

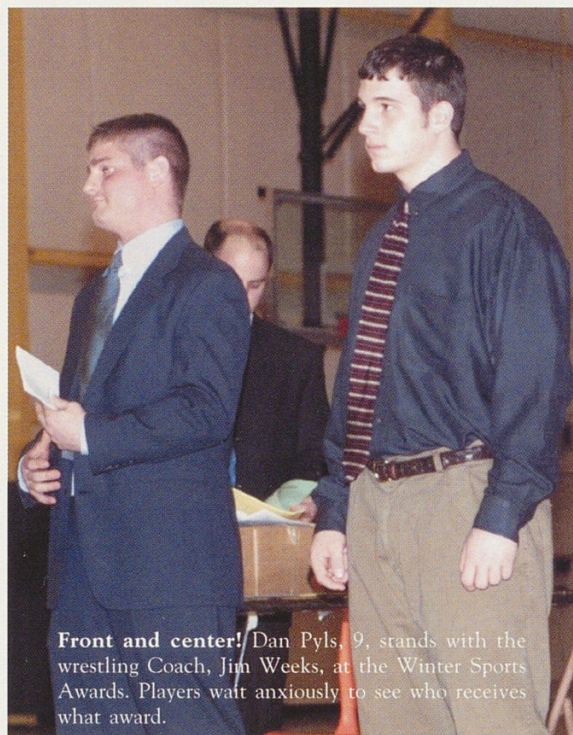
"Wrestling was really great, and I met a lot of new people," Ben Rosen, 9

A BIG CHANGE STEPPING INTO HIGH SCHOOL FROM THE JUNIOR HIGH IS THE AMOUNT OF INTENSITY AND HARD WORK EXPECTED TO BE PUT IN BY THE WRESTLERS, EVEN THE FRESHMEN. The Coach, Jim Weeks, agrees that it is important for the boys on the team to work hard. Working hard, that means during, before, and after the wrestling season pushing yourself to be the best.

After all of their competitions were over, the guys were very satisfied with how the season had gone. With such a grueling schedule (six days a week for the majority of the time), it's hard to not even feel a little relief and accomplishment. Dan Pyls, 9, wrestled three years and then got to the high school to see what their wrestling program was like. He was pleasantly surprised when he had a great time being on the team.

"Wrestling has been a lot of fun. I have made a lot of new friends on the team," said Pyls.

Advice to incoming freshmen unsure of what to get involved in: try out wrestling because while you are busy in the gym getting in shape, you are also going to be making lifelong friendships.

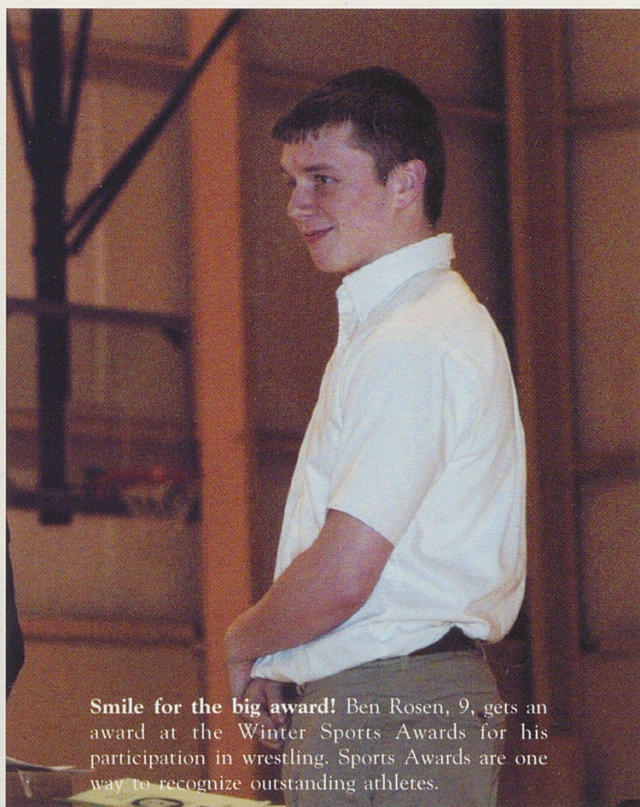


Front and center! Dan Pyls, 9, stands with the wrestling Coach, Jim Weeks, at the Winter Sports Awards. Players wait anxiously to see who receives what award.

Starting over

With a great beginning

By Mandy Hauser



Smile for the big award! Ben Rosen, 9, gets an award at the Winter Sports Awards for his participation in wrestling. Sports Awards are one way to recognize outstanding athletes.

"Being the only girl on the team was intimidating at first but the guys were all really nice," Jackie Mcinich, 9

"Wrestling is a fun sport to watch, especially if your friends are in the stands with you," Matt Napier ski, 10

"Wrestling has been a lot of fun. I've been doing it for three years and I have made a lot of new friends on the team," said Dan Pyls, 9

