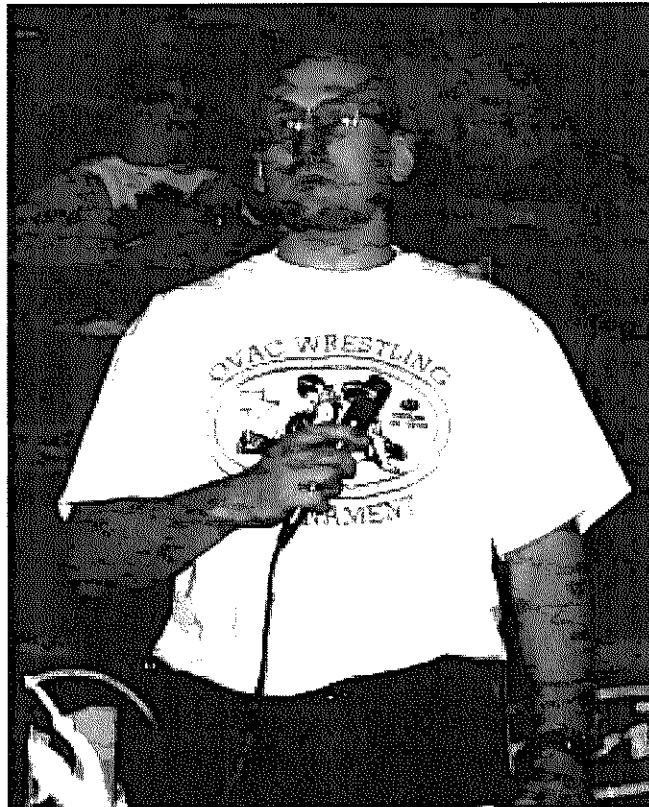


# **Fifty First Annual**

## **Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Wrestling Tournament**

*The Largest Conference Tournament in the United States*

## **WesBankCo Arena Wheeling, West Virginia**



**Todd Hibbs**

**Exciting, Informative and Knowledgeable**

**Thursday - Friday - Saturday  
January 22, 23 & 24, 2004**

# **The City of Wheeling**

**Wheeling, West Virginia – 26003**

**Welcome,**

**On behalf of the City of Wheeling and the Wheeling City Council, we welcome all wrestlers and fans of the Ohio Valley. We congratulate the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Wrestling Tournament on its 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary and its 25 years of a cooperative relationship with the Wheeling Civic Center.**

**It is our fond hope that the name change of the facility (WesBanCo Arena) and their corporate sponsorship will continue to be an equally beneficial endeavor as we embark on a new era.**

**It is our wish that both fans and participants alike will enjoy the warm and friendly atmosphere created by the people and places in Wheeling.**

**It is our desire to make your visit to Wheeling a pleasant and 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**

**Councilmen**

**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, 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 an ethical relationship with one's opponent.

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

Mr. Martin Hudek  
2004 OVAC President

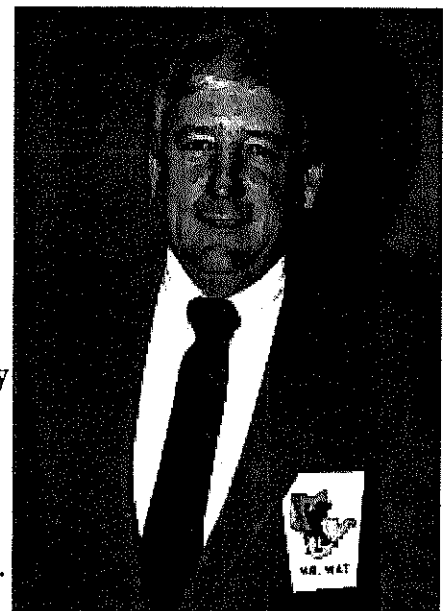
I am proud to be the director of the Fifty First Annual OVAC Wrestling Tournament. I began directing the event in 1979 when it was first conducted in the Wheeling Civic Center. Throughout the last 50 years, many memorable milestones have taken place. Allow me to share them with you.

During the spring of 1970, we lost a phenomenal wrestler, David Bierkorte, to an untimely accident. Because of his athletic prowess, the Wheeling Central Catholic High School Boosters Club initiated the "David Bierkorte 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 mat side during the competition. Presently, we are blessed with Dennis Magruder, who has given us the same positive support, along with the entire **WesBanCo Arena Staff**.

In 1980, OVAC wrestling initiated the first "George Kovalick Scholarship." Two years later, Bob and Dolores Burke lost their son Danny, a wheeling Park wrestler, to a tragic accident. Out of their love for him, the "Daniel M. Burke Wrestling Scholarship" was initiated in 1983. Recently, we lost a fantastic wrestling enthusiast in 1996 from Marshall County, affectionately named "Dead Eye". His devoted family established the James H. Morris Sportsmanship Scholarship" in 1997 out of his love for the mat sport. In 1999, East Liverpool's 2-time OVAC Champ and Hercules Award winner, Matt Salsberry, was lost in a tragic auto accident. In 2003, "Friends in Memory of Matt Salsberry" established an annual academic/wrestling scholarship. So, we now have five (5) permanently installed scholarship funds that over the years have afforded 49 deserving OVAC wrestlers an amazing \$49,000 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 51st Anniversary of the tournament and 26 years of a mutually beneficial relationship with the City of Wheeling and welcome the corporate sponsorship of the newly named **WesBanCo Arena**. 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

# 2003- 2004 OVAC EXECUTIVE BOARD



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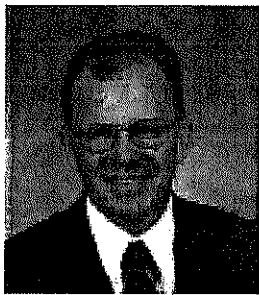


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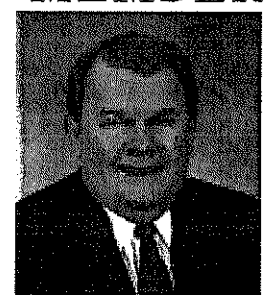
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# **Wrestling Tournament Schedule 51st Annual**

## **OVAC**

### **2004 Meet Sessions**

**First Session - Thurs. January 22 - 6:00 P.M.**

(8 Mats)

**Second Session - Fri. January 23 - 11:00 A.M.**

(8 Mats)

**Third Session - Fri. January 23 - 5:00 P.M.**

(8 Mats)

**Fourth Session - Sat. January 24 - 12:00 P.M.**

(4 Mats)

Semi-Finals and 5th Round Semi-Final Consolations

**Fifth Session - Sat. January 24 - 6:00 P.M.**

**Introductions/Ceremonies**

### **CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING**

(4 Mats)

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

### **2004 OVAC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS**

Paul Coffland, Cadiz, OH

Lew Coffland, Cadiz, OH

Jim Copney, Wheeling, W. VA

Rick Crosier, Steubenville, OH

Larry Deaton, Martins Ferry, OH

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Shane Kildow, Bethesda, OH

Steve Kish, Jr., Nashport, OH

Doug Knight, Steubenville, OH

Ray Marling, Martins Ferry, OH

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**Dr. Vince Matteucci - Lakewood, OH**

**OHSAA Rules Interpreter & OVAC Public Relations**

**Dr. William Welker - Wheeling, W. VA**

**SSAC & OVAC Rules Interpreter**

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

### **ADMISSION**

<b>Single Session</b>	<b>Adult \$ 5.00</b>	<b>Student \$ 3.00</b>
<b>Advance Ticket Book (5 Sessions)</b>	<b>Adult \$ 20.00</b>	<b>Student \$10.00</b>
<b>Final Session</b>	<b>Adult \$ 7.00</b>	<b>Student \$ 4.00</b>



# OVAC WRESTLING

Thursday Night  
Opening Ceremonies  
January 22, 2004

## SESSION I.

4:00-5:00 P.M. \*Weigh-ins (Scales donated by Ohio Valley Scales)  
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

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
8. Wheeling Central Catholic

6:00-6:15 P.M. Team procession  
6:15 Prayer  
6:17 National Anthem  
6:20 Teams 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-UP SCHEDULE**

# OVAC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Friday January 23, 2004

## 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 Award Presenters  
6:10 announce on deck wrestlers

## Session III.

SATURDAY JANUARY 24, 2004

## 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

Special Thanks to:

Ron Mauck, Tournament Director  
Dennis Magruder, WesBanCo Arena Manager  
Mark George, WesBanCo Arena Operations Director  
Doug Campbell, WesBanCo Arena Asst. Director  
Jim Edge, Food Service  
Coca-Cola Enterprise, Houston, PA  
Tim McCoy, Gen. Mgr. WTOV channel 9  
Keith Murdock, Trinity Health systems  
Jim Smith, Pepsi  
Jim Stein, Health Plan Upper Ohio Valley  
Ed McCauley, Kroger company Zone Mgr.  
Dr. Mike Kovalik, Ohio Valley Medical Center  
Dr. Nick Ghaphery  
All Tournament workers and staff

6:05 P.M. Introduction to Past Champions 1979  
Steve Kish, 25th Reunion Coordinator  
6:15 Parade of Champions  
6:20 National Anthem  
6:25 Announcement of "Mr. Mat-2004"  
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

# Todd Hibbs

by Richard Keith Wolf

**“-to generate within the audience an enthusiasm uncommon in most wrestling arenas.”**

From the first time that he took the mike, we knew that the OVAC would never be the same, for Todd brings with him an avid love for and an insight to wrestling that has been honed with a lifetime of involvement in the sport.

He began wrestling at Jefferson Union High School (now Edison Local) under the tutelage of Coach Dan Doyle. He was a 3-time placer in the OVAC during his high school career. He was the recipient of the Daniel M. Burke Memorial Wrestling Scholarship in 1985.

Continuing his pursuit of education and athletics, Todd enrolled at Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio. He excelled there as both a wrestler and a scholar. He was a 4-year varsity wrestler, honored twice as an All-American and received further recognition as an Academic All-American, with a cumulative 3.2 grade average.

Upon graduation from college, Todd worked in a number of community service organizations in the Wheeling area.

Moving on to Michigan State University, he earned his master's degree in Sports Psychology.

In June '92, Todd returned to Ohio to work at Wooster City Schools as a counselor for student assistance programs, such as, drug abuse prevention. While there, he became involved with the wrestling program, set the foundation for the now prestigious boys' cross-country program, assisted with track and learned the sport of lacrosse. After five years in the community, his restless enthusiasm and interest in sports continued to grow. His desire to be more involved in sports could not be stifled.

In '97, Todd and his wife, the former Karen Kane, headed back to Michigan State, where he began working on his Ph.D. in the departments of Communications and Kinesiology. His continuing love of wrestling led him to coaching, as a volunteer for one year, with the MSU wrestling team.

It was there that he recognized his “true calling”, a desire to let the appreciative fans know as much about wrestling as he could impart. Todd became the “official voice of MSU wrestling”. His energy, enthusiasm and knowledge educated the crowds, while exciting and elevating interest in the sport. His burning desire was to expand his announcing career by broadening the scope into other major events... his Ph.D. could wait.

In his quest for opportunity to pursue his ultimate goal and to share his love of wrestling, he reached out to those who shared in his dream. He contacted Coach Doyle regarding announcing the OVAC, and for the past five years Todd has looked forward to this tournament more than any other. His reputation has grown nationwide and the demands on his time and talent can be overwhelming. Yet, he maintains that he will let nothing prevent him from being involved in the OVAC Wrestling Tournament. He's a Valley boy and will never forget it!!!

In 2000, he moved to Battle Creek, Michigan where he covers local high school and college sports for the *Battle Creek Enquirer*. In October of '03, he received a prestigious award from Gannett Publishing for an article he wrote about summer outdoor activities in Michigan.

He has expanded into television by volunteering for Access TV, a local cable television channel. He does color commentary for high school volleyball, basketball, football and wrestling.



His national recognition has afforded him the opportunity to grow within the wrestling ranks. Three years ago, he was fortunate to be asked to announce the NCAA Div. III Finals, the following year both the NCAA Div. III and II Finals. In '03, his dream of announcing all three NCAA Division Finals came to fruition.

Todd stays involved in sports on the national level as Communications Director for the National High School Coaches Association. He is responsible for selecting the "Athlete of the Year" in 14 different sports and writing press releases for NHSCA events.

His accolades come from all over:

"He is simply the best in the business." - Tom Minkel, Michigan State University Wrestling Coach.

"Not only his voice, but his ability to explain the sport of wrestling to the novice fan makes him an attractive announcer." - Randy L. Buhr, NCAA Asst. Director of Championships.

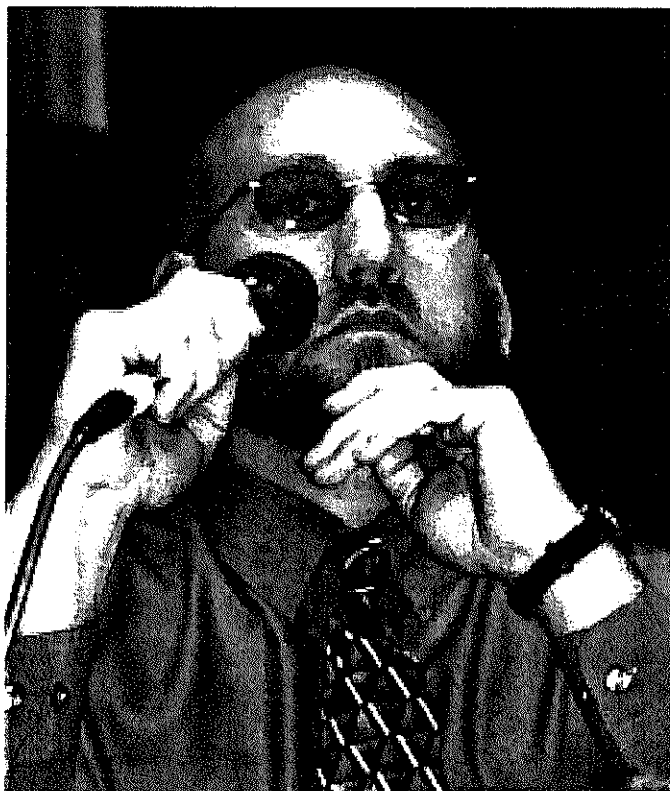
"Todd Hibbs carries the excitement of the action straight to the fans and helps make any wrestling match an event - an event to remember." - Rob Sherrill, *Center Mat Press* and the National Wrestling Coaches Ass'n.

"Todd Hibbs announcing skills are non-pareil. He intuitively knows how to excite an audience." Dr. William Welker, "Mat Talk" writer since 1978.

"Todd wrestled in the OVAC's and now has come back to the tournament to provide spectators an in depth perspective of the excitement of the matches. He does his homework about each wrestler before he comes to Wheeling." - Ron Mauck, OVAC Director of Wrestling.

"Todd is recognized as a "class act" announcer, not only in the Ohio Valley, but across the United States. The OVAC is so very fortunate to have him." - Dr. Vince Mousseau, West Liberty State College Wrestling Coach and a '03 National Wrestling Hall of Fame honoree.

