

Fiftieth Annual

Ohio Valley Athletic Conference

Wrestling Tournament

The Largest Conference Tournament in the United States

Wheeling Civic Center
Wheeling, West Virginia



Ron Mauck

Dedicated and Committed

Thursday · Friday · Saturday



The City of Wheeling

Wheeling West Virginia, 26003

Welcome,

On behalf of The City of Wheeling and the Wheeling City Council, we welcome all the wrestlers and fans of the Ohio Valley. We congratulate the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Wrestling Tournament on its 50th Anniversary and its 25 years of a mutually beneficial relationship with the Wheeling Civic Center.

It is our sincere hope that both fans and participants alike will enjoy the warm and friendly atmosphere created by the people and places of Wheeling.

It is our fond desire to make your visit to Wheeling a memorable experience.

Once a visitor to Wheeling, never a stranger again.

By competing, you are all Champions!

Regards,

Nick Sparachane, Mayor
Robert Herron, City Manager
Robert "Herk" Henry
Mike Nau
Larry "Babe" Schmitt
Vernon Seals
Cliff Sligar
Barry Crow



A Word of Welcome To All...



On behalf of the OVAC, I want to sincerely welcome each and everyone of you to the Annual OVAC Wrestling Tournament. Our warmest expressions of good luck are extended to each team and its supporters entering the great event.

From its meager and uncertain start in 1954, to the celebration of its 50th Anniversary this year, the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference-Wrestling tournament has grown into one of the major sports attractions in the Ohio Valley.

We do not hesitate to say the tournament is actually a demonstration of high character, good conduct, under the rules of the game, and on ethical relationship with one's opponent.

As you cheer for your favorite team, may the highest standards of sportsmanship prevail throughout the tournament.

Mr. Mark Matz
2003 OVAC President

I am very proud to be the director of the Ffthieth Annual OVAC Wrestling Tournament. I began directing the event in 1979 when it was first conducted in the Wheeling Civic Center. Throughout the last 49 years, many memorable milestones have taken place. Allow me to share them with you.

During the spring of 1970, we lost a phenomenal wrestler, David Bierkortte, to an untimely accident. Because of his athletic prowess, the Wheeling Central Catholic High School Boosters Club initiated the "David Bierkortte Award" for the outstanding wrestler in 1971.

The Wheeling Civic Center Manager in 1979 was Frank Rodriguez. Frank had a great deal of respect for the dedicated efforts of those involved with OVAC wrestling, and was instrumental in purchasing the world-class time clocks you now see by matside during the competition. Presently, we are blessed with Dennis Magruder, who has given us the same positive support, along with the entire Civic Center Staff.

In 1980, OVAC wrestling initiated the firs "George Kovalick Scholarship." Two years later, bob and Dolores Burke lost their son Danny, a wheeling Park wrestler, to a tragic traffic accident. Out of their love for him , the "Daniel M. Burke Wrestling Scholarship" was instituted in 1983. Most recently, we lost a fantastic wrestling enthusiast in 1996 from Marshall County affectionately known as "Dead Eye" Morris. His devoted family established the James H. Morris Sportsmanship Scholarship" in 1997 out of his love for the mat sport.

So, we now have three permanently installed scholarship funds that over the years have afforded 44 deserving OVAC wrestlers an amazing \$44,000 in college scholarships.

In 1999 there was a unique change in the tournament format which promotes OVAC wrestling even further throughout the Valley. The championship finals are now being televised live by WTOV-9 for all viewers in the entire area to enjoy. This year we proudly celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the tournament and 25 years of a mutually beneficial relationship with the City of Wheeling and the management of the Wheeling Civic Center. I want to thank everyone of the workers, coaches, officials, and wrestlers. They are the people who make the Annual OVAC Wrestling Tournament a truly grand adventure for Ohio Valley athletics.



Ron Mauck
Tournament Director
OVAC Wrestling Tournament

Wrestling Tournament Schedule 50th Annual OVAC

2003 Meet Sessions

First Session – Thurs. January 23 – 6:00 P.M.
(8 Mats)

Second Session – Fri. January 24 – 11:00 A.M.
(8 mats)

Third Session – Fri. January 24 – 5:00P.M.
(8 Mats)

Fourth Session – Sat. January 25 – 12:00 P.M.
(4 Mats)

Semi-Finals and 5th Round Semi-Final Consolations

Fifth Session – Sat. January 25 – 6:00P.M.

Introductions/Ceremonies

CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING

(4 Mats)

Contestants Vying for 1st – 3rd – 5th and 7th Place

2003 OVAC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

Jim Crossier, Barnesville,OH	Shawn Crossier, Steubenville,OH
Rick Crossier, Steubenville,OH	Lou Coffland, Cadiz,OH
Paul Coffland, Cadiz, OH	Larry Deaton, Martins Ferry,OH
Ray Marling, Martins Ferry,OH	Jack Regis, Martins Ferry,OH
Rick Spencer, Cambridge,OH	Doug Knight, Steubenville,OH
Jim Copney, Wheeling,WV	Shane Kildew, Bethesda, OH
Steve Kish, Nashport,OH	Ron Tschantz, Malvern, OH
Kenny McWilliams, Cannonsburg,PA	Mike Stallnecker, Parkersburg,WV

Dr. Vince Matteucci – Lakewood, OH

OHSAA Rules Interpreter & OVAC Public Relations

Dr. William Welker – Wheeling,WV –

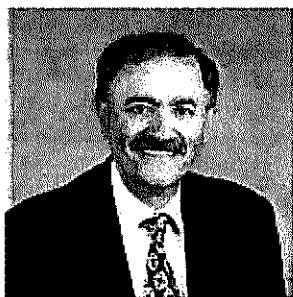
SSAC & OVAC Rules Interpreter

The success of the OVAC Wrestling Tournament is largely a tribute to the expertise and efficiency of the Wheeling Civic Center staff, under the direction of Civic Center Manager, Dennis Magruder, Kevin McBride of Food Service and the unexcelled cooperation of each and every one of their employees.

ADMISSION

Single Session	Adult \$ 5.00	Student \$ 3.00
Advance Ticket Book (5 sessions)	Adult \$20.00	Student \$10.00
Final Single Session	Adult \$ 7.00	Student \$ 4.00

2002-2003 OVAC EXECUTIVE BOARD



Mark Matz
President
Bridgeport



Warren Grace Jr.
Past President
Paden City



Tom Rataiczak
Exec. Secretary
Bellaire



Martin Hudock
Vice President
Weirton

BOARD MEMBERS



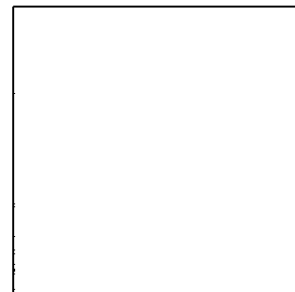
Jerry Narcisi
Ohio Member
Shadyside



George Kohelis
Ohio Member
buckeye Local



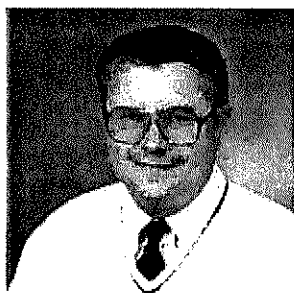
Dianna Vargo
West Virginia Member
Wheeling Park



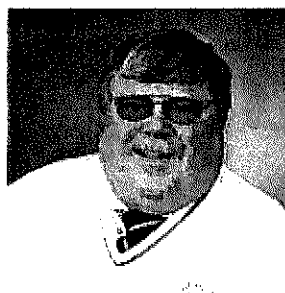
Timothy Haught
West Virginia Member
Magnolia



Bob Koch
A Representative
Cameron



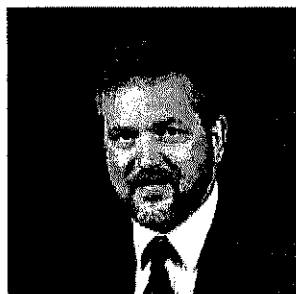
Ed Cihy
AA Representative
Wheeling Central



Warren Hood
AAA Representative
Martins Ferry



Blaire Closser
AAAA Representative
Bickeye Local



John Howell
OVAC
Basketball Commissioner



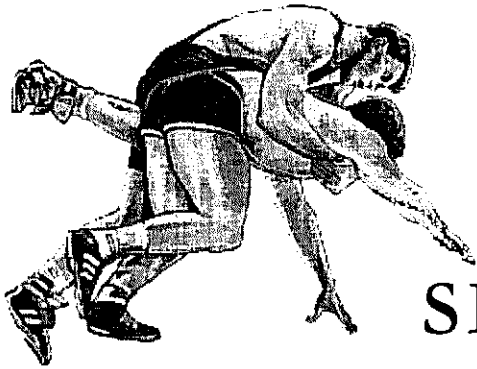
Nancy Mumley
OVAC Treasurer



Don Zinni
OVAC
Football Commissioner

OVAC WRESTLING

Thursday Night
Opening Ceremonies
January 23, 2003



SESSION I.

4:00-5:00 P.M. *Weigh-ins
5:05 P.M. Coaching Meeting and scratch schedule
5:30-5:55 P.M. Warm-up on mats

- 5:30-5:35
1. Oak Glen
 2. Barnesville
 3. Beallsville
 4. Beaver Local
 5. Bellaire
 6. Bishop Donahue
 7. Bridgeport

- 5:35-5:40
1. Brooke
 2. Buckeye Local
 3. Caldwell
 4. Cambridge
 5. Cameron
 6. Connotton Valley
 7. East Liverpool

- 5:40-5:45
1. Edison Local
 2. Harrison Local
 3. Indian Creek
 4. John Marshall
 5. Magnolia
 6. Martins Ferry
 7. Meadowbrook

- 5:45-5:50
1. Monroe Central
 2. River Local
 3. Shadyside
 4. Shenandoah
 5. St. Clairsville
 6. St. John
 7. Stubenville

- 5:50-5:55
1. Steubenville Central
 2. Tyler Consolidated
 3. Union Local
 4. Weirton
 5. Weirton Madonna
 6. Wellsville
 7. Wheeling Park

6:00-6:15 P.M. Team procession
6:15 Prayer
6:17 National Anthem
6:20 Team Recession exit to Olympic theme
6:25 Assistant Wrestling" Coach of the Year Award"
6:27 Junior High School "Coach of the Year Award"
6:30 Sidney "Sid" A. Stoltz Memorial Award
6:32 James "Dead Eye" H. Morris Sportsmanship Award
6:33 Program Cover Story
6:35 Announce on deck wrestlers

WARM-UPSCHEDULE

OVAC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Friday January 24, 2003

SESSION II.

10:30 A.M. Wrestlers Warm-up
10:55 Wrestlers leave mat area
11:00 National Anthem
11:03 announce on deck wrestlers

5:30 P.M. Wrestlers Warm-up
5:55 Wrestlers leave mat area
6:00 National Anthem
6:05 Special Awd Presenters
6:10 announce on deck wrestlers

SESSION III.

SATURDAY JANUARY 25, 2003

SESSION IV.

11:30 A.M. Wrestlers Warm-up
11:55 Wrestlers leave mat area
12:00 National Anthem

Session V.

6:00 P.M. INTRODUCTION 103
Special Thanks to: 112
Ron Mauck, Tournament Director 119
Dennis Magruder, Civic Center Manager 125
Mark George, Civic Center Operations Director 130
Doug Campbell, Civic Center Asst. Director 135
Jim Edge, Food Service 140
Coca-Cola Enterprise, Houston, PA 145
Tim McCoy, Gen. Mgr. WTOV channel 9 152
Keith Murdock, Trinity Health systems 160
Jim Smith, Pepsi 171
Jim Stein, Health Plan Upper Ohio Valley 189
Ed McCauley, Kroger company Zone Mgr. 215
Dr. Mike Kovalik, Ohio Valley Medical Center 275
Dr. Nick Ghaphery
All Tournament workers and staff

6:05 P.M. Introduction to Past Campioins 1978
Steve Kish, 25th Reunion Coordinator
6:15 Parade of Champions
6:20 National Anthem
6:25 Announcement of "Mr. Mat-2003"
6:25 Parade of Champions Exit
6:30 championship Matches

TEAM TROPHIES & BANNERS

"A" Runner-Up
"A" Champion

"AA" Runner-Up
"AA" Champion

"AAA" Runner-Up
"AAA" Champion

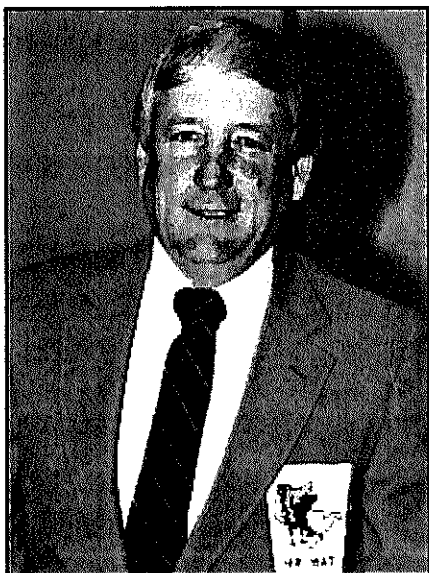
"AAAA" Runner-Up
"AAAA" Champion

Over-All Champion

Most Valuable Wrestler

Dave Bierkorte Award Winner

ALL WEIGHT CLASS PLACERS
WILL RECEIVE THEIR INDIVIDUAL
AWARDS
FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE COACHES
AS PRESENTED BY
TOM RATAICZIK, OVAC EXEC. SECRETARY
ED MCCAULEY, KROGER COMPANY
TIM MCCOY, WTOV-9
JIM SMITH, PEPSI
JIM STEIN, HEALTH PLAN OF UPPER OHIO
VALLEY



A LEADER BOTH ADMIRERD AND RESPECTED

To the unknowing, the role of OVAC Director of Wrestling would appear to calumniate during the third week in January, with the fifth and final session of the Tournament. However, contrary to this popular belief, it is then that the annual cycle begins anew for Director Ron Mauck. His obsession with details and meticulous record keeping demand much of both his time and his talent. Since 1971, Ron has maintained all dual met records, which determine Team Class Champions.

Ron is not the typical leader, for he delegates authority to individuals who would not consider failing those responsibilities out of respect and admiration for him.

Everyone knows and recognizes that no one gives more to the sport of wrestling than Ron. It is therefore understandable why he receives total commitment from those with whom he surrounds himself.

He is a tireless bundle of energy who never leaves the Civic Center while there are still things to be filed, folded, filled, stowed, setup or torn down. You may see him performing such mundane chores as swabbing the mats or climbing high above the civic Center floor, into the superstructure, to repair an electrical connection. No task is beneath his dignity. He asks no one to do any job that he won't do or hasn't done.

Dick Edge, Mr. Mat in 1979, says of Ron, "he has been my friend for over 40 years. I know him as the most honest, sincere, caring, loyal, dedicated and hardest worker that I have had the pleasure to know and work with. The two most important things in this life are his family and other people's children, the youth of the OVCA. "Because of his leadership, the OVAC Wrestling Tournament is the now largest, best run and classiest high school tournament in the nation."

Ron is a graduate of West Liberty State College and received his masters degree from West Virginia University. He then spent 34 years in education at Brooke High where his knowledge and experience as a Driver & safety Educator gained him statewide recognition as an invaluable resource and consultant.

He initiated the wrestling program at Follansbee High in '66 and served as Brooke High head coach from '69-'74. He became the Assistant Athletic Director in '88 and served until '93 when he was elevated to Athletic Director, serving until his retirement in '99.

Following his retirement from education, he assumed the position as Administrator of the Home for Men in Warwood, where he continues to serve.

He has been involved in the Rudy Mumley All-Star Charity football Game Since '81 while serving as Assistant Director until '94, when he became Director, a duty he relinquished in '00.

In addition to celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the OVAC Wrestling tournament and the 25 years relationship between OVAC Wrestling and the Wheeling Civic Center, this year marks Ron's 25th year as Director of OVAC Wrestling, a monumental accomplishment in view of the commitment in time and energy.

His longtime dear friend and Assistant Director of Wrestling, Bill Hinegardner, Mr. Mat in '84 says of Ron, "People like him and he likes people." He listens to people's ideas and is not afraid to make changes to improve. He is an advocate of teamwork and getting people involved in activities and projects. One of his favorite quotes is: "*I*" is and island and stands alone. "*WE*" working together can accomplish amazing things."

He demonstrates a loyalty and love for community as an active member of the Warwood Lions Club. He has served as President of the West Virginia Safety Association, Brideport Alumni Association and the Warwood Junior High Athletic Association.

Ron is extremely fortunate to have the support and understanding of his loyal and devoted wife of 38 years, Mary Lou. She is his most dedicated helper and he could have accomplished little without her able assistance and encouragement. She teaches 4th grade at Warwood Elementary School.

Ron and Mary Lou are the proud parents of three children. Wh have been priviledged to watch them grow up among the OVAC Wrestling family.

Their eldest, Eric, is Vice president of Operations at Ogleby Park. Jay is a district Executive with the Boy Scouts Of America. Their daughter, Melissa, is a speech Pathologist in the Brooke County School System. Collectively they have 4 grandchildren.

Ron is famous for asking people, "You O.K.?" Dick Edge's rejoinder, "Yes, Ron, we are O.K. and one reasons is becaus of YOU!"

Bob and Robin's



Owned and Operated by Bob & Robin Bosco
(formerly of Riverview Florists)

Roses Are Our Specialty
The New Flower Shop With Fresh Ideas

We Offer Complete
Flowers for Weddings,
Funeral Arrangements,
Fresh and Silk Arrangements,
Balloon Bouquets,
Fruit Baskets

Call 386-ROSE (7673)
510 Walnut Street
East Liverpool, Ohio



OVAC Wrestling Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Bless our wrestlers that they may perform to their fullest potential;

Bless our coaches that they may stress the highest standards of good sportsmanship;

Bless our officials that they may keep wrestler-safety foremost in their thoughts;

Bless our parents that they may understand--win or lose, their sons are learning much about life through wrestling;

And finally, bless the late George Kovalick--the man who made this great event a reality for our wrestlers.

In Jesus' name, we pray,
Amen

OVAC MR. MAT AWARD 1976-1984



1976: George Kovalick
Bellaire Athletic Director



1977: Bill Van Horne
Sports Editor, Wheeling New
Register



1978: John Vrotsos
Martins Ferry High School



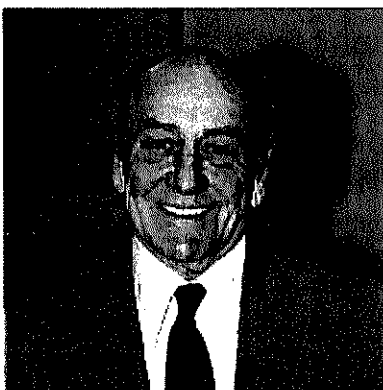
1979: Richard Edge
Principal, Springfield High



1980: George Wally
John Marshall Athletic Director



1981: Bob Hedmond
Steubenville Athletic Director



1982: Paul Crago
Marshall County Schools



1983: Dr. Vincent Monseau
West Liberty State College

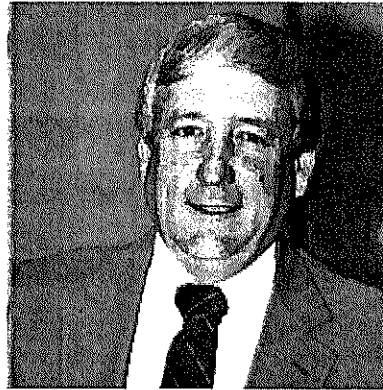


1984: Bill Hinegardner
John Marshall High School

OVAC MR. MAT AWARD 1985-1993



1985: Dennis Bowman
Bellaire High School



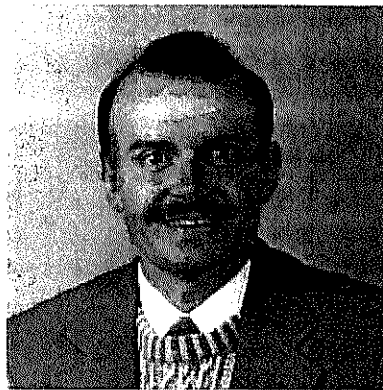
1986: Ronald Mauck
Brooke High School



1987: Eric Carder
Wheeling Park Athletic Director



1988: Dave Kovalick
Barnesville High School



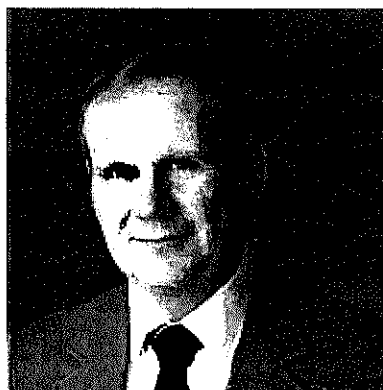
1989: Steve Kish
Principal, Bellaire High School



1990: Carl Fodock
Hancock County Schools



1991: Dr. William Welker
Warwood Middle School



1992: Larry Deaton
Martins Ferry



1993: John Stephenson
Cadiz High School

OVAC MR. MAT AWARD 1994-2002



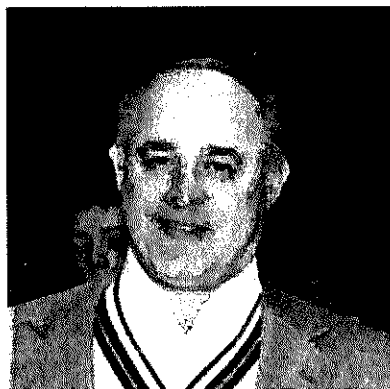
1994: Joe Bates
Woodsfield High School



1995: Bob Bruney
Martins Ferry High School



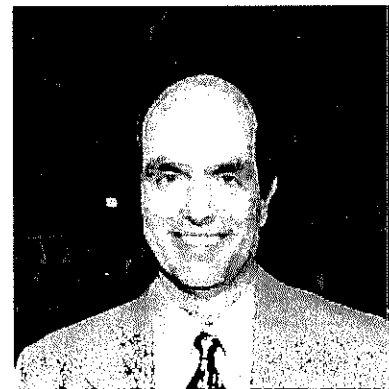
1996: Larry Chambers
Moundsville Jr. High School



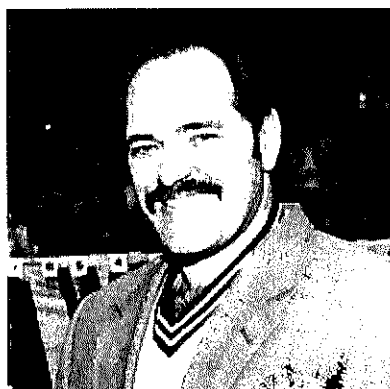
1997: Cary Davis
Beallsville High School



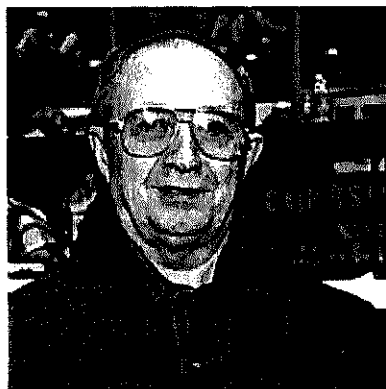
1998: Cal Pokas
Martins Ferry Time Leader



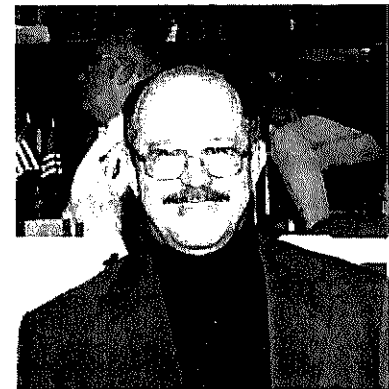
1999: Tom Lackman
Jefferson union



2000: Ed "buzz" Evans
Wheeling Park High School



2001: William McEldowney



2002: John Craig
Indian Creek

OVAC Overall Tournament Team Champions

1954-2002

1954	Bridgeport High School	George Kovalick
1955	Bridgeport High School	George Kovalick
1956	Bridgeport High School	George Kovalick
1957	Bridgeport High School	George Kovalick
1958	Bridgeport High School	George Kovalick
1959	Bridgeport High School	George Kovalick
1960	Bridgeport High School	George Kovalick
1961	Martins Ferry High School	John "Corky" Vrotsos
1962	Martins Ferry High School	John "Corky" Vrotsos
1963	Martins Ferry High School	John "Corky" Vrotsos
1964	Martins Ferry High School	John "Corky" Vrotsos
1965	Martins Ferry High School	John "Corky" Vrotsos
1966	Martins Ferry High School	John "Corky" Vrotsos
1967	Martins Ferry High School	John "Corky" Vrotsos
1967	Martins Ferry High School	Art Hehr
1969	St. John Central High School	Joseph G. Bates
1970	Wheeling Central High School	John Hibbert
1971	St. John Cenral High School	Dennis Bowman
1972	John Marshall High School	Bill Hinegardner
1973	John Marshall High School	Bill Hinegardner
1974	John Marshall High School	Bill Hinegardner
1975	Warwood Hight School	Eric Carder
1976	Wierton High School	Charles "Skip" Murray
1977	John Marshall High School	Bill Hinegardner
1978	Wheeling Park High School	Dric Carder
1979	Wheeling Park High School	Dric Carder
1980	Steubenville High School	John Craig
1981	Cadiz High School	John Stephenson
1982	Steubenville High School	John Craig
1983	John Marshall High School	Ed Dugas
1984	Steubenville High School	John Craig
1985	Barnesville Hight Schol	Darrell Davis
1986	East Liverpool High School	Nick Trombetta
1987	Steubenville High School	John Craig
1988	East Liverpool High School	Nick Trombetta
1989	Steubenville High School	John Craig
1990	Wheeling Park High School	Buzz Evans
1991	Oak Glen High School	Larry Shaw
1992	Steubenville High School	John Craig
1993	Martins Ferry High School	Jeff Oberdick
1994	Wheeling Park High School	Buzz Evans
1995	Steubenville High School	Rick Camellitti
1996	Buckeye Local High School	Dan Doyle
1997	Buckeye Local High School	Dan Doyle
1998	Martins Ferry High School	Jeff Oberdick
1999	Martins Ferry High School	Jeff Oberdick
2000	East Liverpool High School	Scott Hiemstra
2001	East Liverpool High School	Scott Hiemstra
2002	Oak Glen High School	Larry Shaw

2002 OVAC Wrestling

Tournament Class Results

MATCH RESULTS	WRESTLERS	GRADE	SCHOOL	DIVISION	PLACE
103 lbs.					
14-3	Clay Tucker	9	Martins Ferry	AAA	1
	John Howard	12	John Marshall	AAAA	2
8-3	Anthony Valles	10	Weirton Madonna	A	3
	Justin Goneau	11	Oak Glen	AAA	4
Fall 2:18	Luke Hoppell	9	Beaver Local	AAAA	5
	Jordan Seidler	10	Monroe Central	AA	6
10-4	Anthony Duffield	9	East Liverpool	AAAA	7
	Scott Bumgardner	11	Wheelin Park	AAAA	8
112 lbs.					
11-8	Lucas Huffman	11	River	AA	1
	Josh Hoover	11	Beaver Local	AAAA	2
6-2	Jesse Emery	10	Harrison Central	AAA	3
	Brian Humphrey	10	Wheeling Park	AAAA	4
Fall 2:38	Ben Cain	11	Measowbrook	AAA	5
	Chris Troyan	12	Martins Ferry	AAA	6
2-0	Allen Taylor	12	John Marshall	AAAA	7
	Matt Smith	10	Brook	AAAA	8
119 lbs.					
1-0	John Tierney	12	Martins Ferry	AAA	1
	Adam Kennedy	12	Wheeling Park	AAAA	2
Fall 1:30	Kyle Glasser	12	Shadyside	AA	3
	Mike Fasouletos	12	John Marshall	AAAA	4
11-6	Scott Campbell	12	Harrison Central	AAA	5
	Jonathan McFarland	10	Brooke	AAAA	6
7-3	John Perozzi	11	Buckeye Local	AAAA	7
	Ben Young	11	Steubenville	AAAA	8
125 lbs.					
9-3	Josh Johnston	11	Indian Creek	AAA	1
	Bubba LaRew	12	Beallsville	A	2
3-1 OT	Braden Shaw	10	Brooke	AAAA	3
	Brian Trunbull	11	Beaver Local	AAAA	4
4-0	Jarrod Andrewson	11	Barnesville	AAA	5
	Mike Jones	12	Martins Ferry	AAA	6
5-1	Jason Koonce	10	John Marshall	AAAA	7
	Aaron Brown	10	Monroe Central	AA	8

2002 OVAC Wrestling

Tournament Class Results

MATCH RESULTS	WRESTLERS	GRADE	SCHOOL	DIVISION	PLACE
130 lbs.					
6-3	David Tieney	12	Martins Ferry	AAA	1
	Jared Hoppel	11	Beaver Local	AAAA	2
8-6	Kyle Mull	11	John Marshall	AAAA	3
	Vic Bologna	9	Harrison Central	AAA	4
4-2	Shawn Fullerton	12	Cameron	A	5
	Jason Lucas	12	Barnesville	AAA	6
3-1	Clayton Benedict	10	Monroe Central	AA	7
	John Leas	12	Indian Creek	AAA	8
135 lbs.					
3-2	Billy Barath	12	St. Clairsville	AAA	1
	Garrett Six	12	Oak Glen	AAA	2
Fall 2:12	Dave Durbin	11	Brooke	AAAA	3
	Jon Varner	12	Beaver Local	AAAA	4
3-1	Ryan Ferguson	10	Monroe Central	AA	5
	Cory Smith	12	Martins Ferry	AAA	6
7-0	Chase Jolly	12	Edison	AAAA	7
	Thad Crosier	10	Steubenville	AAAA	8
140 lbs.					
7-5	Phil Bliss	11	Brooke	AAAA	1
	Jesse Irwin	10	Shadyside	AA	2
4-0	Steve Flowers	11	Oak Glen	AAA	3
	kellen Hughes	10	Indian Creek	AAA	4
2-1	Chris Case	10	St. John	A	5
	Jason Peddicord	11	Barnesville	AAA	6
12-4	David Babel	10	Steubenville	AAAA	7
	Drandon Bruce	11	Bellaire	AAA	8
145 lbs.					
5-2	Christopher Wilson	11	Monroe Central	AA	1
	Matt Wharton	11	Oak Glen	AAA	2
6-4	Jeremy Shaw	11	Beaver Local	AAAA	3
	Brock Bowman	11	Buckeye Local	AAAA	4
1-1 OT Criteria	Jeremy Cowan	12	East Liverpool	AAAA	5
	Bobby Samsa	10	Shadyside	AA	6
Fall 2:33	Jason Belimer	10	Barnesville	AAA	7
	Jeff Casey	11	Meadowbrook	AAA	8

2002 OVAC Wrestling

Tournament Class Results

MATCH RESULTS	WRESTLERS	GRADE	SCHOOL	DIVISION	PLACE
152 lbs.					
2-0	Derek George	12	John Marshall	AAAA	1
	Derek Roth	12	Martins Ferry	AAA	2
4-2	Tucker Brown	12	Cameron	A	3
	Chad Snyder	12	Tyler Consol	AAA	4
3-1	Luke Burkhardt	10	Shadyside	AA	5
	Ryan Tacosik	12	Union Local	AAA	6
13-0	Johnny Jefferis	12	Barnesville	AAA	7
	Luke High	11	Cambridge	AAAA	8
160 lbs.					
Forfeit	David Bertolino	11	Buckeye Local	AAAA	1
	John Prokapakis	12	Edison	AAAA	2
10-4	Derek Sefsich	12	Harrison Central	AAA	3
	Chad Baker	11	Barnesville	AAA	4
D.Q.	Rodger Kupfer	12	Cameron	A	5
	Robbie Dimmerling	10	Monroe Central	AA	6
5-1	Chris Green	11	East Liverpool	AAAA	7
	Chaz Yoder	9	Martins Ferry	AAA	8
171 lbs.					
1-0	Derrick Stickle	12	Oak Glen	AAA	1
	Jordan Williams	11	Beaver Local	AAAA	2
6-4	James Lyons	11	Steubenville	AAAA	3
	Erick Spitsnoggle	12	Harrison Central	AAA	4
5-2	Justin Hepe	12	St. John	A	5
	Jon Arnete	12	Wellsville	AA	6
5-4	Tyler Schumacher	11	Monroe Central	AA	7
	Sean Grinch	12	Shadyside	AA	8
189 lbs.					
3-1	Chris Taylor	12	John Marshall	AAAA	1
	Ronnie Heberck	12	Oak Glen	AAA	2
5-3	Jerry Williams	11	Beaver Local	AAA	3
	Adam Snyder	12	St. Clairsville	AAA	4
4-2	Anothy Gump	12	Indian Creek	AAA	5
	Derek Conrad	11	Meadowbrook	AAA	6
Fall :23	Dustin Holt	12	Martins Ferry	AAA	7
	Jon Gordon	12	Wheeling Central	AA	8

2002 OVAC Wrestling

Tournament Class Results

MATCH RESULTS	WRESTLER	GRADE	SCHOOL	DIVISION	PLACE
215 lbs.					
4-3	Adam Hoppel	10	Beaver Local	AAAA	1
	Vince Magnone	12	Weir	AAAA	2
Fall 3:34	Josh Stansbury	11	East Liverpool	AAAA	3
	Chris Frankhauser	11	Edison	AAAA	4
5-2	John Wells	12	John Marshall	AAAA	5
	Bill Whitehill	11	Oak Glen	AAA	6
3-2	Joe Weaver	12	Magnolia	AAA	7
	Codey Leach	10	Shenandoah	AA	8
275 lbs.					
2-1	Jesse Wells	12	Shenandoah	AA	1
	Tony Carrothers	11	Harrison Central	AAA	2
Fall :26	Joe Caughney	12	Oak Glen	AAA	3
	Matt Duvall	11	Bellaire	AAA	4
3-1	Joel Davia	10	Union Local	AAA	5
	Eugene Henry	12	John Marshall	AAAA	6
Fall 4;13	Michael Price	11	Cambridge	AAAA	7
	Troy Allenby	12	Wheeling Park	AAAA	8

Compliments of

OVAC

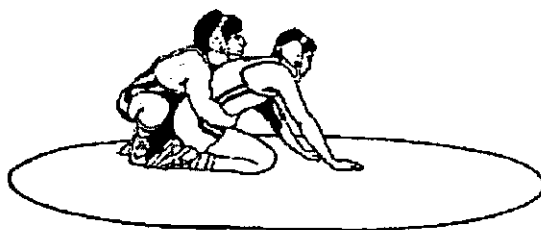
Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Foundation, Inc.

