was the only JMHS titlist but Dugas, who was assistant to the now-retired Bill Hinegardner for 14 years, had eight grapplers finish in the top six in their respective weight classes.

Picked by the coaches of the 36 competing teams as the winner of the Dave Bierkorte Award as the outstanding wrestler, was 132-pounder Brian Miller (16-0) of Barnesville who never had a close match in three days as he won two matches by pins and had only two points scored against him. In the final, he blanked Tim Pontius (16-2) of Cambridge 9-0. Miller has never finished worse than third place in four years

of competition in the OVAC tourney but this was his first conference crown.

The tournament produced three repeat titlists in John Goempel of East Liverpool, who won at 98 pounds last year and at 105 this time; Phil Milantoni, 1982 state 112-pound kingpin from Brooke who prevailed as conference champ at 119 this year; and Wheeling Central's Fritz Braunlich who won for the second straight year at 185.

Goempel (16-0) was hard pressed to gain his sixteenth triumph of the season as he needed a reversal with nine seconds to go to achieve his 6-5 nod over Martins Ferry's scrappy junior, Jesse Outward (14-5). On the other hand, Milantoni (14-1) built a 4-1 lead against Bridgeport's previously unbeaten Reggie Foston (14-1) and then staved off the Bulldog junior for a 4-3 nod.

Braunlich (17-4) scored the quickest pin of the finals as he stopped Tom Timcho (12-2) of Mingo in just 59 secs. However, Central's 330-pound heavyweight suffered his first defeat in his last 41 matches in two seasons. In fact, it was his initial loss since last year's OVAC tournament. His conqueror was top-seeded Jamie Price (15-1) a 255-pound Cambridge High star who had been forced to go overtime in the semi-finals and had won by rulebook criteria over Meadowbrook's Jim Wilson. Witzberger, who sustained a knee injury in the tournament's second round on Friday afternoon and did not move with his usual agility, was flattened in just 1:02 by the aggressive Bobcat.

Steubenville suffered a bad break when Bryan Bunch (15-2), Coach John Craig's ace 112 pounder sustained a possible shoulder dislocation in the first period of a match with Cadiz's Rich McKinney, last year's Ohio Class A State tourney runnerup at 105. McKinney (13-1) was awarded the verdict by default and Bunch was taken to the hospital.

However, Big Red was nevertheless the only team with two individual champs - John Blangor (15-3), a senior who whipped previously unbeaten Doug Barnhart, Wellsville, by a 12-4 score and sophomore Charley Keenan (18-0) who won a lopsided verdict over Wheeling Park's Art Zoekler (16-7) by a 12-0 score to wrap up second place in the overall standings for the Steubers.

The Park's lone champion was Todd Rowe (21-1) as the Patriots' junior 98 pounder shut out Damon Stewart (14-2) of Bridgeport 4-0.

Shadyside, which was a pioneer in valley wrestling under Art Kirkland prior to World War II but did not have a team for many, many years could boast its first conference mat titlist when Mike Miller (12-1) junior 145 pounder, topped Bill Thrasher (16-1) of Wellsville 6-3. Moreover, the Tigers copped A team laurels with 75 markers.

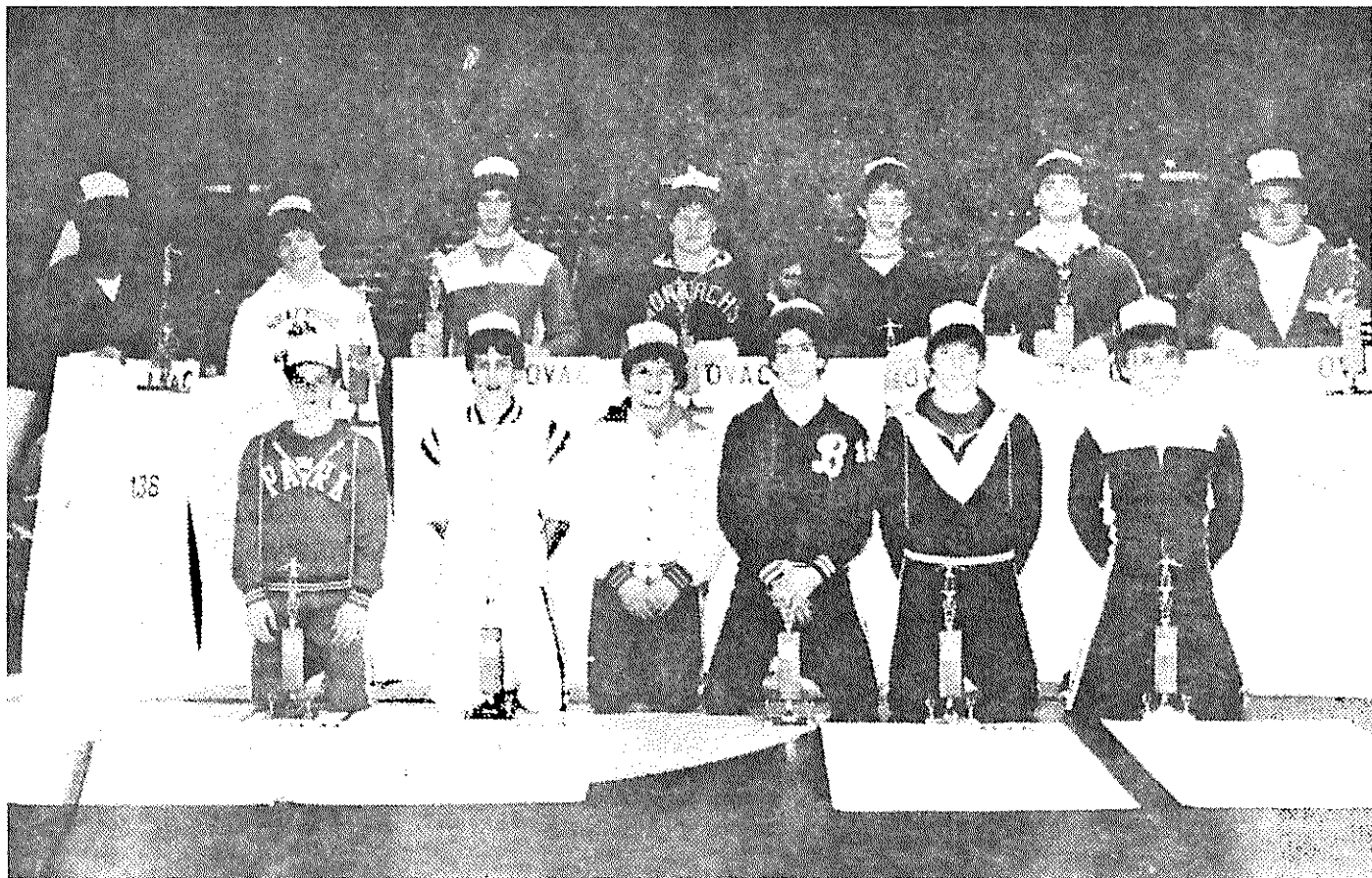
Tim Ward (12-1), Beallsville junior who last year was runnerup at 105, took 126-pound laurels with a 7-2 nod over Todd Hibbs (11-3), Jefferson Union sophomore who was a surprise finalist, and Albert Caldwell, River senior with a 14-2-1 record, pinned Barnesville's John Lynn (8-4) in 2:37 to take the top prize at 155.

While JMHS, of course, claimed the AAAA crown with 163 points to 159½ for Steubenville and 153½ for the Park, Barnesville won the AAA title with 140½ and was fifth overall. Cadiz, winning the AA championship for the seventh straight year, posted 142½ points to

take fourth place overall.

The astuteness of the tournament seeding procedure was demonstrated as the two top seeds in nine of the 13 weight classes reached the finals. The first top seed to bow was John Marshall's 145-pounder, Joe Hoskins, who lost on Friday afternoon to Doug Dalbenzio of Steubenville who subsequently lost to Tom Simone of Wintersville, who on Saturday in the semi-finals was pinned by Shadyside's Miller, No. 5. Top seeds who were defeated in the semis were Kevin Ornouski, Cadiz sophomore whose 12-bout winning streak was snapped by Beallsville's Ward 4-3, and Shadyside 155-pounder Jim Matsakis, whose first loss in 13 bouts was inflicted by River's Caldwell 7-6, thanks to a near-fall in the final period. So No. 1 seeds were in ten of the 13 finals.

In the semi-finals, there were three overtime matches as Barnhart edged East Liverpool's Terry Martin 1-0 at 138; Timcho nipped Steubenville Central's Doug Bertoia 5-3 at 185; and Price won an overtime criteria first takedown from Wilson.



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MONSEAU RECEIVES "MR. MAT"  
AWARD AT OVAC TOURNEY

Dr. Vincent Monseau, head wrestling coach at West Liberty State College, was presented the prestigious Mr. Mat Award Saturday night at the final session of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling tournament at the Wheeling Civic Center.

The award, which was established in 1976 and is presented annually to an individual who has rendered outstanding service to the sport of wrestling, went to Monseau because of his dedication to the mat game for more than 20 years.

A West Liberty graduate from Weirton, Monseau coached a state championship high school team at Oak Glen in 1967. He has been coaching at West Liberty since 1973 and has produced nationally-ranked teams. In 1979, he headed the effort which brought the NAIA tournament to Wheeling and was rewarded when one of his matmen, Dave LaMotte, of Bridgeport, became the national champion at 150 pounds - after being third the previous year - and his team finished 13th in the nation. In both 1981 and '82 another Monseau-coached star, Brian Edison of Wellsville, was national runnerup at 177 pounds. Current Cambridge High coach, Jeff Carroll was a national runnerup at 142 pounds in 1977. In all, he has had nine NAIA All-Americans. His 1981 team made the best showing ever for WLSC at the nationals with a 12th place finish and his matmen were 13th again last winter.

The 42-year-old Monseau, who is also director of the school of health and physical education at West Liberty, officiated for a number of years and has shown a devotion to high school wrestling in the area. In fact, many of his WLSC matmen are from the OVAC area. Furthermore, his annual summer wrestling camps at West Liberty have produced young matmen from the valley an opportunity to gain knowledge from expert instructors.

Valley coaching ranks are sprinkled with men who competed at WLSC for Monseau.

A three-sport performer at Weir High, where he was graduated in 1958, Monseau played football, wrestled and ran track at WLSC, where he was graduated in 1962. He started wrestling at Oak Glen in 1963 and stayed there

until 1968, when he became head wrestling coach and football assistant at Charleston for one year. From '69 through '72, he coached at Weir High and in the 1972-73 school year he was head wrestling coach and assistant in football at Peru, Neb. College. He took the Hilltopper mat job in '73 and also assisted in football there for five years.

Monseau and his wife, Kay, have three children (Vionnie, Anissa Kay, and Aaron) and reside in West Liberty.

Also presented at the OVAC tourney last night were the "Coach of the Year" award to John Craig of Steubenville Big Red; the "Junior High Coach of the Year" award to Bob Baird of Cameron Junior High; and a special award to William McEldowney, executive director of the Wheeling YMCAs, for his pioneering efforts on behalf of the sport.

McEldowney, a graduate of Elkins High School and Davis and Elkins College, joined the staff at the Wheeling YMCA in 1952 as physical director and immediately took an interest in the promotion of wrestling both by providing facilities and instruction for area athletes. He even began work with what are now known as "small-fry" wrestlers and many valley coached got their start in the sport in the '50s by taking advantage of opportunities provided by McEldowney. He also had two teams that for some years competed in a YMCA League and even wrestled some college teams.

In 1967, McEldowney went to Greer, SC. for two and a half years and introduced wrestling as a sport in the YMCA and school. After he returned to Wheeling the school won the state high school championship.

McEldowney, 53, and his wife, Wanda, a nurse at Ohio Valley General Hospital, have three daughters - Debra (a graduate of Fairmont State), Sharon (graduate of Wheeling College), Pam (who attends West Liberty), and a son, Jim, an eighth grader, and all are active in athletics.

Baird has been the coach of the Cameron Junior High team for six years and prior to that was a volunteer assistant for four years. He has coached five undefeated wrestlers. For the past five years, he has sponsored a junior high tourney which has attracted teams from as far away as Elkins and from three surrounding states. He has

traveled far and wide to find competition for his team and has taken his wrestlers to the WV State Open at Huntington.

Baird also operates a pee-pee wrestling program at Cameron Elementary School in the spring. He encourages participation of his youngsters in independent

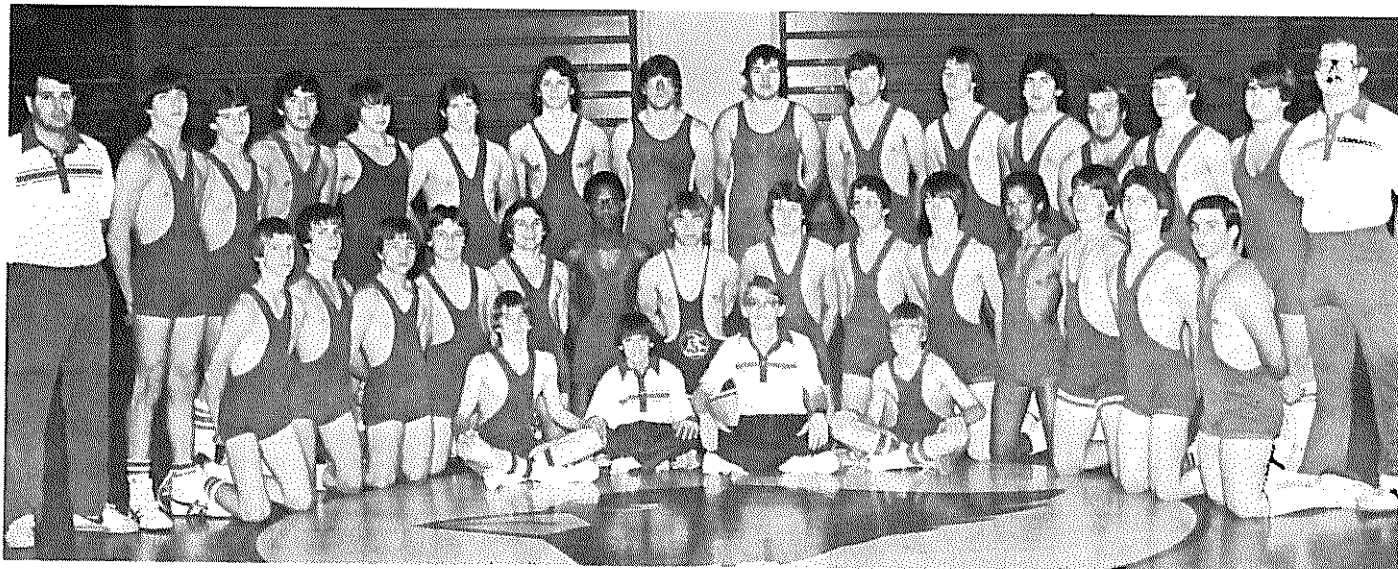
tournaments and camps - sometimes at his own expense.

Now 39, Baird is a graduate of Penn State University and is from Clairton, PA. A science teacher at Cameron High, he lives on a farm with his wife, Jan, and son, Carey.



Lt: Bill McEldowney - Special recognition and thanks for your many years of service to wrestling in the Ohio Valley.  
Bob Baird, Junior High School Coach of the Year.  
John Craig, High School Coach of the Year.

CADIZ HIGH SCHOOL "CARDINALS"  
1981 OVAC OVERALL CHAMPS  
1982 3RD PLACE A OHIO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



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Kim Worrell

6 time OVAC AA Dual Meet Champs 1976, 1978 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982

6 time OVAC Tournament Champ 1976 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982

1981 OVAC Overall Champ 1981

3 time Ohio AA Sectional and District Champs 1978 1979. 1981

1 time A Ohio District Champ 1982

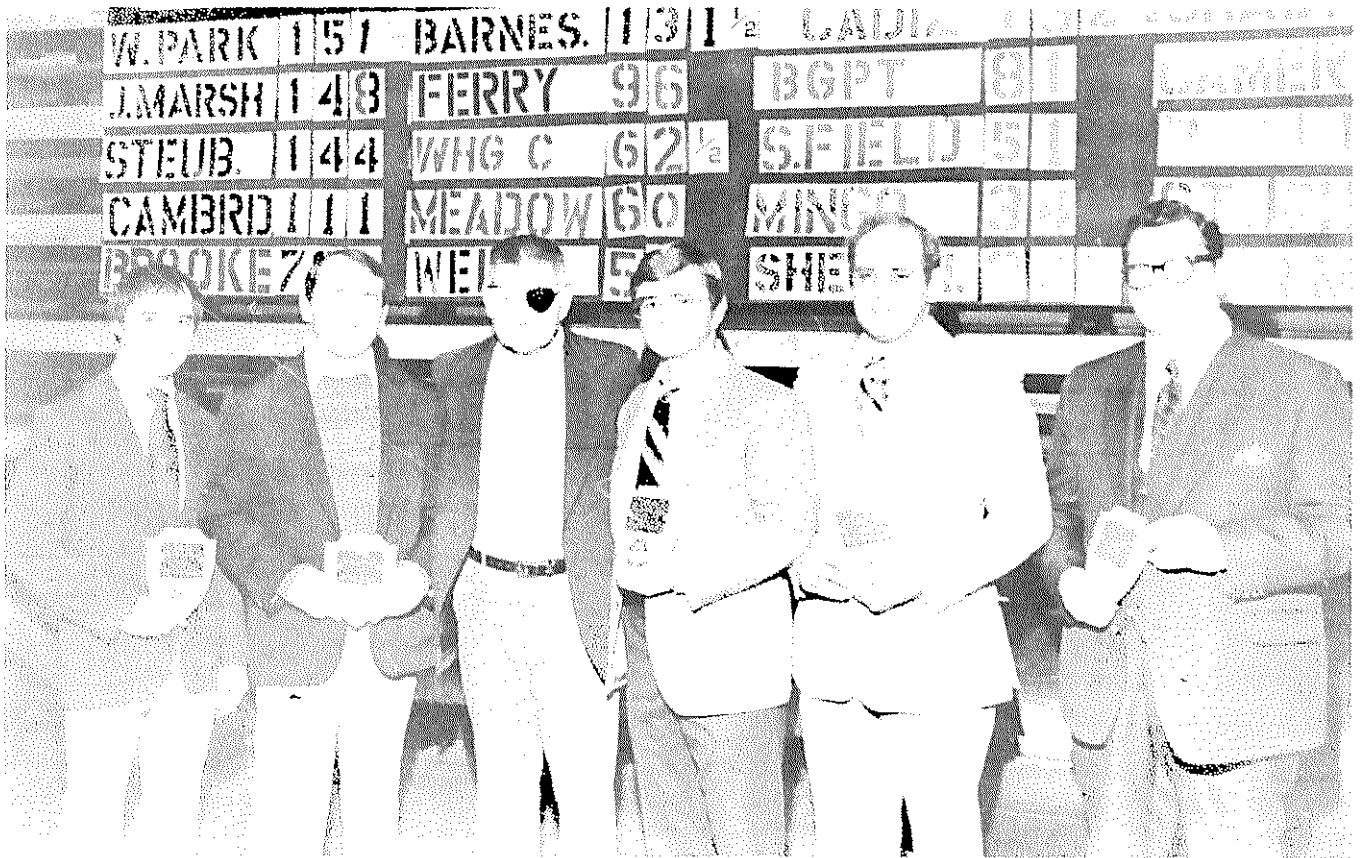
Good Luck Cardinals in OVAC Tournament and 1982-83 Season!



Coach John Grinch and Asst. Coach Tom Merryman happily accept the Single A supremacy on behalf of the Shadyside Tiger Mat Program.

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## FOR THIRD TIME IN FIVE YEARS

## STEUBENVILLE WINS OVAC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT!

By Bill Van Horne

Steubenville High School won its third Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling tournament in five years and did it in auspicious fashion Saturday night at the Wheeling Civic Center.

Coach John Craig's matmen took all the suspense out of the battle for the team title on Saturday afternoon as the Big Red ended the matinee session with a 41½ point lead over second-place East Liverpool.

Boasting two champions and two runners-up Steubenville accumulated 183½ points to 141 for the Potters in the final standings as the Big Red made its way to both overall and Class AAAA laurels.

Finishing third overall with 133 points, Martins Ferry won its fourth AAA championship in the last seven seasons under Coach Vince Suriano while Coach John Stephenson's Cadiz Cardinals took the AA laurels for the seventh straight year but managed only a half-point margin over Barnesville 125½ to 125.

Cameron, piloted by Jim Potts, achieved its first A title by nosing out Shady-side 51-48.

Wheeling Park, third in AAAA and sixth in the overall standings, had something to celebrate as a pair of Coach "Buzzy" Evans mat mites scored pins in the first two finals of the night. Senior Todd Rowe (13-2) successfully defended honors in the 98-pound class, where he repeated as champion with a first-period pin over Cadiz freshman Paul Coffland (13-2) in a bout that went only 1:57. Then Rich DiGiandomenico (15-2), the No. 3 seed at 105, surprised Steubenville's Tim Young (14-2) in the second period 2:51. Both 105 pounders are juniors so a rematch next season is a possibility.

Martins Ferry's Jesse Outward, Ohio State Class AA and OVAC runnerup at 105 last year, made the seeding committee look good with a 14-8 nod over Cadiz junior Darrin Heavlin in the 112-pound final. Battling mononucleosis, Outward had not wrestled a match this season until this week but was seeded No. 1 on the basis of his past record. The

Ferry senior showed remarkable stamina in winning five bouts in three days.

Cambridge, making a wrestling resurgence under the coaching of Jeff Carroll, impressed by taking the next three finals with seniors Dennis Daugherty (10-0) at 119, Heath Beardmore (15-0) at 126, and Tim Pontius (15-1) at 132. Third-seeded Daugherty, who had been forced into overtime before grabbing a 10-0 nod over Barnesville's second-seeded Steve Pryor, bested the No. 1 seed, Rick Brown (16-3) of Oak Glen 8-0 in the finals. Beardmore, a No. 2 seed, came off a 6-3 deficit in the second period and went on to a 13-8 nod over Bridgeport's top seeded, previously unbeaten (15-0) Reggie Foston. And Pontius knocked off last year's 126 pound titlist, Tim Ward, of Beallsville, 8-6 in a bout between the top seeds at 132. Ward, who suffered his first loss in 13 starts, fell behind 6-1 and couldn't catch up.

Incidentally, Ward had to go overtime against Martins Ferry's Alvin Crooks in the semi-finals to win 2-0 and Crooks again went overtime in the third-place match, in which he edged Kevin Ornouski of Cadiz 2-1. In all, Crooks had four overtime bouts during the tourney.