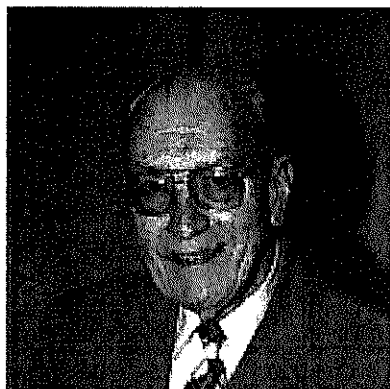
**Welcome home Todd !!!**



# OVAC MR. MAT AWARD 1976-1984



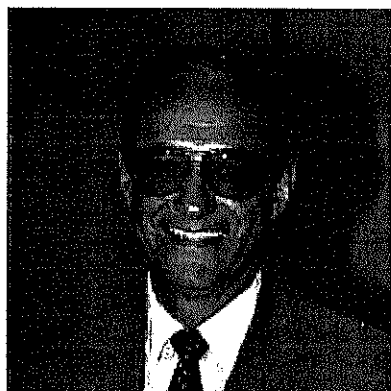
1976: George Kovalick  
Bellaire Athletic Director



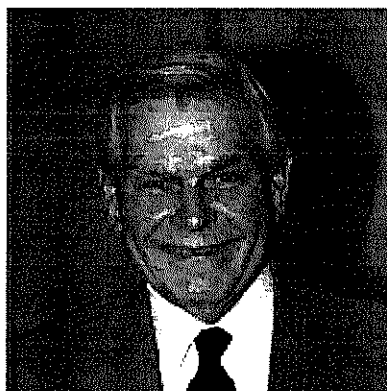
1977: Bill Van Horne  
Sports Editor, Wheeling New  
Register



1978: John Vrotsos  
Martins Ferry High School



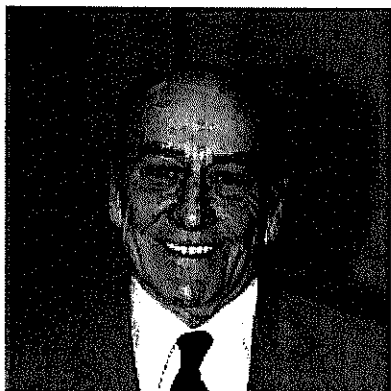
1979: Richard Edge  
Principal, Springfield High



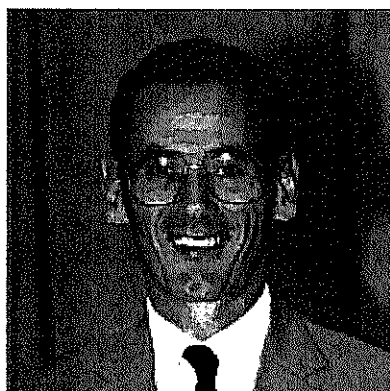
1980: George Walley  
John Marshall Athletic Director



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



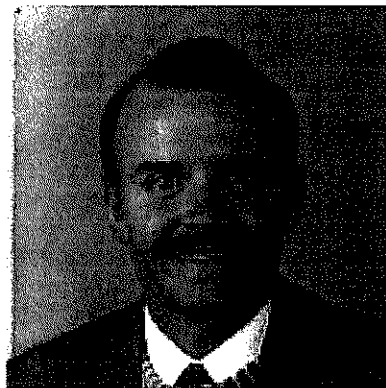
1986: Ronald Mauck  
Brooke High School



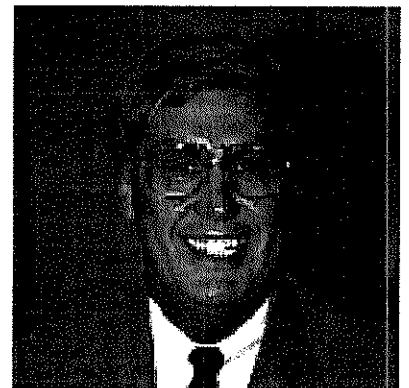
1987: Eric Carder  
Wheeling Park Athletic Director



1988: Dave Kovalick  
Barnesville High School



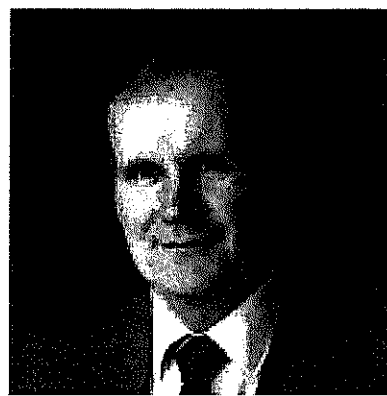
1989: Steve Kish  
Principal, Bellaire High School



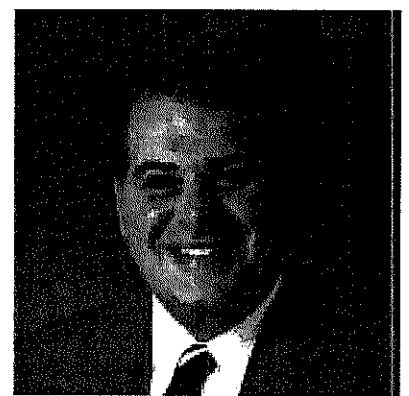
1990: Carl Fodor  
Hancock County Schools



1991: Dr. William Welker  
Warwood Middle School



1992: Larry Deaton  
Martins Ferry



1993: John Stephenson  
Cadiz High School

# OVAC MR. MAT AWARD 1994-2003



1994: Joe Bates  
Woodsfield High School



1995: Bob Bruney  
Martins Ferry High School



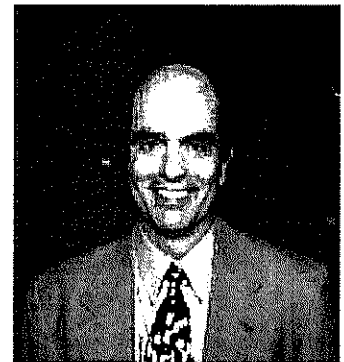
1996: Larry Chambers  
Moundsville Jr. High School



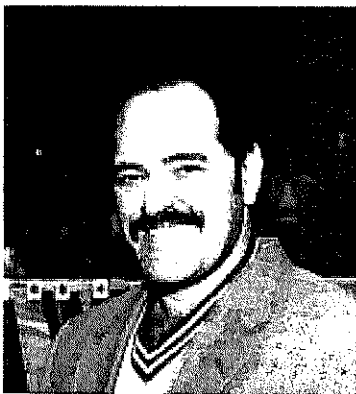
1997: Cary Davis  
Beallsville High School



1998: Cal Pokas  
Martins Ferry Time Leader



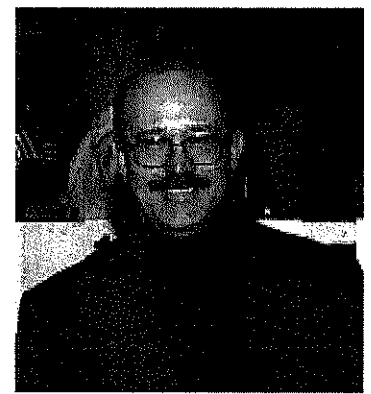
1999: Tom Lackman  
Jefferson union



2000: Ed "buzz" Evans  
Wheeling Park High School



2001: William McEldowney  
Wheeling



2002: John Craig  
Indian Creek



2003: Ed Dugas  
John Marshall

# OVAC Overall Tournament Team Champions

## 1954-2003

1954	Bridgeport High School	George Kovalick
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1961	Martins Ferry High School	John "Corky" Vrotsos
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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
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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
2003	Beaver Local High School	Rich Wright



# 2003 OVAC Wrestling

## Tournament Class Results

MATCH RESULTS	WRESTLERS	GRADE	SCHOOL	DIVISION	PLACE
<b>103 lbs.</b>					
7-1	Abbi Rush	9	Wheeling park	AAAA	1
	Joe Skoff	9	St. John	A	2
12-2	Anthony Valles	11	Weirton Madonna	A	3
	Jarod Shaw	10	Brooke	AAAA	4
Fall 3:41	Lehotay	10	Meadowbrook	AAA	5
	Tim Cumpston	10	Cameron	A	6
7-5	Anthony Duffield	10	East Liverpool	AAAA	7
	Brandon Miller	10	Oak Glen	AAA	8
<b>112 lbs.</b>					
5-2	Mickey Nicola	9	St. John	A	1
	Lucas Huffman	12	River	AA	2
4-0	Nate Gossett	11	Union Local	AAA	3
	Luke Hoppel	10	Beaver Local	AAAA	4
6-5	Logan Hartle	12	John Marshall	AAAA	5
	Scott Bumgardner	12	Wheeling Park	AAAA	6
Fall: 40	Justin Goneau	12	Oak Glen	AAA	7
	Josh Greiner	12	Brooke	AAAA	8
<b>119 lbs.</b>					
5-3	Jesse Emery	11	Harrison Central	AAA	1
	Brian Humphrey	11	Wheeling Park	AAAA	2
5-1	Willie Saxton	9	Buckeye Local	AAAA	3
	Matt Smith	11	Brooke	AAAA	4
3-2	Jake Bates	12	East Liverpool	AAAA	5
	Brady Roth	10	Martins Ferry	AAA	6
8-4	Kayne Melko	9	St. John	A	7
	Paul McCoy	9	Beaver Local	AAAA	8
<b>125 lbs.</b>					
Fall 3:01	Clay Tucker	10	Martins Ferry	AAA	1
	Johnathan McFarland	11	Brooke	AAAA	2
4-2	Jarrod Anderson	12	Barnesville	AAA	3
	Ryan Turnbull	12	Buckeye Local	AAAA	4
Fall 4:55	Ben Cain	12	Meadowbrook	AAA	5
	Tony Mayle	12	Induian Creek	AAA	6
Fall 2:15	Shane Wright	11	Oak Glen	AAA	7
	Chris Bond	11	Caldwell	AA	8



# 2003 OVAC Wrestling

## Tournament Class Results

MATCH RESULTS	WRESTLERS	GRADE	SCHOOL	DIVISION	PLACE
<b>130 lbs.</b>					
18-5	Branden Shaw	11	Brooke	AAAA	1
	Grant Hoppel	10	Beaver Local	AAAA	2
Fall 4:03	Josh Johnston	12	Indian Creek	AAA	3
	Aaron Brown	11	Monroe Central	AA	4
Default	Kyle Mull	12	John Marshall	AAAA	5
	John Petrozzi	12	Buckeye Local	AAAA	6
9-4	Jessie Mahan	9	Oak Glen	AAA	7
	Jake Becker	12	St. Clairsville	AAA	8
<b>135 lbs.</b>					
9-2	Zack Shuller	9	Buckeye Local	AAAA	1
	Mike Mamone	12	Martins Ferry	AAA	2
Fall 4:28	Ryan Ferguson	11	Monroe Central	AA	3
	Mike Durbin	11	Brooke	AAAA	4
14-5	D.J. Yoders	12	Cameron	A	5
	Mike Aberegg	12	Beallsville	A	6
7-4	Sean McIntosh	12	Oak Glen	AAA	7
	Ben Phillips	11	Harrison Central	AAA	8
<b>140 lbs.</b>					
14-10	Jared Hoppel	12	Beaver Local	AAAA	1
	Dustin Richey	10	John Marshall	AAAA	2
8-3	David Durbin	12	Brooke	AAAA	3
	Brandon Bruce	12	Bellaire	AAA	4
5-3 OT	Thad Crosier	11	Steubenville	AAAA	5
	Todd Hunkler	11	Barnesville	AAA	6
12-7	Ian Whittington	12	Oak Glen	AAA	7
	Tony Warner	11	Meadowbrook	AAA	8
<b>145 lbs.</b>					
3-2	Steve Flowers	12	Oak Glen	AAA	1
	Brock Bowman	11	Buckeye Local	AAAA	2
7-2	Christopher Wilson	12	Monroe Central	AA	3
	Jesse Irwin	11	Shadyside	A	4
9-4	Matt Hannahs	11	Shenandoah	AAA	5
	Zac Pendleton	10	Indian Creek	AAA	6
7-2	Dana Davis	10	Brooke	AAAA	7
	Alex Lee	11	John Marshall	AAAA	8



# 2003 OVAC Wrestling

## Tournament Class Results

MATCH RESULTS	WRESTLERS	GRADE	SCHOOL	DIVISION	PLACE
<b>152 lbs.</b>					
6-4	Phil Bliss	12	Brooke	AAAA	1
	David Babel	11	Steubenville	AAAA	2
8-7	Jeremy Shaw	12	Beaver Local	AAAA	3
	Matt Wharton	12	Oak Glen	AAA	4
6-4	Jason Bahmer	11	Barnesville	AAA	5
	Casey Hughes	11	Cameron	A	6
Fall 2:57	Jeff Casey	12	Meadowbrook	AAA	7
	Corey Adkins	11	John Marshall	AAAA	8
<b>160 lbs.</b>					
11-2	David Bertolino	12	Buckeye Local	AAAA	1
	Luke Burkhardt	11	Shadyside	A	2
Fall 2:43	Tyler Schumacher	12	Monroe Central	AA	3
	Justin Myers	11	Harrison Central	AAA	4
4-2	Casey Rinehart	12	Shenandoah	AAA	5
	Kevin Hughes	11	Indian Creek	AAA	6
3-1	Isaac Stewart	11	Cameron	A	7
	Craig Blevins	12	Union Local	AAA	8
<b>171 lbs.</b>					
5-4	Robby Dimmerling	11	Monroe Central	AA	1
	Jordan Williams	12	Buckeye Local	AAAA	2
3-1	Bobby Samsa	11	Shadyside	A	3
	Chris Green	12	East Liverpool	AAAA	4
6-2	James Lyons	12	Steubenville	AAAA	5
	Derek Sefsick	12	Harrison Central	AAA	6
3-2	Trent Starkey	12	Indian Creek	AAA	7
	Josh Meeks	12	St. Clairsville	AAA	8
<b>189 lbs.</b>					
2-1	Jared Williams	12	Beaver Local	AAAA	1
	Cody Tominack	11	Wheeling Park	AAAA	2
5-4	Cody Potts	10	Oak Glen	AAA	3
	Scott Antonik	10	Bellaire	AAA	4
Default	Daniel Howard	11	St. Clairsville	AAA	5
	Shaun Green	11	East Liverpool	AAAA	6
1-1; TB	John Horn	9	Shenandoah	AAA	7
	Derek Conrad	12	Meadowbrook	AAA	8





# 2003 OVAC Wrestling

## Tournament Class Results

MATCH RESULTS	WRESTLER	GRADE	SCHOOL	DIVISION	PLACE
<b>215 lbs.</b>					
4-2	Adam Hoppel	11	Beaver Local	AAAA	1
	Josh Stansbury	12	East Liverpool	AAAA	2
10-4	Codey Leach	11	Shenandoah	AAAA	3
	Chris Frankhauser	12	Edison Local	AAAA	4
Fall 2:06	Bill Whitehall	12	Oak Glen	AAA	5
	Brandon Huffman	12	Harrison Central	AAA	6
3-1 OT	Eric Rosen	12	River	AA	7
	Brad Hannahs	11	Barnesville	AA	8
<b>275 lbs.</b>					
8-3	Koel Davia	11	Union Local	AAA	1
	Michael Price	12	Cambridge	AAAA	2
Fall 1:15	Tony Corothers	12	Harrison Central	AAA	3
	Wesley Haslam	10	River	AA	4
Fall 3:33	Matt Duvall	12	Bellaire	AAA	5
	Eric Wagner	11	Buckeye Local	AAAA	6
2-1; TB	Scott Neuenschwander	11	St. Clairsville	AAA	7
	Patrick McGillian	12	Oak Glen	AAA	8

# 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.

2003 marked the 21st 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
1985	Todd Hibbs	Jefferson Union	West Liberty Mount Union
1986	Paul Ice	East Liverpool	Michigan State
1987	Jeff Sobel	Oak Glen	Muskingum 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
2003	David Bertolino	Buckeye Local	Iowa State University

# 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 sportsmanship 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 required 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 Arenas ('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 marked three significant milestones; OVAC Wrestling celebrated its 50th Annual Tournament, which is believed to be the largest and oldest continually operating high school tournament in the nation. Second, OVAC Wrestling commemorated 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 honored and applauded Ron Mauck for 25 years of commitment and dedication as Director of Wrestling. More than 250 former champions were recognized and paraded before a packed house.

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.

