

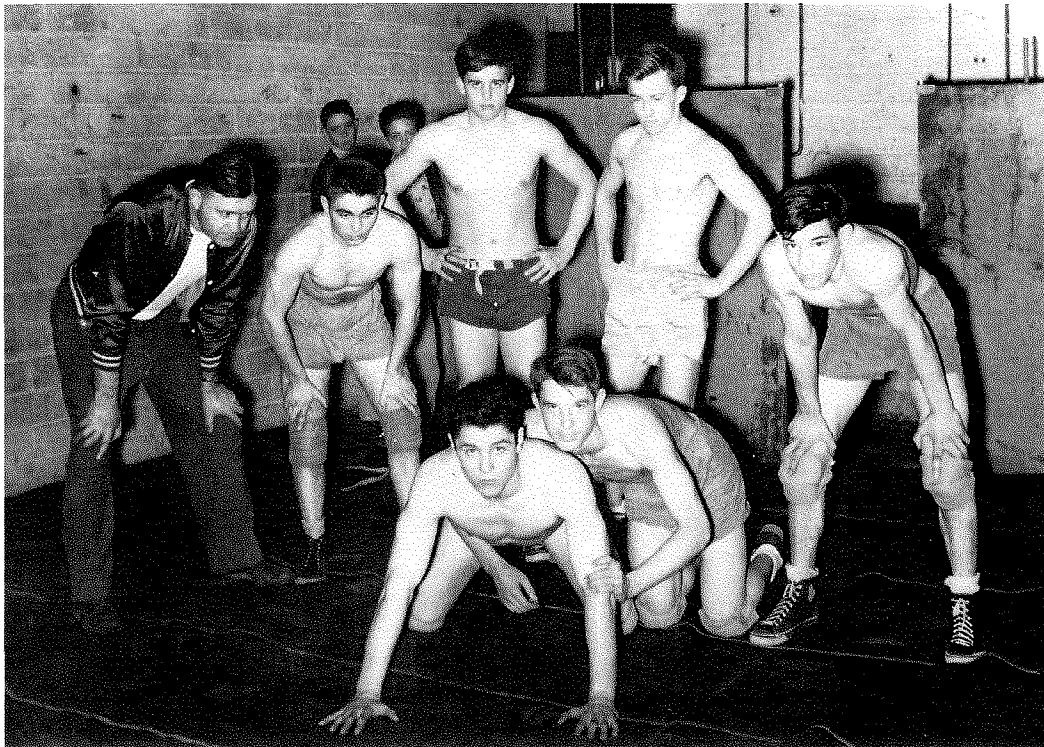
# **Local Area Sports – Wrestling**

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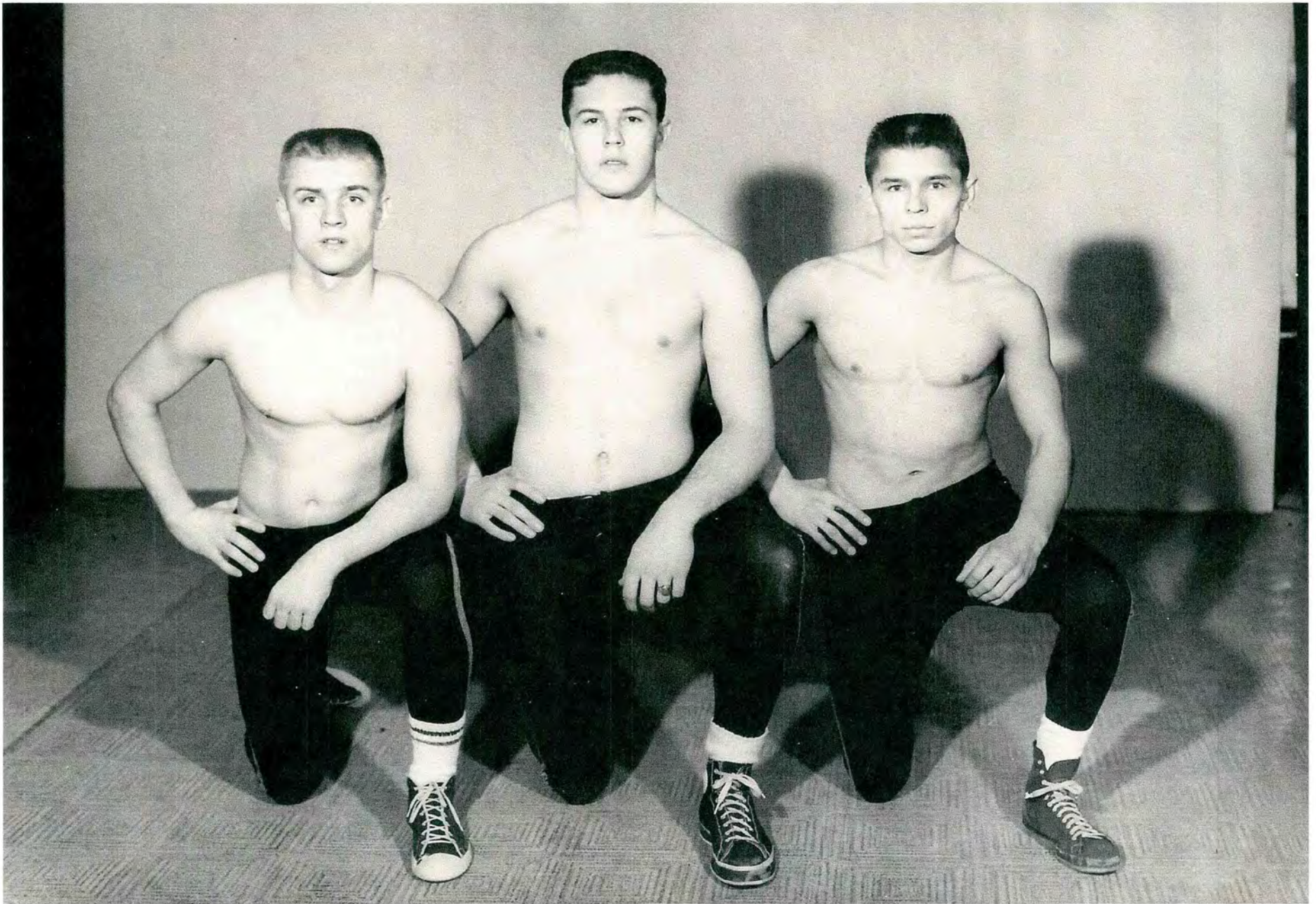


**Ed Maltony and "Dutch" Pulver**



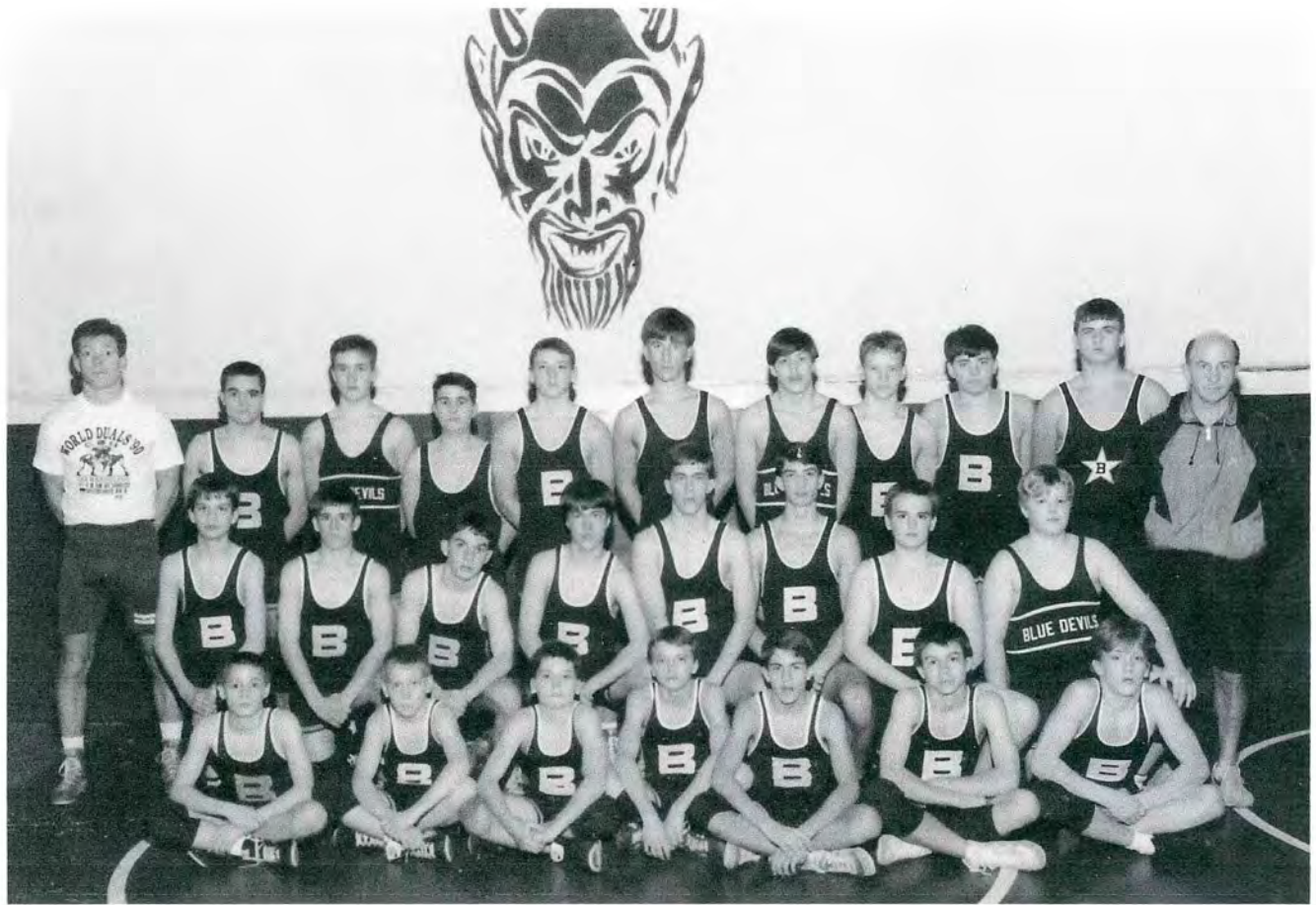
**1949 Champs of First UHS Wrestling Team  
Second Place in Novice Tournament. "Dutch" Pulver, Medal.  
L-R: Coach Nick Mervosh, Dean Davis, Gildo Mancinelli, "Beanie" Wysocki,  
and Frank Kowalski. Kneeling, L-R: Ed Maltony and "Dutch" Pulver.**

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**Wrestlers-1958**

**L-R: Ted Dudeck, Rich Louder, and Frank Sedlak**



## 1993 Junior High Wrestling Team

**Row 1:** Ross Scalise, Eric Ryan, Danny Long, Scott Oiler, Trevor Zola, Joe Guidy, Mark Crowell. **Row 2:** Jake Brown, Andrew Verner, Nolan Ryan, Shawn Stevens, Eric Shimon, Jim Worstall, Doug Stone, Chad McNinch. **Row 3:** Mr. Havelka, Bill McGraw, Dan Peters, Paul Seals, Eric Kovach, Dan Bubenheim, Jason Daily, Nathan Fowler, Jason Sheil, Robert Heitger, Homer Marshall.

