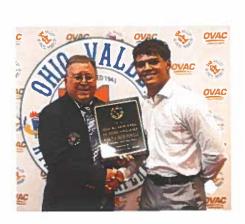


## Recognizing those that empower our future through our wrestling scholarships



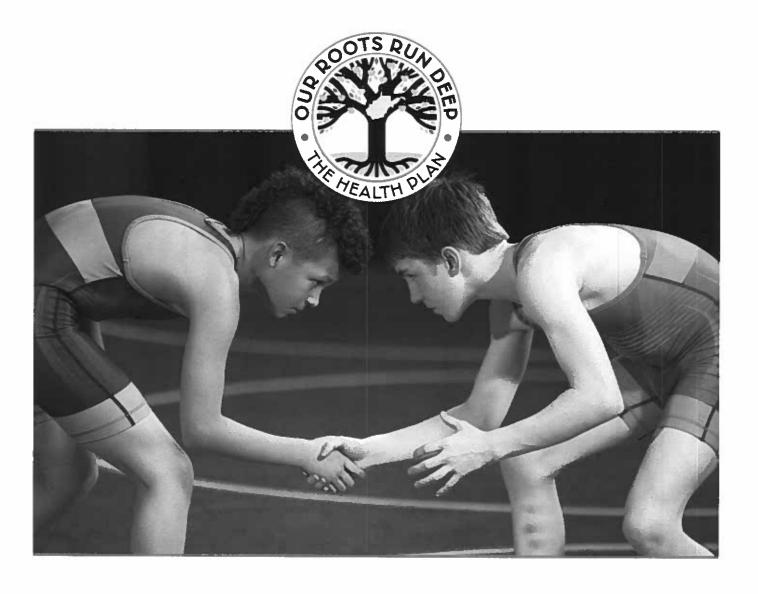












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## 71st Annual RONMAUCK OHIO VALLEY ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

## WRESTLING TOURNAMENT JANUARY 16-18, 2025

## The Largest Conference Tournament In The United States

WesBanco Arena, Wheeling, WV

SESSION I THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025 - 6:00PM

\* OPENING CEREMONIES

\* NATIONAL ANTHEM

\* PRESENTATION OF ASSISTANT AND JUNIOR HIGH

**COACH OF THE YEAR AWARDS** 

\* WRESTLING (8 MATS)

SESSION II FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025 - 12:00PM

\* WRESTLING (8 MATS)

SESSION III FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025 - 6:00PM

\* WRESTLING (8 MATS)

SESSION IV SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025 - 11:00PM

\* WRESTLING (8 MATS)

SESSION V SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025 - 3:30PM

\*INTRODUCTIONS/CEREMONIES

\*MR. MAT PRESENTATION

\*25 YEAR REUNION OVAC CHAMPIONS AND COACHES

\* WRESTLING (8 MATS)

CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING - SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024 4:00PM \* WRESTLING (4 MATS)

### Welcome



On behalf of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference it is my privilege to welcome you to the 71st Annual OVAC "Ron Mauck" Wrestling Championships. This year we dedicate our tournament and program in honor of the memory of the tournament's namesake Mr. Ron Mauck. It would be difficult if not impossible to find one individual who gave of themselves more unselfishly to the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference and more specifically the wrestling tournament than Ron. Ron was directly involved with the conference for over 50 years. In 2006, because of his direction and dedication to the mat sport, the OVAC renamed the annual conference tournament, the OVAC "Ron Mauck" Wrestling Championships. This

will be the second year for the "Ron Mauck" Scholarship in honor of Ron's memory!

"I as an island stand alone - WE together can accomplish amazing things." Ron Mauck

Over these next three days of competitions let's not lose sight that one of the missions of interscholastic athletics is to provide opportunities for young people that enhance their educational experience. We hope our student-athletes are competing because they are having fun but there are lifelong lessons to be learned in athletic participation such as sportsmanship, citizenship, hard work, dedication, leadership and teamwork.

The past 71 years have brought many memorable milestones to OVAC Wrestling. Allow me to mention a few:

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

In 1979 Frank Rodriguez, the Wheeling Civic Center Manager, had a great deal of respect for those involved with OVAC wrestling, and was instrumental in OVAC wrestling finding a home at WesBanco Arena. Currently we are blessed with the entire WesBanco Arena staff, who have given us the same positive support.

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 initiated in 1983. In 1996 we lost a fantastic wrestling enthusiast 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 sport. In 1999, East Liverpool's two-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. In 2003, Lucas "Luke" Sedgmer, a two-time OVAC Wrestling Champion from Cadiz High School, tragically lost his life in an auto accident. In 2005, a committee in his community established The Lucas D. Sedgmer Memorial Scholarship. Currently \$5000.00 annually is awarded to five (5) deserving wrestlers to continue their education. These five (5) permanently installed scholarship funds over the years have afforded deserving OVAC wrestlers over \$156,000 in college scholarships.

We welcome Conotton Valley and Frontier to the OVAC "Ron Mauck" Wrestling Tournament this year. Good luck to them and all the teams and wrestlers!

Without the efforts and dedication of the workers, coaches, officials and wrestlers, the tournament would not be the outstanding event it is! These are the people who make the OVAC "Ron Mauck" Wrestling Tournament the best in the nation. A special "Thank You" to all these individuals!

So let's make our focus – win or lose –to recognize and applaud the commitment, dedication and determination of the wrestlers competing this weekend. I wish everyone the best of luck in this year's championships.

## THE RON AND MARY LOU MAUCK LEGACY "Their Story"



Educator, coach, administrator, family been the tournament director of the 2010 when he handed the baton to Dr. event, it was renamed in his honor - the 2006.



man and community leader – Ron Mauck has OVAC Wrestling Championships from 1979 until Dan Doyle. Due to his total devotion to the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Championships in

A protégé of the late, legendary Coach George Kovalick, Ron Mauck also established the conference's dual meet championship standings in 1971. Ron Mauck was also the tournament director for five West Virginia State Wrestling Championships (1979-82-83-86-87) at the former Wheeling Civic Center. On three separate occasions, he served as a volunteer on the staff for the NAIA and NCAA Division II championships (hosted by West Liberty State College) held at the Wheeling Civic Center.

In addition to his mat sport duties for the conference, Ron Mauck was a long-time member of the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Classic. He was assistant game director and later served as game director from 1985 through 2000.

A graduate of Bridgeport High School (1958) and West Liberty State College, Ron Mauck later earned his master's degree in safety education at West Virginia University.

While matriculating at West Liberty, Ron Mauck was Coach George Kovalick's wrestling manager. There's an interesting anecdote regarding his close association with the legendary "Coach K" at West Liberty State College. A couple days before one dual meet, Kovalick's varsity wrestler became too sick to wrestle. Surprisingly, Ron Mauck, whose many duties as a manager included cleaning the uniforms and driving the team van to meets, asked Coach Kovalick if he could wrestle-off with the second-team wrestler. Coach Kovalick said, "Okay." Ron Mauck won the wrestle-off, wrestled in the dual meet, and lost a very close match in overtime. Not too shabby.

Ron Mauck began his teaching and coaching career in 1965 at Follansbee High School where he started the school's varsity wrestling program and coached the school's only individual state champion - Lou Daly. While at Follansbee, Mauck coached John Craig, a first-time wrestler as a senior in 1965, who later became an All-

American Finalist at West Liberty State College (now West Liberty University), who then developed into one of the most successful mat mentors in the Ohio Valley.

When Brooke High School opened in 1968, Ron Mauck was named to coach the wrestling team where he tutored the Bruin's first WV Wrestling State Champion - Jim Suddoth. Before retiring after a 34-year career in education, Mauck served as Brooke's Director of Driver Education Department.

Ron Mauck also served as the school's Physical Plant Director, Assistant Athletic Director and Athletic Director. In fact, he was named the West Virginia Athletic Director of the Year (1995) and was a past president of the West Virginia Safety Association. Furthermore, he served as the president of the Bridgeport High School Alumni Association. Promoting education in Ohio County, Ron Mauck was later president of the Warwood Junior High School Athletic Association.

Over the years, Ron Mauck received many, many accolades. In 1986, he received the prestigious OVAC Mr. Mat Award. He was also named the West Virginia Wrestling Coaches Man of the Year in 1987 and Wrestling USA Magazine's West Virginia State Man of the Year in 2013.

Ron Mauck also received recognition awards from the Upper Ohio Valley Dapper

Dan Club (1985 and 1997). He was twice named the Warwood Lions' Club Citizen of the Year, winner of the H.V. Corcoran, Sr. Award (2001) and was inducted into the Brooke County Wall of Fame (2006).

After retiring as an educator, Ron Mauck accepted the position as administrator of the Warwood Home for Men where he worked together with the staff and had a great relationship with all the residents.

Ron Mauck was always a team player who claimed that any success he had experienced was due to his alliance with numerous likeminded individuals: George Kovalick, Bob Hedmond, George Walley, Vince and Kay Monseau, Bill and

Shirley Hinegardner, Dick and Patricia Edge, Tom and Linda Rataiczak, Bill Van Horne, Steve Kish, Dan Doyle, John Stephenson, Bill Welker, Rudy, Lillian and Sam Mumley, Dick Wolf, Cal Pokas, Robert "Bubba" Kapral, Kim North, Dirk DeCoy, Jim Potts, Gary Davis, Bob Koch, Denny Magruder, Sonya Fedorko, Jim Rogers, John Craig, Nolan Van Gilder, Tom and Linda Myers, Ron and Eleanor White - and so many, many more.

Ron Mauck and his lifelong friend, Bill synonymous with the sport of It was no surprise that the dynamic the years by the Ohio Valley Wrestling Coaches Association Hinegardner with their OVAC Award. Their plaques are Coach George Kovalick and the the WesBanco Arena.Due to his of wrestling in the Ohio Valley inducted into the National Virginia Chapter) and OVAC Hall

Hinegardner. have always wrestling throughout the Ohio Valley. duo was honored for their work over Athletic Conference. The OVAC welcomed both Ron Mauck and Bill Wrestling Lifetime Achievement enshrined together with the late late Bill Van Horne in the lobby of mammoth efforts to the promotion and West Virginia, Ron Mauck was Wrestling Hall of Fame (West of Fame in 2006.

Ron Mauck's partner, best friend and cheerleader in life was his beloved wife. Mary Lucille (Lou) Mauck. She totally involved his activities in the school environment organizations, or community affairs.

supported all of his endeavors, whether it (both educational and athletic in nature), charitable

Mary Lou Mauck, one of the dedicated "OVAC Ladies of the Mats," has been a "behind-the-scenes" contributor of the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament for decades, supporting all area wrestlers, as well as athletes in all sports. She also volunteered her time with the "Queen of Queens" and the Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game.

Mary Lou Mauck retired from Ohio County Schools where she spent 35 happy years teaching elementary school at Warwood School. All her students cherished her kindness and concern for their success in school. She was so devoted to her students, going the extra mile to help all of them to achieve in school and life. They loved her very much because she so dearly loved them.

A devout Catholic and a lifetime member of Corpus Christi Parish in Warwood, Mary Lou Mauck spent many years as part of the Ladies Guild at Corpus Christi, Wheeling Woman's Club, Warwood Lions Club, Bridge Club and the Ohio County Retired Teachers' Association.

Mary Lou Mauck enjoyed traveling Mountaineers to many bowl games, Liberty University, and touring and the Virgin Islands. They also country, enjoying wonderful

Mary Lou Mauck's deep was ever present. She had modest of people feel events. Her smile and ever present. Mary Lou was who knew her.

Mary Lou and Ron Mauck and Ron always had words of activities in which Ron was put in of teamwork, constantly expressing with her husband, Ron, following the attending numerous events at West Alaska, Costa Rica, Canadian Rockies, took baseball trips around the sites on the East and West Coasts.

passion for entertaining people the unique gift of making even the comfortable and welcome at social positive attitude toward life was loved and admired by everyone

enjoyed life to the fullest. Mary Lou wisdom. When it came to all the charge, he emphasized the importance the motto:

"There is no 'l' in team!"

Mary Lou and Ron loved their OVAC wrestling and football families, and the many friends they made on numerous committees, especially the OVAC Thomas E. Rataiczak Sports Museum and Hall of Fame Committee. Mary Lou and Ron Mauck felt so blessed with the many neighbors and friends who supported them while dealing with their health issues, particularly the help Ron's sister Patty and her husband Jim Habermehl had given Mary Lou on Sundays prior to her many Monday cancer treatments over the years. Mary Lou's gift to her Ron before passing was the following saying: "Just today, I will try to live through this day only and not tackle my whole life problems at once." Likewise, Ron's parting words to Mary Lou were: "We will be together again, eternally, my love." Ron and Mary Lou Mauck were married 55 years. They have three beautiful children: Eric (Stacy) Mauck of Wheeling, WV, Jay (Melissa) Mauck of Wheeling, WV, and Missy (Dwain) Zink of Wintersville, OH, along with four precious grandchildren: Michael Mauck, Nathan Mauck, Alex Zink and Abigail Mauck. It is a family of unconditional love created by Ron and Mary Lou Mauck. Now you know the Ron and Mary Lou Mauck story of love – a humble and caring couple who have lived "Lives of Service" to their family, community and God.