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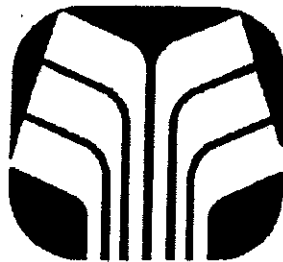
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**GAME RECORD**

Ohio - 21

West Virginia - 10

Tie - 1



# 2003 OVAC Wrestling

## Tournament Class Results

### A

- 1 Cameron - 91.5
- 2 Shadyside - 87.5
- 3 St. John - 78
- 4 Beallsville - 39
- 5 Weirton Madonna - 29
- 6 Bishop Donahue - 9
- 7 Connotton Valley - 8.51

### AAA

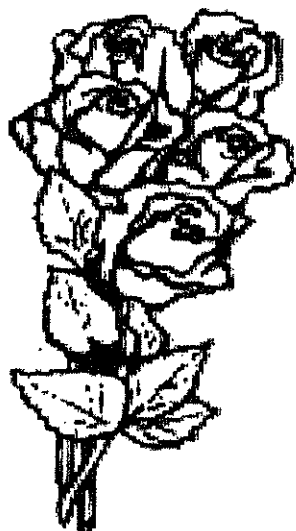
- 1 Oak Glen - 178.5
- 2 Harrison Central - 127.5
- 3 Indian Creek - 107.5
- 4 Meadowbrook - 92.5
- 5 Shenandoah - 90.5
- 6 Martins Ferry - 87.5
- 7 Bellaire - 82
- 8 Barnsville - 76
- 9 Union Local - 75
- 10 St. Clairsville - 62
- 11 Tyler Consolidated - 30
- 12 Magnolia - 5

### AA

- 1 Monroe Central - 137
- 2 River Local - 72
- 3 Caldwell - 45
- 4 Wellsville - 36.5
- 5 Steubenville Central - 30.5

### AAAA

- 1 Beaver Local - 225
- 2 Brooke - 196
- 3 Buckeye Local - 170
- 4 Wheeling Park - 119.5
- 5 John Marshall - 101.5
- 6 East Liverpool - 95
- 7 Steubenville - 90
- 8 Cambridge - 64
- 9 Edison Local - 36
- 10 Weir High - 28.5



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*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 Kovalich--the man who made this great event a reality for our wrestlers.*

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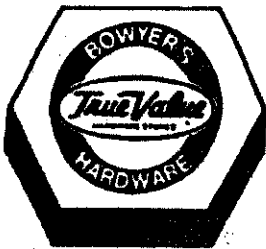


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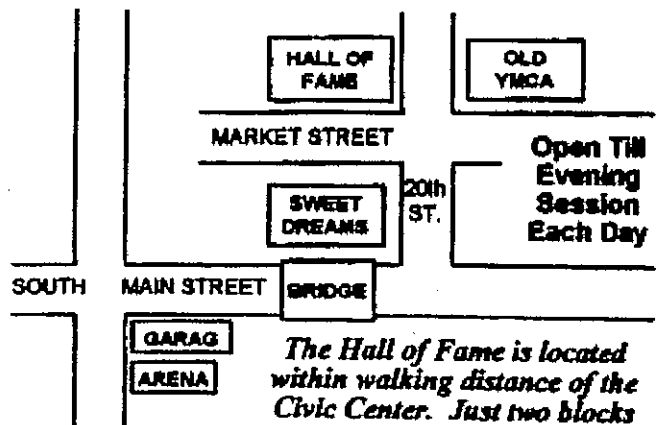
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2001.....	Jim Crossier
2002.....	Merle Tournay
2003.....	Dr. William Welker
2004.....	?????????

# 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 Stepenon
- 1999 Dick Wolf - East Liverpool
- 2000 Randy Elliott - Oak Glen
- 2001 Rete Cuffaro - Wheeling
- 2002 Tom & Linda Myers - Wheeling
- 2003 Lawrence "Babe" Schmitt, Jr.

## 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
- 2003 Tony Maylee - Indian Creek

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In 1980 a scholarship was established in Coach 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 unparalleled 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 George Kovalick Memorial Wrestling 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, Beallsville	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, Steubenville	2000	Steve, Ochap, Wheeling Park
1989	Reed Case, Cadiz	2001	Tyler Hughes, Cameron
1990	Ed Neely, Weirton	2002	Chris Taylor, John Marshall
		2003	Phil Bliss, Brooke

## 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
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2001	Cole Bowersock	Beaver Local High School
2002	Derek George	John Marshall High School
2003	David Bertolino	Buckeye Local High School

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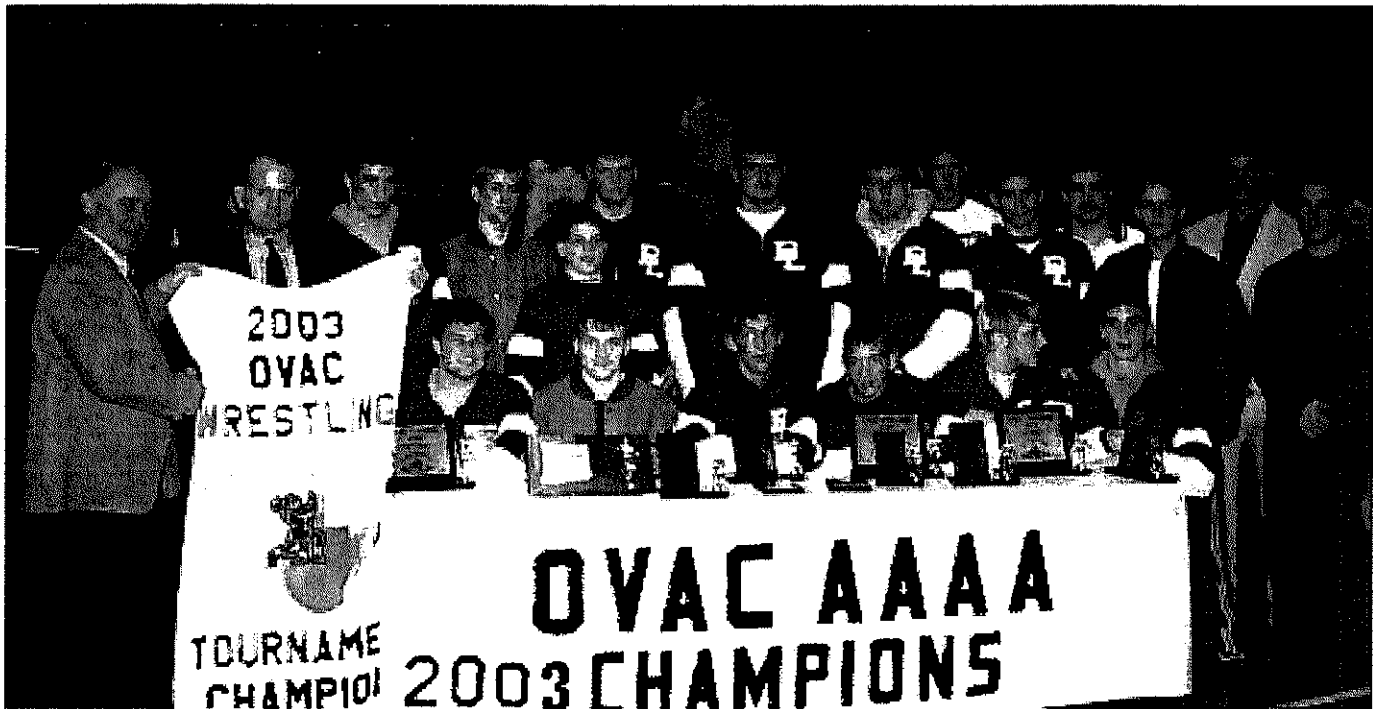
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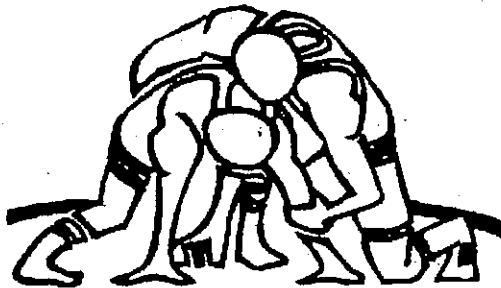
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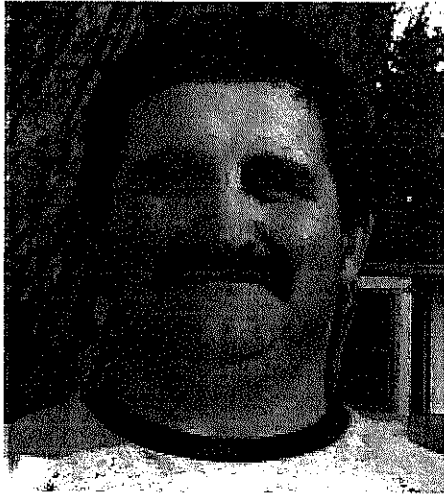
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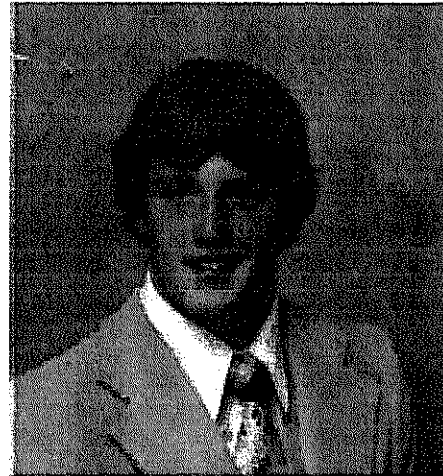
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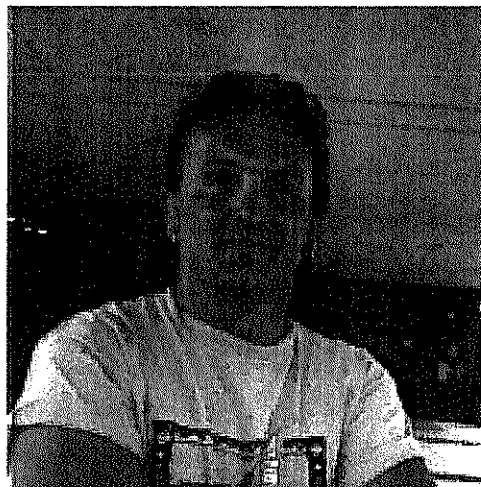
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## WRESTLING . . . A PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE

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!

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# *the* **RECRUITMENT** *and* **RETENTION** *of New Wrestling Officials*

Ideas regarding how to recruit and retain wrestling officials were discussed at a recent West Virginia interpreters' meeting.

*by William A. Welker, Ed.D.*

In recent years, the ranks of officials and whistle-blowers in all sports have gradually dwindled. Thus, this topic was the thrust of the West Virginia wrestling interpreters' pre-season meeting. The interpreters there were very resolved in their efforts to develop new official recruiting and retaining strategies.

Those in attendance freely shared the following in-depth ideas and suggestions for new official recruitment and retention tactics:

## **RECRUITING NEW WRESTLING OFFICIALS**

1. Attempt to recruit former wrestlers or wrestling enthusiasts who possess high ethical standards
2. Create programs in local officials associations to encourage high school seniors and college students who wrestled to join the officiating ranks. (Note: Officiating is a very positive athletic-oriented endeavor for college wrestlers to earn extra money.
3. Contact physical education departments of area colleges to see if they could incorporate a wrestling officiating class in their curriculum. Should this be possible, persuade the physical education professors to invite experienced local referees to present classroom lectures on the topic.
4. Entice former wrestling coaches to join the corps of referees. (Note: We have witnessed many mat mentors who have demonstrated an innate talent for officiating the mat sport.)
5. Encourage recruiting women into officiating wrestling. You will be pleasantly surprised by

their ability to do the job, especially under pressure.

6. Assist in producing public service announcements regarding recruitment of wrestling officials on regional television and radio stations, as well as in local newspapers.
7. Conduct television or radio roundtable discussions on recruiting, as well as retaining, officials in the sport of wrestling.

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## **RETAINING NEW WRESTLING OFFICIALS**

1. See to it that coaches offer the new officials the chance to officiate pre-season open tournaments and practice room wrestle-offs. This gives the new official exposure with the coaches they may work for in the future. Likewise, coaches will undoubtedly express helpful suggestions of their own, having witnessed these young officials in action for the first time.
2. Make a concerted effort to get young officials matches at the youth, middle school and junior varsity levels. This further allows novice officials to display their officiating skills in front of wrestling coaches at various competitive levels.
3. Create a "mentor" or "adopt-a-ref" program. New officials should be allowed to assist veteran officials at dual, triangular and quadrangular meets. In doing so, it will allow the experienced referees to explain the reasons why they made the tough calls they did. Secondly, veteran officials should take the time to observe and critique novice referees in action. Then later, they could tell the beginning official where he or she excelled and what he or she needs to improve upon in terms of officiating mechanics.
4. Suggest to local school districts that they schedule wrestling competitions later on weekdays, permitting officials who work, the opportunity to officiate. We often lose officials, because they cannot leave their place of employment to oversee matches during the week.
5. Teach young officials techniques on how to handle irate coaches and how not to react to unruly fans when close calls are made.
6. Explain to new officials that it is part of being human to make mistakes. In doing so,



stress the importance of not being defensive on such occasions.

When possible, correct your officiating mistakes during a match. Most coaches respect officials who own up to their errors and correct them. I once witnessed a wrestling official wipe off a fall when he realized that one shoulder was not even close to touching the mat. Neither coach said a word, because they knew that it was the right thing to do under the circumstances.

7. Approach your state athletic associations and ask them to consider a rotation system, affording younger, highly qualified wrestling officials the opportunity to officiate state tournaments. This approach will give these officials a goal on which to set their sights. Unfortunately, too many younger officials leave the officiating ranks out of frustration, feeling they will never be selected to officiate state tournaments.

In reality, the wrestling official should be perceived as the top point of a wrestling triangle, which is comprised of the participants, the coach and the referee. The official must always be there to *serve* the coaches, by fairly and consistently enforcing the rules and regulations of the mat sport. Just as important, he or she must also be there to *protect* the contestants, by keeping them out of harm's way.

## CONCLUDING REMARKS

Officiating is a noble avocation that can be both a rewarding and enjoyable experience. Likewise, it allows us to become an integral facet of scholastic athletics. Hence, veteran officials must constantly pursue innovative avenues for recruiting and retaining new officials.

*(Editor's note: The preceding information on official recruitment and retention was the result of the combined thoughts conveyed by local wrestling interpreters and other interested parties throughout the state of West Virginia.)*

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# The Wrestling Parent

Parents in wrestling are courageous - it's true,  
They feel all the pain that 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 the mat, they'll always be there,  
Such love for a sport is truly inherent,  
The wrestling parent.

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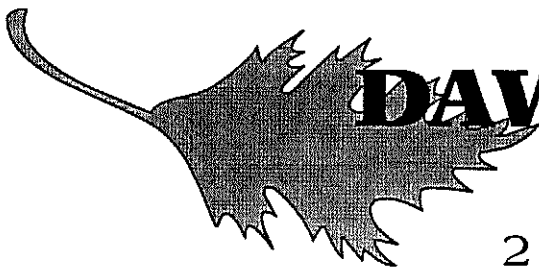
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## WINNING ISN'T EVERYTHING --- OR IS IT???

People love to cheer for the underdog, and celebrate an underdog victory.

In a wrestling tournament, nothing's sweeter than knocking off a top seed.

Sweet for everyone except the top seed, his family, coach and team, that is. For them, it can be like a death in the family.

For these people, I offer the "Ten Stages of Wrestling Grief."

Last season, our son Worshrag lost the championship match of his weight class at the 26-school middle school Ohio Valley Wrestling Championships. It almost killed me.

Worsh, a seventh-grader, was the top seed. He had beaten this particular wrestler before. Pinned him, in fact. In the beginning he was winning the championship match. Then suddenly he was losing, was injured, had lost.

The wave of shock, hurt and depression that washed over me was deep and all-encompassing. It truly felt like a loved one had died. For two days I could hardly think of anything else. My wife Honey went through her own slightly different grief anguish, as did his coach and Worshrag himself.

When I lost my job last year, my wife gave me a book on grief to read because, she said, a person may mourn the loss of a job like a death or any other loss. However, I had not even looked at the book. I didn't feel I needed it. My attitude was: emotional self-help books are for wussies.

The day after Worshrag's tragic defeat I picked up the grief book and - honestly - read it cover to cover. (It was only 64 pages.)

I have modified the stages slightly to apply to wrestling. To help other parents, coaches and wrestlers recover from a tragic defeat, here are my "Ten Stages of Wrestling Grief."

Stage One: "Noooooooooooooooooooo!" (denial, disbelief)

Stage Two: "Noooooooooooooooooooo!" (shock, numbness)

Stage Three: "Noooooooooooooooooooo!" (yet more shock and denial)

Stage Four: "I feel sick." (physical distress)

Stage Five: "The ref stole that match from my son!" (anger, blame-fixing)

Stage Six: "Can't we appeal to somebody?" (bargaining)

Stage Seven: "I feel incredibly sad and tired." (depression)

Stage Eight: "We put too much pressure on our son to win." (guilt)

Stage Nine: "It was still a great season/tournament." (partial acceptance)

Stage Ten: "Son, we love you so much and have never been more proud of you." (full acceptance and hope for next season.)

"I can't go through this again. I want Worshrag to quit wrestling," said my wife after the loss. She was clearly out of her head. That soon was toned down to: "I would not be unhappy if he quit wrestling."

My wife hates injustice, and she focused her anger on the ref, who had a reputation for being against our team. We had seen no stalling points awarded in the entire tournament, yet this referee gave our son's opponent two stalling points that kept him in the match. At first she was calling down God's wrath on the referee, asking for not death, but some kind of painful divine rebuke. Later she decided to let God decide guilt and punishment in His own good time.