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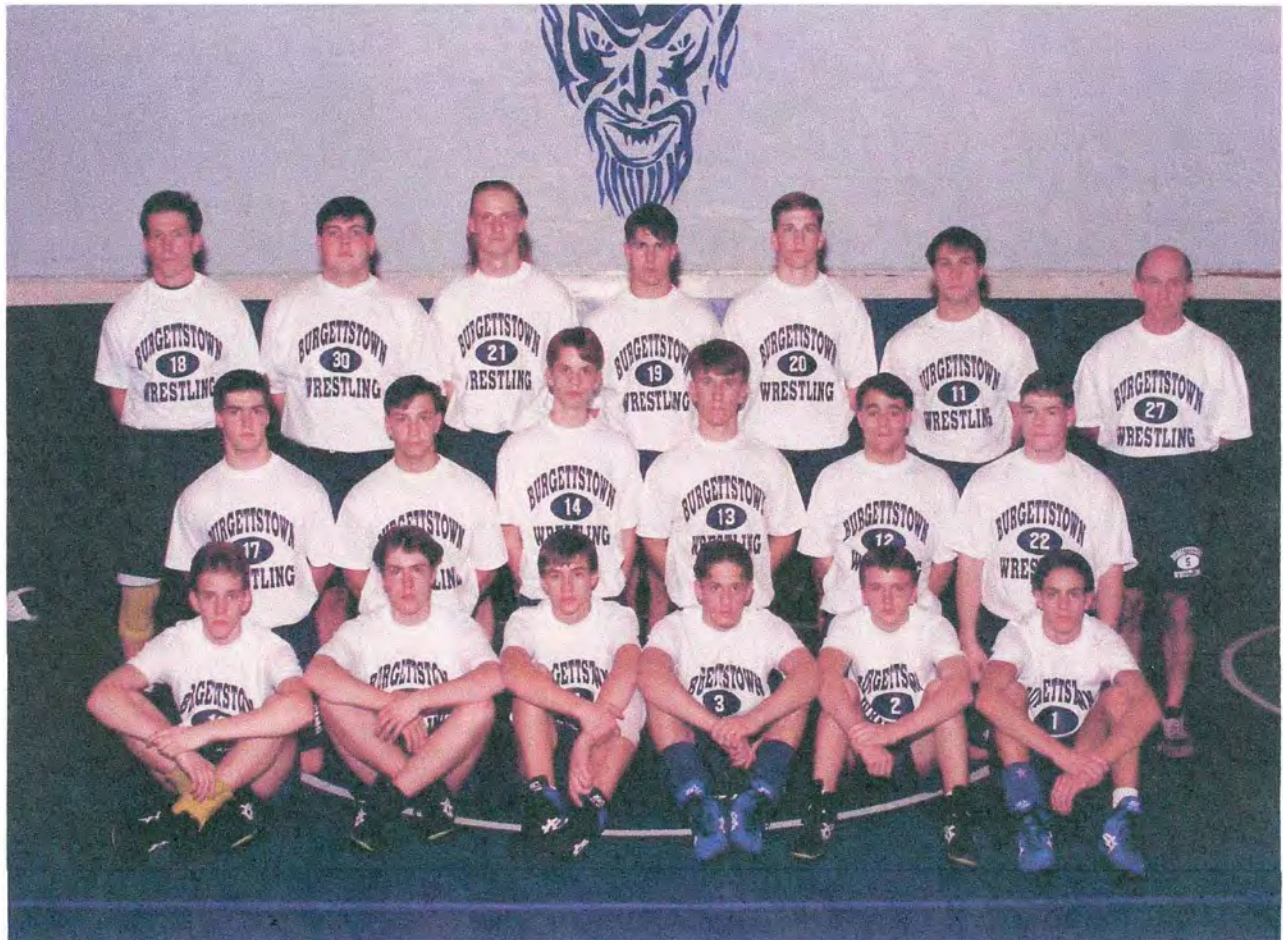


## **1995 Burgettstown School Junior High Wrestling**

Row 1: R. Waters, R. Roupe, T. Keith, B. McGraw, M. Krynak, S. Vallina, P. Yandrich, R. Scalise, M. Phillips

Row 2: J. Karns, M. Baker, J. Zimmer, D. Jackson, P. Kinder, J. DeThomas, R. Bagwell, D. Sandridge

Row 3: Coach Jeff Shimon, B. Weiler, B. Pulver, P. Seals, N. Fowler, J. Bosniak, B. McFall, J. Lemaster, A. Venner



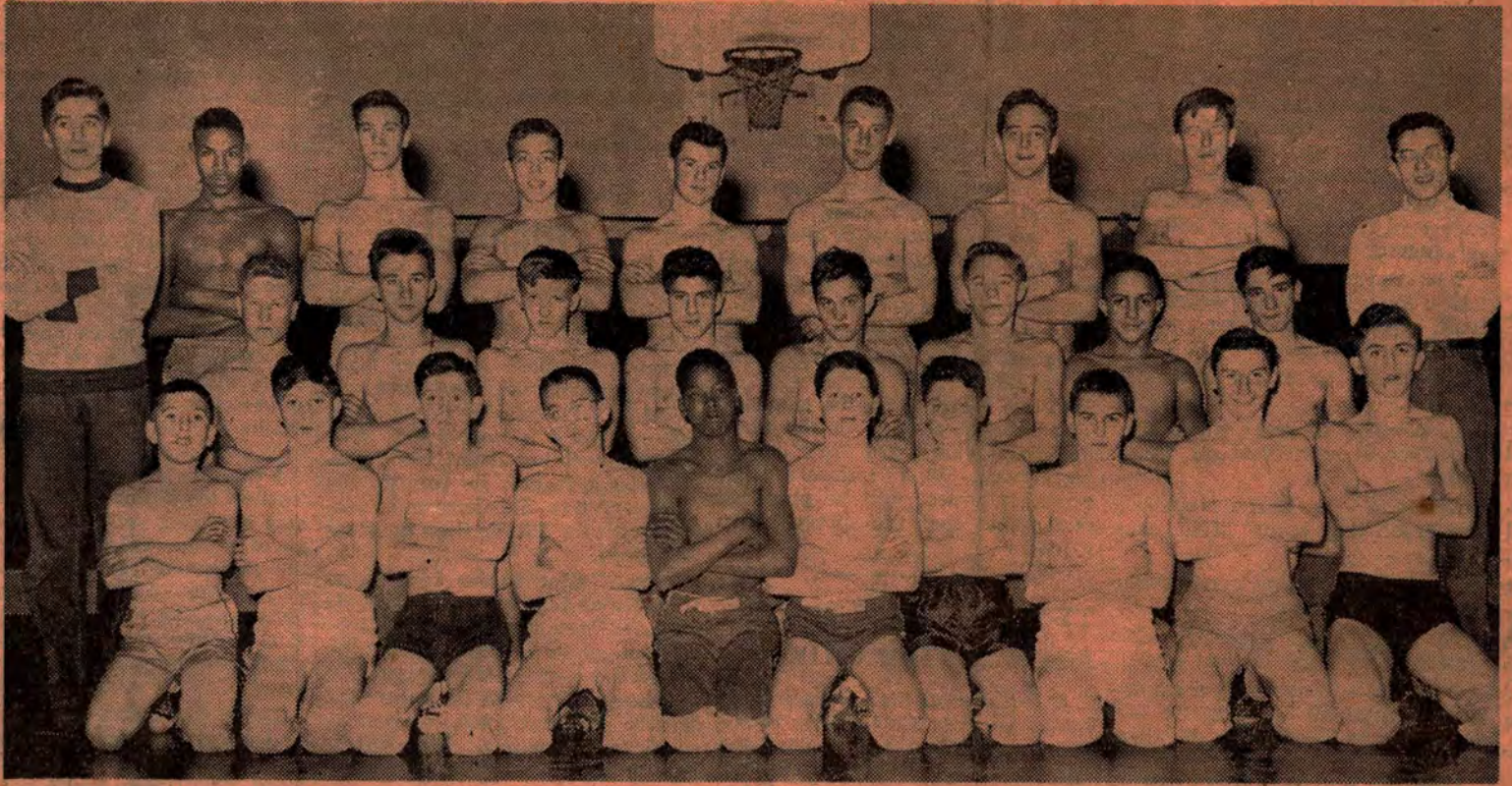
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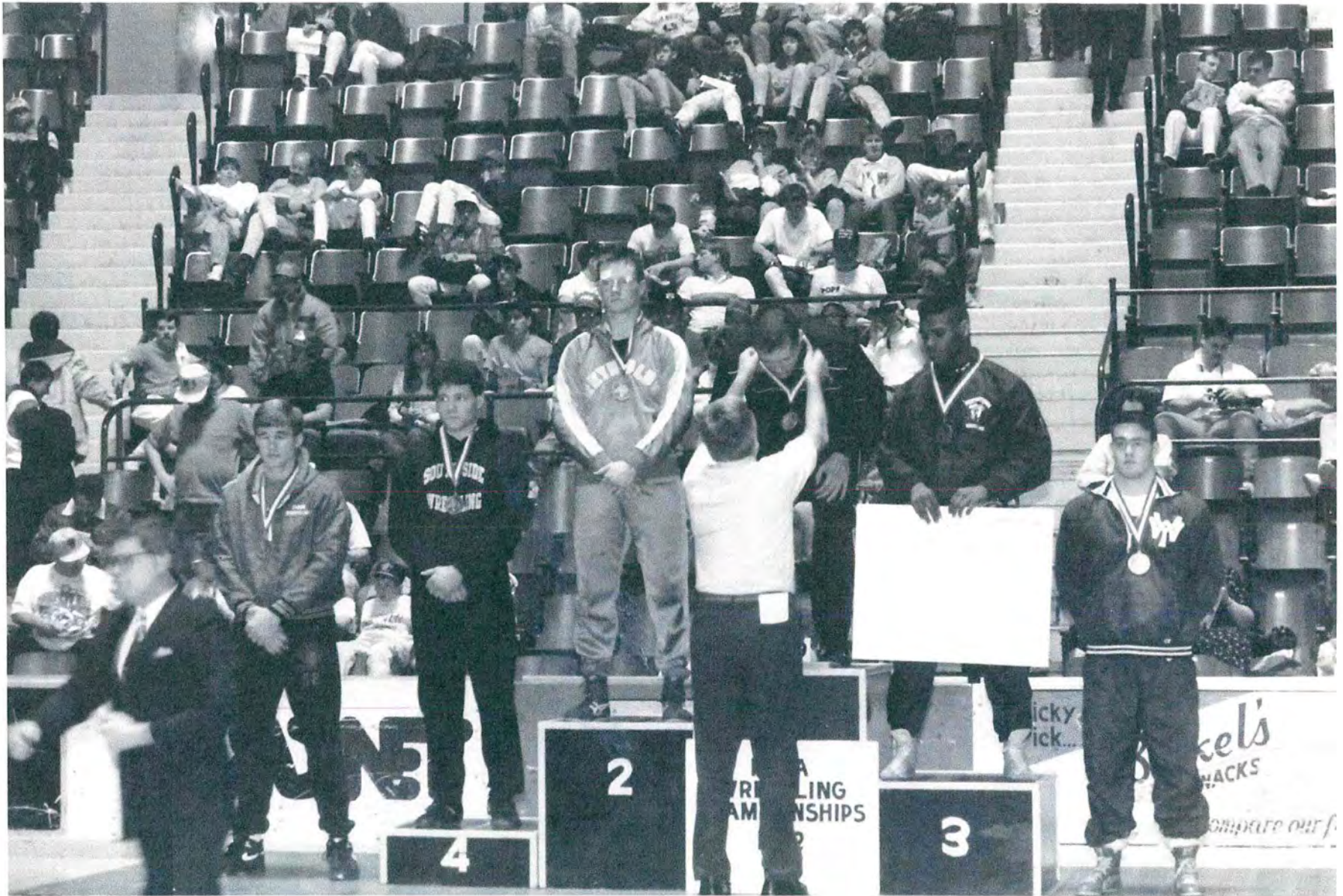
Row 2: C. Fordyce, J. Krynak, J. Brown, D. Bubenheim, B. McGraw,  
T. Lloyd

Row 3: Coach Havelka, T. Ralston, L. Bowman, C. Simpson,  
B. Mermon, Coach Nagy, Coach Marshall

# 3,130 POUNDS OF WRESTLING FRIDAY NIGHT



Twelve of the grapplers shown above in the Enterprise photo will demonstrate their ability in a wrestling match with West Allegheny Friday evening. First Row, left to right: V. Thomas, J. Haba, W. Sartori, T. Sokolowski, R. Hicks, R. Jancart, J. Dugas, A. Haba, H. Mecannic, J. Harvey. Second Row, left to right: Mgr. R. LeCouvre, T. Metalic, R. Burns, R. Wagner, G. Tenaglia, R. Mancinelli, F. Nesbit, E. Chapman, A. Fanase, R. Bongiorno, manager. Third Row, left to right: L. Bennett, R. Darras, W. Webster, W. Hoberek, D. Pulver, C. Cindrich, M. Kisla.



