

PINNING DOWN SOME COMPETITION

Becoming one big family

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The wrestling teams have had a great improving year. Having placers at every meet, the teams evolved into a family. The varsity team had only two seniors, one of which was injured, and three juniors. More than half the team was sophomores and freshmen. With all the younger players, this was a year for learning and growing for the wrestling team.

With the lack of upperclassmen, the opportunity was open for other team members to "wrestle up" onto the varsity team. Although this was rough for some team members, the chance to wrestle more difficult opponents would help them in the long run in other seasons.

"This year's team was young, but they had a lot of heart and that's where it counts most," said **Coach Craig Wilms**.

Though the season started off rough, freshmen took advantage and excelled in wrestling higher levels. **Daniel Garfield, 9, Scott Selker, 9, Travis Donovan, 9, and Jimmy Morgan, 9,** all wrestled on JV as well as varsity.

"The team incurred many injuries this year. Many young guys

had to step up and wrestle guys older, stronger, and more experienced. We did our best," said **Coach Jason Staggs**.

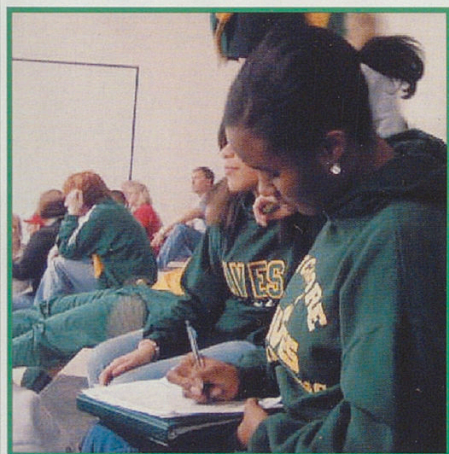
Many of the guys didn't worry about going up to varsity.

"It wasn't easy to wrestle at both junior varsity and varsity during different parts of the season, but it was fun," said **Travis Donovan, 9**.

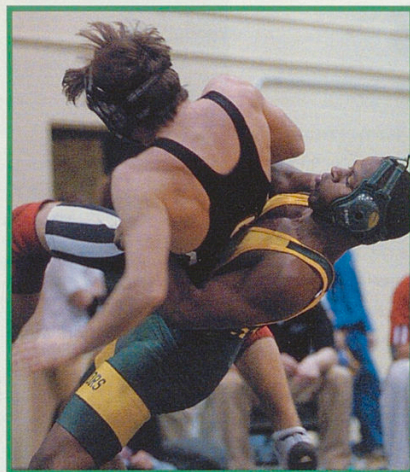
Caleb Lipsey, 11, was the star wrestler of the team. By breezing past the others in his weight class of 275 lbs., **Lipsey** had an astonishing record of 37-7 winning many tournaments. He went on to qualify for the State Tournament, and took fourth place in his weight class.

Another returning wrestler with only one prior year under his belt was **Donald Herrington, 10,** who also wrestled on the varsity team. He took home the MVP award at the Sycamore Invitational, and won first at the Fairfield Invitational.

With much room to improve, this was a building year for the wrestling team and hopes and expectations are high for this young wrestling team in the years to come. There were several placers at all the meets.




Shanee Nuckols, 11, takes the score of a match. Each of the matches were divided up equally between the wrestlerettes. The other wrestlerettes included: **Brittaney Gardner, 11, Farrah Ahmad, 10, Jessica Brown, 9, Julia Robinson, 9, and Staci Tauber, 10.**



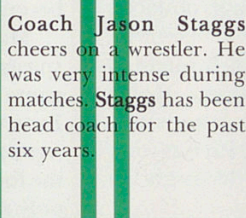
Terrance Boggs, 10, picks up his opponent. **Boggs** wrestled varsity during his freshman year as well. He also placed at several meets.

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COACH'S



Coach Craig Wilms watches the match closely. He was more of the quiet coach until you were in an important match. He knew what he was doing.



Coach Jason Staggs cheers on a wrestler. He was very intense during matches. **Staggs** has been head coach for the past six years.





Row 1: Mark Sedziol, 12, Zachary Star, 11, Donald Herrington, 10, Kevin Hoard, 10, Joseph Alemagno, 10, and Nicholas Wylie, 11. **Row 2:** Coach Craig Wilms, Benjamin Rosen, 12, Joseph Fixler, 11, Sean-Lenzie Goins, 11, Luke Sweeney, 11, Coach Jason Staggs, and Coach Joseph Patterson.

Varsity Wrestling

Final Record: 7-7

Most Takedowns:
Donald Herrington

Most Improved:
Benjamin Rosen

Most Outstanding/
Most Pins/ Most
Valuable/ Record
Breaker: Caleb Lipsey

Milford L 16-60	Middletown L 36-44	GMC's Mt. 10th	
Elder Duals L-3, W-2	Sycamore Invitational 6th	Healthy/ Princeton L 19-49 / L 18-52	Sectionals 8th
Coaches' Classic 19th	Harrison L 6-64	Finneytown Invitational	State Championship
Fairfield Invitational 15th	Lakota West/ Hamilton L / L	Districts	