The OVAC and OVAC Foundation salutes all of the athletes, coaches,
and administrators taking part in this OVAC wrestling classic.

The OVAC Foundation Board and its entire membership supports those
fifteen athletic programs sponsored by the OVAC.

CONGRATULATIONS, OVAC WRESTLERS

“OVAC’S Pride is Ohio Valley Wide”



DANIEL M. BURKE

MEMORIAL WRESTLING SCHOLARSHIP

Dedicated to the sincere belief that the loss of their young son, Danny, should not end with that tragic auto accident on February 8, 1982, Bob and Delores Burke wished to establish a living tribute to perpetuate his memory.

Since he was such a dynamic individual, who as a Wheeling Park wrestler, had yet to reach his full potential in this sport that he loved, how fitting and appropriate that they decided to help a gifted student/athlete attain his full potential in the career of his choice.

Therefore, in 1983 the first Daniel M. Burke Memorial Wrestling Scholarship was presented.

The qualifying criteria require the recipient to be senior with outstanding records in both wrestling and academic performance.

The award in the amount of \$1,000, is to be applied to college expenses.

2002 marks the 20th Annual presentation of this prestigious award. As each participant is added to the list, it reads a veritable "Who's Who Among Outstanding Young Men in the Upper Ohio Valley".

It is our fond hope that the accomplishments of each successive recipient has helped to honor and perpetuate Danny's memory in a manner fulfilling the wishes of his parents.



YEAR	NAME	SCHOOL	COLLEGE
1983	John Witzberger	Wheeling Central	West Virginia University
1984	Todd Rowe	Wheeling Park	West Liberty Mount Union West Liberty
1985	Todd Hibbs	Jefferson Union	Mount Union Michigan State
1986	Paul Ice	East Liverpool	Muskingum
1987	Jeff Sobel	Oak Glen	Syracuse University of Texas (San Antonio)
1988	Steve Woods	Wellsville	University of Maryland Baltimore Med School
1989	David Woods	Cameron	Capital University
1990	David Heath	St. Clairsville	Washington & Jefferson
1991	Larry Sams	Wellsville	Ohio State
1992	Rick Mokros	Shadyside	Ohio Northern
1993	Dwayne Patterson	Oak Glen	W. Virginia Northern Wheeling Jesuit
1994	Ryan Slack	Shadyside	University of Pennsylvania
1995	Luke Underwood	Weirton	Fairmont State
1996	David Cornish	Buckeye Local	Waynesburg
1997	Chris Ward	John Marshall	West Liberty
1998	Dan Jones	Martins Ferry	Ohio State
1999	Jose Smith	Cambridge	Cleveland State University
2000	Zack Zubay	Oak Glen	West Virginia University
2001	Nathan Kendjorsky	Buckeye Local	West Virginia University
2002	John F. Tierney	Martins Ferry	Kent State University

**OVAC
WRESTLING
Coach's Association
Official of the Year**

**OVAC Wrestling
"Official of the Year"
As members of the OVAC
The Ohio Valley Wrestling Coaches
select an annual recipient**

PAST WINNERS

**1996-----Shawn Crossier
1997-----Steve Kish
1998-----Ray Marling
1999-----Steve Kish
2000-----Shawn Crossier
2001-----Jim Crossier
2002-----Merle Tournay
2003-----??????????????**

THE OVAC Wrestling Tournament

Its birth . . . growth . . . and tradition

By Richard Keith Wolf



It began as all ideas . . . the dream of one man . . . the late George Kovalick.

In March of 1954, Wheeling, Bridgeport, Barnesville, and Linsley Institute competed in the inaugural OVAC Wrestling Tournament at Bridgeport.

The following year Weirton was added as the Tournament moved to Barnesville.

The tournament returned to Bridgeport in 1956, where it remained through 1958, while growing to 7 participating schools.

After 5 years as Tournament Director, Coach Kovalick relinquished the reins to John "Corky" Vrotsos when the tournament moved to Martins Ferry.

Over the next 9 years, the tournament grew to 18 teams, as schools, sometimes reluctantly, added wrestling to their inter-scholastic programs as fan interest blossomed.

There was a concern expressed by participating coaches that the OVAC had never been held in West Virginia.

A decision was made to move the tournament to Moundsville and thereafter to alternate between Ohio and West Virginia.

And so it was, that in 1968, under Co-Directors, George Walley and George Kovalick, the tournament opened with 20 participating schools.

Ironically, no significant mention of alternating tournament sites occurred for the next 8 years, as the tournament grew in both participant and fan numbers.

Several landmark events occurred during the Moundsville Era . . . With 23 schools competing in 1970, the OVAC crowned its first West Virginia team Champion, Wheeling Central Catholic . . . In 1971, following the tragic death of Dave Beirkorette, former OVAC Tournament Champion, the Wheeling Central Catholic Boosters Club established the Dave Beirkorette Wrestling Award to be presented annually to the Most Valuable Wrestler in the Tournament. The first recipient was Don Blum of Martins ferry . . . In 1974, with 32 schools competing, the OVAC became a 3 day event and 6 mats were used for the preliminary rounds . . . In 1975 with 34 schools competing, and as a result of recent large school district consolidations, it was decided that the smaller schools should be competing for team championships against schools of equal or

near equal enrollment. Therefore, classifications were established and in addition to the Overall Team Champion, three (3) Division Champions were also crowned . . . Finally, little Warwood became the first school to win the Overall Team Title without an individual champion.

In 1976, the tournament moved to the Steubenville Diocesan Arena with Bob Hedmond as Director.

It was during this year that the most prestigious honor in OVAC wrestling, "MR. MAT" was established and bestowed. How fitting and appropriate that George Kovalick, affectionately known as, Coach "K", should be the initial recipient of an award earned for "a lifetime of dedication to the sport of wrestling". For this was his idea . . . his dream . . . his energy . . . and his enthusiasm that had made it a reality.

In 1977, school classifications were expanded to four (4) divisions, as paid attendance to the three day event soared to 9,465.

The OVAC Wrestling Tournament and foul weather seem to arrive as distinct, yet inseparable, entities. And so it was, that in 1978, when faced with treacherous highway conditions, resulting from an accumulation of ice and snow, it was deemed necessary to postpone the Friday session until Saturday.

In 1979, the Tournament moved to the Wheeling Civic Center with Ron Mauck as Director. Two (2) major improvements took place that year, (1) the massive floor area of the Civic Center now made it possible to wrestle on eight (8) mats, and (2) eight (8) individual and independent electronic match scoreboard/clocks were purchased.

In 1980, recognition of individual weight-class competitors was expanded to include the top eight (8) places.

That same year, the OVAC Wrestling Coaches Association created, to honor Coach "K", the George E. Kovalick Scholarship, to be presented annually to assist a college-bound scholar/wrestler.

Following the tragic 1982 death of Wheeling Park High School wrestler, Danny Burke, his parents established a living tribute to his memory. In 1983, the first annual Daniel M. Burke Memorial Wrestling Scholarship was awarded to John Witzberger of Wheeling Central.

"In 1997, following the untimely passing of James "Dead Eye" Morris, in tribute to his long abiding love for wrestling and his devotion to the OVAC, the Morris family and sons, Jeff and Greg (both former OVAC champions) established both an annual sportsman award and a scholarship in his memory."

The threatening flood was more a probability than a possibility when the 43rd Annual Tournament opened on Thursday, January 19, 1996. When it became evident that we had to deal with the certainty, a prudent, yet difficult and unpopular, decision was made to discontinue wrestling at 6:00 PM on Friday, January 19, 1996 and to resume at that point on Saturday January 27, 1996.

To accomplish this monumental task would require the complete cooperation of everyone involved, including, but not limited to, wrestlers, coaches, athletic directors, tournament workers, referees, and the rescheduling or dropping of other meets and/or tournaments, and a host of individual problems faced by each and everyone associated with an undertaking of this magnitude.

An indication of the level of cooperation and commitment to the OVAC was never more evident than when the Tournament reconvened one week later, just as though it was part of the original plan.

However, none of this could have taken place without the cooperation, understanding and participation of the Civic Center Staff, under the supervision of its congenial and tireless Director, Dennis Magruder.

WTOV-Channel-9- Steubenville as a corporate sponsor, demonstrated their enthusiastic support for OVAC Wrestling when they initiated live television coverage of all weight class championship bouts in 1998.

In the spring of 1999, the dynamic force behind the growth and expansion of the OVAC, Sam Mumley, Executive Secretary for 32 years, succumbed to his battle with cancer. Steve Kish, Superintendent of Martins Ferry schools, willingly stepped in to fill the void and served as an interim Executive Secretary until Tom Rataiczak assumed the permanent position in the fall of 1999.

In November 2002, we mourned the untimely passing of Bob Hedmond, Mr. Mat in 1981, the former head football coach at East Liverpool, Brooke and Steubenville High Schools and OVAC Wrestling Tournament Director during its three-years at the Diocesan Arena. ('76-'78).

In 2003, "Friends in Memory of Matt Salsberry" established an athletic/academic scholarship "with a desire to honor and perpetuate his memory". He was a two-time OVAC champion ('98-'99) and Mr. Hercules winner from East Liverpool High School. He lost his life in a tragic 1999 auto accident.

The year 2003 also marks three significant milestones; OVAC Wrestling celebrates its 50th Annual Tournament, which is believed to be the largest and oldest continually operating high school tournament in the nation. Second, OVAC Wrestling commemorates 25 years of a cooperative and nurturing relationship with the Wheeling Civic Center, which has served to generate an interest in wrestling while they act as congenial hosts for the annual tournament. Lastly, the OVAC honors and applauds Ron Mauck for 25 years of commitment and dedication as Director of Wrestling.

It is our fond wish that this tournament will continue to grow ... if not in size, hopefully in stature ... as a symbol of all that is good and decent. For there is no greater satisfaction than that which one receives from their investment of time and energy devoted to youth.

As you witness the pomp and pageantry, from the opening ceremonies on Thursday, through the Parade of Champions on Saturday night, only then will you realize that this is a true labor of love and a living tribute to all those, both past and present, who have strived to make it possible and memorable.

MEGA

MILLS • EASON • GAURON • Agency

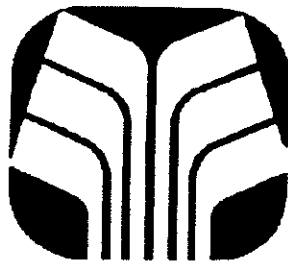
Insurance Group

*The Name Has Changed ...
But The Faces Remain The Same*

Combined Strength to Serve Your Insurance Needs

422 Walnut Street
E. Liverpool, OH

Phone: (330) 385-0688
FAX: (330) 385-7565



Hancock County Savings Bank

F.S.B.

SERVING ALL OF YOUR FINANCIAL NEEDS AT OUR FOUR CONVENIENT OFFICE

CHESTER

351 Carolina Avenue
387-1620

WEIRTON

375 Three Springs Drive
723-4140

NEW CUMBERLAND

1200 Ridge Avenue
564-3368

DRIVE THRU

300 Penco Road

1-800-225-1620

www.hcsbank.com



Your HOMETOWN BANK Since 1899

THE NONPAREILS
4-TIME OVAC CHAMPIONS

* * * *

Bobby Douglas	Bridgeport	1961
Mark Emmerling	East Liverpool	1989
Kelly Shields	Edison South	1993

*It Takes A
Giant
To Make Life Simple.*



of

Calcutta

HEATON'S TIRE SHOP

"Service Is Our Business"

Computerized
Wheel Alignment
2 & 4 Wheel

Total
Brake Service
Turn Rotor & Drums

Additional Services

Shocks, Struts, Tie Rod Ends, C.V. Boots,
Ball Joints, Racks & Pinions, Computerized
Wheel Balancing, Interstate Batteries.

Auto * Light * Truck
Motorcycle * Off Road *
Tractor Tires * Mud/Snow
American * Sports * Foreign
FAST ON THE JOB SERVICE



HOURS:
Weekdays 8-5

(330) 532-4401

2nd Street
Wellsville, OH

**32nd ANNUAL RUDY MUMLEY
OHIO VALLEY ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
ALL-STAR CHARITY FOOTBALL CLASSIC**

“Serving the Youth of the Upper Ohio Valley”

BOB KOCH – Game Director

RON MAUCK _ Game Advisor

DARRELL LUCAS– All-Star Band Coordinator

STEVE KISH – 10-Year Reunion Coordinator

NANCY MUMLEY – OVAC Treasurer

TERRY RATAICZAK – Chairman – “Evening with the Stars”

TOM RATAICZAK, OVAC Executive Secretary

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2003

Wheeling Island Stadium

7:15 PM

FEATURING

McDonald’s OVAC All-Star Band

OVAC Queen of Queens

Coordinator

LINDA MYERS

*In 31 years, the OVAC has donated over \$730 ,400 to
charity organizations throughout the Ohio Valley*

RUDY MUMLEY SCHOLARSHIPS

David Marlatt - Cambridge

Justin Edwards – Wheeling Central

TERRY MOWERY SCHOLARSHIPS

Adam Quirk – St. Clairsville

R. J. Zitzelsberger – Linsly

GAME RECORD

OHIO – 20

WEST VIRGINIA – 10

TIE - 1

“Charity and Love for Our Fellowman”

2002 OVAC Wrestling

Tournament Class Results

	A		AAA
1	Cameron	1	Oak Glen
2	Bellaire St. John	2	Martins Ferry
3	Beallsville	3	Harrison Central
4	Weirton Madonna	4	Indian Creek
5	Linsly	5	Barnesville
6	Bridgeport	6	St. Clairesville
7	Bishop Donahue	7	Shenandoah
8	Connotton Valley	8	Meadowbrook
		9	Union Local
		10	Bellaire
		11	Tyler Consolidated
		12	Magnolia
	AA		AAAA
1	Shadyside	1	Beaver Local
2	Monroe Central	2	John Marshall
3	River Local	3	Brooke
4	Wellsville	4	Buckeye Local
5	Steubenville Catholic	5	East Liverpool
6	Wheeling Central	6	Wheeling Park
7	Caldwell	7	Edison Local
		8	Steubenville
		9	Weirton
		10	Cambridg

2002 Top Ten

1	Oak Glen	209.5
2	Beaver Local	206
3	John Marshall	203.5
4	Martins Ferry	201
5	Harrison Central	151.5
6	Brooke	127
7	Buckeye Local	119
8	East Liverpool	99
9	Indian Creek	99
10	Monroe Central	90.5



ST. CLAIRSVILLE

1-800-835-9528

740-695-5033

**A PROUD PARTNER IN
OVAC ATHLETICS**

- * ALWAYS SPECIAL SCHOOL RATES
- * ALL GROUND ROOM FLOORS
- * 104 ROOMS WITH AAA TWO DIAMOND AWARD



Bill Montgomery Real Estate



BOWYERS TRUE VALUE HARDWARE



15430 State Route 170
East Liverpool, Ohio 43920
330/385-5156

GOOD LUCK!

BEAVER LOCAL "BEAVERS"
EAST LIVERPOOL "POTTERS"

The Real Players to watch in the Ohio Valley

the Professionals at



Paull Associates
Insurance/Real Estate



Lee C. Paull, III
President/Realtor

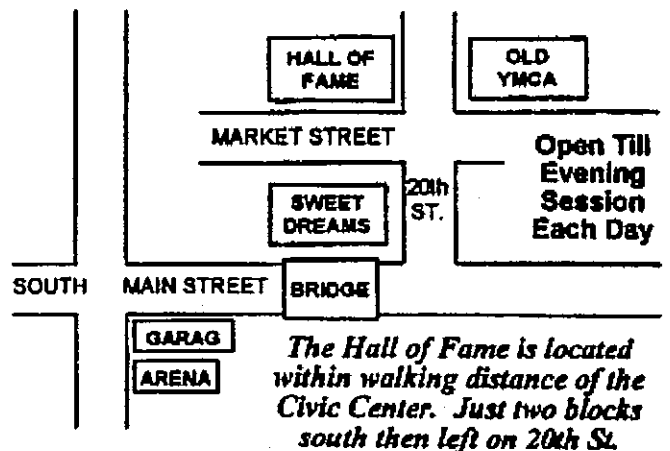
233-3303 1311 Chapline Street, Wheeling, WV 26003

Hall of Fame Cafe

29-20th Street • Wheeling, WV 26003
(304) 232-7990

**WELCOMES O.V.A.C.
WRESTLERS, COACHES, & FANS**

Finest soup, sandwiches and pasta in town.
Stop in & see our "Wall of Fame" honoring past
champions & place winners. Present your OVAC
ticket stub & receive a 10% discount. Good Luck
Wrestlers from *Angel & Chick LaMotte IV*



THE OVAC WRESTLING COACHES ASSOCIATION

SALUTES

All Participants and Workers
in the
Golden Anniversary

50th

ANNUAL OVAC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

JANUARY 23-24-25, 2003

WHEELING CIVIC CENTER

PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Richard Keith Wolf – East Liverpool

OVAC Wrestling would like to thank the following for donating their time and expertise in making the tournament both a safe and enjoyable event.

MEDICAL COORDINATORS

Todd Fullerton – AT Coordinator

John F. DeBlasis, MS, PT, ATC- Physical Therapy Services

Dr. Mike Kovalick- Ohio Valley Medical Center

Dr. Nick Ghaphery

ATHLETIC TRAINERS

Pete Chocolas – Wheeling Park

Randy Elliott – Oak Glen High School

Herb Minch – PT West Liberty State College

Mike Wagner- PT Brooke High School

SUPPLIES

Coca-Cola Enterprises

Wheeling Civic Center

Wheeling Linen

The James H. Morris OVAC Wrestling Sportsmanship Award and Scholarship

A memorial tribute to *James "Dead Eye" Morris* was established by the Morris family and sons, Jeff and Gregg. (Both former *OVAC Wrestling Champions*) In 1997 following their fathers untimely passing.

In recognition of his long and abiding love for wrestling and his working commitment to the OVAC, the Morris family has determined that a perpetual tribute to his memory shall be in the form of an annual award and scholarship.

This is a unique award in that a plaque is presented to "a non-coach supporter of *OVAC Wrestling*; to say thank you for your support through the years." The recipient of this award will then have the privilege and distinction of "presenting a \$1,000 scholarship to the wrestler recipient at the *Annual OVAC Spring Awards Banquet*."

To qualify for the scholarship, an *OVAC* wrestler must apply to be selected and recognized as the recipient of this Scholarship Award. The criteria used to determine the winner is structured to place great emphasis on Good Sportsmanship and a favorable evaluation of his academic and wrestling achievements.

A plaque, allowing for the listing of successive honorees, shall be prominently displayed, along with other *OVAC* awards.

It is obvious that much prayerful thought went into the decision to honor "Dead Eye" in this memorable fashion. It could only have been the product of individuals with an appreciation for and the experience of what this tournament is all about.

From the *OVAC Wrestling* family to the Morris family, "In sharing your loss, we further acknowledge and appreciate your generous contribution in a manner reflective of "His" compelling desire to give."



Sportsmanship Award Winners

- 1997 Tom Brannon & Ray McMool - Moundsville
- 1998 James & Bobbee Stepenson
- 1999 Dick Wolf - East Liverpool
- 2000 Randy Elliott - Oak Glen
- 2001 Rete Cuffaro - Wheeling
- 2002 Tom & Linda Myers - Wheeling

Scholarship Award Winners

- 1997 Pual Grinch - Shadyside
- 1998 Garrett O'Neal - Cameron
- 1999 Lucas Sedgmer - Cadiz
- 2000 Scott Roth - Martins Ferry
- 2001 Philip Bellville - Oak Glen
- 2002 Mike Fassouletos - John Marshall

Nick Trombetta

Superintendent
of
Schools

Midland, Pennsylvania

**Professionals as Partners
Promoting Positive
Practices & Programs**

Leopards & Potters

50th Anniversary
Congratulations

Proud to have been a part of it!

George E. Kovalick

(4/8/23 - 4/8/84)

“Founding Father of OVAC Wrestling”

Teacher exceptionale ... competitive coach ... gracious mentor ... visionary, endowed with boundless energy and enthusiasm.

His accomplishments are legend, his influence unparalleled.

A man whose profound influence on coaches and athletes is a legacy which willm continue to have impact on generations yet to come.

Standing as tangible proof of all that he epitomized are his enshrinements in four separate and distinct Athletic Hall of Fame; Kent State University, West Liberty State College, Ohio Wrestling Coaches Association, and Ohio High School Athletic Director Association.

In 1980 a scholarship was established in Coah Kovalick’s honor, by the OVAC Wrestling Coaches Association, to recognize a college-bound scholar/wrestler, in the amount of \$1,000 to be awarded annually.

During opening ceremonies of the 1985 Tournament a bronze plaque was unveiled, and now hangs in the lobby of the Wheeling Civic Center, inscribed in fitting tribute:

“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 unparalled record, with more championship teams in more sports than any other man who ever coached in this valley.

He was responsible for tremendous progress in the development and expansion of our wrestling program.

Teacher, strategist and fundamentalist, he was an inspiration and friend.”

The Goerge Kovalick MemorialWrestling Scholarship

1980	Mike Patone, Magnolia	1991	Eric Potts, Cameron
1981	Bob Furr, Beallsville	1992	John Gibeaut, Union Local
1982	Dave Delande, St. Clairsville	1993	Dave Norris, Cameron
1983	Scott Mills, Steubenville	1994	Chad Burge, Cameron
1984	Tim Ward, Bealsville	1995	Brian Roskovich, Bridgeport
1985	Charlie Keenan, Steubenville	1996	Eric Anderson, St. John's
	Darrin Heavilin, Cadiz	1997	Sean Doyle, Buckeye Local
1986	Mike Imbroscio, Bellaire	1998	Aaron Monseau, Wheeling Park
1987	Vinnie Monseau, Wheeling Park	1999	Craig Bruney, Martins Ferry
1988	Dan Keenan, Stuebenville	2000	Steve, Ochap, Wheeling Park
1989	Reed Case, Cadiz	2001	Tyler Hughes, Cameron
1990	Ed Neely, Weirton	2002	Chris Taylor, John Marshall

DAVID BIERKORTTE AWARD

David Bierkortte was an outstanding student/athlete at Wheeling Central High School.

He was crowned the 165# Champion of the OVAC Wrestling Tournament in 1970 and finished the season undefeated.

He was fatally injured in an auto accident that Spring during his Junior year in high school.

The Wheeling Central Catholic Booster Club decided the best way to pay tribute and honor the memory of their fallen hero was to create, in his name, a perpetual memorial, thus was established The David Bierkortte Award.

The recipient of this award is to be announced during the awards ceremony following the conclusion of the Tournament. The honoree, as selected by a panel of judges, is deemed to be the Most Valuable Wrestler in the tournament. Formal presentation of the award will take place at the OVAC Annual Spring Awards Banquet.

Each successive recipient brings greater stature to this coveted award as envisioned by the Booster Club.

DAVID BIERKORTTE WRESTLING AWARD WINNERS

1971	Don Blum	Martins Ferry High School
1972	Art Jones	Bellaire High School
1973	Dan Claugus	Barnesville High School
1974	Sheldon Grace	Weirton High School
1975	Mike Kovalick	Bellaire High School
1976	Randy Davia	Cadiz High School
	Ed Covey	Bridgeport High School
1977	Rich Davis	Jefferson Union High School
1978	Carl Stanley	Wheeling Park High School
1979	Randy Pryor	Weirton High School
1980	Trent Iachini	Steubenville High School
1981	Mike Tluchowski	Steubenville High School
1982	Larry Isleman	Toronto High School
1983	Brian Miller	Barnesville High School
1984	Heath Beadmore	Cambridge High School
1985	Tim Moxley	Barnesville High School
1986	Sean Murray	Oak Glen High School
1987	Mark Mlynek	Bellaire High School
1988	Rick Burlenski	Bridgeport High School
1989	Mark Emmerling	East Liverpool High School
1990	Babe Sidon	Martins Ferry High School
1991	Douglas Knight	Steubenville High School
1992	R.C. Anderson	Cameron High School
1993	Kelly Shields	Edison South High School
1994	Dustin Harris	Beaver Local High School
1995	Justin Ewing	St. Clairsville High School
1996	Eric Anderson	St. John's High School
1997	Ryan Muldrew	John Marshall High School
1998	Chad Pratz	The Linsly School
1999	Josie Smith	Cambridge High School
2000	Scott Roth	Martins Ferry High School
2001	Cole Bowersock	Beaver Local High School
2002	Derek George	John Marshall High School

W. VA. OHIO MOTOR SALES INC.

Parts & Maintenance
For All Makes Of Trucks

Authorized Distributors of

MACK TRUCKS

&

MITSUBISHI FUSO

Diesel Trucks

Congratulations, Bob Mendenhall

OVAC Champion 1973 & 1974

Mon.-Fri. 7am - 11:30pm Sat. Parts & Sales 8am - 12pm

1-800-688-7515



Parts Delivery
Through Out
Tri-State Area



142 RIVER RD

304-232-7515

WHEELING WV

BRIGGS PHOTOGRAPHY

*Specializing Seniors Families & Boudoir
Personalized Service,
Certified Professional Photography*

Official Photographer
of The Ohio Valley
Athletic Conference

Martins Ferry
633-2541

Oak Glen

2002 AAA & Over All Tournament Champions



**1978 Champions Hospitality Room
Compliments of**

**LEGG MASON WOOD
WALKER, INC.**

Bank Plaza

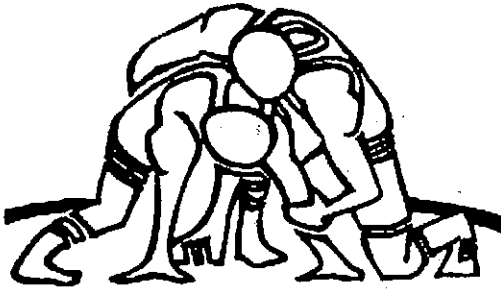
Phone: (304) 232-7333

Good Luck OVAC Coaches and Wrestlers!

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OVAC COACHES & WRESTLERS

CUSTOM SCREENED SPORTSWEAR

303 WARWOOD AVE. WHEELING,
WV [304] 277-2430



T-Shirts - Sweats - Hats
Jackets - Bags - Teams
Schools - Groups - Clubs

Physical Therapy Services means...

MANY HAPPY RETURNS

to sports, work and recreation



**Physical Therapy
Services**

JOHN DEBLASIS, MS, PT, ATC

Stratford Athletic Center • 137 Waddles Run Road • Wheeling, WV • 304/242-5080

If you've noticed the pain
returning from the training can cause
decrease the excitement of your
competition the experience of
recreational sports in the enjoyment
of an hour day's work
An active lifestyle can also
unpredictable, reduce the probability of
injury due to overexertion, accident or

improper technique. If not corrected
an overexertion related injury or
related problems are likely to occur.
Physical Therapy Services has been
providing quality rehabilitation
services for 45 years. We have a
knowledgeable, experienced staff and
modern equipment. We take the time
to provide treatment and provide

guidance to prevent future injury. It is
been a winning combination for many
happy returns to:
• Sports Events • School Sports
• Recreational Sports • Team
Physical Therapy Services for a
LIFE Healthy and happy return to your
Active Lifestyle

2002 OVAC OUSTANDING WRESTLER and DAVID BIERKORTE AWARD WINNER

Derek George - John Marshall

2002 Coach of the Year

AAAA - Rich Wright - Beaver Local

AAA - Larry Shaw - Oak Glen

AA - Paul Robison - Monroe Central

A - Jim Potts - Cameron

Division Champions

AAAA - Beaver Local

AAA - Oak Glen

AA - Shadyside

A - Cameron

DANIEL BURKE SCHOLARSHIP

2002 - Chris Taylor - John Marshall

JAMES H. MORRIS

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Tom & Linda Myers - Wheeling

JAMES H. MORRIS

SCHOLARSHIP

Mike Fasouletos - John Marshall

2002 Junior High

Coach of the Year

Jim Luikart - River Local

2002 JayVee

Coach of the Year

Ted Zervos - John Marshall

Sadler Sportsmanship Award

Monroe Central

2002 DUAL MEET CHAMPIONS

AAAA - John Marshall

AAA - Martins Ferry

AA - Shadyside

A - Cameron

SERVICE AWARD

Chick LaMotte - Bellaire St. John

HERCULES AWARD

Joey Caughey - Oak Glen

25th ANNIVERSARY REUNION 1978 O V A C CHAMPIONS

- 98 - Randy Pryor-----Weir High**
- 103 - Paul Carter-----Cadiz**
- 112 - Carl Stanley-----Wheeling Park**
- 119 - Terry Neigel-----Weir High**
- 126 - Dr. Dave Chadwell-----Beallsville**
- 132 - Dave Bailey-----Wellsville**
- 138 - Paul Prezzia-----Wellsville**
- 145 - Ray Parnell-----Weir High**
- 155 - Joel Davia-----Cadiz**
- 167 - Gregg Morris-----John Marshall**
- 175 - Alan Logan-----Barnesville**
- 185 - Greg Lehasky-----John Marshall**
- HWT - Sean O'Brien-----Wheeling Park**

WELCOME BACK, CHAMPS !!!!



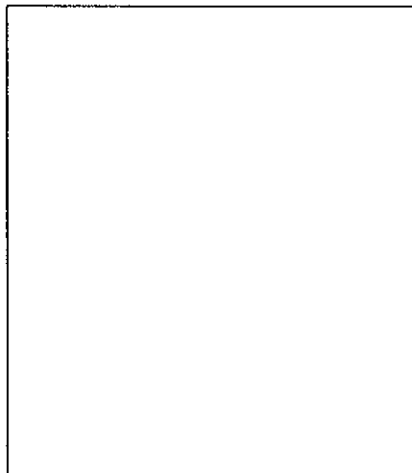
98
NAME: Randy Pryor
HOME ADDRESS:
 366 N. 20th St.
 Weirton, WV 26062
SCHOOL: Weir High
WIFE:
CHILDREN: Elizabeth
OCCUPATION:
 Construction worker for
BILLY PRYOR CONSTRUCTION CO.