**Jeff Abbott-Try on the Gold**  
**The Enterprise-April 1, 1992 Edition**





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## Try on a gold

Burgettstown coach Joe Nicolella drapes the gold medal on Jeff Abbott during 189-lb. awards ceremony at Hershey Saturday, March 14. Other state place winners are, from left, Ben Corbin, Fairview, sixth; Jerry McCoy, South Side Beaver, fourth; Kevin Drew, Reynolds, second; Joey Allen, Pottstown, third; and Jeff Wolfe, West York, fifth.

**Jeff Abbott-Try on the Gold**  
**The Enterprise-April 1, 1992 Edition**

# Observer-Reporter Athlete of the Week

**Name:** Austin McDermitt

**School:** Burgettstown High School

**Season:** Senior

**Sport:** Wrestling

**Weight:** 120

**McDermitt's week:** McDermitt dominated the WPIAL Section 2-AA Tournament at McGuffey, winning his third title and outscoring his opponents, 37-6.

McDermitt received a first-round bye for being a top seed and won the next two bouts by technical fall, 17-1 over Brett Johnston of Freedom in the semifinals and 20-5 over Jasper Wolf of South Fayette.

The victories moved McDermitt's record to 32-1 and gave him his third consecutive section championship.

**Closing in on records:** The two victories in the section tournament moved McDermitt's career record to 145-27. He snapped the Burgettstown school record of 135 wins by Rich Froats in January at the Chartiers Valley Duals and is five wins away from 150. Only 40 wrestlers reached that plateau in WPIAL history.

"I wasn't thinking about it that much," said McDermitt. "It's pretty cool. It's taken a lot of hard work. There was a lot of hard work I put in that most people didn't see."

McDermitt can't reach 150 victories this weekend, when the WPIAL Class AA Championships take place Friday and Saturday at South Fayette unless he falls into the consolation rounds.

That isn't likely.

McDermitt can become a three-time WPIAL champion with four straight wins in that tournament. Only three wrestlers from Burgettstown



accomplished the feat: Rob Marshall (1956-58), Floyd Marshall (1958-60) and Bill Bertand (1973-75).

"We have a lot of good kids wrestle here," said Burgettstown head coach Terry Havelka. "I would think he has to be in the top 10 (all-time) and in the top five that I have coached.

"Match in and match out, he has wrestled well. He's broken records and dedicated himself. A state title would be the crowning jewel."

**One final step:** McDermitt is a three-time state qualifier and two-time medalist. He finished in seventh place as a 106-pound freshman and in sixth place as a 113-pound junior. He wants to improve on that.

"I've definitely been working harder because this is the last time I have to accomplish my dream of being a state champion," said McDermitt. "I'm also trying to have fun because it's my last time."

McDermitt will wrestle for Pitt-Johnstown next fall and Havelka knows that team is getting a tremendous competitor in McDermitt.

"He has natural ability," said. "He has God-given talents. He wrestles in the off-season, and he has made wrestling his priority."

*Compiled by Joe Tuscano*

**Austin McDermitt-Athlete of the Week**  
**Observer-Reporter-February 19, 2015**

## Eagle Wrestlers Defeat Canevin

Ray Bazzoli's Avella high wrestling team spotted Canevin a 19-0 lead before rallying to win a 32-24 match at Canevin last night.

Canevin notched 3 falls and a decision in the first four bouts to take a 19-0 lead before Avella began its winning drive.

The Eagles then won all but one of the remaining bouts to win the match.

The Eagles had 4 pins in their eight victories, with Dave Wylie, Dave Sfara, Jerry Stefkovich and Ed Zatta pinning their opponents.

Winning decisions were Jim Fusarelli, Ken Dellovade, Lee Cecchini and Bob Vettorel.

88--Beck, C, pinned Carroll, second.

95--Havaka, C, decided Brownlee, 7-3.

103--Kelly, C, pinned Miles, first.

112--Scully, C, pinned Peoples, second.

120--Fusarelli, A, decided Havaka, 8-4.

127--Wylie, A, pinned Fani, second.

133--Dellovade, A, decided Kelly, 17-1.

138--Sfara, A, pinned Hoysen, third.

145--Cecchini, A, decided Mazurski, 7-0.

154--Allen, C, pinned Gagich, third.

165--Stefkovich, A, pinned Bachener, second.

180--Vettorel, A, decided Ketterer, 3-0.

Hvy--Zatta, A, pinned Hep, second.

Referee: Reihner.

**Avella Eagle Wrestlers Defeat Canevin**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-January 10, 1968 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

# GOOD AS GOLD

## Avella's Temple cashes in, ends title drought

By Joe Tuscano  
Staff writer  
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HERSHEY — With one fell swoop, Jake Temple roared into the Giant Center and ended 26 years of waiting by faithful Avella wrestling fans.

Temple polished off a perfect season in a perfect way, taking a 3-1 decision from Reynold "Buzzy" Maines of West Branch in the finals of the 220-pound weight class in the PIAA Class AA Championships Saturday at the Giant Center.

Temple became the Eagles' first state champion since Ryan Sella won the 98-pound title and the fourth state gold medalist in the program's history.

The others were Jeff Gordon, who won the 132-pound title in 1978, and Rob Bogo, who was golden at 119 pounds in 1975.

Temple finished the season with a 42-0 record and was one of two area

**JAKE TEMPLE BECAME AVELLA'S FIRST STATE CHAMPION IN 26 YEARS AND THE FOURTH IN SCHOOL HISTORY.**

wrestlers in the finals Saturday night. Jared Walker of South Fayette fell in the 160 finals to Kyle Bova of Coudersport, 9-3, but was still one of three medalists for the Lions.

Because of Temple's win, a number of bets were settled.

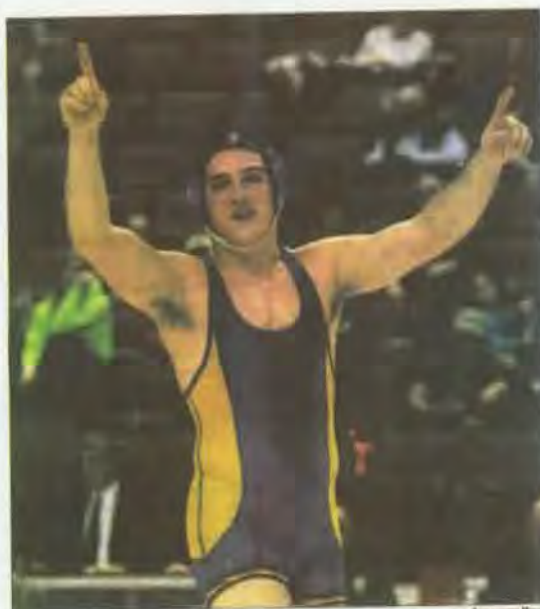
- Assistant coach Jeff Kusich has to eat 26 scoops of ice cream.

- Nick Kusich, the Eagles' 145-pounder, has to eat a five-pound candy bar.

- Another assistant, Ralph Pittman, has to eat a whole chocolate pie.

Those were the promises made if Temple won, and now he has the opportunity to collect.

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Avella's Jake Temple reacts after defeating West Branch's Buzzy Maines during a 220-pound championship bout in the PIAA Class AA Wrestling Championships Saturday in Hershey.



Coudersport's Kyle Bova, left, gets back points on South Fayette's Jared Walker during the 160-pound final match Saturday in Hershey.

## Temple

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"This is an experience I never experienced," said Temple. "And it's just awesome. I wish I could do this every day."

Temple beat Maines in last week's Southwest Region finals in Johnstown, riding him out in the final 30 seconds for a 3-2 win by ultimate tiebreaker.

This time was not as close. Temple got the first takedown in the first period, spinning behind Maines and the West Branch junior tried to dive out of bounds. Temple got the tips in of his size 13 wrestling shoes, lent to him by a friend when his old ones ripped.

"Getting that takedown in the first, I knew I was in good shape," said Temple. "I knew I still had to keep him down in the first period because if I gave up a point, I knew I would have to score later in the match."

Temple extended the lead to 3-0 with an escape in the second period and only allowed an escape to Maines (38-2) the rest of the way.

"I don't think it's set in yet," said Avella head coach Jeremy Allen. "I'm sure once we get out of here, it will. We knew he had a chance because last year, he was the only non-senior who placed in the weight

(fourth). That was his goal."

Allen said he wished Don Rush, the former head coach of the Eagles who passed away a few years ago, could have seen this match.

"He would have been really proud of Jake," Allen said.

Walker saw his chances for a state title at 160 dissipate under a withering attack by Bova. The senior from Coudersport, who was a state runner-up last year, showed he had no intentions of finishing there this year. Bova scored six points in the second period after a scoreless first to take control of the match.

Bova had Walker on his back for three points with 15 seconds to go to make it a six-point lead. Walker closed the gap to 6-3 with an escape and takedown in the third, but Bova got an escape then a takedown off a desperation shot by Walker to end it.

"I just did what I usually do," said Walker (43-2). "I wanted to go at him and pick up the pace. The move that usually helps me win, helped me lose. I got caught."

South Fayette head coach Rick Chaussard said the coaching staff researched Bova.

"We knew a little bit about him," said Chaussard. "We didn't go in blind. We told him to do what got you here. He made a couple mistakes. He turned the wrong way a couple of times and got caught on his back."

Still, Walker was pleased with his season and hopes to go one step further next season.

"It was a great atmosphere here," he said. "It was a big match. I never felt like that before. It was a fun year. I worked hard to get here."

In other local results, Austin McDermitt of Burgettstown finished sixth at 113 pounds following a 6-2 loss to Collin Gloriosso of Huntingdon. McDermitt, a junior, ended the season with a 41-6 record.

Injuries caught up to Jefferson-Morgan's John Demaske. Shoulder problems and gout affected him in the consolations at 126. The senior who was 42-0 at one point, lost his final three bouts.

Mike Carr of South Fayette finished fifth at 132 after a 3-1 decision over Stephon Maloney of Bethlehem Catholic on a day when he nearly lost a front tooth.

"I got hit in the mouth with someone's knee in the consolation round," Carr said. "I feel OK. I had high goals and a couple more years to accomplish them."

Carr's teammate, Grant Fetchet, finished fourth at 152 after losing by 15-0 technical fall to Cole Walter of Mifflinburg.

"I could have wrestled better," said Fetchet. "For only doing this for 60 days, it wasn't too bad. We came off football season and crammed all this in. I just wished I could have placed higher."

# Avella's Sella Wins AA State Championship

By John Sacco

A few weeks ago Ryan Sella opened the eyes of a wrestling-conscious community by winning the Section 12-AA championship with an impressive victory over long-time nemesis Jerry Thomas of Washington.

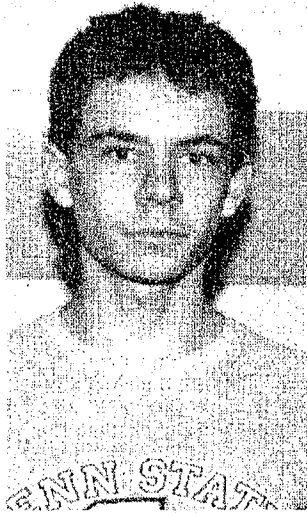
Since earning that 6-2 victory, his confidence grew with each passing win and he became unbeatable. And Saturday afternoon in Harsehypark Arena, Sella from Avella got the one confirmation he needed to be considered an outstanding wrestler.

He captured the 98-pound championship in the PIAA Class AA Wrestling Championships with a 5-1 overtime decision over Chris Rickard of North Schuylkill.

