Fifty-Fourth Annual Ron Mauck

Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Wrestling Tournament

The Largest Conference Tournament in the United States

WesBanco Arena Wheeling, West Virginia



Bill Hinegardner Loyal, Dedicated & Accomplished

Thursday – Friday – Saturday January 18, 19 & 20, 2007

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 Ron Mauck Wrestling Tournament on its 54th Anniversary and its 29 years of of cooperative relationship with the WesBanCo Arena.

It is our fond hope that the change in name of the facility and WesBanCo's corporate sponsorship will continue to be an equally beneficial endeavor as we embark on a new era.

It is our wish that both participants and fans alike will enjoy the warm friendly atmosphere created by the people and the 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, all wrestlers are champions!!!

With warmest regards,

The Mayor, City Manager and Council Members

A Word of Welcome to Ali...

On behalf of the OVAC, I want to sincerely welcome each of you to the 54th Annual Ron Mack Wrestling Tournament. Our warmest expressions of good luck are extended to each team and their supporters entering this great event.

From its meager and uncertain start in 1954, the Ron Mauck Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Wrestling Tournament has grown into one of the major sports attractions in the Ohio Vallley. We do not hesitate to say the tournament is actually a demonstration of high character, good conduct under 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.

Jerry Narcisi, 2006-2007 OVAC President

I am proud to be the Director of the Fifty-Fourth Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament. I began directing the event in 1979 when it was first held in the Wheeling Civic Center. Through the last 53 years, many memorable milestones have been established. 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* to be presented to the Most Outstanding Wrestler in 1971.

The Wheeling Civic Center Manager in 1979 was Frank Rodriguez. He had a great deal of respect for the dedicated efforts of those involved in OVAC wrestling, and therefore was instrumental in purchasing the world-class time clocks seen at mat side during 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, in a tragic accident. Out of their love for him, the Daniel M. Burke Wrestling Scholarship was established in 1983. Recently we lost a fantastic Marshall County and OVAC wrestling enthusiast, affectionately known as "Dead-Eye". His devoted family established the James H. Morris Sportsmanship Award and Wrestling Scholarship in 1997, in recognition for his love of the sport. In 1999, East Liverpool's two-time OVAC Champion and Hercules Award winner, Matt Salsberry, was lost in a tragic auto accident. In 2003 "Friends in Memory of Matt Salsberry" established the annual Matt Salsberry Academic/Athletic Wrestling Scholarship. In 2003, Lucas "Luke" Sedgmer, a two-time OVAC Wrestling Champion for Cadiz High School, tragically lost his life in an auto accident. In 2005, a scholarship committee in his community established the Lucas D. Sedgmer Memorial Scholarship. We now have five (5) permanently established scholarship funds that have thus far afforded 57 deserving OVAC wrestlers an amazing \$70,000 in college scholarships.

In 1999, there was a unique change in the tournament format which serves to promote OVAC wrestling even further throughout the Valley. The championship finals are now televised by WTOV-channel 9, for all those in the viewing area to enjoy. This year we proudly celebrate 29 years of a mutually beneficial relationship with the City of Wheeling and the corporate sponsorship of WesBanCo Arena. I want to thank everyone of the workers, coaches, officials and wrestlers. These are the people who make the Annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament a truly grand adventure for Ohio Valley athletics.

Ron Mauck
Director
The Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament

OVAC EXECUTIVE BOARD



1⁴ Row: George Kohelis, OH Board Member - Dan Doyle, OH Board Member Marty Hudek, Past Pres. – Jerry Narcisi, Pres. – Dianna Vargo, Vice Pres. Tim Haught, WV Board Member – Dave Takach, WV Board Member

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3rd Row: Don Zinni, Football Coom. – John Howell, Basketrball Comm. Tom Bechtel, Softball Comm. – Steve Wojcik, Baseball Comm.

54th Annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament

First Session – Thurs. January 18, 2007 – 6:00 P.M. (8 Mats)

Second Session - Fri. January 19, 2007 - 11:00 A.M. (8 Mats)

Third Session – Fri. January 19, 2007 – 5:00 P.M. (8 Mats)

Fourth Session – Sat. January 20, 2007 – 12:00 P.M. (4 Mats)
Championship Semi-Finals & Fifth Round Consolation

Fifth Session – Sat. January 20, 2007 – 6:00 P.M. Introductions/Ceremonies CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING

(4 Mats)
Contestants Vying for 1st - 3rd - 5th - 7th Place

2007 OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Tournament Officials

Lou Coffland – Cadiz
Paul Coffland – Cadiz
Jim Copney – Wheeling
Rick Crosier – Steubenville
Larry Deaton – Martins Ferry
Rich Heavilin - Cadiz
Ray Jefferis – Barnesville
Shane Kildow – Bethesda,OH
Ray Marling – Martins Ferry
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Rules Interpreter

Dr. William A. Welker – Wheeling West Virginia State Rules Interpreter <u>Public Relations</u> Ray Anthony – Columbia Station, Ohio

The success of the Ron Mauck 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 - \$6.00	Student - \$4.00
Advance Ticket Book (5 Sessions)	Adult - \$25.00	Student - \$15.00
Final Session	Adult - \$8.00	Student - \$5.00

RON MAUCK

OVAC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Thursday Night Opening Ceremonies January 18, 2007

SESSION I

4:00-5:00 PM	Weigh-ins(Scales donated by Ohio Valley Scales)
5:00 PM	Coaches meeting and scratch schedule
5:30-5:55 PM	Warm-up on mats
6:00 6:15 PM	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" Stoltz Memorial Award
6:32	James "Dead Eye" H. Morris Sportsmanship Award
6:33	Program Cover Story
6:35	Announce on-deck wrestlers

Friday January 19, 2007

CECCION V

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10:30 AM 10:55	Wrestlers warm up Wrestlers leave mat area	5:30 PM 5:55	Wrestlers warm up Wrestlers leave mat area
11:00 11:03	National Anthem Announce wrestlers on deck	6:00 6:05 6:10	National Anthem Special Awards Presentation Announce on-deck wrestlers

Saturday January 20, 2007

CECCION IV

PESSION IA		DOION A
Wrestlers warm up	6:00 PM	Introductions
Wrestler leave mat area	6:05	Champions of 1983
National Anthem	6:15	Parade of Champions
	6:20	National Anthem
	6:25	"Mr. Mat" of 2007
:	6:25	Exit Parade of Champions
	6:30	Championship Matches
	Wrestlers warm up Wrestler leave mat area	Wrestlers warm up 6:00 PM Wrestler leave mat area National Anthem 6:15 6:20 6:25 6:25

A Warm Wheeling Welcome!

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Quiet and unassuming best describe Bill's demeanor, however, personal accolades, accomplishments and awards speak volumes to this man of impeccable character. He is highly respected and greatly admired by all who know him. The late Bill Van Horne, a three-time "WV Wrestling Sportswriter of the Year" and OVAC Mr. Mat of '77, affectionately referred to Coach Hinegardner as "West Virginia Wrestling Man of Character".

Ron Mauck, OVAC Wrestling Director, speaks glowingly when he reminisces of his long relationship with Bill and his contributions to the OVAC when he says, "On behalf of the OVAC Wrestling Family, we would like to congratulate Bill in recognition of having the 2007 OVAC Wrestling Program dedicated in his honor. Bill has played a very important role in the OVAC Wrestling Tournament. He has always projected a positive image and set high standards in his wrestling program at John Marshall. He has carried that image to the OVAC Wrestling Tournament. He has been a role model for all Ohio Valley coaches and athletes. We thank Bill for giving of his time and talents to the OVAC Wrestling Tournament. Through his efforts he has helped make the tournament what it is today."