103
NAME: Paul Carter
HOME ADDRESS:
 1542 2nd St.
 Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221
SCHOOL: Cadiz
WIFE: Cheryl
CHILDREN: Mary
OCCUPATION:
 Information Technology Clerk



112
NAME: Carl Stanley
HOME ADDRESS:
 5206 Westwind Circle
 Pensacola, FL 32526
SCHOOL: Wheeling Park
WIFE: Cheri
CHILDREN: Michael & Carlee
OCCUPATION:
 Recreation Specialist for
 Federal Bureau of Prisons



119
NAME: Terry Neigel
HOME ADDRESS:
 144 Valley Way
 Weirton, WV 26062
SCHOOL: Weir High
WIFE: Marie
CHILDREN: Jessee, Candice & Marcus
OCCUPATION:
 Parks & Recreation City of Weirton



126
NAME: Dr. Dave Chadwell
HOME ADDRESS:
 3668 Merrimac Ave.
 San Diego, CA 92117-1847
SCHOOL: Beallsville
WIFE: Susan
CHILDREN:
OCCUPATION:
 Research Scientist & Geophysics



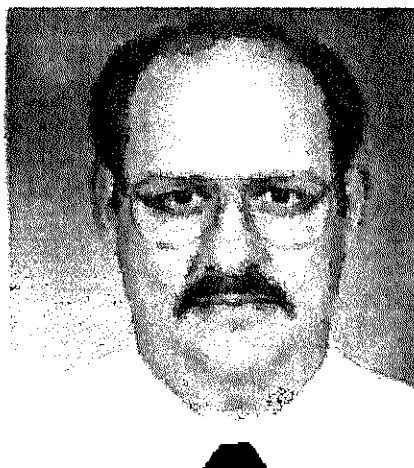
132
 NAME: Dave Bailey
 HOME ADDRESS:
 1322 Corporation St.
 Beaver, PA 15059
 SCHOOL: Wellsville
 WIFE: Brenda
 CHILDREN: Ethan
 OCCUPATION:
 Lieutenant for PA Dept.
 of Corrections



138
 NAME: Paul Prezzia
 HOME ADDRESS:
 48837 Hillcrest Rd.
 St. Clairsville, OH 43950
 SCHOOL: Wellsville
 WIFE: Jill
 CHILDREN: Cassandra, Christine
 & Domnic
 OCCUPATION:
 Control Tech. AEP Assistant
 Wrestling Coach



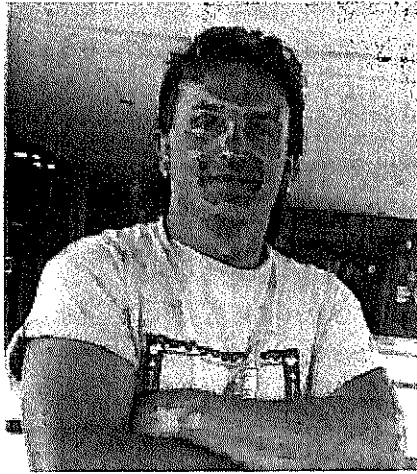
145
 NAME: Ray Pernell
 HOME ADDRESS:
 237 Oregon St.
 Weirton, WV 26062
 SCHOOL: Weir High
 WIFE: Debbie
 CHILDREN: Jamie & Justin
 OCCUPATION:
 Intl. Mill Service Mack Driver



155
 NAME: Joel Davia
 HOME ADDRESS:
 89095 National Rd.
 Bethesda, OH 42719
 SCHOOL: Cadiz
 WIFE: Kristen
 CHILDREN: Jonathan & Koel
 OCCUPATION:
 Union Local High School Math
 Teacher & Head Wrestling Coach



167
 NAME: Greg Morris
 HOME ADDRESS:
 Rd. #1 Box 367
 Moundsville, WV 26041
 SCHOOL: John Marshall
 WIFE: Susan
 CHILDREN: Nichole, Kendyl
 & Paden
 OCCUPATION:
 Pipe fitter



185
NAME: Greg Lehasky
HOME ADDRESS:
328 Alberton Ave. Apt #7
Dunedin, FL 34698
SCHOOL: John Marshall
WIFE:
CHILDREN:
OCCUPATION:



175
NAME: Alan Logan
HOME ADDRESS:
190 Sinkfarm Rd.
 Mooresville, NC 28115
SCHOOL: Barnesville
WIFE: Patti
CHILDREN: Nick & Cam
OCCUPATION:
Asst. Coach Football - Davidson College



HWT
NAME: Sean O'Brien
HOME ADDRESS:
Rd. #4 Box 114
Wheeling, WV 26003
SCHOOL: Wheeling Park
WIFE:
CHILDREN:
OCCUPATION:

STENGER BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC.

**1035 Chapline Street
Wheeling, West Virginia 26003**

**Call TOM STENGER
233-2666**

WRESTLING . . . A PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE

Competition is an inherent character trait in all forms of animal life, rooted in a need for preservation of the species, through survival of the fittest.

While evolving, man has perpetuated this innate desire to demonstrate such superiority. However, in a more enlightened society, it has progressed from battles to the death, by creating and refining games and sports, which may determine a winner by scoring systems, thereby eliminating the ultimate barbarism.

It is believed that wrestling and running are the earliest known competitive sports practiced by man, and continue today. Perhaps the single most compelling argument that such is the case, is the fact that all that is required are two competitors with a desire to determine individual superiority.

Today, wrestling has become, if not a science, at the very least, an art form. Strength, speed, and agility are all desirable attributes for any aspiring wrestler, but absent the knowledge and skills, which are constantly being honed and refined, seldom will the untrained and undisciplined ever be victorious.

No athletic endeavor requires as deep a commitment or as much dedication and self-sacrifice as does wrestling. No one who enters the sport of wrestling and labors seriously, to become the best that they can be, will ever be the same person again. The impact of that experience will forever alter perspectives, values, and personal dignity.

To a committed wrestler, a complete metamorphosis transpires, - - for as a caterpillar, having wrapped itself in a cocoon, ultimately emerges as a butterfly, - - so a boy immerses himself in a wrestling program and emerges as a man!

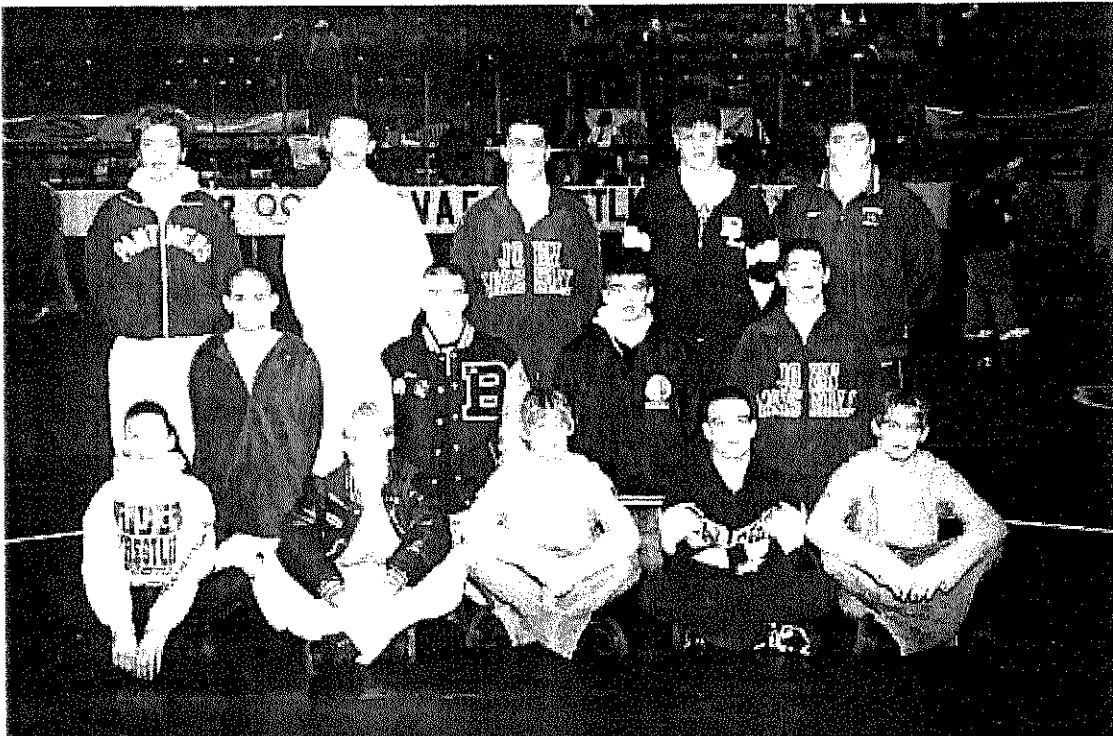
What a joy it is to see the progress and view the process!

**CHAMPIONS CHERISH NOT CONQUEST
BUT CHALLENGE
BORN OF AND NURTURED BY
A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE**

2002 OVAC Final Team Scores

A	AA		AAAA
CAMER'N 107	SHADYS 124	OAK GLEN 209	BEAVER L 206
ST. JOHN 58	MONROE CENTRAL 90	M. FERRY 201	JOHN MAR. 203
BEALLSV. 36	WELLSV. 86	SON C 151	BROOKE 127
WEIR.MAD. 28	RIVER 72	INDIAN CREEK 99	BUCK L 119
LINSLEY 10	STEUB. 69	BARNSV. 90	E LIVER P 99

2002 OVAC Weight Class Champions



FRONT: 103 lbs. Clay Tucker, Martins Ferry; 112 lbs. Lucas Hoffman, River; 119 lbs. John Kierney, Martins Ferry; 125 lbs. Josh Johnston, Indian Creek; 130 lbs. David Kierney, Martins Ferry
MIDDLE: 135 lbs. Billy Barath, St. Clairsville; 140 lbs. Phil Bruse, Brooke; 145 lbs. Christopher Wilson, Monre Central; 152 lbs. Derek George, John Marshall;
BACK: 160 lbs. David Berlonno, Buckeye Local; 171 lbs. Derrick Stickles, Oak Glen; 189 lbs. Chris Taylor, John Marshall; 215 lbs. Adam Hoppel, Beaver Local; 275 lbs. Jesse Wells, Shenandoah

***WEST LIBERTY
STATE COLLEGE***
**WRESTLING
SCHOOL**

Featuring

Tim Flynn

Head Coach – Edinboro (PA) State University

June 8 – 12, 2002

Grades 5 – 12

**Camp Registration Fees: Resident -\$315 Commuter - \$215
Group Rates available for 5 or more from the same school**

Send Applications to:

Vince Monseau, Director

PHONE:

Wrestling School

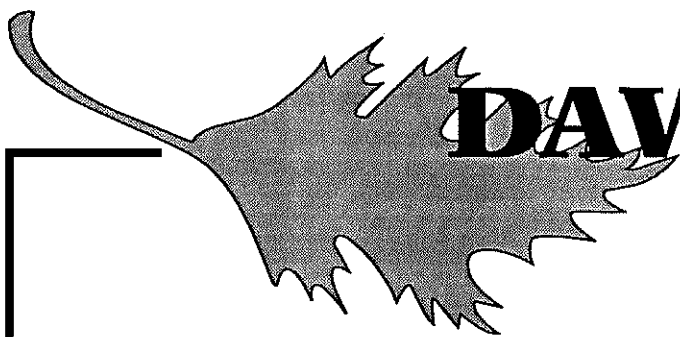
West Liberty State College

West Liberty, WV 26074

FOR INFORMATION

(304) 336-8230 (Office)

(304) 336-7195 (Home)

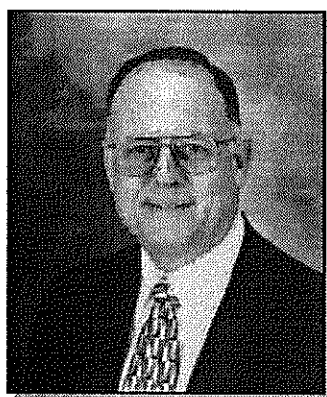


DAWSON

funeral home

215 West Fifth Street
East Liverpool, Ohio 43920
(330) 385-1010
www.dawsonfuneralhome.com

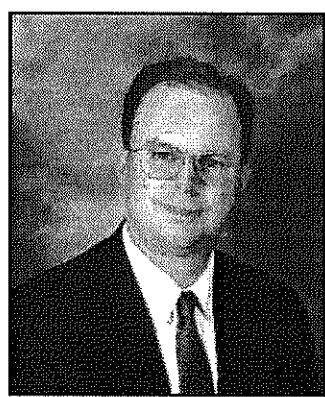
One generation to another....



Frank C. Dawson



Belinda Dawson Dunlap



James P. Dunlap



F. Dike Dawson



Daniel T. Ibbs



Timothy W. Martin

*Dedicated to serving the entire
Tri-State Area for over 65 years*



EAST LIVERPOOL'S ONLY MEMBER OF SELECTED INDEPENDENT FUNERAL HOMES

My Dues.....Are Paid !!!!

by
Fred Miller

After six years of coaching youth wrestling, this year I became just another dad in the bleacher seats with my son's move up to seventh grade. Let me tell you what a relief it is to be done with coaching those peewees. I don't miss it one bit.

For instance, I don't miss the hours on the phone with parents. Coach, what time's weigh-in for the tournament tomorrow? Coach, are we going to caravan to the meet? Coach, I'm sorry Tommy's been missing practice but I got a new job and there's no one to give him a ride. Did anyone turn in a wrestling shoe after practice, coach?

I sure don't miss the practices - three nights a week all winter long. Coach, can you tie my shoes? Coach, who am I wrestling tomorrow? Coach, can we play games tonight? Coach, Jimmy's pinching me! Coach, Van's puking in the restroom. . . .

I was just the dad of a 60-pound, six-year-old rookie wrestler when our peewee head coach resigned and urged me to take over the job. It had been 30 years since I wrestled in high school. Most of what I knew about wrestling had changed and I'd forgotten the rest. But I soon came to realize the technical instruction would be supplied mainly by younger, more knowledgeable coaches, while my primary role was to be the paper-shuffler, the guy with the key to the mat room, the one who made sure the insurance premium was paid and that parents knew what weight their kid had to make Saturday. In practice, I usually helped with the littlest ones, the rookies, some as young as four years old. They generally were sweet little kids but we had our share of attention deficit children, whiners, agitators and momma's boys, too.

I was never good at remembering names, so at the beginning of the season, surveying a room full of running, yelling little rookies, I'd grab one by the hand and ask, "What's your name, son?"

"Andrew."

So I'd write "Andrew" on the back of his hand, then repeat the process with another rookie. Soon every kid in the room - even the kids I knew - would be crowding around, holding their hands up so I could write their names, too.

My long-suffering wife, Honey, doesn't miss me being the coach, either. She was the team treasurer, helped me organize home meets, relayed a million messages, sat alone at home evenings while I attended pairing and seeding meetings, and heard the occasional criticisms, carping and second-guessing come through the grapevine.

Now I have no responsibilities, no decisions to make, no endless Saturday youth tournaments.

No, sir, now all I have to do is pick up Worshrag after practice. I'm just another parent sitting in an idling car on a wintry evening, listening to the radio as I wait for my son to emerge from the middle school gym, waiting for him to tell me excitedly what went on in practice: the coach said this, the coach showed this new move, the coach made them run monsters, and so on.

Worshrag loves his coaches, and that's a good thing. At age 13, he is like a sponge, soaking up everything his coaches say and show about wrestling - not only new holds, throws, moves and counters, but strategy, attitude and philosophy. Worshrag was a very good wrestler as a peewee, but he relied primarily on his strength, a safe defensive style and a limited number of tried-and-true tactics. Now I see him improving exponentially. He hits an ankle pick for a takedown, tilts his opponent for back points, executes a Peterson for a fall.

I'm not his coach on the corner of the mat anymore, but I am a proud and excited dad in the stands, taking action photos and shooting videotape.

I take pictures of the other wrestlers on our team, too. Most of them were my peewees, and I must admit to a small twinge of pride when I see what wonderful wrestlers they have become. Nearly all the varsity wrestlers on our middle school team were our peewees; for that matter, so were most of the high school varsity wrestlers. The middle school wrestlers still call me coach, and I love it when one of them comes up into the stands to say hello and sit for a few minutes. My wife and I follow them all, thrilling when they win and hurting when they lose. They're still our boys.

I remember when this one was six years old and slept holding the trophy he won in a rookie tournament, when that one finally beat his nemesis, and when that one lost a tournament championship on a rideout

It is a thrill to be able to watch my son and his teammates wrestle, and not have all the responsibilities and hassles of coaching. I don't miss it at all.

Miller is Community Relations director at East Liverpool City Hospital, former reporter and feature writer at *The Review*, a freelance writer and an OVAC Wrestling Champion in 1968 from Oak Glen High School

Good Luck To All OVAC Teams!



Bellaire
676-1165

St. Clairsville
695-0140

Powhatan
795-4565

Barnesville
425-1901

The West Virginia Stall Procedure Saga



By William Welker, Ed.D.

INTRODUCTION

Mike Mason, an all-American wrestler for West Virginia University, wrestled in the semifinals of the NCAA Division I national championships in 1998. Mason lost the semifinal match as a result of stalling infractions. The match went into the 30-second tiebreaker. Mason's opponent won the toss of the disk, and chose down. Having never been warned for stalling prior to the tiebreaker, the official warned and penalized Mason for stalling twice in less than 30 seconds, awarding the match to his opponent.

This unfortunate experience was the impetus for a two-year NFHS pilot study in West Virginia — the "Stall Procedure."

What changes were initiated?

The following rules modifications were incorporated in the first year of the Stall Procedure on a statewide basis.

No points were awarded when stalling was first called. A wrestler was warned on the first offense. On the second, third and fourth offenses, the matman's opponent was given the choice of top, bottom or neutral position. The wrestler was disqualified on the fifth offense.

Also, no stalling was called in the 30-second tiebreaker. Instead, quick stalemates were called if the top wrestler appeared to be hanging on, rather than riding his opponent.

Why develop such a radical approach for penalizing stalling?

To begin with, there have been many sincere attempts, written into the rules, demonstrated at clinics, and produced on instructional videotapes, to increase consistency in the area of stalling. However, decades of experience has taught us that it is virtually impossible to train officials to call stalling consistently.

Second, the consensus of opinion among officials in West Virginia was that stalling, like holding in football, is entirely too subjective to award "unearned" points. In football, for

example, no points (only yards) are awarded when holding is penalized.

Third, many West Virginia officials believed that too many wrestling matches have been decided by iffy stalling calls (usually the second one) in the final seconds of the bout. This either cost the matman a match or took it into overtime. Thus, the referee became the focal point of the competition, not the participants. Indeed, the "referee's decision" was eliminated several years ago for the same reason.

Finally, due to the manner in which stalling is presently enforced, many coaches perceive wrestling referees as having too much power in determining the winner.

Why the "no-stall" approach to the 30-second tiebreaker?

As the tiebreaker is now set up, the official is only thinking of penalizing the top wrestler for stalling. Of course, the bottom wrestler will lose if he stalls, but that still does not solve the problem of officiating fairness. What presently exists is an internal stalling bias against the top wrestler.

Next, there is the luck factor of the disk toss in the tiebreaker. The winner of the flip rarely chooses the top position. So, not only does he win the toss by the element of chance, choosing down, but the wrestler also eliminates any possibility of being penalized for stalling.

(Important note: With the 2001-02 rule change, the problem still exists. The new regulation awards the wrestler who scores the first point(s) the choice of position if the match reaches the tiebreaker. Both in dual meets and tournaments, the luck factor comes into play by the flip of the disk. Naturally, the matman who has choice in the second period of the match will take down. When the first wrestler gets the escape or reversal, he will be given the choice in the tiebreaker, even if his opponent does the same in the third period.)

Lastly, how can the top wrestler be expected to take risky chances for near-fall points? First, he may be exhausted after having wrestled an entire regulation bout and overtime period. And second, he probably didn't score near-fall points during the regular match because both wrestlers were so close in ability. Thus, quick stalemates, not stalling, was part of the Stall Procedure design for tiebreakers.

What did we learn the first year of the pilot study?

At the conclusion of the first season, all West Virginia wrestling coaches and officials were canvassed. It was determined that although the respondents liked the choice of position after the warning stage, the majority preferred point-penalties to follow.

The original Stall Procedure format failed to take into account coaching and/or wrestler tactics toward the end of the third period. There were isolated incidents across the state where a matman blatantly stalled, knowing his opponent would not receive any points.

The Stall Procedure for the second year was revised as follows:

- First Offense** — Warning
- Second Offense** — Choice of Position
(top, bottom or neutral)
- Third Offense** — 1 point
- Fourth Offense** — 2 points
- Fifth Offense** — Disqualification

As far as the tiebreaker was concerned, officials continued to indicate quick stalemates, not stalling. Both coaches and officials liked this practice during the first year of the experiment.

What did we learn the second year of the pilot study?

At the end of the second year, the coaches and officials were again surveyed to evaluate the revised version of the Stall Procedure. We compared it to the traditional stalling set-up throughout the nation.

Below is a summary of the responses from numerous West Virginia coaches and officials to some of the more significant questions:

- * Do you prefer giving a wrestler a choice of position on the second stalling call rather than a point?
70% YES 30% NO
- * Do you like stalemates rather than indicating stalling during the 30-second tiebreaker?
88% YES 12% NO
- * Do you like the second year of the Stall Procedure better than how stalling is now called in wrestling?
79% YES 21% NO

I thought the responses to the next two general questions were interesting, but not surprising to the experienced wrestling observer.

- * Do you believe that stalling will ever be called the same by different officials?

4% YES 96% NO

- * Whether or not you agree with an individual official's philosophy on calling stalling, do you appreciate the fact that the official is consistent on how stalling is indicated?

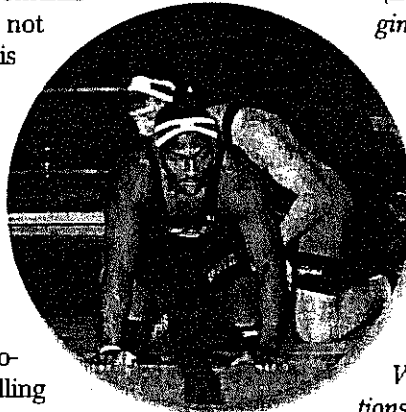
95% YES 5% NO

Conclusion

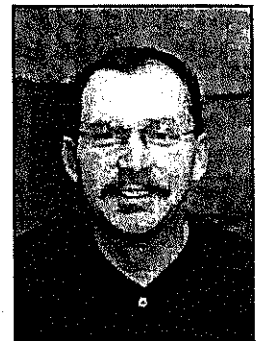
Everyone knows that change is initially marked with much resistance. Still, our coaches and officials viewed the modifications made for the second year of the Stall Procedure to be very workable. They found it to be an improvement upon how stalling is presently penalized.

I am very proud of the West Virginia wrestling community for having had the courage to take on a stalling project of such innovative magnitude. And, I felt it was my obligation — to them — to let you know that the Stall Procedure truly worked. ■

(Editor's Note: The Stall Procedure in West Virginia was a two-year pilot study for the NFHS from 1998 to 2000, investigating original approaches for penalizing stalling. The written report and survey statistics of this two-year West Virginia pilot study, originally referred to as the Stall Procedure, was sent to the NFHS Wrestling Rules Committee after the 1999-2000 wrestling season. Dr. Welker also presented the findings of the experiment at the NFHS Wrestling Interpreters' Meeting on September 26, 2001 in Indianapolis. The NFHS Wrestling Rules Committee has reviewed suggestions for the change in stalling procedures over the past two years, and has not found a procedure that is better than what is currently in place.)



ABOUT THE AUTHOR: *Dr. Bill Welker, a former Pennsylvania state champion, has been the wrestling rules interpreter and clinician for the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission since 1989. He was selected as 1990 West Virginia Wrestling Official of the Year. Most recently, Dr. Welker was honored as the 2002 Mideast Section Distinguished Active Official.*



OVAC 50TH ANNIVERSARY CHAMPS

1954
BRIDGEPORT
Ben Hehr
Tom Evans
David Smith (sister Bea)

1955
BRIDGEPORT
Gerald Lattocha
Fred Ledvinka
Don DeLande
Norm Honecker (grandson Greg)

1957
BRIDGEPORT
Art Hehr
Stephan Lattocha
Jerry Comas
Dick Lyle

BARNESVILLE
Warren Lallathin

1959
BRIDGEPORT
Mickey Bella
Ed Brown

1960
MARTINS FERRY
Jerry McDaniel (wife Elizabeth)

MARTINS FERRY & BRIDGEPORT
Phil "Tiny" Ward

1961
WEIR
John Billcheck

MARTINS FERRY
John Edwards

BRIDGEPORT
Harry Sommer

1962
MARTINS FERRY
Allen Jackson

1963
MARTINS FERRY
Rich Snider
Larry Deaton

1964
BRIDGEPORT
Chick LaMotte

MARTINS FERRY
Bill Padgelek, Sr.
Don Cook

1964 cont.
MOUNDSVILLE
Jim Hidkins
Dave Miller

BRIDGEPORT
Tom Lackman

1967
MARTINS FERRY
Don Ackman

OAK GLEN
Rick Price

WHEELING
Tom Coran

1968
BELLAIRE ST. JOHN'S
Rex Frohnappel

MARTINS FERRY
Jeff Sommer

WHEELING
Mike Falck

OAK GLEN
Fred Miller

1969
BELLAIRE ST. JOHN'S
Ed "Buzz" Evans

JOHN MARSHALL
Eugene Hill

MARTIN'S FERRY
Rob Duncan

WHEELING
Fred Jewell

1970
BARNESVILLE
Bruce Fefferis

OAK GLEN
Ed Fields

WHEELING CENTRAL
Mike Doyle
Matt Doyle

1971
BELLAIRE
Art Jones

BELLAIRE ST. JOHN'S
Gary Kosky
Rick Link

1971 cont.
BRIDGEPORT
Ross Roskovich
BROOKE
Nick Tate

WHEELING CENTRAL
Val Gundling

1972
BARNESVILLE
Robbie Stephans

WARWOOD
John Vdovjak

WHEELING CENTRAL
Dan Doyle

BROOKE
Doug Mason

WINTERSVILLE
Walter G. Pesuit

1973
MARTINS FERRY
Tom Suriano

WEIR
Eric Frankovich

WARWOOD
Denny Haney

BELLAIRE ST. JOHN'S
Frank Hotlosz

1974
MARTINS FERRY
Jeff Oberdick

JOHN MARSHALL
Ron Koontz

WEIR
Chris Pryor

WEIRTON & BELLAIRE
Dr. Mike Kovalick

1975
EAST LIVERPOOL
Steve Mabbott

UNION LOCAL
Mike Gregg

1976
WARWOOD
Ron Stanley

1977
BROOKE
Michael Thomaselli
Mike Gamble

JOHN MARSHALL
Jeff Morris

SHENANDOAH
David Mitchell

WHEELING PARK
Greg Jewell

1979
JEFFERSON UNION
Steve Potkrajac

ST. CLAIRSVILLE
Todd Bohrer

CADIZ
Robert Agostini

1980
BEALLSVILLE
Mike Carpenter

OAK GLEN
Tim Ralph

1981
UNION LOCAL
Jeff McCormick
Randy Simpson

STEUBENVILLE
Mike Tluchowski

1981 cont.
WELLSVILLE
Jim Volino

1982
STEUBENVILLE CENTRAL
Chris Ledyard

JOHN MARSHALL
John Berisford

EAST LIVERPOOL
John Goempel

1983
BARNESVILLE
Brian Miller

BEALLSVILLE
Tim Ward

CADIZ
Rich McKinney

OVAC 50TH ANNIVERSARY CHAMPS

1983 cont.
CAMBRIDGE
Jamie Price

SHADYSIDE
Mike Miller

1984
EAST LIVERPOOL
Brent Taggart

CAMBRIDGE
Dennis Dougherty

MARTINS FERRY
Jesse Outward
Ron Hilton

1985
UNION LOCAL
Cary Sigler

CADIZ
Todd Adkins

1986
BRIDGEPORT
Mike Vargo

CADIZ
Paul Coffland

OAK GLEN
Nick Beaver
Sean Murray

WHEELING PARK
Jeff Gable

1987
BELLAIRE
Tom Teasdale

OAK GLEN
Steven Murray

1988
JOHN MARSHALL
Baron Bryan
ST. CLAIRESVILLE
Terry Holcomb

EAST LIVERPOOL
Jackie Cunningham

CADIZ
Reed Case

CAMBRIDGE
Tom "Tank" Moore

1989
MEDOWBROOK
Troy Keith
Dick Snyder

STEUBENVILLE
Jesse Hubbard

1990
BRIDGEPORT
Eric Hupp
Rex Frohnapfel

CADIZ
Don Jones
John Jones

MARTINS FERRY
Babe Sidon

ST. CLAIRESVILLE
David Heath

OAK GLEN
David Helmick

MEADOWBROOK
Eric Wickham

EDISON SOUTH
Ben Bateman

BELLAIRE
Randy Ayers (mother - Barbara)

1992
BRIDGEPORT
Todd Frohnapfel

EAST LIVERPOOL
Eric Bouscher

CADIZ
Chris McKeever

WHEELING PARK
Gabe Frangos

1993
BARNESVILLE
Brian Jefferis

JOHN MARSHALL
Matthew Nardone

STEUBENVILLE
Chris Snider

RIVER
Jerry Otto

1993 cont.
MARTINS FERRY
Jeff Smith

1994
EDISON
Nick Spencer

MARTINS FERRY
Lamont Tucker

1995
BELLAIRE ST. JOHN'S
Eric Anderson

BRIDGEPORT
Brian Roskovich

MARTINS FERRY
Jim Riser

STEUBENVILLE
Aaron Newman

BEAVER LOCAL
Chad Bowersock

CAMBRIDGE
T.J. King

1996
BARNESVILLE
Ray Jefferis

BELLAIRE
Brian "Bubba" Sechrest

EDISON LOCAL
Lucas Spencer

RIVER
Corey Knight

BISHOP DONAHUE
Josh Giovengo

1997
BRIDGEPORT
Chad Roskovich

EAST LIVERPOOL
Michael Smith
Jeff Wright

BROOKE
Dan Stanley

1998
BARNESVILLE
Dustin Wilson

MARTINS FERRY
Dan B. Jones

1998 cont.
CADIZ
Lucas Sedgmer

1999
MARTINS FERRY
Scott Roth (father - Ron)
Greg Ware

CADIZ
Stan Bittinger
Marshall Brooks

BEAVER LOCAL
Cole Bowersock

EAST LIVERPOOL
Matthew Salsberry (mother - Sandra)

2000
SHENANDOAH
Jesse Wells

HARRISON CENTRAL
Nick Rossiter

UNION LOCAL
Mike Davis

WHEELING PARK
Steve Ochap2001
BARNESVILLE
Justin Jefferis

BUCKEYE LOCAL
David Bertolino

EAST LIVERPOOL
Jake Bates

OAK GLEN
Eric Noel
Philip Bellville

MARTINS FERRY
Bobby Mayhugh

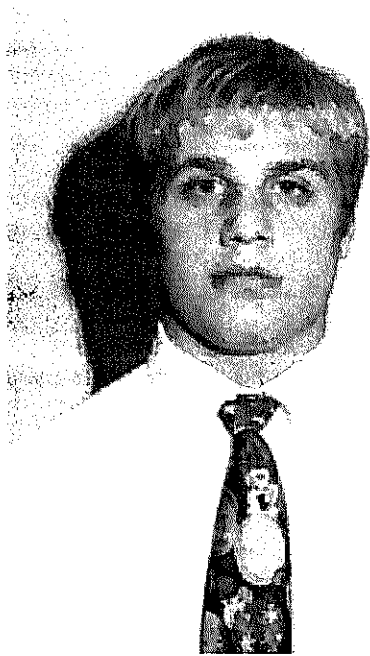
2002
MARTINS FERRY
Clay Tucker
David Tierney
John Tierney

JOHN MARSHALL
Derek George

INDIAN CREEK
Josh Johnston

RIVER
Lucas Huffman

Matthew Salsberry 1980-1999



Within minutes after leaving for home from Ohio Northern University, where they had all just undergone freshmen orientation, Matt Salsberry; his girlfriend, Emily Bickerton; his best friend, Dan Aldrich, fell victims of tragedy. An inattentive and irresponsible teenage driver, in a moment of senseless exhilaration took the lives of all three and brought emotional devastation to the families and school community of a magnitude which can only be described as traumatizing and from which we are still laboring to recover.