Beardmore brought further glory to the Bobcats as he was selected by the coaches of the competing schools as winner of the Dave Bierkorte Memorial Trophy, awarded by the Wheeling Central Catholic Booster Club, after posting one pin and four impressive decisions during the tourney.

However, the verdict of the coaches was open to some second guessing as both Steubenville's Charlie Keenan, at 185, and Barnesville's giant heavyweight, Tim Moxley, pinned their way through the tourney.

East Liverpool's Brent Taggart, No. 3 seed, scored an escape and take-down in the second period to grab the lead over St. Clairsville's Joe Leightner and won 6-4 at 138. Leightner was seeded only 12th but upset his way into the finals, with No. 1 seed Robert Raptis of Cambridge being among his victims.

Shadyside senior Mike Miller (13-2) repeated as 145-pound champion with a pin over second-seed Paul Ice of East Liverpool in 2:56, after trailing 6-2. Miller had also gone through a hair raiser in

the Saturday afternoon semi-finals as he trailed Nick Mendle of Springfield 4-1 in overtime but pulled out a 6-4 nod via late takedown.

Unbeaten Ron Hilton (16-0) became Martins Ferry's second champion of the tourney with a 16-3 walloping of Bellaire's John Schramm at 155. During the tourney, top seed Hilton scored 16 points in three of his matches and also registered a pin.

Second-seeded Paul Simmons of John Marshall, a WV state tourney runnerup last year, defeated previously undefeated and top-seeded Paul Current (15-0) of Steubenville by a 7-3 count at 167 and now stands 11-3 on the campaign.

Steubenville claimed its first title of the night at 175 when sophomore Brian Young, now unbeaten in 15 outings, whipped previously unbeaten Mark Nice of Springfield, winner of 11 in a row, by a 10-3 score.

Champion at 175 last year as a sophomore, Keenan ran his season's record to 17-0 with a pin of previously unbeaten Dave Matta (11-1) of Springfield, in 3:42.

And the 284-pound Moxley, also a junior, needed only 57 seconds to put away Jim Stillwagner (17-2) of Magnolia in the heavyweight windup. Moxley's longest bout of the tourney went only 1:33 and it's hard to understand how anyone could improve on that.

#### OVAC TOURNEY RESULTS

##### OVERALL TEAM SCORING (Top 15)

Steubenville 183½, East Liverpool 141, Martins Ferry 133, Cadiz 125½. Barnesville 125, Wheeling Park 124, John Marshall 121½, Oak Glen 102, Cambridge 94½, Bellaire and Magnolia 89½, Springfield 78, St. Clairsville 75½, River 74 Weir 66½.

CLASS AAAA - Steubenville 183½, East Liverpool 141, Wheeling Park 124, John Marshall 121½. Oak Glen 102, Cambridge 94½, Bellaire 89½, St. Clairsville 75½, Weir 66½, Wintersville 54, Brooke 41½.

CLASS AAA - Martins Ferry 133, Magnolia 89½, River 74, Steubenville Central 35½, Union Local 19, Toronto 8½, Wheeling Central 0.

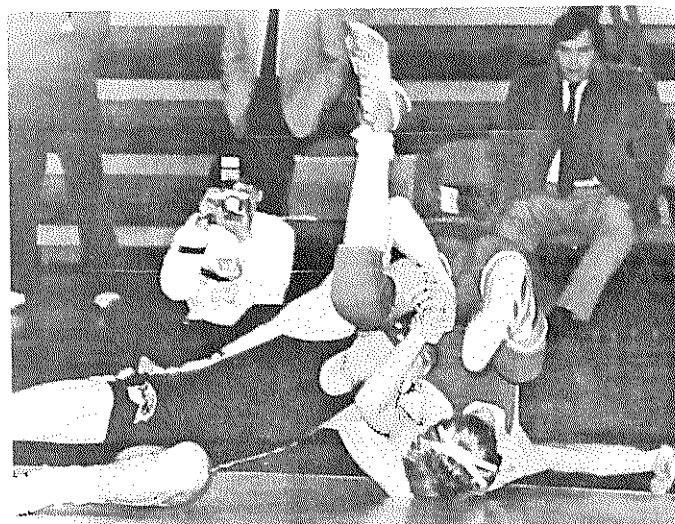
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CLASS AA - Cadiz 125½, Barnesville 125, Springfield 78, Bridgeport 58½, Linsly 24, Mingo 18½, Buckeye North 15, Wellsville 6, Valley 0.

CLASS A - Cameron 51, Shadyside 48, Beallsville 47, Bellaire St. John's 25½, Weirton Madonna 20, Buckeye West 6, Bishop Donahue and Stanton Local 4.

#### CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

- 98 - Todd Rowe, (WP) p. Coffland (CAD) 1:57.
- 105 - DiGiandomenico (WP) p. Tim Young (STEUB) 2:51.
- 112 - Outward (MF) d. Heavlin (CAD) 14-8.
- 119 - Daugherty (CAMB) d. Brown (OG) 8-0.
- 126 - Heath Beardmore (CAMB) d. Reggie Foston (BPT) 13-8.
- 132 - Tim Pontius (CAMB) d. Ward (BEALLS) 8-6.
- 138 - Taggart (EL) d. Leightner (ST CL) 6-4.
- 145 - Miller (SHADY) p. Ice (EL) 2:56.
- 155 - Hilton (MF) d. Schramm (BELL) 16-3.
- 167 - Simmons (JM) d. Currant (STEUB) 7-3.
- 175 - Young (STEUB) d. Nice (SPRING) 10-3.
- 185 - Keenan (STEUB) p. Matta (SPRING) 3:42.
- HEAVY - Moxley (BARNES) p. Stillwagner (MAG) 57 secs.



Rowe WP controls Coffland Cadiz in Championship match at 98

### THIRD-FOURTH MATCHES

98 - Kinemond (SHADY) d. Sigler (UL) 5-1.  
 105 - Bell (BARNES) p. Stillion (MEADOW) 3:33.  
 112 - West (JM) d. McDonald (STEUB) 8-2.  
 119 - Pryor (BARNES) d. Hinerman (CAM) 12-0.  
 126 - Hibbs (JU) d. Polinsky (ST CL) 3-1.  
 132 - Crooks (MF) d. Ornouski (CAD) 2-1 ovt.  
 138 - Knox (JM) d. Armann (RIVER) 8-0.  
 145 - Thomas (MAG) d. Dalbenzio (STEUB) 6-2.  
 155 - Jerrome (WP) d. Sawka (JU) 3-2.  
 167 - Marke (CAD) d. Herron (OG) 7-5.  
 175 - Street (MAG) p. Morgan (MF) 2:13.  
 185 - Fry (BELL) d. Vincent (LINS) 3-0.  
 HEAVY - Little (EL) d. Yaich (WINT) 7-5.

### FIFTH-SIXTH PLACE MATCHES

98 - Mowder (JM) d. Wounaris (WEIR) 1-0.  
 105 - Mizer (CAD) p. Tim Gamble (BRKE) 4:21.  
 112 - Ice (EL) p. Opic (WP) 4:15.  
 119 - Paul Johnson (ST J) won by forfeit over Mallory (STEUB).  
 126 - Ciofani (BELL) d. Kosky (ST J) 4-2.  
 132 - Simmons (JM) d. Underwood (WEIR) 4-0.  
 138 - Eshler (BARNES) d. M. Underwood (WEIR) 14-6.  
 145 - Bendel (SPRING) d. Weigal (WEIR) 4-3.  
 155 - Randy Shust (EL) d. Flanagan (OG) 4-0.  
 167 - Scheid (BPT) d. Mitchell (WINT) 2-0.  
 175 - Potts (RIVER) p. Reiner (EL) 54 secs.  
 185 - Larkey (WEIR) d. Bartimus (RIVER) 11-1.  
 HEAVY - Acconey (STEUB) p. Rowe (OG) 3:05.

### SEVENTH-EIGHTH PLACE

98 - Delande (ST CL) d. Imbroscio (BELL) 4-3.  
 105 - Kasper (ST CL) d. Mercer (WELLS) 6-5.  
 112 - Stewart (BPT) d. Ralston (OG) 6-2.  
 119 - Mitchell (MF) p. Orr (EL) 2:16.  
 126 - Crain (OG) d. Griffin (CAD) 11-5.  
 132 - Dawson (EL) d. Devore (OG) 4-3.

138 - Trowbridge (CAM) d. Bowman (MF) 15-6.  
 145 - Deaton (MF) p. Bernet (STEUB C) 2:51.  
 155 - Toothman (WINT) d. Gilson (STEUB C) 4-0.  
 167 - Richards (SPRING) d. Bohrer (MAG) 5-3.  
 175 - Long (WP) d. Mokros (BELL) 11-6.  
 185 - Mayhew (BARNES) d. Francis (CAM) 6-5.  
 HEAVY - Bonaventura (BRKE) d. Bartimus (RIVER) 8-4.

### SEMI-FINALS

98 - Rowe (WP) 17-0; Coffland (CAD) d. Sigler (UL) 7-3.  
 105 - Young (STEUB) p. Stillion (MEADOW) 4:42; DiGiandomenico (WP) d. Bell (BARNES) 8-2.  
 112 - Outward (MF) d. West (JM) 6-2; Heavilen (CAD) d. McDonald (STEUB) 5-2.  
 119 - Brown (OG) d. Hinerman (CAM) 4-3; Daugherty (CAMB) d. Pryor (BARNES) 2-0 ovt.  
 126 - Beardmore (CAM) d. Hibbs (JU) 14-5; Foston (BPT) d. Plinsky (ST CL) 8-2.  
 132 - Ward (BEALLS) d. Crooks (MF) 2-0 ovt.; Pontius (CAM) d. Ornouski (CAD) 3-1.  
 138 - Taggart (EL) d. Knox (JM) 11-2; Leightner (ST CL) d. Armann (RIVER) 4-3.  
 145 - Miller (SHADY) d. Bendle (SPRING) 6-4 ovt.; Ice (EL) d. Dalbenzio (STEUB) 4-3.  
 155 - Hilton (MF) p. Flanagan (OG) 3:47; Schramm (BELL) d. Jerrome (WP) 11-3.  
 167 - Current (STEUB) d. Mitchell (WINT) 11-2; Simmons (JM) p. Scheid (BPT) 1:26.  
 175 - Nice (SPRING) d. Reiner (EL) 8-5; Young (STEUB) d. Potts (RIVER) 13-11.  
 185 - Keenan (STEUB) p. Fry (BELL) 1:28; Mata (SPRING) d. Bartimus (RIVER) 10-5.  
 HEAVY - Moxley (BARNES) p. Yaich (WINT) 1:14; Stillwagoner (MAG) p. Little (EL) 1:54.

### THIRD ROUND CONSOLATIONS

98 - Kinemond (SHADY) d. Delande (ST CL) 5-1; Wounaris (WEIR) d. Imbroscio (BELL) 2-1.  
 105 - Gamble (BRKE) d. Kasper (ST CL) 10-9; Mercer (WELLS) d. Mizer (CAD) 4-2.  
 112 - Opic (WP) d. Ralston (OG) 7-1; Ice (EL) d. Stewart (BPT) 9-8.

119 - Mallory (STEUB) d. Orr (EL) 3-0;  
 Johnson (ST J) d. Mitchell (MF) 4-1.  
 126 - Kosky (ST J) d. Crain (OG) 6-4;  
 Ciofani (BELL) d. Griffen (CAD) 14-3.  
 132 - Underwood (WEIR) d. Dawson (EL)  
 6-2; Simmons (JM) d. Devore (OG) 4-1.  
 138 - Eshler (BARNES) d. Trowbridge  
 (CAM) 11-8; Underwood (WEIR) d. Bowman  
 (MF) 4-2 ovt.  
 145 - Weigel (WEIR) d. Bernet (STEUB C)  
 4-2; Thomas (MAG) d. Deaton (MF) 10-4.  
 155 - Shust (EL) d. Gilson (STEUB C)  
 6-5; Sawka (JU) d. Toothman (WINT) 9-2.  
 167 - Marke (CAD) d. Bohrer (MAG) 8-3;  
 Herron (OG) p. Richards (SPRING) 1:55.  
 175 - Street (MAG) p. Long (WP) 2:23;  
 Morgan (MF) p. Mokros (BELL) 2:44.  
 185 - Larkey (WEIR) d. Francis (CAM)  
 5-3; Vincent (LINS) d. Mayhugh (BARNES)  
 6-1.  
 HEAVY - Rowe (OG) d. Bonaventura (BRKE)  
 3-2; Accouny (STEUB) p. Travis Bartimus  
 (RIVER) 4:55.

#### FOURTH ROUND CONSOLATIONS

98 - Sigler (UL) d. Wounaris (WEIR)  
 5-1; Kinmond (SHADY) d. Mowder (JM)  
 3-2.  
 105 - Stillion (MEADOW) d. Gamble (BRKE)  
 5-3; Bell (BARNES) d. Mizer (CAD) 10-0  
 ovt.  
 112 - McDonald (STEUB) d. Opic (WP)  
 13-6; West (JM) d. Ice (EL) 7-4.  
 119 - Pryor (BARNES) won from Mallory  
 (STEUB) by default; Hinerman (CAM) d.  
 Johnson (ST J).  
 126 - Hibbs (JU) d. Ciofani (BELL) 3-2;  
 Polinsky (ST CL) d. Kosky (ST J) 14-0.  
 132 - Crooks (MF) d. Simmons (JM) 3-1;  
 Ornouski (CAD) d. Underwood (WEIR) 5-2.  
 138 - Armann (RIVER) p. Underwood (WEIR)  
 3:19; Knox (JM) p. Eshler (BARNES) 4:09.  
 145 - Dalbenzio (STEUB) d. Weigel (WEIR)  
 6-2; Thomas (MAG) d. Bendle (SPRING) 11-0.  
 155 - Jerrome (WP) d. Shust (EL) 5-2;  
 Sawka (JU) d. Flanagan (OG) 12-0.  
 167 - Marke (CAD) d. Scheid (BPT) 5-0;  
 Herron (OG) d. Mitchell (WINT) 1-3.  
 175 - Street (MAG) d. Potts (RIVER)  
 11-7; Morgan (MF) p. Reiner (EL) 43  
 secs.  
 185 - Vincent (LINS) d. Bartimus (RIVER)  
 6-5; Fry (BELL) d. Larkey (WEIR) 8-4.  
 HEAVY - Little (EL) p. Rowe (OG) 5 mins.;  
 Yaich (WINT) p. Accony (STEUB) 4:13.

Sunday March 18, 1984

By: Bill Van Horne

#### Barnesville's State Wrestling Triumph Represents Significant Breakthrough

Barnesville High's triumph in the Class AA division of the giant Ohio State High School wrestling tournament represents a significant breakthrough and should prove an inspiration to other area schools in future years.

The Shamrocks' surprise victory was a fitting climax to a highly competitive season and may be a prelude to what should be a super campaign in 1984-85. In fact, next year's Ohio Valley Athletic Conference tournament at the Wheeling Civic Center could be the best ever, judging from the number of outstanding wrestlers who will be returning.

While area teams on the WV side of the river have won more than their share of state championships, it has been tougher going for our valley schools in the Buckeye state tournament where the competition, on the whole, is naturally much stronger due to the number of schools and athletes involved in the sport within Ohio boundaries - and also because of the tremendous emphasis placed on wrestling in some sections, particularly the Cleveland area.

There may be no more efficient evidence of a real-life sports machine in high school ranks anywhere in the country than the wrestling program at Lakewood St. Edward's, where they boast that the team's most challenging match all season is against the jayvee squad. St. Edward's has more coaches for wrestling than some schools do for football and Coach Howard Ferguson invites nationally-known collegiate coaches and world-class wrestlers to come in and work with his youngsters. Incidentally, St. Ed's makes a practice of video-taping every workout. And its program, like Cincinnati Moeller's in football, is so popular that talented wrestlers come from miles around to enroll at the school.

It's no wonder that St. Edward's has won seven straight Ohio AAA championships and there doesn't appear to be any end in sight. But in Class AA and Class A there is now evidence that East-

ern Ohio teams can compete successfully.

Until Barnesville claimed the AA championship last weekend, the only other Eastern Ohio school to win a team title in the mat sport was Bridgeport, which developed into a state power under George Kovalick's coaching and captured the Ohio crown in 1959 to break a Cleveland area stranglehold on the title that had been sustained since 1942.

Of course in 1959 there were no divisions into class by enrollment and Bridgeport had to compete against the biggest schools in the state. On the other hand, the sport has enjoyed enormous growth in the ensuing years and there are many more schools now sponsoring wrestling teams.

Perhaps you'll gain a better perspective of Barnesville's feat if you consider that 215 schools sent wrestling teams into AA tournament competition in Ohio and that some 2,700 boys took part. Only 208 of those athletes reached the AA state tournament and just four of those were from Barnesville but that was enough for the Shamrocks to claim the coveted championship.

Barnesville achieved its feat with what Coach Darrell Davis called a "maximum effort" from his charges - the mammoth heavyweight Tim Moxley, who pinned his way through the tourney although wrestling with a knee injury that has required surgery; Shawn Bell, who was runnerup at 105; and Steve Pryor, who finished fourth at 119.

What makes it especially beautiful, as far as Davis and Barnesville fans are concerned, is that all three place winners will be back next season as Bell (24-4) is only a sophomore and Pryor (22-6) and Moxley are juniors.

Davis, who has been head coach at Barnesville for seven years after succeeding Dave Kovalick, admits that he did not believe that Barnesville could win the state championship when the Shamrocks went to Columbus. "In fact, when we led after the opening night on Thursday, somebody suggested that we take a picture and keep it for posterity to prove that Barnesville had, at one time, led a state tournament. But I think our kids really started to believe in themselves that night. Being at the head of the standings was a confidence builder and our momentum kept us rolling."

Moxley has enjoyed a truly amazing year with a 30-0 record and with 26 of

his victories by pins and 20 of those in the first period. The 6 ft. 7½ in., 288 pounder, also a tackle on the 9-1 Barnesville football team, had torn a cartilage in his right knee on the Monday before the state tournament and there was some doubt that he would be able to wrestle. But he proved completely dominant at Columbus, even though he was still on crutches on Thursday AM - the day the tournament started.

"We kept Tim's knee iced down a lot and taped it for matches", Davis says. "He really didn't have much trouble wrestling on his feet. We figured being in the down position might give him trouble but he was fortunate to win the toss in each match but the final and elected to take 'up' for the second period. In the final Tim lost the toss but his opponent, Richard Kiko of Louisville Aquinas, elected to take the down position in the second period.

That was obviously a bad decision on Kiko's part because Moxley pinned him in 3:13. None of his state tourney matches went beyond the second period.

The Ohio Valley produced another state champion in 185 pounder Charlie Keenan of Steubenville Big Red. Keenan also pinned his foe in the finals, Laszlo Szalay of Youngstown Liberty, and did it in just 1:47. Also a junior, Keenan won 33 matches without a defeat this year and 27 of his victories were by pins - including quickies of five and seven seconds.

Moxley became Barnesville's first state wrestling champion since Jerry Pryor in 1976 and the school's fourth ever and Keenan is Steubenville's first state champ since heavyweight Jim Ensell in 1955 and second ever. Charlie was the only one of Coach John Craig's five qualifiers to place in the state meet but all five will be back next year. In addition to Keenan, they include Brian Young, 26-3 at 175 as a sophomore; heavyweight Ed Acconey, 15-8 as a soph.; Tim Young, 22-4 at 105 as a junior; and Paul Current, 27-2 at 167 as a junior.

Those five were standouts on a Steubenville team that enjoyed a banner year by capturing the OVAC tournament overall title for the third time in five seasons, repeating as OVAC AAAA dual meet champion, winning its own invitational and capturing district

and regional titles. Craig loses only two starters by graduation and he has some incoming frosh he believes are outstanding prospects.

Speaking of freshmen, Cadiz boasted a state AA runnerup at 98 pounds in Paul Coffland, who finished the campaign at 31-4.

In Class A, the area had only two Ohio place winners, senior Reggie Foston of Bridgeport at 126 and junior Brian Jennings of Buckeye North, third at 138 and the first from his school ever to place at the state tourney.

When you consider what Steubenville and Barnesville, who finished 1-2 in the Tri-Valley Class AA Regional, will be sending to the OVAC tournament next year and that athletes such as Coffland and Jennings will be on hand, along with some outstanding matmen from the West Virginia side of the river, you can almost see meet director Ron Mauck licking his chops as he envisions what kind of show the conference can put on next January.

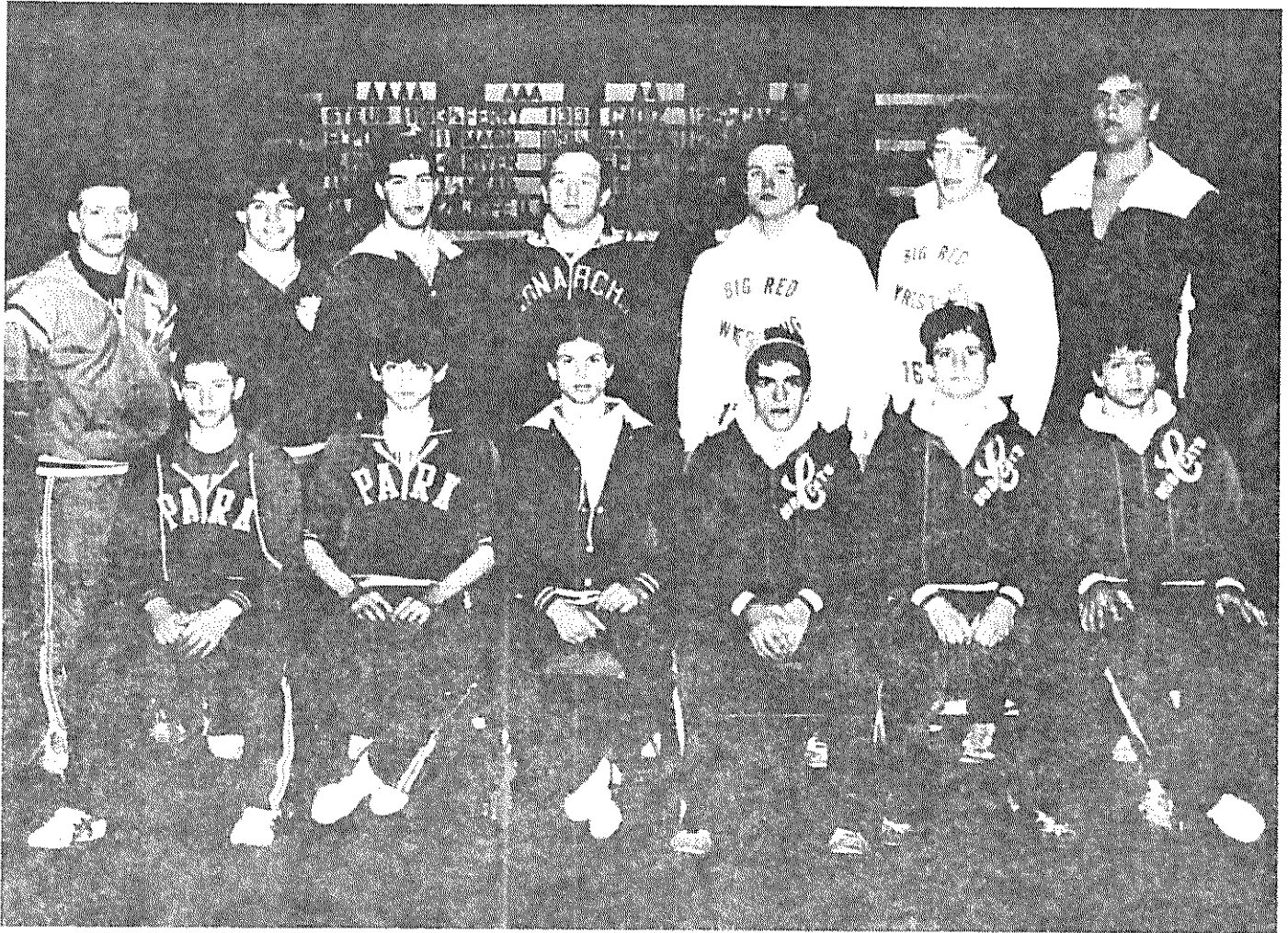
There were four state champions from OVAC schools in the WV state meet - Jim Stillwagoner, Magnolia's heavyweight in AA; and Wheeling Park senior Todd Rowe (a two-time titlist at 98 pounds); Park junior Rich Diglandomenico at 112; and John Marshall junior Mike Knox at 138.