She and I both felt guilty for always expecting our son to win, and for not being more appreciative of the incredible thrills he had given us all season, like when he edged out a strong opponent in the BMAC tournament finals, or gutted out a back muscle pull to pin his way through the Austintown Duals. He was always strong, always the wrestler to beat in his weight class, always first-class in his demeanor on and off the mat. He had a fantastic season, something like 25-2, not counting forfeit wins. Up until that last match, he lost only once, and that was a fluky pin early in the season when he was winning and put himself on his back. All but three of his wins were by fall. He had beaten the tournament second seed

twice. The boy he lost to in the finals, he had pinned earlier in the season. His teammates thought he was invincible. We all expected Worsh to win, and were crushed when the match didn't play out according to script.

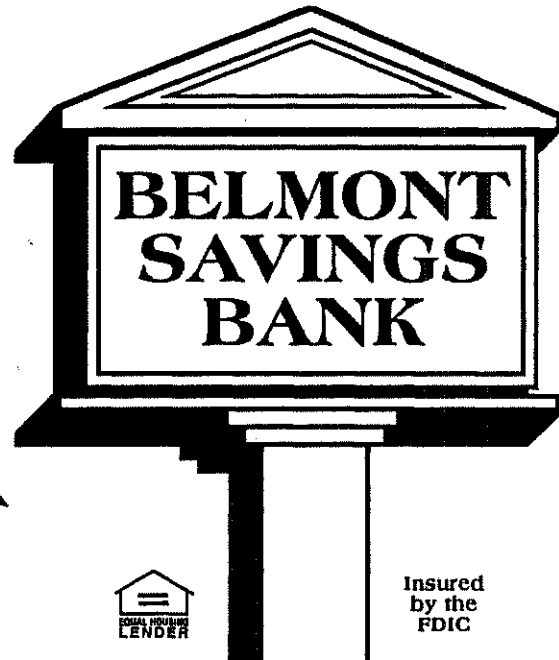
For Worsh, I think the guilt stage was worst. While Honey and I talked through our feelings, Worsh kept insisting he was okay. But at one point he admitted to his mother he didn't feel he had wrestled his best. I think he felt he had let us all down. He also engaged in the bargaining stage, hoping - as we waited in the emergency department after the tournament for x-ray results - that his shoulder was broken so he'd have a better excuse for not winning. (A ligament had torn loose, pulling a bone chip away with it.) The fact is, Worsh did wrestle well, but the other young man is a good wrestler, too, and in that match was better. (He made his high school varsity as a freshman this year.)

Early in the championship match, Worshrag was getting the takedowns and seemed in control. In the third period an escape and stalling call had tied it at 6-6, but, I thought, surely Worsh would get another takedown; he'd come through as always; it would be okay. Instead, the other wrestler got the takedown with 18 seconds to go. Worsh cried out in pain as he landed hard on his shoulder and suddenly for us the match had become a nightmare.

I'll never forget the look of pain and loss on my son's face at that moment; he knew the championship was lost. After an injury timeout he bravely finished the match. And the grieving process began.

Miller is a reporter for *The Review* in East Liverpool and the 138# OVAC Champion in 1968.

**Good Luck To All OVAC Teams!**



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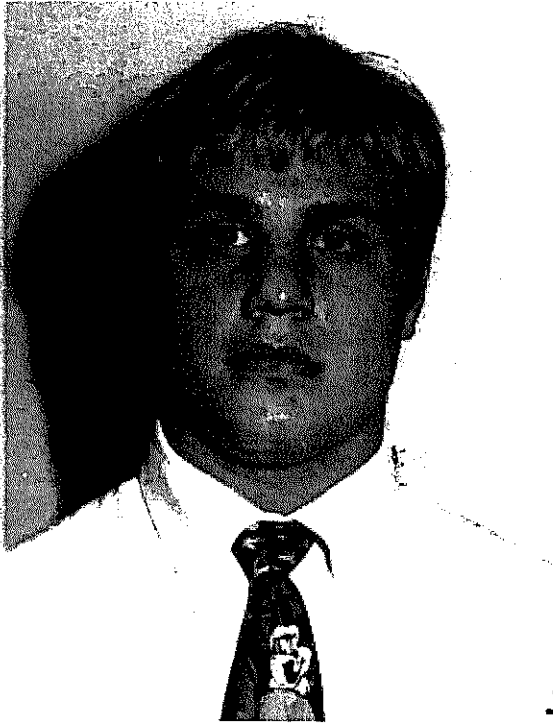
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# Matthew Salsberry

## 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 know him.

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.

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# Mr. Mats Receive More Honors

## Richard "Dick" Edge Mr. Mat – '79

Dick earned a bachelor's degree in business education/health education and physical education from West Liberty State College in '64 and a master's degree from the University of Dayton in '75. He spent 40 years in education as a teacher/coach, assistant high school principal, elementary and high school principal and superintendent of Monroe and Belmont County schools. As a coach he touched the lives of many students who participated on the football, basketball, wrestling, track and cross-country teams.

His personal sports accolades include starting wrestling programs at Triadelphia and Warwood high schools, as well as, four other junior high schools in Ohio county. He also founded the first Pee Wee wrestling team in Ohio county.

With a distinguished career as an educator and coach, Dick is no stranger to awards. He was nominated Outstanding Young Educator in West Virginia in '66. In '75, he was named Eastern Ohio district "Coach of the Year" in wrestling and four years later was named OVAC Wrestling's "Mr. Mat", a distinction awarded for his contribution to Ohio Valley wrestling.

He was inducted into the WLSC Athletic Hall of Fame in '97 and served two terms as President of the WLSC Alumni Association Board of Directors.

During homecoming weekend in '03, Dick was inducted into the WLSC Alumni Wall of Honor, in recognition of his accomplishments.

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## Dr. Vince Monseau Mr. Mat – '83

Coach Monseau began his association with West Liberty State College when he enrolled as a freshman student in 1958. He earned letters in wrestling, track and football as a "Hilltopper" athlete.

He received his bachelors degree in 1962, furthering his education by earning his masters and doctorate from West Virginia University in '64 and '77 respectively.

His high school coaching career began at Oak Glen ('63 – '68), Charleston High ('68 – '69) and Weir High ('69-'72). His Oak Glen "Golden Bears" won the West Virginia State Championship in '67.

Coach Monseau returned to his college alma mater in '73 and put his "Hilltopper" team on the national wrestling map for the next 30 years. He has produced 72 All-Americans, including five national champions: Dave LaMotte ('79 NAIA), Brian Davis ('95 NAIA), Scott Shipman ('96 NCAA Div. II), James Branch ('97 NCAA Div. II) and Nick Spencer ('01 NCAA Div. II).

Coach Monseau is extremely proud to have worked with 28 Academic All-Americans. In '02 the WLSC wrestling squad was the "Academic National Div. II Runners-up" and the '03 team was the "Academic National Div. II Champions".

The National Wrestling Hall of Fame honored Dr. Vince Monseau with a "Lifetime Service to Wrestling" award in 2003.

**Dave Kovalick**  
**Mr. Mat – '88**

Dave was a three-sport athlete on some of the most successful sports teams in West Liberty State College history. He excelled in baseball, football and wrestling, playing a key role on squads that won WVIAC conference championships in all three sports.

He played fullback on the WVIAC title team of '63, was the 177# individual champion during the '66 conference wrestling championships, and was the starting right fielder on the baseball team which won three WVIAC titles. He was a key contributor on the "Topper" squad that claimed the '64 NAIA baseball championship., the college's first national title in a team sport.

After graduation from West Liberty in '67, he began teaching and coaching at Barnesville High School that lasted until his retirement in '03.

During his 30-year career, Dave enjoyed coaching success in track, football and wrestling. In '88 he was the recipient of the prestigious OVAC Mr. Mat Award for his contributions to the sport of wrestling as both a coach and an official.

His '92 football squad finished 12-1, compiling an undefeated regular season mark while claiming an Ohio Regional Championship.

In formal ceremonies held in the Emmett Boyle Conference Center, prior to the Alumni Scholarship Bowl VIII in '03, Dave was inducted into the West Liberty State College – Athletic Hall of Fame.

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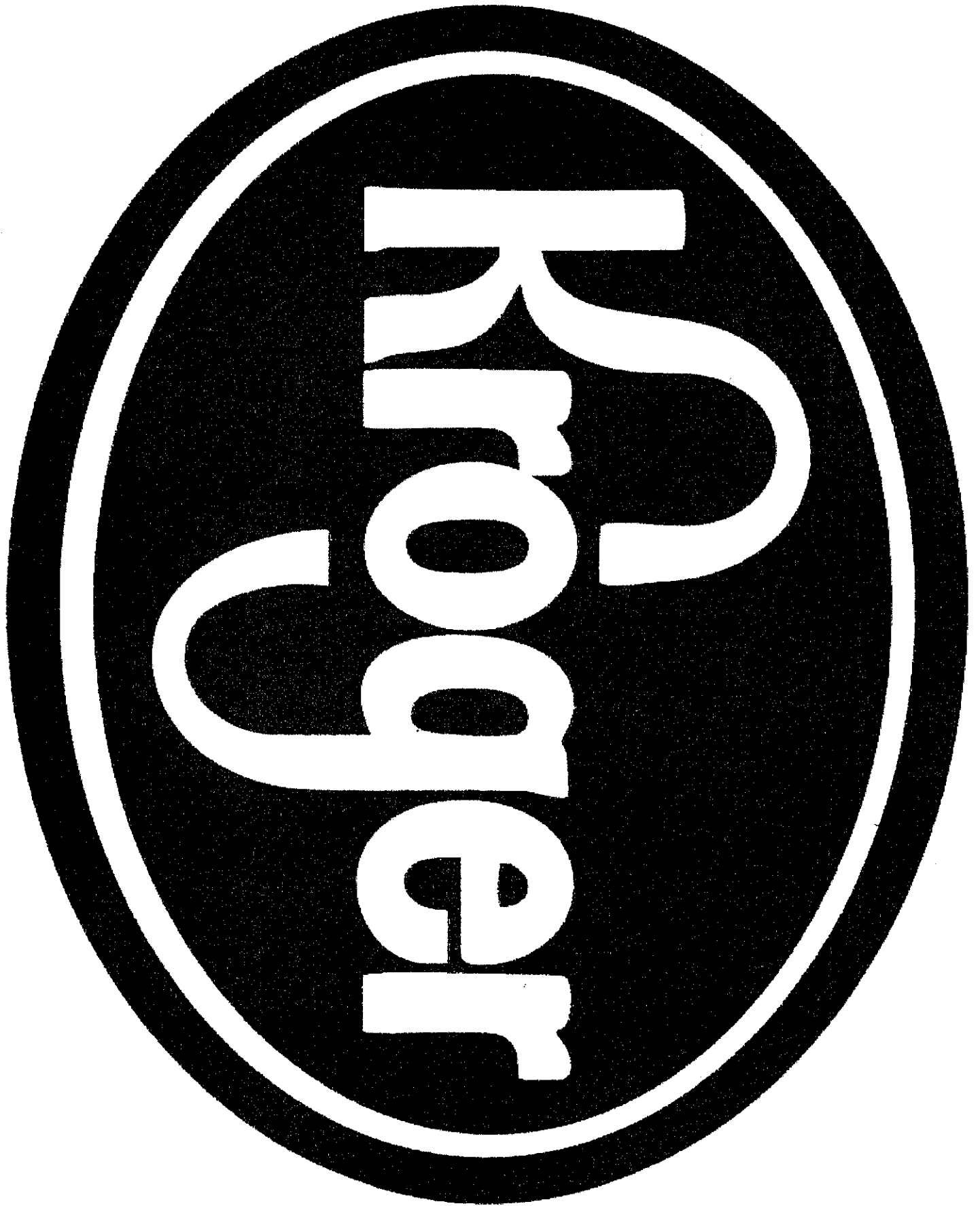
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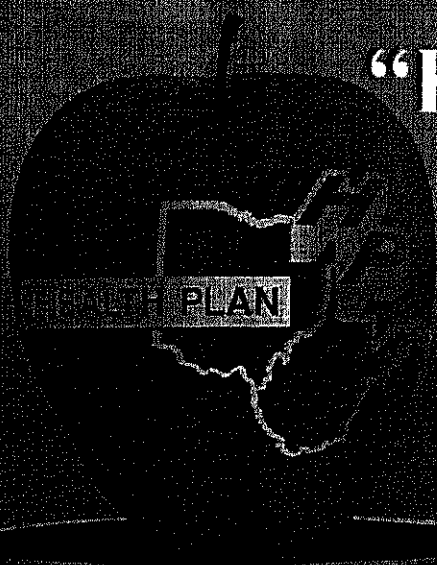
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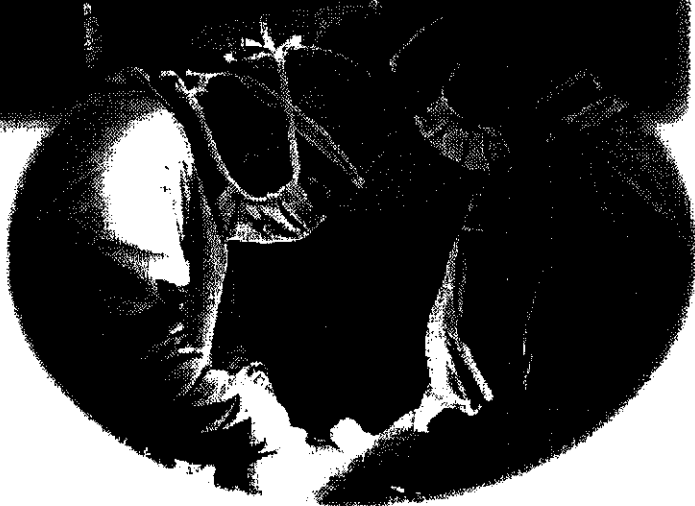
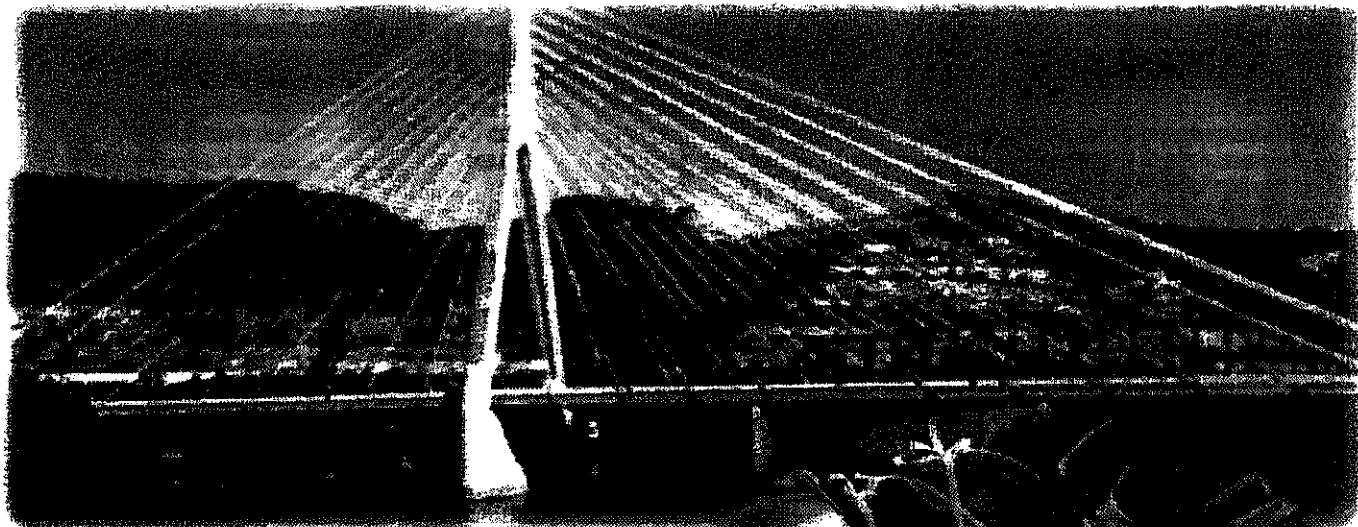