Matt Salsberry had a lust for life that dictated success. The commitment and enthusiasm which he brought to the wrestling mat, the playing field, the stage and classroom, motivated and inspired teammates, classmates and fans. He was a humble winner and a gracious loser, who gained the respect of all who came to

If any single incident defined his commitment and enthusiasm for whatever the project might be, surely it had to be his humorous show stealing portrayal of "Earthquake" McGoon in the school musical, "Lil Abner".

Matt was a two-time OVAC Champion and winner of the Mr. Hercules Award in 1999 by pinning his way to the 215# Championship in a cumulative time of less than a single match. He was 4th in the State of Ohio while compiling 124 career wins. He was All-State in football for three years and played in 32 consecutive games. He earned 11 varsity letters, was River Valley League discus champion, served as Junior Class President and Senior Class Vice President all the while maintaining a 3.5 GPA as a member of NHS.

"Friends in Memory of Matt Salsberry" having a desire to perpetuate the positive impact of his young life, have deemed it a fitting and proper tribute to establish a \$1,000 scholarship to be considered annually and awarded to an OVAC wrestler who has earned a varsity letter in one additional sport while likewise maintaining a minimum 3.5 GPA.

United States Marine Corps

Escorts

OVAC Parade of Champions



SSgt Richard A. Welker

Sgt. Welker is a native of Wheeling Island and a 1990 graduate of Wheeling Park High School, where he competed in wrestling.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps at the end of his junior year and reported to boot camp at Parris Island, SC in August 1990.

In 1991, he was promoted to Lance Corporal while attached to Marine Forces UNITAS and was deployed to South America for six months.

He served as an Adjunct's driver, escorting R. Lee Erney, former Drill Instructor (DI) and star of "Full Metal Jacket" and the History Channel's "Mail Call".

He was promoted to Corporal in 1993. Having been honorably discharged in 1994, he decided to return to the Corps. in 1997.

In 2000 he was selected and assigned to serve as a DI to Delta Company in San Diego. He served 5 cycles as DI and 2 as senior DI.

He was promoted to Staff Sergeant in July 2002. His awards include; "GYSgt Nichols Award" as best new DI, "2 Bands for Brothers Awards" for best DI Team, "Moral Leadership Award" and was cited as "Senior DI for the Quarter" in December 2001.

Welker takes great pride in training 3 Company Horsemen, recognized as best recruit graduating from Delta Company.

Richard is the son of Dr. and Mrs. William A. Welker and is married to the former Michelle L. Lutz, also a 1990 graduate of Park High.

They have five children: Cory James - 10, Chase Andrew Bertolett - 7, Camden Rose Higgins - 5, Cheyene Don Ada - 3 and Canon Eric Bainbridge - 1. They make their home in San



SSgt. Shaun J. Adams

Sgt. Adams, a Columbus, Ohio native, joined the marines in 1993.

Following basic training at Parris Island, SC, he was billeted to the 3rd Battalion-8th Marines and was assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Kearsarge deployed in the Mediterranean Sea. He participated as a member of the Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel Mission, leading to the rescue of Air Force pilot, Capt. Scott O'Grady from Bosnia in June 1995.

In June 1996, he was assigned as Ammunitions Chief for Special Purposes - Marine Air Ground Task Force 8, participating in Operation Southern Comfort at the American Embassy in Liberia, Africa. In June 1997, he was deployed to Camp Schwab-Okinawa, Japan, for a six-month tour of duty.

January 1999, saw Adams transferred to Marine Force UNITAS and deployed to South America and South Africa.

In December 2000 he was promoted to Staff Sergeant.

In April 2001, he was ordered to recruiters' school - Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, CA..

He was assigned as a canvassing recruiter to Recruiting Station Pittsburgh - 1st Marine Corps District.

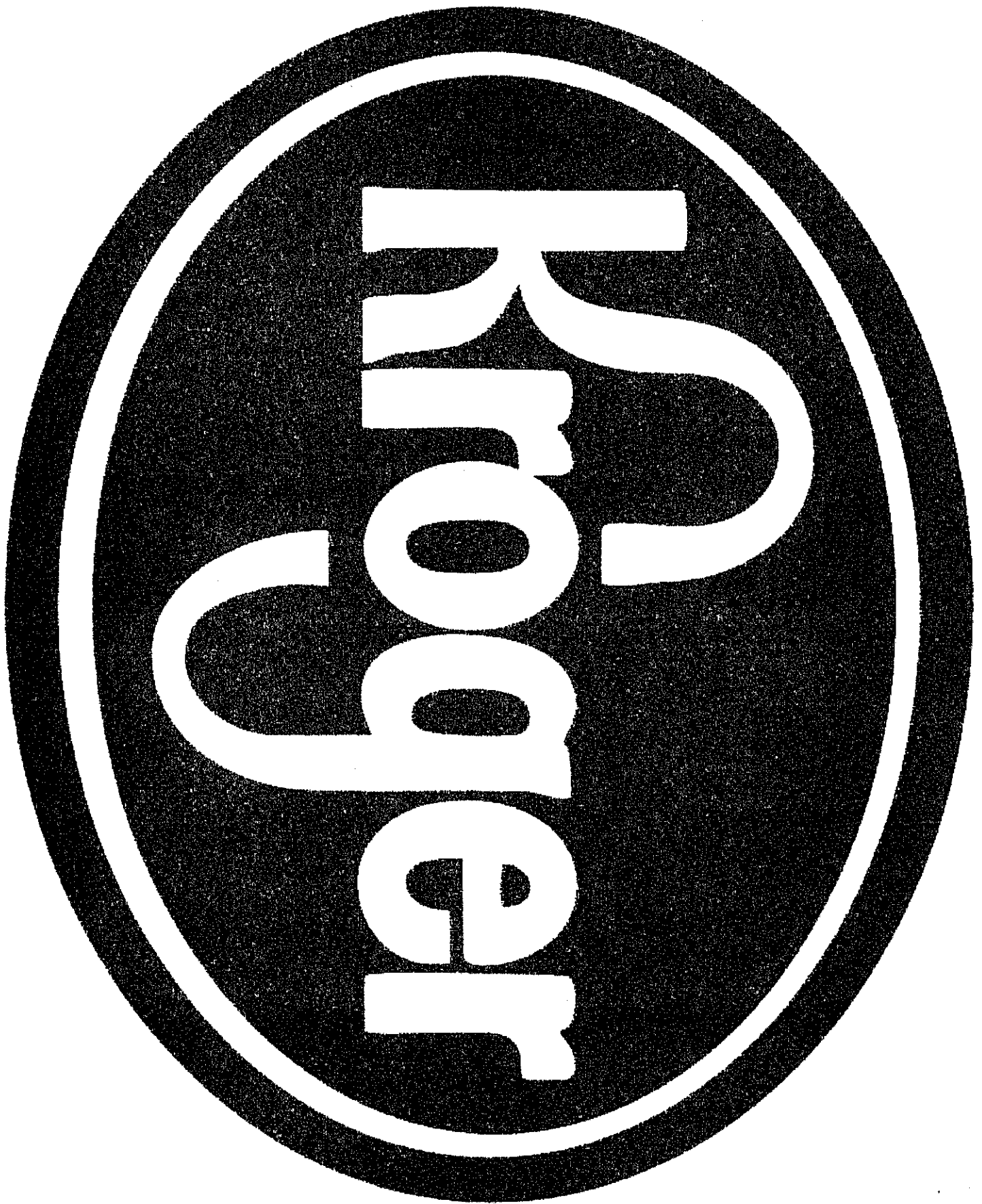
In February 200, he was recognized as Pittsburgh Recruiter of the Month.

July of 2002, saw him assume the duties as Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of the Recruiting Sub-Station - Ohio Valley.

Adams and his recruiting station were subsequently reassigned to Recruiting Station Cleveland - 4th Marine Corps District in October 2002.

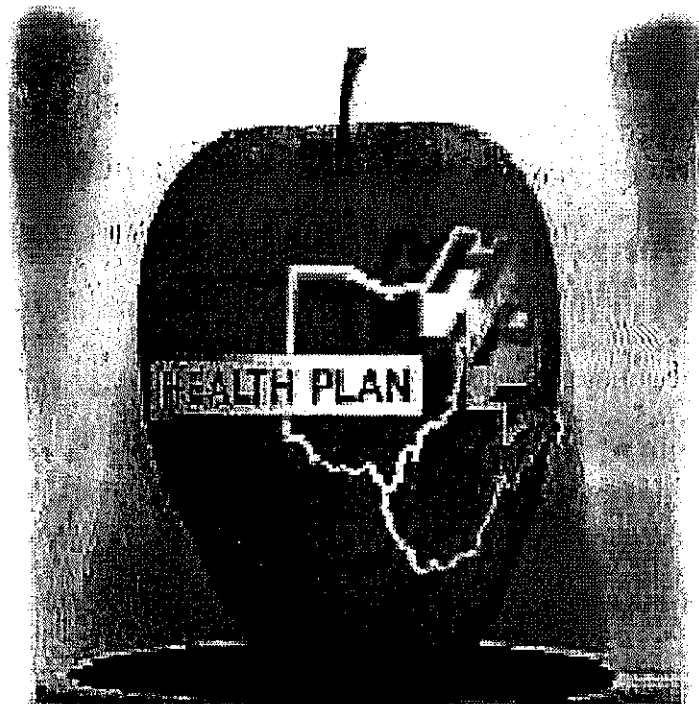
Adams service awards include the Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Married to the former Jaime Cozad of Franklin, PA, they have two children; Elise Breanna - 5 and Cade Joseph - 2 mos.



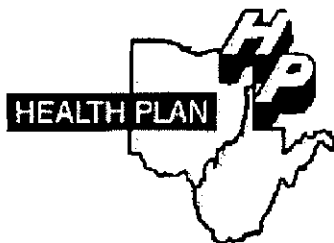
HEALTH PLAN

PROUD SPONSOR OF THE OVAC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT



Yesterday, Today
and Tomorrow

- Extensive Provider Network
- Quality Hospital Network
- Virtually No Claim Forms
- NCQA Accreditation
- HMO, POS and Self-Insured
TPA Options



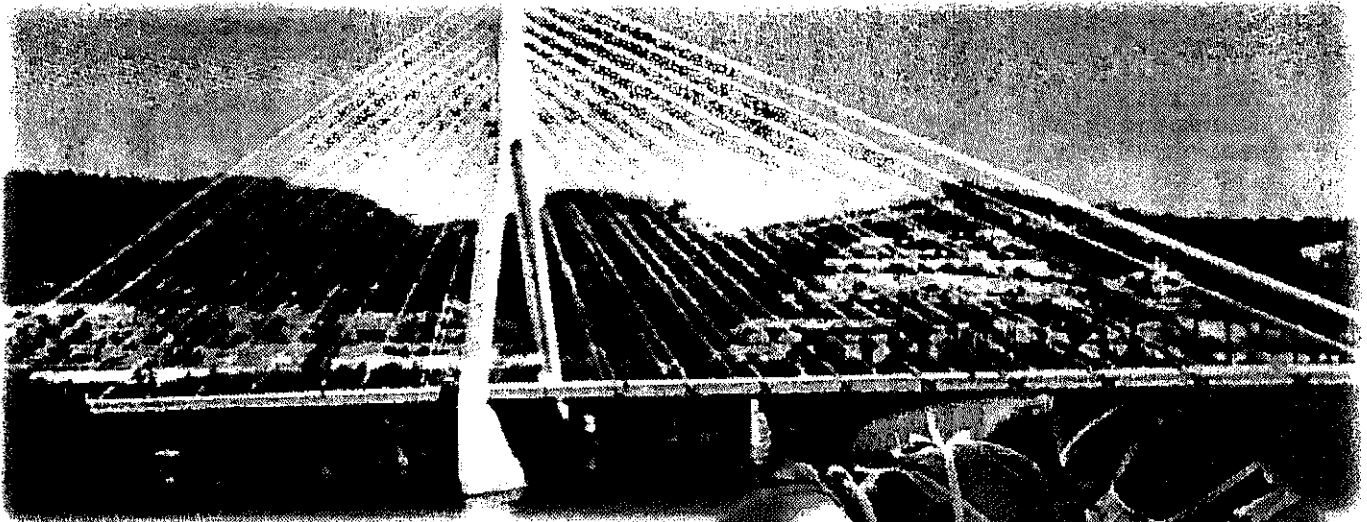
www.healthplan.org

1 800 624-6961



West Virginia's Oldest and Most Respected Not for Profit H.M.O.

*Put your heart in
the right place.*



www.trinityhealth.com

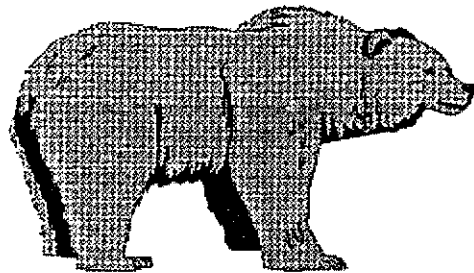
call The Professionals at (740) 283-7700

Dr. Jerry & Polly Linger

Support

The Oak Glen

“Golden Bears”



SENIORS

Did You Wait to Order Your Graduation Announcements?

Well You Just Saved

15%

**On Any Graduation, Open House
Cards & Announcements at:**

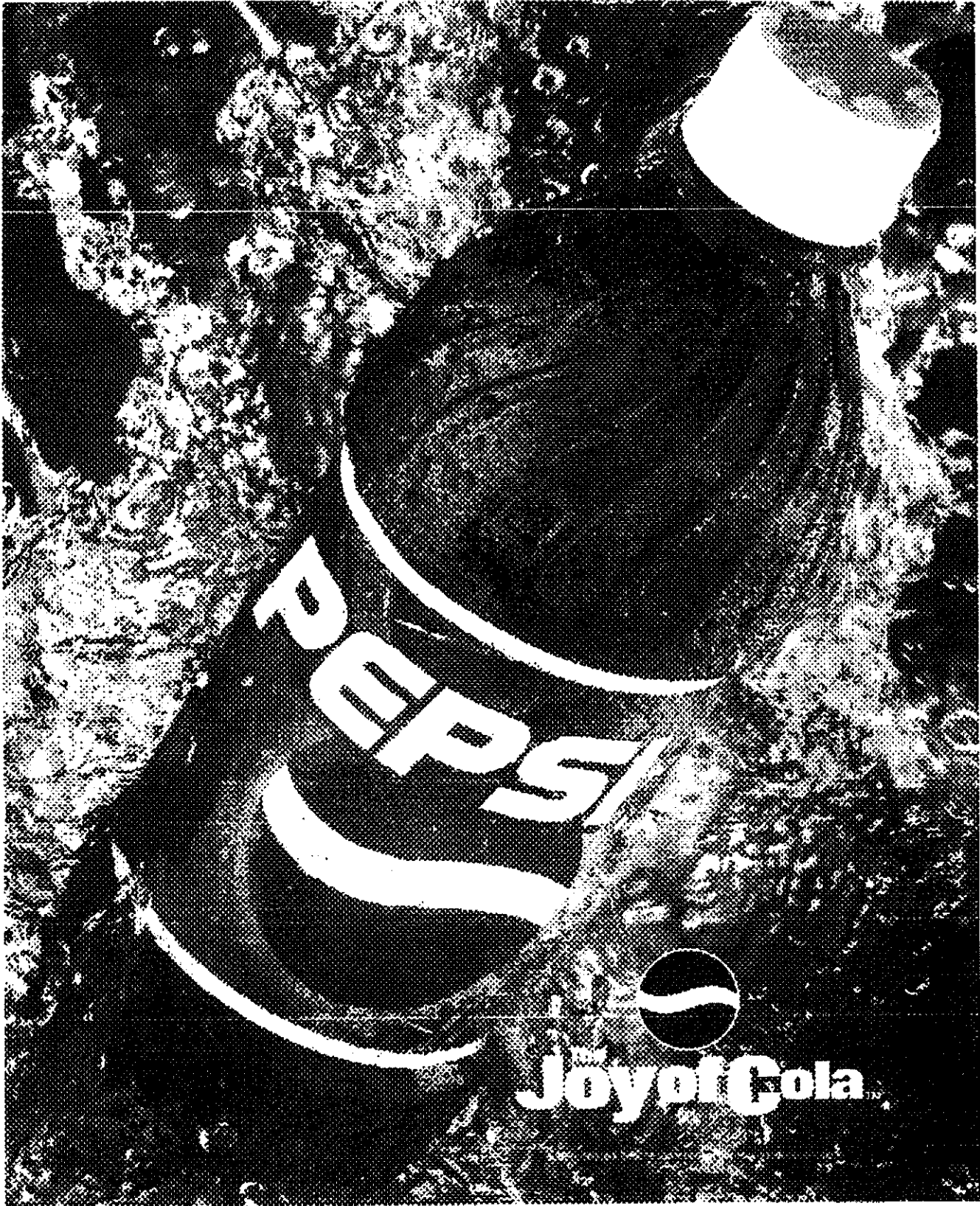
**///IEXPRESS
PRINTING**

with this ad

Call or Stop in Mon.-Fri. 8:30am-5:00pm

330-386-3115

**49190 Calcutta Smith Ferry Rd.
Calcutta, Ohio 43920**

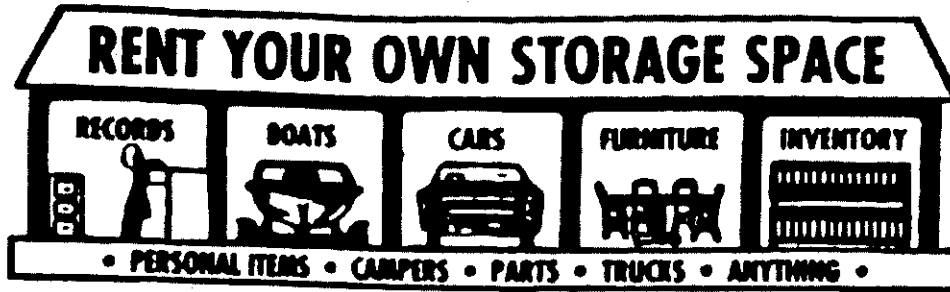


PEPSI



The Joy of Cola

FRANK'S SELF STORAGE



located in north warwood along route 2

243 - 4784

- 5x10 10x20
- easy access for any vehicle
- ideal for business
- reasonable prices

Dave's Decals & Vinyl Graphics

(304) 277 - 1020

**Banners, Signs, Magnetic Signs,
Vehicle Lettering, Window Lettering**

Dave Monteleone

Paul Monteleone

The Wrestling Parent

Parents in wrestling are courageous - - it's true,
They feel all the pain that their boy must go through,
At home, when he diets, they wish it could stop,
Yet know he must do it to stay at the top.

Excuses for losing they will never endure,
"Don't blame the ref, son, because of the score,
The coach, he will show you the best way to move,
Keep working in practice if you want to improve."

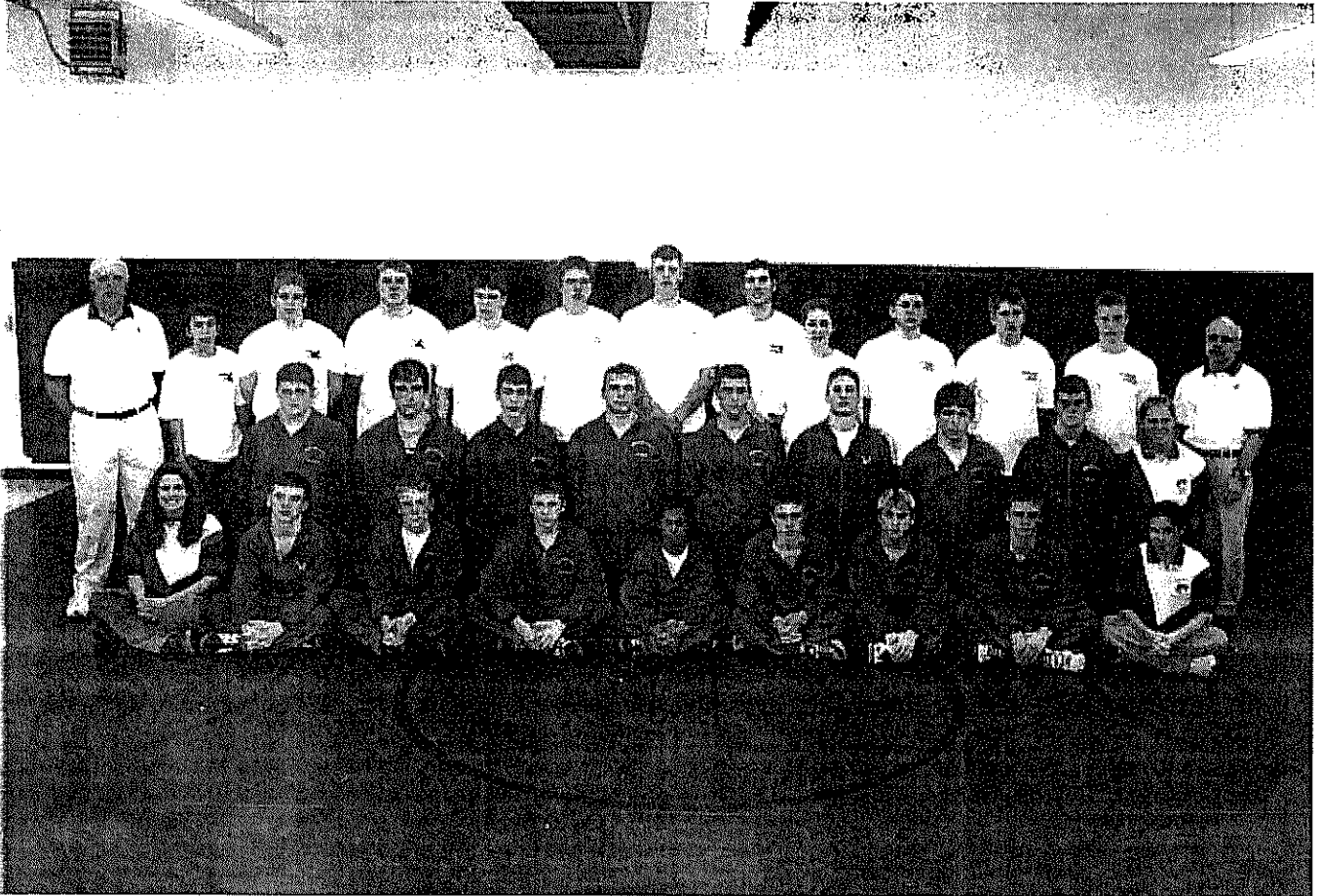
At dual meets, you'll see them whispering a prayer,
As their boy must compete with no one else there,
Whatever the outcome - mom cheers with deep pride,
While dad - you will notice - stands right by his side.

They'll drive to a tournament many miles away,
To witness a son who's prepared for this day,
Their boy, he has trained, with all of his might,
Having hopes of becoming a champion tonight.

But should he fall short, at his corner you'll find,
A mother and father - supportive and kind,
They teach that through wrestling he'll learn about life,
Yes, living is filled with both triumph and strife.

Now if you are searching for people who care,
Just look by a mat, they'll always be there,
Such love for a sport is truly inherent,

Wheeling Park Patriots



Seated (L-R): B.J. Smith - Brandon Johnson - Zack Kandis - Scott Bumgardener - Ronnie Green - Abbie Rush
Brian Humphrey - Ronnie Nelson - Erin Liddy

Kneeling: Kevin Staub - Bud Hercules - Evan Leifheit - Cody Tominack - Todd Kraseavic - Jesse Mestovic -
James Zink

Melissa Seacrest

Standing: Coach, Steve Schaffer - Jon Scheyer - Brandon Basndi - Mike Beever - David Gilbert - Mark McIntosh
Brett Taylor - Monica Dague - Adam Wheeler - Braxton Thorngte - Matt Conklin - Coach, Gene Monteleone
(Not Pictured) - Coaches, "Buzz" Evans - Don Bauers - Jason "Mole" Wensel

WRESTLING IN RED WHITE AND BLUE

Since its inception in 1976, Wheeling Park High School has enjoyed great success in the sport of wrestling. Combining the schools of Wheeling, Triadelphia, and Warwood, each with their own rich wrestling tradition, it is easy to see why Wheeling Park has been one of the leading contenders for the OVAC team championship year in and year out. Under the tutelage of several head coaches, highlighted by Eric Carder, its first head coach, and Ed "Buzz" Evans, Wheeling Park has compiled a dual meet record of 252 – 91 – 3 in its 26 years of existence. The Eric Carder led Patriots captured 3 OVAC team tournament titles in 1978, 1979, and 1984, while Buzz Evans' teams garnered two team titles in 1990 and 1994. In addition, Wheeling Park has captured 8 OVAC dual meet titles. The Patriots from Wheeling Park have produced 30 individual OVAC champions and a total of 168 place winners. Vinnie Monseau in 1987 and Jason Taylor in 1995 earned the prestigious title of "High School All-American". Below is a list of the individual OVAC champions, the year, their coach, and weight class.

Carl Stanley	98	Eric Carder	1977
Greg Jewell	126	Eric Carder	1977
Carl Stanley	112	Eric Carder	1978
Sean O'Brien	HWT.	Eric Carder	1978
Barry Barbe	98	Eric Carder	1979
Carl Stanley	119	Eric Carder	1979
Bob Weigand	126	Eric Carder	1979
Roger Kent	105	Buzz Evans	1982
Todd Rowe	98	Buzz Evans	1983
Todd Rowe	98	Buzz Evans	1984
Richard Digiandomenico	105	Buzz Evans	1984
Chance Taylor	105	Buzz Evans	1985
Jeff Cable	167	Buzz Evans	1986
Brian Gable	126	Buzz Evans	1987
Vinnie Monseau	145	Buzz Evans	1987
Brian Gable	140	Buzz Evans	1988
Bill Taggart	125	Buzz Evans	1990
Bill Taggart	125	Buzz Evans	1991
Dave Shelek	135	Buzz Evans	1991
Joey Jerrome	171	Buzz Evans	1991
Gabe Frangos	125	Buzz Evans	1992
Jason Taylor	103	Buzz Evans	1993
Kenny Becker	119	Gene Monteleone	1996
Ben Kulpa	275	Gene Monteleone	1996
Mark Evans	112	Roger Kent	1997
Steve Ochap	215	Roger Kent	1998
Steve Ochap	215	Tony Zughcano	2000
Derrick Kennedy	130	Chad Frick	2001
Adam Kennedy	119	Chad Frick	2001

Martins Ferry Purple Riders



Seated (L-R): Brady Roth - Tim Zoc - John Coup - Manager, Jeffery Oberdick, Jesse Scales, Chad Ware.

Second Row: Clay Tucker, Jason Jones, C.J. Thomas, Steve Mehl.

Third Row: Coach, Lamont Tucker - Mike Mamone, John Mann - Dale Knollinger - Luke Warren, Luke Bumbico - Head Coach, "Babe" Sidon - Coach, Jeff Oberdick

Fourth Row: Bobby Kittel - Jeff Coole - Shane Clark - Chas Yoder - Justin Provenzano
David DeFranco - Jesse Jones

Superintendent
Principal
Athletic Director
Head Coach
Assistan Coaches

Nick Stankovich
Jeff Oberdick
Warren Hood
Babe Sidon
Lamont Tucker
Jeff Oberdick
Bubba Coleman
Andy Dobson

Nickname
Colors

Purple Riders
Purple & White

Dan Jones & Son
Insurance



8 South 5th Street,
Martins Ferry
(740) 633-2731

more
coverage
more
service
more
value

"Where The People Make The Difference"

E-mail: danjonesins@1st.net

We give you more.

Good Luck Riders

Martins Ferry "Purple Riders"

Researched and written by Vince Levi

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

When he was growing up in Martins Ferry's 4th ward, the gridiron and the hardwood were where he won glory as a "Purple Rider" athlete.

When he became a wrestling coach, it was not even his idea. Never the less, through dedication, determination, competitive spirit, meticulous attention to detail and his ability to teach, he set records in establishing himself among the most respected figures in Ohio Valley Wrestling history.

In 1956, Dr. Harold Meyer, Superintendent of Martins Ferry schools, Superintendent commissioner of OHSA and later a member of the Martins Ferry Board of Education, wanted to add wrestling to the schools inter-scholastic athletic program. Vrotsos, who was just joining the faculty was asked by Meyer to initiate wrestling as well as assisting in football and track.

The superintendent obviously knew his man. Unfamiliar with the finer points of High School wrestling, Vrotsos immediately began familiarizing himself with the sport. He read every book and viewed every instructional film he could find. To get a feel for the sport he went to the Wheeling YMCA and wrestled.

The smartest move that he made was going to George Kovalick, who by then had lifted Bridgeport High to Valley and Statewide wrestling 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. He foresaw the possibility that Martins Ferry with greater enrollment Bridgeport, could have the makings of a solid program, with proper development. He made Vrotsos a deal that he could not refuse, by inviting him to all Bridgeport practices and matches. Kovalick generously offered his help and it was gratefully accepted.

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

Vrotsos became thoroughly indoctrinated in the sport and in the winter of 1957-1958, the first "Purple Rider" mat team appeared on the scene. It got off to an inglorious start, with a shutout loss to a strong Weir High team and ended the season with 10 dual meet defeats.

Vrotsos would not be satisfied until he built a team-in fact, a success of teams -over which he and his school would be proud. By the second season, Ferry not only defeated Weir High, but won 15 of 16 dual meets. The only loss was to Bridgeport, to whom they finished 2nd in the OVAC Tournament.

After losing 10 dual meets in their baptismal season, the "Riders" were to lose a total of only nine in the next two seasons, even though Vrotsos booked the toughest competition he could find. Two of these dual meet losses were to State Championship teams-Bridgeport in 1959 and Maple Heights in 1963. During that period, the Ferrians won 84 dual meets. They were undefeated in 1964 and 1967.

In 1960, Martins Ferry won the first of its 8 consecutive OVAC Tournaments-a record which still stands. Seven of those were under Vrotsos and the last was to his successor, Art Hehr. Hehr was a two-time State Champion at Bridgeport under Kovalick. Vrotsos coached teams won 6 straight Eastern District Tournaments. Except for the first year, they never finished lower than 2nd in district eliminations.

The "Purple Riders" finished their best season as 5th in the state in 1960. Jerry McDaniel (105#) was runner-up and Bob Bruney (154#) and Jeff Jones (112#) both finished 3rd.

Vrotsos produced an individual State Champion in John Scordos (175#), 3rd in 1963 and State Titlist in 1964. Successive state finishes were recorded by Steve Scipio, 3rd (165#) 1965 and 2nd in 1966- Keith Sommer, 2nd (175#) 1959, and Jack Kardules 4th (145#) in 1961. Other great wrestlers under Vrotsos include, Bill Ackerman, George Toundas, John Edwards, Bill Yeager, Phil Ward, Rich Snider, Allen Jackson, Joe Reasbeck, Bill Thoburn, Dale Deaton, Larry Deaton, Jack Sommerville, Ken Ackerman, Don Cook, Bill Padgiek and Bob Tucker.

In addition to dominating the Eastern District and OVAC honors during those years, Vrotsos' teams topped the Washington Invitation twice and the Beaver Local Tournament three times.

In 1978, Coach Vrotsos was accorded the highest honor bestowed by the OVAC Wrestling Fraternity, when he was named Mr. Mat for his "lifetime contributions to the sport of wrestling".

"I have great memories of my experience in coaching and as an athlete", Vrotsos said. "The friendships have been wonderful. One does not forget former teammates and 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 fortunate to coach, have gone on to accomplish so much in life and be such worthy citizens. This is a tremendous source of pride for me."

