

TEAM IMPROVES DURING SEASON

The move from the Eastern Metro League (EML) to the Greater Miami Conference (GMC) was a huge step for the wrestlers. According to Coach Listerman, the GMC is the toughest wrestling league in Southern Ohio. It includes the four best wrestling teams in the city. Listerman also commented that the wrestling team was not really prepared for the switch, but in a few years he expects the team to be very competitive.

With only a few starting seniors, the team was very young. Listerman claimed, "Even though the team consisted of many underclassmen, they wrestled as good, if not better, than the seniors. In two years, we're going to be tough."

The matches did not reflect the entire year. Senior Sean Gunkel said, "Even though our record doesn't show it, the team worked the hardest this year of the four years that I've wrestled in high school."

Gunkel went on to explain, "Wrestling is a difficult sport that takes a lot of practice. Just making it through the year and not quitting is an accomplishment in itself."

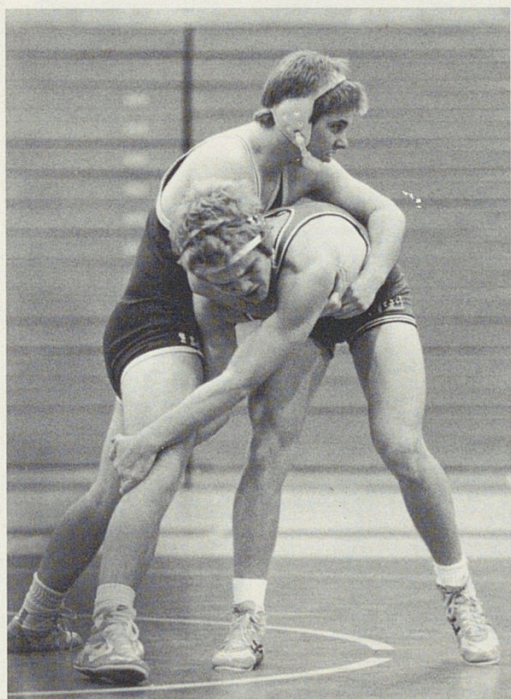
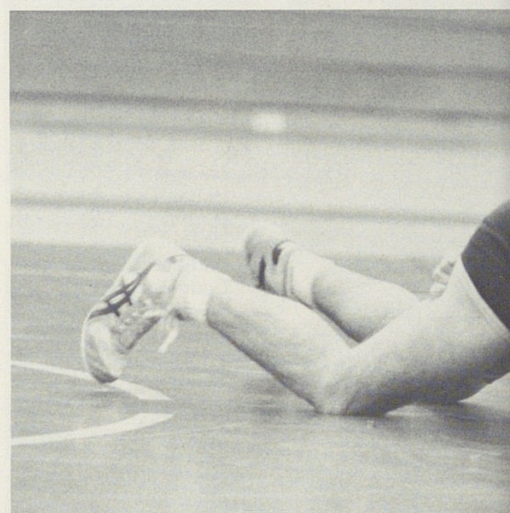
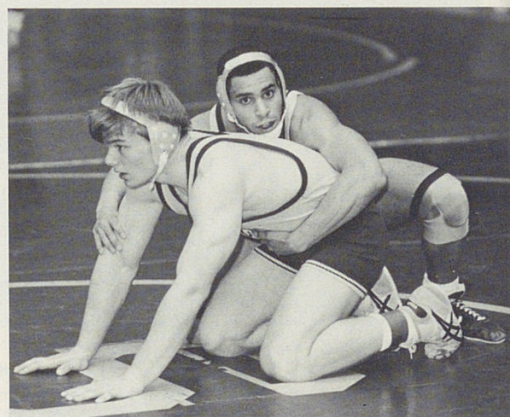
Even Listerman agreed that the team showed a lot of improvement as the season progressed. He said, "In spite of not having a winning record, and in spite of not placing high in the league, I still felt good about the improvement the wrestlers made and pleased with the attitude most of the wrestlers had."

Some of the more outstanding players included Luke Whitehead, who earned most improved player, and Dan Kuethe, who had the most pins and earned most valuable player. Also, seniors Greg Legeza and Jerod Smith qualified for the district tournament.

by Joel Pravda, Editor

David Clark appears to be in good position for the pin in his wrestling match.

John Sturgeon awaits the whistle in a stationary stance.



Ed Dregler grabs hold of the opposing wrestler, as he prepares to make a swift move.

Tony Eschmeyer gets in a crouch while thinking of his next course of action.