Compiled by Dr. Bill Welker

The Mauck Family Biographer

## **OVAC MR. MAT AWARD 1976-1987**



1976 GEORGE KOVALICK BELLAIRE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



1977 BILL VAN HORNE SPORTS EDITOR WHEELING REGISTER



1978 JOHN VROTSOS MARTINS FERRY HIGH



1979 RICHARD EDGE PRINCIPAL, SPRINGFIELD OHIO



1980 GEORGE WALLEY JOHN MARSHALL A.D.



1981 BOB HEDMOND STEUBENVILLE A.D.



1982 PAUL CRAGO MARSHALL COUNTY SCHOOLS



1983 DR. VINCE MONSEAU WEST LIBERTY STATE COLLEGE



1984 BILL HINEGARDNER JOHN MARSHALL HIGH



1985 DENNIS BOWMAN BELLAIRE HIGH



1986 RON MAUCK BROOKE HIGH



1987 ERIC CARDER WHEELING PARK A.D.

## **OVAC MR. MAT AWARD 1988-1999**



1988 DAVE KOVALICK BARNESVILLE HIGH



1989 STEVE KISH PRINCIPAL, BELLAIRE HIGH



1990 CARL FODOR HANCOCK COUNTY



1991 DR. WILLIAM WELKER WARWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL



1992 LARRY DEATON MARTINS FERRY



1993 JOHN STEPHENSON CADIZ HIGH



1994 JOE BATES WOODSFIELD HIGH



1995 BOB BRUNEY MARTINS FERRY HIGH



1996 LARRY CHAMBERS MOUNDSVIILE JR. HIGH



1997 GARY DAVIS BEALLSVILLE HIGH



1998 CAL POKAS MARTINS FERRY TIMES LEADER



1999 TOM LACKMAN JEFFERSON UNION HIGH

## OVAC MR. MAT AWARD 2000-2011



2000 ED "BUZZ" EVANS WHEELING PARK HIGH



2001 WILLIAM MCELDOWNEY WHEELING



2002 JOHN CRAIG INDIAN CREEK



2003 ED DUGAS JOHN MARSHALL



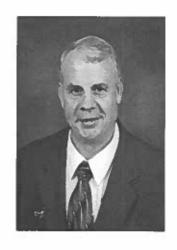
2004 JEFF OBERDICK MARTINS FERRY



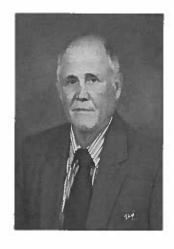
2005 DR. DAN DOYLE NOBLE COUNTY SCHOOLS



2006 NOLAN VAN GILDER BROOKE HIGH



2007 RICK LINK UNION LOCAL



2008 JIM POTTS CAMERON



2009 PAUL BILLIARD BROOKE HIGH



2010 JEFF CARROLL CAMBRIDGE HIGH



2011 RICH GREGOR AMSTERDAM

## OVAC MR. MAT AWARD 2012-2023



2012 ART HEHR BRIDGEPORT



2013 DAVID LAMOTTE BRIDGEPORT



2014 DARRELL DAVIS BARNESVILLE



2015 GENE MONTELEONE WHEELING PARK



2016 JIM CROSIER STEUBENVILLE



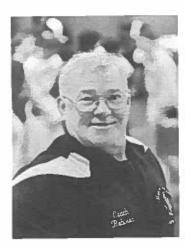
2017 ANDREW LAMOTTE BRIDGEPORT



LARRY SHAW
OAK GLEN HIGH SCHOOL



2019 JOHN GRINCH SHADYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL



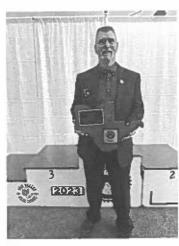
2020 KENNY ROBISON WOODSFIELD



2021 PETE CUFFARO WHEELING



2022 JEFF CROSIER STEUBENVILLE



2023 MERLE TOURNAY BROOKE

## OVAC MR. MAT AWARD 2024-



2024 ED WEST JOHN MARSHALL

## RON MAUCK OVAC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT TEAM CHAMPIONS

## 1954-2024

1954	BRIDGEPORT	GEORGE KOVALICK	1991	OAK GLEN	LARRY SHAW
1955	BRIDGEPORT	GEORGE KOVALICK	1992	STEUBENVILLE	JOHN CRAIG
1956	BRIDGEPORT	GEORGE KOVALICK	1993	MARTINS FERRY	JEFF OBERDICK
1957	BRIDGEPORT	GEORGE KOVALICK	1994	WHEELING PARK	BUZZ EVANS
1958	BRIDGEPORT	GEORGE KOVALICK	1995	STEUBENVILLE	RICK CAMILLETTI
1959	BRIDGEPORT	GEORGE KOVALICK	1996	BUCKEYE LOCAL	DAN DOYLE
1960	BRIDGEPORT	GEORGE KOVALICK	1997	BUCKEYE LOCAL	DAN DOYLE
1961	MARTINS FERRY	JOHN VROTSOS	1998	MARTINS FERRY	JEFF OBERDICK
1962	MARTINS FERRY	JOHN VROTSOS	1999	MARTINS FERRY	JEFF OBERDICK
1963	MARTINS FERRY	JOHN VROTSOS	2000	EAST LIVERPOOL	SCOTT HEIMSTRA
1964	MARTINS FERRY	JOHN VROTSOS	2001	EAST LIVERPOOL	SCOTT HEIMSTRA
1965	MARTINS FERRY	JOHN VROTSOS	2002	OAK GLEN	LARRY SHAW
1966	MARTINS FERRY	JOHN VROTSOS	2003	BEAVER LOCAL	RICH WRIGHT
1967	MARTINS FERRY	JOHN VROTSOS	2004	OAK GLEN	LARRY SHAW
1968	MARTINS FERRY	JOHN VROTSOS	2005	OAK GLEN	LARRY SHAW
1969	ST. JOHN'S	DENNIS BOWMAN	2006	WHEELING PARK	GENE MONTELEONE
1970	WHEELING CENTRAL	JOHN HIBBERT	2007	OAK GLEN	LARRY SHAW
1971	ST. JOHN'S	DENNIS BOWMAN	2008	WHEELING PARK	SEAN DOYLE
1972	JOHN MARSHALL	BILL HINEGARDNER	2009	HARRISON CENTRAL	TODD DUNLAP
1973	JOHN MARSHALL	BILL HINEGARDNER	2010	PARKERSBURG SOUTH	PAUL JACKSON
1974	JOHN MARSHALL	BILL HINEGARDNER	2011	PARKERSBURG SOUTH	PAUL JACKSON
1975	WARWOOD	ERIC CARDER	2012	PARKERSBURG SOUTH	PAUL JACKSON
1976	WEIR	CHARLES MURRAY	2013	STEUBENVILLE	MIKE BLACKBURN
1977	JOHN MARSHALL	BILL HINEGARDNER	2014	PARKERSBURG SOUTH	DONNA DIXON
1978	WHEELING PARK	ERIC CARDER	2015	PARKERSBURG SOUTH	DONNA DIXON
1979	WHEELING PARK	ERIC CARDER	2016	PARKERSBURG SOUTH	SHAUN SMITH
1980	STEUBENVILLE	JOHN CRAIG	2017	PARKERSBURG SOUTH	SHAUN SMITH
1981	CADIZ	JOHN STEPHESON	2018	PARKERSBURG SOUTH	SHAUN SMITH
1982	STEUBENVILLE	JOHN CRAIG	2019	BEAVER LOCAK	JORDAN WILLIAMS
1983	JOHN MARSHALL	ED DUGAS	2020	PARKERSBURG SOUTH	SHAUN SMITH
1984	STEUBENVILLE	JOHN CRAIG	2021	NO TOURNAMENT	
1985	BARNESVILLE	DARRELL DAVIS	2022	WHEELING PARK	BRIAN LEGGETT
1986	EAST LIVERPOOL	NICK TROMBETTA	2023	PARKERSBURG SOUTH	SHAUN SMITH
1987	STEUBENVILLE	JOHN CRAIG	2024	BARNESVILLE	JAYSON STEPHEN
1988	EAST LIVERPOOL	NICK TROMBETTA			
1989	STEUBENVILLE	JOHN CRAIG			
1990	WHEELING PARK	BUZZ EVANS			

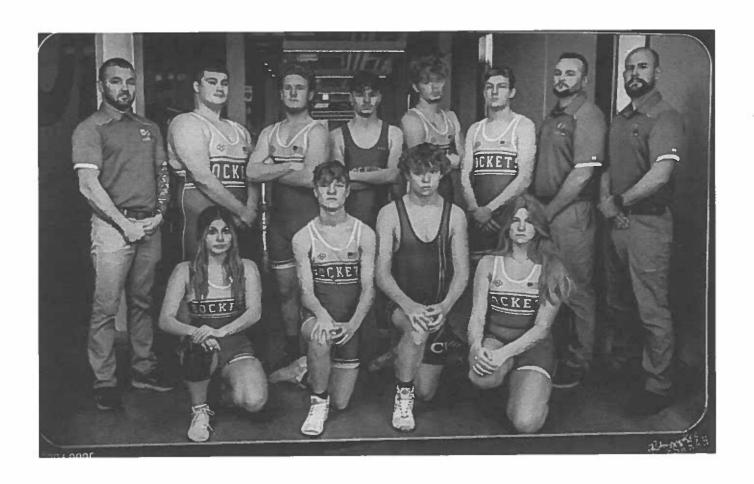
## 2024 RON MAUCK OVAC WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS FINAL TEAM SCORES BY CLASS

CLASS 5A		CLASS 4A	
UNIVERSITY	251.50	OAK GLEN	168
PARKERSBURG SOUTH	203,50	BEAVER LOCAL	136.50
STEUBENVILLE	181.0	INDIAN CREEK	97
WHEELING PARK	152.50	HARRISON CENTRAL	93.50
JOHN MARSHALL	96	EAST LIVERPOOL	79.5
BROOKE	84	WEIR	69.50
WARREN	51	CAMBRIDGE	68
MORGANTOWN	30	EDISON	58
		BUCKEYE LOCAL	56
		ST CLAIRSVILLE	21

CLASS 3A		CLASS	1 & 2 A
BARNESVILLE	259	CAMERON	80
WHEELING CENTRAL	101.50	SOUTHERN LOCAL	74
LINSLY	89	CALDWELL	48
UNION LOCAL	81.50	BRIDGEPORT	32.5
MARTINS FERRY	56	STEUBENVILLE CENTRAL 22.5	
SHENANDOAH	38.50	TORONTO	17
BELLAIRE	31	RIVER	10
FORT FRYE	22	SHADYSIDE	10
MAGNOLIA	14	BEALLSVILLE	7
		FRONTIER	3
		MADONNA	3
		WELLSVILLE	2
		MONROE CENTRAL	0
		PADEN CITY	0
		CONOTTON VALLEY	-2

<sup>\*</sup>PARKERSBURG SOUTH SET A MODERN DAY OVAC RECORD IN 2015 WITH 324,5 POINTS

# CONOTTON VALLEY WARDESTLING ROCKETS



1st Row – Jaylin Kimmel, Sam Smith, Joseph Krawulski, Addison Citro

2nd Row – Coach Jesse Crilley, Hunter McLaughlin, Evan Worrell, Justin Smith, Rylan Bagby, Joe Warner, Coach Michael Crilley, Coach Robbie Collins

### **OVAC WRESTLING SCHOLARSHIPS**

Since the early 1980s, OVAC wrestling enthusiasts have established wrestling scholarships for deserving wrestlers throughout the Valley. All scholarship award winners are nominated by the coaches and presented at the OVAC Spring Banquet of Champions. The scholarships that have been established over the years are highlighted as follows:

### George Kovalick Wrestling Scholarship

The George Kovalick Wrestling Scholarship of \$1,000. Coach Kovalick was one of the founders of the OVAC Wrestling Tournament in 1954. He is considered the "Father of OVAC Wrestling." A master coach, George Kovalick will always be remembered for his dedication and love for athletes in all Ohio Valley sports.

## Ron E. Mauck Memorial Wrestling Scholarship - OVAC Wrestling Coaches Association

The Ronald E. Mauck Wrestling Scholarship of \$2,000 will be awarded annually to a deserving wrestler who intends to further his education at an institution of higher learning. A modest man, Ron Mauck always believed that success involved the dedication of teamwork. His favorite motto: "There is no '1' in the success of any program. It involves the hard work of all involved in the organization."

## Daniel M. Burke Memorial Wrestling Scholarship

Dedicated to a sincere belief that the loss of their young son should not end with that tragic auto accident on February 8 of 1982, His parents, Bob and Dolores Burke wished to establish a living tribute to perpetuate this memory. Therefore, in 1983 the first Daniel M. Burke Memorial Wrestling Scholarship was presented. The scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 is to be applied to college expenses.