Art Hehr coached the "Riders" in 1967-1968 and guided them to sectional and district OVAC championships. Starring for him were John Scipio, Jeff Sommer, Mike Deaton, Terry Channel and Robbie Duncan. These wrestlers were to lead the "Riders" into the 70's, with Sommer placing 2nd and 4th at state and a three-time OVAC Champion, Duncan was a three-time OVAC Champion while Scipio and Deaton were two-time OVAC Champions.

Larry Coyer followed and served as head coach for two seasons 1968 - 1970.

Steve Kish assumed the reins from 1970-1976. The first great wrestler under Kish was Don Blum, a 6th place finisher at state, and OVAC Champion and the first Dave Bierkorte Award winner in 1971. Other outstanding wrestlers during Kish's tenure were Tom Suriano, Jeff Oberdick (present high school principal, ex-head coach and present assistant), Jim Ackerman, Jeff Duncan, Jim Dean, John Vrotsos (current head coach St. Clairsville) Tom Bar, Brian Hicks. Hicks, Suriano and Oberdick were OVAC Champions.

Bob Bruney succeeded Kish and served 7 season from 1977 to 1977. He produced John Schuller as an OVAC champion and 3rd place finisher at state.

Vince Suriano succeeded Bruney and served seven seasons from 1977 to 1984. Suriano individual successes were, Jesse Outward 2nd at state and OVAC Champ, Tom Bowman, Scott Woodford, Ron Hilton OVAC Champs. Bob Bender was a two-time OVAC runner-up and two-time state qualifier.

Jeff Oberdick provided continuity and consistency for 15 years by taking the "Riders" again to the top of the OVAC. Oberdick's first great wrestler was "Babe" Sidon (current head coach) and OVAC Champion, Bierkorte Award winner and State Champion as a junior. Sidon lost a heart-braking decision in the state finals his senior year. The "Babe" lost only two matches during his junior and senior years.

The 1990's produced such outstanding wrestlers as Lamont Tucker, two-time OVAC champ and runner-up, 4th and 3rd at state as a sophomore and junior respectively and State Champion as an undefeated senior. He lost only one match during his last two years. Other successes were Frank Valentine, OVAC Champ and two-time state placer, Bobby Tucker, two-time OVAC runner-up and two-time state runner-up; Dan Jones, state runner-up as a junior and OVAC Champ as a senior and Jeff Smith, OVAC Champ and 2nd at state.

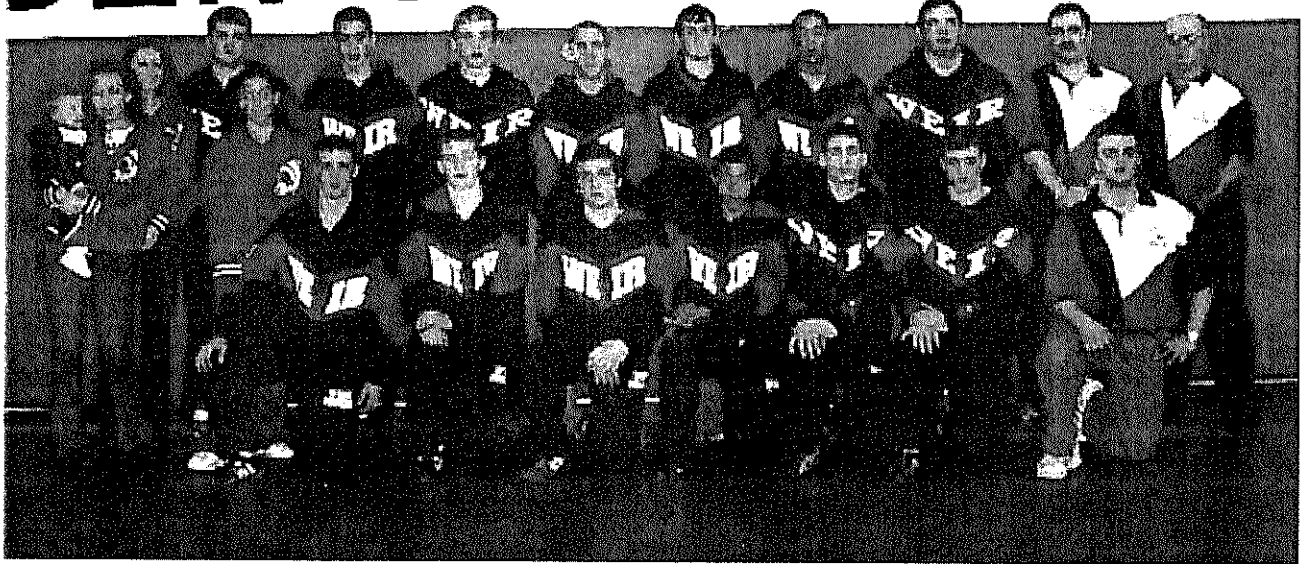
Oberdick's team accomplishments include 3 OVAC Overall Tournament Championships, 7 OVAC AAA titles, and state placement at 3rd, 4th, 7th, 10 twice and 13th.

"Rider" dominance continues under Sidon with 3rd and 7th place finishes at state; 2nd, 3rd and 4th at the OVAC and an OVAC AAA tournament title. Individual successes include; Scott Roth, two-time OVAC Champ, four-time OVAC placer, Bierkorte Award winner, four-time state qualifier - placing 4th as a junior and champion as a senior, while losing only one match during his junior and senior seasons; Greg Ware was a four-time OVAC placer, two-time OVAC Champ, and placed 5th and 6th at the state; John and David Teirney were two-time OVAC Champs, four-time state qualifiers, with John placing 4th as a sophomore and junior, OVAC runner-up as a senior, while David placed 3rd at state twice; Derek Roth was a four-time OVAC placer, OVAC Champ as a junior, OVAC runner-up as a senior and placed 3rd at state; Clay Tucker was an OVAC Champ and placed 4th at state as a freshman.

"Purple Rider" wrestling tradition is long and storied and will continue under the guidance of Coaches "Babe" Sidon, Lamont Tucker and Jeff Oberdick.

Weir High Red Riders

WEIR WRESTLING



Front: Bryan Varner - Gary Dankovik - Mike Merico - Dave Gianessi - Jesse Young - Brandon Varner - Coach, Chucky Varner

Back: Mascot, Chucky Varner - Stats Sponsor, Jenni Varner - Stats., Lindsay Zatezalo - Stats., Chessie Pryor
Mike Bartly - Angelo Magnone - Aaron Owings - Mike Markowski - Justin Reinard - Don Gianessi - Andy Fragle

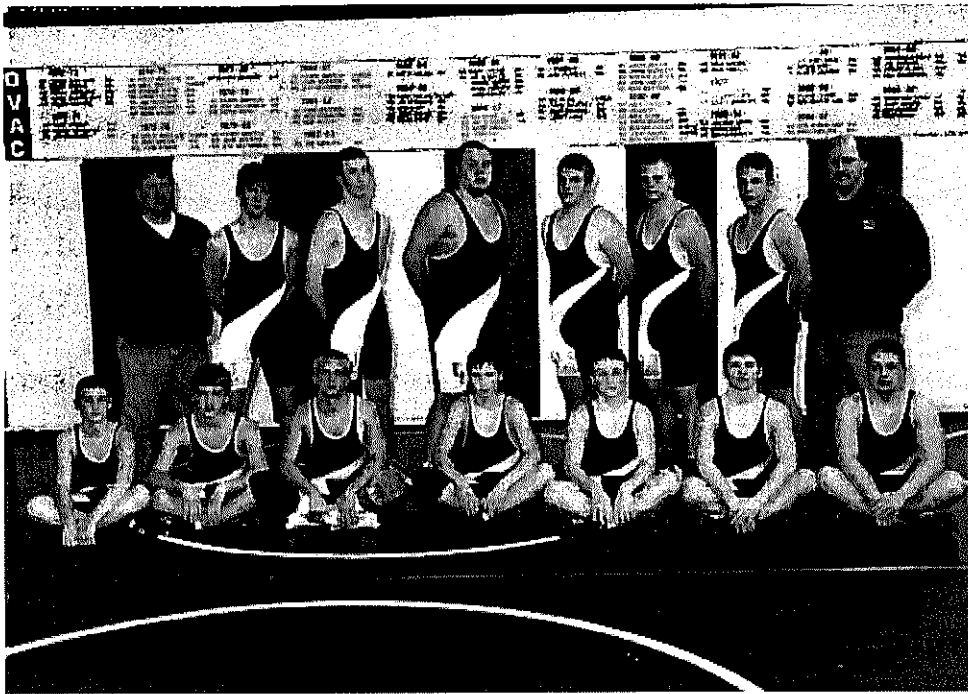
Coach, Underwood - Head Coach, Chuck Varner

Weir High School Wrestling History

Weir High School has a rich wrestling tradition. They have produced over 31 OVAC Champions over the years. Starting in 1957, with Dave (Duke) Snyder. They have also produced 30 WV State Champions starting in 1959 with Jame (Jim) Varner. They also won the AAA Team State Championship in 1976, coached by Charles (Skip) Murray. Thru the years enrollment dropped, and interest declined, but in the last couple of years Weir High Wrestling is on the move, attempting to return to our Championship form.

Weir - On - The - Move

Union Local Wrestling



Seated (L-R): Justin Krulock - (nlw) - Nathan Gossett - Andy Lucas - Brett Blevins - John Wilson - Dustin McVay
Standing: Asst. Coach, John Jones - Dan Carrel - Zach Compston - Koel Davia - Jim Compston - (nlw) - Craig Blevins
Head Coach, Joel Davia

Union Local “The Tradition Continues”

Union Local Wrestling program was first established in 1969 under the guidance of first year head coach, David Ritz. In 1972, Coach Robert Butts commandeered the Jets at Union Local for one year. The following year, Dennis Bowman headed up the Jets who went 8-1 that year in Dual meets. Coach Bowman coach Chuck Ballard, the first State placer for the UL program.

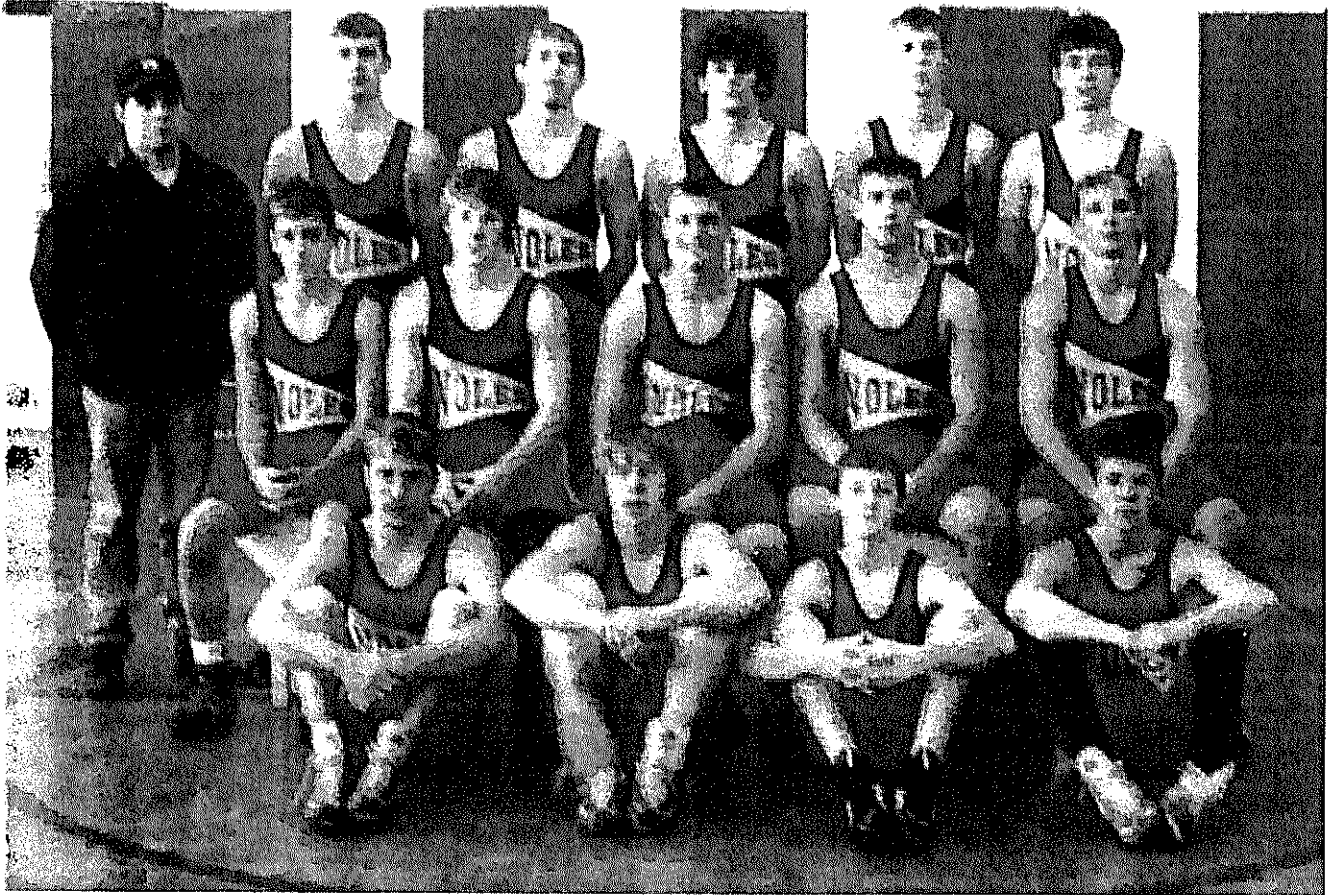
Current OVAC referee, James Crosier ran the program from 1974 until 1982. His team's accomplishments were as follows: In the OVAC's they were AA champions in 1974 and 1975 and AAA champions in 1980. Individual Champions were Mike Gregg (1975), Kelly Wallace (1976), and Randy Simpson & Jeff McCormick (1981). Coach Crosier had one State placer, Kelly Wallace who finished 5th.

The Rick Link era began in 1982 and continued until 1989. Under Coach Link's tutelage, the Jets soared to 4 AAA OVAC Team Champions in 1980, 1989, 1990 and 1991. Individually, the Jets had 4 OVAC champs, Cary Sigler (1985), Val Kline (1989), Buster Vcelka & John Gibeaut (1991). John Gibeaut repeated his championship in 1991. Also during, the Link era, UL obtained its first State Champion, John Gibeaut (1992). In 1995, Jim Bob Lewis became the school's second State Champion. In 1998, Travis Clark became the school's 3rd State Champion.

Coach Joel Davia's campaign began where Link's stopped in the 1998 and continues today. Under his guidance, the Jets have had one OVAC Champion, Mike Davis (2000) and one State Champion, his son, Koel Davia (2002).

Over the years, the Union Local Jets have had 10 OVAC Champions and 90 placers. At State, the Jets have 4 State Champions and 9 placers.

Monroe Central Seminoles



Front (L-R): Aaron Brown - Clayton Benedict - Kasey Tippie - Jordan Seidler

Middle: Seth Rosen - Chris Benedict - Robby Dimmerling - Tyler Schumacher - Christopher Wilson

Back: Head Coach, Paul Robison - Tyler Woodby - Brandon Tennant - Ryan Ferguson - Justin Smithberger - Jared Ward

(Not Pictured - Asst. Coach, Ken Robison)

MONROE CENTRAL SEMINOLES

Seminole Wrestling has some very strong roots in the OVAC. The wrestling program began in 1988, under Mr. Mat, Joe Bates. Coach Bates guided the program the first two years. The program got started thanks to current assistant coach and former head coach Ken Robison and former OVAC champion Art Hehr. Using a mat from Skyvue's dismantled program and practicing at the Jay Circosta Field House wrestling was here to stay.

Coach Bates turned the program over to his assistant and current Monroe Central Principal Sam Schumacher in 1991. In his first season Woodsfield produced its only state champion, Steve Schumacher. In his senior year Steve became the schools first OVAC champion.

Ken Robison guided the Redskins for the next two years and produced the schools second OVAC champion, Jeremy Cramer, in 1994. While Coach Robison was only the head coach for two years, it was the 15 plus years in the pee wee program that he started, that has made all the difference in the Seminole wrestling of today.

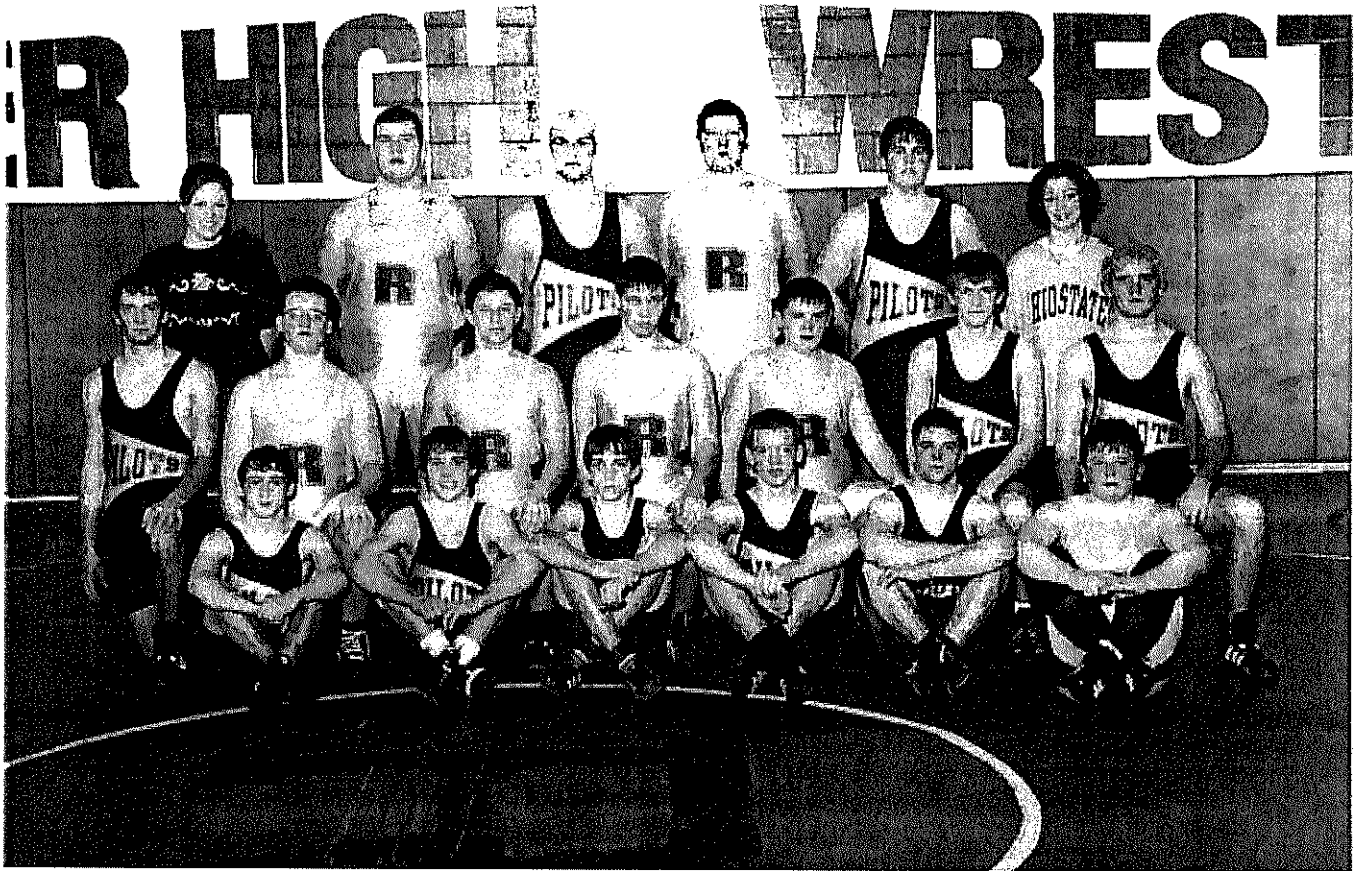
With the consolidation of Skyvue and Woodsfield in the fall of 1994 Seminole wrestling came about. Greg Schumacher was the Seminoles first coach and held the job for three years with Sherman Pyles taking over in 1997.

Current Head Coach Paul Robison was a senior on the first Woodsfield Redskin wrestling team in 1988. Coach Robison took over the program in 1998 and has been a study influence.

Since 1998, under Coach Robison, the Seminoles have produced thirteen OVAC placers, twenty-four District qualifiers, six state qualifiers and a dual record of 21-12-1. Last season was the most successful of all. The Seminoles had seven OVAC placers, eight District qualifiers, three State qualifiers and a 13-0 dual record. In that time, senior Christopher Wilson has led the Seminoles climb to excellence. Wilson is the schools first OVAC champion and first State placer, as he finished second in the state at 145lbs. last year.

All told this small school program has improved every year. While the history of Monroe Central Wrestling is relatively short, the future holds nothing to the imagination!

River Local Pilots



Front: Justin Arman - Lucas Huffman - Chad Byers - Roy Campbell - Jason Workman - Luke Myers
Middle: David Datuliak - Andy Campbell - Michael Matusik - Kory VanCamp - Brant Sawyers - Abe Winter
Russell Kocher
Back: Kayla Matesick - Wesley Haslam - Robert Oldfield - Scott Walters - Eric Rosen - Jenna Workman
Missing: Cody Nelms - Eric Stephens - Aimee Trembley - Brittany Roberts - Valerie Baker

Head Coach, Chuck Baker - Asst. Coaches, Jim Luikart - Kyle Rose - Casey Rose - Matt Walters - Shannon Schultheis

River High Pilots

Dave Sommers began his tenure at Head Coach at River High in 1970.

George Speights was the first wrestler to place for River during OVAC Tournament competition ... he placed a respectable 2nd in 1972.

Mark Holenka began his long reign in 1979 and stayed through 1996.

During his tenure the following wrestlers placed at the OVAC:

Champions			Runners-Up		
1982	Jim Strickland	119	1990	Kyle Rose	152
1983	Albert Caldwell	155	1991	Casey Rose	160
1992	Jerry Otto	140	1993	Jonathan Winkler	135
1996	Cory Knight				

The following were state qualifiers and placers

1979	Joe Strickland	112	5	1991	Casey Rose	160	4
1979	Al Strickland	119		1991	John Modra	171	6
1980	Jim Strickland	98	4	1992	Ryan Grover	152	
1981	Jim Strickland	112	5	1993	Jonathan Winkler	135	
1981	Keith VanCamp	145		1993	Wes Dietrich	145	
1982	Jim Strickland	119	4	1993	Shane Vucelich	152	
1985	Jerry Baker	155		1993	Don Hendershot	189	
1988	Danny Stewart	119		1995	Cory Knight	152	6
1989	Danny Stewart	119		1996	Bryan Mellott	160	
1989	Casey Rose	160		1996	Marty Winkler	135	
1990	Kyle Rose	152	2	1996	Cory Knight	152	3
1990	Casey Rose	160					

Chuck Baker took over as head coach in 1997.

In 2002, Lucas Huffman won the 112# OVAC Championship and qualified for the state tournament in both 2001 and 2002, finishing 2nd in 2002.

Edison Wildcats



Front (L-R): James Gyenes - Ryan Boyd - Zane Boyd - Kevin Ingram - Greg Ramsey
Middle: Hank Crawford - Mark McCourt - Milo Sanders - Will Marroulis - Billy Gunion - Adam Gunion
Tommy Nelson - James Pierce - Lucas Grafton
Back: Charlie Henry - Jeremiah Hinnerman - JJ Rawson - Mike Kirk - Chris Fankhauser - Jack Thompson
Mitch Coast - James Henry - Jonathan Boley - Coach, Koehnlein - (Not Pictured - Coach, Spencer)

Edison High School
Varsity Wrestling
Head Coach: Bill Koehnlein
Asst. Coach: Nick Spencer

OVAC Wrestling History

1988-1989

125	Eric Pipo	7
130	Harold Lemasters	5
135	Shawn Brodie	8
145	Brad Dunlevy	7
189	Jeff Still	3

1989-1990

103	Kelly Shields	1*
135	Harold Lemasters	4
140	Eric Pipo	3
HWT	Jason Hasson	6

1990-1991

103	Kelly Shields	1*
103	Nick Spencer	8
112	Tyler Einsnaugle	8
119	Chuck Spencer	3
135	Harold Lemasters	2
140	Eric Pipo	1
189	Ben Bateman	1
HWT	Jason Hasson	5

1991-1992

112	Kelly Shields	1*
112	Nick Spencer	4
125	Dave Larkins	8
140	Chuck Spencer	2

1992-1993

119	Kelly Shields	1*
125	Nick Spencer	6
160	John Call	8
160	Jason Beadnell	7
171	David DiLeonardo	3

1993-1994

125	Nick Spencer	1
140	Tyler Einsnaugle	2
189	David DiLeonardo	3

1994-1995

119	Luke Spencer	3
171	Bill Koehnlein	8
HWT	Rick Kopras	6

1995-1996

125	Luke Spencer	1
215	Kyle Carreon	3

1997-1998

112	Ryan Ramsey	7
125	Luke Spencer	1

1998-1999

140	Jeb Banovsky	7
171	Steven Henry	6
215	Isaac Evans	8

1999-2000

103	Derek Maple	2
119	Joel Ray	8
135	John Prokopakis	5
140	Jeb Banovsky	4

2000-2001

119	Derek Maple	2
145	John Prokopakis	5

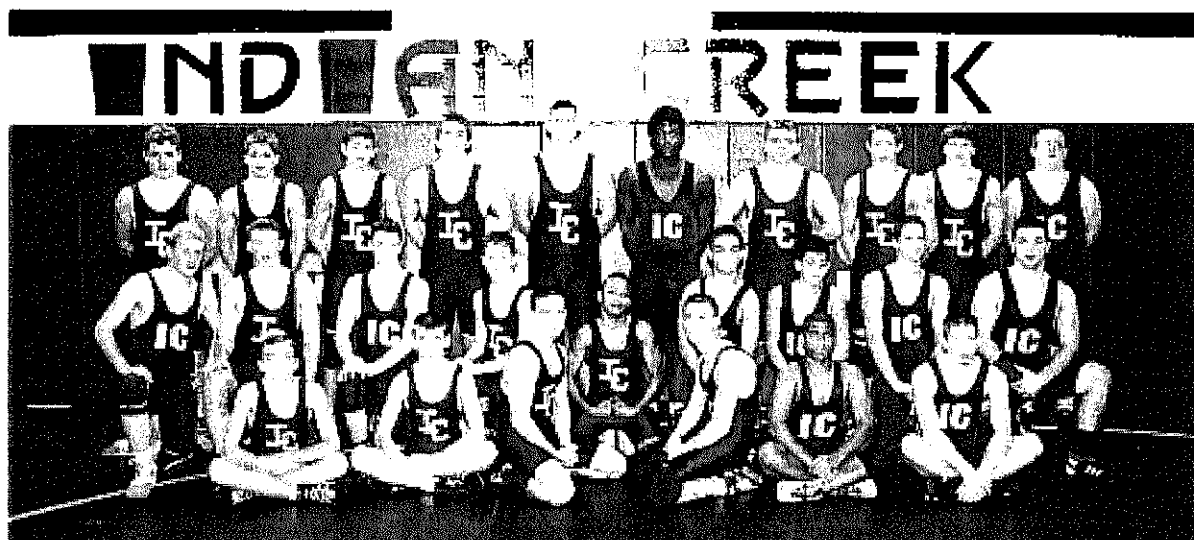
2001-2002

135	Chase Jolly	7
160	John Prokopakis	3
215	Chris Fankhauser	4

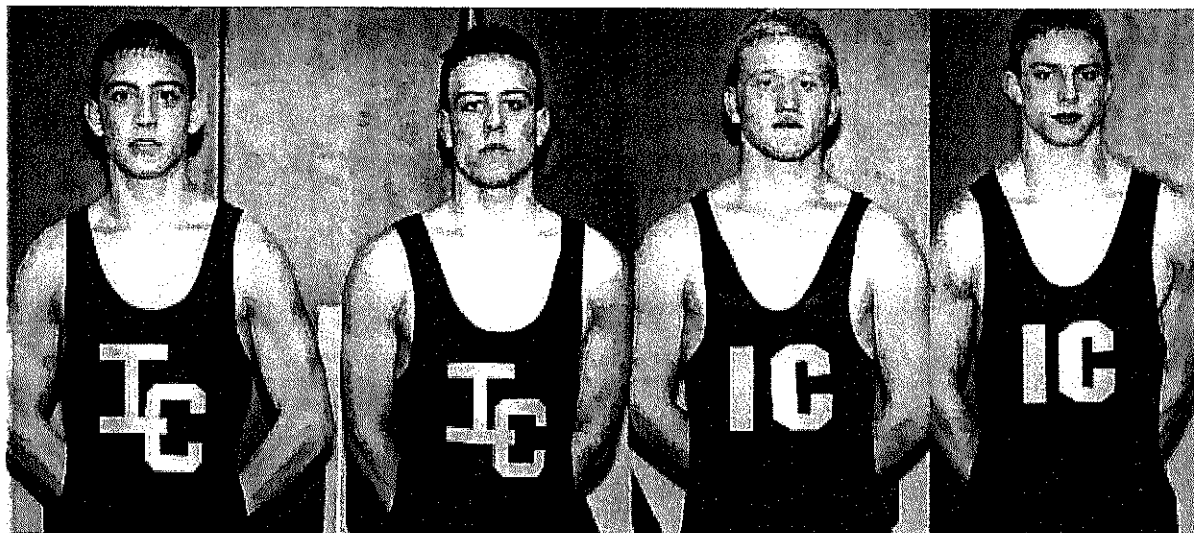
* 4 Time OVAC Champion
(1 of only 3)

INDIAN CREEK WRESTLING 2002 - 2003

A NEW ATTITUDE!



Front (L - R): Eain Landis, Matt Emery, Josh Johnston, Tony Mayle, Shane Walters, Tyler Pesta Row 2 (L - R): Guy Hilderband, Zac Pendleton, Dylan Pendleton, Brandon Snider, Robbie Martin, Cody Scharfenberg, Tony Caldron, Dan Everhart, Adam Cowser Row 3 (L - R): Mike Chichick, Clyde Jordan, Jacon Gasser, Devin Lowry, Cory Hammonds, Maurice Hines, Brandon Bovina, Kellen Hughes, Kenny Oliver, Nathan Osz
Head Coach: John Rocchi
Assist. Coaches: Jayson Sustik, Mike Blackburn



Seniors: Tony Mayle, Josh Johnston, Guy Hilderbrand, Trent Starkey

GOOD LUCK REDSKINS!!

The History of Wrestling at Indian Creek

“Home of the Redskins”

by John Rocchi

Indian Creek High School became a consolidated school with the merger of Mingo Junction in 1993.

John Craig, an Ohio Wrestling Hall of Fame Inductee, assumed the reigns as head coach with the merger.

During the early years of the program, practices were held in the cafeteria where mats had to be rolled out every day.

In the summer of 1997, Coach Craig, with the help of Randy Stacy, converted the library in the Buchanan Building into a fully padded wrestling room.

In the nine years as a consolidation, the Redskins have had 17 State qualifiers and 2 State placers.

John Rocchi has been head coach since the 1998-99 season. He has made much progress in establishing sound elementary and junior high programs, while retaining knowledgeable and enthusiastic assistant coaches.