With the win, Sella (27-3-1) became the first area Double-A wrestler to win a gold medal at Hershey since 1981 when Washington's Tom Wilt (126) and Doug Haines (155) of Waynesburg won crowns.

Sella also became the third wrestler from Avella High School to win a state championship — the others are current assistant coach Jeff Gordon (1978) and Rob Bogo (1975).

He is also the WPIAL's first champion since 1985, when Jeannette's



**RYAN SELLA**

Derrick Hall won at 132.

The area enjoyed its finest season in many years as five others placed in the tournament.

Fort Cherry's Bill Galloway (155)

and Lee Robinson (185) of Waynesburg grabbed third-place medals, Burgettstown's Brad Abbott (132) was a fourth-place finisher and Eric Schultz (167) of Fort Cherry and Washington heavyweight Aaron Williams earned fifth-place finishes.

Besides Sella, state champions included David Warnick (105) of Meyersdale; Benton's John Hughes (112); Dave Fehlman (119) of Youngsville; Mt. Union's Clayton Grice (126) and Troy Sunderland (145); Lee Todora (132) of Salisbury; North Schuylkill's Mark Cesari (138); Dale Budd (167) of Port Allegany; Southern Columbia's Jerry Marks (185) and heavyweight Joe Daubert of Chief Logan.

Warnick, Todora, Sunderland and Marks won championships a year ago.

Benton won the team championship, while Sunderland earned the Outstanding Wrestler award.

Against Rickard, Sella won in what has become typical fashion.

He survived a listless first period and came on to wear down his opponent and win with superior conditioning and technique.

He nearly got the win in regulation when he barely missed out on a last-

second takedown that would have given him a 6-4 victory.

But he didn't panic and swarmed over Rickard in the overtime.

"I wasn't ready mentally in the first period," Sella said. "But toward the end of the first and in the early part of the second I felt much better. I didn't get that last takedown but it worked out for the better.

"I knew I had to wrestle three more hard minutes. And I knew his arm was hurting and he was tired."

In the tournament, Sella recorded two falls and won his final two bouts in overtime.

He pinned both Barry Weyandt of Clayburg-Kimmel and Danville's Pete Sassaman in the preliminary and quarterfinal rounds, respectively.

Sella then captured a thrilling criteria decision over Westmont Hilltop's Matt Beaujon in the semifinals. That win set up his shot at winning the gold medal.

"Ryan's just a tough kid," said Avella assistant coach Jeff Gordon, who ironically was the last Avella wrestler to win a state title in 1978.

"He works very hard and he just set his goal and went after it. Ryan really wanted to win this championship. That's why he dropped down and

that's why he put in so much time."

Sella won nine consecutive bouts on his way to the championship, including a second straight win over Thomas in last weekend's WPIAL-District 5 Southwest Regional.

"Once I finally beat Thomas, I got a lot of confidence," Sella explained. "I just kept it going and I thought maybe this would be my year."

In placing third, Galloway and Robinson made terrific comebacks. Robinson (30-6) lost his preliminary-round bout, but he rallied for five consecutive wins, including a 2-1 overtime decision over Damon Mazoff of Moshannon Valley in the consolation finals.

"After the first match, I got mad," Robinson said. "I loosened up a little and got much more aggressive."

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What Galloway did was just as amazing.

He suffered a tough loss by the fall to Ferraro in the quarterfinals. Gallo-

way (30-5) was leading at the time.

But he rebounded for four straight wins and a 8-7 victory over Everett's Jeff Clark in the battle for the bronze medal.

Galloway's teammate, Schultz, also completed his career with a flurry. Schultz (36-3-1) pinned Mark Groff of Conrad Weiser in the fifth-round of consolations.

"I'm elated," said FC coach Tom Diamond, a former state champion from Washington. "Those two have been good kids since I took over. I couldn't ask for more. Billy was in a great frame of mind and Eric had three falls. This is really super."

Abbott (32-4) nearly earned a third-place finish but he simply couldn't come up with one more point and dropped a 3-2 decision to Southern Columbia's Eric Feese in the consolation finals.

"Brad worked very hard for this," Burgettstown coach Joe Nicolella said. "He came back after the slam in the semis and that's a credit to him."

**MAT MATTERS** - Kyle Cheza of Hickory, a champion in '87, won five straight bouts after an opening-round loss to finish third... Beaujon wrestled four times in the tournament, the most of any wrestler.

## Avella's Sella Wins AA State Championship Burgettstown Enterprise-March 23, 1988 Edition

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

**BASKETBALL — WRESTLING  
PREVIEW**

The 1952 Union high school basketball team will begin its schedule on December 2 with a game at Clark high. Under the direction of head Coach Bodie Nicksick, the Blue Devils have home-and-home games booked with Trinity, Canonsburg, Washington, Mt. Lebanon, Dormont and Waynesburg. New foes to meet this year include Waynesburg, Newell, Follansbee, Rochester, Bridgeville, East Washington and Coraopolis. Coach Nicksick has three lettermen returning from last year's team, who will form the nucleus of this year's quintet. They are forward Raul Campa, a senior; center Mickey Trimarki, a junior; and guard Danny Galan, also a junior. Also slated to see much action are seniors Fred Sarracino, Bill Buxton, Jack Kernohan, and Bill Koval, juniors Bibsy Majernik and Herky Romestan, and sophomore Meats Friday. The schedule is as follows:

December 2—Clark ..... There  
 December 5—Follansbee .... There  
 December 9—Bridgeville ..... Here  
 December 12—Cecil ..... Here  
 December 17—W. Allegheny There  
 December 19—Rochester ..... Here  
 December 30—Coraopolis .... Here  
 January 2—E. Washington .. There  
 January 6—Trinity ..... Here  
 January 9—Dormont ..... There  
 January 13—Waynesburg .... Here  
 January 16—Mt. Lebanon .. There  
 January 20—Washington ..... Here  
 January 23—Canonsburg .... There  
 January 27—Newell ..... There  
 January 30—Trinity ..... There  
 February 3—Dormont ..... Here  
 February 6—Waynesburg .... There  
 February 10—Mt. Lebanon .. Here  
 February 13—Washington .. There  
 February 17—Canonsburg .... Here

Head wrestling coach Steve Babyak, in his first year at that position after succeeding present athletic director, Nick Mervosh, has 13 matches scheduled, the first beginning on December 17 with Washington on the local mats. West View and Shaler are new additions to the schedule, which shows six home matches and seven away. Returning lettermen for the 1952-53 season include seniors Harold McElhaney and Ronnie LeCouvre, juniors Al Fay and Gerry Tenaglia, and sophomores Martin Laurich and Richard Bonjiorni. Also expected to see much action are Martin Kisla, Richard Jancart, Robert Hicks, John Staschiak, Richard Dellapina, and James Pulver, seniors; Lynn Lawson junior; and sophomore Joe Haba. The Blue Devils will attempt to better last year's record of twelve games won and two lost. The schedule:

December 17—Washington .. Home  
 January 6—Trinity ..... Away  
 January 8—E. Liverpool .... Home  
 January 13—Washington .... Away  
 January 16—W. Allegheny Home  
 January 23—West View ..... Home  
 January 29—Bridgeport ..... Away  
 February 3—Carnegie ..... Away  
 February 6—Trinity ..... Home  
 February 11—E. Liverpool .. Away  
 February 13—W. Allegheny Away  
 February 20—Carnegie ..... Home  
 February 24—Shaler ..... Away



## **Blue Devil Wrestler of the Week**

Ben Beavers has been recognized by the coaching staff as the Blue Devil Wrestler of the Week. A sophomore, Beavers has been competing in the 140-pound class and, according to coaches Joe Nicolella and Gary Havelka, has done an outstanding job as the season reaches the halfway point. Beavers won a third place medal during competition at the recent Fort Cherry Invitational Tournament. Nicolella said, "Ben is a hard-working member of our squad who shows the promise to keep the great wrestling tradition at Burgettstown alive for the future."

**Ben Beavers-Blue Devil Wrestler of the Week  
The Enterprise-January 22, 1992 Edition**

## Blue Devil Mat Men Trounce McGuffey

Andy Sedlak's UHS wrestling team dropped but two bouts in winning easily over McGuffey, 46-8, before a full house in the local gymnasium Tuesday night.

The win was Union's second in a row this year.

Five Blue Devils turned in pins, three in the first period. "Gussie" Diamond 88; Paul Pcsolinski, 103; and Jeff Mermon, 165; all clamped their opponents' to the canvas in less than two minutes. Jim Smalley, 112, and Bil Kucic, 127, turned in second period pins.

Winning by decisions for Union were Jerry Gavazzi, 120; John Gilbert, 133; Bill Michalski, 145; Rich McClements, 154; Ray Karas, 180; and Ed Shaffer, unlimited.

Only winners for McGuffey were Craig Moore, 95, who turned in a second period pin, and Ed Martin, 138, who barely edged Union's Jerry Prado, 2-0.

The Union B-squad kept in pace with the varsity, thumping the McGuffey reserves, 49-7, in a preliminary match.

Varsity summary:

88--Diamond, U, pinned Layne, 0:53, first.

95--Moore, M, pinned Diley, 0:55, second.

103--Pcsolinski, U, pinned Falosk, 1:56, first.

112--Smalley, U, pinned Kelly, 1:42, second.

120--Gavazzi, U, dec. Grim, 8-2.

127--Kucic, U, pinned Scott, 0:55, second.

133--Gilbert, U, dec. Reese, 5-4.

138--Martin, M, dec. Prado, 2-0.

145--Michalski, U, dec. Hancher, 5-0.

154--McClements, U, dec. Whiteman, 7-3.

165--Mermon, U, pinned Chess, 1:01, first.

180--Karas, U, dec. Burdolt, 9-2.

Unlimited--Shaffer, U, dec. Roche, 3-0.

Referee-Jerry Tenaglia.



*Win All But Four*

## Blue Devil Matmen Run Winning Streak To Three; Top South Side

Union's wrestling team won all but four bouts and rolled to its third straight win of the season, 44-18, over South Side Beaver Friday night in the UHS gym.

Out of the 13 bouts scheduled, only three resulted in decisions with Gussie Diamond, 88; Rick Boni, 120;

and Jerry Prado, 138; capturing the verdicts for the Blue Devils.

Six bouts ended in pins. Union's Jim Smalley, 112, and Eddie Shaffer, unlimited, turned in first period pins, while Bill Kucic, 127, and John Gilbert, 133, won by falls in the second period.

The visitors' Halstead, 95, and J. Tellish, 154, also won by pins.

Two bouts ended in defaults—Paul Pcsolinski, 103, won for Union in the third period, and King, 180, won for South Side in the first.

John McKee, 145, won for Union by forfeit.

A draw occurred in the 165-pound division, where Union's Jeff Mermon and South Side's Barrett fought to a 4-4 tie.

The summary:

88--Diamond, U, decisioned Reed, 12-1.

95--Halstead, SS, pinned Diley, 1:29, second.

103--Pcsolinski, U, default winner over Herron, third.

112--Smalley, U, pinned Long, 0:30, first.

120--Boni, U, decisioned Rice, 5-2.

127--Kucic, U, pinned McCloskey, 1:35, second.

133--Gilbert, U, pinned McLaughlin, 1:30, second.

138--Prado, U, decisioned B. Tellish, 11-8.

145--McKee, U, won by forfeit.

154--J. Tellish, SS, won by pin over McClements, 1:36, third.

165--Mermon, U, drew with Barrett, 4-4.

180--King, SS, default winner over Karas, first.

Unlimited--Shaffer, U, pinned Skolnekovich, 0:44, first.

Referee: Reihner.

**Blue Devil Matmen Run Winning Streak**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-January 17, 1963 Edition**

## **Blue Devil Matmen Topple Fort Cherry**

Union's wrestling team chalked up a 32-15 victory over Fort Cherry in the Union High gym last Thursday night to up the Blue Devils' season record to four wins and three losses.

Ron Dellapina's Rangers, suffering their fifth setback in seven matches, won five of the 13 bouts, all by decisions, including the last three.

