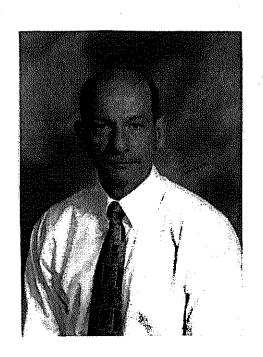
Fifty Second Annual

Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Wrestling Tournament

The Largest Conference Tournament in the Unisted States

WesBankCo Arena Wheeling, West Virginia



Larry Shaw Dedicated, Demanding and Disciplined

Thursday - Friday - Saturday January 20, 21 & 22, 2005

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 52nd Anniversary and its 26 years of 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 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 most pleasant and memorable experience.

Once a visitor to Wheeling . . . never a stranger again!

By competing, you are all CHAMPIONS!!!

With warmest regards,

The Mayor, City Manager and Council Members

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 2005 OVAC President

I am proud to be the director of the Fifty Second Annual OVAC Wrestling Tournament. I began directing the event in 1979 when it was first conducted in the Wheeling Civic Center. Throughout the last 51 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 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 four (4) permanently installed scholarship funds that over the years have afforded 57 deserving OVAC wrestlers an amazing \$57,000 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 52nd Anniversary of the tournament and 27 years of a mutually beneficial relationship with the City of Wheeling and welcome the corprate 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.

25th Anniversary Reunion 1979 O V A C CHAMPIONS

96 - Barry Barbs	Wheeling Park
105 - Randy Pryst	₩dz
112 - Treat Iackini	Stanbeaville
119 - Carl Stanley	Wheating Park
126 - Bek Weigand	Wheeling Park
132 - Paul Carms	
138 - Told Below	
145 - Jeff Hobbs	Jafferson Union
155 - Stave Potlerajac	Jeffersen Union
157 - Greg Xerris	John Marshall
176 - Tim Bewara	
185 - Gog Lekasky	John Varnhali
HWT - Bob Agordini	Cadia

WELCOME BACK, CHAMPS !!!!

Ron Mauck Tournament Director OVAC Wrestling Tournament

2003-2004 OVAC EXECUTIVE BOARD



Martin Hudek President Weirton



Mark Matz Past President Bridgeport



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Dan Doyle Ohio Member Shenandoah



George Kohelis Ohio Member Buckeye Local



Dianna Vargo West Virginia Member Wheeling Park



Timothy Haught West Virgina Member Magnolia



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Ed Cihy AA Represenative Wheeling Central



Warren Hood AAA Reprsenative Martins Ferry



Blaire Closser AAAA Represenative Bickeye Local



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52nd Annual OVAC Wrestling Tournament 2005 Meet Sessions

First Session - Thurs. January 20, 2005 - 6:00 P.M. (8 Mats)

Second Session – Fri. January 21, 2005 – 11:00 A.M. (8 Mats)

Third Session – Fri. January 21, 2005 – 5:00 P.M. (8 Mats)

Fourth Session – Sat. January 22, 2005 – 12:00 P.M. (4 Mats)

Championship Semi-Finals & 5th Round Semi-Final Consolations Fifth Session — Sat. January 22, 2005 — 6:00 P.M.

Introductions/ Ceremonies CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING

(4 mats)
Contestants Vying for 1st - 3^{rd - 5th - 7th Place}

2005 OVAC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

Jack Regis – Martins Ferry John "Doc" Holliday – Clarington, OH

Larry Deaton – Martins Ferry Jim Copney - Wheeling
Ray Marling – Martins Ferry Barry Gashel – Claysville,PA

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Lou Coffland - Cadiz

Ray Jefferis - Barnesville

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Rules Interpreter

Dr. William A. Welker – Wheeling W.VA. State Rules Interpreter Public Relations

Ray Anthony – Columbia Station, OH

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





OVAC WRESTLING

Thursday Night
Openning Ceremonies
January 20, 2005

SESSION I.

4:00-5:00 P.M. 5:05 P.M. *Weigh-ins (Scales donated by Ohio Valley Scales)

05 P.M. Coaching Meeting and scratch schedule

5:30-5:55 P.M.

Warm-up on mats

5:30-5:35

Oak Glen
 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 Teams exit to Olympic theme 6:20 Assistant Wrestling "Coach of the Year Award" 6:25 6:27 Junior High School "Coach of the Year Award" Sidney"Sid" A. Stoltz Memorial Award 6:30 6:32 James "Dead Eye" H. Morris Sportsmanship Award Program Cover Story 6.33 6:35 Announce on deck wrestlers

OVAC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Friday January 21, 2005

Session II.

Session III.

10:30 A.M.	Wrestlers Warm-up	5:30 P.M.	Wrestlers Warm-up
10:55	Wrestlers leave mat area	5:55	Wrestlers leave mat area
11:00	National Anthem	6:00	National Anthem
11:03	announce on deck wrestlers	6:05	Special Award Presenters
		6:10	announce on deck wrestlers

SATURDAY JANUARY 22, 2005

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. INTORDUCTION

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

Team Trophies & Banners

"A" Runner-Up
"A" Champion

"AA" Runner-Up
"AA" Champion

"AAA" Runner-Up
"AAA" Champion

"AAAA" Runner-Up "AAAA" Champion

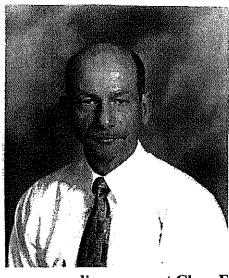
Over-All Champion

Most Valuable Wrestler

Dave Bierkortte Award Winner

6:05 P.M.	Introduction to Past Campioins 1980 Steve Kish, 25th Reunion Coordinator
6:15	Parade of Champions
6:20	National Anthem
6:25	Announcement of "Mr. Mat-2005"
6:25	Parade of Champions Exit
6:30	championship Matches

ALL WEIGHT CLASS PLACERS
WILL RECEIVE THEIR INDIVIDUAL
AWARDS
FROM THEIR RESPECTIVECOACHES
AS PRESENTED BY
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VALLEY



Larry Shaw "A RECIPE FOR SUCCESS"

A native Mountaineer, Larry was reared in Daniels, West Virginia and graduated from nearby Shady Spring High School.

He received his Bachelors Degree in Physical Education and Library Science from Concord College and his Masters Degree from Marshall University in 1978. After

spending a year at Clear Fork High School, he came to Oak Glen where he serves as librarian.

He and his wife, Cindy, also a librarian at East Liverpool Middle School, met while attending library science classes at Concord College. They reside in New Manchester and will be celebrating their twenty-fifth (25th) wedding anniversary on June 21.

Those who know Larry can tell you that the conditions that he places on his wrestlers are the very rigorous life-long self-same disciplines to which he strictly adheres.

There is a price to be paid if you have a desire to be a member of his team. He expects total commitment, dedication and perseverance. Anything less is unacceptable.

Larry's attention to detail is readily recognizable in all that he is and has accomplished. His desire for excellence compels him to demand and expect it from his team.