Bill's athletic career began at Meadow Bridge High School from which he graduated in '60. He received his bachelor's degree from Concord college in '65 while participating in basketball and baseball. He received his Masters Degree

William "Bill" Hinegardner

from West Virginia University in '68. He joined the staff of Marshall County Schools as a math teacher while serving as assistant football coach to George Kovalick and assistant wrestling coach to Paul Crago and his successor George Kovalick. Bill was hired as Head Wrestling Coach and guidance counselor at John Marshall, when it opened in '68. His accomplishments during his 14 year tenure as wrestling coach were truly record setting.

- 5 OVAC Dual Meet Team Champions
- 5 OVAC Over-All Team Runners-Up
- 5 OVAC AAAA Team Champions
- 4 OVAC Over-All Team Champions
- 4 WV State Team Runners-Up
- 4 WV Team Champions
- 41 Consecutive Dual Meet Wins
- Career Dual Meet Record 133-29-1

An indication of the high esteem and respect with which he is regarded are the many leadership positions that he has held; President of the West Virginia Wrestling Coaches Association ('74-'75), Director Region I – WVA Coaches Association ('75-'81), President of Marshall County Coaches Association ('92-'93), Co-Director OVAC Wrestling Tournament (8 years), Co-Director WVA State High School Wrestling Tournament (1 year), Executive Board Member of OVAC ('74-'76), Board Member of WVA Secondary Schools' Athletic Commission for Wrestling ('68-'82) and Board Member of WVA Coaches Association ('75-'81).

Bill was honored with induction into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame for Lifetime Service in Wrestling ('04), National High School Coaches Association – Dist. 3 Wrestling Coach of the Year ('76), OVAC Coach of the Year ('74), WVA Wrestling Coach of the Year ('72,'73,'79), Upper Ohio Valley – Dapper Dan Achievement Award ('74 & '80), OVAC Mr.

Mat Award ('84), Upper Ohio Valley – Dapper Dan – Carl Hamill Award ('00), Moundsville JayCees' – Jim Edge Award ('77) "for outstanding work in religious and youth activities" and a member of the inaugural class of the John Marshall High School – Wall of Fame ('05).

One of only three coaches to lead the wrestling program at John Marshall, since the consolidation in '68, Bill established a loyalty and a continuity that is the envy of schools throughout the valley. His assistant for the 14 years that he served as head wrestling coach with the Monarchs was his successor, Ed Dugas.

In reflecting on their years together, Dugas, Mr. Mat of '03, speaks with admiration and respect for Bill in his fond remembrances;

- "Bill never correcting me when I went over the line
- Bill whispering to me at mat-side (with his calculator in hand) the year of our first State Championship; 'I think we have this won if we don't lose any team points'
- Bill respecting Dale Young our bus driver
- Bill trying to find his glasses in the snow at Spruce Knob Lake
- The look on Bill's face when I told him the mat blew off the truck
- Bill was always humble win or lose
- Bill never showed disappointment
- Bill was always confident
- Principals needed something done going to Bill
- Counselors, teachers and coaches stopping into Bill's office for advice

- Parents respecting Bill
- State and Valley Coaches respecting Bill
- State and Valley Administrators respecting Bill
- Opposing fans and wrestlers respecting Bill
- Today, Ed Dugas respecting and admiring the integrity of Bill Hinegardner, my friend ALWAYS!"

Bill taught math and was a guidance counselor for 31 years at John Marshall High School. He followed his West Virginia retirement by assuming the position of guidance counselor for the Switzerland of Ohio School District in Ohio at River High School. He retired from that position after 5 years, in '04.

Bill and his wife, Shirley, who recently retired after 21 years as a secretary for Marshall County Schools, have been married for 44 years.

They are the proud parents of two accomplished children. Their son, Tim, is the Manager of Manufacturing for the Hershey Chocolate Factory in Hershey, PA. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have three children, a girl and two boys. Their daughter, Tammy, is Director of Institutional Research at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, WV. She and her husband, Randy, have a son.

We dedicate this program in recognition of all that Bill has meant to the OVAC and the meaningful personal relationships that he has forged, remembering that without the cooperation, support and understanding of his wife, Shirley, none of this would be possible.

OVAC MR. MAT AWARD 1976 – 1985



1976: George Koalick Bellaire Athletic Director



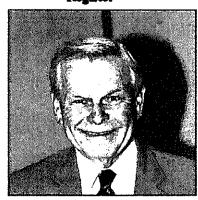
1977: Bill Van Horne Sports Editor, Wheeling News Register



1978: John Vrotsos Martins Ferry High School



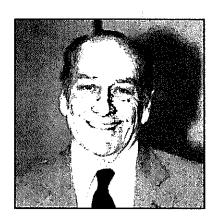
1979: Richard Edge Principal, Springfield High



1980: George Walley John Marshall Athletic Director



1981: Bob Hedmond Steubenville Athletic Director



1982: Paul Crago Marshall County Schools



1983: Dr. Vince Monseau West Liberty State Colklege



1984: Bill Hinegardner John Marshall High School

OVAC MR. MAT 1985 – 1994



1985: Dennis Bowman Bellaire High School



1966: Ron 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



1994: Joe Bates Woodsfield High School

OVAC MR. MAT AWARD 1995 - 2006



1995: Bob Bruney Martins Ferry High School



1996: Larry Chambers Moundaville Jr. High School



1997: Gary Davis Beailsville High School



1998: Cal Pokas Martins Ferry Times Leader



1999: Tom Lackman Jefferson Union High School



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



2005: Dan Doyle Noble County Schools



2006: Nolan Van Gilder Brooke High School

RON MAUCK OVAC OVER-ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM CHAMPIONS 1954-2006

	•	757-2000
1954	BRIDGEPORT	GEORGE KOVALICK
		GEORGE KOVALICK
1959	BRIDGEPORT-	GEORGE KOVALICK
1960	BRIDGEPORT	GEORGE KOVALICK
1961	MARTINS FERRY	JOHN VROTSOS
1962	MARTINS FERRY	JOHN VROTSOS
1963	MARTINS FERRY	JOHN VROTSOS
		JOHN VROTSOS
	MARTINS FERRY	
		JOSEPH BATES
		JOHN HIBBERT
		DENNIS BOWMAN
		BILL HINEGARDNER
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	··	ERIC CARDER
		CHARLES MURRAY
		BILL HINEGARDNER
		ERIC CARDER
		ERIC CARDER
1980	STEUBENVILLE	JOHN CRAIG
		JOHN STEPHENSON
		JOHN CRAIG
1983	JOHN MARSHALL	ED DUGAS
1984	STEUBENVILLE	JOHN CRAIG
1985	BARNESVILLE	DARRELL DAVIS
		NICK TROMBETTA
		JOHN CRAIG
		NICK TROMBETTA
1989	STEUBENVILLE-	JOHN CRAIG
1990	WHEELING PARK-	BUZZ EVANS
		LARRY SHAW
1992	STEUBENVILLE-	JOHN CRAIG
1993	MARTINS FERRY	JEFF OBERDICK
		BUZZ EVANS
		RICK CAMILLETTI
	BUCKEYE LOCAL	
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2006 Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournmament

January 19-21, 2006

Place Winners

Weight: 1	103
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1st: (1) Justin Turnbull, Buckeye Local