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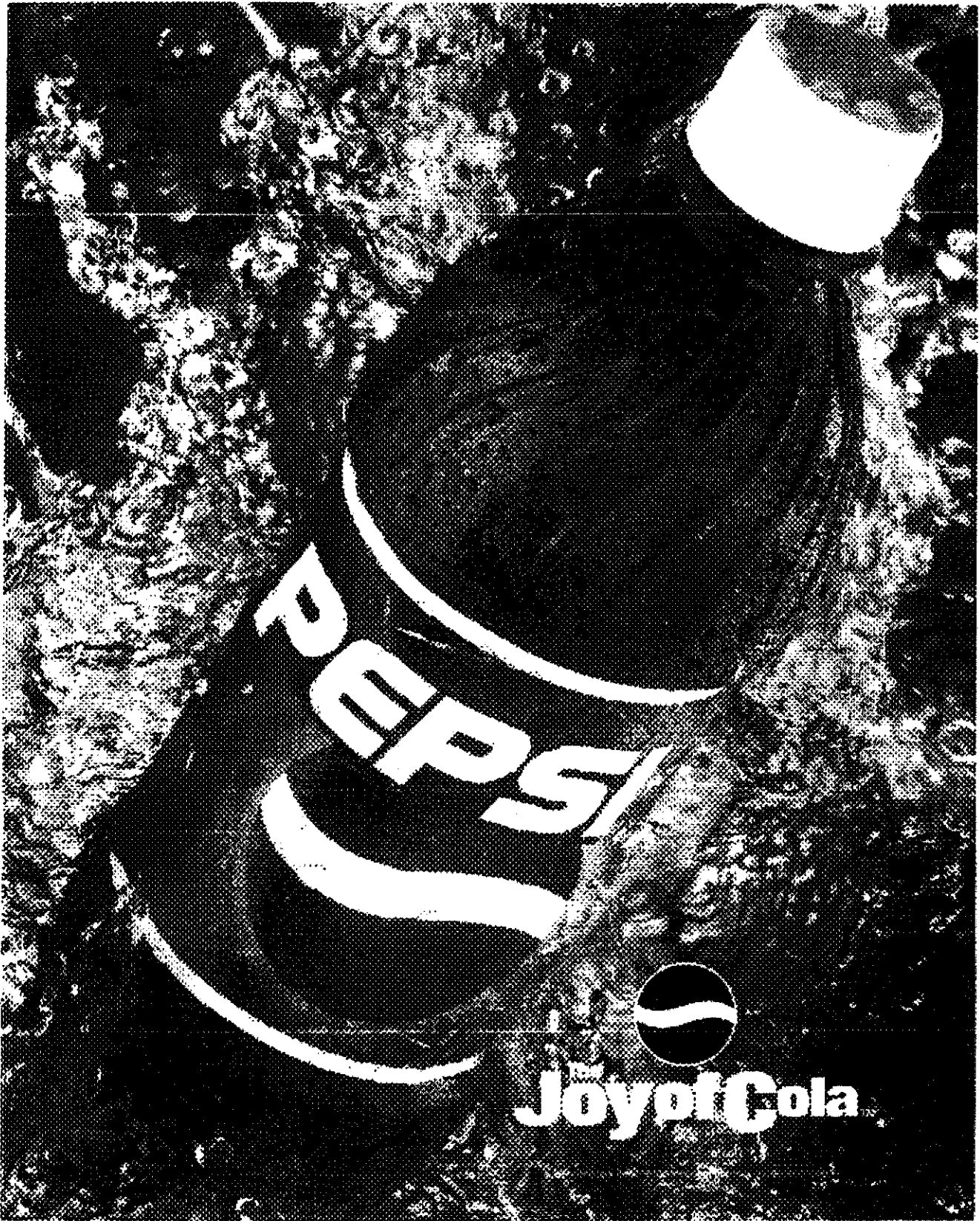


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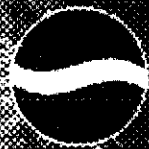


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A	AA	AAA	AAAA
CAMERON 91 1/2	MONROE CENTRAL 137	OAK GLEN 178	BEAVER LOCAL 225
SHADYS 87 1/2	RIVER 72	HARRISON CENTRAL 227	BROOKE 196
ST. JOHN 78	CALDWELL 415	INDIAN CREEK 107	BUCK LOCAL 178
BEALLSV. 39	WELLS. 36 1/2	MEAD. 92	WHEELING PARK 119
WEIR. MAD. 26	ST. EUGENE 30	MARTINS FERRY 87	JOHN MAR 101

## 2003 Class Individual Champions



Front (L to R): Abbie Rush, Wheeling Park - Mickey Nicola, St. John - Jesse Emery, Harrison Central  
Clay Tucker, Martins Ferry - Brandon Shaw, Brooke

Row 2: Zach Schuller, Buckeye Local - Jared Hoppel, Beaver Local - Steve Flowers, Oak Glen  
Phil Bliss, Brooke

Row 3: Dave Bertolino, Buckeye Local - Bobby Dimmerling, Monroe Central - Jared Williams, Beaver Local  
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## Remembering a “True Friend” of OVAC Wrestling

by Dr. Bill Welker

Last June wrestling in the Ohio Valley lost a great supporter who cared about all area wrestlers - Joseph J. Thomas.

I had the honor of coaching Joe Thomas when he wrestled in high school, but it was he who later taught me about friendship. I was never one to make a lot of friends. However, Joe Thomas became my friend and this relationship lasted nearly 30 years. Allow me to tell you the rest of his story.

I never met an individual who loved the mat sport more than Joe Thomas. In fact, he was always looking for ways to promote wrestling. This desire to be a “Public Relations” person for the mat sport was a constant personal priority of Joe Thomas.

A former Wheeling Park wrestler, Joe Thomas first decided to join the ranks of our local Ohio Valley Wrestling Officials Association. He put his heart into it. Joe studied the rules inside and out, asking questions that even stumped me at times. Unfortunately, refereeing was not for him.

By no means a quitter, Joe set his sites on coaching. Again he quizzed me on every aspect of teaching kids to wrestle. Joe then enrolled in the WVSSAC’s mandatory coaching course, passes it, and began his mat mentor career as an assistant at Warwood Middle School. After that, there was no stopping him.

Joe Thomas moved on to become the head coach at Bridgestreet Middle School. There he produced numerous PAC-8 championships and future all-state wrestlers. But most important, his boys admired and respected him. Joe Thomas found his niche.

As to my relationship with Joe Thomas, he was my best friend and traveling companion for years. Most of our excursions were related to wrestling, but we also took a few vacations together.

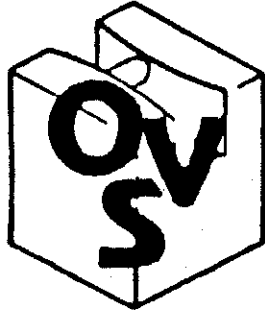
My fondest experiences with Joe Thomas were our trips to my hometown. There he had the opportunity to meet my mom and late dad, my high school wrestling coaches, and my school-day wrestling buddies. They were some great times!

In closing, I wanted to extend my personal sympathies to his devoted mother, Betty Parsons, his adoring sister Sherry Bonham, and the love of his life, Jeannie Goletz.

As a last tribute to Joe Thomas - a true friend of OVAC Wrestling - the *Mat Talk* “wrestler of the week” will always bear his name.

Joseph J. Thomas will be deeply missed by the entire Ohio Valley wrestling community, especially the Welker family.

Thanks for the great memories, Joe.



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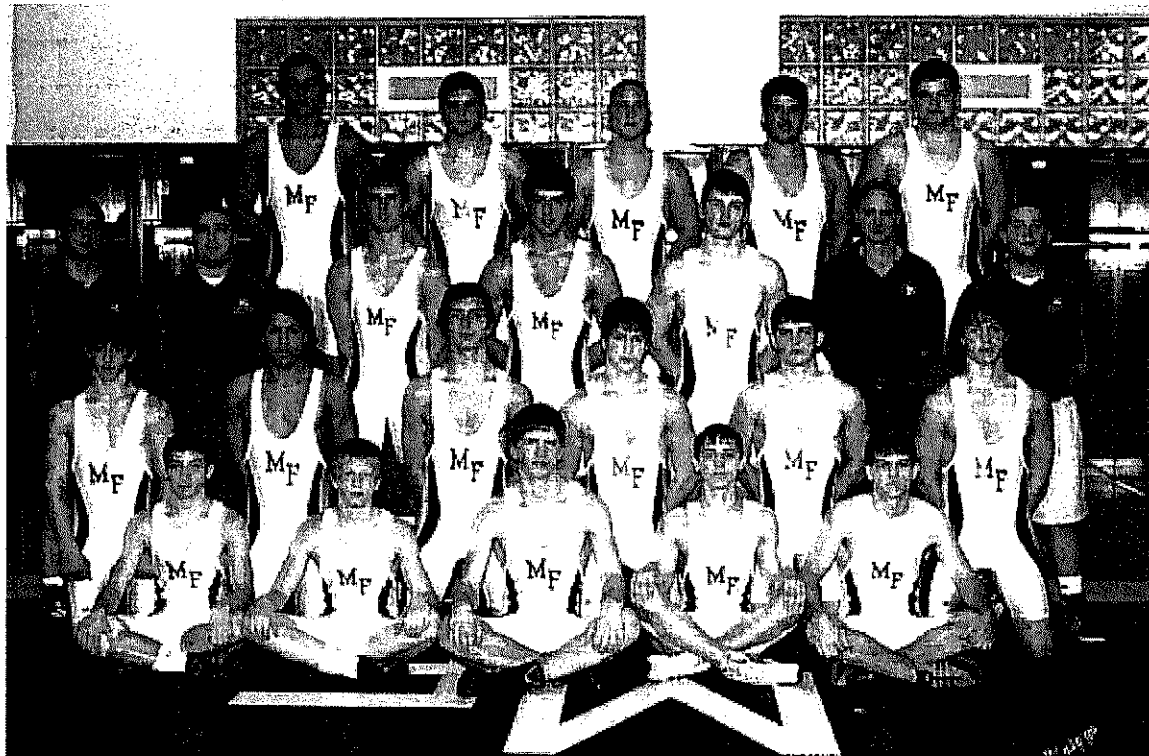
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Superintendent . . . . . Nick Stankovich  
 Principal . . . . . Jeff Oberdick  
 Athletic Director . . . . Warren Hood  
 Head Coach . . . . . Babe Sidon  
 Assistant Coaches . . . Lamont Tucker  
    Jeff Oberdick  
    Bubba Coleman  
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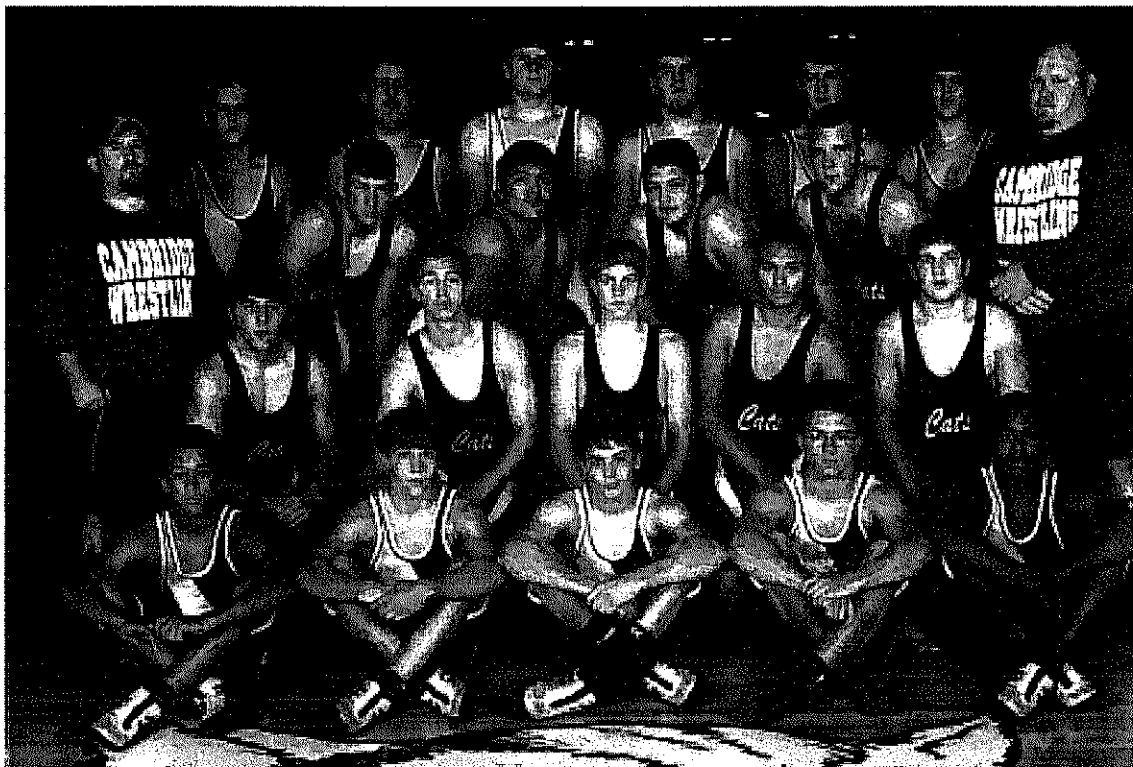
**Kneeling: Asst. Coach, Zack Davis – Dean Hornbeck – Bill Potts – Joe Faulkner – Cody Reed  
Andy Adkins – Nick Turkley – Asst. Coach, Cole Bowersock**

**Standing: Asst. Coach, Rich Shilling, Jr. – Eric DiAgosta – Shane Atkins – Aaron Smith  
Stephan Badgley – T. J. Slager – Shane Kidder – Ron Scott – Brandon Mecum –  
Head Coach, Rich W. Shilling.**