## James "Dead Eye" Morris Memorial Scholarship

The Charter Committee for the James "Dead Eye" Team Sportsmanship Scholarship is pleased to solicit for the applications to this year's annual scholarship of \$1,000. A promotor of OVAC wrestling for many years, Mr. Morris wanted to stress the importance of good sportsmanship in all sports, especially wrestling.

### Lucas D. Sedgmer Memorial Scholarship

The \$1,000 scholarship is in memory of a young man who touched the lives of many through his love of life, wrestling, community and the outdoors. Lucas died in a fatal auto accident after a visit to one of the colleges he considered attending after graduation. His desire was to complete his education to become a teacher and wrestling coach.

## William "Bill" Marling OVAC Wrestling Memorial Scholarship

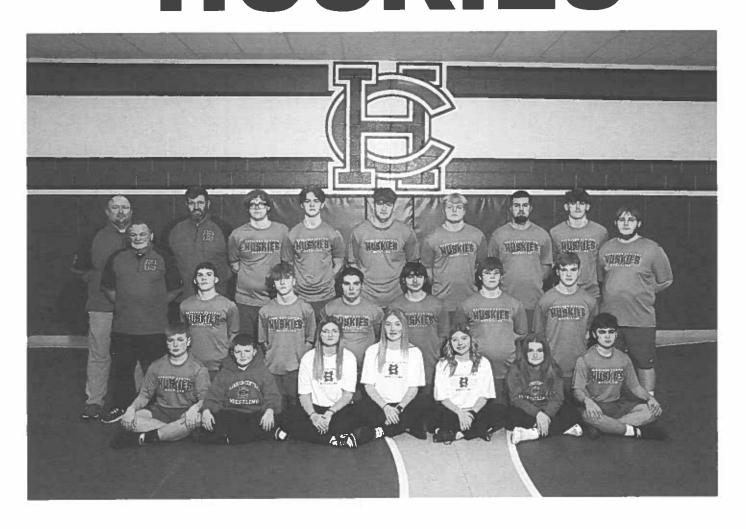
Dedicated to William "Bill" Marling, a sincere advocate and supporter of today's youth in so many areas, especially wrestling, where he excelled as an athlete and was a respected wrestling official. This scholarship rewards an athlete for showing character, work ethic, and sacrifice. The scholarship in the amount of \$500 is to be applied to college expenses.

### R. C. Anderson Memorial Wrestling Scholarship

Smitty Floors Sportatorium is happy to announce we will be starting this 2025 wrestling season with a \$1250.00 a year scholarship in remembrance of Cameron's R. C. Anderson, a two-time OVAC and four-time West State Champion. R. C.'s love for wrestling made him the successful man he became in life and from the strength and determination he found in the sport helped him fight the toughest match of his life, cancer. What made R. C. Anderson so special was not only was he a peaceful warrior on the mat but a caring, loving person off the mat and revered by the lives he touched.

Since the inception of the scholarships throughout the last 40 years, 100s of OVAC wrestlers have received over \$170,000 to assist them in becoming successful in life.

# HARRISON CENTRAL MARKES TELESTAGE HUSKIES



- 1st Row Cael Bryant, Brasen Bryant, Khloe Mader, McKynze Bryant, Ava Huffman, Aubrey Bryant, Michael Able
- 2nd Row Coach Richard McKinney, Zander Stabile, Brayden McAfee, RJ Hendershot, Derrick Rogers, Jeffrey McAfee, Coltin Locke, Jacob Bodenheimer
- 3rd Row Head Coach Bill Bryant, Coach Joe Thomas, Landen Walters, Caden Hendricks, Landen Thomas, Knox McKibben, Markus Hilbert, Jaden Harris
- Absent: Andrew Alberts, Brennan Engstrom, Hayden Bittinger, Mat Stat Advisor Sis Bittinger, Coach Stan Bittinger, Coach Tony Carothers, Coach Zach McKibben, Coach Brad Bryant

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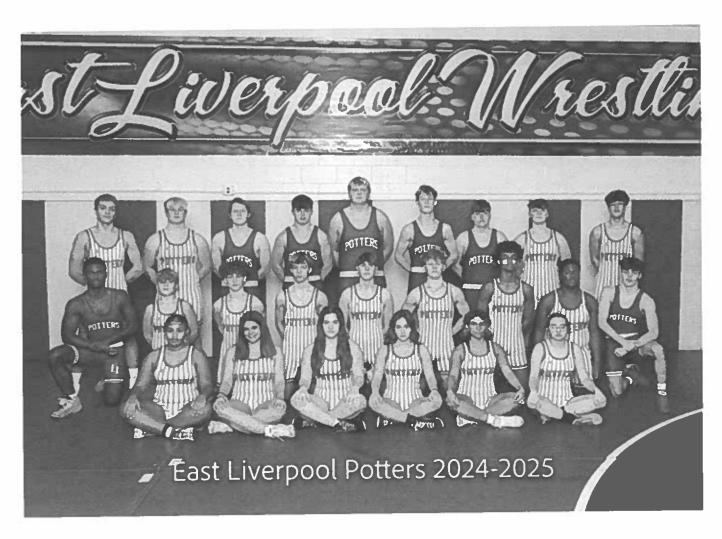
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# EAST LIVERPOOL WARESTLING

## POTTERS



1st Row - Asia Moman, Kira Coil, Alanna McGonigal, Paige Cowan, Bernadette Gotera, Cheyenne Ferrebee

2nd Row - Ashod Lockett, Hayden Douds, Kyle Ingram, Wyatt MCcune, Brody Lyle, Jayden Shaw, Johnavin Adkins, Foster Carter, Tristan Eckles

3rd Row - Derion Carnes, Danielle Carroll, Ladainian Hanlon, Damon Stansbury, Peyton Shaw, Xavier Lara



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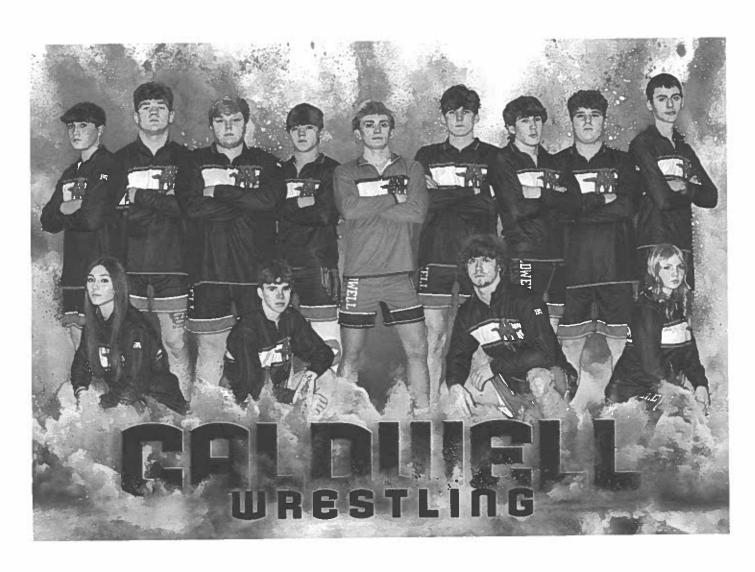
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# CALDWELL WRESTLING REDSKINS



1st Row - Asie Poland, Jesse Pemberton, Donnie Pierce, Tyler Cobb

2nd Row - Jaron Bates, Sam Pierce, Jack Serdy, Brody Chandler, Preston Chandler, Adan Bender, Owen Hunt, Blake Williams, Wes Gardner

SUMPING THE OHIO WALLEY



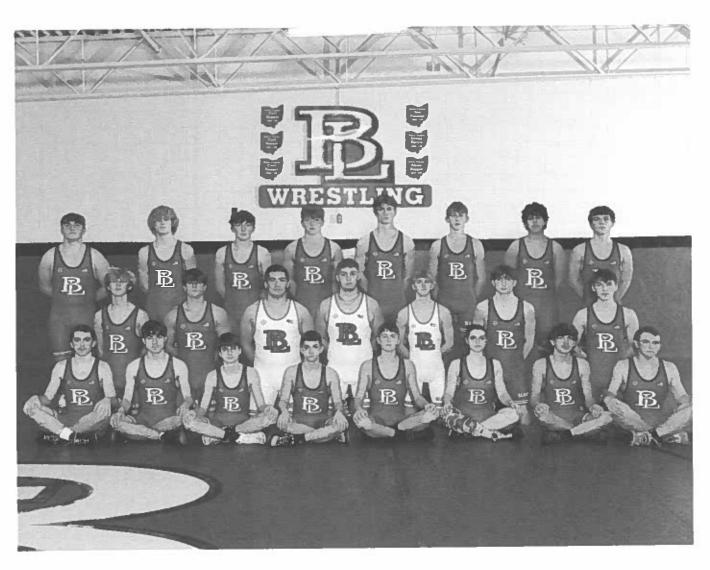
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# BEAVER LOCAL WRESTLING BEAVERS



1st Row - Leo Wilkes, Peyton Yerkey, Jhett Boyd, Jeryck Boyd, John Burkett, Breeonna Parrish, Owen Adkins, Kaleb Jackson

2nd Row - Aaden Ring, Evan Ours, Isaac Prescott, Kane Curran, Justuce Fisher, Bobby Buchheit, Kyle Salsberry

3rd Row - Robbie Marra, Aiden Fisher, Collin Ring, Aiden Price, Braedon Landfried, Chris Warrick, Maddix Wilson, Ryan Stinard

## COMMUNICATION

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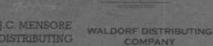


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Family Talk About Drinking is a program that helps parents talk with their kids about alcohol, underage drinking and responsible choices.

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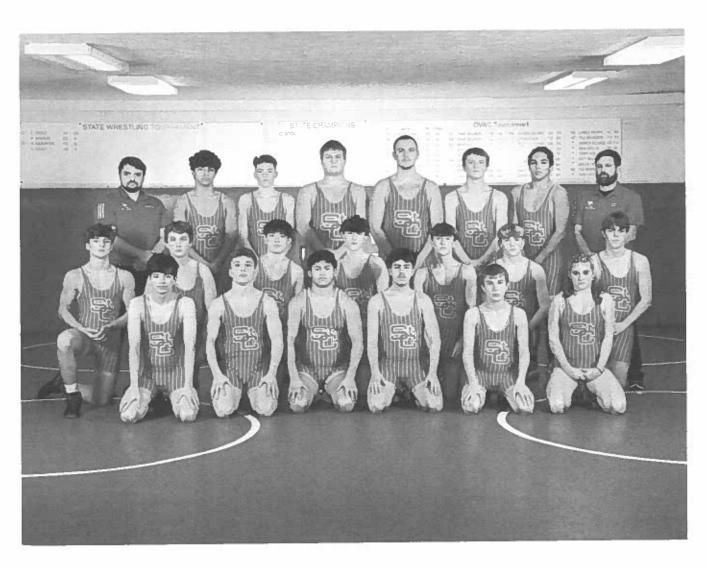






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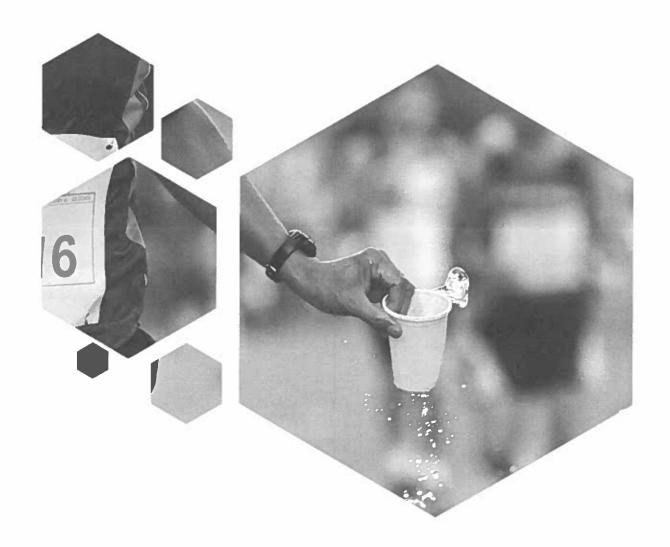
# ST. CLAIRSVILLE WARESTLING RED DEVILS



1st Row - Devin Martinez, Preston Apostolec, Hugo Sustaita, Beau Jones, Michael Howard, Clarissa Jarrett

2nd Row - Brody Bolyard, Michael Kanopsic, Jeremy Tharp, Wyatt McClain, Carson Bishop, Jacob Planey, Timmy Crain

3rd Row - Head Coach Bobby Richmond, Therron Fillon. Kohen Holmes, Bo Donley, Alex Renner, Isaiha Howard, Luke Marling, Assistant Coach Dillon Nolte