He has unquestioned loyalty and support from his staff and provides it in like amounts. He is a highly organized individual who demonstrates it through the actions of his charges.

The stability that he has provided for the past twenty-five (25) years has established a quality program with continuity that attests to who he is and what he can accomplish. He truly epitomizes the adage, "Coaching is teaching in its finest form".

The success of the Oak Glen "Golden Bears" wrestling program makes them the envy of every school in the State of West Virginia as evidenced by the "slay Goliath" attitude taken by fans at the State Tournament and on the internet.

John Craig, Principal at Indian Creek and former head coach at Steubenville where he won 6 OVAC Tournament Championships and was selected by his peers as Mr. Mat of 2002, says of his former adversary, "His accomplishments speak volumes about the quality of his program. He definitely is one of the outstanding coaches in the valley and is highly respected in both West Virginia and Ohio."

Dr. Nick Trombetta, Superintendent of Midland Borough Schools in PA., Administrator of the Western Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School and 2 time OVAC Champions while Head Coach at East Liverpool, says of his former colleague, "We had a healthy spirited rivalry which served to generate newfound interest in wrestling in our area. It was the intensity of this rivalry that gave birth to "The Battle for the Bridge" leading to packed gyms. I always new that his kids would be well prepared and in excellent condition. The sportsmanship exhibited by his team is a tribute to Larry's demanding leadership. His dedication, determination and discipline dictate the recipe for his proven success."

You need only to look at his record to recognize the phenomenal accomplishments attributed to his dynamic leadership:

TEAM RECORDS

- ✓ OVAC AAA Dual Meet Champions (5) '99 through '04
- ✓ OVAC AAAA Dual Meet Champions '85, '90 and '98
- ✓ OVAC Tournament Champions '91, '02 and '04
- ✓ WV AAA State Runner-Up (5) '87 through '91
- ✓ WV A-AA State Champions (8) '97 through '04

COACHING HONORS

- ✓ 25 year dual meet record 257-88-4
- ✓ OVAC AAAA Wrestling Coach of the Year '91 and '98
- ✓ OVAC AAA Wrestling Coach of the Year (6)—'99 through '04
- ✓ WVWCA State Wrestling Coach of the Year '97
- ✓ National Wrestling Coaches Assn. WV Coach of the Year –'99, '01 and '02
- ✓ Raleigh County Wrestling Hall of Fame Beckley, WV '00
- ✓ OVAC All-Sport Coach of the Year Bill Van Horne Award '00
- ✓ WV Sports Writers All-Sport Coach of the Year '02
- ✓ Dapper Dan Man of the Year '03

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



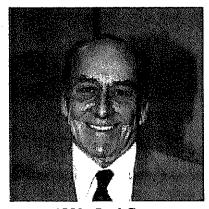
1979: Richard Edge Principal, Springfield High



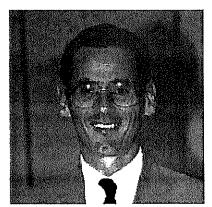
1980: George Walley John Marshall Athletic Director



1981: Bob Hedmond Steubenville Athletic Director



1982: Paul Crago Marshall County Schools



1983: Dr. Vincent Monseau West Liberty State College

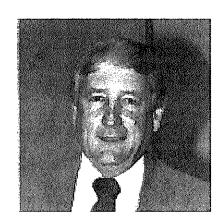


1984: Bill Hinegardner John Marshall High School

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



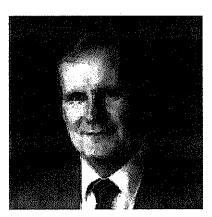
1989: Steve Kish Principal, Bellaire High School



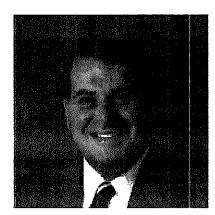
1990: Carl Fodor Hancock County Schools



1991: Dr. William Welker Warwood Middle School



1992: Larry Deaton Martins Ferry



1993: John Stephenson Cadiz High School

OVAC MR. MAT AWARD 1994-2004



1994: Joe Bates Woodsfield High School



1995: Bob Bruney Martins Ferry High School



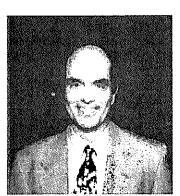
1996: Larry Chambers Moundsville Jr. High School



1997: Gary Davis Beallsville High School



1998: Cal Pokas Martins Ferry Time Leader



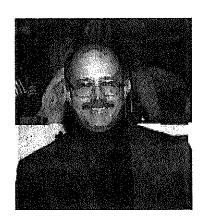
1999: Tom Lackman Jefferson Union



2000: Ed "Buzz" Evans Wheeling Park High School



2001: William McEldowney Wheeling



2002: John Craig Indian Creek



2003: Ed Dugas John Marshall



2004: Jeff Oberdick Martins Ferry

OVAC Overall Tournament Team Champions

1954-2004

	 -	
1954	Bridgeport High School	George Kovalick
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1961	Martins Ferry High School	John "Corky" Vrotsos
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1963	Martins Ferry High School	John "Corky" Vrotsos
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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	Beaver Local High School	Rich Wright
2003	Oak Glen	Larry Shaw
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MATCH RESULTS	WRESTLERS	GRADE	SCHOOL	PLACE
103 lbs.				
1-0	James Myers	9	Indian Creek	1
	Ron Green	10	Wheeling Park	2
6-2	Mike Lehotay	11	Meadowbrook	3
	Dustin Daugherty	10	Cambridge	4
11-5	Brandon Davis	10	Oak Glen	5
	Daniel Felton	9	Brooke	6
4-1	Derik Caudill	10	Beaver Local	7
	Brian Scammell	11	St. Clairsville	8
112 lbs.				
3-1	Abbie Rush	10	Wheeling Park	1
	Anthony Duffield	11	East Liverpool	2
1-0	Brandon Miller	11	Oak Glen	3
	Corey Lemasters	11	Caldwell	4
3-2	Sean Miller	9	Cambridge	5
	Jarrod Shaw	11	Brooke	6
4-2	Logan Hartle	11	John Marshall	7
	Robbie Martin	11	Indian Creek	8
119 lbs.				
3-1	Brian Humphrey	12	Wheeling Park	1
	Joe Skoff	10	St. John	2
3-2	Luke Hoppel	11	Beaver Local	3
	Anthony Valles	12	Weirton Madonna	4
Default	Matt Smith	12	Brooke	5
	Nate Gossett	12	Union Local	6
	Torey Prickett	9	Monroe Central	7
. 8-7	Daniel Magers	10	Barnesville	8
125 lbs.				
6-4	Willie Saxton	10	Buckeye Local	1
0.0	Johnathan McFarland	12	Brooke	2
9-3	Mick Nicola	10	St. John	3
D 11 0 44	Shane Wright	12	Oak Glen	4
Fall 3:53	Justin Seebach	10	Caldwell	5
0.2	Tony Carosiello	11	Wellsville	6
9-3	David Blawut	12	Harrison Ctrl.	7
•	Kelly Hughes	11	Cameron	8