Redskins Wrestling

Dual Meet Record

Year	Coach	W	L	T
93-94	John Craig	5	3	0
94-95	John Craig	9	0	0
95-96	John Craig	6	4	0
96-97	John Craig	5	8	0
97-98	John Craig	6	5	0
98-99	John Rocchi	1	9	0
99-00	John Rocchi	3	7	0
00-01	John Rocchi	6	7	0
01-02	John Rocchi	8	3	1
Total		49	46	1

Top 5 Individual Records

Jeremy Stacy	106	1998
Trevor Cooper	104	2001
David Boyuk	102	1998
Brandon Pendleton	98	1998
Josh Johnston	85	2003

State Placers

95	Mike Blackburn	6th
98	David Boyuk	4th

Sectional Team Champions - 1998

District Team Runner-Up - 1998

Ohio State Qualifiers

94	Matt Smarrella	97	Bryn Marsh
	Mike Blackburn		Brandon Pendleton
95	Matt Smarrella		Jeremy Stacy
	Mike Blackburn	98	David Boyuk
	Bryn Marsh		Brandon Pendleton
96	David Boyuk		Justin Hall
	Bryn Marsh		Jeremy Stacy
	Jeremy Stacy	00	Trevor Cooper
		02	John Leas

OVAC Place Winners

2nd	David Boyuk	96 & 98
3rd	Mike Blackburn	94
	Nick Dondzilla	98
4th	Matt Smarrella	95
	Mike Blackburn	95
	Justin Hall	98
	Brandon Pendleton	98
	Trevor Marsh	99
	Kellen Hughes	02
5th	Josh Ewing	98
	Trevor Cooper	99
	Chris King	00
	Jared Koos	00
	Rashad Terry	00
	Anthony Gump	02
7th	Tim Diberardino	95
	Bryn Marsh	95
	Jeremy Stacy	96
	Trevor Marsh	99
	Tony Mayle	01
8th	Trevor Cooper	98
	Trevor Cooper	00
	Rashad Terry	01
	John Leas	02

OVAC Team Finish

95	12th of 36	97	David Boyuk	215
96	12th of 36	98	Jeremy Stacy	130
97	7th of 36	02	Josh Johnston	125
98	5th of 36			
99	23rd of 35			
00	20th of 36			
01	18th of 36			
02	10th of 37			

OVAC Champion

97	David Boyuk	215
98	Jeremy Stacy	130
02	Josh Johnston	125

HARRISON CENTRAL WRESTLING HUSKIES



Front (L - R): Mike Valesko - Drew Braun - James White - Brandon Eberhart - Jesse Emery - Vic Bologna - David Blawut - Vic Mason - Mike Thomas - Ken Baker - Justin Myers

Back (L - R): Tony Carothers - Andrew Corder - Breandon Huffman - Geno Agostoni - Eddie McMillion - Derek Sefsick - Ryan Logsdon - Mike Pratt - Asst. Coach, Ryan Coffman, Asst. Coach, Nic Rossiter -Head Coach, Jim Rocchi

Cadiz - Harrison Central High School

The history of this wrestling program is second to none in the Ohio Valley. Cadiz High School's first wrestling season was the 1972-1973 season. Coach Mike Warbel, the football coach at the time, initiated the program. Although the Cardinals were not very successful that year, one important thing happened: the program was started. At the end of the first season, Coach Warbel stepped down and a new, young teacher named John Stephenson was hired as the new head wrestling coach. Few people knew at that time that Coach Stephenson would become one of the most successful coaches in Ohio's history. Coach Stephenson's reign lasted 16 seasons from 1973 - 1988.

During the Stephenson years, the Cardinals transformed into a small school perennial powerhouse. In those sixteen years, Cadiz racked up 12 O.V.A.C. Dual Meet titles, 10 O.V.A.C. 'AA' Tournament titles, the O.V.A.C. Tournament Overall title in 1981, and earned the title as Ohio 'A' State Champions in 1987. Coach Stephenson produced 13 O.V.A.C. Individual champions during his illustrious career.

At the conclusion of Coach Stephenson's tenure, a former wrestler of his, Joel Davia, took the reigns of the powerful program. During Coach Davia's stint as the Cardinal's leader, he created 4 O.V.A.C. Champions from 1989 to 1993.

After Coach Davia received a teaching position at Union Local, Todd Mizer, also a former Cadiz wrestler, took the Head Coaching position for one year. Then in 1994, one of Cadiz' most successful wrestlers returned home to lead the Cardinals. Reed Case, two-time state champion and O.V.A.C. Champion, was named as the head coach for the Cardinals. Coach Case remained the head coach for three successful seasons, in which he was named Coach of the Year once.

In 1997, after Coach Case accepted coaching position in Texas, another former Cardinals wrestler assumed the head coaching position. Jim Rocchi was named to the position after assisting Coach Case for the previous three years and remains in that position today. Thus far, Coach Rocchi has coached 6 O.V.A.C. Champions and numerous place winners. Coach Rocchi has also been named Coach of the Year twice.

At the conclusion of the 199 school year, Harrison Hills City School District consolidated the three high schools within the school district. Cadiz High School, Jewett-Scio High School and Lakeland High School combined to create Harrison Central High School. In its first year the Huskies had the first O.V.A.C. champion in school history in 112 pponder Nick Rossiter. Tony Carothers was also a sixth placer for the Huskies at 275 pounds. The team finished 6th in the 'AAA' class. The following year, the Huskies increased one place in 'AAA' to finish 5th, as well as tenth overall. This was due to the achievements of 5 place winners. In only its third year of existence, Harrison Central climbed overall championship finishing 3rd in 'AAA' and 5th overall with six individuals winning places.

Cadiz-Harrison Central has consistently been one of the premier programs in the Ohio Valley. In all, the Cardinals/Huskies have won 18 'AA' tournament titles and 19 'AA' dual meet titles. The teams have also produced 24 O.V.A.C. Champions throughout 29 years of wrestling.

O.V.A.C. CHAMPIONS

1975:
RANDY DAVIA

1976:
RANDY DAVIA

1977:
JOEL DAVIA

1978:
JOEL DAVIA
BOBAGOSTINI

1980:
MIKE BROOKS

1981:
MIKE CARTER
PAUL DEBOLT

1982:
MIKE BROOKS

1983:
RICH MCKINNEY

1985:
TODD ATKINS

1986:
PAUL COFFLAND
TODD ATKINS

1988:
REED CASE
ARIC GIBSON

1989:
REED CASE

1990:
DON JONES
JON JONES

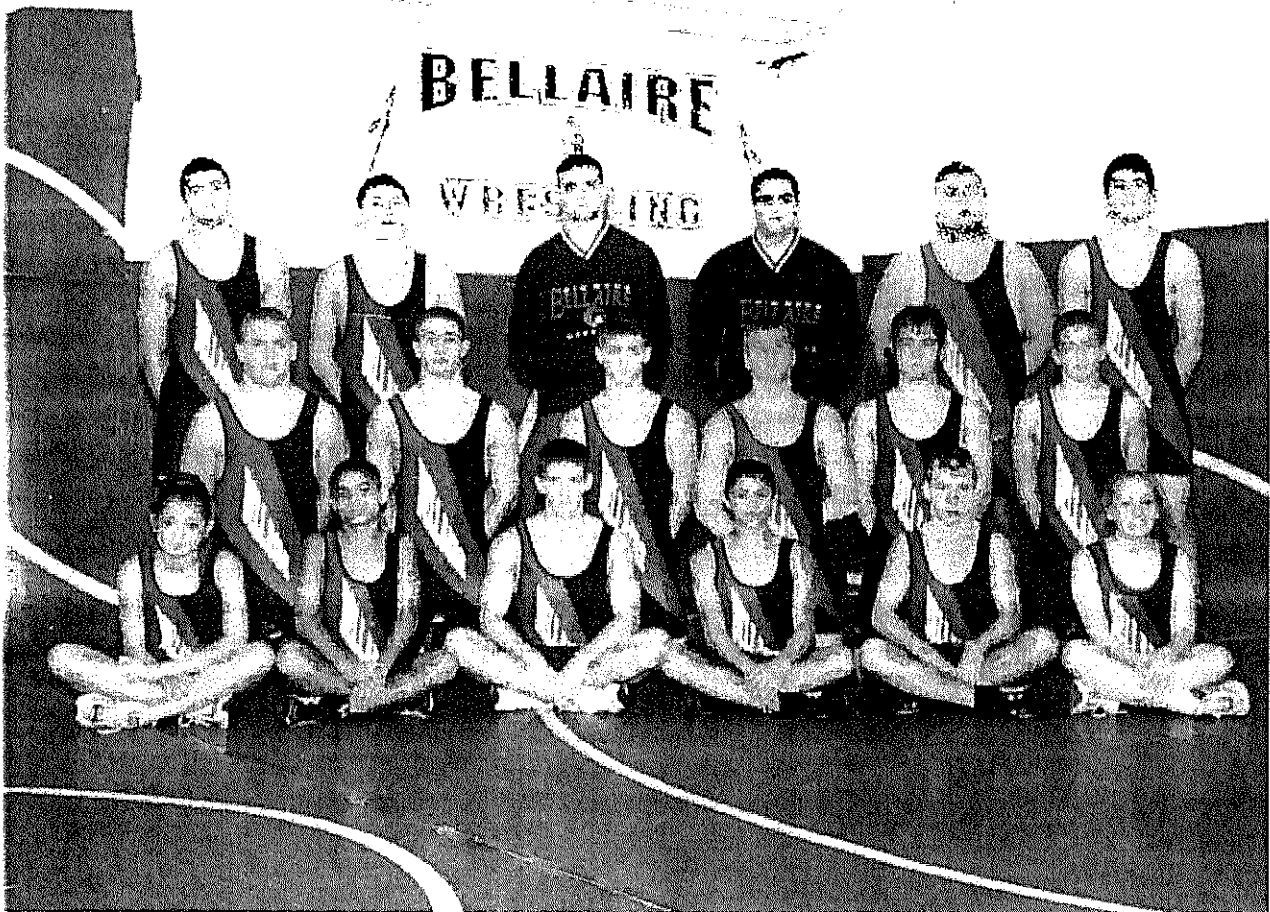
1992:
CHRIS MCKEEVER

1998:
DUSTIN CORDER
LUCAS SEDGMR

1999:
MARSHALL
BROOKS
STAN BITTINGER
LUCAS SEDGMR

2000:
NIC ROSSITER

Bellaire Big Red

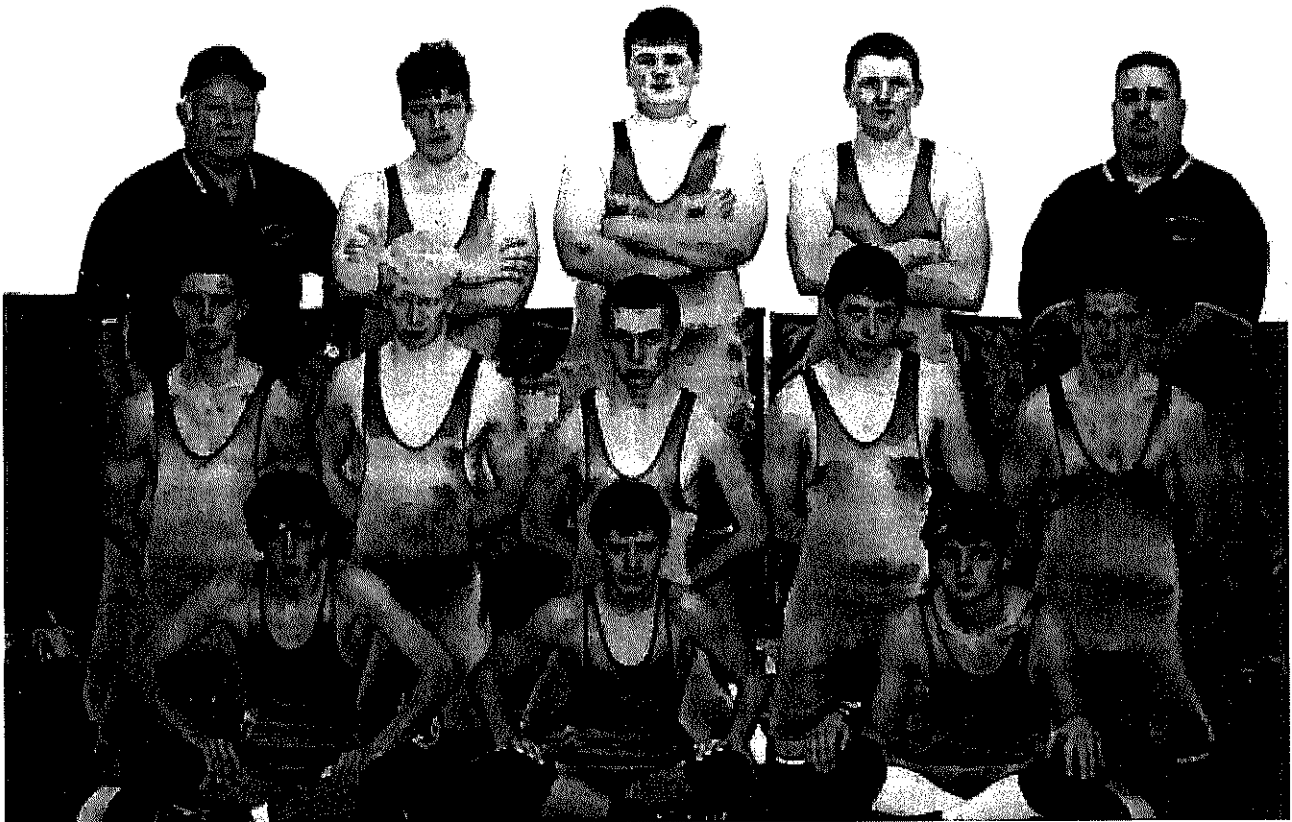


Front (L to R): Christy Overstreet - Rich Heslop - John Perko - Chauncey Green - Bruce Swallic - Shela Lee

Middle: Dirk Soland - Mike Hepburn - Brandon McCourt - Jon Fekete - Brandon Bruce - Jared Booth

Back: Scott Antonik - Luke Sulek - Head Coach, Shane Shaffer - Asst. Coach, Jeremy Chirpas
Matt Duvall - Cody Bruce

2002-2003
Contton Valley
Wrestling
Est. 2000



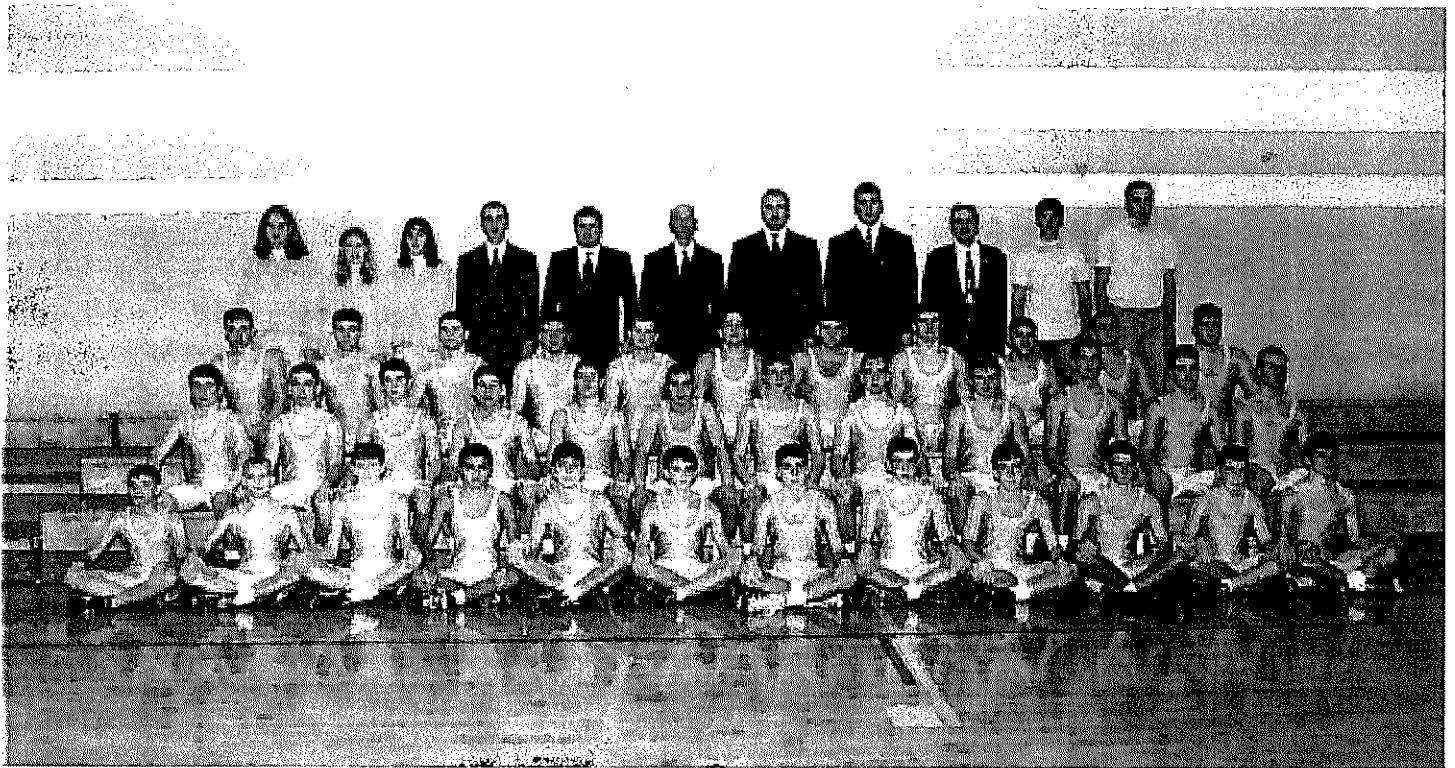
Front: Billy Webb, Donnie Webb, Jeremiah Webb

Middle: Adam Wadian, P.J. Vincent, Anthony Nicholas, David Jones, John Beamer

Back: Asst. Coach Tom Anderla, Richard Campbell, Corey Eggerton, Tony Palmer, Head Coach James Peoples

“Doing What They Said Could Not Be Done”

Oak Glen 2002 OVAC Champs



1st Row (L-R): Mark Rawson - Brandon Davis - Brandon Miller - Bobby Salerno - Justin Goneau - Dirk Baker
TJ Glass - Jay Manypenny - Shane Wright - Cody Chadwick - Dante DiJirolanio - Jessie Mahan
2nd Row: Matt Murray - Sean McIntosh - Joel Timmons - Josh Greathouse - Ian Whittington - Steve Flowers
Drew Stevens - Josh Manypenny - Rhent Northcraft - Matt Wharton - Kevin Cargo - Garret Railing
3rd Row: Chris Stevens - Chris Gibson - Tim Cashdollar - Joe Foltz - Jeff Hukill - Patrick Shultz - Cody Potts
Billy Whitehill - Zack Jacobs - Matt Wiseman - Patrick McGillian
4th Row: Erin Todd - Jessica Rawson - Brianna Ralph - Coach, Mark Wiersbicki - Coach, Rick Brown
Coach, Larry Shaw - Coach Keith Flanigan - Coach, Bob Wilson - Trainer, Randy Elliot - Brennon Chambers -
David Foltz

Good Luck, Golden Bears!
The Oak Glen Grapplers Club

Cambridge Wrestling "Bobcats"



Front: Nick Spinks - Clay Teague - Dustin Daugherty - Earl Grant
 Middle: Brad Bertubin - Bobby Scurlock - Jake Garvin - Adam Monahan - Justin Britnell - Jared Chandler - Ben Applegate
 Back: Coach, "Tank" Moore - Mike Ray - Gordon Walker - Michael Price - Luke High - Ben Ray - Brandon Scurlock
 Bryan Early - Coach, Mark Bartlett

OVAC Champs

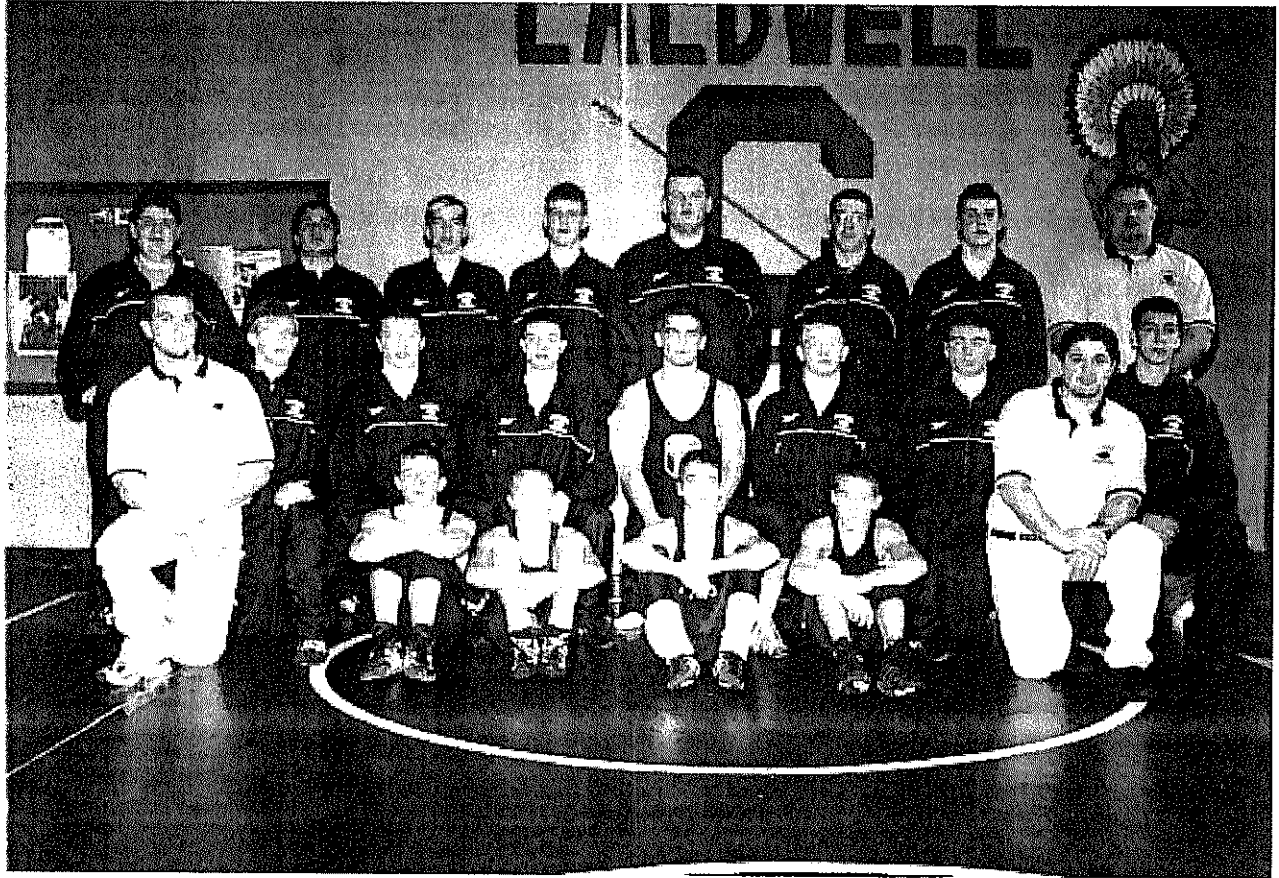
1981	Brian Duff	155	
1982	Brain Duff	155	5th State AA
1983	Jamie Price	Hwt	5th State AAA
1984	Denis Daugherty 119		
1984	Heath Beardmore 126		Bierkortte Award
1984	Tim Pontious	132	
1988	Tom "Tank" Moore	Hwt	3rd State Division II
1992	Kelly Stevens	171	
1993	Jeremy Wilkinson	152	State Champ Div. II
1995	T.J. King	160	
1996	T.J. King	171	5th State Div. II
1999	Jose Smith	119	Bierkortte Award
2001	Jake Sowers	171	

Colors: Blue & White
 Supt. - Susan Tucker

Sports Affiliation: East Central Ohio League - OVAC
 Principal - Frank Blake Ath. Dir. - Dave Gray

Good Luck Cats!!
 from
Athletic Boosters

Caldwell Indians Wrestling



Kneeling (L-R): Head Coach, Dalton Sommers - Ryan Crum - Lee Dimmerling - Cory Lemaster - Justin Seebach

Dustin Robison, Asst. Coach

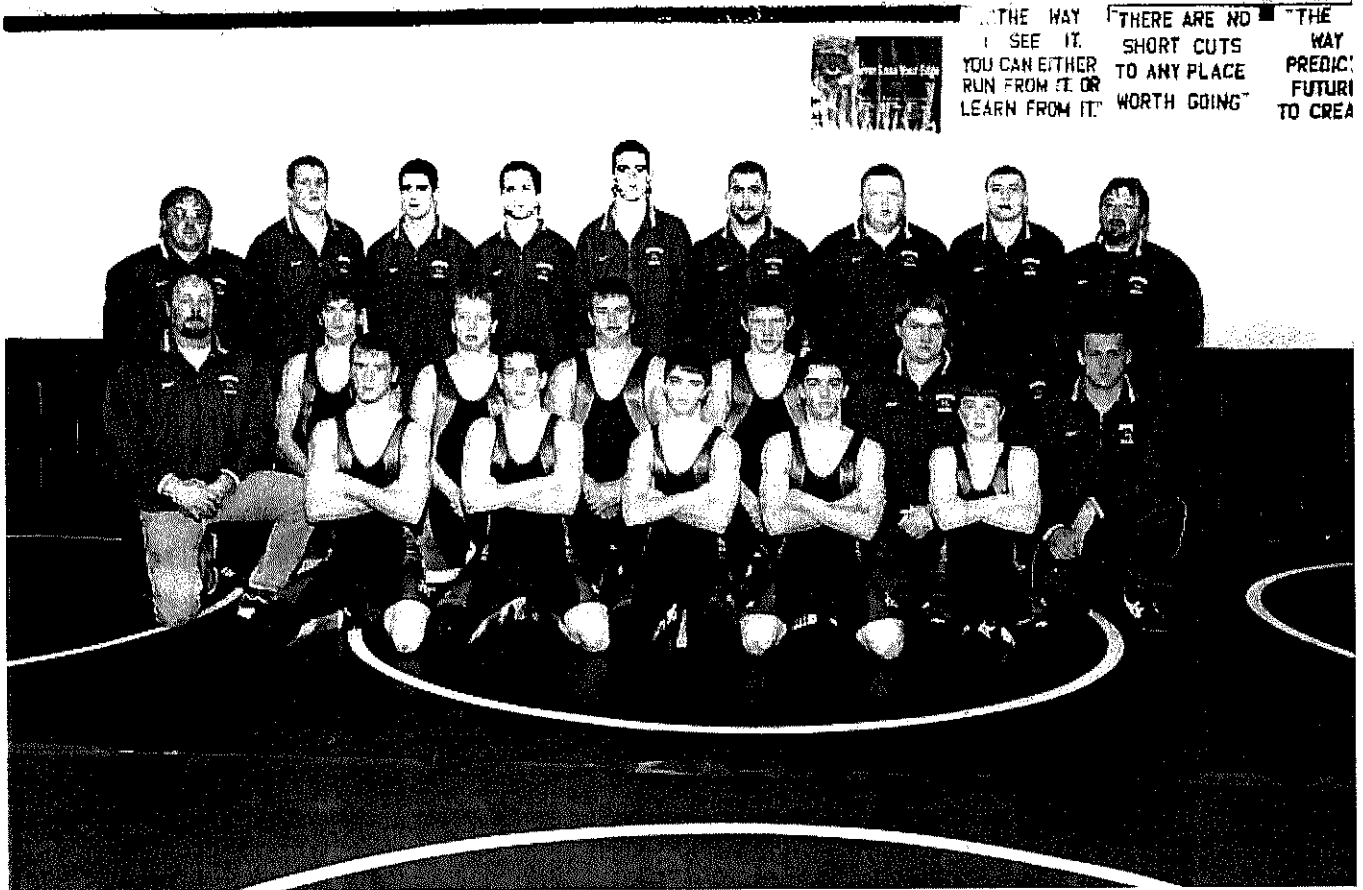
Seated: Chris Davis - Cory Archer - Zach Hupp - Daniel Bender - Joe Smith - Derrick Snyder - Jason Harper

Standing: Rusty Wallace - David Hart - Brian Leasure - Dustin Crum - Waylon Cool - Bill Maxwell - Matt Ogle

Tommy Brown, Asst. Coach

Caldwell Athletic Boosters Club

Shenandoah -Zeps-



Staley Communications, Inc.

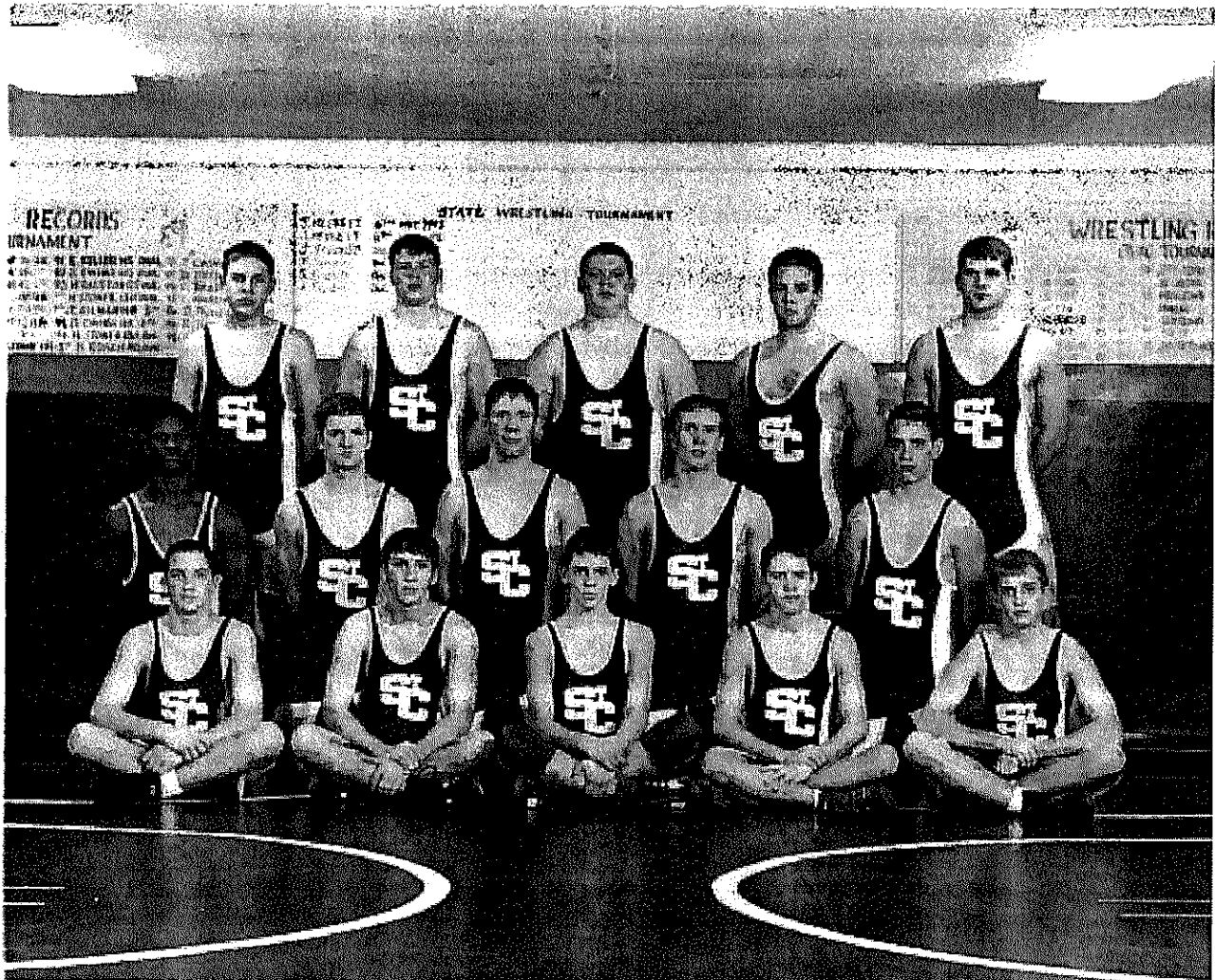


403 North Third Street
Steubenville, Ohio 43952-2000
614 • 282 • 0873

93 Main Street
Wheeling, West Virginia 26003-2421
304 • 233 • 8780

302 Putnam Avenue
Zanesville, Ohio 43701-4929
614 • 452 • 9315

St. Clairsville "Red Devil" Wrestling



Seated: Nick Paglialunga - Eric Zuzak - K J Furbee - Brian Scammell - Nick Oberdick
Kneeling: Brad Brooks - Josh Lauener - David Stoltey - Dave Ferrell - Jake Becker
Standing: Nick Toth - Paul Graham - Scott Neuneschwander - Johs Meeks - Daniel Howard
Not Pictured: Head Coach, John Vrotos - Asst. Coaches, Brian Roskovich - John Mitchell - Ron Zuzak - Paul Prezzia

The History of St. Clairsville "Red Devil" Wrestling

By Scott Neuenschwander

Red Devil wrestling began in the winter of 1974 under head coach Leonard Chaplinski. He continued to coach the Devils until 1977 and was succeeded by John Vavra. During the 1979 season, Vavra had the opportunity to coach the first of three Delande brothers, a name that would become synonymous with St. Clairsville Wrestling. Don Delande was a third place finisher in the OVAC during his senior campaign and went on to place 4th in the state at the 155 pound weight class. Also during the 1979 season the Red Devils crowned their first OVAC champion in 138 pounder Todd Boher.