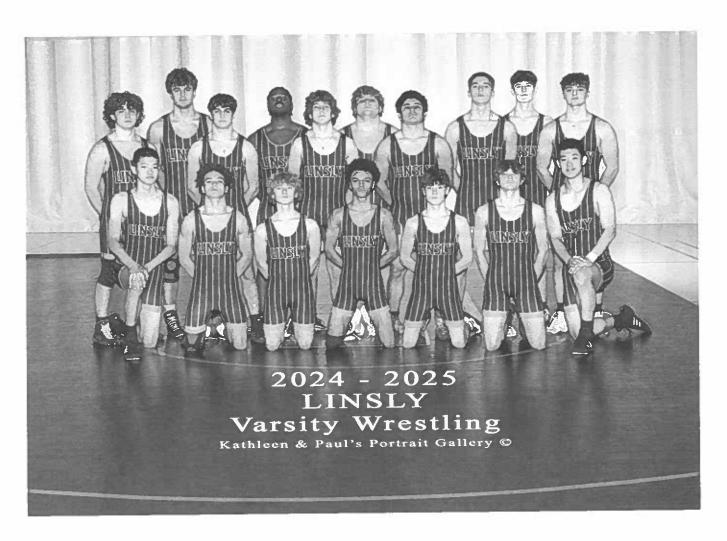


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## WRESTLING CADETS



1st Row - Brody Cottrill, Nee Boateng, Eliott Wade, Landon Cottrill, Sawyer Palian

2nd Row - Simon Schiebel Lucca Troullos, Rocco Troullos, Joaquin Zarur, Griffen Kernik

3rd Row - William Zhang, George Mamakos, John Adamsky, Brock Humphrey, Skyler Hunter, Henry Zhang

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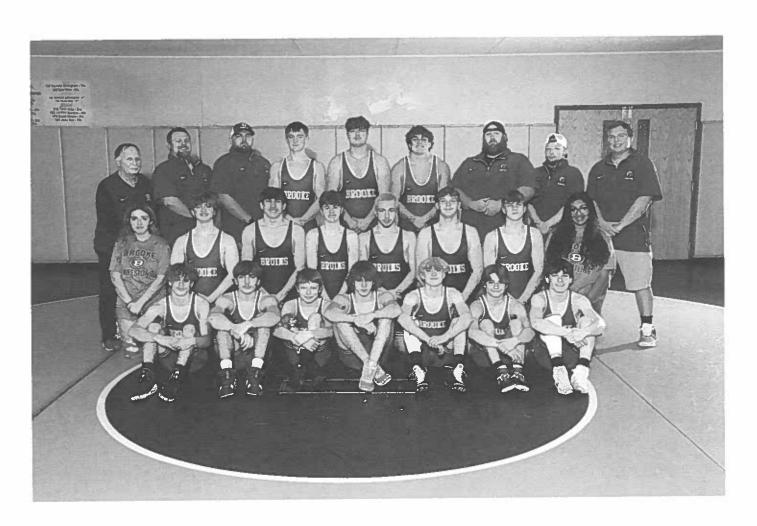






## **OVAC MEDIA PARTNERS**

# BROOKE WARESTLING BRUINS



- 1st Row Dallas Clark-Smith, Landon Burdine, Liam Summers, Orrin Newton, Anthony Maple, Gannon Swickard, Michael Gibson
- 2nd Row Natalie Miller, Ethan Dobbs, Triston Stevens, Joey Rea, James Dunn, Garrett Moore, Roy Shreve, Nicolette Horstin
- 3rd Row Pete Bolock, Doug Sizemore, Stephen Hunter, Dominic White, Jacob Obeldobel, Conner Ray, Mike Findling, John George, Austin Williams

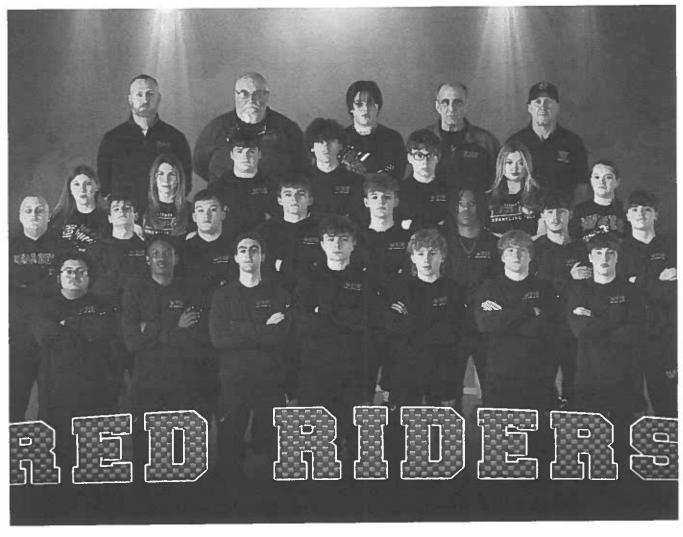
## OVAC WRESTLING COACHES AWARD *Larry Deaton*Official of the Year Award

For his contribution to wrestling as an official, president of and interpreter for the Ohio Valley Wrestling Officials Association, the membership, in tribute to his commitment, dedication and leadership, expressed that desire by having the "Official of the Year Award" dedicated in his honor.

His officiating career spans more than five decades. Even more significant is his patience in training and mentoring of scores of referees, many of whom have been recipients of this award.

1996	RAY MARLING	2013	LOU COFFLAND
1997	SHAWN CROSIER	2014	SHANE KILDOW
1998	RAY MARLING	2015	PAUL COFFLAND
1999	STEVE KISH	2016	ED "BUZZ" EVANS
2000	SHAWN CROSIER	2017	BABE SIDON
2001	JIM CROSIER	2018	RAY JEFFERIES
2002	MERLE TOURNAY	2019	RICK CROSIER
2003	DR. BILL WELKER	2020	JIM COPNEY
2004	RICK CROSIER	2022	DERRICK STICKLES
2005	RAY MARLING	2023	TOM REGIS
2006	JACK REGIS	2024	TUCKER BROWN
2007	RAY JEFFRIES		
2008	PAUL COFFLAND		
2009	RICHIE HEAVILIN		
2010	ED "BUZZ" EVANS		
2011	RICK CROSIER		
2012	JACK REGIS		

## WEIR WRESTLING RED RIDERS



- 1st Row Brock Hebb, Dhorian Grays, Eduardo Souza, David DeFelice, Wyatt Hostuttler, Daniel Howland, Logan Lemmi
- 2nd Row Jeffery Lindemood, Jonathon Rhodes, Hunter Streng, Jackson Bonner, Evan McMillion, Terell Jones, Tyee Barish, Brody Baker.
- 3rd Row Lea Young, Naomi Young, Ashton Hans, Ben Bryan, Josh DeFelice, Elli Totten, Megan Dunmyer
- 4th Row Garrett Railing, Tom Taylor, Tyran Arnold, Perry Miotlowski, Shawn Young

## THE 38th Annual OVAC BILL WELKER WRESTLERS OF THE YEAR

Dr. Bill Welker conceived and initiated the award in 1988. He was named the West Virginia Wrestling Sportswriter of the year seven times and the National Wrestling Sportswriter of the Year two times by Wrestling USA Magazine.

Dr. Dan Doyle chairs the selection committee of five Ohio Valley wrestling dignitaries that select the honorees. The West Virginia representatives are Wrestling USA Magazine's 2024 National Coach of the Year Rick Welker and West Liberty University coaching legend Dr. Vince Monseau, who replaces the late OVAC wrestling icon, Ron Mauck. The Ohio representatives are OVAeC Wrestling webmaster Sean Smith and Jeff Crosier, past OVAC President.

The committee has the extreme pleasure of announcing the 38th Annual "OVAC Bill Welker West Virginia and Ohio Wrestlers of the Year."

The recipients must be seniors and are chosen on the basis of personal wrestling accomplishments over their entire scholastic careers. This year's winners are Barnesville's Reese Stephen and Parkersburg South's Gage Wright.

## REESE STEPHEN

- \* 2023 Ohio Class III State Champion
- \* 2024 Ohio Class III State Champion



- \* Three-Time Ohio District Champion
- \* Three-Time OVAC Ron Mauck Place-winner
- \* 2023 OVAC Ron Mauck Champion
- \* 2024 OVAC Ron Mauck Finalist
- \* Career Record: 178-10
- \* Senior Record: 54-3
- \* Future Plans: Reese plans to matriculate at Cleveland State University, majoring Mechanical Engineering Technology and wrestle.

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## Kyle King

## GAGE WRIGHT

- \* Four-Time West Virginia AAA State Champion
- \* 2024 West Virginia AAA Co-Outstanding Wrestler
- \* Four-Time West Virginia AAA Regional Champion
- \* Four-Time OVAC Ron Mauck Tournament Champion
- \* 2024 OVAC Ron Mauck Tournament Outstanding Wrestler Bierkortte Award
- \* Senior Record: 49-1
- \* Over-All Record: 149-8



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WVSSAC State Team Duals Most Outstanding Wrestler Ranked #1 in the Nation @ 175 2022 NHSCA National Champion

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Pending National Record: Quickest Back-to-Back Pins (5 seconds and 5 seconds)

Future Plans: Gage plans to matriculate at Virginia Tech University and wrestle.



## PAST BILL WELKER OVAC WRESTLERS OF THE YEAR

1988 – John Crain, Oak Glen	1989 –Dave Wood, Cameron
Rick Burlenski, Bridgeport	Dunyasha Yetts, Steubenville
1990 – Ed Neely, Weirton Madonna	1991 – Eric Potts, Cameron
Babe Sidon, Martins Ferry	Scott DeYarmon, Buckeye Local
1992 – R. C. Anderson, Cameron	1993 – Ryan Dudas, Cameron
John Gilbeaut, Union Local	Kelly Shields, Edison
1994 – Chad Burge, Cameron	1995 – Jason Taylor, Wheeling Park
Ryan Slack, Shadyside	Brian Roskovich, Bridgeport
1996 – Josh Giovengo, Bishop Donahue	1997 – Dewitt Stanley, Brooke
Eric Anderson, Bellaire St. John's	Sean Doyle, Buckeye Local
1998 – Chad Pratz, Linsly	1999 – Alex McClung, Oak Glen
Travis Clark, Union Local	Matt Salsberry, East Liverpool
2000 – Steve Ochap, Wheeling Park	2001 - Eric Noel, Oak Glen
Scott Roth, Martins Ferry	Cole Bowersock, Beaver Local
2002 – Derrick Stickles, Oak Glen	2003 - Phil Bliss, Brooke
John Tierney, Martins Ferry	David Berolino, Buckeye Local
2004 – Casey Hughes, Cameron	2005 – Dustin Richie, John Marshall
Koel Davia, Union Local	Clay Tucker, Martin Ferry
2006 Rhett Northcraft, Oak Glen	2007 – Ronnell Green, Wheeling Park
William Sexton, Buckeye Local	James Myers, Indian Creek
2008 – Zach Basich, Wheeling Central	2009 – Dirk Bauer, Wheeling Park
Bryan Scoff, Bridgeport	Robbie Chilson, Bellaire
2010 – Max Nogay, Weirton Madonna	2011 – Kyle Bauer, Wheeling Park
Dylan Ice, Beaver Local	Dominic Prezzia, St. Clairsville
2012 - David Jeffrey, Parkersburg South	2013 – Lance Hill, Parkersburg South
Jeremy Border, Caldwell	Alex Quinn, Shadyside
2014 - Kameron Rayner, Caldwell	2015 - Dallas Baciak, Wheeling Park
Jonny Davis, Wheeling Park	Seth Bloor, Wellsville
2016 – Isaiah Myers, Wheeling Park	2017 – Justin Allman, Parkersburg South
Tariq Wilson, Steubenville	Greg Quinn, Shadyside
2018 – Josh Humphreys, Parkersburg So.	2019 – Anthony Rice, Steubenville
Jashon Hubbard, Steubenville	Alec Cook, Weirton Madonna
2020 - Braxton Amos, Parkersburg So.	2021 - Gavin Quiocho, Parkersburg South
Cole McComas, Beaver Local	Peyten Kellar, Warren
2022 – Ian Bush, Cameron	2023 – Bradyn Lucas, Wheeling Park
Logan Ours, Beaver Local	Dom Paterra, Indian Creek

2024 – Reese Stephen, Barnesville Gage Wright, Parkersburg South

## MATTHEW SALSBERRY SCHOLARSHIP

Within minutes after leaving for home from Ohio Northern University, where they had all just undergone freshman orientation, Matt Salsberry, his girlfriend, Emily Bickerton, and his best friend, Dan Aldrich, fell victim 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, school and community of a magnitude which can only be described as traumatizing and from which we are still laboring to recover.