John Marshall also had a WV state runnerup in junior 105 pounder Rick Vargo and Oak Glen had two second-place finishers in juniors Rick Brown, 119, and Jim Szymanski, at 185, while Cameron had a runnerup in AA in sophomore Dave Hinerman, at 119.

Except for Moxley we can't be certain in what weight classes the returning stars will be wrestling next winter. However, from every indication, there is going to be enough talent to go around and provide keen competition at every weight.

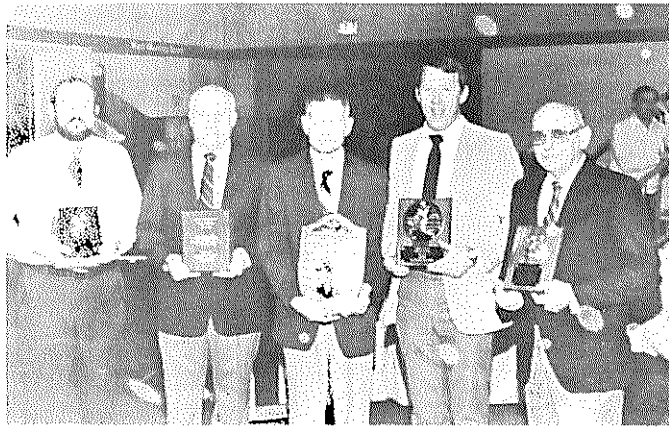
And with Barnesville having cracked the ice at Columbus, the fervor should be at an even higher pitch. Valley kids know that they can compete with the best.

1984 OVAC INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS



98 Rowe WP, 105 DiGiandomenico WP,  
112 Outward MF, 119 Dougherty Camb, 126 Beardmore Camb,  
132 Pophins Camb, 134 Taggart EI, 145 Miller Shadyside,  
155 Hilton WF, 167 Simmons JM, 175 Young Steub,  
195 Keenan Steub, Hwy Wexley Barnes





Jennings  
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Joe  
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1984 Over All Team  
Champions Steubenville

AAAA Champions  
Steubenville

1984 Outstanding Wrestler  
Heath Beardmore 126 lbs.  
Cambridge

AAA Champions  
Martins Ferry

Coach of the Year 1984  
John Craig Steubenville

AA Champions  
Cadiz

Bierkorte Award 1984  
Heath Beardmore  
Cambridge

A Champions  
Cameron

Kovalick Scholarship  
Tim Ward Beallsville



#### 1984 Bill Hinegardner

FORMER highly-successful John Marshall wrestling coach Bill Hinegardner, right, accepts the prestigious "Mr. Mat" Award from George Kovalick, long-time coach who was the initial recipient of the award in 1974. Hinegardner was cited for his outstanding record as Monarch mat coach and his continued contributions to the sport. Kovalick was honored during Saturday night's finals of the 31st annual OVAC Wrestling Tournament when it was announced that the scholarship presented annually by the Ohio Valley Wrestling Coaches Association will be named in his honor.

BOYD NELSON PHOTO

HONORS WERE flowing at the 31st Annual OVAC Wrestling Tournament at the Wheeling Civic Center Saturday night. Special awards were presented to, from left: Jannings B. Major of Beallsville, honored as "junior high coach of the year" for his work at Powhatan for eight years and at Beallsville for two; Hugh Manley, who received a service award for his contributions to the sport while coach at Weir High; George Kovalick, athletic director at Bellaire High and former long-time wrestling coach who received a special plaque from his 1959 Bridgeport High team on its 25th anniversary of winning the Ohio state championship; Ed Dugas, head coach at John Marshall who received his "coach of the year award" for leading the Monarchs to the overall OVAC title a year ago; and Joe Stora of Columbus, a Shadyside native and a three-time place-winner in the state tournament (1939-41), who received a merit award in recognition

of his nearly four decades of association with wrestling as an athlete, coach and official.

#### HINEGARDNER 'MR. MAT' HONOREE

Bill Hinegardner, who coached John Marshall High wrestling teams to the heights, became the ninth annual recipient of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference's prestigious Mr. Mat Award Saturday night at the OVAC tournament at the Wheeling Civic Center.

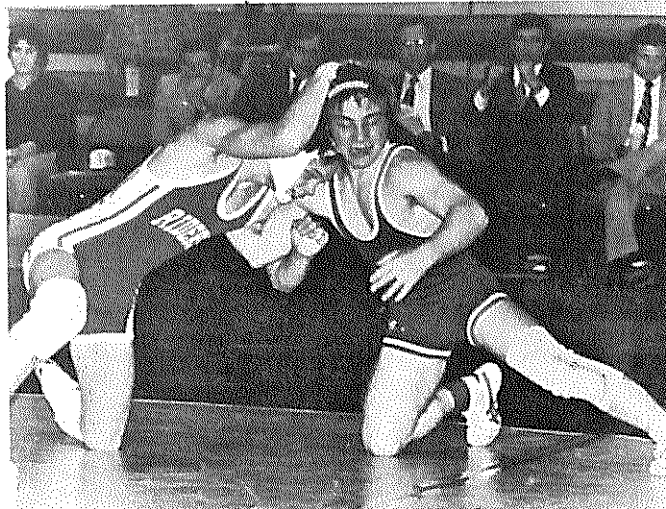
Hinegardner, who established the wrestling program at John Marshall when the school opened and was coach of the Monarchs for 14 years, was cited not only for a brilliant coaching record that includes four WV state championships and four OVAC tournament titles but also for his continued devotion to the sport as a tournament administrator and clinician. He was an assistant director for the giant tourney which concluded last night.

Appropriately enough, Hinegardner was cited on the same evening as his close friend, George Kovalic. It was under Kovalick that the former Concord College athlete coached when he first came to the valley and joined the faculty at Moundsville High.

The conference wrestling coaches and officials announced last night that the scholarship awarded to an OVAC wrestler at the conference's annual spring dinner meeting shall be known as the George Kovalick Scholarship. This is in recognition of the efforts of Kovalick, now Bellaire High athletic director and previously a highly-successful coach at Bridgeport, Weir and Bellaire Highs and at West Liberty State College, in teaching and promoting the sport of wrestling. A member of the Athletic Halls of Fame at Kent State University and West Liberty and the Ohio Wrestling Coaches Hall, Kovalick won seven straight OVAC titles with his Bridgeport High teams and his 1959 grapplers broke a Cleveland domination of the Ohio State tournament that had been continued from 1942. At West Liberty, he coached the Hilltoppers to WV Conference titles in football, baseball and wrestling, and to an NAIA championship in baseball. He also had an NAIA champion and NCAA runnerup in the person of Bobby Douglas,

two-time U. S. Olympian and now coach at Arizona State University.

Kovalick is generally recognized as having influenced more coaches than any other individual in the area and naming the scholarship in his honor is a way for many of those who have been inspired by him to say "thanks".



In addition to Hinegardner and Kovalick, the conference last night paid recognition to Joe Stora, former Shadyside High and Ohio State University wrestler and football player who was an assistant coach at OSU for 11 years and officiated for many years; Hugh Manley, ex-West Liberty athlete and former Weir High coach; Ed Dugas, current coach at John Marshall and Jennings Major, junior high coach at Beallsville.

Stora, who began his wrestling career at Shadyside High under Art Kirkland and in 1940 won a state championship after being runnerup as a junior and third as a sophomore, received the "merit award" while the "service award" went to Manley. As mentor of the OVAC tourney's title-winning team of last year, Dugas was recognized as "coach of the year" while Major was named "junior high coach of the year" because of the job he has done in eight seasons at Powhatan and two at Beallsville.

Like Kovalick, Stora is a member of the Ohio Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame. He played halfback in football at OSU in 1943, before being called into the service and starred for the Buckeyes in the Pitt game. In wrestling, he was a three-year starter for the Bucks and was captain in his senior year.

Stora coached at Springfield Local High in Jefferson County and also at Columbus Westland. He has coached football, basketball, baseball and wrestling. He has officiated not only the state wrestling tournament 11 times but also

officiated the NCAA tournament. He organized the state wrestling officials' association in Ohio and has held numerous positions of responsibility as both a coach and athletic director.



Past Champions of 1959

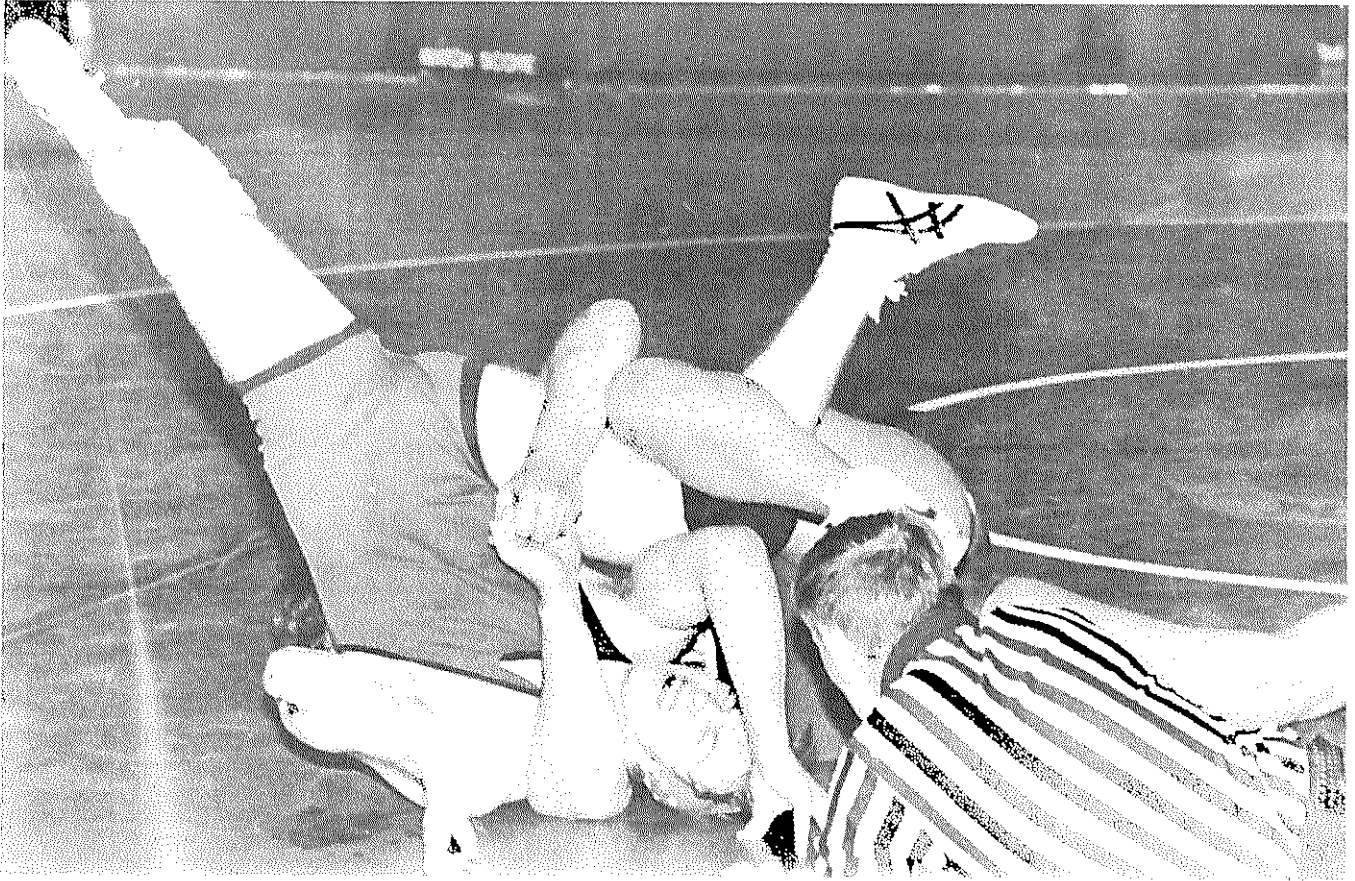
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Keenan - Moxley Heavyweight Championship Match - 1985

Larry Deaton was the official



**GEORGE E. KOVALICK**  
(1923-1984)

THE OHIO VALLEY WRESTLING COACHES ASSOCIATION HONORS THE MEMORY OF GEORGE KOVALICK--A MAN MARVELOUSLY COMPETITIVE, METICULOUS IN ORGANIZATION AND ENDOWED WITH AN ENORMOUS CAPACITY FOR WORK.

HE PRODUCED AN UNPARALLELED RECORD, WITH MORE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS IN MORE SPORTS THAN ANY OTHER MAN WHO EVER COACHED IN THE VALLEY.

HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR TREMENDOUS PROGRESS IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF OUR WRESTLING PROGRAMS.

TEACHER, STRATEGIST AND FUNDAMENTALIST, HE WAS AN INSPIRATION AND A FRIEND.

"FATHER OF OVAC WRESTLING"

In 1985, we experienced the greatest wrestling spectacle ever seen in the Ohio Valley.

With clockwatch precision, it began with Thursday night's session in which the late George Kovalick was honored for his fabulous achievements to wrestling and the OVAC and in all sports. Mr. Kovalick and the entire Kovalick family - George, Jr., Mike, Will and Joe - viewed their father's large plaque being unveiled which will hang in the main lobby of the Wheeling Civic Center.

At 6:28 pm Thursday, January 24, 1985, a huge procession of wrestlers assembled one by one in perfect harmony to the Olympic Theme until all 465 were in perfect formation. The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling officials were to the right of a plaque, which was placed veiled on a tripod in the middle of the north end of the eight

mat Wheeling Civic Center. The OVAC officers were at the rear of the plaque and George's brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles and cousins were assembled to the left. The wrestling coaches' executive committee filed behind the OVAC officers and Ron Mauch, Tournament Director, escorted Mr. Bill Van Horne, Sports Editor of the News-Register, and Evelyn Kovalick to the microphone area next to the plaque.

After Mr. Van Horne's inspiring words were concluded, the Kovalick family passed by the honored plaque and back to position, then the OVAC executives and the OVAC Wrestling Officials. The moment seemed to capture a feeling of "I Love You George and Thanks From Us All" as the Olympic music sounded and the wrestlers and coaches recessional procedure was handled with dignity, respect and pride.



Will Kovalick, Mike Kovalick, Evelyn Kovalick, George Kovalick, Jr.

The Kovalicks admiring the memorial plaque which will hang in the Wheeling Civic Center.



MOXLEY'S VICTORY NETS  
BARNESVILLE OVAC TITLE

By BILL VAN HORNE  
and JIM COCHRAN

Confronted with the threat of his first loss in two years, Barnesville's giant heavyweight, Tim Moxley, came from behind in the final seconds to defeat his gallant challenger, Steubenville's Charlie Keenan, 11-8, and thus presented the Shamrocks with their first-ever Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling championship Saturday night at the Wheeling Civic Center.

The "dream match" had a large crowd in near delirium as Moxley, leading 5-2 in the first period, was reversed and got caught in a half-nelson by Keenan in the second period. Keenan took an 8-5 lead into the final two minutes and still led, 8-6, with a minute to go. But the 300-pound Moxley, towering over his opponent and battling hard to defend his OVAC heavyweight crown, scored a reversal with 35 seconds to go and then caught the much smaller Keenan in a cradle for a near fall.

By vote of the coaches, Moxley was proclaimed the outstanding wrestler of the tournament, which produced one of the most exciting finishes in the 32-year history of the event.

The title was riding on the heavyweight final. Moxley's victory enabled Barnesville to finish with 170½ points and East Liverpool edged into second place with 164½ markers, just a half-point ahead of defending overall champ Steubenville.

Barnesville, which is in AAA in the conference, far outdistanced all foes in its own division. Jefferson Union was the AAA runnerup with 111½ markers.

Cadiz, which won its eighth straight AA crown, was fourth in the overall standings with 142 points. Bridgeport (71) was runnerup in AA standings.

Springfield led the way in A with 63½ markers, four more than Bellaire St. John's Central.

Oak Glen (138) was fifth in the overall rankings, followed by Wheeling Park (134) and John Marshall (133).

Both Moxley and Keenan were defending OVAC champions (and Ohio state champ-

ions) but Keenan moved up from 185 to the heavyweight division to challenge his fellow Ohio State University football recruit. The loss was Keenan's first in two years and ended a streak of 45 straight victories.

Moxley has now won 49 in a row but hasn't had a tougher match in that impressive string than he had last night. To get to the state tournament again, he will probably have to face Keenan again and that should be a match worth going miles to see.

Moxley was not the only hero for Coach Darrell Davis. The Shamrocks had four wrestlers in championship matches and three of them - Shawn Bell at 112, Steve Pryor at 132, and Moxley - won titles. Barnesville's Brian Briggs (14-7) lost to Steubenville senior Paul Current (19-1) by a 6-1 score in the 167-pound final.

Steubenville also had four in the finals and three of them won, with Tim Young at 105, Current at 167, and Brian Young winning at 185 to keep alive the Big Red hopes for a fourth crown in six years.

The first three championship matches Saturday night produced lop-sided scores. Chance Taylor, Wheeling Park's superb sophomore was the first titlist crowned as the unbeaten 98-pounder (23-0) lived up to top seeding with a 12-0 spanking of Don Fenwick (13-4), Cambridge sophomore. Taylor had three pins in five matches during the tourney.

At 105, Steubenville's Tim Young, runnerup last year, took titular honors with a 5-0 victory over Randy Mowder (16-6-1), junior from John Marshall. Young, a senior, has now won 18 in a row and Mowder was the only foe to go the distance with him in five rounds of competition.

Barnesville's Bell, Ohio AA runner-up at 105 pounds last year but now wrestling at 112 as a junior, administered a 12-1 trimming to Darin Heavilin, Cadiz senior who is now 16-3. Bell boasts a 20-1 mark.

First close championship bout saw Gary Sigler (19-1), Union Local junior, come off a 2-2 tie entering the final period of his 119-pound final against previously unbeaten Paul Johnson, of Bellaire St. John's Central, to score an escape and takedown for a 5-2 nod

which snapped the Irish senior's 14-match winning streak.

St. Clairsville's Steve Polinsky (18-0) protected his unblemished record at 126 with a 5-0 shutout of Cameron's Dave Hinerman (23-2). Polinsky led only 2-0 after two frames.

Barnesville's Pryor (15-2) handed Jefferson Union's Todd Hibbs (15-1) his first loss of the season in a battle of senior 132-pounders as he made a first period takedown pay off in a 2-0 verdict.

East Liverpool surged in the mid-point of the final session with three straight victories in championship matches. Unbeaten Richard Wright (21-0), a junior, won convincingly over Scott Sambuco (12-6), Martins Ferry senior at 138, with the score being 11-5. However, Paul Ice (19-1), a junior, needed a reversal in the last 12 seconds to edge last year's West Virginia 138-pound champ. Mike Knox (20-1), John Marshall senior, at 145. Then the Potters' Brent Taggart (19-1) who was kingpin at 138 last year, had to go overtime against Brian Flanagan (11-4-1) in the 155 windup.

The Taggart-Flanagan match was one of the closest of them all. It was 2-2 after regulation time and 2-2 after overtime but rulebook criteria awarded the match to Taggart as he got the first takedown in overtime.

After Current bested Briggs, Cadiz claimed the 175-pound laurels with Todd Atkins (17-1), a junior, winning decisively over Todd Poe (15-4), St. Clairsville senior 15-3.

At 185, Brian Young last year's 175-pound champ, won in a clash of unbeaten wrestlers 17-4 over Dave Matta, Springfield. The loss was Matta's first in 18 outings; Young is now 15-0.

The seeding committee evidently knew what it was doing because the top seed in 12 of 13 weight classes reached the finals. The No. 2 seeds made it in nine classes.

The top seed won in the first five weight classes before No. 2 seed Pryor bested Hibbs. Wright was seeded only fourth at 138 but whipped No. 1 seed, Ron Trowbridge of Cameron, in the semi-finals 7-2. Ice's nod over Knox was a win for No. 2 over No. 1 seed but top seeds won in the top five weight classes and in all took ten titles.

Only 1984 champion who failed to reach

the championship round was Wheeling Park's Rich DiGiandomenico, who was kingpin at 105 last season but moved up to 126 this year and was knocked off in the semi-finals by St. Clairsville's top-seeded Polinsky, 13-3.

#### OVAC WRESTLING TOURNEY RESULTS

##### OVERALL TEAM SCORING (Top 15)

Barnesville 170½, East Liverpool 164½, Steubenville 164, Cadiz 142, Oak Glen 138, Wheeling Park 134, John Marshall 133, Jefferson Union 111½, St. Clairsville 103½, Union Local 78½, Meadowbrook 78½, Martins Ferry 72, Bridgeport 71, Bellaire 70½, Springfield 63½.

CLASS AAAA - East Liverpool 164½, Steubenville 164, Oak Glen 138, Wheeling Park 134, John Marshall 133, St. Clairsville 103½, Bellaire 70½, Cambridge 52½, Brooke 51, Weirton 49, Wintersville 29.