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## BOBCATS



**Front Row (L to R): Price Winston – Dan Ray – Sean Mahley – Steven Ford  
Jamaal Lowery.**

**Row 2: Mike Ray – Brandon Scurlock – Dustin Daugherty – Brad Bertabin  
Clay Teague.**

**Row 3: Coach Paul White – Jake Garvin – Ben Applegate – Bobby Scurlock  
Justin Britnell – Coach “Tank” Moore.**

**Row 4: Casey McDougal – John Nicolozakes – Adam Byers – Michael Golden  
Bo Hill.**

**Superintendent – Susan Tucker**

**Principal – Frank Blake**

**Ath. Director – Dave Gray**

**School Colors – Royal Blue & White**

### Past OVAC Champions

'81 & '82 – 155# - Brian Duff 5<sup>th</sup> State AA

'83 – HWT - Jamie Price 5<sup>th</sup> State AAA

'84 – 119# - Denis Daugherty

'84 – 126# - Heath Beardmore - Bierkorte Award

'84 – 132# - Tim Pontius

'88 – HWT - Tom “Tank” Moore 3<sup>rd</sup> State Div II

'92 – 171# - Kelly Stevens

'93 – 152# - Jeremy Wilkinson – State Champ Div II

'95 – 160# - T.J. King

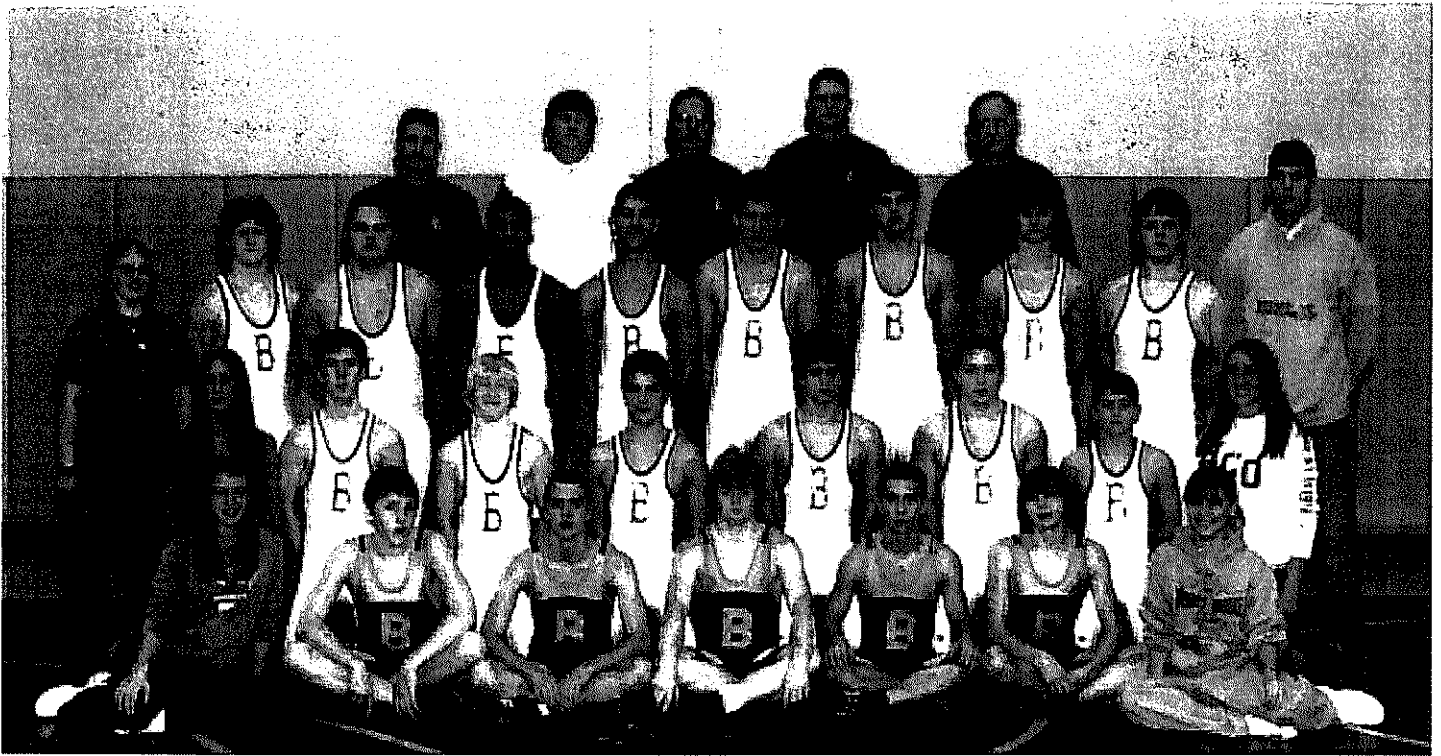
'96 - 171# - T.J. King

'99 – 119# - Jose Smith

'01 – 171# - Jake Sowers

**Good Luck Cats from The Athletic Boosters!**

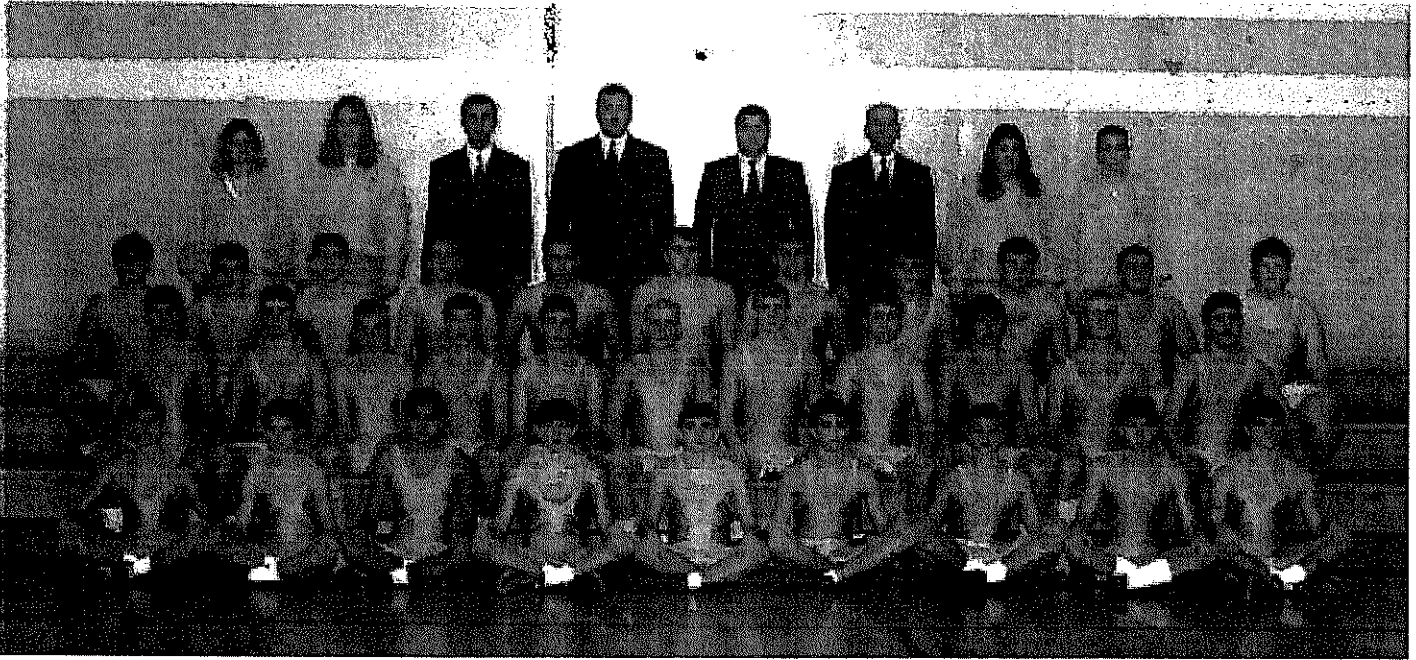
# BROOKE BRUINS



**Danny Felton – Jared Shaw – Matt Smith – Jonathan McFarland – Mike Durbin  
Braden Shaw – Mark Gray – Zack Henderson – Dana Davis – Nathan Laughran  
Devin Dulaney – Trent Aitken – Derek Molnar – Nick Hvizdzak – Brandon Greiner  
John Huff – K. J. McLaughlin – Zach Bickford – Jeremy Durbin – Jeff Stollar  
Kyle Bliss – Kelly Galloway – Heather Grubor – Jim Provenzeno – Nicole Marford  
Head Coach, Joe Erlewine – Asst. Coaches, Eric Bown – Pete Bolock – Kevin Felton  
Roger Shaw**

# **OAK GLEN**

## **GOLDEN BEARS**



**Seated (L to R) : Brandon Davis – Preston Andrews – Bobby Solemo – Brandon Miller  
Mark Rawson – Dirk Baker – T. J. Osborn – Shane Wright – Jessie Mahan.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Row : Brennon Chambers – Joel Timmons – Zach Warner – Jack Wright  
Dante Dijiolanio – Zach Shingler – Drew Stevens – Matt Murray  
Rhett Northcraft – Garrett Railing – Kevin Crago**

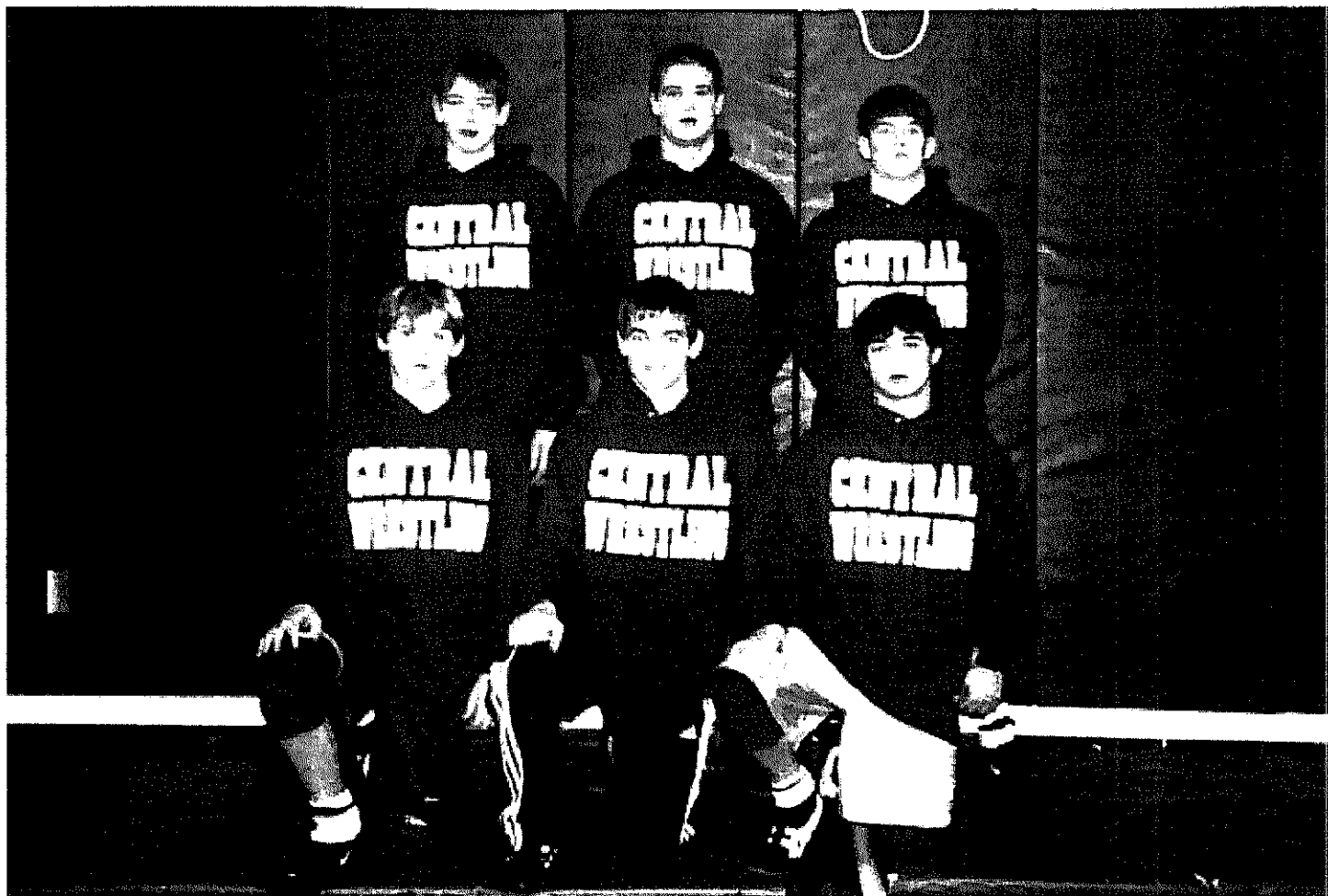
**3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Jon Blewitt, Matt Foltz – Josh Greathouse – Josh Manypenny – Chris Stevens  
David Foltz – Bryan Rowland – Mark Montgomery – Cody Potts – Matt Wiseman  
Ryan Heath.**

**4<sup>th</sup> Row: Jessica Rawson – Erin Todd – Coach, Mark, Wiersbecki - Coach, Keith Flanigan  
Coach, Rick Brown – Coach, Larry Shaw - Lindsey Mumford – Jes Shingler.**

**Good Luck, Golden Bears!**  
**The Oak Glen Grapplers Club**

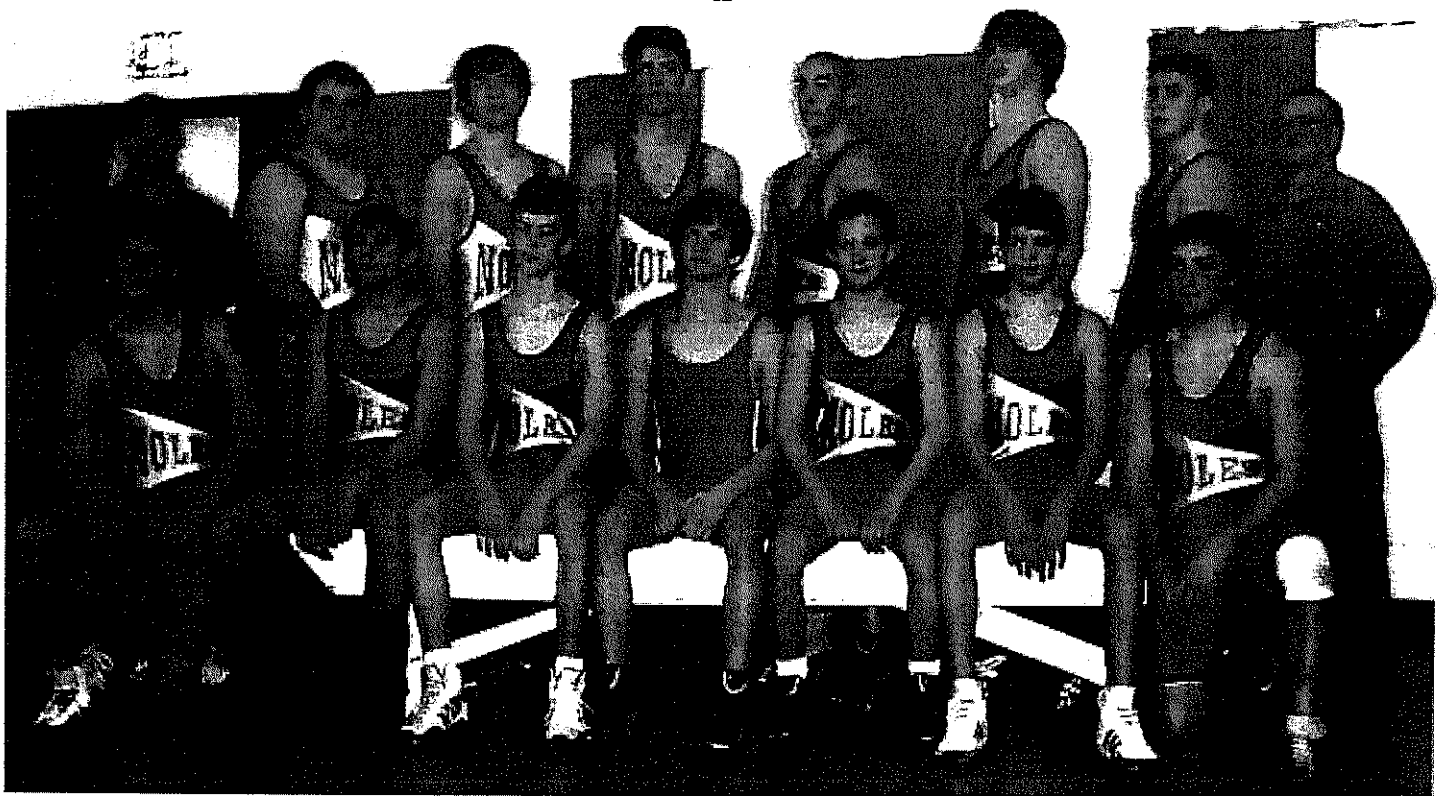


# Wheeling Central Wrestling 2003 - 2004



**Standing (L-R) : Marius McAteer - Pat Reasbeck - Vinny Pappa.  
Kneeling: Joey Henry - Doug Spell - Josh Foose  
Coaches: T. C. Chapple - Nathan Skrypek - Travis Nelson**

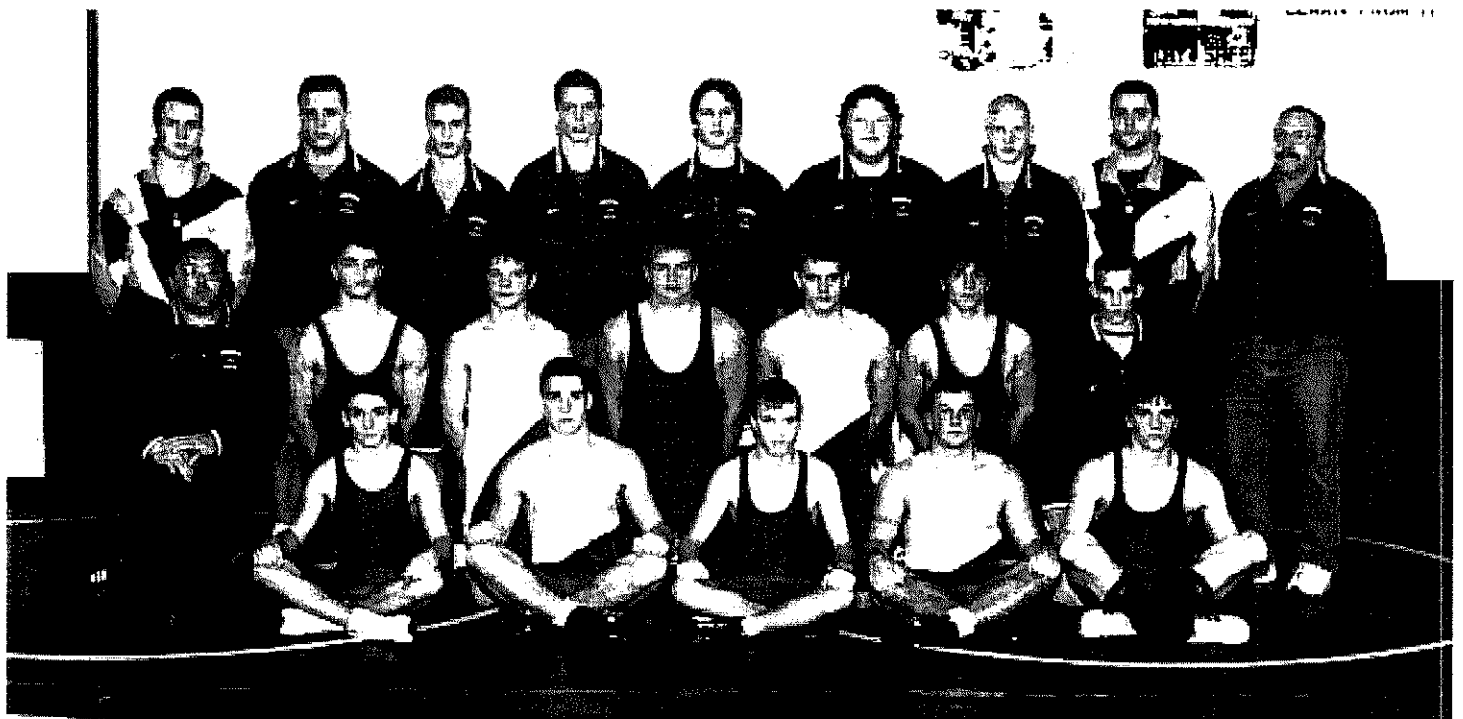
# MONROE CENTRAL



**Front Row (L-R) : Ryan Ferguson – Bradley Monahan – Torey Prickett – Patrick Sparkman  
Chad Kilburn – Cole Lewis – Aaron Brown.**  
**Back: Coach, Paul Robison – Eddie McConnell – Jared Ward  
Justin Smithberger – Shaun Ady – Mike English – Clayton Benedict  
Asst. Coach, Kenny Robison (Absent from photo – Jacob Yomagata)**