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

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

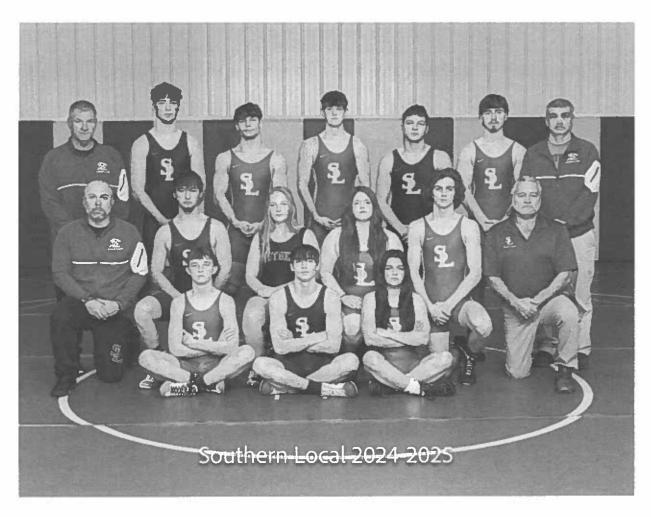
Matt was a two-time OVAC champion and winner of the "Mr. Hercules Award" in '99, by pinning his way to the 215# championship in a cumulative time of less than a single match. He was 4th in the State of Ohio while compiling 124 wins. He was All-State in football for three years and started in 32 consecutive 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 National Honors Society.

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

### RECIPIENTS

2003	JOHN PETROZZI	BUCKEYE LOCAL
2004	LUCAS BURKHARDT	SHADYSIDE
2005	ANTHONY DUFFIELD	EAST LIVERPOOL
2006	CHRISTOPHER CROCK	SHENANADOAH
2007	T.J. OSBON	OAK GLEN
2008	JIMMY REISZ	BEALLSVILLE
2009	ANGELO IACHINI	STEUBENVILLE
2010	PAUL RICHARD BLAKE II	CAMERON
2011	STEPHEN POULTON	CALDWELL
2012	CLAYTON CROSIER	BARNESVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE
2013	SAWYER LEPPLA	CAMBRIDGE
2014	KRISTOPHER BERRY	EAST LIVERPOOL

# SOUTHERN LOCAL WARESTLING INDIANS



1st Row - Austin Harshbarger, Jacob Conley, Grace Gardner

2nd Row - Coach Brian Spahlinger, Colton Spahlinger.Katie Harshbarger.Aubree Pucci. Gage Smith. Coach John Bailey

3rd Row - Dennis Bowers, Timmy Potts.Rowan Wiley, Evan Householder, Johnny Bailey. Aiden Brown. Coach Mark Emmerling

## 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, 1982, Bob and Delores Burke wished to establish a living tribute to perpetuate his memory. He was a dynamic individual and wrestler at Wheeling Park, who had yet to reach his full potential in this sport he loved. It was both fitting and appropriate that his parents decided to help a gifted scholar/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 that the recipient be a senior with outstanding records in both wrestling and academic performance. The original award was in the amount of \$1,000. However in 2006, was increased to \$2,500 and is to be applied to college expenses. As each recipient is added to the list, it reads like 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 serves to honor and perpetuate Danny's memory in a manner fulfilling the wishes of his parents.

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1983 1984	JOHN WITZEBERGER	WHEELING CENTRAL WHEELING PARK	MOUNT UNION
	TODD ROWE TODD HIBBS	JEFFERSON UNION	MOUNT UNION
1985		EAST LIVERPOOL	MUSKINGUM
1986	PAUL ICE	OAK GLEN	SYRACUSE
1987 1988	JEFF SOBEL	WELLSVILLE	MARYLAND
1989	STEVE WOODS	CAMERON	CAPITOL
	DAVID WOODS	ST. CLAIRSVILLE	WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON
1990	DAVID HEALTH	WELLSVILLE	MARYLAND
1991	LARRY SAMS	SHADYSIDE	OHIO NORTHERN
1992	RICK MOKROS		W. VIRGINIA NORTHERN
1993	DWAYNE PATTERSON	OAK GLEN	
1994	RYAN SLACK	SHADYSIDE	OHIO NORTHERN FAIRMONT ST.
1995	LUKE UNDERWOOD	WEIRTON	
1996	DAVID CORNISH	BUCKEYE LOCAL	WAYNESBURG
1997	CHRIS WARD	JOHN MARSHLL	WEST LIBERTY
1998	DAN JONES	MARTINS FERRY	OHIO STATE
1999	JOSE SMITH	CAMBRIDGE	CLEVELAND STATE
2000	ZACK ZUBAY	OAK GLEN	WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
2001	NATHAN KENDJORSKY	BUCKEYE LOCAL	WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
2002	JOHN TIERNEY	MARTINS FERRY	KENT STATE
2003	DAVID BERTOLINO	BUCKEYE LOCAL	IOWA STATE
2004	JASON BAHMER	BARNESVILLE	WEST POINT MIL. ACAD.
2005	DAVID FOLTZ	OAK GLEN	WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY
2006	ABBIE RUSH	WHEELING PARK	BOSTON UNIVERSITY
2007	JAMES MYERS	INDIAN CREEK	KENT STATE
2008	CODY MILLER	OAK GLEN	WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
2009	TROY ECKLEBERRY	OAK GLEN	UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
2010	MAX NOGAY	MADONNA	WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
2011	JESSE SCHIFFBAUER	UNIVERSITY HIGH	WEST VIRGINIA UNVERISTY
2012	ZACHARY BROWN	OAK GLEN	WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY
2013	MATTHEW BEAMAN	BROOKE	WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
2014	GARRETT WOTRING	MORGANTOWN	
2015	NICK TICE	OAK GLEN	WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
2016	TARIQ WILSON	STEUBENVILLE	NORTH CAROLINA STATE
2017	ROBERT DAVID BOZEK	OAK GLEN	
2018	TYLER ELY	STEUBENVILLE	WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY
2019	ANTHONY TYRON RICE, II	STEUBENVILLE	CLEVELAND STATE
2020	PEYTON HALL	OAK GLEN  EVON EASTON - DARKERSRURG SOUTH	DECCE SYNGOS ST CLAIDS///LE
2021 2022	IAN SHAWN BUSH – CAMERON, CAL	EVON EASTON PARKERSBURG SOUTH DEN STOUT ST. CLAIRSVILLE	, NEESE SKAGGS, ST. CLAIRSVILLE
2023	ERIC WILLIAMS – EAST LIVERPOOL,		
2024	GABRIEL BLISSENBACH	SOUTHERN LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL	

# BEALLSVILLE WRESTLING DEVILS



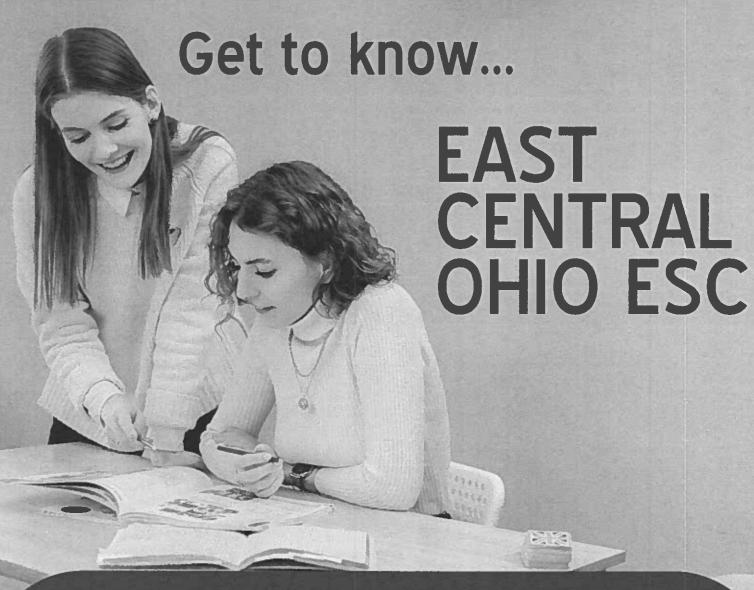
1st Row - Layton Newlan, Deegan Bondy, Chase Morris, Ben Ynsuela, Jacob Riggs

2nd Row - Ritchie Hagan, David Wiles, Anthony Dunn, Brendon Morris, Jayden Billingsley, Cody Harley, Rusty Bondy, Schuyler Bondy

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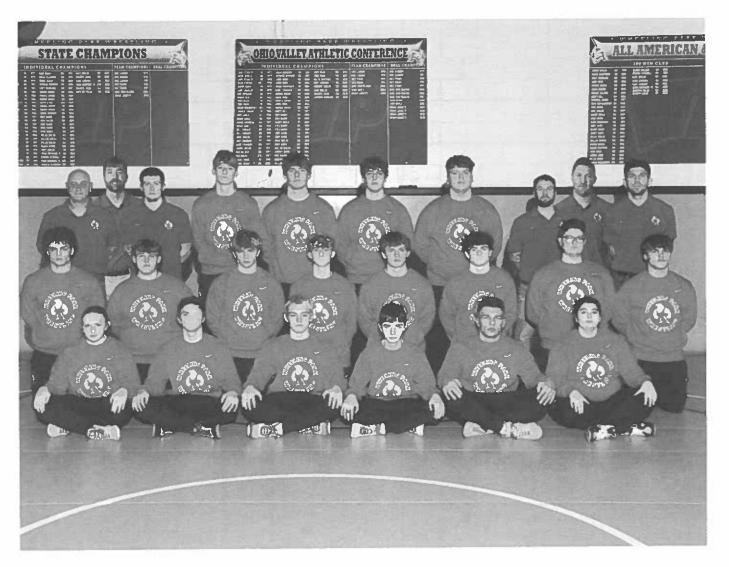
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## WHEELING PARK WARESTLING PATRIOTS



- 1st Row Kymber Heldreth, Jake Carman, Trenton McCardle, Arley Ennis, Noah White, Terionna Gibbons
- 2nd Row Malaki Washington, Kholton Muldrew, Nate Hodge, Carrington Polus, Hunter Miller, Jack Lowe, Terry Sparks, Isaac Sands
- 3rd Row Coach Todd Shelek, Coach Justin Goneau, Coach Andrew Shelek, Ezra Polus, Jameson Maynard, Quenton Scott, Hunter Means, Coach Dirk Bauer, Coach Clay Tucker, Coach Danny Doyle

### IAMES H. MORRIS OVAC WRESTLING SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD AND SCHOLARSHIP

A memorial tribute to honor James "Dead-Eye" Morris was established by the Morris family and sons, Jeff and Gregg (both former OVAC Wrestling Champions), following the death of their father in 1997.

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

The Sportsmanship Award is unique in that it is presented to "a non-coach supporter of the OVAC Wrestling to say thank you for your support through the years". The recipient of this award will be presented a \$1,000 scholarship at the OVAC Annual Awards Banquet.

The recipient will be chosen by the committee of wrestling enthusiasts and be determined by established qualifying criteria. Said criteria shall place great emphasis on sportsmanship and a favorable evaluation of 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 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 what this tournament is all about.

From the OVAC Family to the Morris Family, "In sharing your loss, we acknowledge and appreciate your generous contribution in a manner keeping with HIS compelling desire to give".

### SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

1997 Tom and Ray McMool - Moundsville

1998 James and Bobbie Stephenson

1999 Dick Wolf - East Liverpool

2000 Randy Ellison - Oak Glen

2001 Pete Cuffaro - Wheeling

2002 Tom & Linda Myers - Wheeling

2003 "Babe" Schmitt, Jr. - Wheeling

2004 Steve Shaffer - Wheeling Park

2005 No Recipient

2006 Ann Morris & Evelyn Kovalick

2007 Stephen Jewell - Wheeling Park

2008 Taylor Potts – John Marshall

2009 Dirk Bauer – Wheeling Park

2010 Jesse Green - Parkersburg South

2011 Benjamin Joshua Bartrug - River High

2012 Tyler Brown- Oak Glen

2013 Daniel Colby - Wheeling Park

2014 Matthew Dixon - Parkersburg

2015 Colten Nangle - Parkersburg South

2016 Paden McGaughey - Magnolia

2017 Nicholas Valachovic - University

2018 Brayden Starkey - Indian Creek

2019 Anthony Michel Carman - John Marshall

2020 Tyler Muldrew - Steubenville

2022 Nathan Shelek - Wheeling Park

2023 Marshal Bier - River

2024 Shawn Young - Weir

### SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD WINNERS

1997 Paul Grinch - Shadyside

1998 Garrett O'Neal - Cameron

1999 Lucas Sedgmer - Cadiz

2000 Scott Roth - Martins Ferry

2001 Phillip Bellville – Oak Glen

2002 Mike Fassouletos – John Marshall

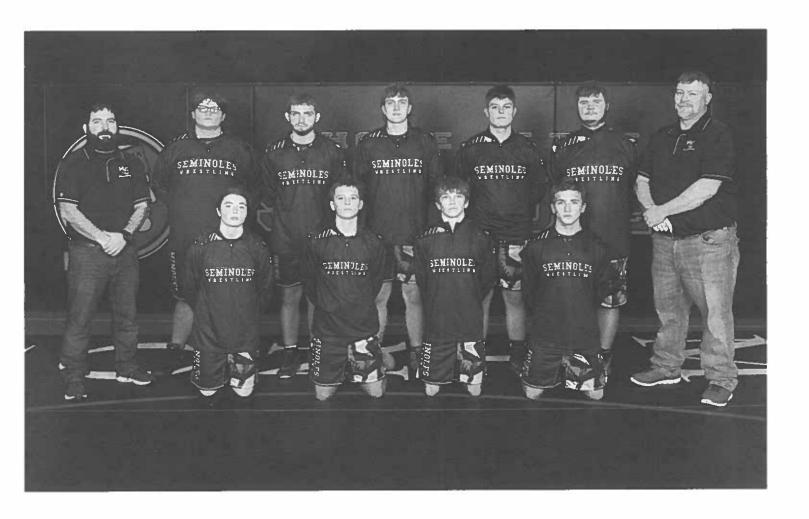
2003 Tony Maylee - Indian Creek

2004 Brandon Shaw - Brooke

2005 Logan Hartle – John Marshall

2006 Justin Seebach - Caldwell

## MONROE CENTRAL MARKES TELLING SEMINOLES



1st Row - Keegan Eldridge, Gavin Bennett, Trevor Brown, Micah Aishman

2nd Row - Coach Ryan Richter, Parker Sefert, Trystin Crisp, Drew Miller, Owen Howard, Dalton Grubb, Coach Jesse Howard

Not Pictured: Coach Rod Richter

### 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 two-time OVAC Champion and a three- time 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher in the Ohio State Division III Wrestling Tournament.