MATO	CH RESULTS	WRESTLERS	GRADE	SCHOOL	PLACE
130 lb)S.				
200 110	T. Fall 17-1	Clay Tucker	11	Martins Ferry	1
	-, -	Mike Durbin	12	Brooke	2
	5-3	Jesse Emery	12	Harrison Ctrl.	3
		Jessie Mahan	10	Oak Glen	4
	3-0	Todd Schmelzenbach	12	Shenandoah	5
		Chris Bond	12	Caldwell	6
	Fall 1:51	Kayne Melko	10	St. John	7
		Shain Nickerson	12	Buckeye Local	8
135 lb	S.			·	
	6-5	Branden Shaw	12	Brooke	1
		Aaron Brown	12	Monroe Central	2
	2-1	Shawn Dunn	11	Beaver Local	3
		Matt Saxton	12	Buckeye Local	4
	Maj. Dec.				
	14-6	Ben Phillips	12	Harrison Ctrl.	5
		Brennon Chambers	11	Oak Glen	6
		Josh Wheeler	12	Steubenville	7
	Maj. Dec.				
	13-3	Brandon Richey	9	John Marshall	8
140 lb	s.				
	6-3	Zack Schuller	10	Buckeye Local	1
		Ryan Ferguson	12	Monroe Central	2
	2-1; 2 OT	Alex Lee	12	John Marshall	3
		Luke Warren	11	Martins Ferry	4
	Default	Grant Hoppel	11	Beaver Local	5
		Jeff Cumpston	11	Cameron	6
	Fall 3:33	Tom Carpenter	12	St. John	7
		Brandon McCort	11	Bellaire	8
145 lb	s.				
	10-5	Casey Hughes	12	Cameron	1
		Dustin Richey	11	JOhn Marshall	2
	5-4	Todd Hunkley	12	St. John	3
		David Babel	12	Buckeye Local	4
	Maj. Dec.	Billy Frollini	11	Shadyside	5
		Joe Ballanca	12	Beaver Local	6
	8-4	Luke Bumbico	12	Martins Ferry	7
		Alan Buzzard	12	Wellsville	8



MATCH RESULTS	WRESTLERS	GRADE	SCHOOL	PLACE
152 lbs.				
7-4	Brock Bowman	12	Buckeye Local	1
	Rhett Northcraft	11	Oak Glen	2
7-4	Jesse Irwin	12	Shadyside	3
	Thad Crosier	12	Steubenville	4
6-3	Clayton Benedict	12	Monroe Central	5
	Bud Hines	10	Barnesville	6
Default	Matt Hannahs	12	Shenandoah	7
	Corey Adkins	12	John Marshall	8
160 lbs.				
3-2 OT	Dana Davis	11	Brooks	1
	Chris Case	12	St. John	2
2-1 OT	Jason Bahmer	12	Barnesville	3
	Kellen Hughes	12	Indian Creek	4
4-2	Garrett Railing	12	Oak Glen	5
	Mitch Costa	11	Edison	6
6-5	Josh Cologoe	10	Buckeye Local	7
	Mike Hepburn	12	Bellaire	8
171 lbs.				÷
Maj. Dec.				
15-6	Chris Yoder	11	Martins Ferry	1
	Luke Burkhardt	12	Shadyside	2
5-4 OT	David Ross	12	Steubenville	3
	Chris Stevens	11	Oak Glen	4
Fall 4:20	Shawn Simmons	11	John Marshall	5
	Jacob Zerkle	11	Shenandoah	6
Fall 0:28	Nathan Loughran	11	Brooke	7
	Dusty McVay	11	Union Local	. 8
189 lbs.				
3-1 OT	Cody Tominach	12	Wheeling Park	1
	Bobby Samsa	12	Shadyside	2
Default	John Horn	10	Shenandosh	3
	Daniel Howard	12	St. Clairsville	4
6-0	Josh Ewing	12	John Marshall	5
	David Foltz	11	Oak Glen	6
4-2	James Beech	11	Steubenville	7
	Mike Pratt	11	Harrison Ctrl.	8
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MATCH RESULTS	WRESTLER	GRADE	SCHOOL	PLACE
215 lbs.				
4-3	Cody Potts	11	Oak Glen	1
	Codey Leach	12	Shenandoah	2
3-1	Brandon Bovina	11	Indian Creek	3
	Brad Hannahs	12	Barnesville	4
3-1 OT	Jim Bowersock	10	Beaver Local	5 '
	Andrew Corder	10	Harrison Central	6
Dq.	Jim Compston	12	Union Local	7
	Dirk Soland	11	Bellaire	8
275 lbs.				
7-3	Adam Hoppel	12	Beaver Local	1
	Koel Davia	12	Union Local	2
2-1 OT	Maurice Hines	10	Indian Creek	3
	S. Neuenschwander	12	St. Clairsville	4
4-2	Lucas Michel	11	Shenandoah	5
	Eric Wagner	12	Buckeye Local	6
10-8	Andrew Fegal	12	Weir	7
	Wesley Haslam	11	River	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.

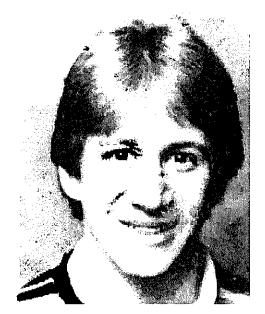
Since he was such a dynamic individual, who as a Wheeling Park wrestler, had yet to reach his full potential in this sport that he loved, how fitting and appropriate that they decided to help a gifted student/athlete attain his full potential in the career of his choice.

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.

YEAI	R NAME	SCHOOL	COLLEGE
1983	John Witzberger	Wheeling Central	West Virginia University West Liberty
1984	Todd Rowe	Wheeling Park	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
2003	David Bertolino	Buckey Local	Iowa State University
2004	Jason Bahmer	Barnesville	U.S. Military at West point

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 commerated 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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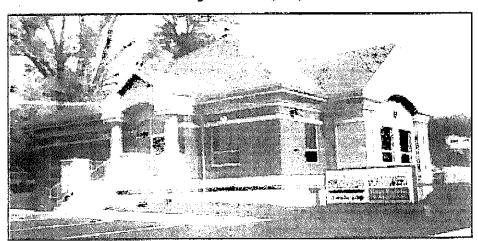
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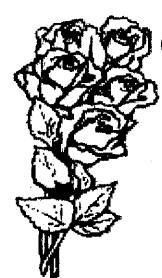


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2	Shadyside	2	Monroe Central
3	Cameron	3	Barnsville
4	Beallsville	4	Caldwell
5	Weirton Madonna	5	Wellsville
6	Linsly	6	River
7	Connotton Valley	7	Stubenville Central
8	Bishop Donahue	8	Wheeling Central

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1	Oak Glen	1	Buckeye Local
2	Indian Creek	2	Brooke
3	Martins Ferry	3	Beaver Local
4	Harrison Central	4	Wheeling Park
5	Union Local	5	John Marshall
6	St. Clairsville	6	Steubenville
7	Bellaire	7	Cambridge
8	Medowbrook	8	East Liverpool
9	Tyler Consolidated	9	Edison Local
10	Magnolia	10	Weir High

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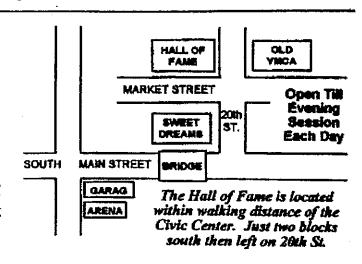
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2003	Dr. William Welker
2004	Rick Crosier
2005	?????????