CLASS AAA - Barnesville 170½, Jefferson Union 111½, Meadowbrook 78½, Union Local 78½, Martins Ferry 72, Buckeye North 36½, River 32½, Steubenville Central 21, Toronto 7, Magnolia 4, Wheeling Central 0.

CLASS AA - Cadiz 142, Bridgeport 71, Wellsville 15, Shenandoah 10, Linsly 8, Mingo 2.

CLASS A - Springfield 63½, Bellaire St. John's 59½, Shadyside 49, Cameron 48½, Beallsville 23, Weirton Madonna 21½, Bishop Donahue 21, Buckeye West 12½, Stanton 5.

#### CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

98 - Taylor (WP) d. Fenwick (CAMB) 12-0.  
105 - Young (STEUB) d. Mowder (JM) 5-0.  
112 - Bell (BARNES) d. Heavelin (CAD) 12-1.  
119 - Sigler & UL) d. Johnson (BELL ST J) 5-2.  
126 - Polinsky (ST CL) d. Hinerman (CAM) 5-0.  
132 - Pryor (BARNES) d. Hibbs (JU) 2-0.  
138 - Wright (EL) d. Sambuco (MF) 11-5.  
145 - Ice (EL) d. Knox (JM) 5-4.  
155 - Taggart (EL) won over Flanagan (OG). rulebook criteria in ovt.  
167 - Current (STEUB) d. Briggs (BARNES) 6-1

175 - Atkins (CAD) d. Poe (ST CL) 15-3.  
185 - Young (STEUB) d. Matta (SPRING)  
17-4.  
HEAVY - Moxley (BARNES) d. Keenan (STEUB)  
11-8.

#### THIRD-FOURTH PLACES

98 - Stamm (CAD) d. Byers (JU) 4-2.  
105 - Delande (ST CL) d. Imbroscio (BELL)  
7-2.  
112 - Kinemond (SHADY) d. Burk (BPT) 3-0.  
119 - Mizer (CAD) p. Carpenter (BARNES)  
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126 - Brown (OG) d. Digiandomenico (WP)  
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132 - Kurth (BELL) Ickler (ST J) 5-3.  
138 - Iams (BARNES) d. Jennings (BUCK N)  
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167 - Love (BRKE) d. Richards (SPRING)  
3-1.  
175 - Szymanski (OG) d. Shook (JM) 5-0.  
185 - King (MEADOW) d. Vargo (BPT) 15-5.  
HEAVY - Ramsey (EL) d. Davis (UL) 4-2.

#### FIFTH-SIXTH PLACE

98 - Maidens (JM) d. Takach (STEUB) 10-0.  
105 - Murray (OG) d. Gamble (BRKE) 7-4.  
112 - Williams (EL) d. Callis (ST CL)  
7-4.  
119 - Takach (STEUB) d. Cunningham (EL)  
4-0.  
126 - Carroll (JM) d. Ice (EL) 11-9.  
132 - Crain (OG) p. Werren (CAD) 4:52.  
138 - Anderson (SPRING) p. Trowbridge  
(CAM) 1:19.  
145 - Kovalski (WP) d. Booth (OG) 7-5.  
155 - Hammer (BPT) won by default over  
Jim Reed (BRKE).  
167 - Sergakis (WINT) p. Hardy (CAMB)  
1:36.  
175 - Gallaher (RIVER) d. Mokros (BELL)  
2-0.  
185 - Mayhugh (BARNES) d. Baily (UL)  
7-6.  
HEAVY - Bonaventura (BRKE) d. McClain  
(JU) 8-1.

#### SEVENTH-EIGHTH PLACE

98 - Sobol (OG) d. Ruiz (WEIR) 3-0.  
105 - Mercer (WELLS) d. Warren (BEALLS)  
6-2.  
112 - Vargo (JM) d. Mercer 4-1.  
119 - Monseau (WP) d. Cline (OG) 6-0.

126 - Giffin (CAD) d. Sigler (UL) 7-4.  
132 - Brown (MEADOW) d. West (JM) 7-5.  
138 - Mylnek (BELL) d. Hendrickson (JM)  
5-3.  
145 - Johnson (BRKE) p. Anderson (SPRING)  
4:11.  
155 - Davia (CAD) d. Estes (STEUB) 5-0.  
167 - Jerrome (WP) d. Cunningham (CAD)  
5-2.  
175 - Fineman (EL) d. Prochaska (WP) 3-1.  
185 - Bidka (BD) p. Long (JU) 2:00.  
HEAVY - Haapapuro (MF) p. Peterson (CAMB)  
4:28.

#### SEMI-FINALS

98 - Taylor (WP) p. Byers (JU) 4:45;  
Fenwick (CAMB) d. Maidens (JM) 16-10.  
105 - Young (STEUB) p. Murray (OG) 4:41;  
Mowder (JM) d. Gamble (BRKE) 8-7.  
112 - Bell (BARNES) d. Kinamond (SHADY)  
7-2; Heavelin (CAD) d. Burk (BPT) 4-2.  
119 - Sigler (UL) d. Carpenter (BARNES)  
8-1; Johnson (ST J) d. Mizer (CAD) 4-1.  
126 - Polinsky (ST CL) d. Digiandomenico  
(WP) 13-3; Hinerman (CAM) d. Brown (OG)  
6-5.  
132 - Hibbs (JU) d. Crain (OG) 2-0; Pryor  
(BARNES) d. Ickler (ST J) 6-0.  
138 - Weight (EL) d. Trowbridge (CAM)  
7-2; Sambuco (MF) d. Jennings (BUCK N)  
6-3 ovt.  
145 - Knox (JM) d. Hart (JU) 14-2; Ice  
(EL) d. Underwood (WEIR) 5-2.  
155 - Taggart (EL) d. Hammer (BPT) 6-2  
ovt.; Flanigan (OG) d. Gable (WP) 6-2.  
167 - Briggs (BARNES) d. Hardy (CAMB)  
7-6; Current (STEUB) d. Sergakis (WINT)  
7-2.  
175 - Gallaher (RIVER) d. Fineman (EL)  
3-2; Szymanski (OG) d. Prochaska (WP)  
11-3.  
185 - Bailey (UL) d. Long (JU) 11-10;  
Vargo (BPT) d. Bidka (BD) 12-7.  
HEAVY - Davis (UL) d. Haapapuro (MF)  
9-3; Ramsey (EL) d. Peterson (CAMB) 18-1.

#### CONSOLATION SEMI-FINALS

98 - Stamm (CAD) d. Maidens (JM) 5-1;  
Byers (JU) p. Takach (STEUB) 1:47.  
105 - Imbroscio (BELL) d. Murray (OG)  
2-1; Delande (ST CL) d. Gamble (BRKE)  
6-5.  
112 - Kinamond (SHADY) won by default from  
Callis (ST CL); Burk (BPT) d. Williams  
(EL) 2-0 ovt.

119 - Mizer (CAD) p. Cunningham (EL)  
4:04; Carpenter (BARNES) d. Takach  
STEUB) 4-3.  
126 - Brown (OG) d. Ice (EL) 5-3; Di-  
Giandomenico (WP) d. Carroll (JM) 2-0.  
132 - Ickler (ST J) p. Werren (CAD) 4:51;  
Kurth (BELL) d. Crain (OG) 6-3.  
138 - Iams (BARNES) d. Trowbridge (CAM)  
10-3; Jennings (BUCK N) d. Anderson  
(SPRING) 9-8.  
145 - Underwood (WEIR) won from Kovalski  
(WP) by default; Hart (UL) d. Booth (OG)  
5-4.  
155 - Gable (WP) Reed (MEADOW) 2-1; Sawka  
(JU) d. Hammers (BPT) 8-5.  
167 - Richards (SPRING) d. Sergakis (WEIR)  
6-3; Love (MEADOW) p. Hardy (CAMB) 4:39.  
175 - Szymanski (OG) d. Mokros (BELL)  
6-1; Shook (JM) d. Gallaher (RIVER) 6-4.  
185 - King (MEADOW) p. Bailey (UL) 2:16;  
Vargo (BPT) d. Mayhugh (BARNES) 9-2.  
HEAVY - Bonaventura (BRKE) d. Ramsey  
(EL) 10-1. McClain (JU) p. Davis (UL)  
58 secs.

## BOWMAN NAMED 'MR. MAT'

By BILL VAN HORNE  
News-Register Sports Editor

Dennis Bowman, who initiated wrestling at Bellaire St. John's Central High School and who is now on the faculty at Bellaire High, was named as the recipient of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference's prestigious Mr. Mat Award at the 32nd annual OVAC wrestling tournament Saturday night at the Wheeling Civic Center.

The conference also paid tribute to former Weir High Coach Carl Fodor, who had won two state championship mat teams when he was piloting the Red Riders, with its Distinguished Service Award. John Craig, coach of the Steubenville Big Red, a perennial powerhouse in the mat sport, was named "coach of the year" a formality that goes with being the pilot of the previous year's championship squad, and Bob Rembold, a former Waynesburg College wrestler who directs the mat program at Harding Middle School in Steubenville, was selected as "junior high coach of the year",

The 41-year-old Bowman, who is one of the assistant directors of the giant OVAC tournament, was selected by a committee composed of former Mr. Mat Award winners to receive the plaque, which is carved in the shape of the adjoining states of Ohio and West Virginia.

Bowman was recognized not only for his accomplishments in coaching but also for his work in officiating and for his contributions to the tournament, plus his role as unofficial historian for valley wrestling.

Bowman is in charge of arrangements for recognizing past OVAC individual champions on the 25th anniversary year of their achievements. He assists at all OVAC tournament meetings, helps coordinate the souvenir program and even fills in as public address announcer at various times during the three-day tournament.

Now occupational work experience coordinator in the Bellaire schools, Bowman has had a long association with the OVAC tournament. He was a conference titlist himself at 165 pounds in 1960 and thus was honored with the Mr. Mat Award on the 25th anniversary of

that triumph. He played football for Bridgeport High and wrestled for the Bulldogs. He was a sophomore on the 1959 Bridget team which won the Ohio state championship.

After winning another OVAC crown in 1961, Bowman followed his coach, George Kovalick, to West Liberty State College, where he played tackle, guard, and defensive end in football and was on the 1963 Hilltopper team which won the West Virginia Conference football title. The Hilltoppers also dominated West Virginia Conference wrestling while he was at the Route 88 school and he was a conference heavyweight champion as a senior in 1964. As a junior, he had wrestled in the NCAA tournament.

Bowman broke into coaching at St. John's in the 1964-65 school year and was an assistant in football. He also initiated wrestling. He left to coach at Coshocton for a year and at Martins Ferry for a year but succeeded Dan McGrew as head football coach at St. John's in 1968 and directed the Irish to a 9-1 season and an Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Championship.

Bowman was assisting Joe Bates in 1969 when the Irish won their first OVAC crown but he later took over the mat squad again and in 1971 guided his charges to the OVAC mat championship. In the 1971-72 school year he was at Union Local. Then he became head wrestling coach and assistant football coach at Bellaire High, a position he held until 1977, when he retired from coaching.

While head mat mentor at Bellaire, Bowman had the unusual experience of having his own high school and college coach, Kovalick, as his assistant. Moreover, the star of the team was George's son, Mike, who became an Ohio state champion at 185 pounds.

The 1985 Mr. Mat, who has also had experience as a referee, and his wife, Loretta, who teaches third grade classes at St. John's, have two daughters - Audrey Ann, 18, a freshman at Bowling Green State University, and Amy Marie, 14, an eighth grader at St. John's.



The OVAC's prestigious Mr. Mat Award, for outstanding contributions to high school wrestling, was presented to Dennis Bowman, at left former Bellaire St. John's and Bellaire High coach, at Saturday night's session of the conference

at the Wheeling Civic Center. Making the presentation was Ron Mauck, right, tournament director.

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Davis

Coach of Champion  
Barnesville H.S.

Ron Mauck  
OVAC Tourney  
Director

OVAC PENNANT

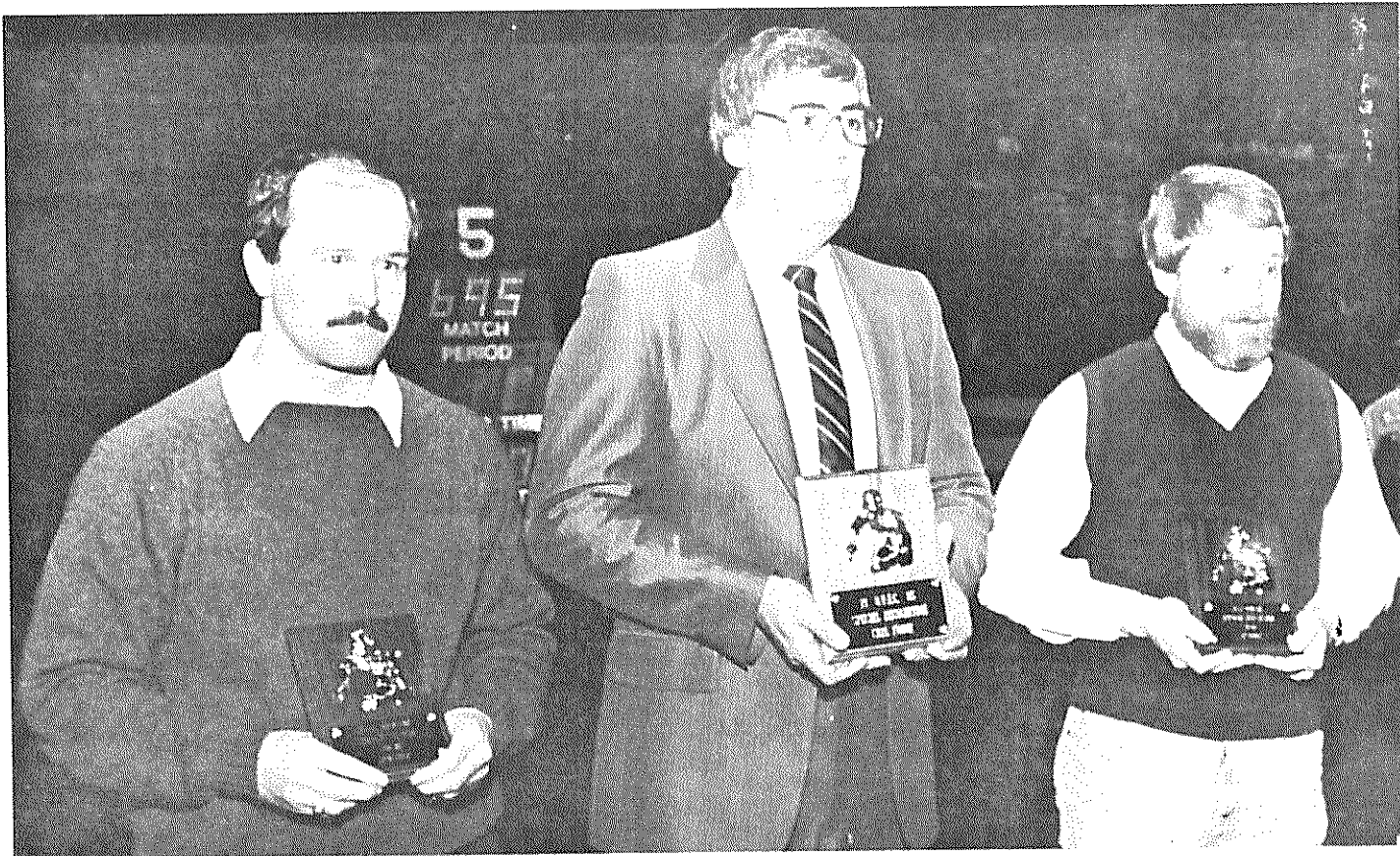
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OVAC CHAMPS



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Hwy Moxley Barnes





L - R:

- John Craig      High School Coach of the Year 1985  
Steubenville High School
- Carl Fodor      Ohio Valley Coaches Association Service  
Award  
Coach - Weirton High School  
Assistant Superintendent - Hancock County
- Rob Rembold    Junior High Coach of the Year  
Harding Junior High School

Past Champions of 1960

Front    Jeff Jones, John Vrotsos  
Dennis Bowman

Back     Bob Bruney, Phil Ward  
Ted Wierzbick



OFFICIALS

Officiating

Mr. Joe Stora

Athlete  
Coach  
Official



Mr. Stora is a 1940 graduate of wrestling power Shadyside High School. His wrestling accomplishments include a third place finish in 1938, a second place in 1939 and a state champion in 1940. At Ohio State Joe was the captain of the wrestling team which was Big Ten Runnerup.

Joe has also been an active wrestling official on the high school and collegiate level and was responsible for organizing the officials in the state of Ohio.

In 1975 Joe was admitted to the Ohio Wrestling Hall of Fame.

JOE STORA

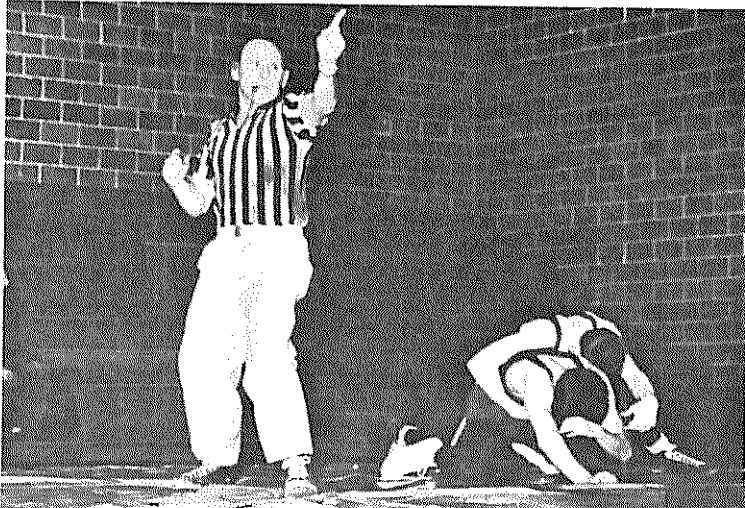
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Two-Time State Champ Shadyside

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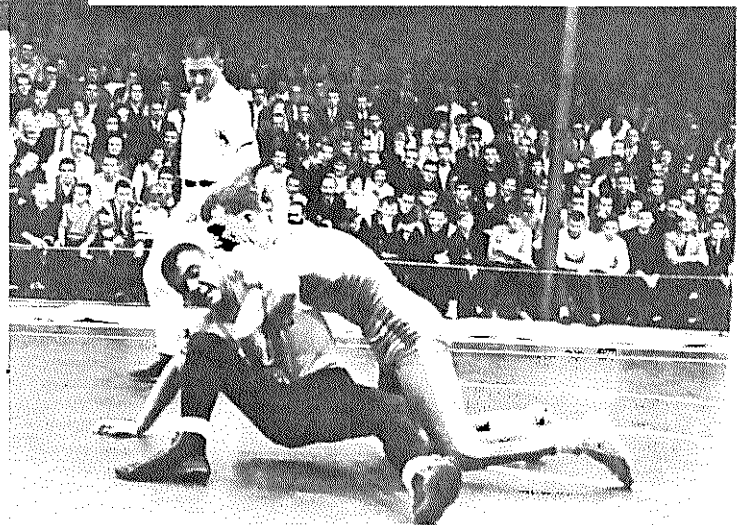
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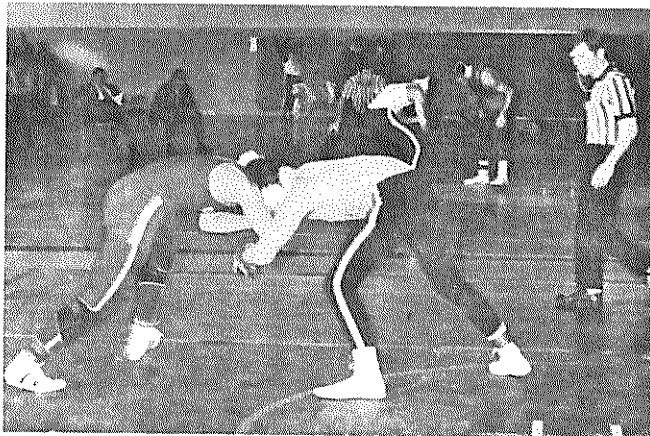
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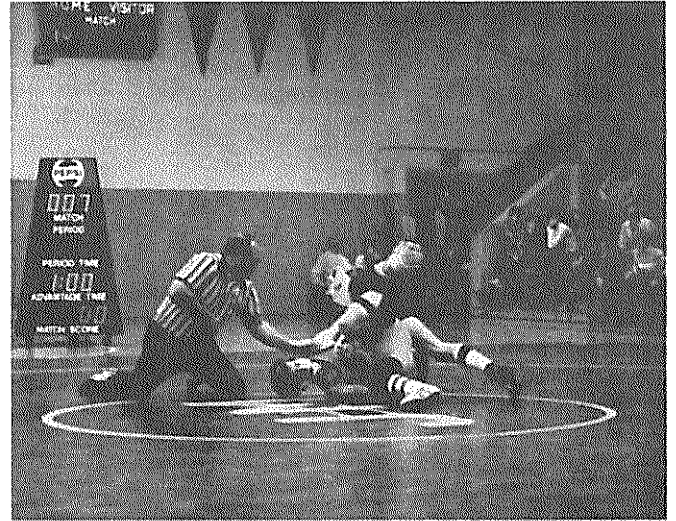
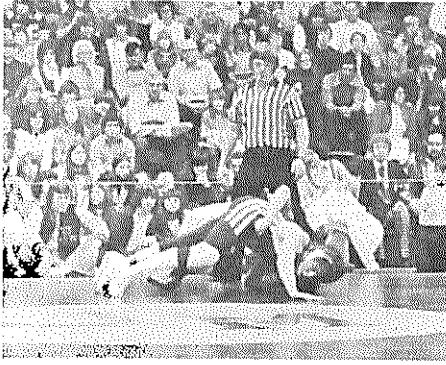
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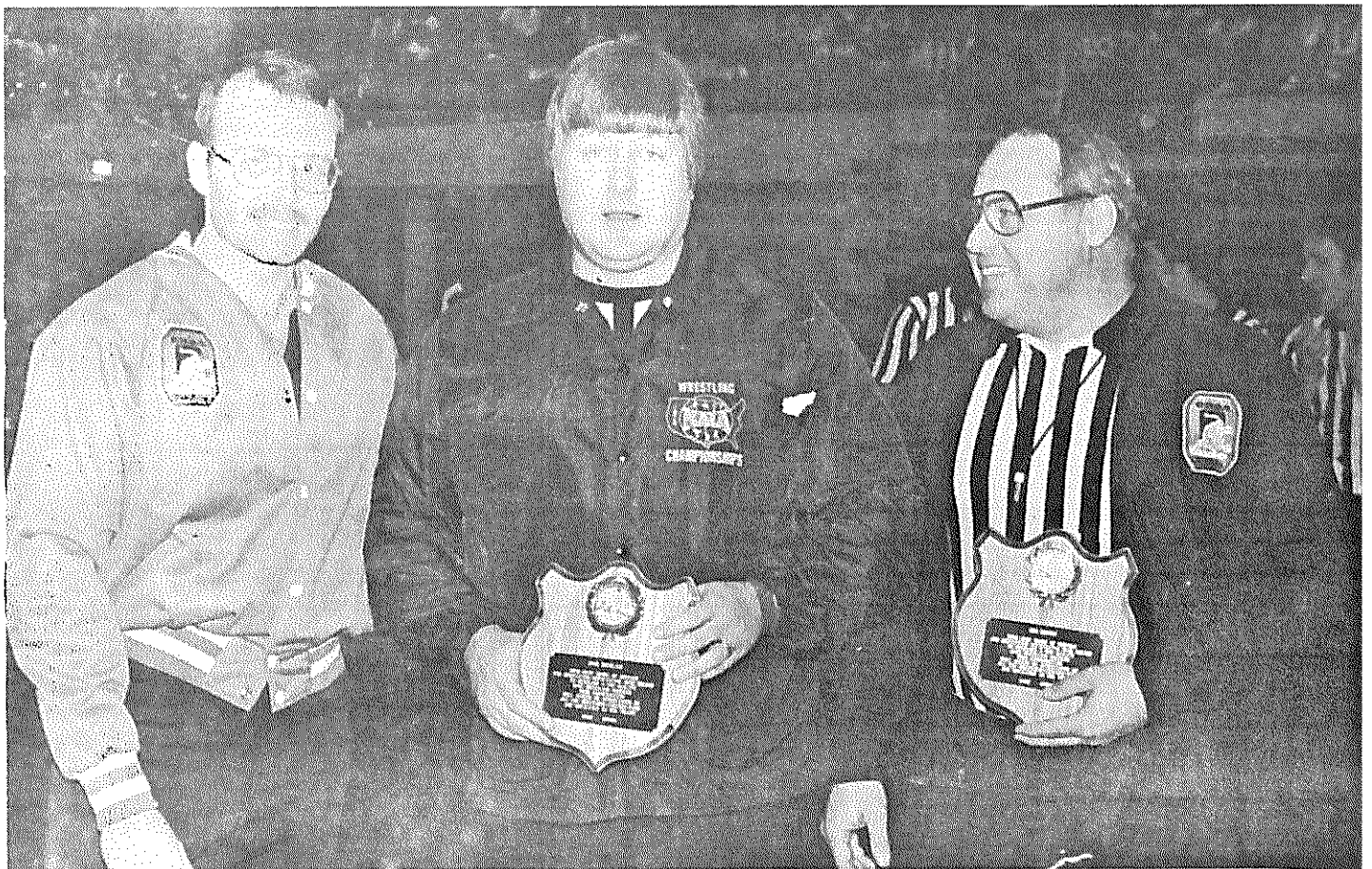


OVAC Official

Walter Tolarchyk  
Coach, North Canton Hoover High School



Official Bob Bruney at 1974 OVAC



Steve Kish  
Pres.