Luke was an avid outdoors man, 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's memory. 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 existence. They are academic achievement, 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 moreover, aiding others in pursuit of their dreams.

2005 CHAS YODER MARTINS FERRY
2006 JOHN HORN SHENANDOAH
2007 ERIC DIAGOSTA EAST LIVERPOOL
2008 BRICE RUSH WHEELING PARK
2009 DANNY DOYLE WHEELING PARK
2010 RYLAN PYCIAK BUCKEYE LOCAL
2011 DOMINIC PAUL PREZZIA ST. CLAIRSVILLE

2012 JEREMY BORDER CALDWELL EXEMPTED VILLAGE

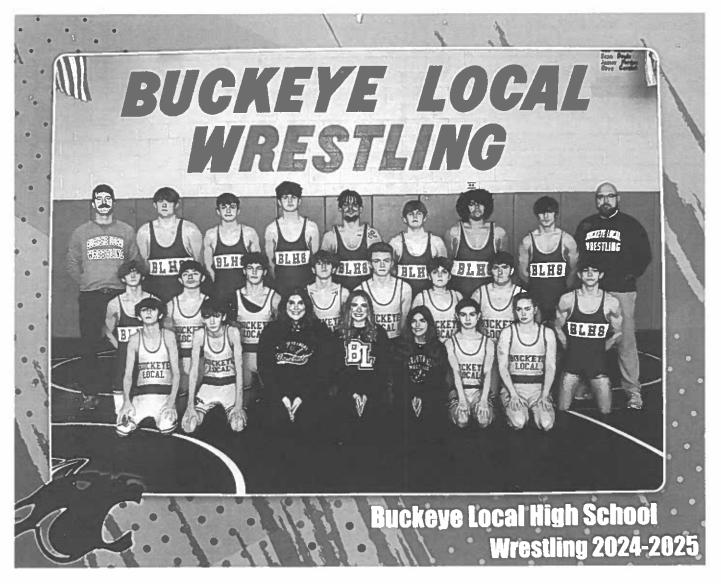
2013 IAN BAKER SHADYSIDE
2014 BLAINE CLINE EDISON
2015 DYLAN TAYLOR WHEELING PARK

2016 MATT MCFARLAND UNION LOCAL
2017 COLLIN DANIEL HUNTER SHADYSIDE
2018 CLAYTON MOORE BELLAIRE
2019 PEYTON JOSEPH BLASKO STEUBENVILLE
2020 PEYTEN CLAY KELLAR WARREN LOCAL

2022 AUSTIN BRENT STARR INDAN CREEK
2023 DYLAN WARD MARTINS FERRY
2024 HUNTER BITTINGER HARRISON CENTRAL

### BUCKEYE LOCAL WARESTLING

### **PANTHERS**



- 1st Row Nathan Dentz. Collin Lindsay. Addy Bonomo (stats). Keira Panipucci (stats). Addy Muldrew (stats). Drew Milton, and Isabella Hendricks
- 2nd Row Shawn Jordan, Sam Salvidar, Geno DelVecchio, Braxton Proctor, Tristin Weldon, Billy Chambers, Tucker Winski, and Chase Milton
- 3rd Row Assistant Coach Jack Otto, Ryder Tibbs, Aiden Dentz, Gavin Edgell, Marek Hickman, Landon Durbin, Jorge Alvarez, Trey McCoy, and Head Coach Guy Nestor

Missing: Assistant Coach Hank Kendjorsky

### GEORGE E. KOVALICK

### APRIL 8, 1923 – APRIL 8, 1984 "FOUNDING FATHER OF OVAC WRESTLING"

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

His accomplishments are legendary...his influence unparalleled.

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

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

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 E. Kovalick Wrestling Scholarship

1980 Mike Patone, Magnolia
1981 Bob Furr, Beallsville
1982 Dave Delande, St. Clairsville
1983 Scott Mills, Steubenville
1984 Tim Ward, Beallsville
1985 Charlie Keenan, Steubenville
1985 Darrin Heavilin, Cadiz
1986 Mike Umbroscio, Bellaire
1987 Vince Monseau, Wheeling Park
1988 Dan Keenan, Steubenville
1989 Reed Case, Cadiz
1990 Ed Neely, Weir
1991 Eric Potts, Cameron
1992 John Gibeaut, Union Local
1993 David Norris, Cameron
1994 Chad Burge, Cameron
1995 Brian Roskovich, Bridgeport
1996 Eric Anderson, St. John's
1997 Sean Doyle, Buckeye Local

1998 Aaron Monseau, Wheeling Park	2016 Dakota Goff, Steubenville
1999 Craig Bruney, Martins Ferry	2017 Riley Preston Nice, Magnolia
2000 Steve Ochap, Wheeling Park	2018 Caleb Rea, Weir
2001 Tyler Hughes, Cameron	2019 Louden Haga, Parkersburg South
2002 Chris Taylor, John Marshall	2020 Brayden Johnson, Parkersburg S.
2004 Casey Hughes, Cameron	2022 Logan Ours, Beaver Local
2005 Clay Tucker, Martins Ferry	2023 Quinton Karter Velas, Wheeling Park
2006 Bryan Rowland, Oak Glen	2024 Logan Davis, Oak Glen
2007 Daniel Felton, Brooke	
2008 Ethan Dray, Oak Glen	
2009 Ryan Asbury, Oak Glen	
2010 Joel Paolo, Oak Glen	
2011 Kyle Bauer, Wheeling Park	
2012 David Jeffrey, Parkersburg Soutl	1
2013 Nate Constante, University	
2014 Joshua Cornell, Oak Glen	
2015 Ryan Lopez, University	

## FRONTIER WARESTLING COUGARS



2024

1st Row - Landen Godfrey, Nicholas Lauer, Aidan Wolfe, Ayden Jackson, Tyce Dunn.



### **OVAC RON MAUCK WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### Director's Award

This award is presented to individuals who have had unwavering dedication and commitment to the success of the OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Championships for many consecutive years.

2013 - Rich McCardle

2014 - Gene Monteleone

2015 - Robb Bauer

2016 - Dennis Magruder

2017 - Tom Rataiczak

2018 - Dick Wolf

2019 - Sean Smith

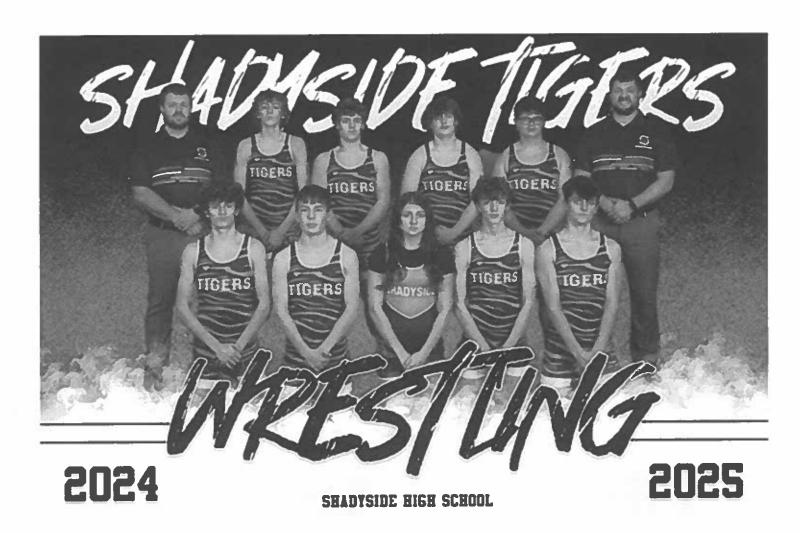
2020 - Linda and Tom Myers

2022 - Sonya Fedorko

2023 - Shane Shafer

2024 - Dr. William Welker

## SHADYSIDE WRESTLING TIGERS



1st Row - Rylan Jack, Josiah Green, Chloe Meolovitch, Treyton Heitz, Eli Gallaher

2nd Row - Coach Paden Stewart, Jaycob Trigg, Lucca Smathers, Myles Moore, Torren Gilbert, Coach Chase Kinemond Missing Xander baker

### NATIONAL WRESTLING HALL OF FAME OHIO CHAPTER

### **OVAC WRESTLING LUMINARY INDUCTEES**

CLASS OF 2010 GEORGE KOVALICK MR. MAT 1976 CLASS OF 2012 WALT TOLARCHYK, JR.

CLASS OF 2014
BOBBY DOUGLAS
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ANDREW "CHICK" LAMOTTE
MR. MAT 2012
ARTHUR R. HEHR
MR. MAT 2018
STEVE KISH
MR. MAT 1990

CLASS OF 2016 LARRY DEATON MR. MAT 1992 CLASS OF 2018
MARION STOLZ

CLASS OF 2019 JOHN CRAIG MR. MAT 2002

CLASS OF 2022 SHAWN CROSIER CLASS OF 2023 JOHN STEPHENSON MR. MAT 1993



### NATIONAL WRESTLING HALL OF FAME WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER

### **OVAC WRESTLING LUMINARY INDUCTEES**

CLASS OF 2003
DR. VINCE MONSEAU
MR. MAT 1983
ROD OLDHAM

CLASS OF 2004 BILL HINEGARDNER MR. MAT 1984 CLASS OF 2005 ED DUGAS MR. MAT 2003 JOE HANDLAN

CLASS OF 2006 RON MAUCK MR. MAT 1986 EMIL NARDONE "MEDAL OF COURAGE" CLASS OF 2007 GEORGE KOVALICK MR. MAT 1976 JIM POTTS MR. MAT 2008 CLASS OF 2008 DR. BILL WELKER MR. MAT 1991 ED WEST

CLASS OF 2009 BILL VAN HORNE MR. MAT 1977 CLASS OF 2010 EDWARD "BUZZ" EVANS MR. MAT 2000 LARRY SHAW MR. MAT 2018 CLASS OF 2011 LARRY CHAMBERS MR. MAT 1996 ROBERT MENDENHALL

CLASS OF 2012 DONALD BAUER CLASS OF 2013
NOLAN VAN GILDER
MR. MAT 2006
FRANK FERGUSON
"MEDAL OF COURAGE"
MIKE CARUSO
"OUTSTANDING WEST VIRGINIAN"

CLASS OF 2015 BARRY GASHEL STEVE SHAFER

CLASS OF 2016 DR. DAN DOYLE MR. MAT 2005 DICK EDGE MR. MAT 1979 CLASS OF 2017
BILL DONOHEW
TROY OWENS
PETE CUFFARO
"MEDAL OF COURAGE"

CLASS OF 2018
RAY MARLING
KIM NORTH
RAY PERNELL
GARY PORTER

CLASS OF 2019
JERRY "WOODY" BURNS
GENE MONTELEONE
MR. MAT 2015
RICHARD A. WELKER
TED ZERVOS

CLASS OF 2021
TOM GIOVENGO, SR.
KEN McWILLIAMS
JACK REGIS, SR.
DEAN MOORE

CLASS OF 2023 SHANE KILDOW JOSEPH GIOVENGO RICK PRICE

CLASS OF 2024 CHRIS DISERIO



### OHIO VALLEY ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

### HALL OF FAME

### WRESTLING INDUCTEES

### **OVAC FAMILY**

George Kovalick (2004) – Ron Mauck (2006) – Bob Hedmond (2008) Richard "Dick" Edge (2009) – Bob Koch (2016) – Dr. Dan Doyle (2019)

### **OVAC CONTRIBUTORS**

Dr. Vincent "Vince" Monseau (2009)

### **MEDIA**

Bill Van Horne (2004)

### **COACHES**

John "Corky" Vrotsos (2005) – Paul "Bud" Billaird (2006) Bill Hinegardner (2007) – John Craig (2008) John Stephenson (2010) – Larry Shaw (2011) – Jim Potts (2014)

### **OFFICIALS**

Steve Kish, Jr. (2018) – Jim Crosier (2019) – Larry Deaton (2020-2021) Dr. William "Bill" Welker (2020-2021)