Among Union's eight victories were pins by Kent Vallina, 88; Mike Yaco, 95; Jon Lynn Vallina, 120; and John Sinnett, 127; and decisions by Bill Gavazzi, 112; Bill Gilbert, 133; John Zuccaro, 138; and Joe Kuzior, 154.

Sinnett pinned his opponent with just four seconds remaining after trailing 7-2, in the third period.

The summary:

K. Vallina, U, pinned Elder, 0:09, second.

95--Yaco, U, pinned Yamber, third.

103--Smith, FC, decided L. Gilbert, 6-3.

112--Gavazzi, U, decided Zeno, 8-0.

120--J. Vallina, U, pinned Allison, 1:03, third.

127--Sinnett, U, pinned Knapper, 1:56, third.

133--B. Gilbert, U, decided Kelley, 8-4.

138--Zuccaro, U, decided Heron, 6-4.

145--Machak, FC, decided Maltony, 9-2.

154--Kuzior, U, decided Coles, 10-6.

165--Martinek, FC, decided Maroni, 8-0.

180--Femovich, FC, decided Fernandez, 6-1.

Hvy--Neal, FC, decided Korpos, 4-2.

Referee: Petronka

**Blue Devil Matmen Topple Fort Cherry**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-January 24, 1968 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

# Burgettstown enters wrestling season with new head coach

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One of the longest, most respected coaching careers at Burgettstown High School is winding down.

Terry Havelka at one point was the football coach, athletic director and wrestling coach in the same school year. He gave up the football duties two years, retired as a teacher last June and a few weeks ago resigned as head coach of the wrestling team following 37 years in the system. Havelka's assistant coach, Joey Vigliotti, will take over the wrestling program and Havelka will remain as volun-

teer assistant. Vigliotti's brother, Louie, will be a paid assistant.

"It was an extremely hard decision for me," said Havelka, who spent two terms as head coach and compiled more than 225 victories. "I've been considering it for a while. I kept going back and forth; that's why this came so late. I've had Joey with me for the past four or five years and I was comfortable with him taking over. I had a good guy to take over and I just thought it was a good transition."

Havelka replaced Jon Vallina as athletic director when Vallina retired in 2013 and is now transitioning Rob Bennett into the position. He is serving as a mentor and expects to hold

that responsibility throughout this year and possibly next. But the wrestling program at his alma mater always had a special spot in his heart.

"After the season, you have to let the dust settle," said Havelka. "We got to be a month or two from the season and it kept rolling closer. One day I thought it was a good decision, the next I thought it wasn't a good decision. I had a good run and was blessed with some great assistant coaches, Brad Abbott, Joey, my brother Gary, who has been at the junior high running that program for 20-some years, and so many more. Jon Vallina was my AD and a lot of pieces

went together to make it successful. You know, you do something for so long that it becomes part of your identity. I made great friends through the sport of wrestling and had really good kids and parents to work with. Tough decision? Absolutely."

The Blue Devils lost most of their heavier weights from last year including Brad Hucic, the team's only state qualifier with a 34-16 record. But there is talent in the lighter weights in junior P.J. Smith (28-12, 113 pounds), sophomore Austin Ryan (20-19, 120), and senior Austin Riffle (20-17, 132). Senior Darrell Bails (31-16, 145) is back in the middle weights.

Havelka couldn't pick the best team he's coached but said turning the program around in the 1990s was a big step in moving the program ahead.

"We've had several good teams," said Havelka. "It was real exciting in the 1990s because we had started to go down to where the program was in bad shape because of numbers. We weren't getting kids out. Any time you start to build and see the fruits of that labor, it's a pretty exciting time. We went from forfeiting too many bouts to winning matches in a packed gym and winning section titles. All the teams in the (postseason) ... I'm proud of what we've done."



Terry Havelka

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## Burgettstown wins family affair match

It was bound to happen, but most didn't think it would be Wednesday night.

Burgettstown and Chartiers-Houston met in the quarterfinals of the WPIAL Class AA Team Tournament and that meant it would be father coaching against son in the BHS gym.

Terry Havelka, the head coach of Burgettstown, was in the corner opposite his son, Jeff, the head coach at Chartiers-Houston.

Dad won this one, 42-26, and that put the Blue Devils into the semifinals, where they will face top-seeded Burrell Friday at Norwin High School. The match is at 6 p.m.

Getting pins for Burgett-

stown against the Bucs in the quarterfinals were Stephen Kotouch (138), Jake McKee (160) and Ryan Penderville (195).

Chartiers-Houston got its lone pin from Tre Lober (Hvy).

Burgettstown advanced to the quarterfinals with a 51-15 victory over Avonworth. The Blue Devils received pins from Austin McDermitt (113), Kotouch (138), McKee (160) and Tristan Nicholson (170).

Chartiers-Houston advanced with a 37-34 upset win over Derry. Derek Hull (182), Garrett Grimm (195) and Lober got pins for the Buccaneers to help them advance.

The Burgettstown Cadets participated in a triangular meet with Brooke and Keystone Oaks in the local high school gym on Saturday, Jan. 12. Matches involving the Cadets are listed below.

Derek Pasquale dec. Greg Bulevich, KO, 9-0; Aaron Smith, Br, dec. Shawn Speer, 16-0; Rush Armstrong, Br, pinned Jason McNichols, second; Don Williams, Br, dec. Ryan Boling, 11-10; Mike Frass, KO, dec. John Krynak, 4-0; Stephen Wakefield, Br, dec. Mike Aller, 10-5; Wayne Glass, KO, dec. Bobby Hart, 4-0; Don Williams, Br, dec. Jeremy Galish, 5-2; Jason Lepore pinned Tim Elson, Br; Steve Ruschell, Br, dec. Bradley Mermon, 3-0; Ryan McAllister, KO, pinned Jamie Pogonovich; Scott Mitchell, Br, dec. Dan Kotouch, 4-0; Steve Ruschell, Br, dec. Dale Brown, 10-3.

Bob Frass, KO, dec. Clint Gibson, 6-0; Dan Gardner pinned Mike Brown, Br, second; Luke Snatchko dec. Mac McClean, Br, 6-4; Gabe Barki, Br, dec. John McNichols, 4-0; Rich Creps won by default over Bob Finsley, Br; Pete Strobe pinned Bo Fillinger, Br, second; Justin Orbich, KO, dec. Jason Frankovich, 4-0; Nick Maravich, KO, pinned Ed Hughes, first; Jerrod McAllister, KO, pinned Bill Brown, second; John Schilinski dec. Larry Lowe, Br, 7-5; Bo Fillinger, Br, pinned Kevin Galish, third; Robert White, Br, pinned Jamie Pogonovich, third; Brian Hayes, KO, pinned Vic Wright, second.

Brock Baird dec. Kus Lowe, Br, 4-1; John McNichols dec. Ken Platko, Br, 6-4; Ken Speer dec. Joe Barki, Br, 3-0; Jeff Abbott pinned Jay Ruschell, Br, first; Jason McNichols pinned Coy Ferguson, Br, first; Clint Gibson dec. Mike Webber, KO, 8-0; Brett McClean, Br, dec. Mike Aller; Eddie Vargo, Br, dec. Bob Hart, 8-4; Steve Ruschell, Br, dec. Brent Verner, 6-3; Brian Frankenhauser, Br, pinned Jeremy Galish, second; Scott Edgell, Br, pinned Jamie Pogonovich, third; Steve Lewis pinned Bob Frass, KO, second; Mac McClean, Br, dec. Dale Brown, 7-2; Brady Mermon dec. Randy Williams, Br, 5-0; Scott Stakich, KO, won by default over John Schilinski.

Mike Giammatteo, KO, dec. Bill Brown, 6-4; Bradley Mermon pinned Mike Frass, Br, first; Dom Abate pinned Aaron Stuck, Br, third; Ed Vargo, Br, dec. Jamie Pogonovich, 17-14; Steve Lewis dec. Mike Giammatteo, KO, 2-0; Ken Speer pinned Steve Schnofeld, KO, second; Ryan Driscoll, KO, dec. Bill Brown, 11-3; Keith Baird pinned Steve Baun, KO, first; John Schilinski dec. Kevin Gallagher, KO, 7-3; Brent Verner pinned Mike Frass, KO, first; Clint Gibson dec. Aaron Stuck, Br, 9-5.

## **Burgettstown Cadets Participate in Triangular Meet Burgettstown Enterprise-January 30, 1985 Edition**

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**Burgettstown Youth Wrestling**

**WAWA match January 10, 2015**

**Hosting- Hopewell, Toronto, South Fayette, Montour,  
Moon, Oak Glenn**

**NEVER SURRENDER**

**NEVER QUIT**



**ALWAYS FINISH**

**BLUE DEVIL STRONG**

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Mat	Match	Name	Team	Name	Team
1	1	Cohlman Carpenter	South Fayette	Tremendous West	Toronto
1	2	Nico Arkalis	Montour	Shawn Mayhew	Oak Glen
1	3	Ashton Adams	Oak Glen	Dawson Anderson	South Fayette
1	4	Ken Jett	Toronto	Lucas Hoak	Moon
1	5	Jacob Campanella	South Fayette	Troy Polachak	Hopewell
1	6	Wyatt Karabinos	Moon	Tanner Waggnor	Toronto
1	7	Gianni Bertucci	Hopewell	Ryan Green	Burgettstown
1	8	Garret Suica	Burgettstown	Landon Thomas	Toronto
1	9	Bryce Watkins	South Fayette	Mya Reed	Oak Glen
1	10	Nico Colaizzi	Montour	Michael Dinardo	Hopewell
1	11	Jett Costa	Toronto	Noah Leininger	Burgettstown
1	12	Trey Carter	South Fayette	Josh Brunton	Hopewell
1	13	Michael Bates	Moon	DJ Slovick	Burgettstown
1	14	Ryan Ging	South Fayette	Tyler jaquay	Moon
1	15	James Anderson	South Fayette	Brittan Allen	Toronto
1	16	Bobby Vetter	South Fayette	Colin Bain	Hopewell
1	17	Jackson Weiland	Moon	Jackson Gibson	Toronto
1	18	Jacob Potts	South Fayette	Isaac Jones	Montour
1	19	Elijah Thomas	Moon	James McNabb	Burgettstown
1	20	Anthony Sacks	Toronto	Iandon Kinkela	Burgettstown
1	21	Bryce Embleton	Montour	Michael Gunn	Oak Glen
1	22	Aiden Boone	Burgettstown	Michael Crawford Jr	Moon
1	23	Tyler Stanley	Toronto	Timmy Kudratullaev	Moon
1	24	Tyler Orbin	Burgettstown	Ashton Adams	Oak Glen
1	25	Gavin McClure	Moon	Alex Johnston	Hopewell
1	26	Trenten Keyes	Oak Glen	Jordan Crew	Toronto
1	27	Gianni Bertucci	Hopewell	Tanner Rambo	Toronto
1	28	Joshua Fisher	Toronto	Isaiah Pisano	Hopewell
1	29	Cain Lasker	South Fayette	Anthony Lancos	Burgettstown
1	30	Joshua Klimas	Montour	James McNabb	Burgettstown
1	31	Drew Palochak	Hopewell	Aiden Boone	Burgettstown
1	32	Vegas Pierce	South Fayette	Trenten Keyes	Oak Glen
1	33	Landon Thomas	Toronto	Kyler O'Connor	Oak Glen
1	34	Heath Thomas	Toronto	Preston Adams	Oak Glen
1	35	Matthew Luchovick	Montour	Drew Palochak	Hopewell
1	36	Jo-Jo Savage	Toronto	Justin Graham	Oak Glen
1	37	Adam Ware	Hopewell	Isaac Ice	Toronto
1	38	Mason O'Britz	South Fayette	Isaiah Pisano	Hopewell
1	39	Billy Dodd	Moon	Troy Polachak	Hopewell
1	40	Kendel Thomas	Toronto	Tyler Davis	Oak Glen
1	41	Cain Lasker	South Fayette	Joshua Fisher	Toronto
1	42	Connor Larue	Moon	Turner Lehman	Burgettstown
1	43	Ethan Waggonor	Toronto	Steve Burnisky	South Fayette
1	44	Luke Anderson	South Fayette	Charlie Mouse	Toronto
1	45	Zachary Costello	Montour	Anthiny Gross	Burgettstown
1	46	Timmy Kudratullaev	Moon	Scott Brown	Burgettstown
1	47	Nathan Pasko	Oak Glen	Noah Leininger	Burgettstown
1	48	Jaimison Hawkey	Oak Glen	Diegan Amic	Burgettstown
1	49	Lucas Bender	Moon	Conner Delaney	South Fayette