2nd: (3) Nick Taylor, Wheeling Park

3rd: (5) Ryan Asbury, Oak Glen

4th: Taylor Yoder, Martins Ferry

5th: Nick Risdon, Harrison Central

6th: (2) Dirk Bauer, Wheeling Central

7th: (7) Ed Lehotay, Meadowbrook

8th: (4) Zack Porter, Bellaire

Weight: 112

1st: (1) Ronell Green, Wheeling Park

2nd: (2) Jimmy Reisz, Beallsville

3rd: (4) Daniel Felton, Brooke

4th: (3) Ethan Dray, Oak Glen

5th: (5) Paul Rose, Cambridge

6th: (6) Justin Rossiter, Meadowbrook

7th: Jesse Brown, Shenandoah

8th: (7) Zack Delguzzi, Edision

Weight: 119

1st: (1) Dustin Daugherty, Cambridge

2nd: (6) Stephen Jewell, Wheeling Park

3rd: (2) Ryan Stephen, Barnesville

4th: (3) Jared Border, Caldwell

5th: (4) Chaz Clark, Union Local

6th: Mike Slaga, Buckeye Local

7th: (7) Jeff Trigg, Shadyside

8th: (8) Troy Eckleberry, Oak Glen

Weight: 125

1st: (1) Abbie Rush, Wheeling Park

2nd: (2) Chase Clark, Union Local

3rd: (6) Jim McFarland, Brooke

4th: (4) Zac Androsko, St. Clairsville

5th: (3) Jon Ray, Cambridge

6th: (5) Derrick Holt, Martins Ferry

7th: (7) Johnny Merryman, Shadyside

8th: (8) Brian Potkrajac, Edision

Weight: 130

1st: (1) Willie Saxton, Buckeye Local

2nd: (3) Derek Caudill, Beaver Local

3rd: (2) Ronnie Green, Wheeling Park

4th: (7) Dan Ray, Cambridge

5th: (6) Zach Kosky, St Johns

6th: (4) Zach Basich, Wheeling Central

7th: Dylan Pendleton, Indian Creek

8th: Blake Widmann, Edision

Weight: 135

1st: (1) Joe Skoff, St Johns

2nd: (2) Sean Mahley, Cambridge

3rd: (4) Torey Prickett, Monroe Central

4th: (7) Bruce Kennedy, Wheeling Park

5th: (3) Andy Stine, Edision

6th: (5) Jon Bittinger, Beaver Local

7th: Dirk Baker, Oak Glen

8th: (8) Chauncey Green, Bellaire

Weight: 140

1st: (2) James Myers, Indian Creek

2nd: (1) Jessie Mahan, Oak Glen

3rd: (3) Kayne Melko, St Johns

4th: (4) Chad Ware, Martins Ferry

5th: (5) Ronnie Nelson, Wheeling Park

6th: (7) Chris Brancker, Edision

7th: (6) Nick Pasquarella, Steubenville

8th: Tyler Bock, Beaver Local

Weight: 145

1st: (3) Zack Schuller, St. Clairsville

2nd: (1) Mick Nicola, St Johns

3rd: (2) Justin Seebach, Caldwell

4th: (4) Chad Teague, Cambridge

5th: (5) Adam Messenger, Barnesville

6th: Nathan Schaal, Buckeye Local

2006 Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournmament

January 19-21, 2006 Place Winners

7th: (7) Ross Johnson, Bellaire

8th: (6) Nick Stine, Edision

Weight: 152

1st: (5) Zac Bowers, Martins Ferry

2nd: (2) Bradley Brooks, Harrison Central

3rd: (1) Jeff Pettit, Cameron

4th: (4) Cody Miller, Oak Glen

5th: (3) Bryan Skoff, St Johns

6th: Craig Johnston, Indian Creek

7th: David Gianessi, Weir

8th: (7) Bryan Bilyeu, Beallsville

Weight: 160

1st: (2) Rhett Northcraft, Oak Gien

2nd: (1) Bud Hines, Barnesville

3rd: (3) Dusty Hill, Wheeling Park

4th: (6) Jacob Donley, Harrison Central

5th: (8) Seth Skrypek, John Marshall

6th: (4) Jonathan Stewart, Edision

7th: Jared Booth, Bellaire

8th: Josh Sizemore, Brooke

Welaht: 171

1st: (2) Josh Cologie, Buckeye Local

2nd: (1) Adam Gibson, Wheeling Park

3rd: (4) Kirk Wetherell, Cambridge

4th: (3) Dan Dunn, Beaver Local

5th: (8) Branko Busick, Weir

6th: Mark Chambers, John Marshall

7th: Junior Yost, Tyler Consolidated

8th: Tyle Love, Meadowbrook

Weight: 189

1st: (2) Kyle Reeder, Beaver Local

2nd: (1) Bobby Scurlock, Cambridge

3rd: (3) Josh Greathouse, Oak Glen

4th: (5) Brandon Rickman, John Marshall

5th: (4) Derick Hesson, Caldwell

6th: Matt Hill, Wheeling Park

7th: (8) Samson Gianessi, Weir

8th: Logan Koehler, Beallsville

Weight: 215

1st: (1) John Horn, Shenandoah

2nd: (2) Paul Jefferis, Barnesville

3rd: (4) Bryan Rowland, Oak Glen

4th: Tommy Kettlewell, Wheeling Park

5th: (5) Taylor Potts, John Marshall

6th: (3) Shane Clark, Martins Ferry

7th: (7) Thad Sollick, Beaver Local

8th: (8) Mike Matusik, River

Weight: 275

1st: (1) Jimmy Bowersock, Beaver Local

2nd: (6) Jeremiah Hinerman, Edision

3rd: (4) Ralph Petrella, Steubenville

4th: (5) Brett Traylor, Wheeling Park

5th: (3) Eric Diagosta, East Liverpool

6th: (8) Jeff Coole, Martins Ferry

7th: (7) Dustin Bruce, Bellaire

8th: (2) John Nicolozakes, Cambridge

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, sons Jeff and Gregg (both former OVAC champions), and the Morris family, established an annual sportsmanship award and a scholarship to honor his memory, in tribute to his long abiding love for wrestling and devotion to the OVAC.

The threatening flood was more a probability than a possibility when the 43rd Annual Tournament opened on Thurs., Jan. 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, Jan. 19, and resume at that point on Saturday, Jan. 27.

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 re-scheduling or dropping of other meets or tournaments, plus a host of individual problems faced by 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.

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-9 as a corporate sponsor, demonstrated their enthusiastic support for OVAC wrestling when they initiated live television coverage of all championship bouts in 1998.

In the spring of '99, 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, Supt. of Martins Ferry schools, willingly stepped in to fill the void serving as interim Executive Secretary, until Tom Rataiczak assumed the permanent position in the fall of '99.

In November of '02, we mourned the passing of Bob Hedmond, "Mr. Mat" of '81, former football coach at East Liverpool, Brooke and Steubenville High Schools and OVAC Wrestling Tournament Director during its three years at the Diocesan Arena ('76-'78).

In '03, "Friends of Matt Salsberry" established an athletic/academic scholarship "with a desire to honor and perpetuate his memory". He was a two-time OVAC champion in '98-'99 and Mr. Hercules winner from East Liverpool. He lost his life in a tragic auto accident in '99.

The year 2003 marked three significant mile-stones; OVAC Wrestling celebrated the 50th Annual Tournament, OVAC Wrestling commemorated 25 years of a cooperative relationship with the Wheeling Civic Center and honored an applauded Ron Mauck for 25 years of dynamic leadership as Director of OVAC Wrestling. More than 250 former OVAC wrestling champions were recognized and paraded before a packed house.

The tragic death of Lucas "Luke" Sedgmer, two-time OVAC champion from Cadiz, on May 9, 2003 brought about the establishment of the Lucas D. Sedgmer scholarship.

OVAC Wrestling now provides five (5) scholar ships to deserving wrestlers annually.

With student and spectator safety always the primary concern, the Sat. Jan. 22, 2005, sessions of the tournament were wisely postponed, when it was learned that the National Weather Service pre-diction for 'freezing rain turning to snow early Saturday morning' would be a reality. The tournament resumed on Mon. Jan. 24, without a hitch, thanks to the outstanding cooperation of schools, coaches, WesBanCo Arena management, tournament officials and staff.

