

One incredible wrestling season

Greater Miami Conference Champions By: Lindsey Crum and Emily Wolfram

THE SEASON WAS NOTHING SHORT OF PHENOMENAL FOR THE wrestlers. Starting a new tradition, the team successfully captured the GMC conference title for the first time in the schools' history.

Not only were they conference champions but many of the team's members were successful in securing spots in the state tournament.

The title was a team effort put fourth by **Zack Tawney, 11**, **Buddy Crenshaw, 12**, **Victor Crenshaw, 11**, **Brad Blieden, 12**, **Dan Seota, 12**, **Greg Khulman, 12**, and **David Hall, 12**, who all placed in the top four of their classes.

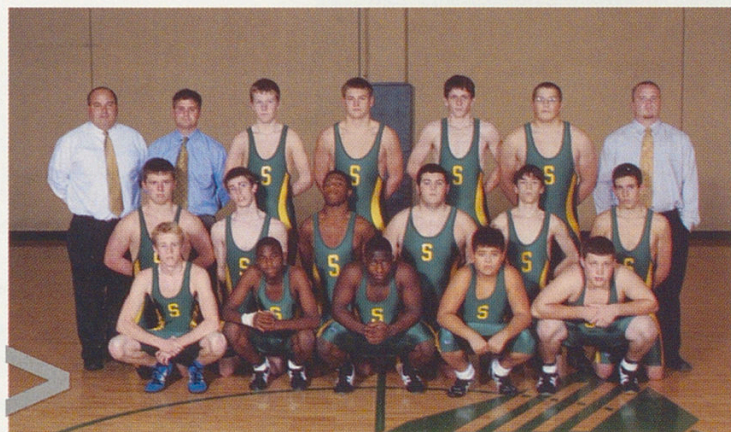
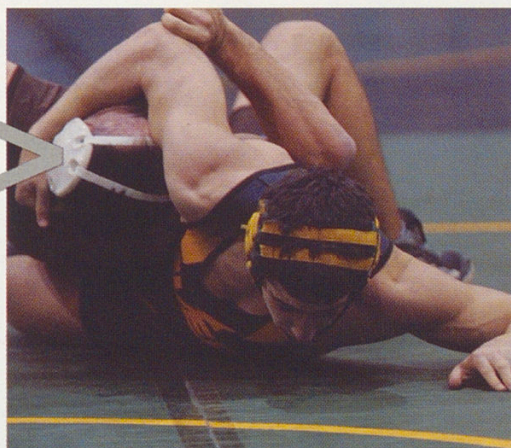
For the JV wrestling team the season was full of dedication and hard work. Intense practices forced upon them, extreme hardships, such as grueling injuries, and excessive weight loss. Cutting weight always seemed to be a serious issue because it caused fatigue, lack of concentration, and exhaustion. Despite these side effects the wrestlers were committed to making weight and refused to let it end their season.

"Wrestling was fun and monumental," said **Mark McAninch, 9**.

THE CHAMPION. The referee holds **Victor Crenshaw's, 11**, hand up high as he announces the winner of the wrestling competition in the 135 weight class. Crenshaw won the event and competed in the Division 1 state meet. At the state competition he finished fourth.



PIN HIM DOWN. **Dan Serota, 12**, took down an opponent at the Sycamore Invitational. Serota was a top wrestler and helped his team finish first in the GMC tournament. Coach Staggs order GMC Champions t-shirts three weeks before the tournament because the team was so confident they could win.



JV Wrestling: Row 1: Luke Tawney, 9, Myron Craddock, 10, Shadale Parks, 9, Mark McAninch, 9, Zack Starr, 9. Row 2: Ben Rosen, 10, Nick Wylie, 9, B.J. Evans, 9, Teddy Pashal, 10, Josh Rissover, 11, Zack Grimm, 9. Row 3: Coach Wilms, Coach Weeks, Greg van Amerongen, 9, Brandon Brasher, 11, Joey Fixler, 9, Sean Waters, 10, Coach Lucan.



Varsity Wrestling: Row 1: Dan Serota, 12, Zack Tawney, 11, Buddy Crenshaw, 12, David Grubbs, 11, Victor Crenshaw, 11. Row 2: Coach Weeks, Mark Schedule, 10, Brad Blieden, 12, Ross Patterson, 11, R.J. Oliver, 11, Dan Piles, Coach Lucan. Row 3: Coach Makovich, Coach Staggs, Chad Rosen, 12, Raed Saman, 11, David Hall, 12, Steve Shaw, 12, Greg Kuhlman, 12, Coach Price, Coach Wihlms.