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1	50	Logan Lowrey	Moon	Gregory Peters	Oak Glen
1	51	Maddox Bowen	Oak Glen	Trey Carter	South Fayette
1	52	Talan Mizenko	South Fayette	Tyler Zubryd	Moon
1	53	Austin Knox	Moon	Logan Murray	Oak Glen
1	54	Travis Smithey	Oak Glen	Lucas Hoak	Moon
1	55	Hayden Lamb	Oak Glen	Cael Yanek	Moon
1	56	Mike Ozlewski	Moon	Aiden Jones	Hopewell
1	57	Shawn Mayhew	Oak Glen	Josh Miller	Hopewell
1	58	Tyler Zubryd	Moon	Jayden Roach	Burgettstown
1	59	Mikey Barnhart	Oak Glen	Sebastian Barrows	South Fayette
1	60	Griffin Duda	Moon	Jacob Brunton	Hopewell
1	61	Anthony Heath	Oak Glen	Brody Rocks	Hopewell
1	62	Ayden Porupsky	Hopewell	Alex Johnston	Hopewell
1	63	Michael Dinardo	Hopewell	Kenneth Goddard	Oak Glen
1	64	Kevin Phillips	Oak Glen	Hunter Colon	South Fayette
1	65	Nathan Pasko	Oak Glen	Gavin Lugaila	Montour
1	66	Aaron DeLuca	Montour	T'Kai Jett	Toronto
1	67	Wyatt Karabinos	Moon	Hayden Lamb	Oak Glen
1	68	Mike Ozlewski	Moon	Peter Leventis	South Fayette
1	69	Shawn Mayhew	Oak Glen	Noah Leininger	Burgettstown
1	70	Tyler Zubryd	Moon	Jaden Mizenko	South Fayette
1	71	Mikey Barnhart	Oak Glen	Jacob Hoak	Moon
1	72	Griffin Duda	Moon	Carter Berdine	Burgettstown
1	73	Anthony Heath	Oak Glen	Anthony Orlandini	Montour
1	74	Ayden Porupsky	Hopewell	Diegan Amic	Burgettstown
1	75	Michael Dinardo	Hopewell	Braylon Preston	Burgettstown
1	76	Tom Strittmatter	South Fayette	Isaac Jones	Montour
1	77	Jacob Mcnabb	Burgettstown	Vegas Pierce	South Fayette
1	78	Braydon Cook	Burgettstown	Gavin McClure	Moon
1	79	Logan Mchain	Burgettstown	Antonio Saverice	Moon



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2	1	Wyatt Wolanski	Oak Glen	Jason Murray	Burgettstown
2	2	Arthur Alley	Oak Glen	Grant Houy	Hopewell
2	3	Joey Sentipal	Burgettstown	James Walzer	Montour
2	4	Jacob Mcnemar	Toronto	Camden O'Connor	Oak Glen
2	5	Aidan Bain	Hopewell	Connor Lindsey	Moon
2	6	Ambrose Boni III	Hopewell	Anthony Lancos	Burgettstown
2	7	Jordan Crew	Toronto	Brody McMullough	Hopewell
2	8	Zander Stern	Montour	Daniel Smith	Burgettstown
2	9	Adam Ware	Hopewell	Noah Sapp	Toronto
2	10	Tanner Rambo	Toronto	Landin Pillar	Hopewell
2	11	Wyatt Wolanski	Oak Glen	CJ Lindsey	Moon
2	12	Lane Martinec	Montour	Ken Jett	Toronto
2	12A	Wil Murray	Montour	Sebastian Barrows	South Fayette
2	13	Ryley Brophay	Toronto	Preston Pritt	Hopewell
2	14	Micah Kimbrough	Hopewell	Joey Baronick	Burgettstown
2	15	Michael Crawford Jr	Moon	Drew Palochak	Hopewell
2	16	Logan Pillar	Hopewell	Dylan Heinrich	Oak Glen
2	17	Cael Yanek	Moon	Tanner Waggnor	Toronto
2	18	Liam Flanigan	Oak Glen	Logan Butcher	Hopewell
2	19	Jacob McKeel	Moon	Wesley Molish	Oak Glen
2	20	Jacob Forrest	Hopewell	Patrick Dhanse	Montour
2	21	Micah Kimbrough	Hopewell	Dean Shazer	Moon
2	22	Kameron Haines	Toronto	Daniel Olenik	Moon
2	23	Logan Cunningham	Toronto	Ambrose Boni III	Hopewell
2	24	Gavin Rexroad	Toronto	Chandler Bowles	Oak Glen
2	25	Aiden Pierce	South Fayette	Michael Heath	Oak Glen
2	26	Connor Larue	Moon	Nate Zanieski	Toronto
2	27	Tyler Malazich	South Fayette	Eric Kovatch	Burgettstown
2	28	Talan Mizenko	South Fayette	Ryan Murray	Burgettstown
2	29	Jon Bailey	Toronto	Mikey Barnhart	Oak Glen
2	30	Evan Koonse	Burgettstown	Chandler Bowles	Oak Glen
2	31	Camden Flowers	Oak Glen	Tristan Embleton	Montour
2	32	Logan Cunningham	Toronto	Braxton Dlugopolski	Oak Glen
2	33	Caleb Ramey	Burgettstown	Jaden Mizenko	South Fayette
2	34	Aiden Gryck	Moon	Landon Swiger	Oak Glen
2	35	Joey Sentipal	Burgettstown	Isaiah Pisano	Hopewell
2	36	Tyler Malazich	South Fayette	James Walzer	Montour
2	37	Eddie Stock	Toronto	Hunter guidy	Burgettstown
2	38	Talan Mizenko	South Fayette	Timothy Potts	Toronto
2	39	Tristan Embleton	Montour	Slayton Williams	Hopewell
2	40	Connor Langan	Moon	Aidan DeLuca	Montour
2	41	Tremendous West	Toronto	Tyler jaquay	Moon
2	42	Jacob McKeel	Moon	Josh Ramey	Burgettstown
2	43	Nico Colaizzi	Montour	Clayton Carpenter	South Fayette
2	44	Dublin Jacoby	Moon	Jason Murray	Burgettstown
2	45	Matthew Luchovick	Montour	Tyler Orbin	Burgettstown
2	46	Calan Schrenker	Montour	Shamus Gibson	Oak Glen
2	47	Eddie Stock	Toronto	Gabriel Castner	Moon
2	48	Connor Lindsey	Moon	Kaden Hebrock	Oak Glen
2	49	Connor McElror	Oak Glen	Daniel Olenik	Moon
2	50	jake Duncan	Moon	Colton Bennett	Burgettstown
2	51	Ethan Woodcock	Moon	Gavin Lugaila	Montour
2	52	Nicholas Clemens	Moon	Wesley Molish	Oak Glen
2	53	Joseph Barganski	Oak Glen	Zachary Costello	Montour
2	54	Christopher Hannen	Oak Glen	Slayton Williams	Hopewell

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2	55	Tom Strittmatter	South Fayette	Clayton Lamb	Oak Glen
2	56	Jackson Weiland	Moon	Chayce Jones	Oak Glen
2	57	Billy Bates	Moon	Luke Bracken	South Fayette
2	58	Griffin Duda	Moon	Jacob Halbedl	Montour
2	59	Connor McElror	Oak Glen	Kameron Haines	Toronto
2	60	Jacob Brunton	Hopewell	Dylan Chappel	South Fayette
2	61	Clayton Foster	Moon	Brody McMullough	Hopewell
2	62	Bobby Vetter	South Fayette	Billy Mullen	Burgettstown
2	63	Frank Guntrum	Oak Glen	Dylan Carter	South Fayette
2	64	Richie Gudino	Oak Glen	Ben Berkebile	South Fayette
2	65	Nicholas Young	South Fayette	Zander Stern	Montour
2	66	Ryan Culligan	Moon	Aiden States	Burgettstown
2	67	Shiri Kudratullaev	Moon	Ricky Murray	Montour
2	68	Jackson Weiland	Moon	Reese Lugaila	Montour
2	69	Ethan Woodcock	Moon	Jayden Roach	Burgettstown
2	70	Lucas Cooper	South Fayette	Josh Ramey	Burgettstown
2	71	Clayton Foster	Moon	Liam Flanigan	Oak Glen
2	72	Austin Smith	Hopewell	Garret Suica	Burgettstown
2	73	Landin Pillar	Hopewell	Ryan Ging	South Fayette
2	74	Bryce Watkins	South Fayette	Daniel Smith	Burgettstown
2	75	Dylan Carter	South Fayette	Lucian Williams	Hopewell
2	76	Travis Watkins	South Fayette	Ryan Murray	Burgettstown
2	77	JT Zaramba	South Fayette	Ambrose Boni III	Hopewell
2	78	Lucas Cooper	South Fayette	James Spellman	Moon
2	79	Dawson Anderson	South Fayette	Tyler jaquay	Moon
2	80	Evan Koonse	Burgettstown	Michael Crawford Jr	Moon
2	81	Caleb Ramey	Burgettstown	Tyler Zubryd	Moon
2	82	Cole Shergi	Burgettstown	Steve Burnisky	South Fayette

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3	1	Jo-Jo Savage	Toronto	Noah Michael	Oak Glen
3	2	Chris Parker	Toronto	Dylan Heinrich	Oak Glen
3	3	Devon Carraeo	Toronto	Chandler Bowles	Oak Glen
3	4	Cole Shergi	Burgettstown	Ethan Waggonor	Toronto
3	5	Nicholas Young	South Fayette	Gianna Lancos	Burgettstown
3	6	Brian Crawford	Moon	Jon Bailey	Toronto
3	7	JT Zaramba	South Fayette	Eathan Diggins	Moon
3	8	Spencer Fiedorczyk	Toronto	Strider Hannen	Oak Glen
3	9	Aiden Jones	Hopewell	Joshua Klimas	Montour
3	10	Wyatt Bach	Toronto	Danny Brandl	Montour
3	11	Michael Crawford Jr	Moon	Vegas Pierce	South Fayette
3	12	Devon Carraeo	Toronto	Connor Lindsey	Moon
3	13	Caleb Cooper	South Fayette	Tyler Diggins	Moon
3	14	Chris Parker	Toronto	DJ Slovick	Burgettstown
3	15	Evan Green	Burgettstown	Anthony Orlandini	Montour
3	16	CJ Trimber	Moon	Ryan Green	Burgettstown
3	17	Logan Mchain	Burgettstown	Kenneth Goddard	Oak Glen
3	18	Sergio Garcia	Hopewell	Blake Ice	Toronto
3	19	Ayden Porupsky	Hopewell	Braydon Cook	Burgettstown
3	20	Jason Suttles	Toronto	Ricky Murray	Montour
3	21	Dylan Slovick	Burgettstown	Tyler Malazich	South Fayette
3	22	Spencer Fiedorczyk	Toronto	Austin Smith	Hopewell
3	23	Conner Delaney	South Fayette	Iandon Kinkela	Burgettstown
3	24	Brittan Allen	Toronto	Anthony Lounder	Moon
3	25	Dorian Burchett	Oak Glen	Gavin Suica	Burgettstown
3	26	Markus Bender	Moon	Maddox Bowen	Oak Glen
3	27	Isaac Ice	Toronto	Connor Langan	Moon
3	28	Clayton Carpenter	South Fayette	Logan Davis	Oak Glen
3	29	Joshua Maher	Oak Glen	Lucas Hoak	Moon
3	30	Isiah Greathouse	Toronto	Tyler Davis	Oak Glen
3	31	Thomas Kutrufis	Montour	Brian Coulter	Oak Glen
3	32	Dylan Chappel	South Fayette	Elijah Thomas	Moon
3	33	Ryan Trimber	Moon	Braxton Dlugopolski	Oak Glen
3	34	Frederick Sherman	South Fayette	Connor Murray	Montour
3	35	Alexander Farabaugh	Moon	Justin Graham	Oak Glen
3	36	Corbin Harrison	Burgettstown	Jacob Campanella	South Fayette
3	37	James Spellman	Moon	Anthony Sacks	Toronto
3	38	Nate Zanieski	Toronto	Aiden Gray	Oak Glen
3	39	Jacob Mcnemar	Toronto	DJ Slovick	Burgettstown
3	40	Ethan Dilanni	Montour	Brenden Ates	Oak Glen
3	41	Tyler Stanley	Toronto	Scott Brown	Burgettstown
3	42	Aiden Gryck	Moon	Troy Polachak	Hopewell
3	43	Lucas Bender	Moon	Darius Stanley	Toronto
3	44	Preston Adams	Oak Glen	Colton Bennett	Burgettstown
3	45	Dylan Austin	Moon	Matthew Luchovick	Montour
3	46	Zach Reggotti	Moon	Hunter Colon	South Fayette
3	47	Billy Dodd	Moon	Landon Swiger	Oak Glen
3	48	Nathan Olenik	Moon	matthew Luchovick	Montour
3	49	Logan Davis	Oak Glen	Gavin Suica	Burgettstown
3	50	Kaiden Layman	Moon	Grant Houy	Hopewell
3	51	Colby Maurer	Moon	Jacob Chacon	Montour
3	52	Noah Schmidt	Oak Glen	Casey Lewis	Hopewell
3	53	CJ Duty Jr	Oak Glen	Gianna Lancos	Burgettstown
3	54	Aiden Pierce	South Fayette	Robert Kelly	Montour
3	55	Dean Shazer	Moon	Luke Anderson	South Fayette