In '06, the OVAC Executive Committee unanimously voted to rename the wrestling tournament as the RON MAUCK OVAC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT to honor his dedication, enthusiasm and leadership as Director of Wrestling for the past 27 years.

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. There is no greater satisfaction than that which one receives from the investment of time and energy devoted to youth.

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

DANIEL M. BURKE MEMORIAL WRESTLING SCHOLARSHIP

Dedicated to the sincere belief that the loss of their young son, Danny, should not end with the tragic auto accident on February 8, 1952, Bob and Delores Burke wished to established a living tribute to perpetuate his memory.

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

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



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2006 marked the 24th annual presentation of this prestigious award. As each recipient is added to the list, it reads as 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 helps to honor and perpetuate Danny's memory in a manner fulfilling the wishes of his parents.

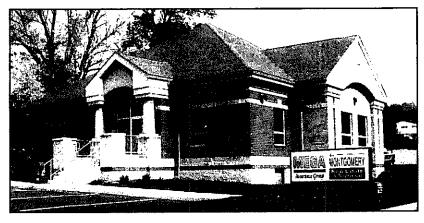
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1985	Todd Hibbs	Jefferson Union	Mount Union
1986	Paul Ice	East Liverpool	Muskingum
1987	Jeff Sobel	Oak Glen	Syracuse
1988	Steve Woods	Wellsville	Univ. of Maryland
1989	David Woods	Cameron	Capital Univ.
1990	David Heath	St. Clairsville	Washington & Jefferson
1991	Larry Sams	Wellsville	Ohio State Univ.
1992	Rick Mokros	Shadyside	Ohio Northern
1993	Dwayne Patterson	Oak Glen	W. Virginia Northern
1994	Ryan Slack	Shadyside	Univ. 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 Univ.
1999	Jose Smith	Cambridge	Cleveland State Univ
2000	Zack Zubay	Oak Glen	West Virginia Univ.
2001	Nathan Kendjorsky	Buckeye Local	West Virginia Univ.
2002	John F. Tierney	Martins Ferry	Kent State Univ.
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Steub. Cntrl 1-4

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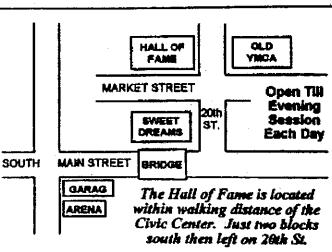
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Past Winners

1996	Ray Marling
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2001	Jim Crosier
2002	Merle Tournay
2003	Dr. William Welker
2004	Rick Crosier
2005	Jack Regis
2006	Jack Regis
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James H. Morris OVAC Wrestling

Sportsmanship Award & 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), following the untimely passing of their father in 1997.

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

This is an unique award in that it 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 honor of "presenting a \$1,000 scholarship to the wrestler recipient at the OVAC Spring Awards Banquet

The recipient of this scholarship shall be selected by a committee that determines by qualifying criteria that he is deserving...

Such criteria is structured to place great emphasis on "good sportsmanship" and a favorable evaluation of his academic and wrestling accomplishments.

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

It is obvious that much prayerful that 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 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 & Kay McMool - Moundsville
1998	James & Bobbie Stephenson
1999	Dick Wolf - East Liverpool
2000	Randy Elliott - Oak Glen
2001	Pete Cuffaro - Wheeling
2002	Tom & Linda Myers - Wheeling
2003	"Babe" Schmitt, Jr Wheeling
2004	Steve Shaffer - Wheeling Park
2005	_
2006	Ann Morris & Evelyn Kovalick

Scholarship Award Winners

1997	Paul 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
2004	Branden Shaw - Brooke
2005	Logan Hartle - John Marshall
2006	Justin Seebach - Caldwell

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It is my honor and extreme pleasure to play a small part in your continuing success.

To my dear friend, Ron Mauck, Congratulations! You set the standard expressed by the motto of the OVAC — "Serving the Youth of the Ohio Valley"

George E. Kovalick

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In 1980, a scholarship was established to honor Coach Kovalick by the OVAC Wrestling Coaches Association. It is presented annually to a college-bound scholar/wrestler.

During opening ceremonies of the 1985 OVAC Wrestling Tournament, a bronze plaque was unveiled and now hangs in the lobby of the WesBanCo Arena, inscribed in fitting tribute it reads;

"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 a friend."

The George Kovalick Memorial Wrestling Scholarship

1980	Mike Patone, Magnolia	1993	Dave Norris, Cameron
1981	Bob Furr, Beallsville	1994	Chad Burge, Cameron
1982	Dave Delande, St. Clairsville	1995	Brian Roskovich, Bridgeport
1983	Scott Mills, Steubenville	1996	Eric Anderson, St. John's
1984	Tim Ward, Beallsville	1997	Sean Doyle, Buckeye Local
1985	Charlie Keenan, Steubenville	1998	Aaron Monseau, Wheeling Park
	Darrin Heavilin, Cadiz	1999	Craig Bruney, Martins Ferry
1986	Mike Imbroscio, Bellaire	2000	Steve Ochap, Wheeling Park
1987	Vinnie Monseau, Wheeling Park	2001	Tyler Hughes, Cameron
1988	Dan Keenan, Steubenville	2002	Chris Taylor, John Marshall
1989	Reed Case, Cadiz	2003	Phil Bliss, Brooke
1990	Ed Neely, Weirton	2004	Casey Hughes, Cameron
1991	Eric Potts, Cameron	2005	Clay Tucker, Martins Ferry
		2006	Bryan Rowland, Oak Glen
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David Bierkortte Award

David Bierkortte after having been crowned the 165# Champion at the 1970 OVAC Wrestling Tournament and compiling an undefeated record, was fatally injured in and auto accident during his junior year.

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 Bierkurtte Award.

The recipient of this award is to be announced during the awards ceremony following the conclusion of the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament. The honoree, as selected by a panel of judges, is to be deemed the Most Valuable Wrestler in the tournament. Formal presentation of the award will take place during the OVAC 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
1972	Art Jones	Bellaire
1973	Dan Claugus	Barnesville
1974	Sheldon Grace	Weirton
1975	Mike Kovalick	Bellaire
1976	Randy Davia	Cadiz
	Ed Covey	Bridgeport
1977	Rich Davis	Jefferson Union
1978	Carl Stanley	Wheeling Park
1979	Randy Pryor	Weirton
1980	Trent Iachini	Steubenville
1981	Mike Tluchowski	Steubenville
1982	Larry Isleman	Toronto
1983	Brian Miller	Barnesville
1984	Heath Beardmore	Cambridge
1985	Tim Moxley	Barnesville
1986	Sean Murray	Oak Glen
1987	Mark Mlynek	Bellaire
1988	Rick Burlenski	Bridgeport
1989	Mark Emmerling	East Liverpool *
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1993	Kelly Shields	Edison South "
1994	Dustin Harris	Beaver Local
1995	Justin Ewing	St. Clairsville
1996	Eric Anderson	St. John's
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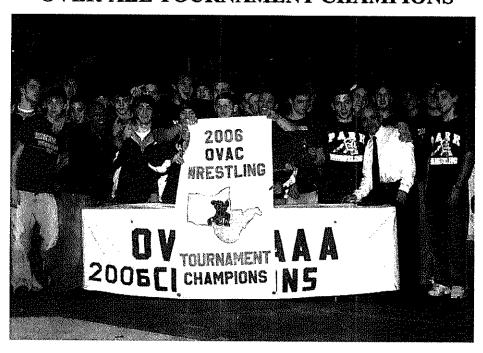
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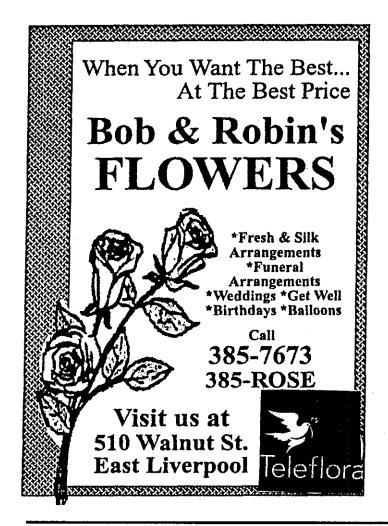