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, Jefff and Gregg. (Both former *OVAC Wrestling Champions*) In 1997 following there 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

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2000	Randy Elliott - Oak Glen
2001	Rete Cuffaro - Wheeling

2002	iom & Linda Myers - wheeling
2003	Lawrence "Rabe" Schmitt Ir - Wheeling

2003 Lawrence "Babe" Schmitt, Jr - Wheeling 2004 Steve Shaffer - Wheeling Park

Scholarship Award Winners

Pual Grinch - Shadyside

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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 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 George Kovalick MemorialWrestling Scholarship

1980	Mike Patone, Magnolia	1992	John Gibeaut, Union Local
1981	Bob Furr, Beallsville	1993	Dave Norris, Cameron
1982	Dave Delande, St. Clairsville	1994	Chad Burge, Cameron
1983	Scott Mills, Steubenville	1995	Brian Roskovich, Bridgeport
1984	Tim Ward, Bealsville	1996	Eric Anderson, St. John's
1985	Charlie Keenan, Steubenville	1997	Sean Doyle, Buckeye Local
	Darrin Heavilin, Cadiz	1998	Aaron Monseau, Wheeling Park
1986	Mike Imbroscio, Bellaire	1999	Craig Bruney, Martins Ferry
1987	Vinnie Monseau, Wheeling Park	2000	Steve, Ochap, Wheeling Park
1988	Dan Keenan, Stuebenville	2001	Tyler Hughes, Cameron
1989	Reed Case, Cadiz	2002	Chris Taylor, John Marshall
1990	Ed Neely, Weirton	2003	Phil Bliss, Brooke
1991	Eric Potts, Cameron1992	2004	Casey Hughes, Cameron

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 Tourna ment. 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
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2000	Scott Roth	Martins Ferry High SChool
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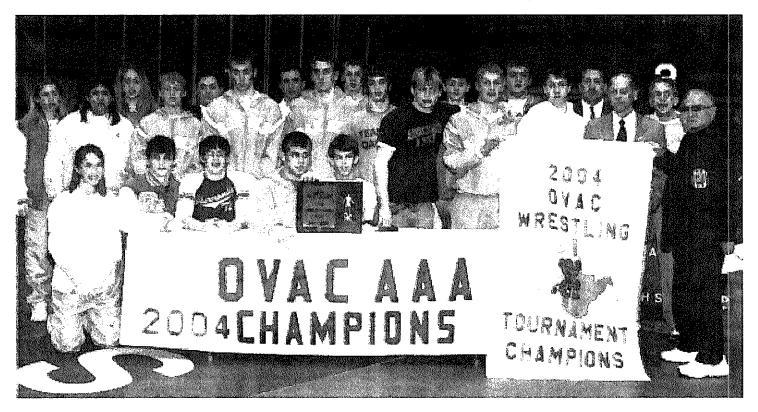
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AAA - Oak Glen

AA - Shenandoha

A - St. John Central

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AAAA - Buckeye Local

AAA - Oak Glenn

AA - Caldwell

A - Shadyside

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Brooke

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HERCULES AWARD

James Myers - Indian Creek

GEORGE KOVALIK WRESTLING SCHOLARSHIP

Casey Hughes - Cameron

MATT SALABERRY WRESTLING SCHOLARSHIP

Lucas Burkhardt - Shadyside

25th ANNIVERSARY REUNION 1980 OVAC CHAMPIONS

98 - Tim Ralph	Oak Glen	
105 – Mike Carpenter	Beallsville	
112 - Dave Delande	St. Clairsville	
119 - Trent Iachini	Steubenville	
126 – Mark Kosky	Bellaire St. John	
132 - Larry Mazzella	Brooke	
138 – Rick Crosier	Steubenville	
145 – Rusty Conner	John Marshall	
155 – Brian Lewis	Cadiz	
167 – Mike Brooks	Cadiz	
175 - Don Moxley	Barnesville	
185 – Rich Schoene	John Marshall	
Hwt - Scott Woodford	Martins Ferry	
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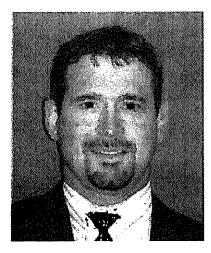
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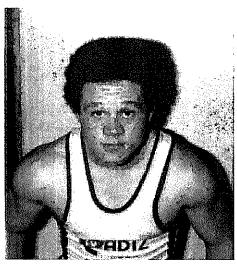
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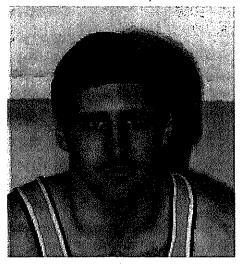
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While evolving, man has perpetuated this innate desire to demonstrate such superiority. However, in a more enlightened society, it has progressed from battles to the death, by creating and refining games and sports, which may determine a winner by 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!

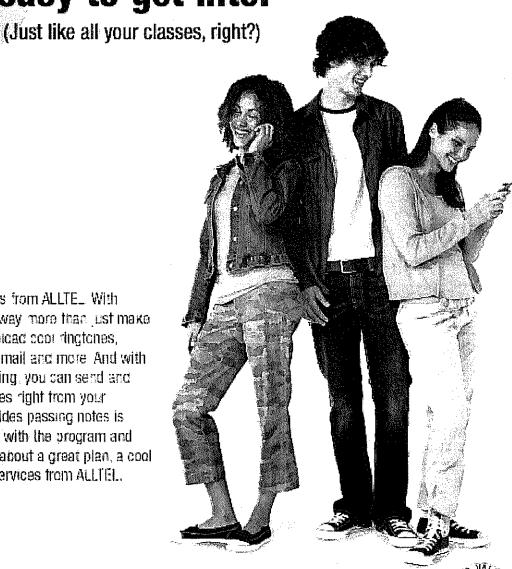
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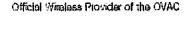
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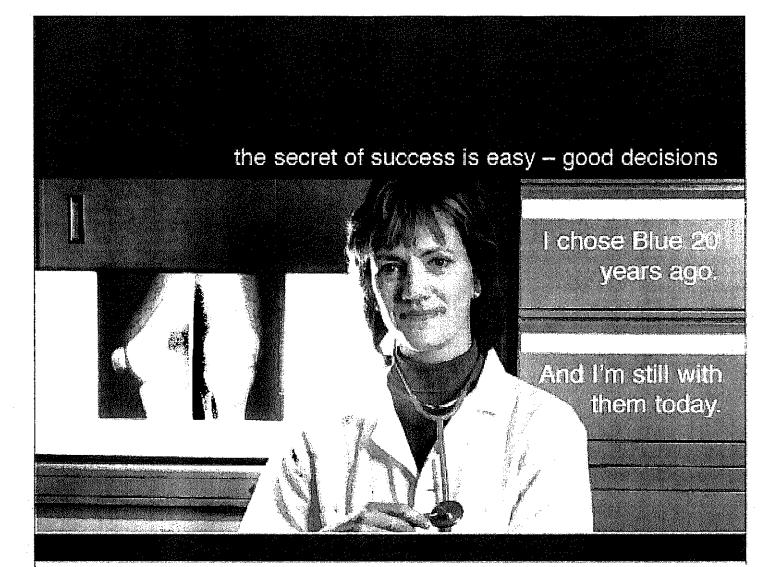
Excuses for losing they will never endure, "Don't blame the ref, son, because of the score, The coach, he will show you the best way to move. Keep working in practice if you want to improve."