Dave Kovalick

Bob Bruney

Ending their long and rewarding Officiating Careers

## HIGHLIGHTING OUR OVAC OFFICIALS, THE MEN, THE RULES, AND THEIR EXPERIENCES

Throughout this book, dedicated to Ohio Valley Wrestling, its beginnings and tremendous growth, a pride has developed in the accomplishments of wrestling; through its wrestlers, coaches, and enthusiasts who have meant so much to this sport dear to all of us.

Playing a very important and integral part in the success and rise of wrestling are the wrestling officials, a group of dedicated men. In this chapter we will highlight officiating by mentioning the following areas:

I. A brief history of Ohio Valley officiating since 1946.

II. Certification procedures in Ohio and West Virginia

III. The Basic Rules of Wrestling.

IV. Stalling: Difficult Calls

V. Coaches' comments.

VI. 1985 OVAC Tournament Officials' Comments.

VII. Closing Comments.

### I. "A BRIEF HISTORY OF OHIO VALLEY OFFICIATING SINCE 1946"

Wrestling's inception in the Ohio Valley began in the mid 1940's, according to Mr. William McEldowney, Executive Director of the YMCA, who helped with the early wrestling programs in the valley through the YMCA. He mentioned that officials traveled from as far as East Liverpool and Columbus to officiate various matches in the valley during the 40's. In 1956, Mr. McEldowney and George Kovalick felt a need existed to provide a clinic and training for officials, just as there had been a need for coaches in the Ohio Valley to attend clinics and be better trained in their profession. Kovalick and McEldowney knew that in order for wrestling to gain in popularity among participants, schools, and wrestling enthusiasts, it was of the utmost importance that matches were officiated honestly, fairly and, above all, consistently, by all officials.

Through the inception of clinics and meetings of officials in 1956 came the beginning of a desire by officials' associations and individual participants to be as certain as possible that the fairest and most consistent officiating would occur in Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Wrestling. In these early meetings, basic rules were reviewed and consistency as well as rule knowledge were stressed. In 1965, Wheeling attorney J. D. Miller held a clinic and a number of certification meetings, with the intent of better preparing OVAC officials.

Until the mid 1970's, in order to become an official, a test was administered in Ohio and West Virginia with reciprocity provided from one state to the other. If an official was licensed in either state they could automatically request a license in the other state and receive it without any further preparation. In the early 1970's Ohio had established a program in which all officials were required to attend one state-sponsored clinic and a specified number of local clinics for certification. In addition, the apprentice program began in Ohio in which the first two years an official was licensed he was not permitted to referee sectional, district, or state level meets. All Ohio wrestling officials also were observed and graded by registered officials and were encouraged to referee as many junior high, reserve matches and scrimmages as possible to gain valuable experience in actual match situations.

### II. CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES IN OHIO AND WEST VIRGINIA"

Thus, until the mid 1970's, Ohio's requirements were very stringent as compared to West Virginia's reciprocity requirement. In the mid 1970's, the state of West Virginia strengthened its requirements including many of the following which are quoted from the 1984-85 West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission Officials' Handbook:

"I. All officials wishing to register with the West Virginia Secondary Activities Commission were required to join a local board of their choice". A local board of OVAC officials was established by Mr. Larry Deaton in 1974 in an

attempt to permit local officials to attend local meetings in Martins Ferry, rather than traveling to such far-away areas as Cambridge, East Liverpool or Columbus. Mr. Deaton served as executive secretary for seven years, relinquishing this position to Mr. Robert Bruney, who served in the position as executive secretary until 1982 when he retired from officiating. At that time, Mr. Deaton again assumed the position and is presently serving in that capacity.

2. The applicant must be 18 years of age or older.

3. First year officials are required to submit a completed physical examination upon application for membership.

4. The WVSSAC conducts a series of clinics each year throughout the state. Each official is required to attend one yearly clinic.

5. Testing includes:

(a) A part I test which is an open book test, either taken as a part of the regular local meetings or by an individual if a person is not a member of a local organization.

(b) A Part II test is a closed book examination supervised at designated areas throughout the State of West Virginia. (Our local testing sites are John Marshall and Weirton High Schools and these tests are administered in early December of each year).

6. "Classifications are as follows:

Class I - 100-90 points - minimum of five years experience.

Class II - 89-75 points - minimum of four years experience;

Class III - 74-40 points - minimum of two years experience;

Class IV - Any of the following three items: (a) Less than 40 points. (b) Less than two years experience. (c) Less than 55% on supervised examination (Part 2). The point system utilized involved the areas of experience (maximum ten points), meeting attendance (maximum ten points), games or matches worked (maximum 20 points), coaches rating (maximum 30 points), Part II (national federation) supervised examination (maximum 30 points).

7. Officials are also required to file a special report to the WVSSAC office concerning unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the players, coaches, or spectators at all contests involving member schools, and forms are provided in triplicate to each official at the beginning of the wrestling season. In addition, officials are required to rate and provide member schools a rating of their facilities, sportsmanship and behaviour of players, coaches, spectators, game administration and management."

A very important factor in establishing consistency of officials in the OVAC and throughout the states of Ohio and West Virginia has been the attendance of officials at four mandatory local meetings of the officials' association. The Ohio Valley Wrestling Officials' meetings are scheduled during the latter part of November and early portion of December, as well as prior to the OVAC Tournament, for all OVAC officials. The present officers of the Ohio Valley Wrestling Officials' Association are: Larry Deaton, Executive Secretary (11 years); Bill Welker, Rules Interpreter (five years) and Steve Kish, President (11 years). In these officials' meetings, the following is discussed:

(1) All new rule changes for the present year are reviewed and discussed, being certain that each official understands these changes.

(2) The wrestling rules book, issued by the National Federation of State High School Associations, is reviewed. It consists of wrestling rule changes and other areas of importance.

(3) At least one meeting constitutes review of stalling techniques and line calls (these are two of the most difficult areas in wrestling officiating).

(4) When actual matches begin in December time is utilized in reviewing actual match situations which have occurred. This is a very important portion of our meetings, since it allows each of us to discuss difficult calls and helps bring potential problems to the attention of other officials to assure we are as consistent as possible in making these calls.

These local association meetings have been very important in creating a feeling of camaraderie, trust, and respect in each official toward fellow Ohio Valley wrestling officials. Each of us feels very strongly that we will do the very best job in being as consistent as possible and honest with all calls, in that each of us feels comfortable in working as an assistant or a judge for any of the officials in our association.

Coaches and spectators are encouraged to attend our meetings if they have any positive or negative input which would be of value in helping us make the fairest and best calls. A number of coaches attend our meetings as spectators, as well as registered officials, which assists them in staying current with officiating procedures each year.

### III. "THE BASIC RULES OF WRESTLING"

Wrestling is based on control of one wrestler over another. It is the responsibility of the official to identify and award the proper points, and to assure the safety of each participant by being in a position to help alleviate injury and potential injury.

A summary of scoring as quoted in the 1985-85 National Federation Wrestling Rules Book is as follows:

#### "Individual Match:

- Take down - two points
- Escape - one point
- Reversal - two points
- Near fall - two points - three points

#### Tournament:

- Fall - two points
- Default - two points
- Forfeit - two points
- Disqualification - two points
- Advancement in the championship bracket - two points
- Advancement in the consolation bracket - one point
- Superior decision - one point
- Major decision -  $\frac{1}{2}$  point

#### Dual Meet:

- Fall - six points
- Forfeit - six points
- Default - six points
- Disqualification - six points
- Draw - two points
- Superior decision - five points (by 12 or more points)
- Major decision - four points (by eight-11 points)
- Regular decision - three points

Individual scoring maneuvers include the following:

1. A takedown results from a neutral position when a wrestler gains control over his opponent on the mat while the supporting points of either wrestler are in bounds. In addition, a takedown can be scored when the majority of the defensive wrestler's weight is on his hand or hands since they are considered supporting points. The take-down is awarded when one or both knees of the defensive man are touching the mat beyond reaction time when the defensive man's legs are controlled and the majority of his weight is supported by his hands.

2. It is an escape when the defensive wrestler gains a neutral position and his opponent has lost control. An escape is one point.

3. There is a reversal when the defensive wrestler comes from underneath and gains control of his opponent either on the mat or in a rear standing position while the supporting points of either wrestler are in bounds. A reversal is two points.

4. It is a near-fall when the offensive wrestler is in control of his opponent in a pinning situation and (a) both shoulders or scapula of the defensive wrestler are held momentarily stopped touching the mat (b) when the defensive wrestler is held momentarily in a high bridge or on both elbows (c) both shoulders or scapulas of the defensive wrestler are held momentarily stopped within 4 inches of the mat or less, or one shoulder or scapula of the defensive wrestler is touching the mat and the other shoulder or scapula is held at an angle of 45 degrees. A near-fall is ended when the defensive wrestler gets out of a pinning situation. The



referee must not signal the score for a near-fall until the situation is ended and only one near-fall shall be scored in each pinning situation. Two to three points are awarded for a near-fall situation depending upon the amount of time the wrestler controls his opponent in the above criteria.

5. A fall occurs when any part of both shoulders or scapula are held in contact with the mat for two seconds. When possible the official will attempt to count near-fall points with a two-five visual handcount. With a near-fall the official will slap the mat and blow the whistle at the same time."

#### V. STALLING: A DIFFICULT CALL"

The most difficult call for an official is stalling. With the various free-style techniques and throws utilized in wrestling in the past ten years, officials have had to be more aware of stalling techniques from the standing position and also from the offensive and defensive positions. During the 1983-84 seasons, the National Federation of Wrestling recommended that officials, when possible, utilize a visual hand-count in addition to a verbal hand-count whenever stalling was perceived. This has been a very valuable aid to officials since it warns both wrestlers that one or both of them is being perceived as stalling. This procedure has assisted us in creating more aggressive wrestling. The following guidelines were published in the 1984-85 National Federation Wrestling Rules Book as an aid to coaches, wrestlers, and officials to help create and maintain aggressive wrestling:

#### COMMON STALLING TACTICS

##### Neutral Position:

1. Upper body tieups with no intent to take your opponent down.
2. Blocking with the forearm or head against the chest or clavical.
3. Faking contact.
4. Grasping one leg and holding it without a follow-through for a takedown.
5. Leaving the ten-foot circle without making contact.

##### Offensive Position:

1. Being content to simply ride the opponent.
2. Double leg grapevine for riding only.
3. Trapping an ankle with the lower leg while using a deep waist.
4. Deep waist ride with no attempt to improve.
5. Holding an opponent in a cradle without making an attempt to turn him to his back.
6. After breaking an opponent down, shooting a deep half or arm bar and staying parallel with him.
7. Repeatedly utilizing a grapevine when your opponent stands.
8. While on your feet staying behind your opponent, making no attempt to bring him to the mat.

##### Defensive Position

1. You are not required to expose yourself but you must work to improve.
2. Remaining on all fours as in a basic start.
3. Content to just lay on the mat in a belly-down position.
4. Laying on the mat with elbows held in close to the body.
5. Grasping opponent's hands and just holding them close to your body."

Knowledge of the above stalling tactics have been a great assistance to officials as well as being able to use the verbal and visual handcount mentioned earlier. However, stalling calls are by far the main source of subjective decision making for an official and are difficult ones for officials to make. As an association, we spend much time attempting to create consistency when stalling occurs.

#### V. "COACHES COMMENTS"

Throughout this chapter a number of facts have been mentioned and we thought it important to discuss officials as the human beings they are and how some of the coaches perceive them throughout the Ohio Valley. In order to accomplish this goal, a cross section of coaches throughout the valley were asked to participate by responding to a questionnaire. Each of the coaches was asked the following:

- (a) Give a brief background of your experience in wrestling.
- (b) What is the importance of the official in wrestling?
- (c) What qualities do you think are important in OVAC officials?
- (c) Do you think it should be mandatory that all coaches attend four local officials meetings or possibly take an officials' test to help keep them aware of the sport?

The following coaches were asked to respond to the above questions - John Craig, wrestling coach at Steubenville "Big Red" for the past ten years with a total of 13 years of coaching. He has produced three OVAC championship teams - 1980, 1982, and 1984; two OVAC dual championships - 1983, 1984; five district championships, two regional championships; and his 1985 team placed third in the "AA" Ohio State Championships.

Coach Craig thinks that the importance of the wrestling officials is: "The officials are the central characters in any and all wrestling matches. As with other officials in other sports, the official is responsible for the safety of the wrestlers. He is also responsible for enforcing all rules in a fair and impartial manner. I personally believe that wrestling officials achieve a closeness to the wrestler. I don't exactly have any hard evidence to support this contention but wrestling officials care for the wrestler and the sport".

In response to the question of the importance of the OVAC Wrestling officials, Coach Craig mentioned that he felt "their knowledge, fairness and consistency are very important".

Concerning the possibility of mandatory officials meetings for coaches, Coach Craig stated - "It would be a good idea, but impractical. I feel that coaches have become more knowledgeable during the past years and therefore better in understanding the rules and roles of officials". He also felt that a test would be a good idea or perhaps a clinic put on by the officials.

Ed Dugas, who was an official himself from 1966-1975 and served as assistant wrestling coach at John Marshall High School under Bill Hinegardner for 14 years from 1969-1982, helped produce four state championship teams four state runnersup, and one third place team. As head coach from 1983 to 1985 he placed second, third, and fifth in the state in AAA. They were first seventh in the OVAC and he was chosen 1983 OVAC Coach of the Year. He presently has a 31-8 dual record.

Concerning the importance of the official, Mr. Dugas stated the following:

"Each match that an official works he represents the OVAC Conference, the state he is affiliated with, and the sport of wrestling. He is observed by hundreds of fans, wrestlers, coaches, and spectators throughout the season. A good wrestling official will inform the fans get the most out of the wrestlers, and earn the respect of coaches. Together with the press, a bright future in Ohio Valley Wrestling will be assured".

Concerning the important qualities of an OVAC official, Coach Dugas stated - "His attitude before, during, and after a match more than anything else will offset his success. Within his attitude, self-confidence should be seen; fairness demonstrated in rule interpretations; and honesty believed by all".

Concerning a mandatory testing or meeting of coaches, Coach Dugas stated: "First thing let's put the officials' organization in perspective. Their purpose is to promote wrestling officiating and enhance the caliber of officiating, not to coach or help the coaches. When an officials' organization starts talking about making meetings mandatory for coaches, then they have lost site of the purpose of their group. The meetings are for officials, young and old, experienced and unexperienced, to help one another by way of rules, interpretations, mechanics, and constructive conversation. The coaches are accountable only to an administrator within the county they are employed, certainly not by an officials' group. Although the

intentions might seem good, I think the group has both feet on the line!"

Mr. Dave LaMotte, head wrestling coach at Bridgeport High School, is a 1979 graduate of West Liberty State College where he achieved a 103-14-2 record and was a two-time NAIA All-American, placing third in 1978 and becoming 1979 National NAIA Wrestling Champion. He has coached at Wheeling Central and is presently head coach at Bridgeport High School. Concerning the importance of the official, Coach LaMotte said - "First, I would like to explain that I feel the official has an awesome responsibility today in high school wrestling. He not only must be up on all the rules but he must be able to make calls and decisions quickly without second guessing himself. Many of these calls are judgement on the part of the official; for example - which wrestler is stalling, calling near-falls at the end of the mat, when to call stalemates, when to call the match for a potentially dangerous hold - and the list could go on. Sometimes the official can be very important to the outcome of the match".

Concerning the qualities that are important in OVAC officials, Coach LaMotte stated - "The qualities that I personally look for in an OVAC official are:

(1) Is the official knowledgeable of the rules and does he have a love for the sport?

(2) His number one priority should be the welfare and the safety of both wrestlers on the mat.

(3) Does he have control of a match without 'stealing the show'?. In other words, he should remain as inconspicuous as possible.

(4) Is he going to listen to a legitimate question without getting upset?

(5) Is he consistent with his calls?"

Concerning a mandatory meeting or testing of the official, Coach LaMotte stated the following: " Personally, I feel the idea of coaches taking an official examination might possibly lead to improvement of the sport. If a coach is not familiar with the rules it would make it difficult for him to carry out his duties. If the coach takes the exams and is deficient in certain areas, he should be allowed to review his mistakes. This can only lead to improvements of the sport. On the other hand, I would not be in favor of making four official meetings mandatory. Wrestling coaches put in long hours to run a program and to require them to attend four meetings is hasseling them a bit too much. Coaches should be able to keep up with the rules each year by reading the rule book and attending the mandatory rule interpretations clinic".

Coach Jeff Oberdick, head wrestling coach at Martins Ferry High School, was a four-year letterman at Martins Ferry High School where he achieved the most victories of any Martins Ferry wrestler with an overall record of 84-23-1. He placed four years in the OVAC, including being champion his sophomore year, second as a junior, third his senior year, and fourth in his freshman season. He was also a four-time sectional champion and two-time district champion. He wrestled at West Liberty State College from 1976-1980 and served four years as assistant coach at Martins Ferry from 1980-84. He has been head coach at Martins Ferry High School from 1984-85.

Coach Oberdick's response to the importance of the official in wrestling was the following: "The wrestling official is charged with administrating the contest. The official should award points as earned by the wrestlers clearly and decisively, being both fair and consistent in his decisions. The official's decisions must be based on the National Federation's Wrestling rules. He must conduct the match, keeping the safety of the wrestlers his main concern. A good official should be unobtrusive. He should be a non-visual part of the

Coach Terry Brinker, head wrestling coach at Bellaire High School during the 1984-85 school year and who served three years as an assistant at Bellaire, also reinstated the wrestling program at Shady-side in 1978. Coach Brinker participated in his senior year at Bellaire and in 1973 was a third place finisher in the OVAC and was sectional and district runnerup, participating in the state tournament that year.

Concerning the importance of the wrestling official, Coach Brinker stated - "A wrestling official is a person like you and I. Just as you and I differ in our likes and dislikes, all those who officiate wrestling will see things just a little bit different; but they are all trying to do their best to call things consistently each time. Patience and consistency are of the utmost importance. Patient is required to call the match and not rush a call before it occurs. Also, patience is needed to hear a coach in disagreement since coaches can assist in clearing things up that may have been called incorrectly. As both an official and a coach, I have gained an appreciation for both men's positions. I truly feel officiating has helped me as a coach and because of this experience, I feel the same could hold true for an official who should attempt to coach, possibly at a pee-wee level, in order to gain the experience or the feeling of being in the chair as a coach. Fortunately, most of our OVAC officials have coached and understand both sides".

#### VI. "1985 OVAC TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS COMMENTS"

Each of the 12 officials during the 1984-85 wrestling tournament was asked to participate in a questionnaire with the following questions asked:

- (1) How many years have you officiated in the OVAC Tournament?
- (2) What is your most memorable moment as an official?
- (3) What is your most embarrassing moment in officiating? and
- (4) Why do you enjoy officiating?

The officials and their responses are included below.

Larry Deaton, who wrestled at Martins Ferry four years was an OVAC champion in 1964; he has officiated 20 years and has officiated 15 OVAC Tournaments. He instituted a pee-wee program in Martins Ferry which was open to all local young wrestlers. This program was very important in helping the Ohio Valley to become so strong in wrestling.

When asked his most memorable moment, Mr. Deaton stated: "Having the opportunity to referee the Pan-American Trials in 1979 was a highlight of my career and my most memorable moment". Mr. Deaton's most embarrassing moment occurred in a match at Oak Glen in which he reversed a pin call.

When asked why he enjoys officiating, he stated: "I love wrestling - having been an official and also having wrestled and coached for so many years".