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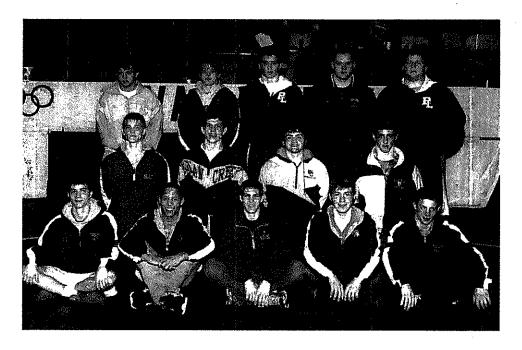
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Zach Schuller, St. Clauirsville (145)- Zac Bowers, Martins Ferry (152)
Rhett Northcraft, Oak Glen (160) - Josh Cologie, Buckeye (171) - Kyle Reeder, Beaver Local (189)
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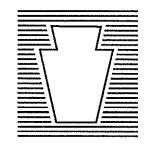
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But should he fall short, at his corner you'll find,
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life,

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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by **Fred Mille**r



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After spending his junior year as a varsity starter at 145 pounds — with considerable success - the Dumpster as a senior could no longer make 145.

Neither could he beat returning starters Worshrag (our son) at 152 and OVAC champ Wild Thing at 160.

Though he was light for 171, it was the Dumpster's only shot at an open weight class. Contending for it also was a junior named J.T., a good athlete who deserved a chance to move up from the JV squad. Watching the wrestle-off between the Dumpster and J.T. was painful for my wife Honey and me. The Dumpster had been a good friend to our son Worshrag in his freshman year on the varsity, and we had jokingly adopted him as a second son. We had nothing against J.T, but hated to see the Dumpster bumped off the varsity in his senior year.

I call this young man the Dumpster

I call this young man the Dumpster because he has a great dump, which happened to be my only good takedown move when I wrestled in high school (about the time of the Spanish Civil War.) The previous season when he would score with the dump I'd yell from the bleachers, "That's my son!" (If his real parents minded, they didn't say.) It became a standing joke for me to ignore my real son, Worshrag, and give the Dumpster a big hug after a match. "You're the son I never had," I'd tell him proudly.

"But Dad, I'm right here!" Worshrag would say in mock protest, trying to wedge himself between us.

Our team holds wrestle-offs on a weekday evening a few days before the first dual or tournament. If a wrestler wins two of three, the varsity spot belongs to him until taken away in a later challenge. At our wrestle-crazy high school, as many fans show up for the wrestle-offs as for a dual. Two mats were rolled out in the gym. Both of them stayed busy for about two hours. Some matches were deadly serious for not only varsity but also starting JV spots, because our team is deep at some weight classes. Matches also were wrestled for fun and experience.

The Dumpster and J.T. took the mat for their first match in this busy atmosphere. The Dumpster won with — what else? — a terrific dump, plus a mistake or two by J.T. It looked as if inexperience might keep J.T. on the reserve squad. The second match, though, went to J.T. He showed he's strong, has talent, and learned a thing or two in junior varsity.

He wrestled with confidence and used his size advantage.

"J.T.'s just too big for him," said a worried Honey. Her 10 years of experience as a wrestler's mother, from peewees through middle and high school, told her the Dumpster was being pushed to the limit.

"It's the only fair way," I said. "If J.T. wins, he deserves to be varsity."

By the time J.T. and the Dumpster had rested from their second match, all the other weight classes had been settled. No other wrestle-off required a third match. The unused mat was now lined with teammates lying on their bellies to watch the Dumpster and J.T. wrestle their deciding match. They watched in deadly silence, as did most of the crowd. We're all used to the uproar during a dual meet or tournament, and it was unsettling to have a match fought out before a big crowd watching so quietly.

A number of J.T.'s friends had shown up for this match, and in the general silence several did call out a few words of encouragement to him. I wanted to yell "Go Dumpster!" to even things up, but I didn't. When teammates are forced by circumstance to wrestle each other in competition, my philosophy is let them wrestle and keep your mouth shut. J.T. now had the upper hand. He'd seen the dump enough not to fall for it again. He got the takedown. He rode punishingly with legs and the power half. The Dumpster fought back, refusing to be turned for back points, but wincing in pain as J.T. cranked on his shoulder.

A takedown by J.T. in the final seconds was the deciding margin.

The crowd applauded appreciatively at the end of the match. J.T.'s cheering

section celebrated his win. But Honey's eyes brimmed with tears for the dumpster, because of course for him it wasn't just the match, it was the season. It meant he would spend his senior year as a JV.

But that's wrestling. For somebody to win, somebody has to lose. None of us would have it any other way. The Dumpster didn't quit the team, as many seniors would have. Like a utility baseball player, he became a valuable asset to his coach, able to fill in at several weight classes in varsity. And of course he killed 'em in JVs. As the season wore on, J.T. showed he deserved the varsity spot, helping his team with key victories in dual matches and placing well in tournaments. He became so good that it was a disappointment when he "only" placed third at the W.Va. state tournament. At one invitational tournament the coach entered the Dumpster as an unattached wrestler. Unattacheds cannot earn team points, but by winning they deny points to other teams, and they can earn individual honors. That's exactly what the Dumpster did, finishing third at 152

If they had indeed met for that tournament championship, I couldn't have cheered for one "son" over the other. When they're both on your team, you let them wrestle and keep your mouth shut.

and coming within a two-point decision

of facing our real son, Worshrag, in the

finals.

Fred Miller was the '68 OVAC Champion at 138# from Oak Glen. He is a staff reporter and feature writer for *The Review* in East Liverpool.

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; and his best friend, Dan Aldrich, fell victims to 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 the 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 showstealing 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 '99, by pinning his way to the 215# championship in a cumulative time of less that a single match. He was 4th in the State of Ohio while compiling 124 wins. He was All-State in football for three years and started 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, while maintaining a 3.5 GPA as a member of NHS.

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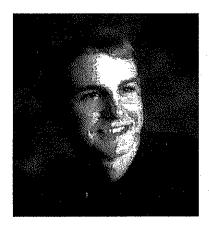
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Lucas D. Sedgmer Memorial Scholarship



Lucas "Luke" Sedgmer, the son of Kay Keyser-Sedgmer and William Sedgmer, was a 1999 graduate of Cadiz High School, where he excelled in wrestling as a 2-time OVAC Champion and a 3-time 3rd place finisher in the Ohio State Div. III Wrestling Tournament.

Luke was an avid sportsman, possessed of a love and respect for all things living.

Tragically, he lost his life on Friday, May 9, 2003, in a head-on auto collision.

He had worked as a summer employee with the Harrison County Highway Department and served as an assistant wrestling coach at Wheeling Park High School.

He had finished school that very day and was to have graduated from West Liberty State College shortly thereafter.

The fulfillment of his dream would have been to teach and coach wrestling.

He was a member of New Athens Volunteer Fire Department and attended the United Methodist Church in New Athens.

A committee was established to provide two scholarships to perpetuate and honor Luke in memoriam. One scholarship is presented to a graduate of Harrison Central High School and the other to an OVAC member school wrestler.

The criteria for selection as a recipient are the qualities exhibited by Luke During his brief, but dynamic existance. They are scholarship, athletic accomplishments and character.

