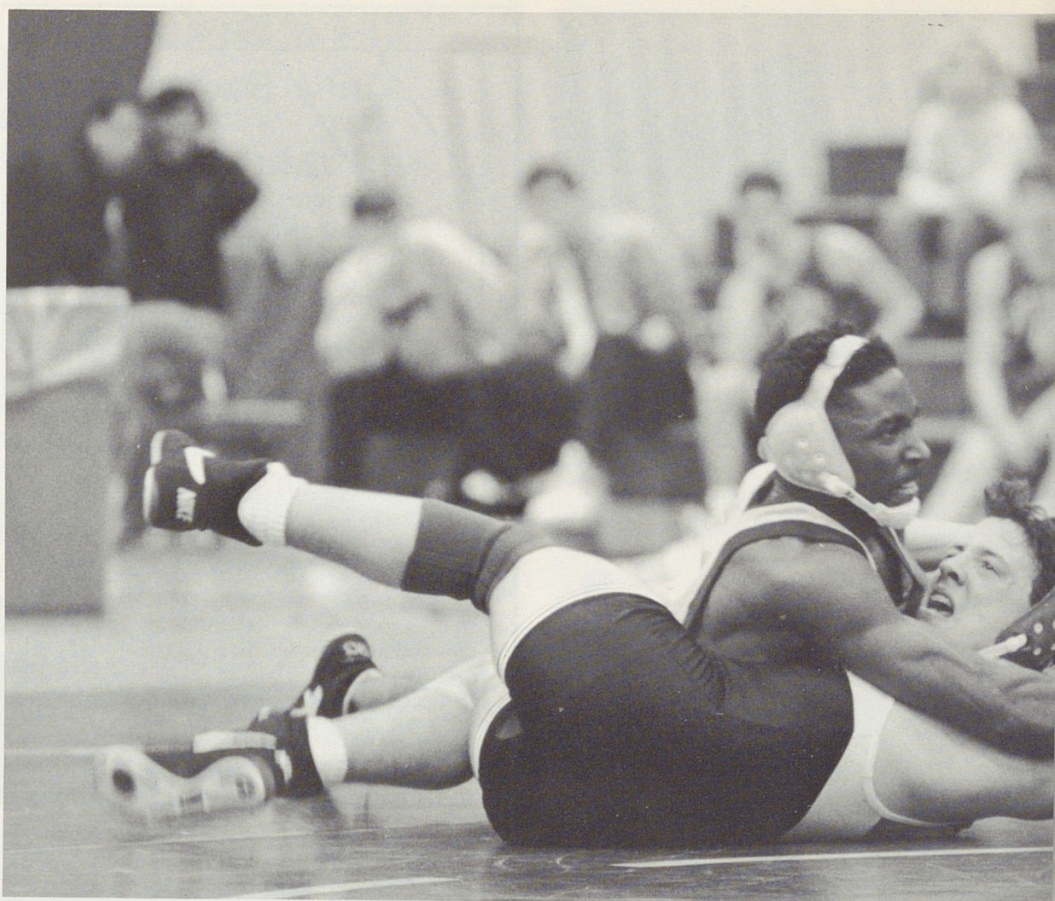
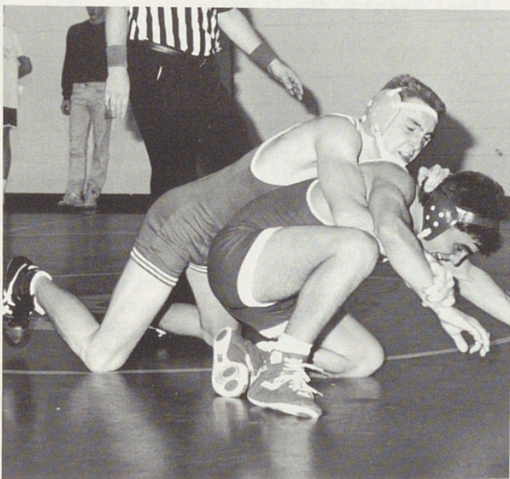


Senior Harold Nash pins his opponent at the Sycamore Invitational. Nash placed fourth in the state in his weight division.

Freshman Matt Lucke drives his opponent to the mat as he works for the pin during a dual match.



HOLDING THEIR OWN WEIGHT

The varsity wrestling team has much success, while the JV and freshmen teams gain experience

In 1991-92, Sycamore's varsity wrestling team established itself as one of the dominating powers in the city. While finishing fifth in the city, handily defeating rivals Moeller and Princeton, setting a total point record at their own invitational, and sending four wrestlers to the state tournament, Sycamore had one of its finest wrestling seasons ever.

While individual wrestlers may have stood out, it was the team attitude that made the season so successful. "Our team was extremely strong from top to bottom, which made us really tough to beat," said Coach Gary Listerman.

With a 12-2 record in dual meets, and three tournament championships, their ranking climbed as high as fourth in the city. Listerman, the Greater Miami Conference coach of the year, felt that first place finishes in the Roger Bacon and Sycamore Invitionals, along with a fourth place finish in the Coaches Classic were among the highlights of the season. "But most of all, I enjoyed beating Moeller twice because they are our greatest rivals," he boasted.

Individually, many wrestlers had outstanding seasons. Senior Harold Nash led the way by finishing with a 30-9 record and a fourth place finish at the state tournament. Other state qualifiers included sophomore Brandon Collier (28-8) at

112 pounds, senior Andy Dale (26-9) at 135, and senior Luke Whitehead (25-5) at 140. Dale, Whitehead, and Nash also became Sycamore's first ever GMC champions. Dale said, "It was a great feeling to be Sycamore's first ever GMC champion, but more importantly, it was a great year for the Sycamore wrestling program."

Other wrestlers with outstanding seasons were junior Randy Rust (119), senior Ben Smith (130), junior Adam Cohen (171), and sophomore Brook Miller (275). Rust, Smith, and Cohen each compiled over twenty wins, and Smith also went on to the district championships.

As for the junior varsity and freshman wrestling teams, coaches John Lindeman, D.J. Izvorski, and Rick Stegmaier all expressed good feelings that the squads would be ready to fill the holes left by departing seniors. Outstanding wrestlers were Mason Livingston and team captain, Nate Shapiro. Livingston compiled a record of 14-2, while Shapiro finished 14-4. Top wrestlers for the freshman team included Greg Geis, Alanzo Lowery, Steve Roginson, and Lance Fitzsimmons. JV coach Lindeman said, "This group had a great second half of the season, and we will be looking for big things from them in the future."

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