Mr. Larry Rine, a resident of Moundsville, WV., is a two-time OVAC champion and West Virginia state runnerup who has been officiating seven years. When asked his most memorable moment in officiating, he mentioned: "The day that I was chosen to work my first OVAC Tournament was very memorable and exciting".

When asked his most embarrassing moment, Mr. Rine mentioned "there have been too many to pinpoint just one".

Concerning enjoyment of officiating, he stated - "I enjoy officiating because of working with the officials and coaches in the valley since they are such a great bunch of guys. In addition, it is a pleasure to be a part of this activity and part of the camaraderie which exists in the Ohio Valley. Officiating also keeps me involved with the sport that has meant so much to me over the years as a coach, wrestler, and official".

Mr. Dave DeYarmon has officiated 15 years and has officiated ten OVAC Tournaments. When asked his most memorable moment, Dave stated - "The dedication, remembrance and recognition of a man I have admired for 25 years, Mr. George Kovalick, during the 1985 OVAC Championship, is definitely my most memorable experience in wrestling".

Concerning Mr. DeYarmon's most embarrassing moment, he mentioned being late to a quarter-final session of the OVAC Tournament due to the weather and then reporting to the mat ready to officiate only to find out that he had forgotten his whistle in the locker room.

Mr. DeYarmon responded concerning his enjoyment to officiating: Why do I enjoy officiating wrestling? That's easy. Like many officials, I was a competitor in high school, college, and the U. S. Marine Corps. I enjoy working with the kids, watching them grow up and developing over the years".

Tom Lackman, who was a two-time OVAC Champion while wrestling at Bridgeport, coached at Jefferson Union for ten years. He has been officiating four years and has worked the OVAC for the past three years. Mr. Lackman mentions that his most memorable moment was the opening ceremonies of the 1985 OVAC Tournament when George Kovalick was honored.

Mr. Lackman stated his most embarrassing moment was too embarrassing to mention.

When asked why he enjoys officiating, Tom stated - "I really enjoy staying involved with the sport after leaving coaching".

Mr. Bill Welker, a Pennsylvania State Champion and long-time coach in the Ohio Valley at Wheeling High School, Wheeling Central, and Wheeling Park High, has been officiating seven years and has worked the OVAC for five years. Bill mentions that his most memorable moment as an official was being part of the 1985 OVAC processional ceremonies in honor of the late George Kovalick. He stated: "This was an experience I will never forget".

Mr. Welker mentioned the following concerning his most embarrassing moment in officiating: "I have two such situations. The first occurring at a Brooke High School wrestling match when I forgot my black pants and had to wear my gray ones. To make matters worse, Channel 9 Sports filmed the match. As our Officials Associations Rules Interpreter, I had a lot of explaining to do at the next meeting. My second most embarrassing moment was when I awarded five points for a take-down (actually there was a take-down and three near-fall points but I signalled them all at once).

"Bill Valko was the official scorekeeper and he had to stop the match because he was laughing so hard."

When asked why he enjoys officiating, Mr. Welker went on to say - "Wrestling has been a major part of my life for 30 years. When I decided to give up coaching I still wanted to be where the action was so I started to officiate. I enjoy refereeing very much because I am close to the wrestlers and the coaches, and hopefully making a positive contribution toward my athletic love - wrestling".

Steve Kish, who wrestled at Bridgeport High School and served as head wrestling coach at Martins Ferry High School, has officiated 14 years and has worked the OVAC Tournament for eight years.

Mr. Kish's response concerning his most memorable moment as an official is the following: "My most memorable experiences consist of two events. The first is the opening ceremonies of the 1985 OVAC Wrestling Tournament. I was aware of the great amount of time which was spent organizing this event, which was an emotional one for all of us since we cared so much for Coach Kovalick and, of course, for his family. My second most memorable moment, which was not enjoyable at the time, involved a situation in which I had to make a very close stalling call in the 1983 OVAC Tournament in a semi-final match. Of the approx. 2,000 spectators attending, I think 1900 vehemently disagreed with the call. Earlier that day I had con-

vinced my wife that it would be nice for her to bring our children to the tournament to watch their dad officiate. As luck would have it, my family sat in the middle of the 1900 unhappy spectators when I was introduced. Needless to say, the spectators' response to my introduction was less than positive and my family has not seen me officiate since".

Concerning why he enjoys officiating, Mr. Kish stated: " Having wrestled, coached, and officiated I have had the opportunity to know many outstanding people who care about wrestling but more especially care about young people. I am very proud to be a part of this great sport".

#### VII. "CLOSING COMMENTS"

In summary, it has been our attempt to briefly describe the history of Ohio Valley officiating to indicate the rule changes, present certification procedures in Ohio and West Virginia, basic rules including some of the more difficult calls, especially stalling, and other items. We are very appreciative of those coaches and officials who have assisted in this chapter by responding to questions asked of them. As mentioned by the coaches who responded, as well as other coaches with whom we frequently talked, all of the 12 officials who worked the 1985 OVAC Tournament and many of whom make up our 45 member Ohio Valley Wrestling Officials Association, have wrestled and coached either on a pee wee, junior high, or varsity level. This experience has been of great value to each of us by helping to offer a perspective of the participant and coach as well as being an official.

In preparing for this chapter, each of us who decides to become a wrestling official realizes that it is one of the most thankless jobs in any athletic contest in that, as noted by one of our coaches, many times the official's call determines the outcome of a match. We

sincerely believe that no official within our association, and hopefully no official who works any contest, would ever intentionally cheat a participant or a coach. Each of us sincerely attempts to interpret the rules as consistently as possible and above all attempts to keep the safety of the participant our number one goal. In the Ohio Valley we are very fortunate that there is a great camaraderie and a mutual respect among coaches and officials, even when disagreements arise, which will occur in the heat of close contests.

One factor that causes wrestling officiating to be more strenuous is that the official is such a focal point in a wrestling match in which in normal circumstances he is one-third of the participating people. However, in tournament competition when you get into the semi-finals and finals there are usually two officials, and in some instances, three officials to make certain the match is called as precisely as humanly possible.

We thought it customary to end this chapter with an article included in "Mat Talk" by Mr. William Welker, noted wrestler, coach and official in the Ohio Valley. The article below is taken from the Sunday News-Register of January 31, 1982:

"Today's commentary pertains to wrestling's "Mr. Fall Guy" - the Official. This man has endured more verbal abuse than Fred Sanford's sister-in-law, Esther. Furthermore, he has been called everything from blind to the male offspring of Lassie.

It is because of such intimidations that many qualified enthusiasts have chosen not to enter the officiating business. So, let me now give some heavy advice to our younger referees who are filled with self-confidence, zeal, and a desire to improve the mat sport. If you really want to succeed,

never neglect those "Five Statutes for Competent Officiating":

1. Your primary concern is the safety of the participants.
2. Know your rule book by heart.
3. Remember, wrestling is an event filled with personal judgement. Make your decision and stand firm.
4. Don't allow the "bleacher officials" to get to you. There's no place for "rabbit ears" in this role.
5. When a meet or tournament has concluded, conjure up a quick disappearing act.

The final rule brings to mind a true and unfortunate anecdote. I have a friend who was an excellent referee; however, he possessed one "tragic flaw" - a zest for officiating perfection. After each match he would stay by matside looking for constructive criticism from the coaches but receiving only ridicule from the fans. Sad to say, this official began to take them seriously and he left the sport. Hence, wrestling lost a fine gentleman, a man of integrity, and an individual whose knowledge of his responsibilities was unsurpassed.

In summary, live by the aforementioned "Five Statutes for Competent Officiating" and you'll always enjoy this line of work."

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## OHIO VALLEY WRESTLING COACHES - "BUILDERS OF MEN"

Ohio Valley wrestling coaches are a "breed of teachers" who truly know the meaning of self-sacrifice!

Throughout the years, area wrestling coaches have given their "all" to promote the sport they love. These mentors have devoted long hours with few rewards in developing skillful wrestlers that have consistently demonstrated "good sportsmanship" qualities. Furthermore, our wrestling coaches have always worked together in their efforts to popularize the mat sport in the upper Ohio Valley.

Yes, these "gentlemen of the mats" have not only spent enormous amounts of time with their own teams but they have given so much of themselves to the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference. Now, besides the plethora of regular coaching duties, these men have dedicated much of their spare time in helping to make the annual OVAC Wrestling Tournament a tremendous success.

For example, valley wrestling coaches in recent years have sold at least 100 raffle tickets apiece for the "big drawing" at the conclusion of the conference tourney. The proceeds are deposited with the monies designated for the George Kovalick Wrestling Scholarship and every season a deserving senior matman is awarded \$1,000.00 from this fund for college. Moreover, these same coaches see to it that their booster clubs and local businesses patronize the OVAC souvenir wrestling program.

In reference to their individual squads our wrestling coaches are not afraid to "sweat" during and after practice. They can often be found on their hands and knees (with the boys) - setting up mats, tables, and chairs for home dual meets or invitational tournaments. Likewise, these wrestling masters do as much as they possibly can to educate the public about the mat sport via newspaper, television and radio interviews, meet-the-team nights, rules clinics, wrestling articles, etc.

To conclude, I firmly believe that the following poem vividly expresses the trials and the rewards of being a wrestling coach: it is sincerely dedicated to all past, present and future Ohio Valley "Mat Mentors":

### THE COACH

There's someone who gives you've got to respect,  
He faces the challenge without a regret,  
When riding the crest, fans praise him and cheer,  
But if the team loses, cruel taunts he will hear.

Countless hours, he devotes, in preparing to win,  
While his family's at home, still waiting for him,  
In victory, crowds beg for a shake of his hand,  
In defeat, however, alone he must stand.

His players revere him, he knows what is best,  
They render their utmost when put to the test,  
No matter the outcome, he sits by their side,  
Filling each youthful heart with courage and pride.

He tutors his athletes to fight till the end,  
Yes, this is the COACH - a builder of men!

by William A. Welker

COACHES

Wheeling Park

Eric Carder  
Bill Welker  
Ed Evans

John Marshall

Bill Hinegardner  
Ed Dugas

Brooke

Ron Mauck  
Paul Billiard  
Merle Tourney

Weirton

Jim Wares  
Hugh Manley  
Carl Fodor  
Vince Monseau  
George Kovalick  
Don Poluszek  
Skip Murray  
Mike Rumora  
Mike Mousadis  
Dick Myers

Bellaire

Andy Nameth  
Rudy Sharkey  
Tom LaRoche  
Denny Penza  
Dennis Bowman  
Leonard Chaplinski  
Jeff Stolz  
Terry Brinker

Bellaire St. John's

Dennis Bowman  
Joe Bates  
Andy Bartolovich  
Paul Rose  
John Snively  
Frank Vingia  
Chick LaMotte  
Mike Donahue

Stanton

Ken Woods  
Dennis Sheets

Bridgeport

George Kovalick  
Ron Calovini  
Gino Buonomici  
John Roman  
Dave Kovalick  
Ab Mazur  
Dave LaMotte

Weirton Madonna

Rich Mahoney  
Duke Snyder  
Paul Duffy

Wheeling

Jim Bradfield  
Ed Murphy  
Bob Roe  
John Hibbert  
Frank Sirianni  
Bill Welker  
Gerald Shultz  
Arden Watson

St. Clairsville

Leonard Chaplinski  
John Vavra  
Rick Oberdick

Martins Ferry

John Vrotsos  
Art Hehr  
Larry Coyer  
Steve Kish  
Bob Bruney  
Vince Suriano  
Jeff Oberdick

Shadyside

Bill Kirkland  
Terry Brinker  
John Grinch

Powhatan

Frank Bland  
Melvin Balgo  
Jordan Potts

River

Dave Sommers  
Ed Miller  
Mark Holenka

Barnesville

Denver Kaiser  
Ron Easton  
Bucky Stewart  
Dave Kovalick  
Darrel Davis

Skyvue

Chuck Forest  
Art Hehr

Triadelphia

Larry Phillips  
Dick Edge  
Larry Schmitt  
Ray Cappone

COACHES - continued

Hopedale

Dinny Walford

Brilliant

Jim Edwards  
Charles Beeca  
Gene Milko  
Jack Sweeny

Moundsville

Paul Crago  
George Kovalick

Magnolia

Dennis Hunt  
Terry Weigle  
Robert Lowe

Toronto

Paul Kalivoda  
Dave DeFelice

Buckeye West

Dick Elliott  
Ed Kubat

Cambridge

Al Warren  
Jeff Carrol

Linsly

Archie Keith  
Gene LaMone  
Bill Skillkorn  
Bob Mendenhall  
Mike Bilica  
Tim Napolitan

Springfield TWP

Joe Stora  
Rich Gregor

Follansbee

Ron Mauck

Union

Larry Chambers

Wheeling Central

Harvey Rutter  
J. D. Miller  
Keith Smith  
Bill Welker  
John Hibbert  
Mick Duffy  
Stan Johnson  
Roy Kasimikis

Wellsville

Dick Bryan  
Mike Kinzel

Beallsville

Gary Davis  
Gus Andrews  
Mike Ring

Cameron

Jim Yoho  
Jim Potts

Mingo

George Zatezalo  
Lewis Leone  
Ted Galaschik

Warwood

Dick Edge  
Eric Carder

Wellsburg

Tom Doty

East Liverpool

Bob Dutton  
Lou Venditti  
Joe Mitchell  
Nick Trombetti  
Dick Bryan

Meadowbrook

Larry Grodsky  
Russ Spence

Buckeye North

Jack Sweeney  
Lonny Ott  
Pete Fry

Cadiz

John Stephenson

Jefferson Union

Tom Lackman  
Dan Doyle

Oak Glen

Vince Monseau  
Larry Shaw  
John Yocino  
Chuck Rine  
Jules Adams

COACHES - continued

Steubenville

Gene Miltko  
Bob Hedmond  
Mike Warbel  
John Craig  
Al Bodo

Union Local

Donald Coleman  
David Ritz  
Bob Butts  
Denny Bowman  
Jim Crosier  
Rick Link

Bishop Donahue

Emil Nardone

Steubenville Central

Ken Mannie  
Craig Farrara

Wintersville

Dave Hervey  
Dick Edge  
Frank Mays

OVAC AFFILIATED	STATE CHAMPION	TEAMS
1953	Wheeling High School	WV
1959	Bridgeport High School	OH
1961	Weirton High School	WV
1966	Weirton High School	WV
1967	Oak Glen	WV
1969	Wheeling High School	WV
1972	John Marshall High School	WV
1973	John Marshall High School	WV
1974	John Marshall High School	WV
1976	Warwood High School	WV
1977	Wheeling Park High School	WV
1978	Wheeling Park High School	WV
1979	John Marshall High School	WV
1980	Brooke High School	WV
1981	Wheeling Park High School	WV
1984	Barnesville High School	OH "AA"

WV INDIVIDUAL STATE CHAMPIONS

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>
Ed Murphy	1951 1952 1953	Bill Pritchard Three-time State Champion	Wheeling HS
Ed Murphy	1952 1953	Bob Gardner Heavyweight	Wheeling HS
Ed Murphy	1953	Ernie Fuchs 145	Wheeling HS
Ed Murphy	1953	Pete Millisakis 154	Wheeling HS
Ed Murphy	1954	Harvey Rutter 133	Wheeling HS
Ed Murphy	1954	Norman Bates 138	Wheeling HS
Hugh Manley	1959	James Varner 138	Weirton HS
Hugh Manley	1959	Mel Sutton 154	Weirton HS
Carl Fodor	1961	James Crain 103	Weirton HS
Carl Fodor	1961	Henry Childers 145	Weirton HS
Carl Fodor	1961	Harry Burns 165	Weirton HS
Carl Fodor	1962	Michael Crain 95	Weirton HS
Carl Fodor	1963	Pat Allese 120	Weirton HS
Carl Fodor	1963	Dave Byrd 145	Weirton HS
Paul Crago	1963	Charles Smith 177	Moundsville HS
Carl Fodor	1964	Pat Allese 127	Weirton HS
Carl Fodor	1964	Dave Byrd 145	Weirton HS

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>
Paul Crago	1964	Dan Pastilong 112	Moundsville HS
Paul Crago	1964	Charles Smith 177	Moundsville HS
Paul Crago	1965	Brian Persinger 133	Moundsville HS
Carl Fodor	1966	John Arrango 120	Weirton HS
Carl Fodor	1966	Dwight Motley 133	Weirton HS
Carl Fodor	1966	Matteo Magnone HEAVY	Weirton HS
Vince Monseau	1967	Rick Price 103	Oak Glen HS
Vince Monseau	1967	Ralph Louk 127	Oak Glen HS
Carl Fodor	1967	Dwight Motley 138	Weirton HS
Carl Fodor	1967	Matteo Magnone HEAVY	Weirton HS
Vince Monseau	1967	Dave Lowther 145	Oak Glen HS
Ron Mauck	1968	Lou Dailey 95	Follansbee HS
George Kovalick	1968	Dwight Wolfe 112	Moundsville HS
George Kovalick	1968	Doug Pettit 133	Moundsville HS
Vince Monseau	1968	Dave Lowther 145	Oak Glen HS
Bill Hinegardner	1969	Albie Kazemka 95	John Marshall HS
Frank Sirianni	1969	Mike Falck 103	Wheeling HS
Bill Hinegardner	1969	Dwight Wolfe 120	John Marshall HS

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>
Frank Sirianni	1969	Bill Nicholson 133	Wheeling HS
Vince Monseau	1969	Tom Arnold 154	Weirton HS
Ron Mauck	1970	Jim Suddath 123	Brooke HS
Charles Rine	1971	Calvin Price 105	Oak Glen HS
Charles Rine	1971	Harry Williams 112	Oak Glen HS
Dick Edge	1971	Joe Matyskiala 145	Warwood HS
Matt Midea	1971	Val Gundling 167	Wheeling Central
Bill Hinegardner	1971	Ken Reynolds 105	John Marshall HS
Dick Edge	1972	John Vdovjak 145	Warwood HS
Bill Hinegardner	1972	Rick Kittle 155	John Marshall HS
Bill Hinegardner	1972	Bob Straw 167	John Marshall HS
Bill Hinegardner	1973	Rusty Mercer 98	John Marshall HS
Bill Welker	1973	Dan Doyle 112	Wheeling Central
George Kovalick	1973	Chris Pryor 119	Weirton HS
Bill Hinegardner	1973	Ed West 126	John Marshall HS
Dick Edge	1973	John Vdovjak 145	Warwood HS
George Kovalick	1973	Eric Frankovitch 185	Weirton HS
Paul Billiard	1974	Kevin Felton 98	Brooke HS
Arden Watson	1974	Duke Hanlin 112	Wheeling HS



<u>Coach</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>
Don Poluszik	1974	Chris Pryor 126	Weirton HS
Bill Hinegardner	1974	Ron Griffin 132	John Marshall HS
John Yocina	1974	Dean Patterson 145	Oak Glen
Bill Hinegardner	1974	Scott Lehasky 167	John Marshall HS
Don Poluszik		Mike Kovalick 185	Weirton HS
Larry Schmitt	1975	Kent Nickerson 101	Triadelphia HS
Gerald Schultz	1975	Duke Hanlin 115	Wheeling HS
Bill Hinegardner		Garry Dodds 122	John Marshall HS
Bill Hinegardner		Mike Cain 185	John Marshall HS

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\* Now two classifications

AAA SCHOOLS

Skip Murray	1976	Terry Weigel 105	Weirton HS
Paul Dilliard	1976	Lou Geary 167	Brooke HS
Skip Murray	1976	Sheldon Grace HEAVY	Weirton HS

AA SCHOOLS

Eric Carder	1976	Stan Johnson 105	Warwood HS
Eric Carder	1976	Greg Jewell 119	Warwood HS
Eric Carder	1976	Dan Hoffman 126	Warwood HS
Eric Carder	1976	Ron Stanley 132	Warwood HS

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>
Eric Carder	1976	Steve Doe HEAVY	Warwood HS
<u>AAA SCHOOLS</u>			
Eric Carder	1977	Carl Stanley 98	Wheeling Park HS
Skip Murray	1977	Terry Weigel 112	Weirton HS
Paul Billiard	1977	Mike Gamble 119	Brooke HS
Skip Murray	1977	Dave Barnabei 126	Weirton HS
Bill Hinegardner	1977	Jeff Morris 132	John Marshall HS
Skip Murray	1977	Ray Pernell	Weirton HS
Bill Hinegardner	1977	Will Kovalick	John Marshall HS
Bill Hinegardner	1977	Greg Morris	John Marshall HS
Bill Hinegardner	1977	Gordon Gordon	John Marshall HS
<u>AA SCHOOLS</u>			
Bob Lowe	1977	Bob Francis 138	Magnolia HS
<u>AAA SCHOOLS</u>			
Bob Orlando	1978	Randy Pryor 93	Weirton HS
Bob Orlando	1978	Terry Weigel 119	Weirton HS
Bob Orlando	1978	Ray Pernell 145	Weirton HS
Bob Orlando	1978	Chuck Varner 167	Weirton HS
Bill Hinegardner	1978	G. J. Walley HEAVY	John Marshall HS

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>
<u>AA SCHOOLS</u>			
Jim Yoho	1978	Doug Blake	Cameron
<u>AAA SCHOOLS</u>			
Mike Mousadis	1979	Randy Pryor 105	Weirton HS
Eric Carder	1979	Carl Stanley 119	Wheeling Park HS
Eric Carder	1979	Bob Weigand 126	Wheeling Park HS
Bill Hinegardner	1979	Greg Morris 167	John Marshall HS
Bill Hinegardner	1979	Rick Schoene	John Marshall HS
<u>AA SCHOOLS</u>			
Dennis Hunt	1979	Mike Pantone 105	Magnolia HS
Dennis Hunt	1979	Darin Carr 145	Magnolia HS
<u>AAA SCHOOLS</u>			
Larry Shaw	1980	Tim Ralph	Oak Glen HS
Merle Tourney	1980	Chuck Taylor HEAVY	Brooke HS
<u>AA SCHOOLS</u>			
Jim Potts	1980	Ed Knox	Cameron HS
<u>AAA SCHOOLS</u>			
Eric Carder	1981	Bill DeSilvestri 105	Wheeling Park HS
Eric Carder	1981	Rodd Haller 112	Wheeling Park HS
Bill Hinegardner	1981	Ted Zervos 119	John Marshall HS
Merle Tourney	1981	Larry Mazella 132	Brooke HS