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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FRESHMAN JITTERS

by Fred Miller



Worshrag had the freshman jitters. You could see it in his face and his tentative moves on the mat. The supremely confident eighth grader who posted a 23-0 season last year (22 of them pins) was gone or hiding. In his place was a freshman wrestling not to lose.

But lose he did, 6-2, in his first high school varsity match. Everyone clapped him on the back and told him he Wrestled well. I reminded him that in my first varsity match, 39 years ago, my only success was in not getting pinned. His coach told him he did fine and not to worry

about it, that it would come. "You wrestled well . . . but you lost!" I said jokingly.

A JV teammate was enough of a friend to needle him, too. "Why'd you quit wrestling?" he asked, referring to Worshrag's slowness to go on the attack in the third period when he was losing 4-2.

"What if he never wins?" my wife fretted.

"He's a good wrestler. He'll win his share this year," I assured her.

My wife and I were of course proud when our son, Worshrag, made his high school varsity as a freshman. But we worried, too, especially her.

A lot was expected of him, in spite of his freshie status. My mother often said, "When much is given, much is expected".

People downplayed the expectations, but they were there nevertheless.

Wrestling fans I didn't even know would stop me on the street to ask how Worshrag was looking this year. When you lose only one middle school match through seventh and eighth grades, word gets around.

"I wish he was wrestling JV this year," Honey said more than once, anxiety in her voice and a worried mother look on her face.

Then there was Worshrag's nagging shoulder injury. He hurt his shoulder two years ago, hurt it again in swimming this summer and yet again in a pre-season wrestling scrimmage. Was it the old injury that didn't heal right or a new, typical wrestling type injury?

While still a teenager, Honey hurt her shoulder. It has bothered her throughout her life. She worried about Worshrag suffering the same fate. "I'd be just as happy if he never wrestled again," she said, and meant it.

If Worshrag had to quit wrestling, there's no question about who it would hurt the most, ME. I took Worshrag to peewee wrestling when he was six and it has been an integral part of our lives ever since. When wrestling season approaches, I am like a kid on Christmas Eve. During the season, my every other thought is about wrestling; about the team, about my son's opponents, about him making weight.

I try to be low-key, but I'm so proud I could bust, and it would darn near kill me if he had to give up wrestling.

My son loves wrestling, lives wrestling, is a wrestler in the roots of his personality in the way only wrestlers understand. But when his shoulder was hurting so bad, he thought about it and decided he could give it up if he had to. It wouldn't be the end of the world. He's a great kid and his life is about so much more than wrestling.

We thought about him having to wrestle juniors and seniors who look more like men than boys. We thought, too, about the good wrestlers who labor faithfully in junior varsity for two or three years in hopes of getting their shot at the varsity. Worsh had been so lucky there was no upper-classman stud in his weight class. It almost seemed unfair, too easy.

We had to remind ourselves, Worshrag had earned his spot on varsity through what ... how many wrestling camps?...how many after-school practices?...how many 6 A.M. awakenings on Saturday mornings to caravan to all-day youth tournaments?...how many reps on the weight bench... and how many times eating salad instead of cake or pie?

Worshrag lost his second match, still looking tentative. In his third match, he was losing 11-2 in the second period and just looked out of his league, out of sync, out of something. Then it kicked in!

My wife said, "I think he decided if he's going to lose, he might as well lose trying."

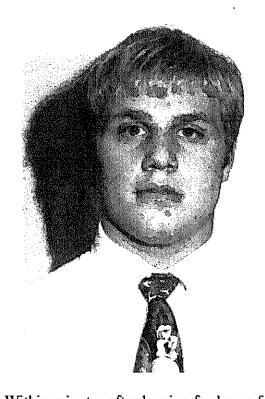
Worsh went on the offensive. He got a takedown! He scored back points! The other kid started looking at the scorer's table to see how long he had to hang on. Worshrag was finishing moves instead of pulling up short. He was wrestling as an equal, not as a freshman against a senior. He was wrestling to win!

He still lost on points, 11-9, but it was a win in every other sense of the word.

"My son is back!" my wife said gleefully. Sometimes I think she's as bad as I am.

Miller is a reporter and feature writer for *The Review* in East Liverpool. He was the 138# OVAC Wrestling Champion from Oak Glen in 1968.

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. Hurcules 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.

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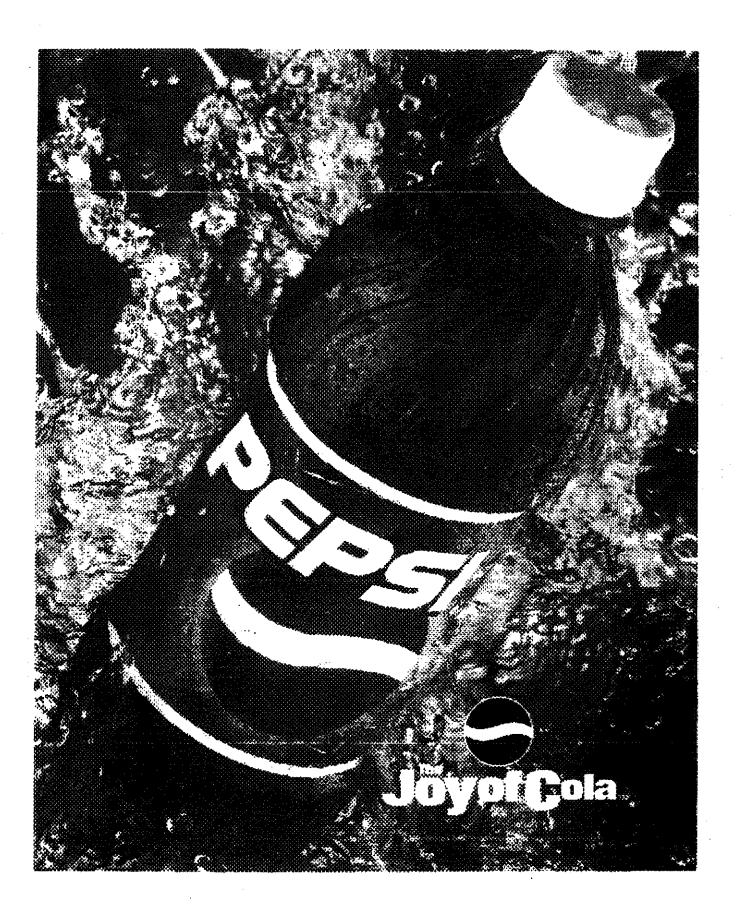