Luke was greatly admired, widely respected and dearly loved by all who came to know him. It is our fond hope that by honoring him in this fashion, we will not only be perpetuating his memory, but more over aiding others in pursuit of their dreams.

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A Tribute to Ron Mauck

[NOTE: The following speech was given by Thomas E. Rataiczak, Executive Secretary of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference, at a mendatory meeting for the wrestling coaches on Monday, November 7, 2005, at WesBanco Arena, Wheeling, WV.]

Each year, fewer and fewer of you sitting in this room have a clue who George Kovelick was. You've heard the name, listened to the old timers talk about him, but have not a clue what a great man he was. But those of you in this room tonight who knew George, and knew him well, I believe will agree with what I'm about to say.

When George started this tournament 53 years ago, it consisted of a handful of schools and could be held at Bridgeport High School. I don't think he realized at that time two things.

First, the magnitude that this tournament would attain. Although he had the chance to watch it grow, I don't think he ever dreamed that it would be this large. That it would take on statewide and national status. That it would even have the NCAA study it to see what made it run so smoothly and efficiently.

And second, as he was approaching the end, he called his successors together to give them instructions that would assure the tournament continued to prosper. As such, Bill Hinegardner and Ron Mauck sat with Coach and absorbed all the wisdom they could and promised him they would carry on.

From there, it was Ron Mauck who took over the directorship in the eighties and built it into what it is today. His attention to detail, his desire to advance and promote the sport, his love for the kids and coaches, and his unswerving loyalty to Coach K bring us here tonight. There are times when you talk to Ron you swear you are talking to Coach K himself.

Dedication. Tradition. Loyalty. Desire. Look them up in the dictionary and they all have Ron's picture beside them.

From the mats to the floor clocks to the notebooks to the comer carpets to the seeding meeting to the meal you ate tonight, Ron scrutinizes everything to perfection. Many younger coaches don't appreciate the notebook you received tonight, or the self-addressed envelopes you are to return materials in. Nor the hours this men spends determining duel meet records, making phone calls, or tracking down wins and losses.

If you talk to Ron, he'll tell you it's all for the kids. He'll tell you that this tournament is what you coaches went. He'll listen; he'll suggest; but don't ever think for one moment that he's not in charge.

One thing I've learned about Ron over my last seven years. He'll tell you what he thinks. There's been several times I have had Ron set me straight, and many more times I've gone to him to seek his advice on anything from football to cheering because I know he'll be up front with me and not tell me what I want to heer.

For these reasons, I have to think that Coach K is looking down here right this minute with a grin from ear to ear and saying "Good job."

So Ron, it is my extreme pleasure, on behalf of the Executive Board and by their unanimous vote, to inform you that starting this evening, this tournament will hereafter be known as the Ron Mauck/OVAC Wrestling Championship.



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Unlike most wrestlers, who grow up in the sport of wrestling, Kyle first wrestled as a sophomore. It did not take long for this gifted athlete to show his prowess on the mat, finishing 4th at the OVAC in 1989 and Runner-up in 1990.

His senior year he was Sectional and District Champion at 152# and finished his high school career as Ohio State Runner-Up.

A versatile athlete, he was selected and performed in the OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game in 1990.

As a multi-talented athlete, Kyle's true love was baseball. During his high school career he garnered many awards. He participated in the OVAC All-Star Baseball Game and was selected OVAC Baseball Player of the Year in 1990. He was selected and played in the Eastern Ohio Baseball League All-Star Game all 4 years of high school and was selected as EOBL Player of the Year in both 1989 and 1990. He was selected as a member of the Ohio All-State Baseball Team in 1990.

Upon graduation from River High School, Kyle received a baseball scholarship to Mercer University in Macon, Georgia to play for Coach, Barry Myers. As a freshman, Kyle batted .294 and was chosen as Conference Player of the Year.

In December of his sophomore year, he was involved in a life altering auto accident that killed the driver and now confines Kyle to a wheelchair.

He returned to school and graduated from West Liberty State College.

Upon graduation, he was employed by the Switzerland of Ohio School District as a math teacher. After one year as an assistant baseball coach, Kyle was named head baseball coach at River High School.

He was selected as Eastern District Coach of the Year after leading the River Pilots to the OVAC Baseball Championship in 2002.

In 2005, Kyle was named OVAC Junior Varsity Wrestling Coach of the Year.

In 2005, on OVAC Day at PNC Park, the home of the Pittsburgh Pirates, Kyle was privileged to throw out the first pitch.

Chuck Baker, head wrestling coach at River, says of Kyle, "He believes in hard work, discipline and is a valuable asset to our wrestling program."

It is no wonder that honors, awards and accomplishments continue for this dynamic young man, who meets and greet each day and each person with a disarming smile.

Kyle serves as an inspiration to all who have come to know him.

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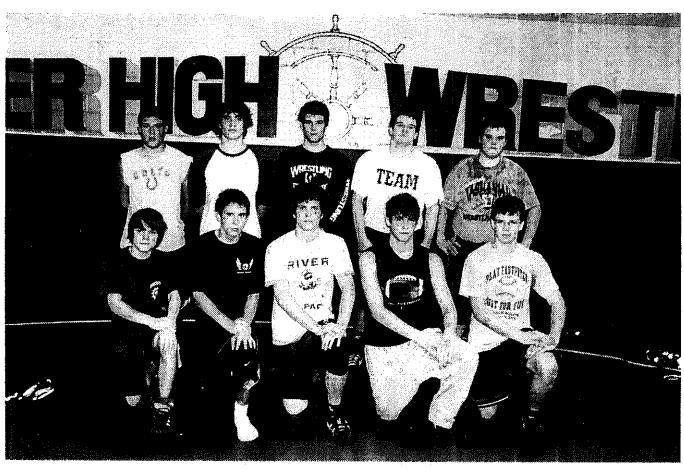
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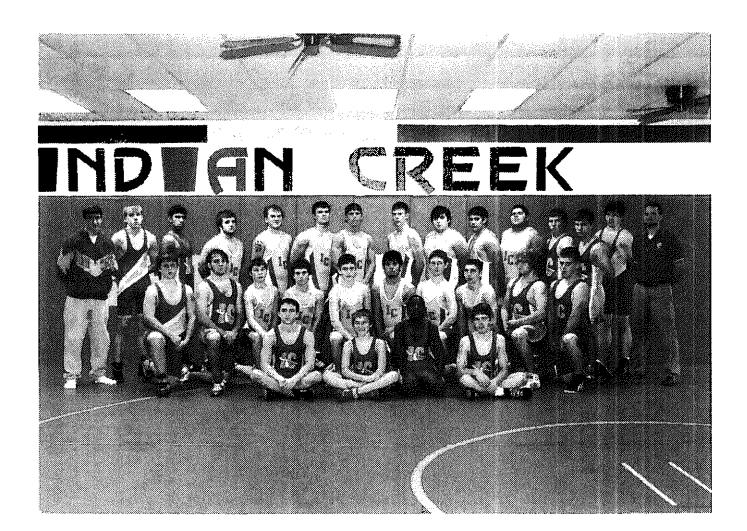
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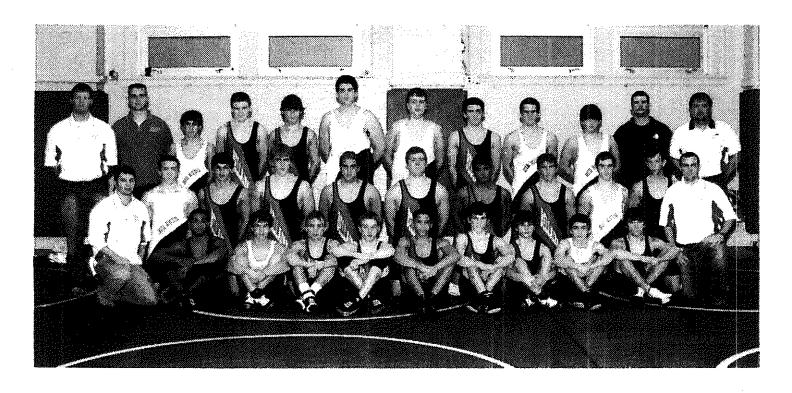
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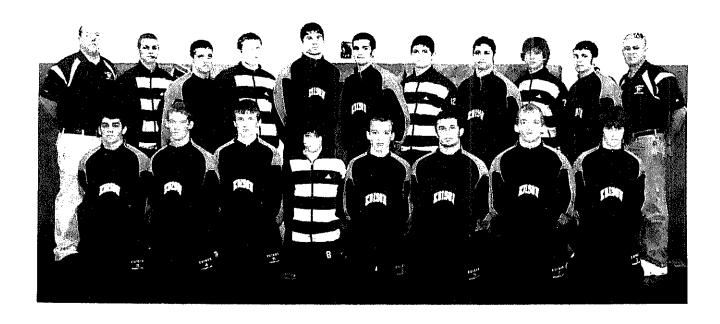