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>
Eric Carder	1981	Jim Copney 155	Wheeling Park HS
<u>AA SCHOOLS</u>			
Dennis Hunt	1981	Mike Boswell	Magnolia HS
<u>AAA SCHOOLS</u>			
Merle Tourney	1982	Phil Milantoni	Brooke HS
Dill Hinegardner	1982	Ted Zervos	John Marshall HS
<u>AA SCHOOLS</u>			
Mickey Duffy	1982	Fritz Braunlich 185	Wheeling Central
Mickey Duffy	1982	John Witzberger HEAVY	Wheeling Central
<u>AAA SCHOOLS</u>			
Buzz Evans	1983	Todd Rowe 98	Wheeling Park HS
Ed Eugas	1983 HEAVY	Frank Longwell	John Marshall
<u>AA SCHOOLS</u>			
Stan Johnson	1983	Fritz Braunlich 135	Wheeling Central
Stan Johnson	1983	John Witzberger HEAVY	Wheeling Central
<u>AAA SCHOOLS</u>			
Buzz Evans	1984	Todd Rowe 98	Wheeling Park
Buzz Evans	1984	Rich DiGandomenico 112	Wheeling Park
Ed Dugas	1984	Mike Knox 138	John Marshall
<u>AA SCHOOLS</u>			
Dan Novakovich	1984	Jim Stillwagoner HEAVY	Magnolia

Ed Dugas	1985	Mike Knox 145	John Marshall
Jim Potts	1985	Dave Hinerman 126	Cameron
Jim Potts	1985	Ron Trowbridge 145	Cameron

NUMBER OF CHAMPIONS EACH SCHOOL HAS HAD OVER 31 YEARS

SCHOOL

SCHOOL	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	TOTAL		
Barnesville		2	3	3	1											2		2	2	1	1			1	1								24		
Beallsville																			1				1	1	1								5		
Bellaire																	1	1			1	1											5		
Bishop Donahue																																		0	
Bridgeport	7	9	7	7	6	7	6	3	2	1	1	3	3	2	1		2					1											68		
Brooke																	1	2	2	1	1	1	2			1		1	1				13		
Buckeye North																																		0	
Buckeye South																																		0	
Buckeye West																																		0	
Cadiz																					1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1			1	12		
Cambridge																											1	1	1	3				6	
Cameron																																		0	
East Liverpool																				2								1	1	1	3			8	
Jefferson Union																							1	1										2	
John Marshall																4	2	1		3	2		2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1				24	
Linsly																			1	1	1				1									4	
Magnolia																																		0	
Martins Ferry					3	5	5	5	7	5	4	4	3	3	3	2	1		1	1		1	1		1	1				2			58		
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Mingo																																		0	
Oak Glen									1			2	1		1	2	1		1	1	1				1	1	1		1					15	
River																												1	1					2	
Shadyside																													1	1					2
Shenandoah																							1												1
Stanton																								1											1
St. Clairsville																										1	1	1	1						5
St. Johns													3	2			3	1	2							1								12	
Steubenville				2			3	1		1	1	1				1	2	1	1	1	1				1	3	3		2	2	3			30	
Steubenville Central																											1								1
Toronto																											1								1
Union Local																					1	1				2									5
Weirton			1	1	1		3	1	1	1	2	1	2		1				1	4	1	2	1	3	1									28	
Weirton Madonna																																			0
Wellsville																								2		1									3
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Wheeling Park																								2	2	3		1	1		2	1			12
Wintersville																		1																	1
Springfield																											1								1

NUMBER OF CHAMPIONS  
SCHOOLS THAT ARE NOW CONSOLIDATIONS

SCHOOLS

YEAR	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76			
Follansbee																								Brooke High School	0	
Wellsburg																									Brooke High School	0
Brilliant																										2
Union																									John Marshall	0
Moundsville										2	2	1	3	1	1										John Marshall	10
Powhatan																										0
Wheeling	3		1											1	2	2									Whg.	4
Triadelphia																									Park	0
Warwood																			1	2			1			4
Wayne Township																										0

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1954

106	Merritt Christy	BRPT
115	David Smith	BRPT
123	Gerald Lattocha	BRPT
130	Ben Hehr	BRPT
136	Harvey Rutter	WHG
141	Norman Bates	WHG
143	Robert Griffin	WHG
157	Bill Floyd	BRPT
168	Ed Gretz	BRPT
HWT	Frank Ledvinka	BRPT

1955

107	Merritt Christy	BRPT
116	Larry Hayes	BARNES
125	Ben Hehr	BRPT
132	Kenneth Martin	EARNES
138	Norman Honecker	BRPT
143	Ron Taylor	BRPT
150	Tom Evans	BRPT
160	Bill Floyd	BRPT
171	Ed Gretz	BRPT
181	Don DeLande	BRPT
HWT	Frank Ledvinka	BRPT

1956

103	Merritt Christy	BRPT
112	Dave Wagner	BARNES
120	John Urban	BARNES
127	Gerald Lattocha	BRPT
133	Bill Laipple	BRPT
138	Bill Howe	WHG
145	Ron Taylor	BRPT
154	Tom Evans	BRPT
165	Bill Walters	BARNES
175	Don DeLande	BRPT
HWT	Frank Ledvinka	BRPT

1957

106	Dave Snyder	WEIR
115	Dick Lyle	BRPT
123	Richard Nagy	BRPT
130	Art Hehr	BRPT
136	Rich Veloski	BARNES
141	Bill Laipple	BRPT
145	Harold Dee	BRPT
157	Steve Lattocha	BRPT
168	Jerry Comas	BRPT
178	Warren Lallathin	BARNES
HWT	Rodney Moore	BARNES

1958

103	Bobby Douglas	BRPT
112	Dave Snyder	WEIR
120	Frank Cunningham	BPT
127	Art Hehr	BPT
133	Ed Greenlead	WEIR
138	Dick Leightner	BPT
145	Walter Tolarchyk	BPT
154	Jerry Comas	BPT
165	Dave Cunningham	STELB
175	Warren Lallathin	BARNES
HWT	Tom Lotzgeselle	STEUB

1959

103	John Porter	BPT
112	Bob Douglas	BPT
120	Frank Cunningham	BPT
127	Art Hehr	BPT
133	Micky Bella	BPT
138	Ed Brown	BPT
145	Walter Tolarchyk	BPT
154	Melvin Sutton	WEIR
165	Ron Binns	MF
175	Keith Sommer	MF
HWT	George Toundas	MF



## 1960

103	Jerry McDaniels	MF
112	Jeff Jones	MF
120	Bob Douglas	BPT
127	Frank Cunningham	BPT
133	John Heininger	MF
138	Jack Kardules	MF
145	Walt Tolarchyk	BPT
154	Bob Bruney	MF
165	Dennis Bowman	BPT
175	Ted Weirzbicki	BPT
HWT	Phil Ward	BPT

## 1961

103	Jim Crain	WEIR
112	Jerry McDaniel	MF
119	Harry Sommer	BPT
127	Bob Douglas	BPT
133	John Dillcheck	WEIR
138	John Edward	MF
145	Jack Kardules	MF
154	Bill Yeager	MF
165	Harry Burns	WEIR
175	Dennis Bowman	BPT
HWT	Phil Ward	MF

## 1962

95	Mike Crain	WEIR
103	Allen Jackson	MF
112	Pat Allese	WEIR
120	John Dyson	BPT
127	John Edwards	MF
133	Wilbert Williams	STEUB
138	Valentino Jackson	STEUB
145	Don Fortney	BPT
154	Joe Reasbeck	MF
165	John Scordos	MF
175	Bill Yeager	MF
HWT	Ron Mazzafero	STEUB

## 1963

98	Paige Whorton	MDS
103	Jack Somerville	MF
112	Allen Jackson	MF
120	Rich Snider	MF
127	Bill Brown	MF
133	Larry Deaton	MF
133	Len Chaplinski	WHG CENT
145	Gerald Tolarchyk	BPT
154	Bob Miller	MDS
165	Joe Reasbeck	MF
175	John Scordos	MF
HWT	George Harvey	WEIR

## 1964

95	Ross Lavender	STEUB
103	Dan Pastilong	MDS
112	Jack Somerville	MF
120	Chick LaMotte	BPT
127	Pat Allese	WEIR
133	Paul Cappas	WHG CENT
138	Ed Costor	MDS
145	Bill Padgelak	MF
154	Ken Ackerman	MF
165	Steve Harris	OG
175	John Scordos	MF
HWT	Don Cook	MF

## 1965

95	Larry Rine	MDS
103	Tom Youst	BPT
112	Tucker Lee	MF
120	Chick LaMotte	BPT
127	Doug	WHG CENT
133	Tom Lackman	BPT
138	Bob Tucker	MF
145	Paul Cappas	WHG CENT
154	Bill Padgelak	MF
165	Steve Scipio	MF
175	Jonathan Jenkins	WEIR
HWT	Mattio Magnone	WEIR

## 1966

95	Dwight Wolfe	MDS
103	Jim Callarik	BPT
112	Ross Lavender	STEUB
120	Jim Brandenburg	MF
127	Tucker Lee	MF
133	Dwight Motley	WEIR
138	Tom Lackman	DPT
145	Dave Miller	MDS
154	Jim Hudkins	MDS
165	Steve Scipio	MF
175	Bob Faithful	BPT
HWT	Tom Campbell	MF

## 1967

95	Greg Clark	BPT
105	Rick Price	OG
112	Jim Callarik	BPT
119	Larry Rine	MDS
126	Don Ackerman	MF
132	Ben Padgelec	MF
138	Dwight Motley	WEIR
145	Dave Lowther	OG
155	George Saran	STEUB
165	Steve Scipio	MF
175	Tom Coram	WHG
HWT	Mattio Magnone	WEIR

## 1968

95	Mike Falck	WHG
105	Jeff Sommer	MF
112	Mike Deaton	MF
119	Rex Frohnappfel	ST J
126	Jon Scipio	MF
132	Robert Young	STEUB
138	Fred Miller	OG
145	John Wilson	MDS
155	Fred Faithful	BPT
165	James Vensky	ST J
175	Tom Conran	WHG
HWT	Frank King	ST J

## 1969

95	Albie Kazemka	JM
103	Jeff Sommer	MF
112	Mike Deaton	MF
119	Dwight Wolfe	JM
126	Robbie Duncan	MF
132	Bill Nicholson	WHG
138	Gene Hill	JM
145	Fred Jewell	WHG
155	Tom Arnold	WEIR
165	Ed Evans	ST J
175	Rick Burke	JM
HWT	Frank King	ST J

## 1970

95	Albie Kazemka	JM
105	Jeff Sommer	MF
112	Art Gibson	BARNES
119	Mike Dovle	WHG CENT
126	Robbie Duncan	MF
132	Matt Doyle	WHG CENT
138	Dave Bednarick	BRILL
145	Roger Taylor	BRILL
155	Dave Bierkortte	WHG CENT
165	Bruce Jefferis	BARNES
175	Rick Burke	JM
HWT	Ed Fields	

## 1971

98	Art Jones	BELL
105	Calvin Price	OG
112	Harry Williams	OG
119	Ken Williams	STEUB
126	Matt Dovle	WHG CENT
133	Ross Roskovich	BPT
138	Dave LaMotte	BPT
145	Gary Kosky	ST J
155	Nick Tate	BRKE
167	Val Gundling	WHG CENT
175	Rick Link	ST J
185	Ed Evans	ST J
HWT	Don Blum	MF

## 1972

98	Robbie Stephens	BARNES
105	Art Jones	BELL
112	Dan Doyle	WHG CEN
119	Harry Williams	OG
126	Doug Mason	BRKE
132	Mike Mavromatis	STEUB
138	Dick Nichols	BRKE
145	John Vdovjak	WAR
155	Rick Spencer	STEUB
167	Frank Ferguson	BARNES
175	Rick Link	ST J
185	Jim Meeker	JM
HWT	Wally Presuit	WINT

## 1973

98	Kevin Felton	BRKE
105	Bob Mendenhall	LINS
112	Challen Stewart	BARNES
119	Frank Hotlosz	ST J
126	Don Nippert	BEALLS
132	Dave Kosky	ST J
138	Don Robinson	BRKE
145	John Vdovjak	WAR
155	Rick Spencer	STEUB
167	Tom Suriano	MF
175	Dan Clausus	BARNES
185	Eric Frankovich	WEIR
HWT	Denny Haney	WAR

## 1974

98	Kevin Felton	BRKE
105	Jeff Oberdick	MF
112	Bob Mendenhall	LINS
119	Challen Stewart	BARNES
126	Chris Pryor	WEIR
132	Ron Griffin	JM
138	R. Rluchowski	STEUB
145	Dean Patterson	OG
155	Ron Koontz	JM
167	Scott Lehasky	JM
175	Sheldon Grace	WEIR
187	Mike Kovalick	WEIR
HWT	Eric Frankovitch	WEIR

## 1975

98	Rick Drake	BARNES
105	Mike Gregg	UL
112	Keith Owens	STEUB
119	Gary Dobbs	JM
126	Mike Caruso	LINS
132	Carl Wilkinson	WEIR
138	Bob Walker	OG
145	Bob Waters	EL
155	Lou Geary	BRKE
167	Doug Lehasky	JM
175	Randy Davia	CAD
185	Mike Kovalick	BELL
HWT	Steve Mabbott	EL

## 1976

98	Pat Sole	PARK S
105	Kelly Wallace	UL
112	Bruce Ferguson	BRKE
119	Ed Covey	EPT
126	John Truini	STEUB
132	Ron Stanley	WAR
138	Brian Hicks	MF
145	Brian Edison	WELLSB
155	Tom Winters	PARKERS
167	Lou Geary	BRKE
175	Joel Davia	CAD
185	Bob Thayer	EL
HWT	Sheldon Grace	WEIR

## 1977

98	Carl Stanley	WP
105	Mike Thomaselli	BRKE
112	Dave Chadwell	BEALLS
119	Mike Gamble	BRKE
126	Greg Jewell	WP
132	Jeff Morris	JM
138	Ray Pernel	WEIR
145	Rodney Johnson	BELL
155	Joel Davia	CAD
167	Rich Davis	JU
175	John Schuller	MF
185	Dave Mitchell	SHEN
HWT	Gordon Gordon	JM

## 1978

98	Randy Pryor	WEIR
105	Paul Carter	CAD
112	Carl Stanley	WP
119	Terry Weigel	WEIR
126	Dave Chadwell	BEALLS
132	Dave Bailey	WELLSV
138	Paul Prezzia	WELLSV
145	Ray Pernel	WEIR
155	Joel Davia	CAD
167	Greg Morris	JM
175	Alan Logan	BARNES
175	Greg Lehasky	JM
HWT	Sean O'Brien	WHG PARK

## 1979

98	Barry Barb	WP
105	Randy Pryor	WEIR
112	Trent Iachini	STEUB
119	Carl Stanley	WP
126	Robert Weigand	WP
132	Paul Caruso	LINS
138	Todd Bohrer	ST CL
145	Jeff Hobbs	OG
155	Steve Potkrajic	JU
167	Greg Morris	JM
175	Tim Bowman	MF
185	Greg Lehasky	JM
HWT	Robert Agostini	CAD

## 1980

98	Tim Ralph	OG
105	Mike Carpenter	BEALLS
112	Dave DeLande	ST CL
119	Trent Iachini	STEUB
126	Mark Kosky	ST J
132	Larry Mazzella	BRKE
138	Rick Crosier	STEUB
145	Rusty Connors	JM
155	Brian Lewis	STEUB
167	Mike Brooks	CAD
175	Don Moxley	BARNES
185	Rick Schoene	JM
HWT	Scott Woodford	MF

## 1981

98	Randy Simpson	UL
105	Tim Ralph	OG
112	Scott Mills	STEUB
119	Jeff McCormick	UL
126	Mike Carter	CAD
132	Dave DeLande	ST CL
138	Jim Volino	WELLSV
145	Rick Crosier	STEUB
155	Brian Duff	CAMB
167	Mike Tluchowski	STEUB
175	Paul Debolt	CAD
185	Brian Elliott	SPRING
HWT	Mike Schoene	JM

## 1982

98	John Goemple	EL
105	Roger Kent	WP
112	Phil Milantoni	BRKE
119	Jim Strickland	RIVER
126	Larry Isleman	TOR
132	Chris Ledyard	STEUB CENT
138	Dave DeLande	ST CL
145	John Berisford	JM
155	Brian Duff	CAMB
167	Mike Brooks	CAD
175	Mike Owens	
185	Fritz Braunlich	WHG CENT
HWT	Terry Zonker	BELL

## 1983

98	Todd Rowe	WP
105	John Goemple	EL
112	Rich McKinney	CAD
119	Phil Milantoni	BRKE
126	Tim Ward	BEALLS
132	Brian Miller	BARNES
138	John Blangor	STEUB
145	Mike Miller	SHADY
155	Albert Caldwell	RIVER
167	Bill Gilbert	JM
175	Charles Keenan	STEUB
185	Fritz Braunlich	WHG CENT
HWT	Jamie Price	CAMB

## 1984

98	Todd Powe	WP
105	Rich Digiandimenico	WP
112	Jesse Outward	MF
119	Dennis Daugherty	CAMB
126	Heath Beardmore	CAMB
132	Tim Pontius	CAMB
138	Brent Taggert	EL
145	Mike Miller	SHADY
155	Ron Hilson	MF
167	Paul Simmons	JM
175	Brian Young	STEUD
185	Charles Keenan	STEUB
HWT	Tim Moxley	BARNES

## 1985

98	Chance Taylor	WP
105	Tim Young	STEUB
112	Shawn Bell	BARNES
119	Gary Sigler	UL
126	Steve Polinsky	ST CL
132	Steve Pryor	BARNES
138	Rich Wright	EL
145	Paul Ice	EL
155	Brent Taggert	EL
167	Paul Current	STEUB
175	Todd Atkins	CAD
185	Brian Young	STEUB
HWT	Tim Moxley	BARNES

DAVE BIERKORTTE WRESTLING AWARDS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>
1971	Don Blum	Martins Ferry
1972	Art Jones	Bellaire
1973	Dan Claugus	Barnesville
1974	Sheldon Grace	Weirton
1975	Mike Kovalick	Bellaire
1976	Randy Davia	Cadiz
	Ed Covey	Bridgeport
1977	Rich Davis	Jefferson Union
1978	Carl Stanley	Wheeling Park
1979	Randy Pryor	Weir
1980	Trent Iachini	Steubenville
1981	Mike Tluchowski	Steubenville
1982	Larry Isleman	Toronto
1983	Brian Miller	Barnes
1984	Heath Beardmore	Cambridge
1985	Tim Moxley	Barnesville

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1985	Charles Keenan	Steubenville

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1983	John Witzberger	Whg. Cent.
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1954-1984

1954	Bridgeport	George Kovalick
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1961	Martins Ferry	John "Corky" Vrotsos
1962	Martins Ferry	John "Corky" Vrotsos
1963	Martins Ferry	John "Corky" Vrotsos
1964	Martins Ferry	John "Corky" Vrotsos
1965	Martins Ferry	John "Corky" Vrotsos
1966	Martins Ferry	John "Corky" Vrotsos
1967	Martins Ferry	John "Corky" Vrotsos
1968	Martins Ferry	Art Hehr
1969	St. Johns	Joseph G. Bates
1970	Wheeling Central	John Hibbert
1971	St. Johns	Dennis Bowman
1972	John Marshall	Bill Hinegardner
1973	John Marshall	Bill Hinegardner
1974	John Marshall	Bill Hinegardner
1975	Warwood	Eric Carder
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FIRST DUAL MEET SCHEDULE - 1955

Schedules of Mat Teams Announced

Schedules for all teams in the newly-organized Ohio Valley Wrestling League were announced today.

Both League and non-league matches are included on the schedules. The league members are Barnesville, East Liverpool, Wheeling and Steubenville.

In matches to date East Liverpool has registered two victories over loop opposition and one over non-league Mantua while Bridgeport shut out Wheeling, 45-0, in the only start for those two schools. Liverpool has topped Barnesville, 29-15; Mantua, 20-19; and Linsly, 38-5. Schedules for the rest of the season follow:

January 6 -- East Liverpool at Mantua and Steubenville at Bridgeport  
January 10 - East Liverpool at Wheeling  
January 12 - East Liverpool at Steubenville and Barnesville at Bridgeport  
January 15 - Mantua at Bridgeport and Barnesville at Steubenville  
January 17 - East Liverpool at Barnesville  
January 19 - Bridgeport at East Liverpool; Steubenville at Wheeling and  
Linsly at Barnesville  
January 22 - Parkersburg at Bridgeport  
January 24 - Wheeling at Linsly  
January 26 - Bridgeport at Steubenville and East Liverpool at West Allegheny, PA  
January 29 - Linsly at Bridgeport  
February 1 - Steubenville at Linsly  
February 2 - East Liverpool at Bridgeport  
February 3 - East Liverpool at Linsly  
February 5 - Bridgeport at Parkersburg  
February 7 - Linsly at Wheeling  
February 9 - West Allegheny, PA at East Liverpool; Bridgeport at Barnesville  
and Wheeling at Steubenville  
February 11- Bridgeport at Mantua  
February 12- Linsly at Steubenville  
February 16- Steubenville at East Liverpool and Bridgeport at Wheeling  
February 18-19 - Eastern Ohio Regional at Kent State University  
February 23- Wheeling at East Liverpool; Bridgeport at Linsly and Steubenville  
at Barnesville  
February 25-26 - Ohio State Tournament at Lakewood  
February 25-26 - WV State Tournament at Morgantown  
March 1-2 - OVG Tournament at Linsly

No dates have been announced for the Barnesville at Linsly, Barnesville at Wheeling, and Wheeling at Barnesville matches.