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3	56	Salvatore Sousa	Montour	Frank Guntrum	Oak Glen
3	57	Nathan Olenik	Moon	Reese Lugaila	Montour
3	58	James Spellman	Moon	Kameron Hebrock	Oak Glen
3	59	Kaiden Kessler	Moon	Michael Gunn	Oak Glen
3	60	Marcus McGill	Moon	Ethan Dilanni	Montour
3	61	CJ Duty Jr	Oak Glen	Jacob Chacon	Montour
3	62	Danny Brandl	Montour	Brian Coulter	Oak Glen
3	63	Antonio Saverice	Moon	Jacob Halbedl	Montour
3	64	Dorian Burchett	Oak Glen	Jacob Bauknight	Hopewell
3	65	Thomas Kutrufis	Montour	Zach Reggotti	Moon
3	66	Isaac Jones	Montour	Michael Heath	Oak Glen
3	67	Austin Knox	Moon	Evan Bain	Hopewell
3	68	Elijah Novak	Moon	Trenten Keyes	Oak Glen
3	69	Bryce Embleton	Montour	Aiden States	Burgettstown
3	70	Nathan Olenik	Moon	Arthur Alley	Oak Glen
3	71	Christian Dodd	Moon	Grayson Good	Montour
3	72	Henry Orlandini	Montour	Ryan Green	Burgettstown
3	73	Lucus Jenkins	Montour	Colton Bennett	Burgettstown
3	74	Antonio Boni	Hopewell	Peter Leventis	South Fayette
3	75	Owen Levinger	Hopewell	Joshua Klimas	Montour
3	76	Logan Brown	Burgettstown	Jacob Campanella	South Fayette
3	77	Dylan Slovick	Burgettstown	Brittan Allen	Toronto
3	78	Tristan Roach	Burgettstown	Nicholas Clemens	Moon
3	79	Eric Kovatch	Burgettstown	James Anderson	South Fayette
3	80	Billy Mullen	Burgettstown	Lucas Cooper	South Fayette
3	81	Corbin Harrison	Burgettstown	Drew Palochak	Hopewell

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4	1	Travis Smithy	Oak Glen	Lane Martinec	Montour
4	2	David Ifedigbo	Moon	Aidan DeLuca	Montour
4	3	Sergio Garcia	Hopewell	Joey Baronick	Burgettstown
4	4	Blake Ice	Toronto	Anthony Gross	Burgettstown
4	5	Wil Murray	Montour	Clayton Lamb	Oak Glen
4	6	Gabriel Castner	Moon	Gavin Rexroad	Toronto
4	7	Antonio Boni	Hopewell	Colby Maurer	Moon
4	8	Salvatore Sousa	Montour	Talea Guntrum	Oak Glen
4	9	T'Kai Jett	Toronto	Clayton Lamb	Oak Glen
4	10	Thaddeus Novak	Moon	Kameron Hebrock	Oak Glen
4	11	Steve Burnisky	South Fayette	Shamus Gibson	Oak Glen
4	12	Darius Stanley	Toronto	Noah Michael	Oak Glen
4	13	Mya Reed	Oak Glen	Jackson Gibson	Toronto
4	14	Daniel Dragan	South Fayette	Calan Schrenker	Montour
4	14A	Casey Lewis	Hopewell	Connor Murray	Montour
4	15	Charlie Mouse	Toronto	Jacob Hoak	Moon
4	16	Josh Brunton	Hopewell	Gavin Rexroad	Toronto
4	17	Heath Thomas	Toronto	Logan Brown	Burgettstown
4	18	Shane Berger	South Fayette	Isiah Greathouse	Toronto
4	19	Dylan Austin	Moon	Ashton Adams	Oak Glen
4	20	Logan Noyes	Burgettstown	Jairison Hawkey	Oak Glen
4	21	Jalen Lewis	Toronto	Braylon Preston	Burgettstown
4	22	Owen Levinger	Hopewell	Logan Lowrey	Moon
4	23	Roemeire Washington	Moon	Tristan Roach	Burgettstown
4	24	Jacob McNabb	Burgettstown	Lucian Williams	Hopewell
4	25	Rudy Brown	Burgettstown	Logan Davis	Oak Glen
4	26	Timothy Potts	Toronto	Connor Murray	Montour
4	27	Evan Green	Burgettstown	Dorian Burchett	Oak Glen
4	28	CJ Lindsey	Moon	Ryley Brophey	Toronto
4	29	Brian Crawford	Moon	Shane Berger	South Fayette
4	30	Kevin Phillips	Oak Glen	Lucian Williams	Hopewell
4	31	Kendel Thomas	Toronto	Chris Pritt	Hopewell
4	32	CJ Trimber	Moon	Cohlman Carpenter	South Fayette
4	33	Robert Kelly	Montour	Aiden Rexroad	Toronto
4	34	Jalen Lewis	Toronto	Anthony Orlandini	Montour
4	35	Gavin McClure	Moon	Logan Noyes	Burgettstown
4	36	Noah Sapp	Toronto	Scott Brown	Burgettstown
4	37	David Ifedigbo	Moon	Adam Ware	Hopewell
4	38	Lucus Jenkins	Montour	Josh Miller	Hopewell
4	39	Michael Bates	Moon	Adam Ware	Hopewell
4	40	Robbie Woolley	Oak Glen	Brody Rocks	Hopewell
4	41	Aiden Rexroad	Toronto	Michael Heath	Oak Glen
4	42	Wyatt Bach	Toronto	Rudy Brown	Burgettstown
4	43	Anthony Lounder	Moon	Joey Sentipal	Burgettstown
4	44	Carson Bruce	South Fayette	Ricky Murray	Montour
4	45	Alexander Farabaugh	Moon	Luke Bracken	South Fayette
4	46	Roemeire Washington	Moon	Joseph Barganski	Oak Glen
4	47	Ryan Trimber	Moon	Aaron DeLuca	Montour
4	48	Travis Watkins	South Fayette	James Spellman	Moon
4	49	Jacob Hoak	Moon	Daniel Dragan	South Fayette
4	50	Tyler Diggins	Moon	James Walzer	Montour
4	51	Ryan Culligan	Moon	Christopher Hannen	Oak Glen
4	52	Grayson Good	Montour	Logan Butcher	Hopewell
4	53	Clem Collins	Moon	Jason Suttles	Toronto
4	54	Markus Bender	Moon	Nico Arkalis	Montour

WAWA Match  
 Hosted by Burgettstown(B)  
 Hopewell (H), Toronto (T), South Fayette(SF), Montour(MT), Moon (M), Oak Glen(OG)  
 January 10, 2015

Mat	Match	Name	Team	Name	Team
4	55	Elijah Novak	Moon	Carson Bruce	South Fayette
4	56	Brayden McClure	Moon	Chayce Jones	Oak Glen
4	57	Antonio Saverice	Moon	Carter Berdine	Burgettstown
4	58	Zach Reggotti	Moon	Gregory Peters	Oak Glen
4	59	Zander Stern	Montour	Brody McMullough	Hopewell
4	60	jake Duncan	Moon	Colin Bain	Hopewell
4	61	Kaiden Kessler	Moon	Kameron Hebrock	Oak Glen
4	62	Kyler O'Connor	Oak Glen	Jacob Forrest	Hopewell
4	63	Patrick Dhanse	Montour	Strider Hannen	Oak Glen
4	64	Mike Ozlewski	Moon	Talea Guntrum	Oak Glen
4	65	Clem Collins	Moon	Diegan Amic	Burgettstown
4	66	Richie Gudino	Oak Glen	Kameron Haines	Toronto
4	67	Dublin Jacoby	Moon	Camden Flowers	Oak Glen
4	68	Jacob Bauknight	Hopewell	Frederick Sherman	South Fayette
4	69	Marcus McGill	Moon	Evan Bain	Hopewell
4	70	Billy Bates	Moon	Noah Schmidt	Oak Glen
4	71	Kaden Hebrock	Oak Glen	Dean Shazer	Moon
4	72	Aiden Gray	Oak Glen	Aidan Bain	Hopewell
4	73	Austin Knox	Moon	matthew Luchovick	Montour
4	74	Camden O'Connor	Oak Glen	Noah Sapp	Toronto
4	75	Logan Pillar	Hopewell	DJ Slovick	Burgettstown
4	76	James Anderson	South Fayette	Anthony Lounder	Moon
4	77	Jacob Potts	South Fayette	landon Kinkela	Burgettstown
4	78	Caleb Cooper	South Fayette	Robert Kelly	Montour
4	79	Billy Dodd	Moon	Mason O'Britz	South Fayette
4	80	Hunter guidy	Burgettstown	James Spellman	Moon
4	81	Turner Lehman	Burgettstown	Micah Kimbrough	Hopewell

# Three local teams seeded in WPIAL Team Tournament

Three local wrestling teams earned seeds for the WPIAL Team Tournament.

In Class AAA, Canon-McMillan received a No. 4 seed and will be in the same part of the bracket as No. 1 Kiski.

In Class AA, Burgettstown earned a No. 2 seed and is on the same side of the bracket as No. 3 Quaker Valley.

Beth-Center has the No. 4 seed and could eventually run into top-seeded Burrell.

Action gets under way Monday with three local

Class AAA teams in the preliminary round at Canon-McMillan. South Fayette wrestles Indiana at 6 p.m., Peters Township takes on Franklin Regional at 7:15 p.m. and Trinity squares off against West Mifflin, also at 7:15 p.m.

The first round and quarterfinals will be Wednesday and the semifinals (2 p.m.) and finals (4 p.m.), as well as the third-place bout (6 p.m.) will be held Feb. 2 at Norwin High School.

Canon-McMillan, fresh

from its 41st section title and 18th in a row, wrestles the winner of the Peters Township- and Franklin Regional.

Waynesburg, the Section 4 runner-up to C-M, takes on Mt. Lebanon Wednesday at the Hempfield pod.