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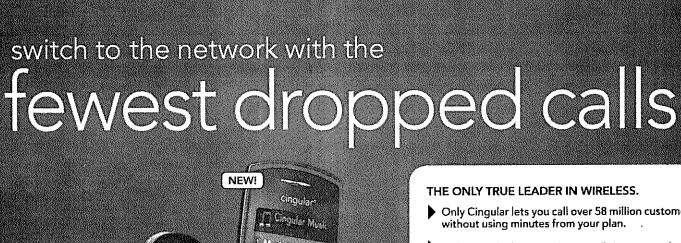
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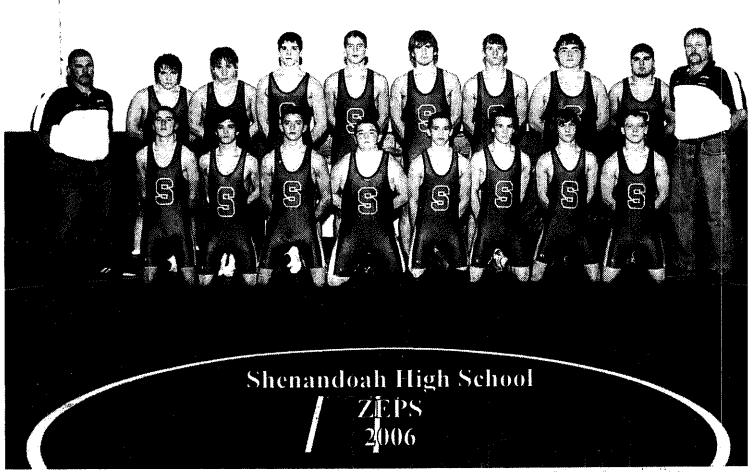
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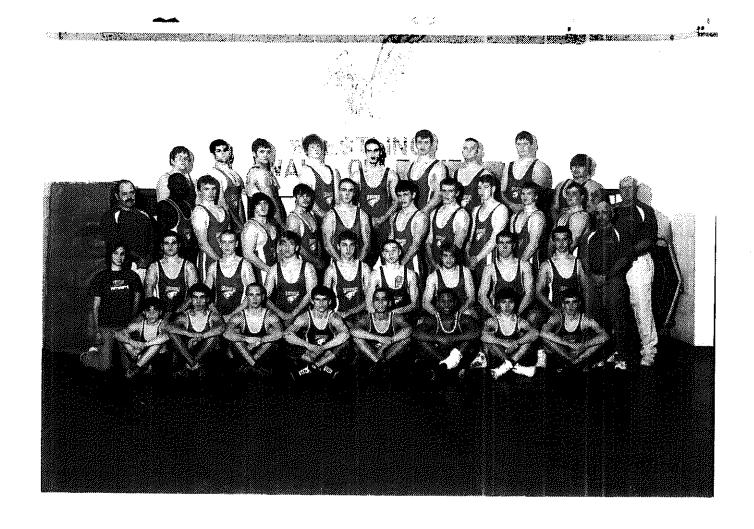
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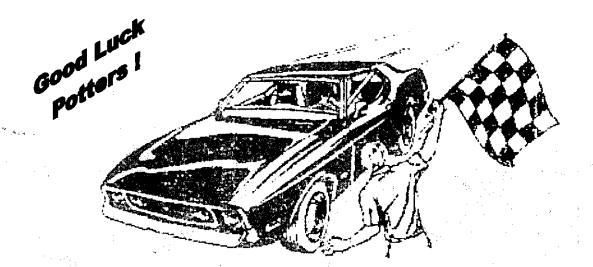


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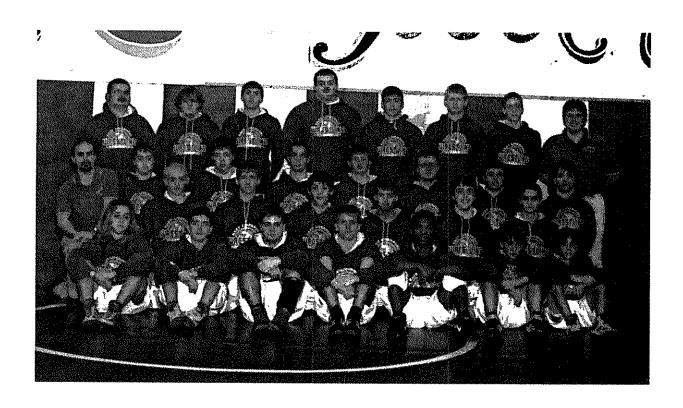
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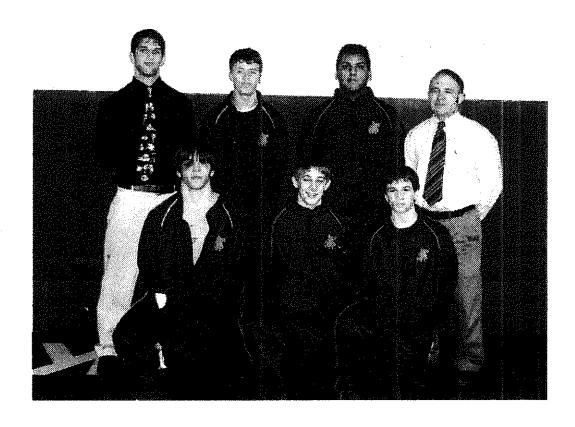
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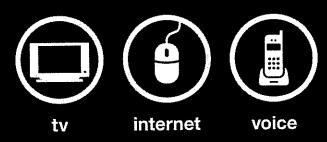