### **ATHLETES**

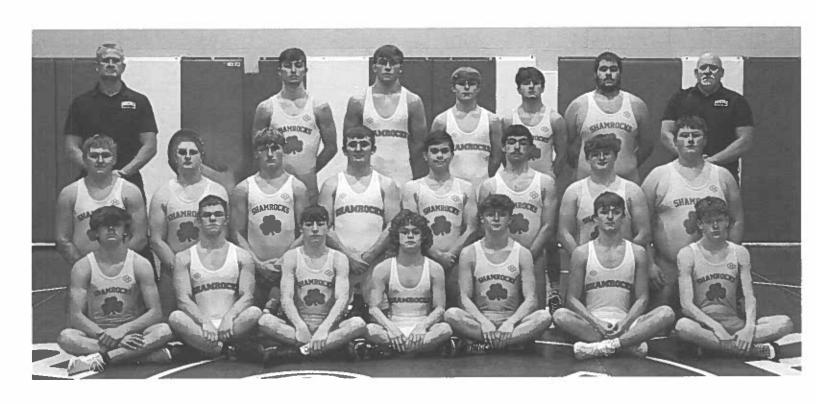
Bobby Douglas (2004) – Mike Kovalick (2008) – Charlie Keenan (2009)
Tim Moxley (2009) – Kyle Rose (2011) – Art Hehr (2012)
Mark Emmerling (2013) – Gordon Gordon (2014)
Dave Bertolino (2014) – Dave Delande (2016) – Robert Pritchard (2018)
Adam Hoppel (2018) – Kelly Shields (2018) – Bob Bruney (2022)

### **LEGENDS**

Carl Hoppel (2010) – George Cheroke (2017)



## BARNESVILLE WARESTLING SHAWROCKS



1st Row - Malachi Mann, Brayden Trigg, Haden Bowman, Layden Loring, Colt Carpenter, Jack Morgan

2nd Row - Christien Hannahs, Austin Armstrong, Johnathan Foster, Hines Ford, Kevin Phillips, Ridge Holiday, Braxton Loring, Kaiden Berry

3rd Row - Head Coach Jayson Stephen, Eli Messenger, Ayden King, Aydan Andrews, Conner Wilson, Blake Kirk, Assistant Coach Rick Milhoan

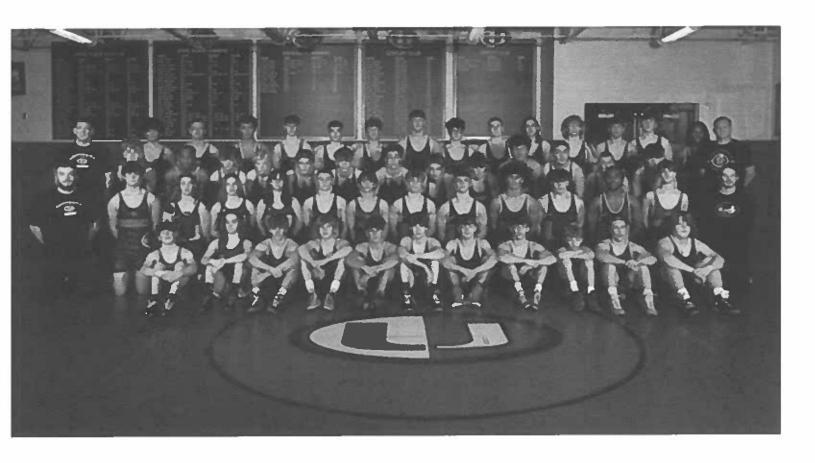
### **25 YEAR REUNION**

### 2000 OVAC WRESTLING CHAMPIONS



103 lbs	Nathan Kendjorsky	Buckeye Local
112 lbs	Nic Rossiter	Harrison Central
119 lbs	Cole Bowersock	Beaver Local
125 lbs	Micah Jordan	East Liverpool
130 lbs	Roger Kupfer	Cameron
135 lbs	Aaron Westover	Beaver Local
140 lbs	Greg Ware	Martins Ferry
145 lbs	Scott Roth	Martins Ferry
152 lbs	Derek Koch	St. John Central
160 lbs	Eathan Birden	Steubenville
171 lbs	Mike Davis	Union Local
189 lbs	Adam Beranek	Buckeye Local
215 lbs	Steve Ochap	Wheeling Park
285 lbs	Rick Prescott	Beaver Local

## UNIVERSITY WARESTLING HAWKS



- 1st Row Liam Clark, Shane Friend, Aiden Rowan, Timmy Husk, Nico Maisel, Ben Leo, Pepper Martin, Kaden Nieman, Austin Hummell, Isaac Cottrell, Gauge Smith
- 2nd Row Assistant Coach Corbin White, Jackson Clawges, Allena Blon, Bailey Emery, Toria Tower, Cameron Angus, Samson Gillespie, Colton Gillespie, Carter Pauley, Jaedyn Katchur, Ryder Hastings, Buck Jones, Derrick Jones, Assistant Coach Cameron Phillips
- 3rd Row Head Coach Ken Maisel, Cooper High, Michael McKenzie, Cooper Chamberlain, Tate Niceler, Lincoln Stuart, Max Woods, Max Vitale, Robert Brandmeir, Joel Moyers, Tyce Bittner, Lehland Staggs, Wyant Garner, Ayden Koeger, Assistant Coach Frank Vitale
- 4th Row Kaz Conliffe, Braiden Rutan, Emerson Murphy, Finn Cox, Charlie Robb, Brody Kehler, Brock Kehler, Jacob Paletta, Troy St. Peter, Trace McLaren, Jackson Pate, Rider Ludrosky, Colby Geisel, Antwon Watson

## INDIAN CREEK WRESTLING REDSKINS

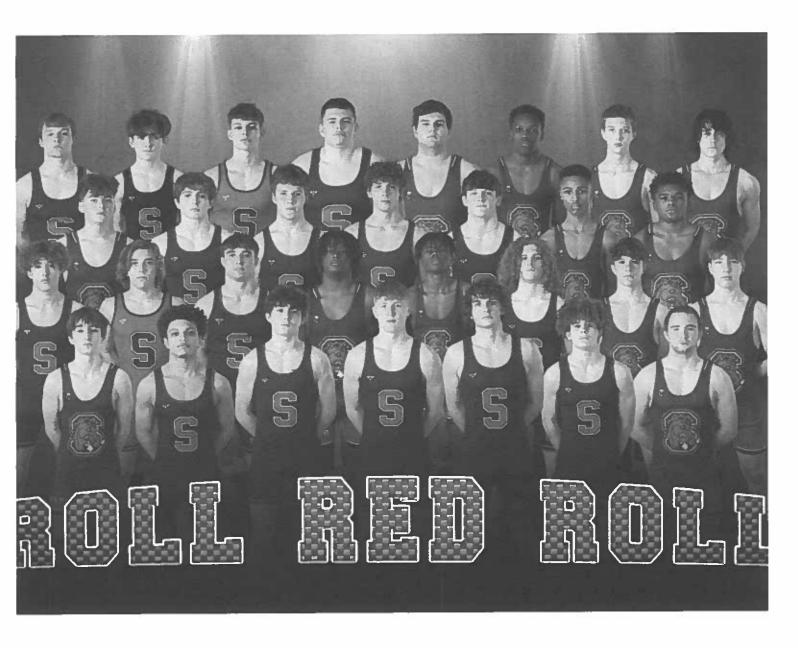


1st Row – Jackson Scharfenberg, Noah Crane, Ethan Starr, Colton Giusto, Dylan Romanyak

2nd Row - Gavin Pownall, Markus Beisel, Franco Barcalow, Quinn Ujchih

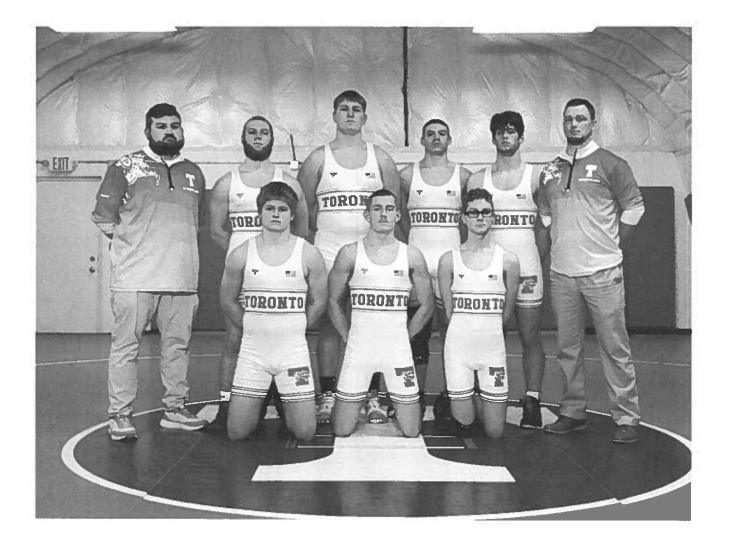
3rd Row – Coach Brayden Starkey, Tylee Spencer, Coach Ryan Starkey, Ian Starkey, Luke McMillion, Nick Jameson, Layton Evans, Coach Brandon Pendleton, Abbey Pendleton, Coach Shannon Starr

## STEUBENVILLE WARESTLING BIG RED



### TORONTO WRESTLING

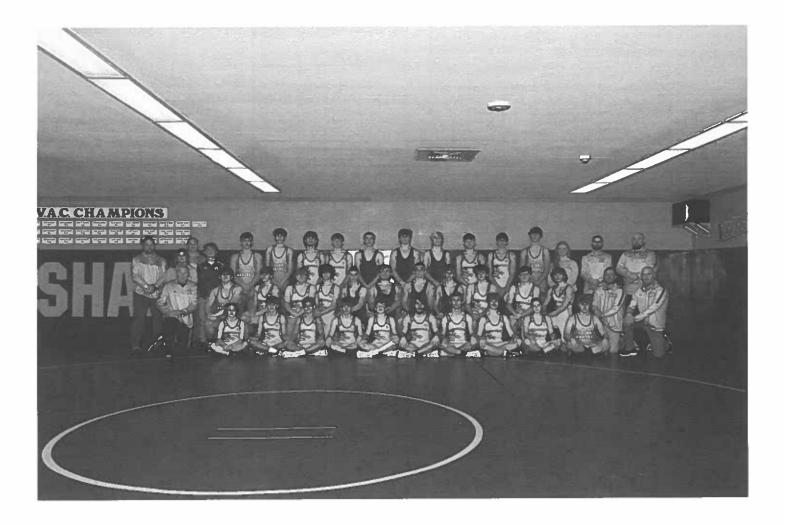
### RED KNIGHTS



1st Row - Zvier Kinsey, Caden McGrath, Ryvor Cross

2nd Row - Coach Jaret Aubiel, Dryden Murray, Heath Thomas, Christian Briggs, Drake Bouscher, Coach David Blawut

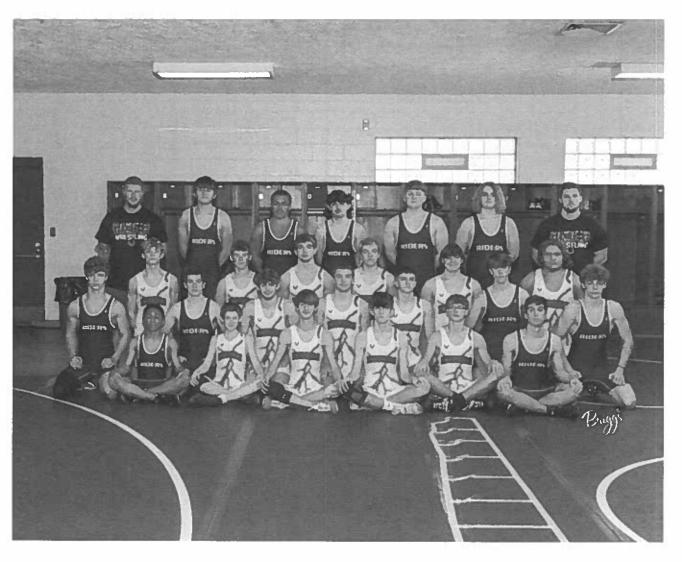
### JOHN MARSHALL WARESTLING MONARCHS



- 1st Row Harlee Young, Clayton Pyles-Dugas, Nathan Hughes, Mayson Gerber, MIkey Logsdon, Jakob Minor, Weston Owen, Preston Campbell, Paige McDonald, Luca Sturgill
- 2nd Row Coach Dugas, Gavin Myers, David Knipple, Levi Clegg, Bryant Morgan, Kaden Harding, Isaac Swauger. Brooks Harrison, Carter Adkins, Spencer South, Colten Haught, Kody Caruso, Coach Goode, Coach Sansone
- 3rd Row Coach Hughes, Carleigh Cochran, Coach Ruza, Cayden Cochran, Knox Wilson, Aiden Caldwell, Hunter Ewing, Riley Williams, Waylon Wyckoff, Maverick Lemasters, Zander Ward, Kai Johnson, Jackson Tyrell, Fischer Ewing, Alexis Thayer, Coach Asbury, Coach Potts