In 1980 Vavra stepped down and handed the reigns of leadership to his assistant and former Martins Ferry wrestler, Rick Oberdick. He is currently the athletic director at St. Clairsville High School. During his time, Oberdick coached the second of the Delande brothers, Dave. Dave Delande is the person who all St. Clairsville wrestlers are measured against. Dave surprised many by taking runner-up in the OVAC and 6th place in the state as a freshman. He went on to win 3 OVAC championships and to take 2nd and 5th place in the state. Dave is second on St. C's career victories list, with an amazing record of 136-10-1, 94 of them by pin fall. Dave went on to wrestle at West Liberty State College where he was a 3 time All-American and held the all-time pin and win records. Another outstanding wrestler during Oberdick's time as coach was Steve Polinsky. Polinsky was an OVAC champion and runner-up in the state his senior year.

John Vrotsos took over Oberdick's position after assisting him for four years and is presently head coach at St. Clairsville. John is a graduate of Martins Ferry High School, where his father founded the wrestling program. Vrotsos also had the opportunity to coach a Delande. Darren Delande was a four-time placer in the OVAC and qualified for the state tournament four times taking 4th as a sophomore and 2nd as a senior.

Another name that goes hand-in-hand with St. Clairsville Wrestling is Heath. Dustin Heath was a three-time OVAC placer and took 2nd his senior year as a Heavyweight. He was a two-time state qualifier and took 4th when he was a senior. Another notable wrestler of the late 1980's was Terry Holcomb. He was an OVAC champion and a four-time placer, a three-time qualifier for state and finished 5th as a sophomore and 3rd as a senior.

The 1990's brought another wave of outstanding wrestlers, such as David Heath. David, Dustin's cousin, was a two-time OVAC placer and a champion in 1990 in the 189 lbs. division. Dave injured his back before the district tournament his senior year which prevented him from participating in the state tournament.

Another Red Devil standout of the early 1990's was Justin Ewing. Justin was a four-time placer in the OVAC and a two-time champion. He received the outstanding wrestler award for his come behind, overtime victory over Bobby Tucker of Martins Ferry. Ewing was also a three time state qualifier and took 6th his junior year. Justin leads the all-time win list for the Devil program with 137 career wins.

Two more wrestlers having a dynamic impact in the mid 1990's were Kirk and Cary Heath. Kirk, David's brother, was a two-time OVAC placer and a 6th place finisher in the state. Cary, was a two-time OVAC champion and a four-time placer. He qualified for state twice and took 5th at the 189 lbs. weight class.

Jason Heskett was a three-time OVAC placer and heavyweight champion in 1998. He also took 5th and 6th in the state his junior and senior years respectively. Jason went on to wrestle three years at the Naval Academy. Another Red Devil great of the late 1990's was Jeremy Founds. Jeremy was a junior when he first decided to come out for wrestling but you would never know by his stats or appearance on the mat. Jeremy was runner-up in the OVAC and qualified for state as a senior. Billy Barath was a three-time placer in the OVAC taking the championship last year (2002) as a senior. Billy is third on the St. Clairsville all-time win list.

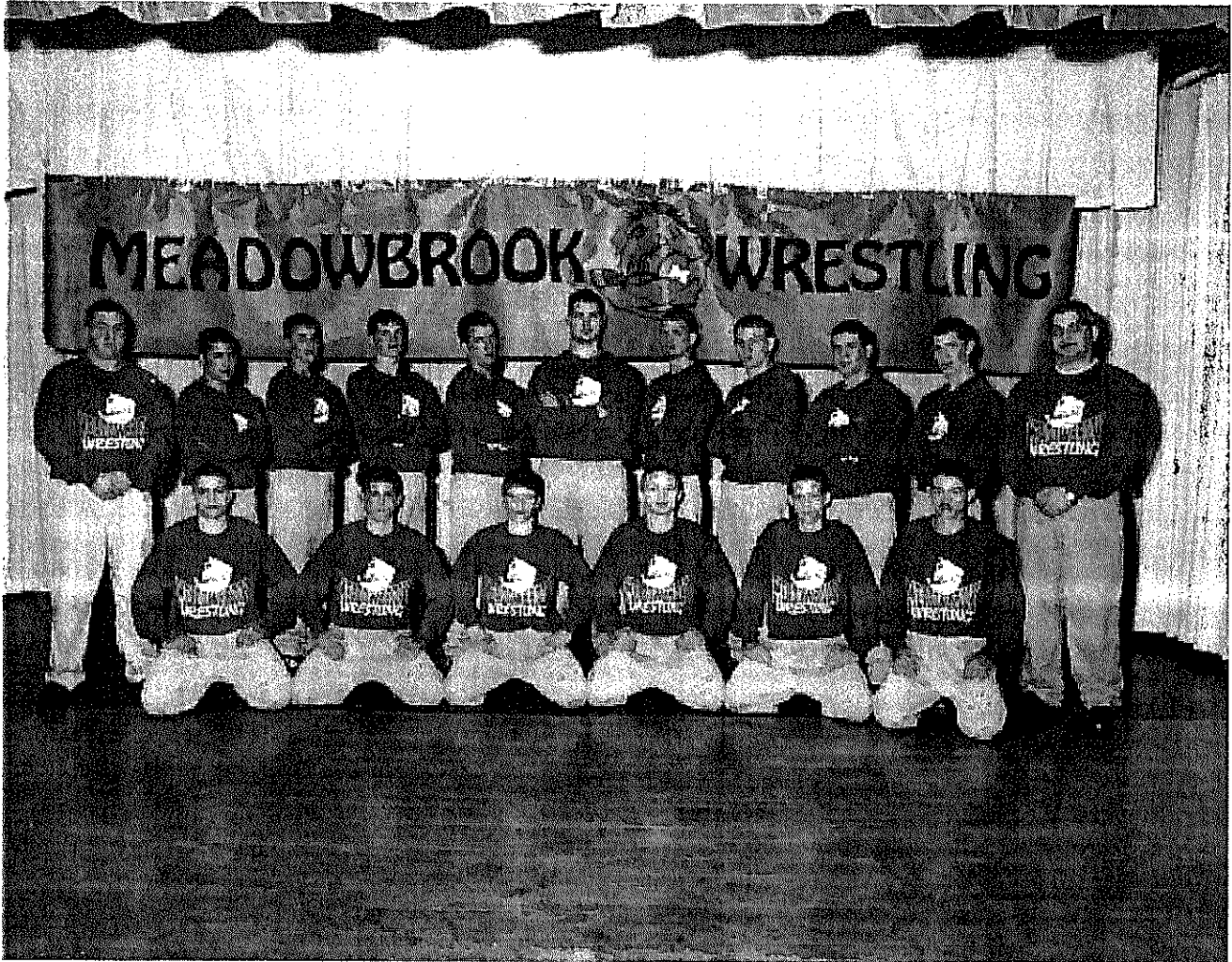
Also noteworthy are Eric Keller, Howard Stoner, Jack Gilman and Scott Conrath are all four three-time OVAC place finishers. Joel Sansone is also a two-time placer. Keller, Stoner, Conrath and Gilman also were state qualifiers with Gilman placing 5th as a senior.

Throughout the years many people have assisted the Red Devils, such as Bellaire graduate John Mitchell. John has assisted the program since 1988. Also assistant coach Brian Roskovich, a graduate of Bridgeport High School, where he was an OVAC champion, a state champion and Division II Wrestler of the year in 1995. He continued his wrestling career at The Ohio State University. Paul Prezgia, a Wellsville graduate and OVAC champion, now runs the "Little Red Devil Wrestling" program. Many former ST. Clairsville graduates have come back to assist the program. 1985 graduate Brad Kasper coached the Junior High for numerous years until handling things over to current coach, 1977 graduate Ron Zuzak. Also assisting the program throughout the years are Rick Dillion, Rich Polinsky and Chad Gilman.

Some of St. Clairsville's team achievements include 7th in the state during their 1984-85 campaign, as well as being four-time divisional runner-up in the OVAC and being OVAC dual meet champion in 1995.

St. Clairsville has had an excellent wrestling program over the years, and has been competitive throughout its thirty-eight year history, and it appears that St. Clairsville will continue to be one of the elite teams of the OVAC.

Meadowbrook Wrestling



OVAC Champions

1982 - Mike Owens 1989 - Dick Snyder 1989 - Troy Keith 1990 - Eric Wickham 1991 &
1992 - Ric Roe

Kneeling: Tyler Love - Justin Rossiter - Mike Lehotay - Marvin Benson - Cory Yerian - Mark Benson

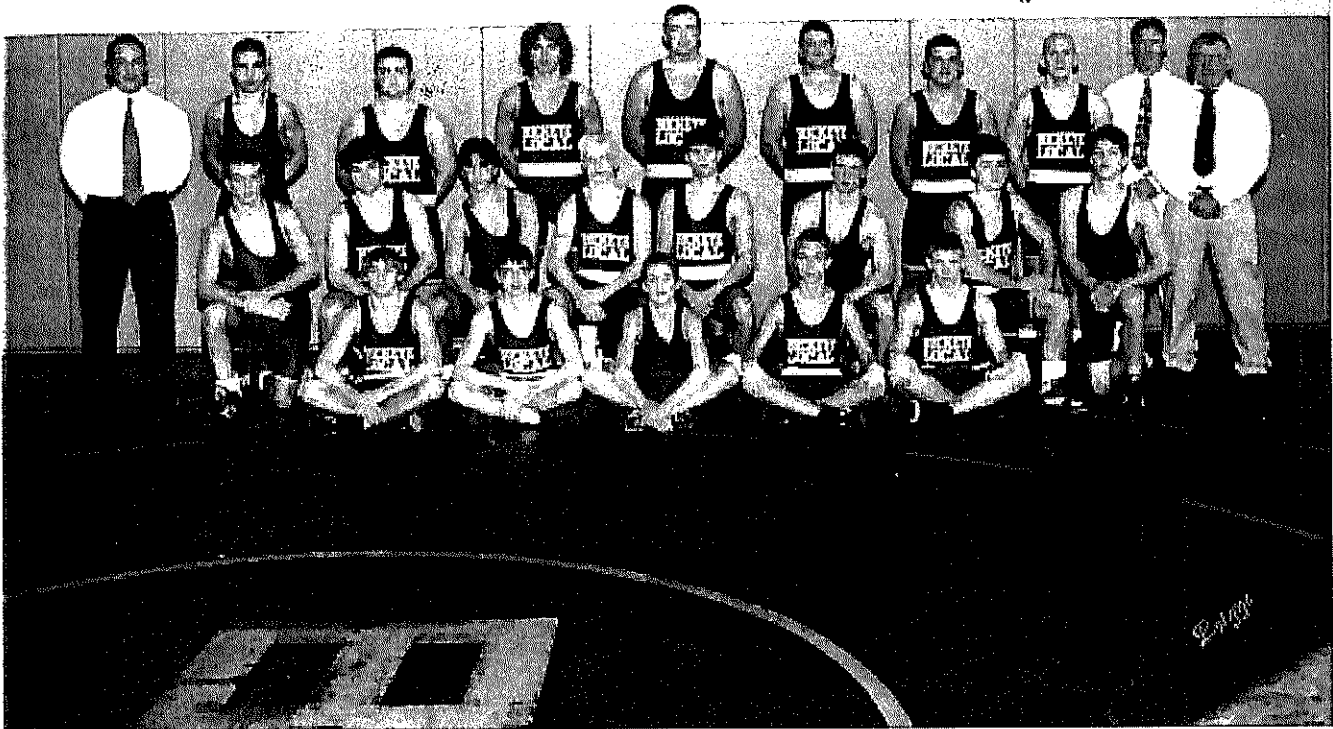
Standing: Head Coach, Troy Keith - Josh Rossiter - Nate Furry - Josh Peyton - Derek Conrad - Jeremiah Scherer

Tony Warner - Jeff Casey - Ben Love - Ben Cain - Asst. Coach, Ben Dyer

Meadowbrook Booster Club, Inc.

Buckeye Local Panther Wrestling

BUCKEYE LOCAL WRESTLING



Seated (L to R): John Petrozzi - Justin Turnbull - Michael Becher - Jimmy Young - Willie Saxton
Kneeling: Albert Philips - Brock Bowman - Chuck McGlaun - Brian Volk - Ryan Turnbull - Max Saxton
Zack Schuller - Brent Yocum
Standing: Head Coach, Jay Michael - Joe Hutton - James Harris - David Bertolino - Eric Wagner - Brian Tibbs
Dean Paxton - Asst. Coaches, Hanso & DeYarmon

Cameron Dragons



Front (l-r): Sarah Lyons - Tim Cumpston - Jessie Stoneking - Brandon Antill - Noah O'Neil - Jeff Petit - Justin LaForrest

Kelly Hughes - Jamie Mason

Back: Coach, Ochsenbein - Sam Cunningham - Josh Whipkey - D.J. Yoders - Isaac Stewart - Adam Cooper

Casey Hughes - Mike Simms - Steve Blake - Matt Elson - C. J. Manning - Lacey VanDyne - Head Coach, Jim Potts

Cameron Dragons Wrestling

Wrestling at Cameron High began as a scrimmage team in 1968 under Jim Yoho. It became an inter-scholastic sport in 1969 with Yoho serving as Head Coach until 1974.

Jim Potts, the dean of OVAC coaches, assumed the reins in 1974. This year he is celebrating his 30th year as mentor of the Dragons.

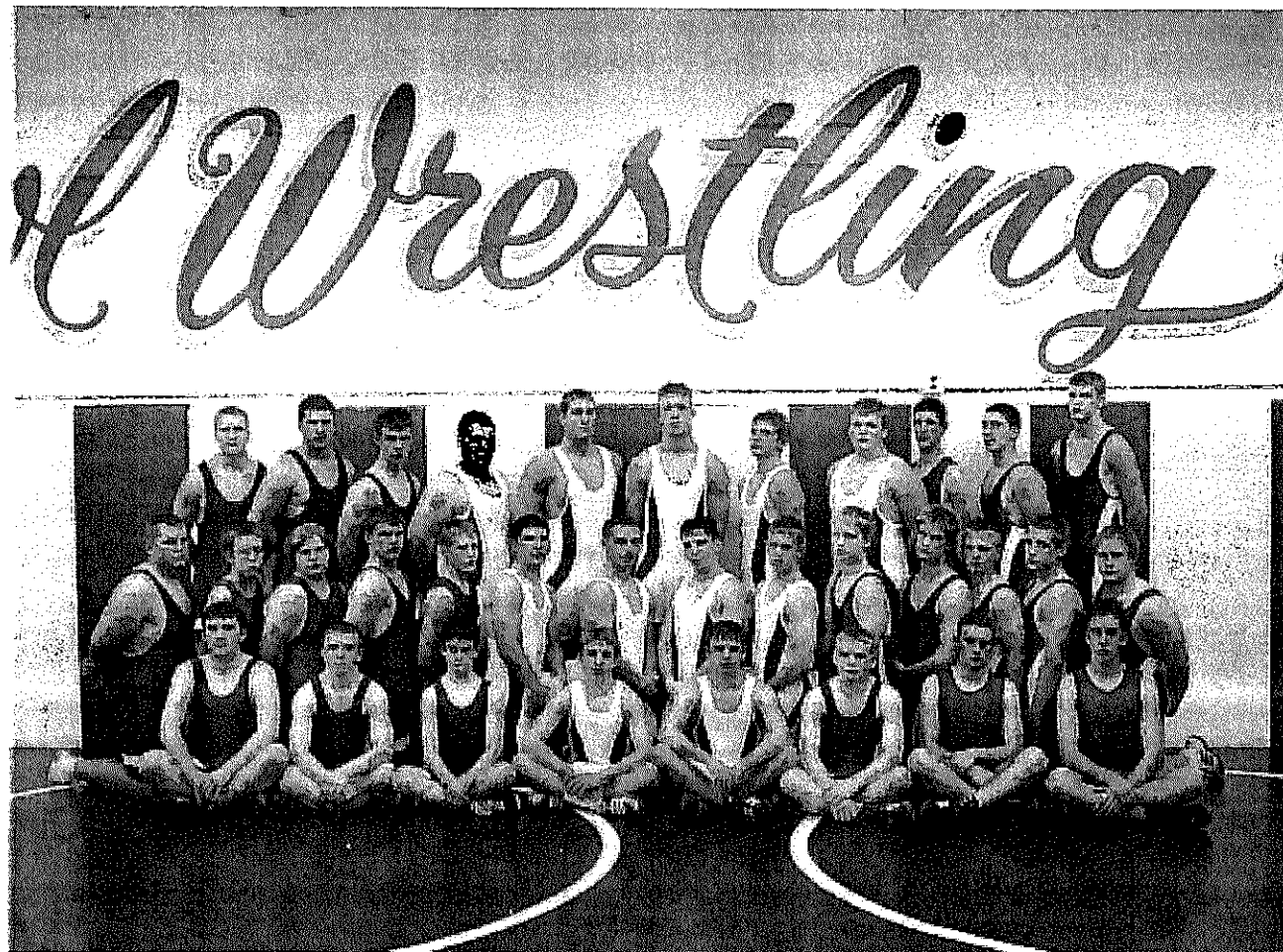
When you look at his record, it is truly unbelievable: OVAC Coach of the Year 12 times -West Virginia AA/A Coach of the Year 5 times, and West Virginia Coach of the Year 2 times. During his tenure Cameron has compiled a dual meet record of 316-81-3, crowned 29 individual state champions, won 79 tournaments, garnered 33 tournament runners-up, collected 14 OVAC dual meet titles, 13 OVAC tournament champions and 2 OVAC Tournament Overall Runners-up.

These accomplishments are even more incredible when you realize that Cameron has an enrollment of approximately 200 students in grades 7 thru 12. The Dragons have been West Virginia AA/A State Champions 4 times (1991-1994), and Runners-up twice. They finished a respectable 3rd in 1998-1999-2000.

West Virginia State Champions

1978	Doug Blake	98	1992	Chad Burge	103	1998	Garret Oneil	215
1980	Ed Knox	145	1992	Ryan Dudas	125	2001	Tyler Hughes	125
1985	Dave Hinerman	126	1992	R C Anderson	140	2001	Casey Hughes	130
1985	Ron Trowbridge	138	1992	Jeff Neehouse	171	2001	Roger Kupfer	145
1986	Dave Hinerman	132	1993	Chad Burge	112	2001	Wyatt Oneil	215
1989	R C Anderson	112	1993	Mike Stem	119	2002	Roger Kupfer	160
1989	Eric Potts	119	1993	Ryan Dudas	125			
1989	Barry Beresford	189	1993	Andy Anderson	145			
1990	R C Anderson	119	1994	Chad Burge	112			
1991	R C Anderson	130	1997	Ronnie Lemasters	112			
1991	Eric Potts	145	1998	Brandon Kupfer	145			

East Liverpool Potters



Seated: Josh Balmenti, Jamie Miller, Denny Caldwell, Anthony Duffield, Matt Walker, Catlyn Weyand, (nlp), Brandon Mecum

Kneeling: Miles Joihnson, Ryan Alexander, Chris Smith, Aaron Smith, Dustin Randolph, Joe Barnhouse, Tyler Butler, Jake Bates, Dean Hornbeck, Nick Woods, Shane Atkins, Jason Ewing, Ron Scott, (nlp)

Standing: Cole Irving, Derrick McKenzie, Jason Randolph, Zach Davis, Josh Stansbury, Chris Green, John Walker, Stephen Dadgley, Micah Campbell, Joe Curran Aaron Carter

Absent: Seam Green

Head Coach: Dickie Shilling

Assistant Coaches: Rich Shilling, Cole Bowersock, Don Curtis

The Takedown Club Supports Potter Wrestling

A Brief History of "Potter" Wrestling

by Richard Keith Wolf

During the winter of 1946-1947, "Potter" assistant football coach and former intercollegiate wrestler, Bob Dutton, and head basketball coach, Merrill Hall, jointly decided to have a "smoker", pitting ELHS boxers and wrestlers against the Wellsville "Bengals".

This exercise was an experiment to test both the level of participant interest and fan support.

As a result of the tremendous success of this venture, wrestling was introduced as an interscholastic sport in the 1947-1948 season, with Dutton as coach.

The "Potters" went 0-6 in that inaugural campaign. Bob Jackman, Class of 1950, scored the first individual victory ever for Dutton's charges with a pin against Western Reserve Academy.

After two years at the helm of wrestling, Coach Dutton returned to his alma mater, Parkersburg High in West Virginia where he became a legend. Annually the High School Wrestler of the Year, in the State of West Virginia, is the recipient of the Bob Dutton Award. This distinction speaks not only of his tenure as a coach, but more important the high regard in which he is and was held by his peers.

For the next eleven years, the "Potter" wrestling fortunes were guided by the feisty Lou Venditti.

During this period of time, wrestling as an interscholastic sport was rapidly gaining in popularity. However, competition in the immediate area was limited.

The "hot bed" of wrestling at that time was western Pennsylvania. Consequently, the "Potters" quickly matured by facing the best PA had to offer. They wrestled Burgettstown, Farrell, Greenville, Grove City, Erie Tech and Erie Academy all whom were perennial powers.

The first "Potter" to gain statewide recognition was the late Bill Bryson, three year varsity performer from the Class of 1950, who placed second in the State Championships at Cleveland West Tech High School in 1950.

As a result of his accomplishment, participant interest exploded. It then became necessary to trim the squad, so that there might be adequate room in which to participate.

The "wrestling room" above the stage in the Memorial Auditorium was at best a joke and at worst, a torture chamber.

It was regarded as a torture chamber, because anyone who has been driven face down by a half Nelson and an arm bar across those canvas mats can attest to the fact that the brush burns received would last the remainder of the season. Additionally, such burns made the constant threat of impetigo an uppermost worry in the minds of all.

In 1952, Senior, Don Chadwick became the first State Champion in the history of "Potter" wrestling.

With the 1953 season began the era of the Hoppel's, when Herm finished second.

In 1954 Darryl was crowned Champion, and in 1955 he joined brother Jim as both garnered Championships. In 1956 Jim finished third, Joining brother David, who began his three year reign as a State placer, finishing 2nd, 3rd and 4th respectively.

The Hoppel brothers success as well as their inherent work ethic did as much to motivate and inspire teammates as did any other single force.

The name Hoppel remains legend in the annual of Ohio High School Wrestling. When you combine the three State Championships and Runner-Up won by younger brother Carl at Beaver Local, there were ten consecutive years during which one of the brothers participated in the State Tournament. They combined for a total of 12 State Placers.

When Coach Venditti resigned to return to his hometown as head football coach at Canton South, the program was considered for elimination. Assistant football coach, Ray Peduzzi, stepped forward to take charge. Even though he had no experience as either a coach or a wrestler, Peduzzi came with enthusiasm. For the next four years (1960-1964) he did a commendable job.

Following a successful two year term by Dick Bryan (1964-1966), wrestling, along with all other "minor" sports, was dropped in 1966 by the board of Education, thus fulfilling a threat made to the voters for their failure to pass a proposed levy.

When wrestling resumed in 1967, grapplers were to see a parade of four coaches in the next four years; Joe Mowad, Joe Mitchell, Don Ryals and Dave Price.

When the "Potters" moved to the "House on the Hill", practices were held in the lobby of the Fieldhouse and later in the multipurpose room at North Elementary. This meant rolling up the mats and returning them to storage following each practice.

In 1971, Joe Mitchell returned from Wellsville and provided continuity for the next eight years.

Near the end of Coach Mitchell's tenure, a group of former wrestlers formed the "Potter" Mites to create a feeder system for the high school program.

Dedicated and unselfish individuals Rich Wright, Don Bouscher, Dave Hager and Rich Hillberry gave generously of their time, talent and money in making this effort a success.

In 1980, following disastrous back-to-back seasons, the board hired a young enthusiastic coach, Nick Trombetta.

As the "Potter" Mite program began to produce experienced young wrestlers and the high school program became successful, a recognized need for a wrestling room became an obsession for these dedicated supports.

Through the efforts of John Goempel, East Liverpool City's Coordinator of Federal Programs, a \$10,000 grant was obtained to aid in building a community/wrestling room. Additionally, 11 individuals signed a note for \$10,000 to complete the facility.

Hired craftsmen were required to erect the shell, but volunteers completed the remainder of the lighting, heating, design and installation of the wall mats.

During the "King of the Hill" Tournament in 1984, a banquet and reunion honoring the first wrestling team also served as ceremonies to dedicate the recently completed wrestling room. Heading the list of those returning wrestlers was Coach Bob Dutton.

The "Potter" wrestlers now had a home of their own, second to none anywhere in the valley.

Trombetta left coaching in 1992 to accept a position as an administrator in his hometown, Aliquippa, PA.

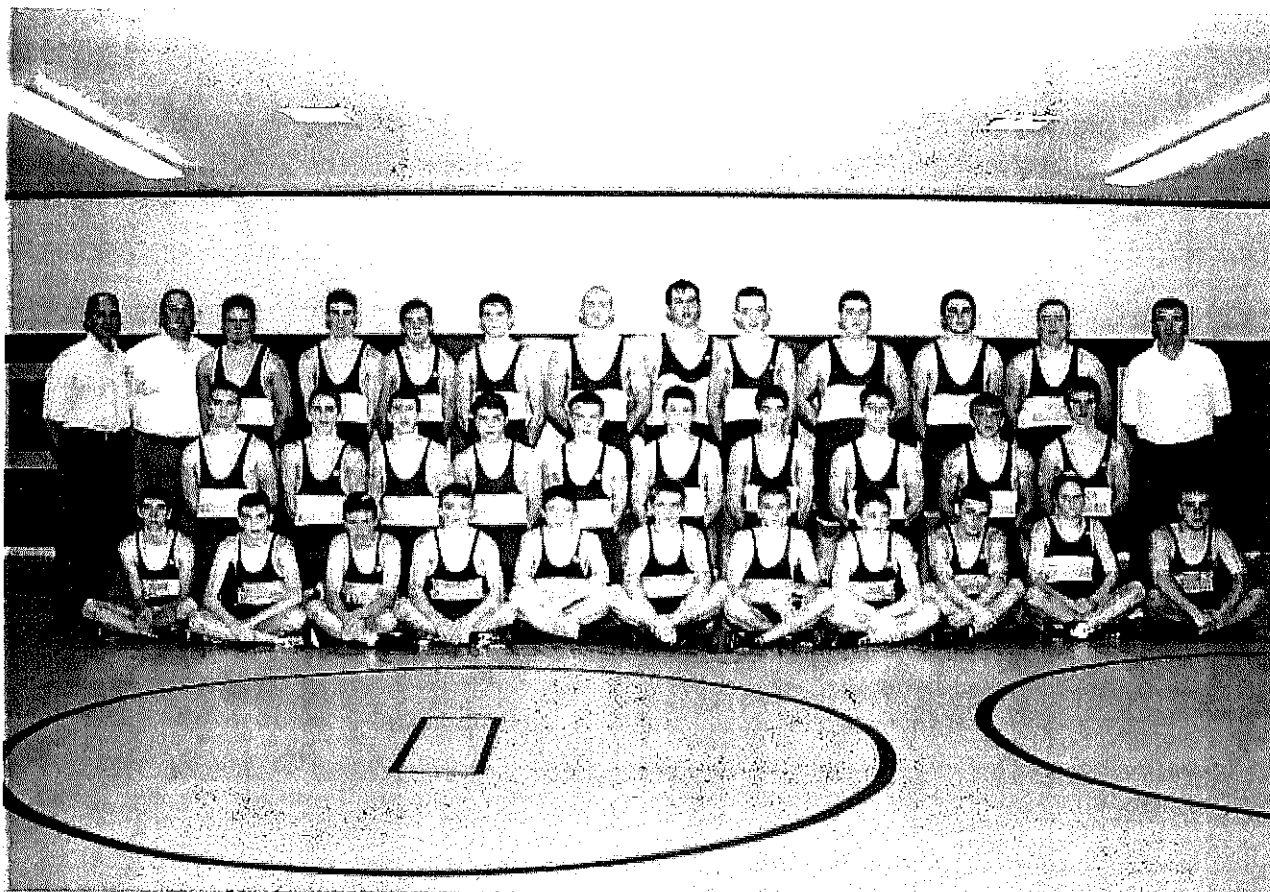
Coach Scott Hiemstra succeeded Trombetta as coach for the next nine years "Potter Power" continued to be a force with which to be reckoned in the Ohio Valley. The Potters won back-to-back OVAC Over All Tournament Championships in 2000 and 2001.

Dickie Shilling, a 1987 graduate, became the first alumnus to guide the mat forces as head coach in the 54 year history of wrestling at ELHS, when he took over for Hiemstra following the 2001 season.

Potter Wrestling Records

		W	L	T
47-48	Bob Dutton	0	6	
48-49	Bob Dutton	2	6	
49-50	Lou Venditti	2	6	
50-51	Lou Venditti	4	4	
51-52	Lou Venditti	5	4	
52-53	Lou Venditti	5	4	
53-54	Lou Venditti	7	3	
54-55	Lou Venditti	8	4	
55-56	Lou Venditti	7	3	
56-57	Lou Venditti	10	2	
57-58	Lou Venditti	7	2	
58-59	Lou Venditti	8	2	
59-60	Lou Venditti	6	5	
60-61	Rey Peduzzi	3	5	
61-62	Rey Peduzzi	4	5	1
62-63	Rey Peduzzi	2	5	
63-64	Rey Peduzzi	7	4	1
64-65	Dick Bryan	7	3	
65-66	Dick Bryan	5	3	1
66-67	(Sports Suspended)			
67-68	Joe Mowad	3	4	
68-69	Joe Mitchell			
69-70	Don Ryals	7	2	
70-71	Dave Price	5	3	1
71-72	Dave Price	9	2	
72-73	Joe Mitchell	5	5	
73-74	Joe Mitchell	3	5	
74-75	Joe Mitchell	5	3	2
75-76	Joe Mitchell	5	5	
76-77	Joe Mitchell	5	4	1
77-78	Joe Mitchell	5	3	
78-79	Joe Mitchell	0	11	
79-80	Joe Mitchell	1	10	
80-81	Nick Trombetta	13	6	
81-82	Nick Trombetta	10	4	
82-83	Nick Trombetta	8	3	
83-84	Nick Trombetta	10	2	
84-85	Nick Trombetta	13	1	
85-86	Nick Trombetta	13	0	
86-87	Nick Trombetta	18	2	
87-88	Nick Trombetta	14	1	
88-89	Nick Trombetta	13	0	1
89-90	Nick Trombetta	9	4	
90-91	Nick Trombetta	14	1	
91-92	Nick Trombetta	12	0	
92-93	Scott Hiemstra	6	8	
93-94	Scott Hiemstra	7	1	
94-95	Scott Hiemstra	4	6	
95-96	Scott Hiemstra	7	1	
96-97	Scott Hiemstra	6	2	
97-98	Scott Hiemstra	7	1	0
98-99	Scott Hiemstra	6	1	0
99-00	Scott Hiemstra	7	1	0
00-01	Scott Hiemstra	4	2	2
01-02	Rich Shilling	1	9	0

John Marshall Monarchs Wrestling 2002-2003



Row 1: Seth Evick, Larry Pyles, Logan Hartle, Seam Howard, Lee Doyle, Andy Kotson, David Beegle, George Mikels, Kayla Varney

Row 2: Corey Adkins, Kyle Mull, Alex Lee, Frank Taylor, Seth Skrypek, Jeremy Kinney, Jason Koontz, Dustim Richey, Marcus Geer

Row 3: Coach, Ted Zervos, Coach, Paul Simmons, Shawn Simmons, Pual Simmons, Mitchell Rose, Jim West, Josh Ewing, Mark Chambers, Corey Ebbert, Zack Moore, Greg McCombs, Head Coach Ed West

Sponsored by the John Marshall Wrestling Club

John Marshall Wrestling

The commitment, dedication and consistency exhibited by the wrestling coaches at John Marshall High School are rarities. It is hard to imagine that during a period of 32 years they would have been served by but two head coaches and two assistants.