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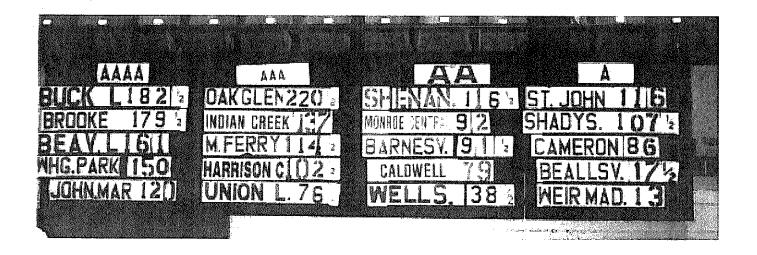
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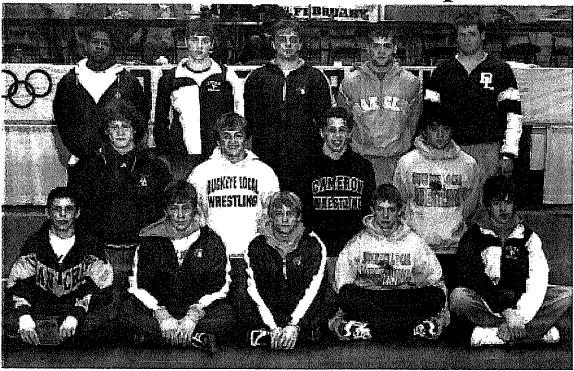
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Conotton Valley (118)

Beallsville (132)

Valley (180)

Cameron (192)

St. John (195)

Brideport (200)

Linsly (204)

Shadyside (211)

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Bellaire (355)

Tyler Consolidated (369)

Magnolia (403)

Martins Ferry (404)

Union Local (407)

Indian Creek (454)

Oak Glen (456)

Harrison Central (497)

meadowbrook (506)

AA

Wellsville (235)

Caldwell (239)

Frontier (240)

Toronto (240)

Fort Frye (282)

Buckeye Trail (284)

River (291)

Steubenville Catholic Central (294)

Monroe Central (300)

Shenandoah (308)

Barnesville (325)

Wheeling Central Catholic (336)

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Weir High (550)

Steubenville (550)

Cambridge (592)

Buckeye Local (597)

Beaver Local (601)

Edison (647)

East Liverpool (765)

Brooke High (847)

Zanesville (853)

John Marshall (1113)

Wheeling Park (1346)

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Oak Glen	.13	1	0
Martins Ferry	9	3	0
Harrison Central	5	2	0
Indian Creek	10	4	0
Union Local	12	14	0
Bellaire	9	10	0
St. Clairsville	5	9	0
Tyler Consolidated	10	12	0
Meadowbrook	7	12	0
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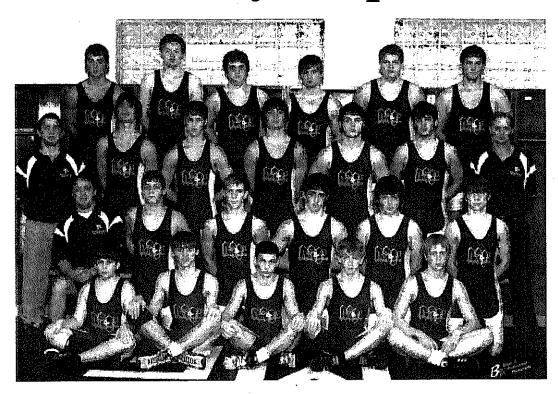
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Barnesville	3	3	0
Wellsville	7	3	0
River	6	7	0
Steubenville Catholic	4	5	0
Wheeling Central	1	15	0

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Shadyside	9	2	0
Cameron	17	3	0
Bishop Donahue	2	1	0
Beallsville	7	7	0
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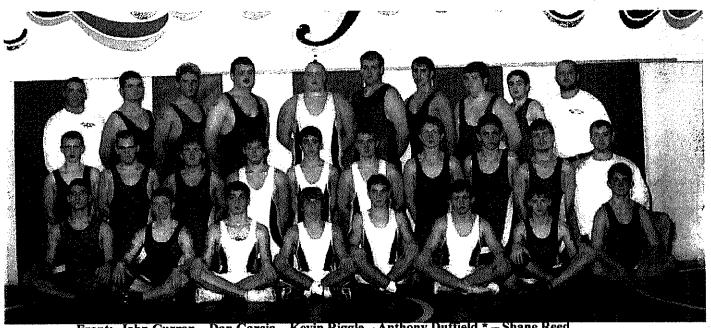
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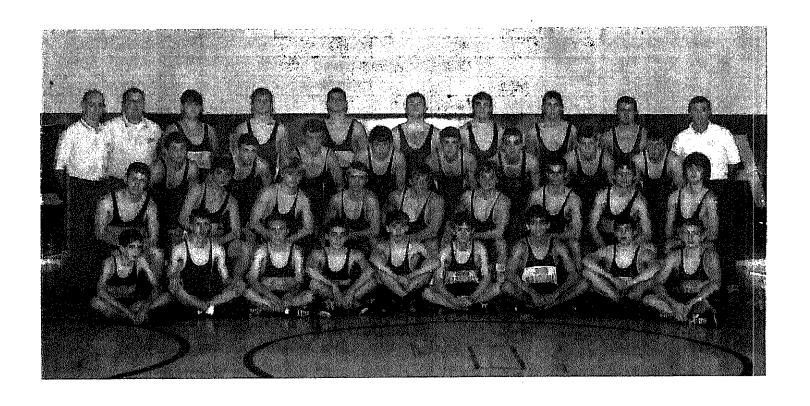