### MARTINS FERRY WRESTLING

### RIDERS



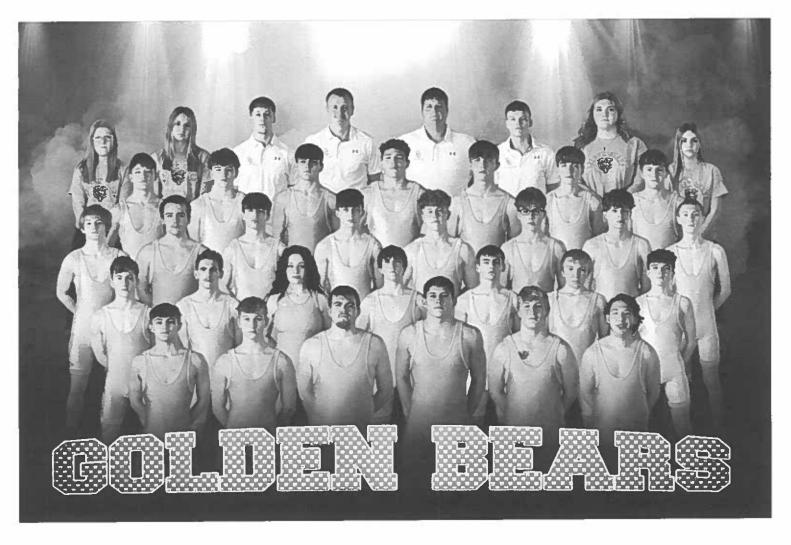
1st Row - Dre'Mare Shaw, Braidyn Domyan, Charles Thompson, Maddox Painter, Ayden Mercer, Luis Carneiro

2nd Row - Kadence Luckett, Gunner Disher, Jase Mahoney, Keenan Lucey, Caden Holmes, Aidan Giffin, Jacob Ball

3rd Row - Colton Nixon, Silas Simpson, RJ Welshans, Cole Patterson, Austin Violet, Tayson Palmer

4th Row - Coach Chad Ware, Bryden Volan, Saquan Carthen, Levi Plants, Isaac Clark, Zane Archer, Coach Taylor Yoder

### OAK GLEN WRESTLING GOLDEN BEARS



1st Row - Aiden Anderson, Hayden Lamb, Noah Schmidt, Wesley Molish, Greg Sauers, Sammy Barr

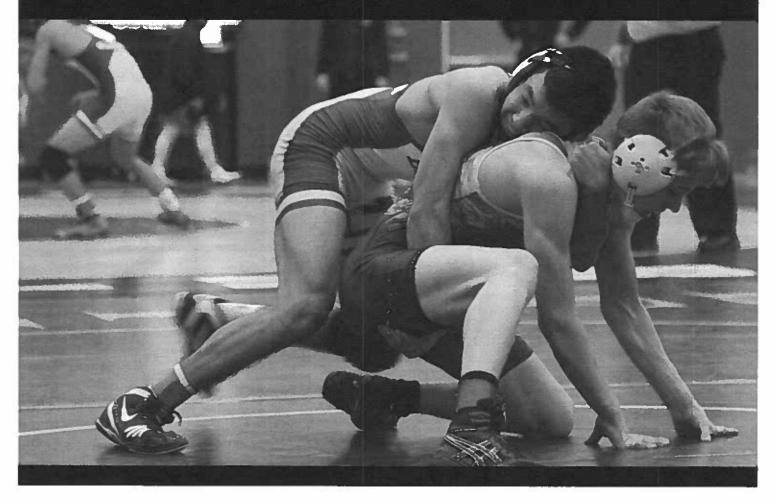
2nd Row - Jordan Tomsic, Micah Julian, Alex Watkins, Mason Lamp, Cole Raines, No Name, Maddox Bowen

3rd Row - Chase Pierce, Kolton Rheinhardt, Isaac Cline, Lliam Flanigan, No Name, Kaleb Eckleberry, Greg Stephen, Aiden Graves

4th Row - Parker Boyce, Travis Smithey, Wyatt Wolanski, Richie Gudino, Cole McGillian, Paxton Ware, Logan Graham

5th Row - Allie Fink, Jordan Beshara, Head Coach Josh Cornell, Coach Shane Logston, Coach Pat McGillian, Coach Ty Logston, Gracee Walker, Ava Anderson

### Best of Luck to all the Wrestlers

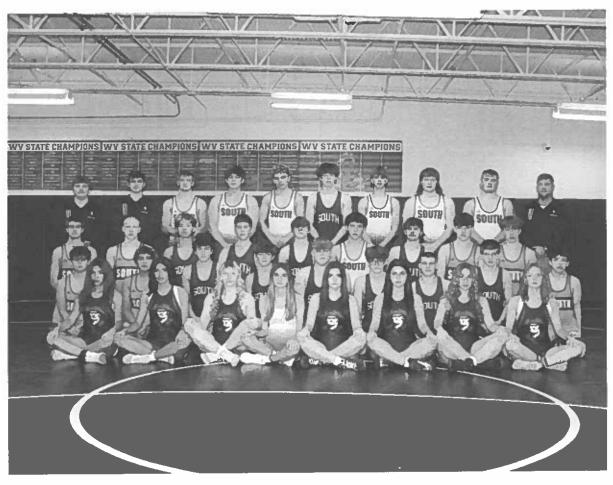


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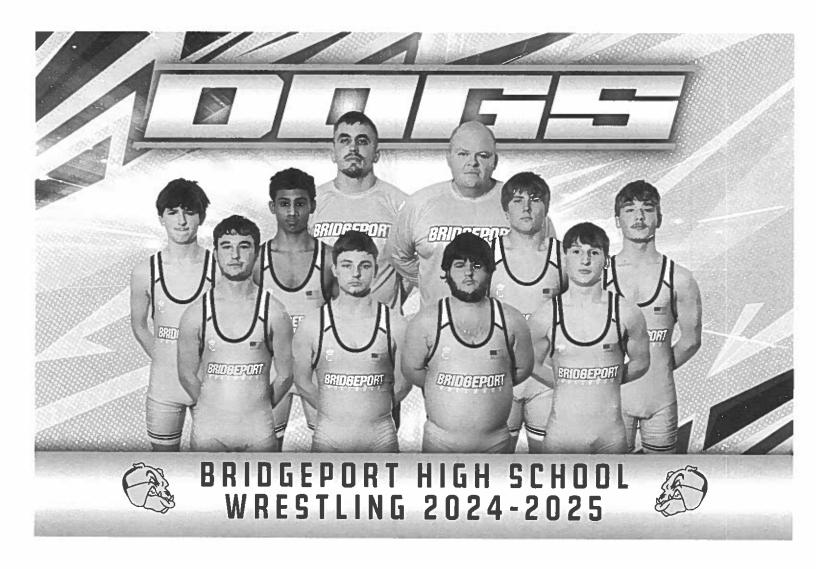
## PARKERSBURG WRSOUTHING PATRIOTS



- 1st Row Amiya Powell, Anniya Powell, Kendra Richards, Allegra Keaton, Katie Ford, Addy Lopez, Brenna Riggs, Justice Anthony
- 2nd Row Max Caudill, Kevin Myers, Corbin Phillips, Jordan Dearth, Dylan Nichols, Rylan Layton, Coleton Hill, Daren Hatfield, Gabe Reesman
- 3rd Row Cayson Posey, Aiden Bar-Oz, Jack Xu, Cohen Staats, Aaydin King, Brycen Shirley, Zane Reeder, Drake Laughery, Asa Yost
- 4th Row Coach Jude Childers, Coach Brayden Johnson, Cole Middleton, Brycen Arthur, Wade Powell, Nathan Murphy, Reese Kelley, Eli Wheeler, Logan Middleton, Head Coach Shaun Smith

Not Pictured: Justice Drain, Olivia Junkins, Josh Littleton, Ethan Morrison, Coach John Price, Coach Mark Board, Coach Andy Church, Coach David Jeffrey, Coach Tyler Koreski, Coach Dean Moore

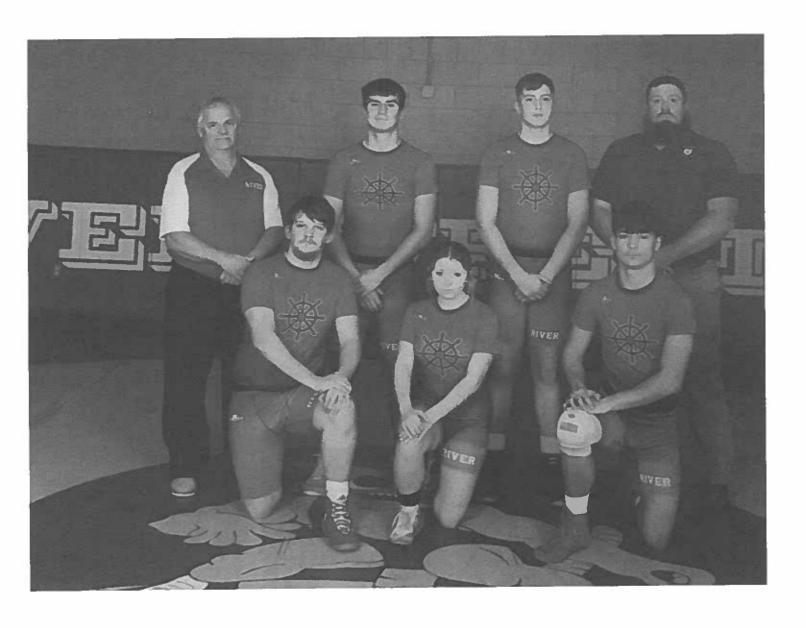
## BRIDGEPORT WRESTLING BULLDOGS



1st Row - David Proctor, Kaleb McCamick, James Weekley, Robert Weekley.

2nd Row - Nathan Newkirk, Ax'zavior Santana, Coach McFarland, Coach Honecker, Logan Baker, Dakota Lashhorn

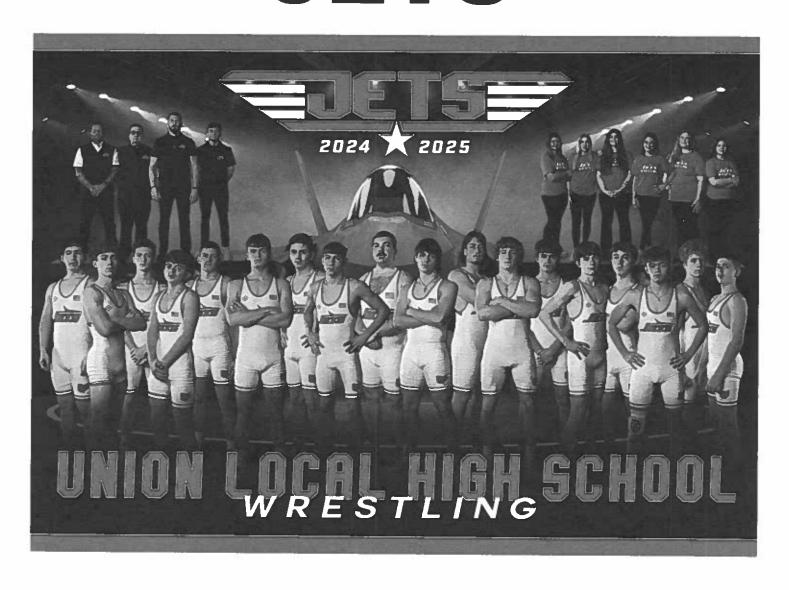
### RIVER WRESTLING PILOTS



1st Row - Hunter Lyman, Aralynn Kawasaki, Hunter Strawn

2nd Row - Head Coach Chuck Baker. Tyler Winkler. Blake Headley. Assistant Coach Eric Stephens

# UNION LOCAL WRESTLING JETS

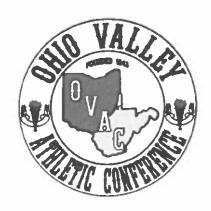


Wrestlers: Kolten Clark (Freshman), Jaxson Lewis (Freshman), Zander Burley (Sophomore), Max Dubiel (Sophomore), Gavin McVay (Sophomore), Gunnar Gossett (Sophomore), Ryan Howard (Junior), Gavin Bollock (Senior), Brice Pitner (Senior), Kaden Cross (Senior), Brady Hunt (Junior), Brody Perzanowski (Sophomore), Calvin Robbins (Sophomore), Mason Kocher (Sophomore), Tyson Morris (Sophomore), Gamble Gossett (Freshman), Dominic Crum (Freshman).

Wyatt Ogilbee (Freshman). Trent White (Freshman - not pictured)

Coaches: Nathan Gossett, Dusty McVay, Nate Starkey, Nat Brown

Mat Stats: Mackenzie Jones (Sophomore). Taylor Wright (Freshman). Abigail Myers (Senior). Emily Perzanowski (Sophomore). Carson Possage (Sophomore). Skylah Sterms (Freshman)



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