It all began in 1968, with the venerable Bill Hinegardner, one of the most highly respected individuals in the annals of West Virginia and OVAC wrestling. His effectiveness as a coach can best be found in this accomplishments, West Virginia State Championships in 1972, 73 and 74, and Runners-Up in 1969,75,77 and 78. During that same time frame, in OVAC Tournament competition, they took the team title in 1972, 73, 74 and 77, while finishing 2nd in 1969, 75, 78 and 79. Their most outstanding season was 1972, when they garnered the Mountaineer League Championship, OVAC Dual Meet and Tournament Championships, Region One Titlest and West Virginia State Champions.

His loyal and faithful assistant during his entire 14 year tenure was the highly qualified Ed Dugas.

When Bill Retired from coaching in 1982, he had amassed a career record for dual meets of 133-29.

When Ed Dugas ascended to the head coaching position, he reached down to the junior high program and tapped Ed West as his assistant. West is a alumnus of John Marshall and a state title holder.

The proved the worth by winning the OVAC Tournament in 1983, besting highly favored Steubenville and Cadiz.

During the Dugas era, the Monarchs had 12 West Virginia AAA top 10 finishes and 6 top 5 finishes. In 1995 John Marshall had its first High School All-American in Cliff Ward and its 2nd in 1997 when Ryan Muldres was likewise crowned.

During the 1995-96 season, when approval was given for another assistant coach, Dugs wasted no time in selecting another Junior high coach , John Mashall alumnus and two time West Virginia State Champion in 1981 and 82, Ted Zervos.

Dugas retired from coaching in 2000, after having spent a total of 32 years with the wrestling program at John Marshall. His loyalty and dedication are to be applauded for they are uncommon qualities rarely found today.

In keeping with winning traditions, it was only natural that Dugas loyal and faithful assistant, Ed West, would be named as his successor.

West was quick to move Zervos up as top assistant and named Bob Wilson, career record holder at John Marshall with 94 wins, as 2nd assistant.

In 2001, the Monarchs finished 8th in the OVAC and in 2002 they finished 3rd, trailing the Champions, Oak Glen, by only 6 points.

The outlook for John Marshall, a team steeped in tradition, appears optimistically bright.

West Virginia State Champions

1969	Dwight Wolfe	122	1975	Mike Cain	185	1983	Frank Longwell	HWT
1969	Albie Kazemka	97	1977	Jeff Morris	132	1984	Mike Knox	138
1972	Ken Rynolds	105	1977	Will Kovalick	155	1985	Mike Knox	145
1972	Rick Kiddle	155	1977	Greg Morris	167	1991	Kirby Barbour	189
1972	Bob Strawn	167	1977	Gordon Gordon	HWT	1993	Bob Persinger	125
1973	Ed West	126	1978	G.J. Walley	HWT	1994	Cliff Ward	140
1973	Rusty Mercer	98	1979	Rick Schoene	HWT	1995	Cliff Ward	140
1974	Ron Griffin	132	1979	Greg Morris	167	1995	Cliff Ward	135
1974	Scott Lehasky	167	1981	Ted Zervos	119	1996	Ryan Muldrew	125
1975	Gary Dobbs	119	1982	Ted Zervos	119	1997	Ryan Muldrew	130

OVAC Champions

1969	Albie Kazemka	97	1975	Doug Lehasky	167	1983	Bill Gilbert	167
1969	Dwight Wolfe	122	1977	Jeff Morris	132	1984	Paul Simmons	167
1969	Fick Burke	177	1977	Gordon Gordon	HWT	1987	Alex Shook	HWT
1969	Gene Hill	140	1978	Greg Morris	167	1988	Baron Bryan	103
1970	Albie Kazemka	98	1978	Greg Lehasky	185	1993	Cliff Ward	135
1970	Rick Burke	185	1979	Greg Lehasky	185	1993	Matt Nardone	HWT
1972	Jim Meeker	185	1979	Greg Morris	167	1994	Cliff Ward	135
1974	Ron Griffin	132	1980	Rusty Conner	167	1996	Chris Ward	140
1974	Ron Koontz	155	1980	Rick Schoene	185	1997	Chris Ward	140
1974	Scott Lehasky	167	1981	Mike Schoene	HWT	1997	Ryan Muldrew	130

Shadyside Tigers Wrestling



Seated: Chris Wallace - Daniel VanDyke - Mike Frollini - Jacob Lackman

Kneeling: Asst. Coach, Travis Beckett - Jeff Trigg - Jesse Irwin - Luke Burkhardt - Bobby Samsa - Kyle Wallace

Head Coach, John Haswell

Standing: Asst. Coach, Kurt Glasser - Justin Tollett - Jason Wright - Matt Swegard - Billy Frollini
Asst. Coach, Sean Grinch

Tiger Wrestling Club

Shadyside Wrestling

Shadyside was a force with which to be reckoned during the early years of wrestling in the State of Ohio. During the three year period from 1939 - 1941, the Tigers boasted of eight individual State Champions. The team finished as State Runners-up in 1939, 1940, 1941 and 1942. As a team they are ranked 31st among all schools for the most individual State Champions (10).

Shadyside discontinued the mat sport during World War II and the program did not have its resurgence until 1980.

The Tigers have been a perennial Division A power in the OVAC since their re-entry into the sport.

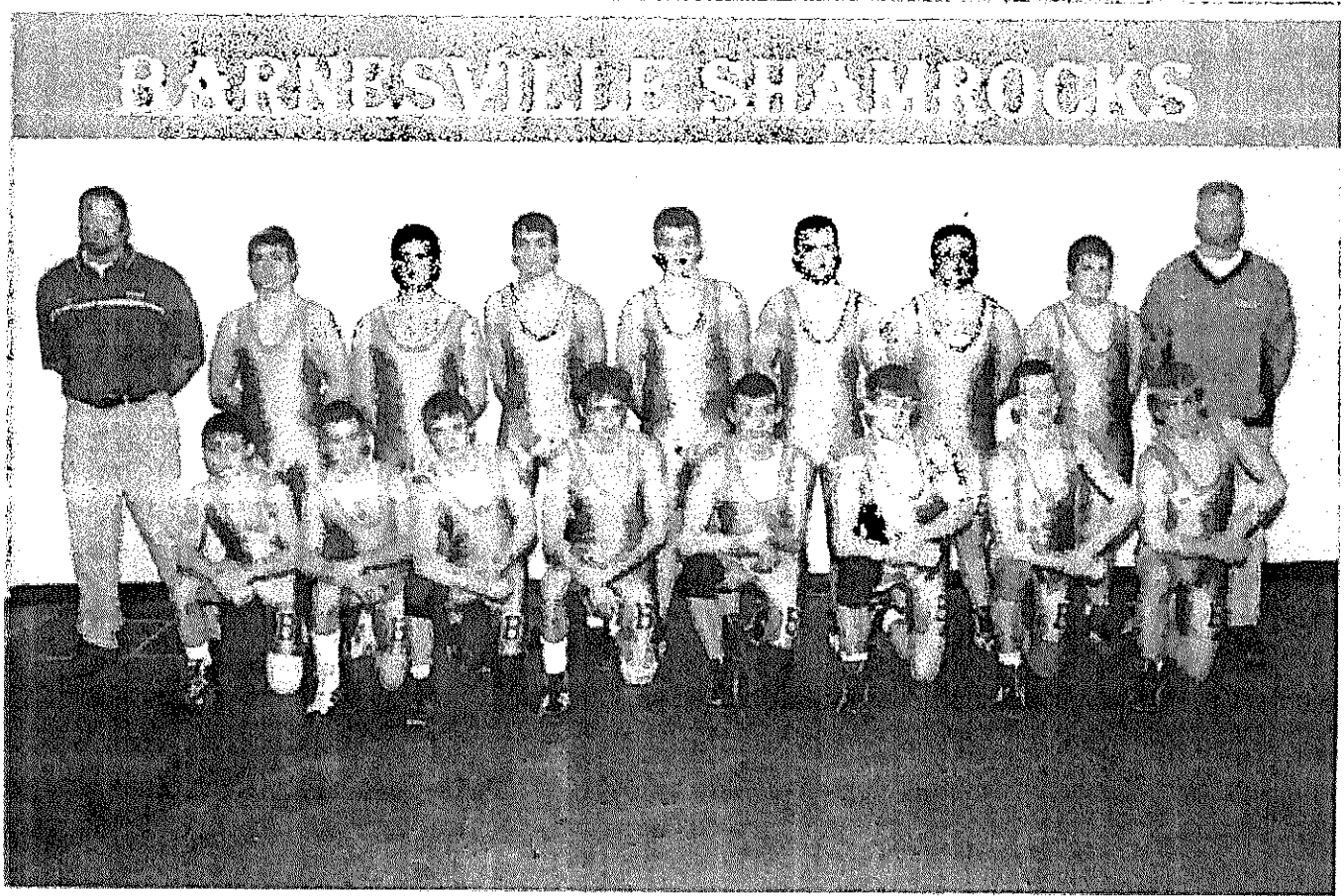
State Qualifiers & Placers

1939	George Cherokee	165	1st	
1940	Joe Stora	140	1st	
	George Mayear	155	1st	
	George Cherokee	165	1st	
1941	Don Clendennin	130	1st	
	Warren Carpenter	140	1st	
	Dick Putinsky	145	1st	
	Mike Miller	185	1st	
1983	Jimmy Matsakis	155		24-2
1986	Scott Kinemond	119	1st	33-1
	Dan Silverio	132		18-9
	Walter Skaggs	185	3rd	21-9
	Ken Vaughn	UNL	3rd	11-2
1987	Jason Merryman	105		28-5
	Walter Skaggs	HWT		17-7
1988	Jason Merryman	119		18-4
1989	Rick Mokros	103	2nd	29-6
	Jason Merryman	125	3rd	22-3
	Robert Shepherd	145	4th	27-4
	Brent Burkhardt	185		25-6
	Kelson Hess	HWT		18-9
1990	Brian Littleton	103		14-10
	Rick Mokros	112	5th	27-10
	Rick Shepherd	145	3rd	26-6
1991	Ryan Slack	103		20-10-1
1992	Rick Mokros	125	3rd	36-2
1993	Brian Littleton	135		28-4
	Ryan Slack	140	6th	36-11
1994	Brent Littleton	135		28-4
	Ryan Slack	145	1st	32-4
	Mike Soos	160		23-6
	Brian Green	171		25-6
1997	Paul Grinch	152		
1998	Mike Pratt	130		
1999	Mike Pratt	130		
2000	David Jack	112		
	Johnathan O'Grady	130		
	Kurt Glasser	152		
2001	David Jack	112		
	Jesse Irwin	140		
	Kurt Glasser	152		
2002	Jesse Irwin	140		34-6
	Bobby Samsa	145	6th	39-2

OVAC Tournament Finishes

Champions		5 th Place	
1983	Mike Miller	1986	Walter Skaggs
1984	Mike Miller	1988	Jason Merryman
1994	Jason Mokros	1990	Brian Littleton
		1991	Brian Littleton
		1994	Ryan Slack
2 nd Place		1998	Jonatham O'Grady
1989	Robert Shepherd	1998	Mike Pratt
1992	Rick Mokros	1999	Adam Hartley
2001	Kurt Glasser	2002	Luke Burkhardt
2002	Jesse Irwin		
3 rd Place		6 th Place	
1983	Scott Kinemond	1980	Manny Matsakis
1984	Scott Kinemond	1990	Robert Sheperd
1985	Scott Kinemond	2000	James Parr
1985	Rick Myers	2002	Bobby Samsa
1987	Jason Merryman		
1989	Jason Merryman	7 th Place	
1991	Rick Mokros	1982	John Antalis
1993	Brian Littleton	1983	John Haswell
2000	Kurt Glasser	1990	Rick Mokros
2002	Kurt Glasser	1993	Ryan Slack
4 th Place		8 th Place	
1988	Robert Shepherd	1987	George Matsakis
1989	Rick Mokros	1988	Brent Durkhardt
1993	Brian Littleton	1989	Bryan Moore
1994	Brent Littleton	1994	Jamie Beckett
1994	Mike Soos	1999	Kyle Glasser
1997	Pual Grinch	2001	Kyle Glasser
1998	Keith Glasser	2001	Luke Burkhardt
1999	Mike Pratt	2002	Sean Grinch
1999	Travis Beckett		
2000	David Jack		
2001	David Jack		

Barnesville Shamrocks



Kneeling- (L-R): Daniel Magers - Chaz Clark - Ryan Stephen - Jarrod Anderson - Kyle King - Todd Hunkler
Buddy Hines - Robby Nixon
Standing: Haed Coach, Luke Johnson - Shawn King - Corey Cunningham - Kyle Smith - Trent Brownfield
Jason Bahmer - Brad Hannahs - Ben Wise - Asst. Coach, Jason Stephen (Not Pictured - Zach Rice)

History of Barnesville Wrestling

by Jason Bahmer

When fans sit down to talk about the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference (OVAC) Wrestling Tournament, it's inevitable that Barnesville will come up in the conversation. Barnesville was one of the participants in the inaugural OVAC Tournament in 1954.

The inter-scholastic program began in 1937 under the guidance of Coach Tipton. During that first season, the Shamrocks did not win a dual meet. In his second season they produced only three wins.

Clyde D. Lyle took over the reins in 1939 and in 1941 he produced his first State Champion, Warren Jones. In 1942, he led his charges to a 4th place finish in the State Tournament.

The program was dropped in 1942 during World War II and did not resume as an inter-scholastic sport until 1953.

In 1952, Denver Kaiser resurrected an intramural wrestling program. Demonstrating strong student body support for the program resulted in reestablishing inter-scholastic competition.

During the period from 1953-1957, Barnesville reached new heights with the program when they entered the OVAC Wrestling Tournament in 1953 and hosted it in 1955.

Over a span of 4 years, Coach Kaiser produced 9 individual OVAC Champions and the first State Champion in 1955, Larry Hayes.

Coach Kaiser left the position briefly in 1957, when he handed over the reins to Ron Easton for 2 years. Following his return for one year, the program was again dropped from 1960 - 1965.

In 1965, Heilman "Buckey" Stewart assumed leadership of the program with its establishment as an inter-scholastic sport.

Dave Kovalick took charge in 1967 and provided continuity, stability and growth over the next ten years. He inaugurated the Barnesville Invitational Tournament as a highly respected event continues today. That first tournament included Reynoldsburg, Warren Local and some of the top teams in the Ohio Valley.

In 1976, Coach Kovalick led his team to a 10th place finish in the State Tournament and his first individual State Champion, Jerry Pryor. During his coaching tenure, Kovalick's charges garnered many Top 6 placers at the State Tournament.

Coach Kovalick relinquished leadership to Darrell Davis in 1977. Aply assisted by Scott Smith, Coach Davis produced 6 individual OVAC Champions during his 9 year reign. Most impressive among his charges was two-time OVAC and two-time State Champion, Tim Moxley. Moxley's dominance helped lead Coach Davis' team to the OVAC Overall Team Title in 1985 and the State Championship in 1984. Those two accomplishments stand as the best for any Barnesville team.

Jeff Crossier became head coach in 1986. Under his guidance, the Shamrock's had 4 individual OVAC champions and a 12th place team finish at the State Tournament in 1993. Coach Crossier also has 11 individuals place in the Top 6 at the State Tournament during his 14 year tenure.

Luke Johnson took the head coaching position reins in 2000 and thus far has produced one individuals OVAC Champion and a Top 6 State Placer.

Under Coach Johnson, Barnesville wrestling continues to thrive, building upon its rich tradition.

Individual State Champions

1941	Warren Jones	140
1955	Larry Hayes	113
1976	Jerry Pryor	138
1984	Tim Moxley	HWT
1985	Tim Moxley	HWT

Team State Champions

1984 Coach Darrell Davis

OVAC Overall Champions

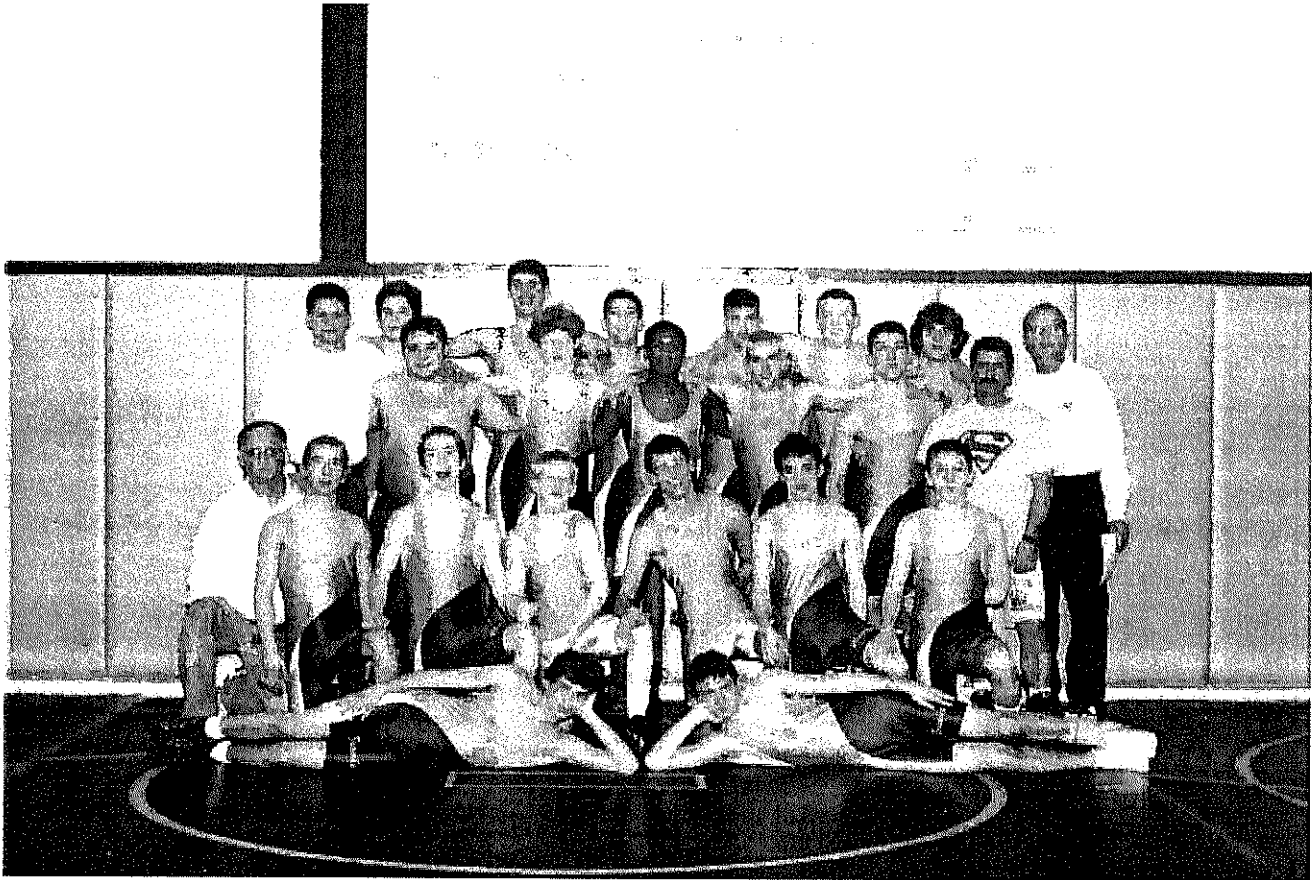
1985 Coach Darrell Davis

Individual OVAC Champions

1955		1958		1974		1984		1998	
Larry Hayes	116	Warren Lallathin	175	Challen Stewart	112	Tim Moxley	T	Travis Kaiser	145
Kenneth Martin	132							Dusty Wilson	171
1956		1970		1975		1985		2001	
Dave Wagner	112	Art Gibson	112	Rick Drake	98	Shawn Bell	112	Justin Jefferis	160
John Urban	120	Bruce Jefferis	175			Steve Pryor	132		
Bill Walters	165			1978		Tim Moxley	HWT		
1957		1972		Alan Logan	175			1993	
Rich Veloski	136	Robbie Stephens	98			1996			
Warren Lallathin	178	Frank Ferguson	167	1980		Brian Jefferis	160		
Rodney Moore	HWT			Don Moxley	175			1996	
		1973				Ray Jefferis	135		
		Challen Stewart	112	1983					
		Dan Claugus	175	Brian Miller	132				

Brooke High Wrestling

Compliments of the Brooke Wrestling Boosters



Head Coch - Joe Erlewine, Coaches - Eric Brown, Pete Bolock, Kevin Felton
School Colors: Green & Gold Mascot: Bruin
Principal: Dave Walker

Wrestlers: Phil Bliss, Dave Durbin, Josh Greiner, Adam Speece, Justin Younciak, Mike Durbin, Andrew Mazzella

Johnathan McFarland, Derrick Molnar, Braden Shaw, Matt Smith, Dana Davis, Devin Dulaney, Nick Hvizdzak, Nathan Loughran, Jarros Shaw, Mark Gray, John Huff, Zack Henderson, K.J. Mclaughlin

Brooke High Wrestling

Wrestling began in Brooke County in 1966, under Ron Mauck, at the former Follansbee High. It was next introduced at Wellsburg in 1967. Mauk became the first coach when the county schools consolidated as Brooke High in 1969.

Brooke High is host to the Annual Brooke Classic, which attracts some of the finest wrestlers from the Tri-State Area.

Coaches

Ron Amuck	1969-1973
Paul Billiard	1973-1979
Marty Bartz	1985-1987
Merle Tournay	1987-1988
Nolan VanGilder	1988-1997
Harry Alward	1997-1999
Joe Erlewine	1999-

OVAC Champions

1971	Nick Tate	115
1972	Doug Mason	126
1972	Dick Nichols	138
1973	Kevin Felton	98
1973	Kenny Robinson	
1974	Kevin Felton	98
1975	Lou Geary	155
1976	Bruce Ferguson	112
1977	Mike Thomaselli	105
1980	Larry Mazzella	132
1982	Phil Milantoni	112
1983	Phil Milantoni	119
1986	Mike Stewart	119
1996	Dwight Stanley	112
1997	Dwight Stanley	112
1999	Joe Nichols	171
2002	Phil Bliss	140

State Champions

1970	Jim Suddoth	119
1974	Kevin Felton	98
1976	Lou Geary	167
1977	Mike Gamble	119
1980	Chic Taylor	HWT
1981	Larry Mazzella	132
1982	Phil Milantoni	112
1988	Sal Jafarace	112
1989	Steve Camilletti	112
1989	Brian Zimmerman	119
1994	Jeremy Lowe	103
1996	DeWitt Stanley	103
1997	DeWitt Stanley	112
1999	Joey Nichols	171

Brooke won the State Championship in 1980 and finished 2nd overall at the OVAC in '72 & '80

Dan Stanley - most career wins - 145 - '96-'99

Kevin Felton - most Tournament champs - 15

Nolan VanGilder - most coaching wins - 58

History of St. John Wrestling

By Chick LaMotte

1965 Dennis Bowman, a Bridgeport High and West Liberty State College graduate, began his coaching career at Bellaire St. John as head football coach. One of the first things he did was to initiate the wrestling program. In just a few short years, under Coach Bowman's guidance, they would emerge as one of the elite teams in the Ohio Valley.

In 1969, under Coach Joe Bates, they won the OVAC Overall title. They repeated this feat in 1971 when Bowman returned to replace Bates. That year the "Fighting Irish" produced their first state placers when Ed "Buzz" Evans and Rick Link placed 3rd and 4th respectively.

Over the years, the Irish have won 5 OVAC Dual Meet Class A Titles ('71, '72, '82, '89, '90), 2 OVAC Overall Tournament Championships ('69, '71), 2 OVAC Tournament Class A titles ('89, '90), and placed among the Top Ten teams at the State Tournament 5 times, ('71, '89, '90, '93, '00). Individually, St. John's has produced 18 State placers and 3 State Champions.

State Champs	
1987	John Ferguson
1993	Eric Anderson
2000	Derek Koch
OVAC Champs	
1968	
Rex Frohnapfel	122
James Venesky	167
Frank King	HWT
1969	
Ed Evans	167
Frank King	HWT
1971	
Gary Kosky	145
Rick Link	175
Ed Evans	185
1972	
Rick Link	175
1973	
Frank Hotlosz	119
Dave Kosky	132
1980	
Mark Kosky	126
1995	
Eric Anderson	112
1996	
Eric Anderson	130
2000	
Derek Koch	152

Previous Irish Coaches

Dennis Bowman
 Joe Bates
 Andy Bartolovich
 Paul Rose
 John Snively
 Frank Vingia
 Mike Donahue
 Chick LaMotte

State Placers

1971	Rick Link	4th
1971	Ed "Buzz" Evans	3rd
1972	Rick Link	2nd
1973	Dave Kosky	2nd
1979	Mark Kosky	4th
1989	Tom Donahue	3rd
1989	Brant Reynolds	3rd
1989	Bob Roth	5th
1990	John Roth	5th
1990	Scott Hartlieb	4th
1990	Brant Reynolds	3rd
1994	Eric Anderson	3rd
1995	Eric Anderson	5th
1996	Eric Anderson	2nd
1997	Ty Wilson	5th
1998	Derek Koch	5th
1999	Ryan Donahue	4th
2000	Daniel Koch	3rd

History of Bridgeport Wrestling

by Chick LaMotte

Following his graduation from Bridgeport High School in 1942, George Kovalick enlisted in the Army and served in the China-Burma-India Theater during World War II. Upon his discharge from military service, he enrolled at Kent State University. While at KSU George was a four-year starter on the gridiron, where he earned many honors. It was at Kent that he was introduced to wrestling.

Following his graduation, George was hired as an assistant football coach at Bridgeport High. That year he introduced wrestling and gymnastics. He became the head football, wrestling and baseball coach at his alma mater. In the annals of wrestling, his records are unequalled in the Ohio Valley and Eastern Ohio.

From '54 to '61, Bridgeport won 7 OVAC Championships, 5 consecutive District titles, was the first team outside the Cleveland area to win a state title in wrestling. During that same time period, Bridgeport produced 52 individual OVAC Champions, 19 State place winners and 7 State Champions.

Coach Kovalich coached a young man who was to become one of the greatest wrestlers in the nation and world, Bobby Douglas. Bobby won collegiate titles and represented the USA in both '64 and '68 Olympics. He is presently a NCAA Div. 1 coach and has been inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Bridgeport High has fielded many outstanding wrestlers and coaches over the years demonstrating success at all levels of competition.

From 1980 to 1989, the Bulldogs were a formidable power under the guidance of Dave LaMotte, NAIA National Champion from West Liberty College in 1979. His team captured the State Runner-up trophy in 1987 and the State Title in 1988. Additionally, Bridgeport placed 4th in both 1986 and 1989 during the State Tournament.

During the same time span, the Bulldogs have had 19 State Placers and 5 State Champions. In 1987 the team was Overall Runner-up in the OVAC Tournament, trailing Steubenville by a mere 4 points.

Past Coaches

George Kovalick	Dave Kovalick	Russ Frohnapfel
Ron Calovini	Abe Mazur	Ross Roskovich
Gino Bonomici	Ed Evans	Art Jones
John Roman	Dave LaMotte	

Bridgeport High has amassed a total of 79 OVAC Champions, 49 State Placers and 13 Individual State Champions.

OVAC Champions

1954	Merritt Christy 106	1958	Bobby Douglas 103	1964	Chuck LaMotte 120	1989	Todd Burk 152
	David Smith 115		Frank Cunningham 120				Scott Sears 189
	Gerald Lattocha 123		Art Hehr 127	1965		1990	Rex Fronhnapfel 140
	Ben Hehr 130		Dick Leightner 138		Tom Yost 103		
	Bill Floyd 157		Walter Tolarchyk 145		Chick LaMotte 120	1995	Brian Roskovich 130
	Ed Gretz 168		Jerry Comas 154		Tom Lackman 133		
	Frank Ledvinka HWT			1966		1997	Chad Roskovich 171
1955	Merritt Christy 107	1959	John Porter 103		Jim Callarik 10		
	Ben Hehr 125		Bobby Douglas 112		Tom Lackman 138		
	Norman Honecker 138		Frank Cunningham 120		Bob Faithful 175		
	Ron Taylor 143		Jim Callarik 112	1967			
	Tom Evans 150		Art Hehr 127		Greg Clark 95		
	Bill Floyd 160		Mickey Bella 133	1968			
	Ed Gretz 171		Ed Brown 138		Fred Faithful 155		
	Don Delande 181		Walter Tolarchyk 145	1971			
	Frank Ledvinka HWT	1960	Bobby Douglas 120		Ross Roskovich 133		
1956	Merritt Christy 103		Frank Cunningham 127		Dave LaMotte 138		
	Gerald Lattocha 127		Walter Tolarchyk 145	1976			
	Bill Laipple 133		Dennis Bowman 165		Ed Covey 199		
	Ron Taylor 145		Ted Weirzbicki 175	1986			
	Tom Evans 154		Phil Ward HWT		Mike Vargo 185		
	Don Delande 175	1961	Harry Sommers 119	1987			
	Frank Ledvinka HWT		Bobby Douglas 127		Dean Burk 132		
1957	Dick Lyle 115		Dennis Bowman 175		Rick Burlenski 167		
	Richard Nagy 123	1962	John Dyson 120		Mike Vargo 185		
	Art Hehr 130		Don Fortney 145	1988			
	Bill Laipple 141	1963	Gerald Tolarchyk 145		Dean Burk 152		
	Harold Dee 148				Rick Burlenski 167		
	Jerry Comas 168						
	Steve Lattocha 157						

Year	Wrestler	Place
1953	Dave Smith	4th
1954	Bill Floyd	3rd
1955	Merritt Christy	3rd
	Ben Hehr	4th
	Ron Taylor	4th
	Bill Floyd	4th
	Ed Gretz	4th
	Don Delande	3rd
	Frank Ledvinka	2nd
	Gerald Lattocha	1st
1956	Ronald Taylor	3rd
	Tom Evans	2nd
1957	Art Hehr	3rd
	Loren Laipple	4th
1958	Art Hehr	1st
1959	John Porter	3rd
	Bobby Douglas	1st
	Frank Cunningham	2nd
	Art Hehr	1st
	Walter Tolarchyk	1st
1960	Bobby Douglas	3rd
	Frank Cunningham	1st
	Walter Tolarchyk	2nd
1961	Harry Sommers	3rd
	Bobby Douglas	1st
	Ted Weirzbicki	3rd
1971	Terry Bennington	6th
1972	Dave LaMotte	5th
1975	Dick Primovic	3rd
1979	Rich Brothers	5th
1983	Damon Stewart	4th
1984	Reggie Foston	3rd
1985	Dean Burk	2nd
	Mike Vargo	1st
1986	Dean Burk	2nd
	Rick Burlenski	2nd
	Mike Vargo	1st
1987	Rex Frohnapfel	4th
	Todd Burk	4th
	Dean Burk	3rd
	Scott Sears	3rd
	Orlando Foston	4th
	Rick Burlenski	1st
	Mike Vargo	1st
1988	Rex Frohnapfel	6th
	Andrew LaMotte	4th
	Todd Burk	3rd
	Dean Burke	1st
	Scott Sears	4th
	Rick Burlenski	1st
1989	Rex Frohnapfel	5th
	Richard Foston	4th
	Scott Sears	2nd
1990	Richard Foston	2nd
1992	Brian Roskovich	5th
1993	Brian Roskovich	4th
1994	Brian Roskovich	3rd
	Cory Ellsworth	4th
1995	Brian Roskovich	1st
1996	Casey Yurovitch	4th
1997	Chad Roskovich	3rd

2003 Division II Wrestling Championship

NCAA®



March 14 & 15
Wheeling Civic Center
Wheeling, West Virginia

for tickets call: 330·233·4470
Hosted by West Liberty State College

2003 Division II

The NCAA salutes its 360,000 student-athletes participating in 22 sports.

SPORTS FRIDAY



Don
Sloan



Ryan
Recker

NEWS 9 SPORTS IS EVERYWHERE