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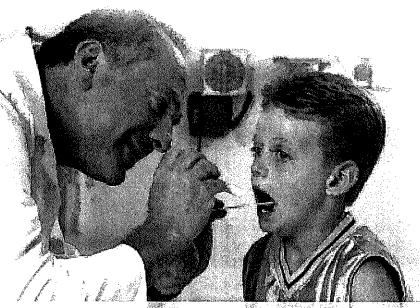
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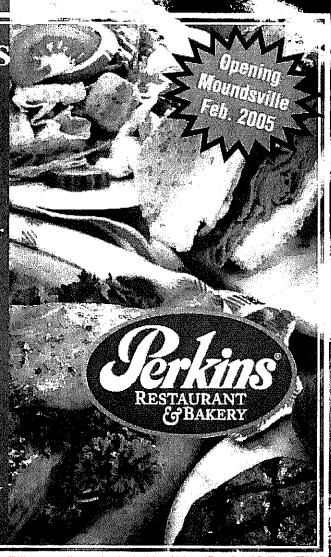
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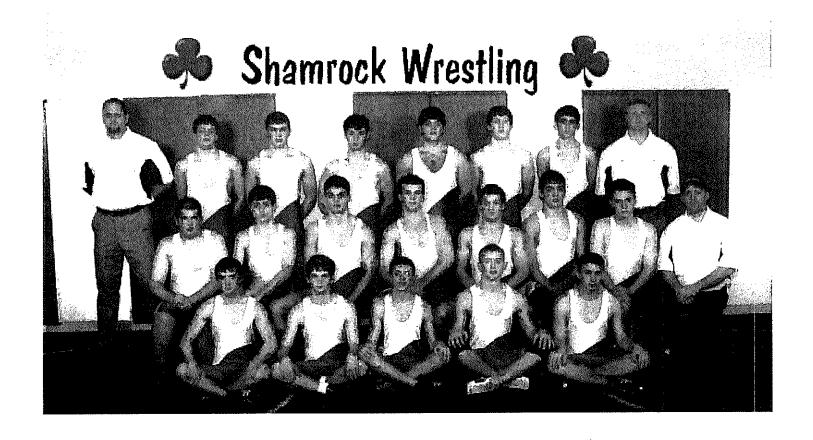
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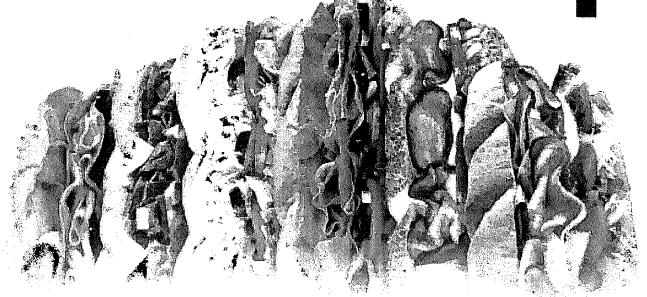
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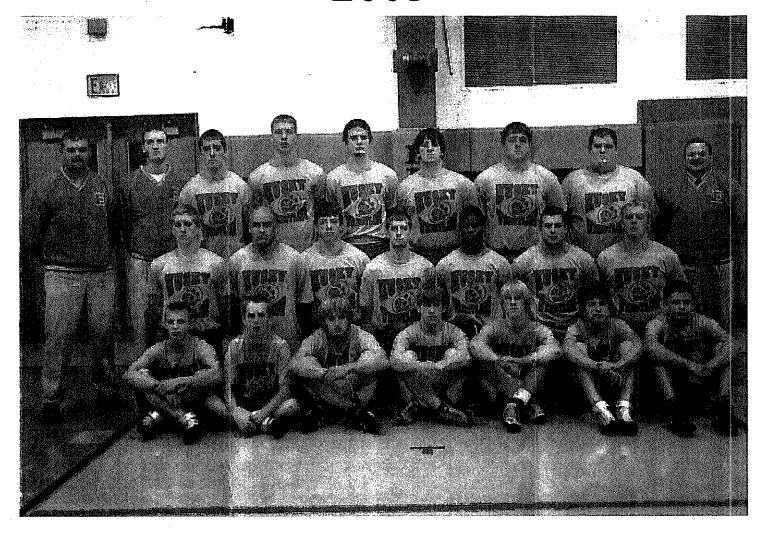
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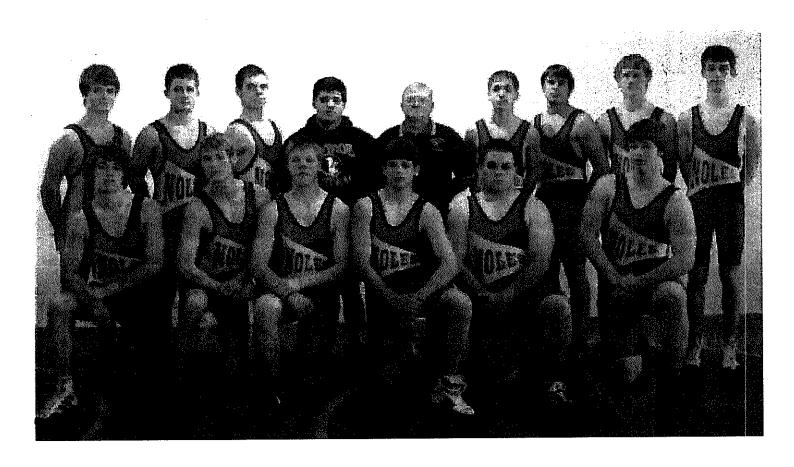




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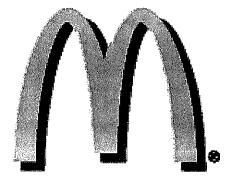
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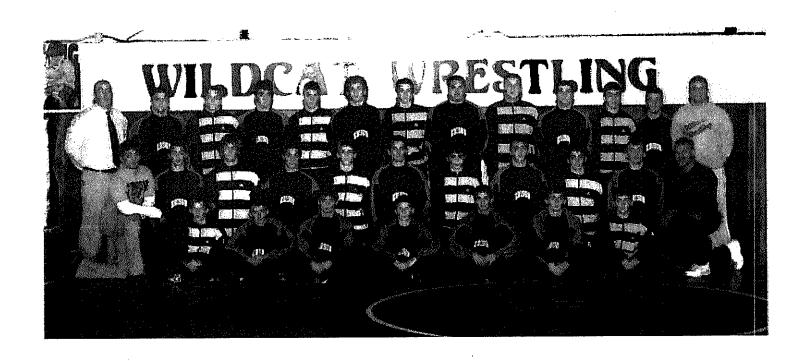


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Kneeling: Asst. Coach, John Prokopakis - Corbin Cline - Tyler Waugh - Daniel Goodwin

Blake Widmann - Tyler Prokopakis - Jarod Glover - Kevin Ingram - Nick Stine

Chris Brancker - Asst. Coach, John Costa

Standing: Head Coach, Bill Koehnlein – Jack Thompson – Josh Richardson – Mark McCourt –

Chris Decker – Mitch Costa – Obie Search – Jeremiah Hinerman – Martin McCallister John Grim – Anthony Berardinelli – Jonathan Stewart – Asst. Coach, Carl Bernhart