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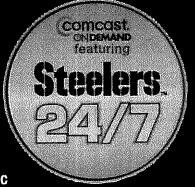
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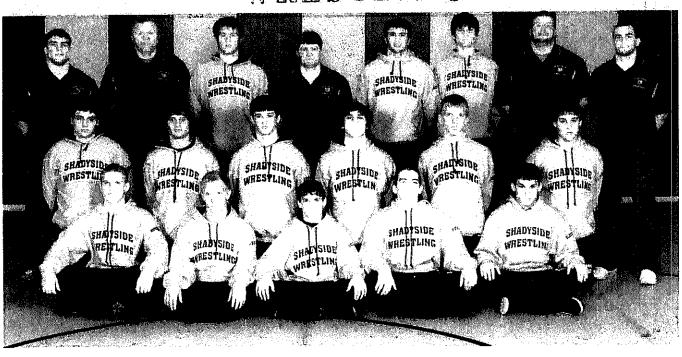
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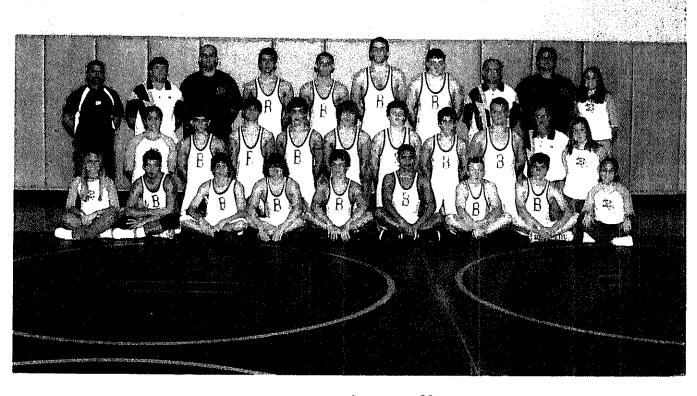
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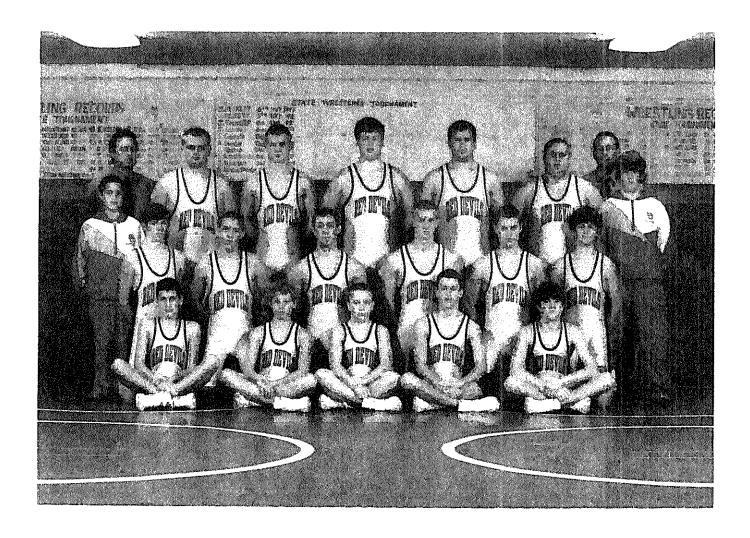
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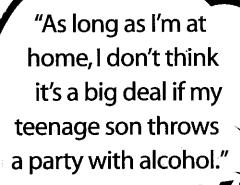
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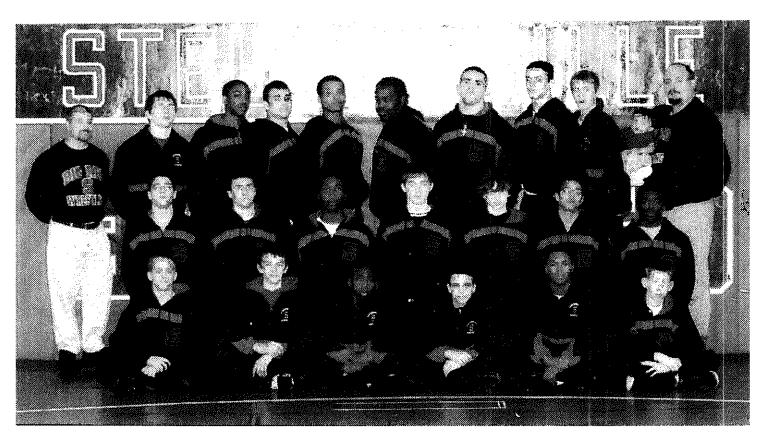
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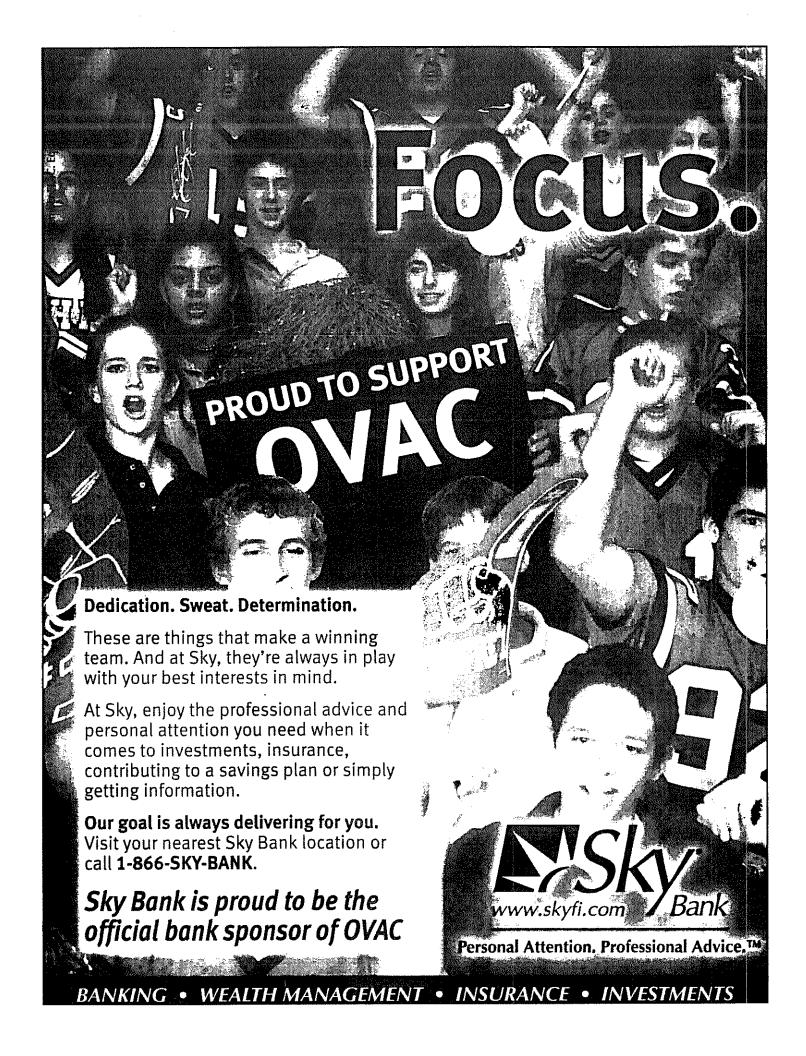
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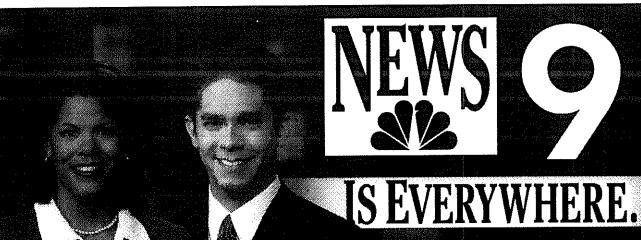


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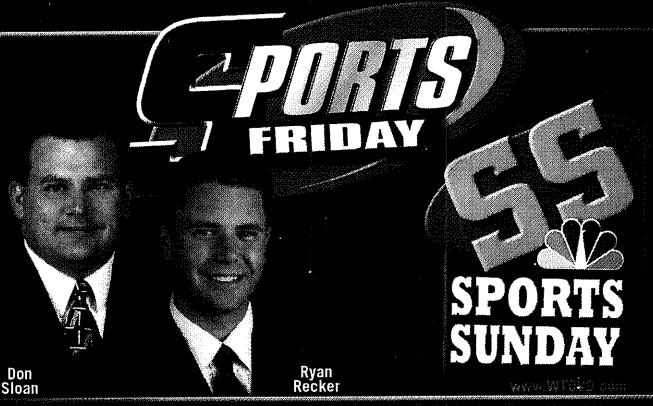




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