# SHENANDOAH

## ~ ZEPS ~



**Front Row (l – R): Adam Mack – Adam Spencer – Jesse Brown – Dan Kunkle  
Chris Crock**

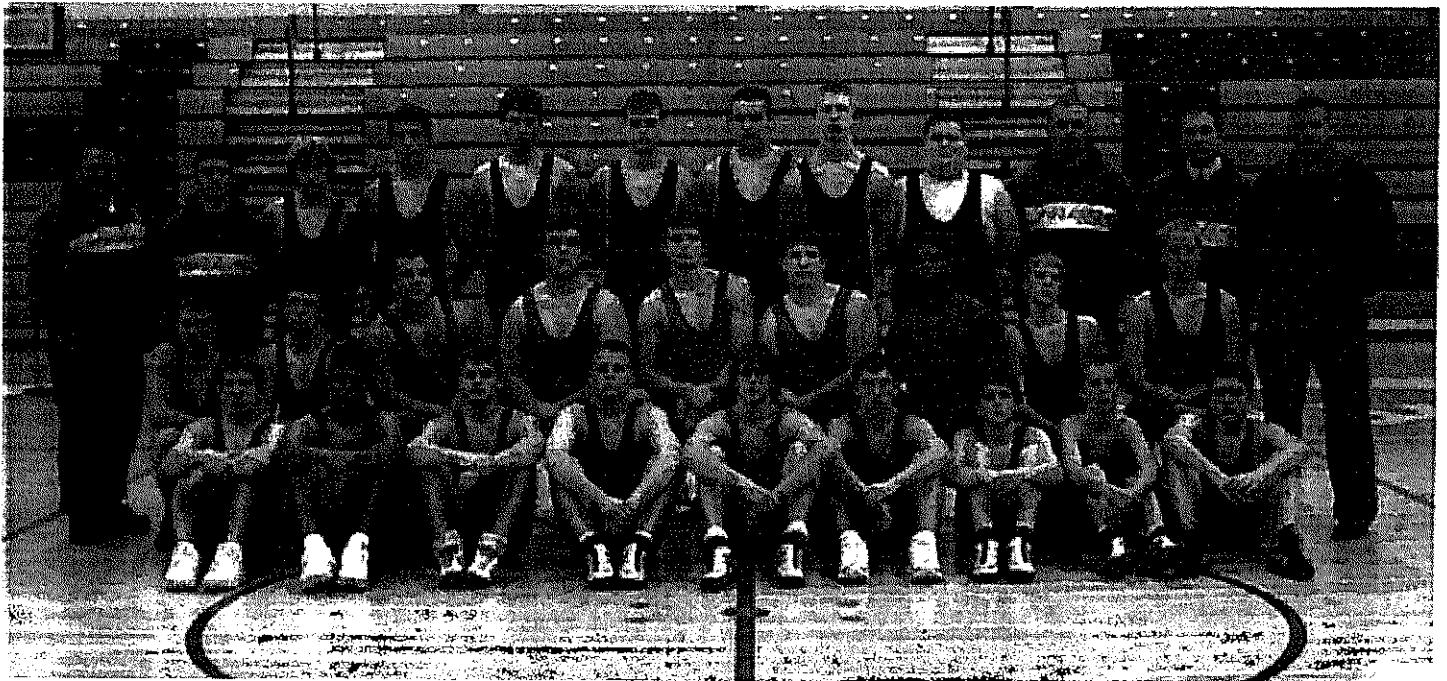
**Middle Row: Coach Waite – Kory Waite – Billy Conners – Codey Leach –  
Billy Danford – Todd Schmelzenbach – Joey Hoover.**

**Back Row: Jacob Zerkle – John Horn – Nathan Hrinko – Chris Gutowski  
Matt Hannahs – Luke Michel – Brandon Saling  
Roman Barnett – Coach Michel - (Absent - Coach Rinehart)**

# HARRISON

# CENTRAL

# HUSKIES

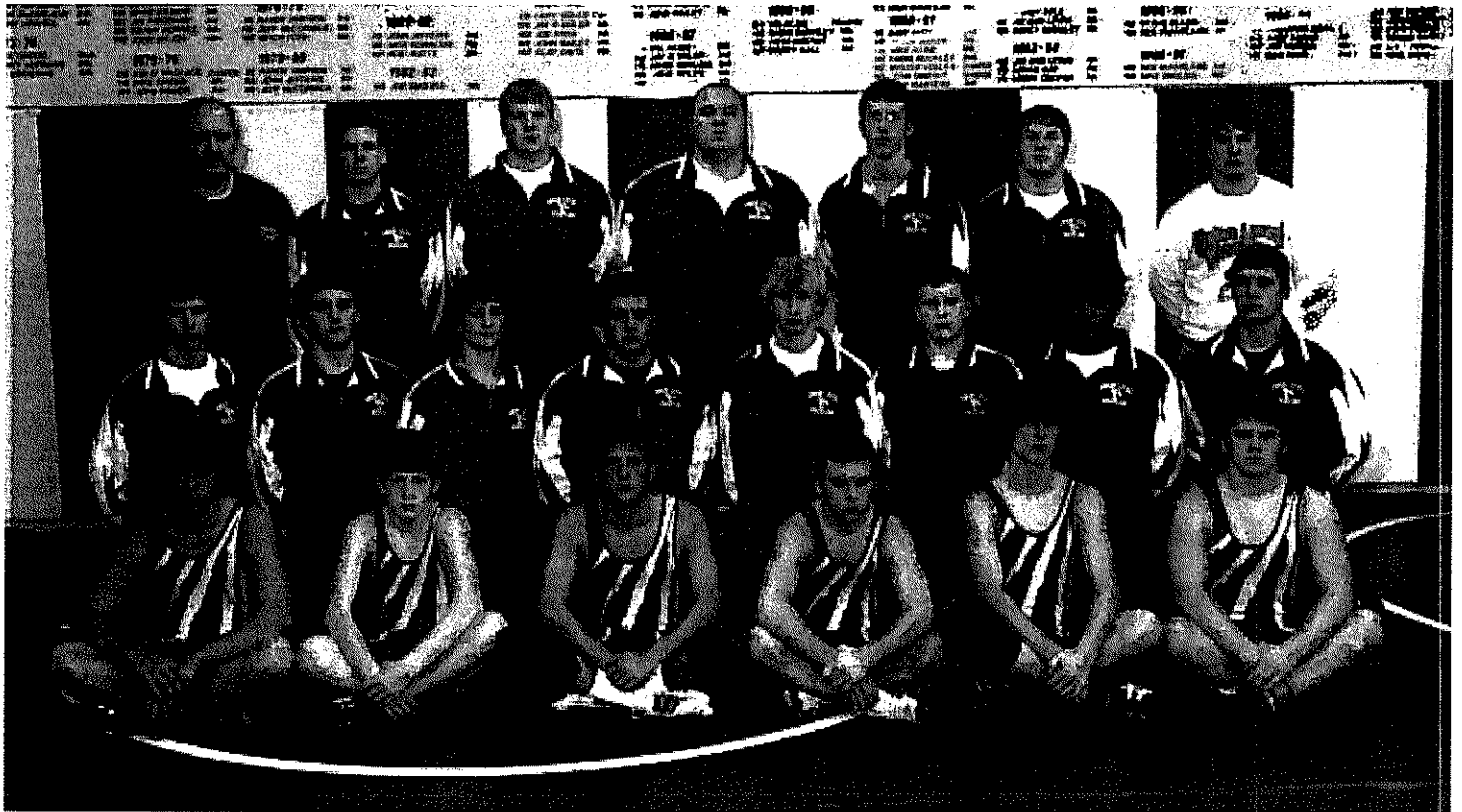


**Front (L - R):** Dustin Pratt - Jesse Emery - Ben Phillips - David Blawut  
James White - Craig Porter - Kevin Snyder - Dillon Rager.  
**Row 2:** Chris Grant - Kevin Mallernee - Vic Bologna - Andrew Corder  
Ryan Logsdon - Mike Pratt - Brad Brooks - Eric Moore -  
Jacob Donley.  
**Row 3:** Asst. Coaches, Richard McKinney & Nic Rossiter - Ty Howell -  
Corey Harshey - Scott Smith - Mike Bertolino - Shawn Jenkins  
Eddie McMillion - Shane Ripley - Asst. Coaches, Ryan Coffman &  
Jay Michael - Head Coach, Jim Rocchi.

# UNION LOCAL

## *JETS*

### 2003 - 2004

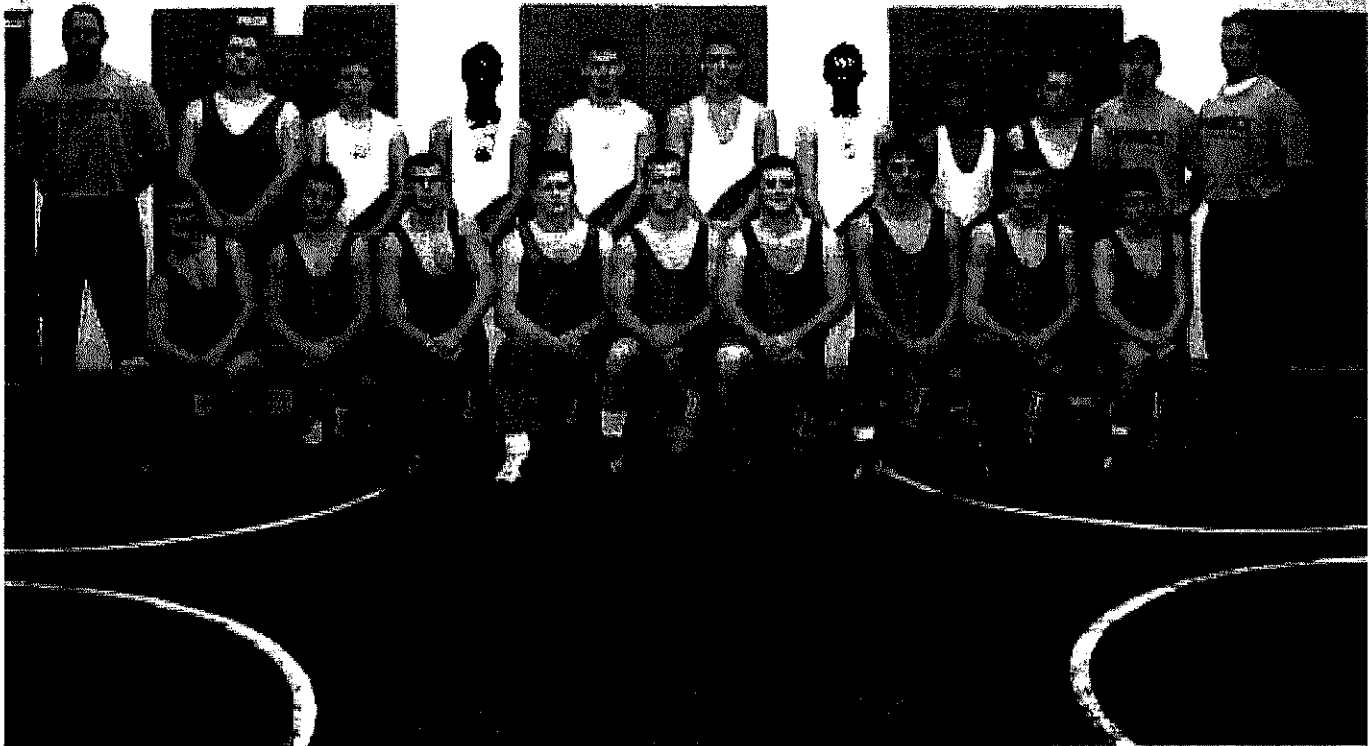


**Front Row (L to R): Travis Montag – Marc Stenger – Nate Gossett – Chaz Clark  
Jake Rebecca – John Wilson .**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Andy Lucas – Brett Blevins – Justin Krulock – Dusty McVay – Allan Gray  
David Howard – Artis Johnson – JJ Perkins.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Coach Davia – Randy Stonebraker – Ryan Sonk – Koel Davia – Zack  
Compston – Jimmy Compston – Coach Blevins.**

# BARNESVILLE SHAMROCKS



**Front Row (L-R):** Ryan Stephen - Brett Stephens - Bud Hines - Cory Cunningham  
Jason Bahmer - Kyle Smith - Kyle King - Daniel Magers

**Back Row:** Head Coach, Luke Johnson - Clayton - Paul Jefferis - Josh Smith  
Ryan Gear - Tommy Lynn - Adam Messenger - Terry Smith  
Ben Wise - Asst. Coaches, Rick Milhoan and Jayson Stephen.

# WELLSVILLE

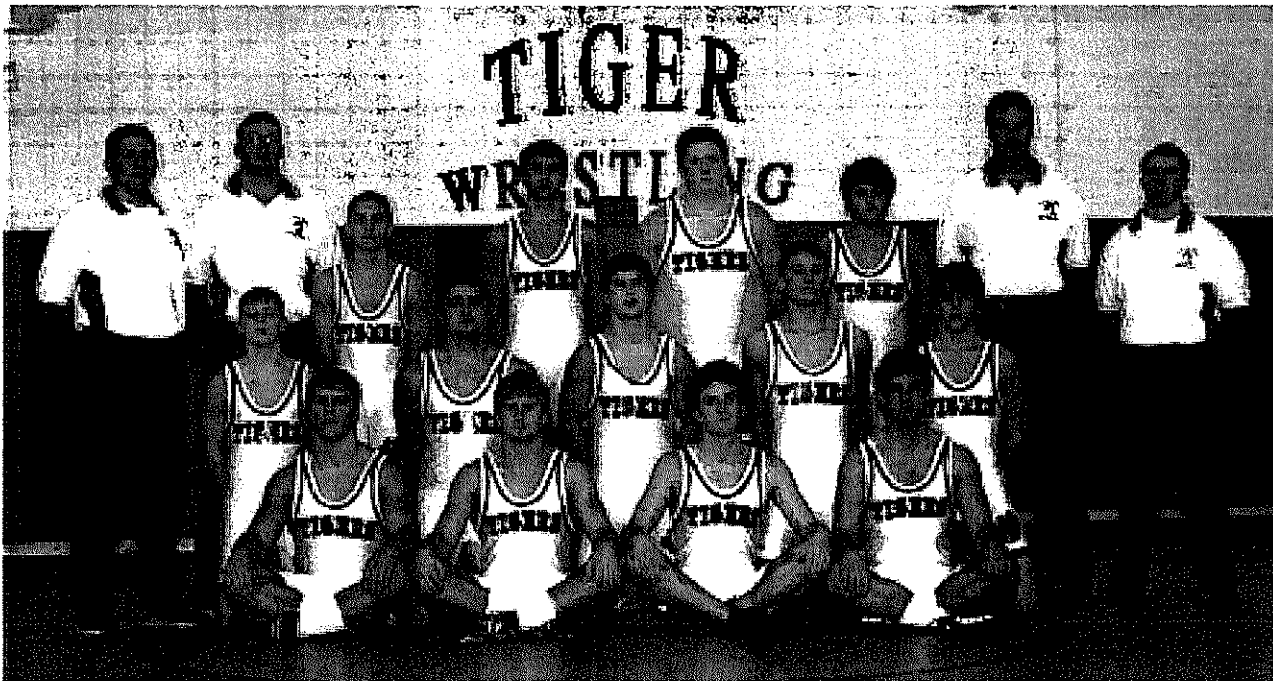
## TIGERS



**1<sup>st</sup> Row (L to R): (NLOT) – John Kazee – Anthony Carosiello – Ricky Williams**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Row: (NLOT) – Matt Stacey – Josh Cataldo – Shane Rawson – Brandon Beadle**  
**Ryan Jackson.**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Asst. Coach, Parker – Rich Bereschik – Justin Cataldo – Alan Buzzard**  
**Andrew Hirt – Jimmy Malone – Head Coach, Long.**