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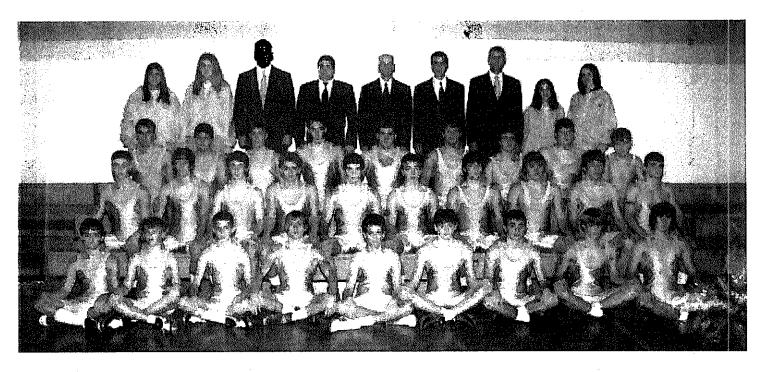
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Brennon Chambers

2nd Row: T.J. Osborn – Zack Six – Matt Murray – Chris Martin – Joel Timmons Jack Wright – Cody Miller – Rhett Northcraft – Josh Greathouse Jessie Mahan

3rd Row: David Foltz – John Blewitt – Casey McDougal – Chris Stevens Cody Potts – Bryan Rowland – David Collins – Ryan Heath Mark Montgomery

4th Row: Lindsay Mumford – Erin Todd – Coach, Bob Wilson Coach, Rick Brown – Head Coach, Larry Shaw – Coach, Mark Wiersbecki

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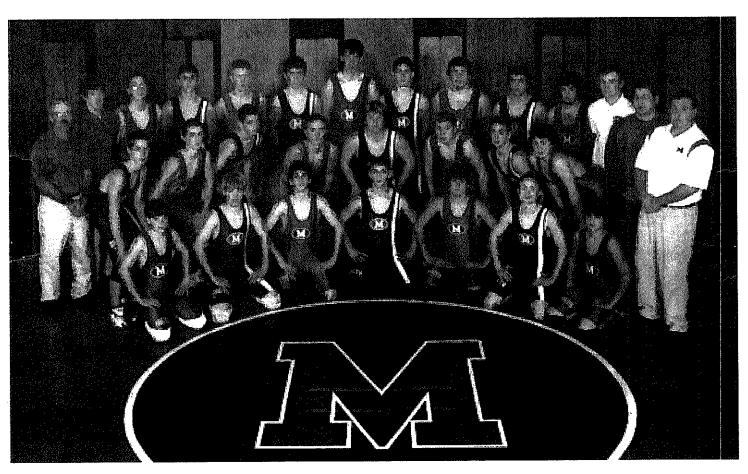
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Mike Stillion - Steve Aber - Taylor Harless - Sean Davis

Back: Coach, Tom Lehotay - Coach, Ben Cain - David Jackson - Nate Furry

Jimmy Keyser - Jared Carder - Christian Wolfe - Roger Thomas

Earl Haberfield - Tyler Love - Josh Rossiter - Coach, Jeff Casey

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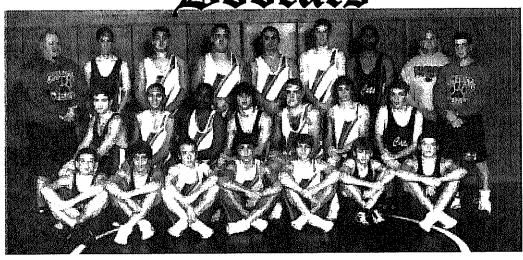
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Standing: Coach, Tom "Tank" Moore - Derek Winland - Bobby Scurlock - John Nicolazakes

Jared Chandler - Jake Garvin- James Beatty - Coach, Brian Enos

Coach, Mark Bartlett

Not pictured: Bo Hill - Michael Golden - Clay Teague - Ben Golden

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'81 Brian Duff 155

'82 Brian Duff 155 5th State AA

'83 Jamie Price Hwt 5th State AAA

'84 Denis Daugherty 119

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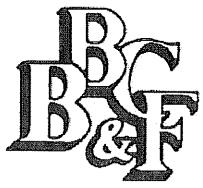
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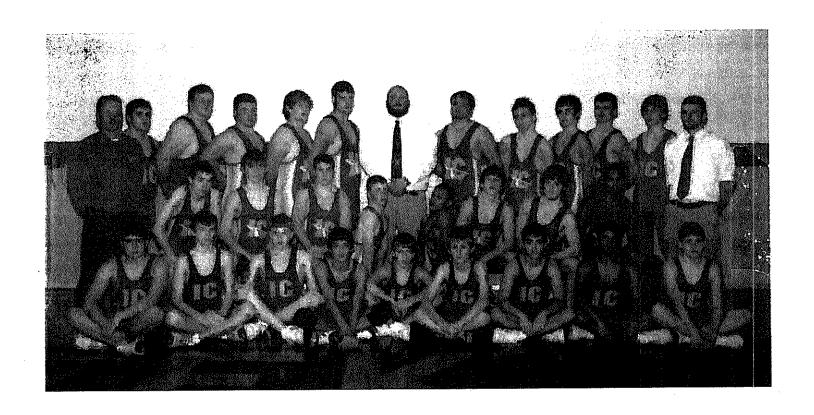
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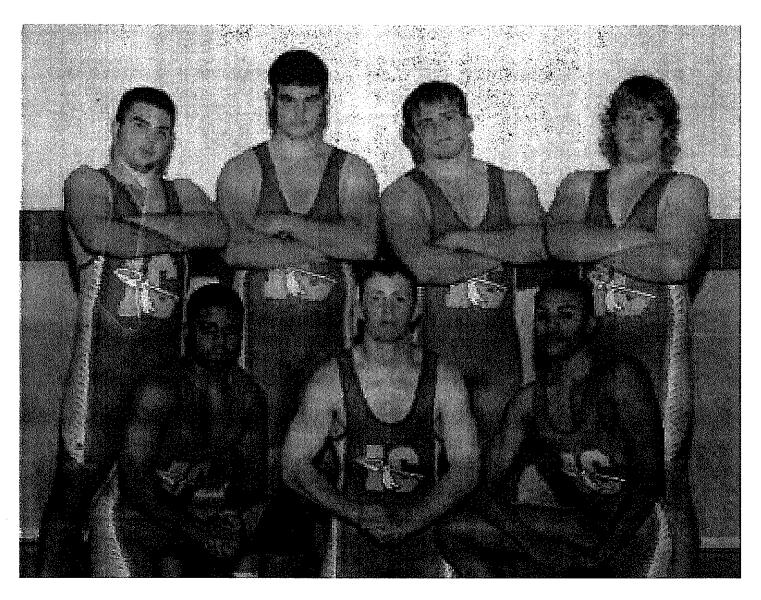
Back: Asst. Coach, Kevin Marsh - Brian Ware - Nathan Osz - Adam Cowser

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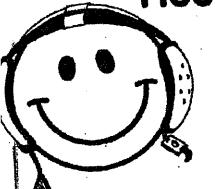
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