DUAL MEET CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1971

CLASS AAA

SCHOOL	WIN	LOSS	C.P.	AVERAGE
John Marshall	9	3	93	7.8
Wintersville	8	1	64	7.1
Wheeling Central	6	3	59	6.6
Triadelphia	5	3	45	5.6
Martins Ferry	4	4	41	5.1
Steubenville	3	3	24	4.0
Brooke	3	5	19	2.4
Wheeling	3	8	34	2.2
Bellaire	1	5	11	1.8
Oak Glen	3	6	15	1.7
Weirton	2	11	13	1.0

CLASS AA

St. John's	6	0	71	11.8
Warwood	8	0	67	8.4
Bridgeport	6	1	58	8.3
Cameron	3	1	19	4.8
Barnesville	5	4	27	3.0
Union Local	3	5	20	2.5
Brilliant	3	6	22	2.4
Beallsville	3	3	12	2.0
Linsly	2	5	14	2.0
Mingo	1	5	8	1.3
River	1	7	3	.4

COMPLETE STANDINGS FOR 1972 - 1973 - 1974 COULD NOT BE FOUND

CLASS AAA - 1972 - Champions - John Marshall

CLASS AA - 1972 - Champions - St. John's

CLASS AAA - 1973 - Champions - John Marshall

CLASS AA - 1973 - Champions - Warwood

CLASS AAA - 1974 - TIE Champions - John Marshall and Steubenville

CLASS AA - 1974 - Champions - Union Local

CLASS A - 1974 - Champions - Warwood

DUAL MEET CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1975

CLASS AAA

SCHOOL	WIN	LOSS	TIE	PER CENT
* John Marshall	7	0	0	1.000
XEast Liverpool	2	0	0	1.000
Triadelphia	5	1	0	.833
Martins Ferry	4	1	0	.800
Wintersville	4	2	0	.666
Brooke	5	3	0	.625
Weirton	5	3	1	.625
Magnolia	1	1	0	.500
Oak Glen	2	4	0	.333
Bellaire	2	5	0	.286
St. Clairsville	0	1	0	.000
Steubenville	0	6	0	.000
Wheeling	0	8	0	.000
Cambridge	0	0	0	.000

\*John Marshall AAA Dual Meet Champion

XEast Liverpool ineligible for Dual Meet Championship - do not wrestle 5 OVAC Du al Meets

CLASS AA

* Jefferson Union	4	1	0	.800
Linsly	4	1	0	.800
* Union Local	3	1	0	.750
Barnesville	3	1	0	.750
Mingo	2	1	0	.666
Cadiz	1	1	0	.500
Toronto	1	1	0	.500
River	2	3	0	.400
Bridgeport	1	4	1	.200
Wheeling Central	0	1	0	.000
Buckeye South	0	3	0	.000
Buckeye North	0	4	1	.000
Wellsville	0	0	0	.000
Meadowbrook	0	0	0	.000

(ONLY INFORMATION AVAILABLE)

\* Jefferson Union and Union Local tied for Dual Meet Championship

CLASS A

Warwood	9	0	0	1.000
Cameron	8	2	0	.800
Beallsville	4	3	0	.555
Buckeye West	4	4	0	.500
Weirton Madonna	6	7	0	.462
St. John's	2	7	0	.222
Shenandoah	0	7	0	.000

DUAL MEET CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1976

CLASS AAA

SCHOOL	WIN	LOSS	TIE	C.P.	C.P. AVERAGE
Weirton	10	0	1	82	8.20
John Marshall	10	2	0	90	8.18
Parkersburg	8	4	0	42	6.00
Triadelphia	6	3	0	47	5.22
Parkersburg South	9	4	1	13.5	4.48
Martins Ferry	7	2	0	39.5	4.38
Oak Glen	7	3	0	38.5	4.28
East Liverpool	5	5	0	19.5	3.90
Brooke	7	4	0	41.5	3.77
Bellaire	8	5	1	45	3.75
Wintersville	3	6	1	24	2.40
Steubenville	2	7	0	14	1.60
St. Clairsville	2	10	0	12	1.00
Wheeling	0	11	0	0	.00
Cambridge	4	4	0	0	.00
Marietta	4	6	0	0	.00

CLASS AA

Cadiz	10	0	0	42.5	6.07
Barnesville	8	1	1	46	5.11
Jefferson Union	7	2	1	45.5	4.55
Union Local	9	3	0	43.5	3.95
Linsly	6	3	0	31	3.88
Magnolia	11	3	0	31	3.88
Toronto	3	4	1	13	2.17
Wellsville	2	3	0	6	2.00
Buckeye North	6	4	1	13.5	1.69
River	6	7	0	16	1.60
Steubenville Central	1	3	0	2	.50
Wheeling Central	1	8	0	3	.33
Meadowbrook	0	8	0	0	.00
Buckeye South	0	10	0	0	.00
Bridgeport	0	11	0	0	.00

CLASS A

Warwood	7	0	0	53	7.57
Beallsville	7	1	0	20	4.00
Weirton Madonna	9	5	0	34.5	2.88
Mingo	5	5	0	15.5	1.72
St. John's	4	8	0	18	1.50
Shenandoah	3	7	0	2	.50
Buckeye West	6	4	0	2	.40
Cameron	5	4	0	0	.00

DUAL MEET CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1977

CLASS AAAA

SCHOOL	WIN	LOSS	TIE	C.P.	C.P. AVERAGE
John Marshall	12	0	0	95	8.64
Oak Glen	5	2	0	33	6.60
Parkersburg South	9	2	0	22.5	5.63
Wheeling Park	8	4	0	64	5.33
Weirton	5	2	0	29	4.14
Parkersburg	2	3	1	18.5	3.70
Steubenville	5	5	0	35	3.50
Brooke	5	4	1	23	2.56
East Liverpool	4	5	0	12	2.40
Wintersville	1	6	0	5	.714
Cambridge	1	9	0	0	.000
Marietta	0	5	0	0	.000

CLASS AAA

Jefferson Union	9	1	0	60	6.00
Magnolia	8	1	0	19	4.75
Bellaire	8	5	0	48	4.36
Union Local	7	4	0	34	3.40
River	4	6	0	20.5	2.28
Steubenville Central	4	6	0	20	2.00
Martins Ferry	3	6	0	15	1.67
St. Clairsville	2	6	0	11	1.38
Wheeling Central	1	7	0	5	.625
Buckeye South	1	7	0	0	.000
Meadowbrook	1	7	0	0	.000

CLASS AA

Barnesville	9	0	1	57.5	6.39
Cadiz	7	0	1	36	6.00
Mingo	7	2	0	37	4.63
Wellsville	8	2	0	18	4.50
St. John's	4	4	0	27	3.38
Linsly	3	6	0	14	1.56
Toronto	3	6	0	7	1.40
Bridgeport	3	8	0	11	1.10
Shenandoah	3	6	0	3	.75
Buckeye North	2	8	0	4	.40

CLASS A

Weirton Madonna	6	6	0	28	3.11
Buckeye West	7	2	0	13	2.60
Beallsville	4	3	1	9.5	1.90
Cameron	2	2	1	2.5	1.25

DUAL MEET CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1978

CLASS AAAA

SCHOOL	WIN	LOSS	TIE	C.P.	C.P. AVERAGE
John Marshall	12	0	0	82.5	9.167
Wheeling Park	8	1	0	55.5	6.938
Weirton	5	6	0	40.5	5.063
Steubenville	7	5	0	48.5	4.042
Brooke	6	5	0	28	3.111
Oak Glen	4	7	0	26	2.889
East Liverpool	4	3	0	11	2.750
Wintersville	2	6	0	14	1.750
Cambridge	1	8	0	0	.000

CLASS AAA

X	Wellsville	4	2	0	22	7.333
*	Bellaire	10	2	0	65	5.909
	St. Clairsville	7	1	1	46.5	5.813
	River	6	2	1	41	4.556
	Jefferson Union	6	4	0	39	3.900
	Martins Ferry	5	4	1	35	3.500
	Magnolia	6	1	1	15.5	3.100
	Toronto	6	5	0	16	2.000
	Union Local	3	8	0	11	1.100
	Steubenville Central	3	8	0	10	.909
	Buckeye South	0	8	0	0	.000
	Meadowbrook	0	8	0	0	.000
	Wheeling Central	0	14	0	0	.000

\* Bellaire AAA Dual Meet Champion

X Wellsville ineligible for Dual Meet Championship - do not wrestle  
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CLASS AA

Cadiz	8	1	0	61	6.778
Mingo	6	2	0	29	4.833
Bridgeport	6	2	1	34	3.778
Barnesville	6	4	0	25.5	2.833
Linsly	3	7	0	11	1.100
Shenandoah	4	5	0	3	1.000
Buckeye North	3	10	0	5	.417
St. John's	1	8	0	3	.333

CLASS A

Beallsville	6	2	0	15	3.000
Weirton Madonna	4	5	0	15	2.143
Cameron	2	4	0	3	.750
Buckeye West	1	8	0	3	.600

DUAL MEET CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1979

CLASS AAAA

SCHOOL	WIN	LOSS	TIE	C.P.	C.P. AVERAGE
Wheeling Park	6	1	0	60	12.000
John Marshall	9	3	0	67	8.375
St. Clairsville	10	1	0	69.5	6.950
Steubenville	9	2	1	76.5	6.375
Brooke	9	4	1	60.5	5.042
Oak Glen	7	5	0	43	4.300
Wintersville	4	6	0	29	2.900
Bellaire	6	7	0	29	2.417
Weirton	2	8	0	10	1.250
Cambridge	1	10	0	3	.600
East Liverpool	0	11	0	0	.000

CLASS AAA

Bridgeport	9	1	0	63	6.300
River	6	2	0	41	5.125
Martins Ferry	7	5	0	58.5	4.875
Toronto	7	3	1	37.25	4.139
Jefferson Union	4	6	0	32	3.200
Magnolia	6	5	0	14.5	2.900
Meadowbrook	3	5	0	11	2.750
Union Local	7	5	0	30	2.727
Steubenville Central	4	4	2	26.5	2.650
Wellsville	6	3	0	15	2.500
Buckeye South	0	9	1	1	.111

CLASS AA

Cadiz	8	1	0	67.5	8.438
St. John's	5	5	1	21.5	1.955
Mingo	5	7	0	14.5	1.611
Weirton Madonna	4	7	0	12	1.333
Linsly	3	9	0	11.5	.958
Buckeye North	3	8	0	4.5	.500
Barnesville	1	9	0	3	.333
Wheeling Central	1	16	0	3.5	.250
Shenandoah	0	8	0	0	.000

CLASS A

Cameron	5	3	0	16	2.767
Beallsville	3	4	1	15.5	2.583
Buckeye West	2	7	1	4.5	.900
Valley	1	9	1	0	.000



DUAL MEET CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1980

CLASS AAAA

SCHOOL	WIN	LOSS	TIE	C.P.	C.P. AVERAGE
Brooke	13	1	0	99.5	9.045
John Marshall	8	4	0	80	8.889
Weirton	8	2	0	80	8.000
Steubenville	11	3	0	72.5	6.591
Bellaire	8	4	0	63	5.727
Wheeling Park	5	4	0	33	5.500
St. Clairsville	10	6	0	70.5	5.036
Oak Glen	7	6	0	32	3.556
Cambridge	7	11	0	17	2.429
Wintersville	3	9	0	13.5	1.100
East Liverpool	1	11	0	3.5	.700

CLASS AAA

Union Local	19	1	0	127	7.471
Toronto	10	1	0	63	6.300
Martins Ferry	5	7	0	40	3.333
River	5	6	0	22	2.444
Steubenville Central	6	7	0	28	2.154
Magnolia	5	5	0	10	2.000
Wellsville	2	5	1	11.5	1.917
Wheeling Central	4	7	1	16	1.455
Meadowbrook	5	8	0	7.5	1.250
Bridgeport	3	9	0	12	1.000
Jefferson Union	0	10	1	2.5	.227

CLASS AA

Cadiz	6	2	0	46	6.571
Barnesville	9	6	0	52.5	4.375
Weirton Madonna	8	3	1	42.5	3.864
Buckeye North	9	6	0	21	1.909
Shenandoah	3	6	0	8	1.600
Buckeye South	5	6	0	13	1.444
Mingo	3	10	0	8.5	.850
Shadyside	3	5	0	2	.286
Linsly	1	13	0	1	.077

CLASS A

Beallsville	5	3	0	36.5	5.214
Cameron	6	3	0	20.5	3.417
St. John's	6	7	0	41	3.417
Springfield	7	5	0	20	2.500
Buckeye West	0	10	0	0	.000
Valley	0	11	0	0	.000

## DUAL MEET CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1981

## CLASS AAAA

SCHOOL	WIN	LOSS	TIE	C.P.	C.P. AVERAGE
Wheeling Park	10	0	0	82	10.25
Steubenville	10	2	0	107	8.197
John Marshall	8	5	0	60	7.500
Weir	9	5	0	96	6.857
Bellaire	9	5	0	75.5	6.292
Oak Glen	6	4	0	46	5.750
Cambridge	9	10	0	38	4.222
East Liverpool	10	6	0	42	4.200
Brooke	3	9	0	25	2.778
St. Clairsville	2	10	0	19.5	1.625
Wintersville	0	6	0	0	.000

## CLASS AAA

Toronto	15	3	0	118	7.375
Meadowbrook	11	3	0	44.5	6.357
River	9	7	0	60.5	4.033
Steubenville Central	9	7	0	50	3.333
Magnolia	4	5	0	12	2.400
Martins Ferry	5	8	0	30.5	2.346
Jefferson Union	5	10	0	32.5	2.167
Union Local	6	13	0	32	1.882
Wheeling Central	4	9	0	21	1.750
Wellsville	3	5	0	3	.500
Buckeye South	1	8	0	3	.333

## CLASS AA

Cadiz	9	0	0	84.5	10.563
Barnesville	7	4	0	58	6.444
Buckeye North	7	4	0	33	3.300
Shenandoah	3	6	0	15	2.500
Linsly	3	6	0	18	2.000
Shadyside	4	6	0	21	1.909
Bridgeport	4	8	0	19	1.583
Mingo	1	14	0	4	.333

## CLASS A

Springfield	8	2	0	49.5	6.188
Beallsville	6	2	1	37	4.625
Bellaire St. John	6	6	1	39	3.000
Cameron	5	7	0	7	1.667
Weirton Madonna	4	7	0	16	1.455
Buckeye West	1	6	0	4	.800
Valley	0	3	0	0	.000

## DUAL MEET CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1982

## CLASS AAAA

SCHOOL	WIN	LOSS	TIE	C.P.	C.P. AVERAGE
Cambridge	14	2	0	76.5	9.563
Steubenville	10	1	0	98	8.910
John Marshall	10	6	0	79.5	8.833
Weirton	10	1	0	86.5	7.864
East Liverpool	10	3	0	26.5	5.300
Bellaire	5	5	0	43	4.778
Wheeling Park	6	6	0	26	4.333
St. Clairsville	7	7	0	43	3.308
Oak Glen	2	9	1	20.5	2.278
Brooke	2	9	0	9	1.286
Wintersville	0	5	0	0	.000

## CLASS AAA

Toronto	11	6	0	82.5	5.893
River	9	5	0	74	5.692
Martins Ferry	6	5	0	50	4.546
Barnesville	8	6	0	49.5	4.500
Wheeling Central	7	5	0	37	3.083
Jefferson Union	5	7	0	32.5	2.708
Union Local	8	12	0	27	1.800
Steubenville Catholic	5	10	0	23	1.533
Meadowbrook	6	5	0	6	1.200
Magnolia	4	7	0	6	1.200

## CLASS AA

Cadiz	8	2	0	69	7.667
Springfield	7	3	1	55	5.000
Shadyside	7	3	0	25	3.125
Wellsville	4	5	0	12.5	1.786
Bridgeport	4	8	0	9.5	.864
Mingo	2	8	0	6.5	.813
Buckeye North	2	9	0	2	.200
Shenandoah	4	5	0	0	.000
Linsly	0	6	0	0	.000

## CLASS A

Bellaire St. John	7	5	0	39.5	3.292
Beallsville	4	3	0	19.5	3.250
Cameron	7	5	0	19	2.714
Stanton	5	2	0	15	2.500
Buckeye West	3	9	1	5.5	.550
Weirton Madonna	2	11	1	6	.429
Valley	1	9	0	0	.000

DUAL MEET CHAMPIONSHIPS 1983

CLASS AAAA

SCHOOL	WIN	LOSS	TIE	C.P.	C.P. AVERAGE
Steubenville	10	1	0	94	8.545
John Marshall	12	3	0	70	7.778
Wheeling Park	7	3	0	32	5.333
East Liverpool	8	3	0	29	4.833
Oak Glen	5	7	0	36	4.500
Weirton	5	4	0	37	4.111
Cambridge	8	3	0	34	3.778
Bellaire	4	7	0	27	2.700
Wintersville	3	5	0	18	2.250
St. Clairsville	3	7	0	11	1.100
Brooke	2	7	0	0	.000

CLASS AAA

Barnesville	8	2	0	48	5.333
Jefferson Union	7	1	0	37	5.286
Martins Ferry	7	3	0	49	4.900
River	5	6	0	24	2.400
Wellsville	4	4	0	16	2.286
Wheeling Central	3	7	0	20	2.000
Steubenville Central	4	6	0	18	1.800
Union Local	3	8	0	12	1.200
Toronto	1	10	0	6	.545
Magnolia	6	4	0	1	.333
Meadowbrook	2	6	0	1	.250

CLASS AA

Cadiz	10	0	0	75	8.333
Shenadoah	4	5	0	14	3.500
Bridgeport	5	3	0	27	3.375
Buckeye North	4	4	0	10	1.429
Mingo	4	5	0	9	1.125
Springfield	3	7	0	9	1.000
Linsly	3	5	0	6	.857

CLASS A

Cameron	11	2	0	31	3.875
Shadyside	4	2	0	20	3.333
Weirton Madonna	10	4	0	30	3.000
Buckeye West	1	8	0	6	1.000
Beallsville	2	5	0	5	.833
Bellaire St. John	2	7	0	8	.800
Stanton	1	10	0	2	.286
Valley	2	10	1	0	.000

DUAL MEET CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1984

CLASS AAAA

SCHOOL	WIN	LOSS	TIE	C.P.	C.P. AVERAGE
Steubenville	9	2	0	71	7.100
Oak Glen	10	2	0	48	6.857
John Marshall	10	3	0	51	6.375
East Liverpool	10	2	0	62	6.200
St. Clairsville	9	2	0	62	5.636
Bellaire	4	4	0	37	4.625
Wheeling Park	6	5	0	25	3.571
Wintersville	3	5	0	19	2.375
Brooke	3	6	0	19	2.375
Cambridge	6	5	0	18	2.000
Weir	2	6	0	11	1.375

CLASS AAA

Steubenville Catholic	5	4	0	29	3.222
River	8	3	0	33	3.000
Union Local	5	3	0	13	1.857
Martins Ferry	3	7	0	17	1.700
Jefferson Union	3	4	0	10	1.667
Meadowbrook	3	5	0	4	1.000
Toronto	2	9	0	6	.600
Magnolia	2	7	0	0	.000
Wheeling Central	0	8	0	0	.000
Wellsville	0	0	0	0	.000

CLASS AA

Cadiz	10	1	0	73	7.300
Barnesville	6	2	0	47	5.875
Buckeye North	10	0	0	33	4.125
Bridgeport	3	3	0	9	1.500
Valley	5	6	0	6	1.200
Linsly	2	6	0	6	.750
Springfield	4	8	0	4	.500
Mingo	1	6	0	1	.143
Shenandoah	2	4	0	0	.000

CLASS A

Cameron	9	1	0	31	3.875
Weirton Madonna	9	2	0	29	2.900
Beallsville	6	2	0	18	2.571
Bishop Donahue	3	7	0	7	1.667
Buckeye West	2	7	0	7	1.000
Shadyside	2	5	0	5	.714
Stanton	3	5	0	3	.600
Bellaire St. John's	0	7	0	0	.000

DUAL MEET CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1985

CLASS AAAA

SCHOOL	WIN	LOSS	TIE	C.P.	C.P. AVERAGE
Oak Glen	7	2	0	52	8.667
East Liverpool	13	1	0	85	7.727
John Marshall	9	2	0	52	7.429
St. Clairsville	10	2	0	61	6.100
Steubenville	11	3	0	57	5.182
Wheeling Park	6	3	0	29	4.143
Wintersville	6	5	0	33	3.333
Bellaire	3	6	0	21	2.333
Brooke	4	7	0	12	1.333
Weirton	1	8	0	7	.778
Cambridge	0	11	0	0	.000

CLASS AAA

Meadowbrook	7	2	0	40.5	5.786
Jefferson Union	7	2	0	50	5.556
River	13	1	0	69	5.308
Barnesville	5	3	0	26	3.714
Union Local	6	3	0	29	3.222
Buckeye North	8	5	0	33.5	2.792
Steubenville Central	6	8	0	27	2.077
Martins Ferry	4	8	0	23	1.917
Magnolia	4	4	0	6	1.000
Wheeling Central	0	8	0	0	.000
Toronto	0	12	0	0	.000

CLASS AA

Cadiz	10	3	0	83	8.300
Bridgeport	6	2	0	39.5	4.938
Wellsville	3	4	0	6	1.000
Linsly	2	7	0	6	.667
Mingo	2	9	0	5	.625
Shenandoah	2	6	0	0	.000

CLASS A

Cameron	8	0	0	29.5	4.214
Bishop Donahue	5	5	0	20	3.333
Weirton Madonna	8	4	0	26	2.364
Springfield	6	6	0	20	2.000
Stanton	3	8	0	10	1.429
St. Johns	3	5	0	10	1.429
Beallsville	4	3	1	8.5	1.417
Buckeye West	1	7	0	4	.800
Shadyside	0	4	1	.5	.100

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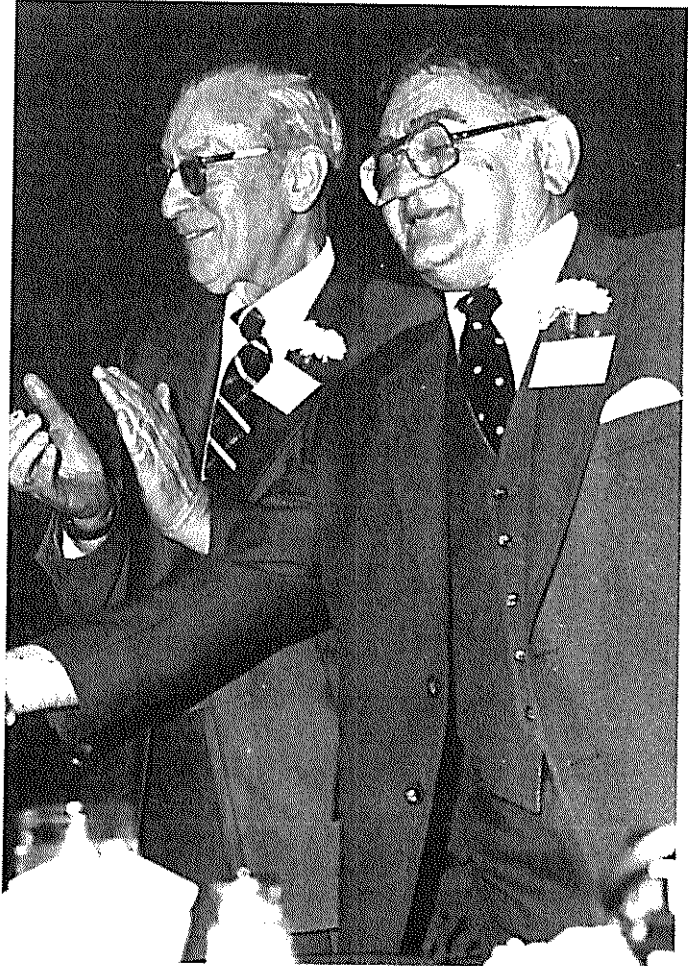
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