In Class AA, Burgettstown hosts the pod and gets Hopewell in a 6 p.m., Wednesday dual meet. Washington also is in the pod and will take on Freedom. The winners meet at 7:15 p.m.

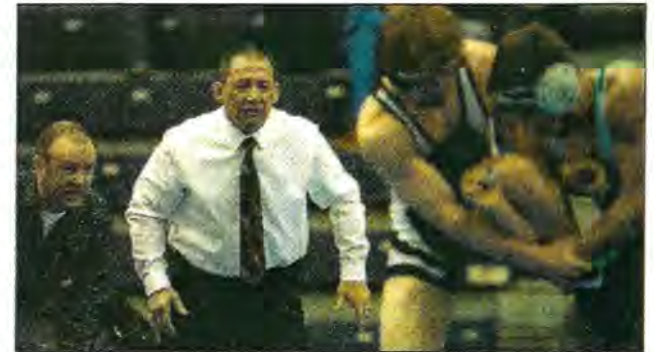
Beth-Center also hosts

a pod and wrestles Southmoreland in the first round (6 p.m.).

McGuffey is in the Burrell pod and has to beat Keystone Oaks in order to wrestle the 14-time WPIAL champion Bucs.

The semifinals (noon) and finals (2 p.m.), as well as the third-place bout (2 p.m.) will be held Feb. 2 at Charters-Houston High School.

The top three teams in both classifications advance to the PIAA Team Tournament.



HOLLY TONINI/OBSERVER-REPORTER

Waynesburg head coach Joe Throckmorton will watch his team wrestle Mt. Lebanon in the first round of the WPIAL Class AAA Team Tournament on Wednesday at Hempfield High School.

**Burgettstown, Beth Center, and Canon-McMillan Teams seeded in WPIAL Team Tournament**  
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*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



**Ralph Cindrich**  
**All American NCAA Wrestling Team-1969**



## **Coach Steve Babyak's Union High Wrestlers**



Union high school's top notch wrestling squad, which is under direction of coach Steve Babyak is shown above: First row, left to right: Ronnie Dellapina, Frank Sedlak, Jack-Maroni, Ray Durko, "Ducky" Bongiorno and Jim Michelucci. Second row: Tom Culley, Bob Marshall, Joe Penderville, Joe Obozek, George Ihnot, Mike DiBacco and Ronnie Maltony.

**Coach Steve Babyak's Union High Wrestlers**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-February 3, 1955 Edition**

## Boni EIWA Champ; Zrimm Wins NAIA Title; Marshall Defeated

Dino Boni continued to add to his reputation as the outstanding wrestler on the University of Pittsburgh team by capturing the 147-pound title at the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association tournament, conducted over the past weekend at Cornell.

At the same time, Avella's Mike Zrimm won the 167-pound championship during the NAIA tournament at Terre Haute, Indiana.

Burgettstown's Floyd Marshall was foiled in his attempt to win a second consecutive NAIA title when he was defeated by an old rival, Frank Eisenhower, in the finals of the 157-pound bracket.

Boni, a junior at Pitt who dropped only one bout in dual meet competition this year, was the only Pitt champion during the EIWA tourney. While other higher-rated Pitt matmen, including Mike Johnson and Lee Hall, fell by the wayside, Dino decided three opponents before beating Army's Mark Scureman, 6-4, in the finals.

Dino now plans to compete in the NCAA tournament later this month at Laramie, Wyoming.

Zrimm beat Holliday, of Eastern Oregon, 6-4, in the championship round, while Marchall bowed to Eisenhower, 7-4.



DINO BONI

### EIWA RESULTS

First Round--Boni decided Geddes, Franklin and Marchall, 7-0.

Quarter-Finals--Boni decided Nelson, Columbia, 11-0.

Semi-Finals--Boni decided Sanders, Navy, 5-4.

Finals--Boni decided Scureman, Army, 6-4.

### NAIA RESULTS

#### FIRST ROUND

157--Marshall decided Deutsch, Adams State, 21-3.

167--Zrimm decided Casagrondi, Bemidji, 11-0.

#### SECOND ROUND

157--Marshall decided Croll, Carson-Newman, 5-0.

167--Zrimm decided Tuin, St. Cloud, 5-0.

#### QUARTERFINALS

157--Marshall decided Olson, Cshkosi, 9-1.

167--Zrimm decided Miller, Moorhead, 7-4.

#### SEMI-FINALS

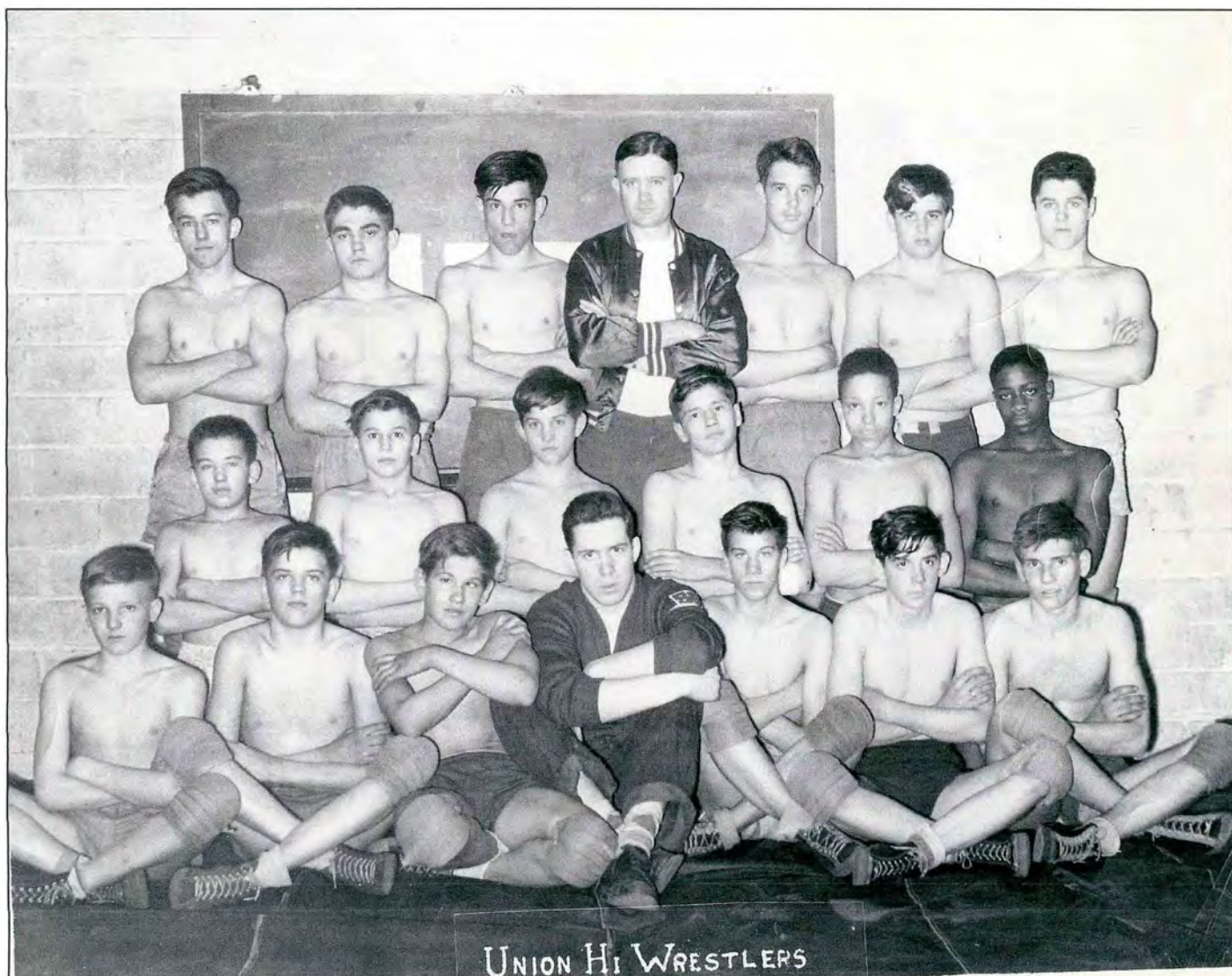
157--Marshall decided Friestad, Valley City, 5-3.

167--Zrimm decided Anderson, Adams State, 10-4.

#### FINALS

157--Eisenhower, Lock Haven, decided Marshall, 7-4.

167--Zrimm decided Holliday, Eastern Oregon, 6-4.



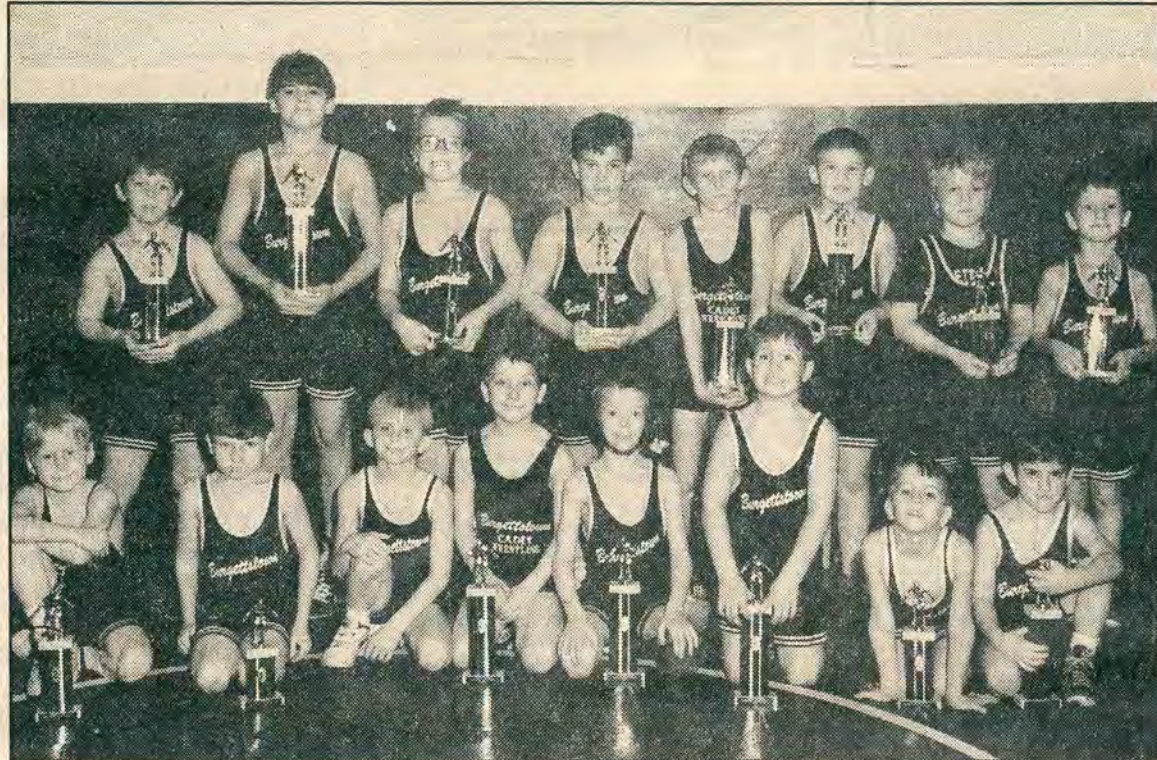
### **First UHS Wrestling Team-Spring 1949**

Top Row, L-R: "Beanie" Wysocki, Dean Davis, Frank Kowalski, Coach Nick Mervosh, "Dutch" Pulver, "Gildo" Mancinelli, and Ed Maltony.

Middle Row, L-R: T. Sukolowski, A. Hoba, R. Mancinelli, Chaz Zilich, Ernie Chapman, and Tom King.

Bottom Row, L-R: R. Wagner, Walt Wozniak, John Murin, Gorge McElhaney, Manager, Bob Darras, Don Nunn, and R. Rollage.

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



## First year place winners

Place winners in a first year wrestling tournament held Saturday, Jan. 16, in Burgettstown included, from left, first row, