

SLAMMING BODIES ONTO THE FLOOR, STRUGGLING JUST TO KEEP YOUR SHOULDERS UP OFF THE MAT LONG ENOUGH TO PIN DOWN YOUR OPPONENT, welcome to a wrestling match. This season does not just start during winter, this is a year round sport. When the boys are not putting their heart and soul into beating other schools on the mats, they are in the weight room lifting or out on the track

running. This sport demands a lot of determination and these boys give it.

"Being a senior on the team is really enlightening. Varsity was very tough, but all worth it. I wish the team the best of luck in sending people to state next year," said **Daniel Vizitu, 12**.

Ending the season with a respectable score, this was a

successful one for the boys. Their hard work in the preseason paid off. Being the youngest member on the team, **Zach Tawney, 9**, brought a lot of spirit to the floor. Also, Tawney accumulated quite a lot of wins- benefiting the team not only through his character and spirit, but also his determination and muscles.

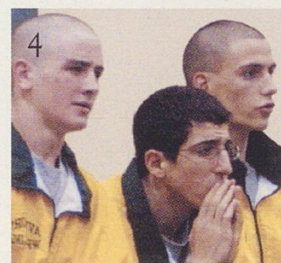
"I've had a great time wrestling and the guys have been cool," said Tawney.

A home-court advantage seems to help in any sport. On January 10, there was a Sycamore Invitational and at that meet **Andrew Cain, 10**, finished second. **Dan Serota, 10**, finished second in at the St. Xavier tournament. The team finished sixth overall.



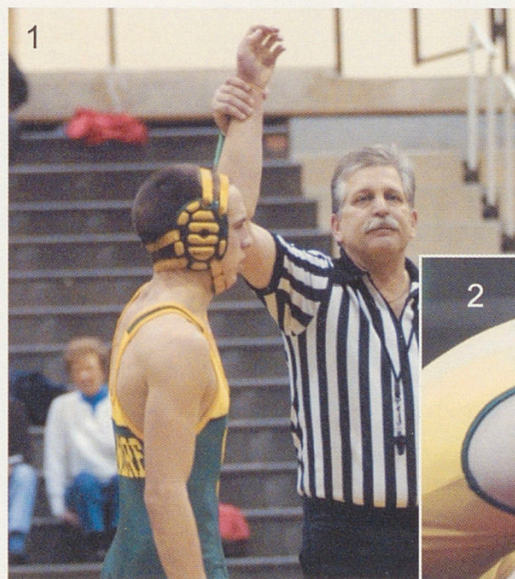
1. All tangled up in a bunch! Steve Shaw, 11, gives his opponent a big bear hug. After all the rolling around, Shaw won. **2. Ref says time out!** Brad Blieden, 11, lays it out. These matches can get you pretty tired.

3. The slap to start. Zach Tawney, 9, hits in to begin the match. It all seems to start out nice enough. **Four consecutive criticisms.** Greg Kuhlman, 11, Daniel Serota, 11, and Mason Quick, 11, give tips from the sideline. Players not on the mat can yell helpful hints during the match.

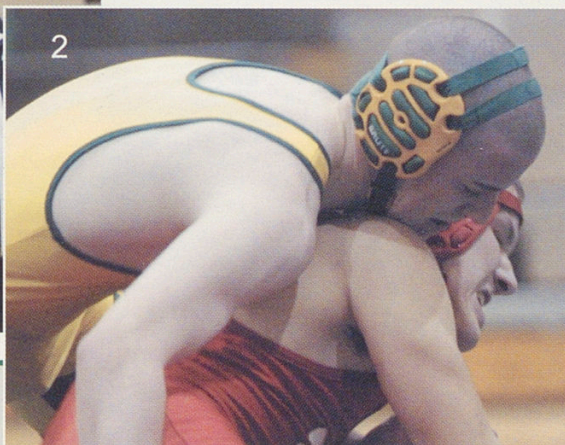


Get on the ground And bring 'em down

By Mandy Hauser



1. The Winner! Zach Tawney, 9, is announced the winner. Tawney is one of the youngest members of the varsity team. Besides being one of the youngest members of the team, Tawney is a very important member to the team. **2. Battling it out!** Mason Quick, 11, fights for the win. Looks like he's in a tricky spot. **3. Looking intimidating!** Tawney prepares to wrestle. It's important to psych yourself up.



"At first I didn't understand wrestling, but then I came to more matches and realized it was a really cool sport to watch," **Kennie Giles, 12.**

