

# ●●● POUNDING DOWN THE MAT

## Fighting for the top

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### Go Figure

5

district  
qualifiers

14

weight  
classes

10

GMC  
schools

7

seniors

**T**hey had seven placers in GMCs, 5 district qualifiers, and sent 2 to state. The Varsity Wrestling team began their season with the leadership of senior tri-captain's **Zach Tawney, Victor Crenshaw, and Ross Patterson.**

The varsity team brought home a 1st place trophy from the Roger Bacon Duals which included Roger Bacon, LaSalle, Reading and Northwest.

At the home invitational, January 14th and 15th seniors, **Zach Tawney** and **Victor Crenshaw** came in first place along with **Donny Herrington, 9**, wrestling at 103.

"It's a lot harder. But, it's a lot more rewarding than junior high wrestling," said **Herrington.**

As the season progressed the team devolved more discipline, losing many wrestlers.

"I had knee surgery so I was out for the season. I got to sit aside and watch as our team went from a bunch of guys to a real high class team," said **Luke Tawney, 10.**

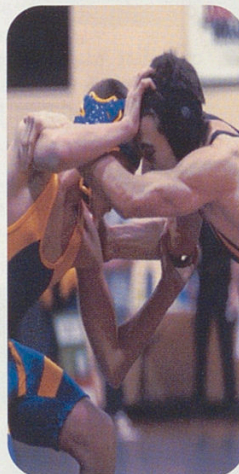
The wrestlers trained hard to prepare for each match, especially districts, sectionals, and state.

"The state tournament was a lot harder than I expected because there was tough competition," said **Victor Crenshaw, 12.**

Overall, the varsity wrestlers excelled through hard work and dedication.

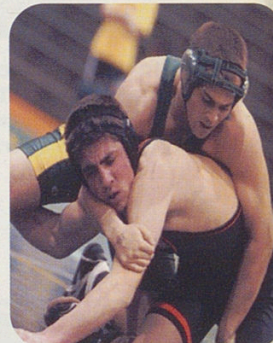


Coach Wilms and Coach Staggs are two of the varsity coaches. Many of the wrestlers felt that their new coaches pushed them harder than they were pushed in past years. Still, the boys agreed that the hard work paid off.



One of the youngest members on the varsity team is **Donny Herrington, 9**. He has contributed to the team's success while wrestling at 103. **Herrington** won the Sycamore Invitational and came in 2nd at GMC's.

**171 pounder David Grubbs, 12** takes down his opponent at the Sycamore Invitational. **Grubbs** received 4th place at the tournament for his weight class.



Third year varsity wrestler, **Zach Tawney, 12**, won 3rd place at GMC's. In the 135 weight class, **Tawney** saw intense competition at sectionals winning X. **Tawney** ended the season with a record of 25-5.

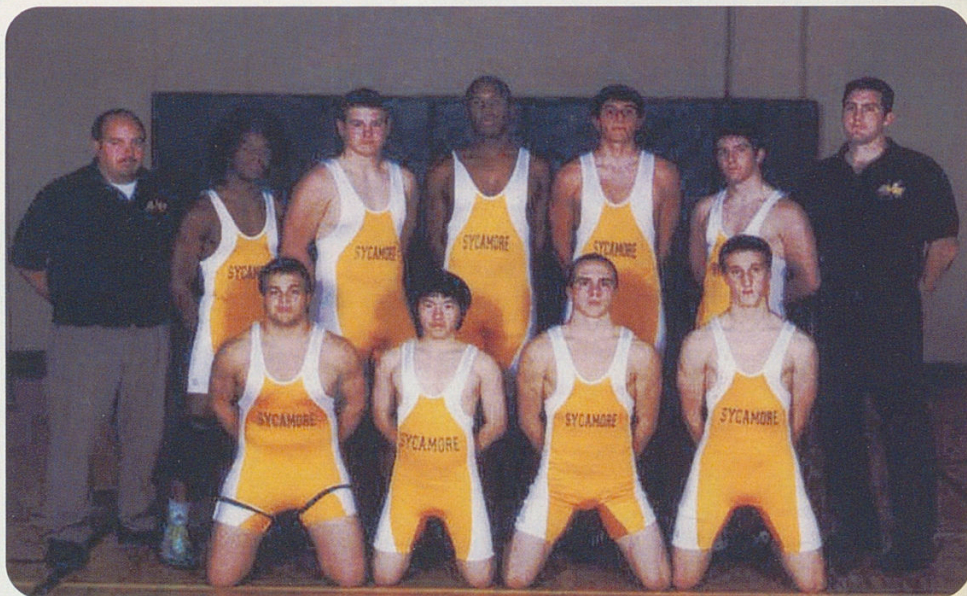
#### Varsity Wrestling Overall Record 4-2

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Reading                 | W 42-34 |
| Roger Bacon             | W 42-31 |
| Duals                   | W/L     |
| Miamisburg/<br>Harrison | 10th    |
| Coaches Classic         | 4th     |
| Fairfield               | 2nd     |
| Invitational            | L/W     |
| Sycamore                | 2nd     |
|                         | 3rd     |

#### Vital Statistics

Most Pins in the Least  
Amount of Time  
(Fairfield Invitational) **Caleb Lipsey**

MVP at Coach's Classic **Victor Crenshaw**



Row 1: **David Grubbs, 12**, **Jingyi Sun, 12**, **Zach Tawney, 12**, and **Mark Sedziol, 11**. Row 2: **Coach Wilms**, **Victor Crenshaw, 12**, **Dorian Goins, 12**, **Ra'ed Samman, 12**, **Ross Patterson, 12**, and **Coach Staggs**.