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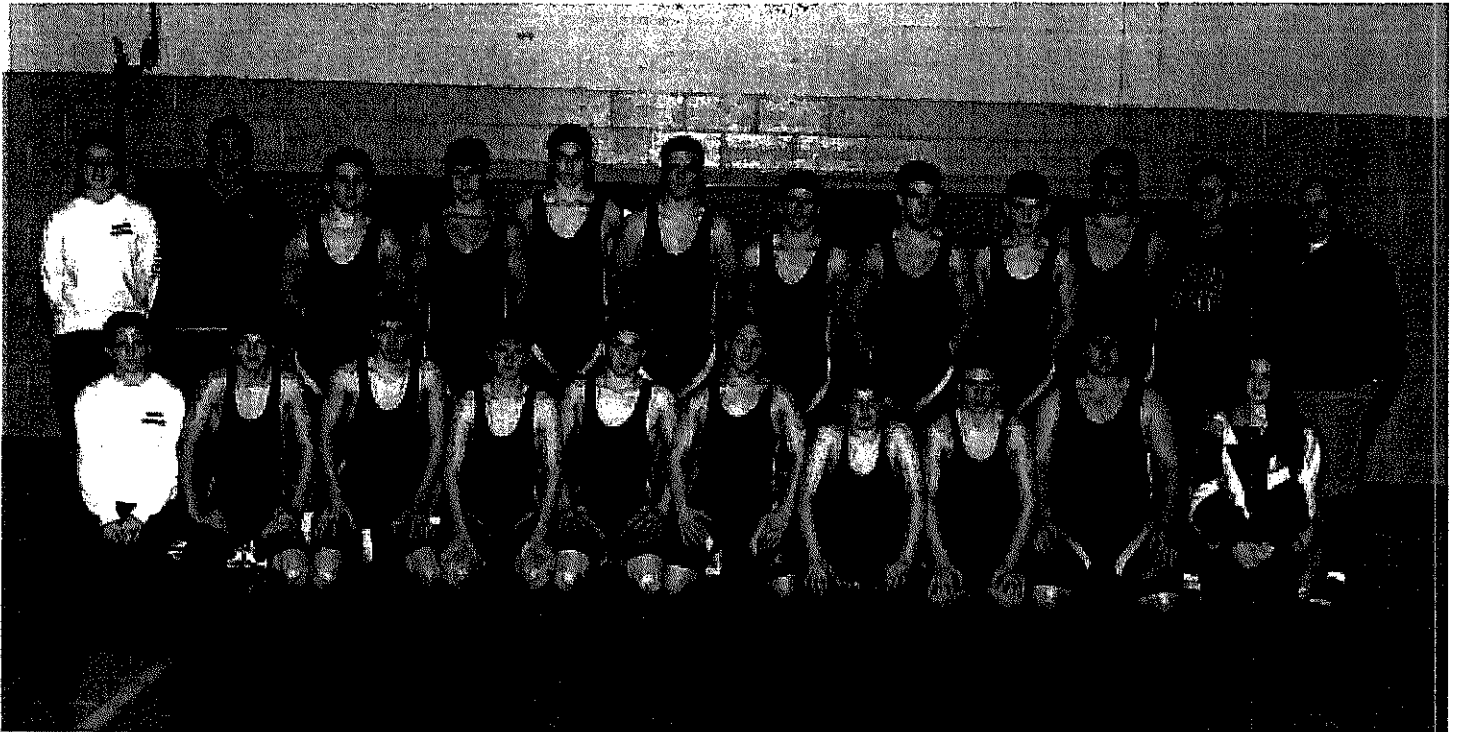


**Seated:** Bobby Samsa – Jesse Irwin – Kyle Wallace – Luke Burkhardt.  
**Kneeling:** Jeffrey Trigg – Jason Wright – Billy Frollini – Lyle Burkhardt – K. J. Furbee.  
**Standing:** Asst. Coach, Shawn Grinch – Asst. Coach, Travis Beckett – Blake Heslop – Luke Horvath  
Chase Grinch – Kyle McElfresh – Head Coach, John Haswell – Asst. Coach, Kurt Glasser.

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# CAMERON DRAGONS



**Front Row (L - R):** Jamie Mason - Tim Cumpston - Brandon Antill - Noah O'neil  
Jesse Stoneking - Kelly Hughes - Tyler Cumpston - John Peterson  
Danny Dishman - Sara Lyons.

**Back Row:** Samantha Cunningham - Coach, Jim Potts - Casey Hughes  
Adam Cooper - Jeffrey Pettit - Steve Blake - Josh Whipkey  
Isaac Stewart - Jeffery Cumpston - C. J. Manning  
Coaches, Bob Baird and Richard Ochsenbein.

# **RIVER LOCAL PILOTS**

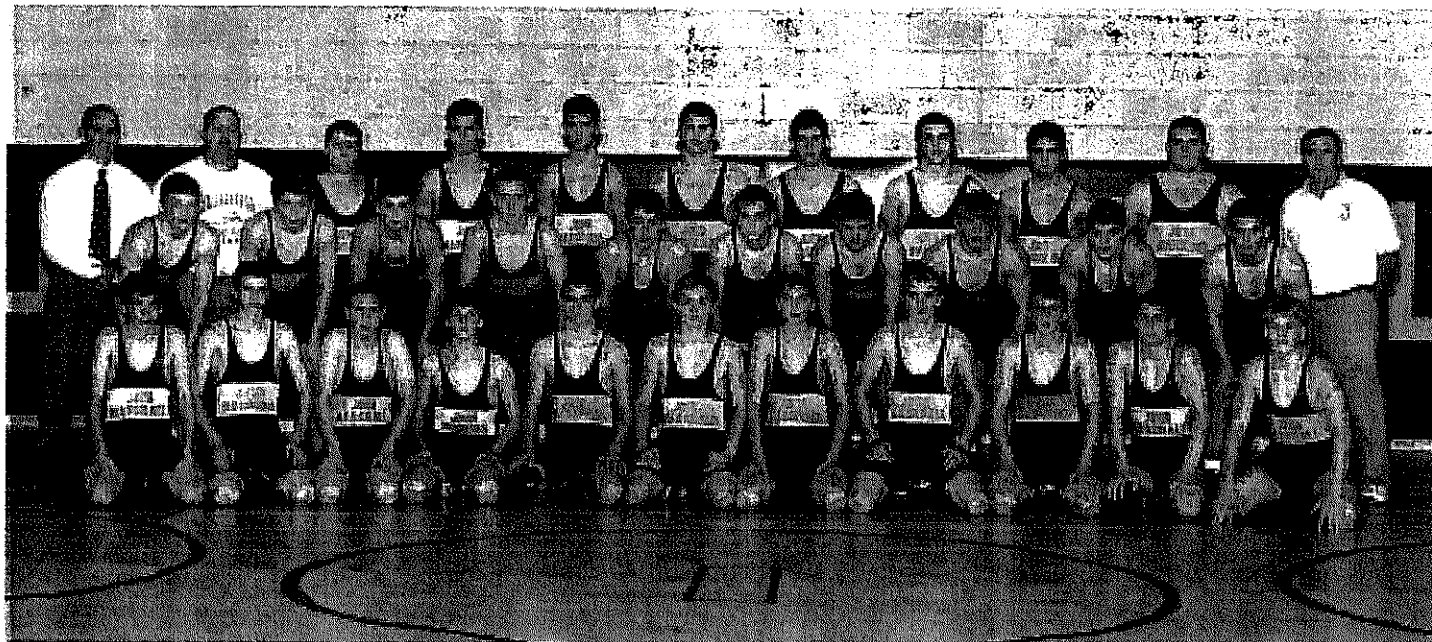
**Front (L-R) : Justin Armann – Jason Workman – Mike Owens – Roy Campbell – Luke Myers.  
Back : Brant Sawyers – Kory Vancamp – Wesley Haslam – Robby Clegg – Mike Matusik.**

# St. Johns Central



Front Row, from left: Joe Skoff, Mick Nicola, Kayne Melko and James Huff  
Back Row, from left: Head Coach Andrew LaMotte, Todd Hunkler, Tom Carpenter, Chris Case,  
Corey Rinkles, Wendel Hadig, and Assistant Coach Matt LaMotte. Absent was Chris Huff

# JOHN MARSHALL WRESTLING TEAM 2003-2004



L to R – 1<sup>st</sup> Row: Skip Ingram – Aaron Taylor – Larry Pyles – Eli Rogerson – Andy Kotson – Logan Hartle – Seth Evick – Lee Doyle – Brandon Richey – Roger Best – Corey Cook.

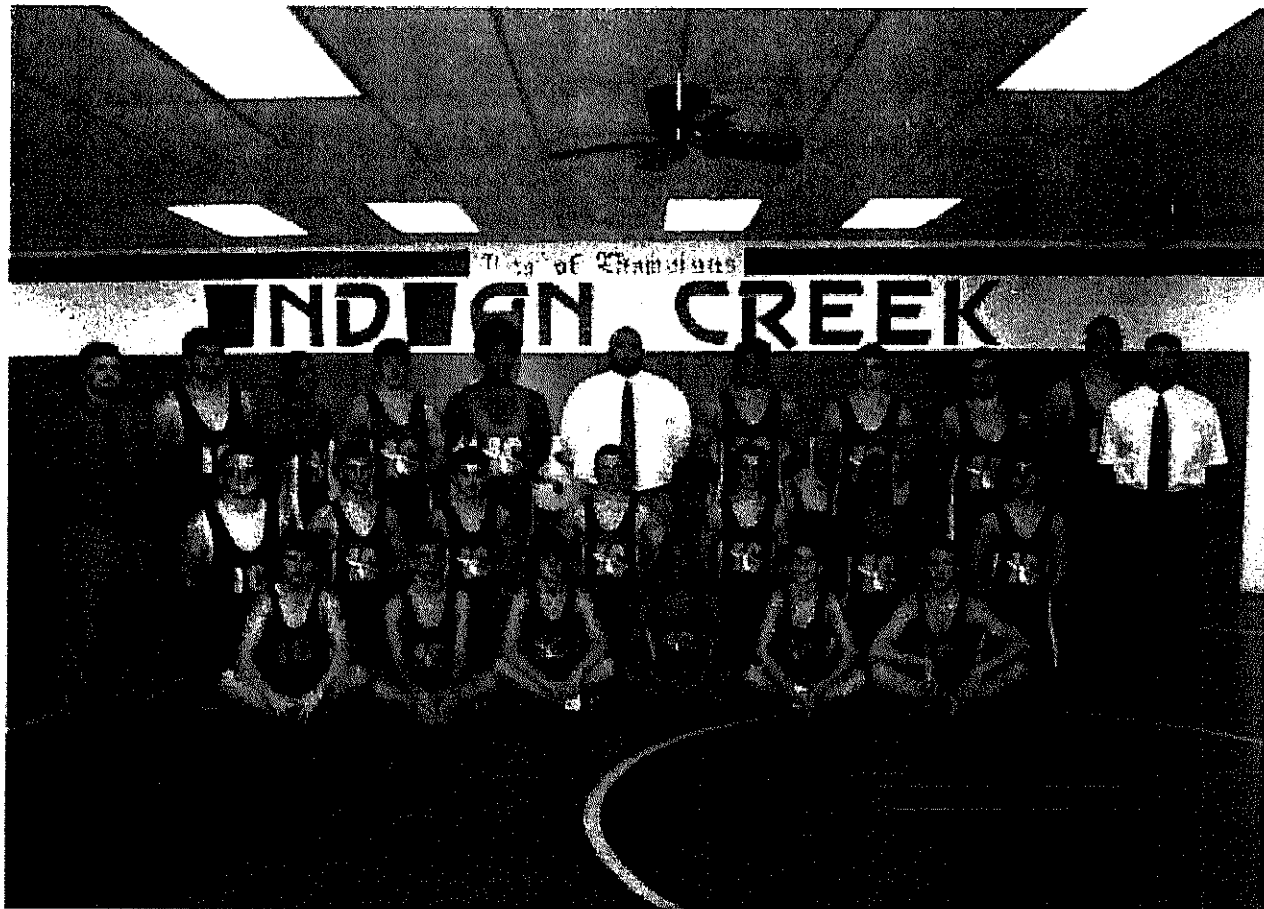
2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Sean Howard – Guy Rayl – Seth Skrypek – Mark Chambers – Jason Koontz – Mitchell Rose – Marcus Geer – Dustin Richey – Alex Lee – Corey Adkins.

3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Coach, Ted Zervos – Coach, Paul Simmons – Mike Davis – Rick West – Zach Ewing – Josh Ewing – Brandon Rickman – Zack Moore – Shawn Simmons – Nelson Hooker – Coach, Ed West.

## GO MONARCHS !!!

# Indian Creek Wrestling

2003-2004

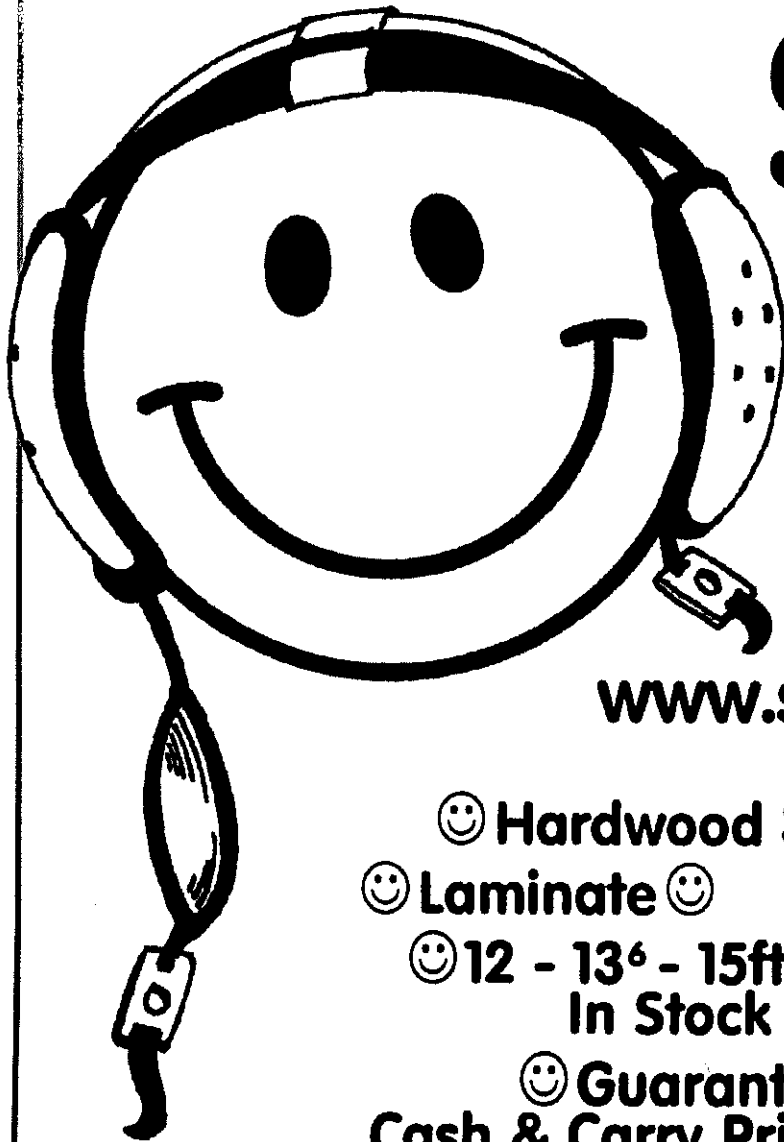


## **2003-2004 VARSITY WRESTLING ROSTER:**

*Front Row L-R: Zack Hennis, Eam Landis, Craig Johnston, Robbie Martin, James Myers, David Ludwig. Second Row L-R: Nathan Osz, Matt Emery, Clyde Jordan, Zac Pendleton, Dylan Pendleton, Shane Walters, Brandon Snider. Third Row L-R: Assistant Coach Brandon Pendleton, NEOT, Duane Sims, Kellen Hughes, Maurice Hines, Assistant Coach Mike Blackburn, Brandon Bowina, Kenny Oliver, Adam Couser, Cory Hammonds, Head Coach John Rocchi*

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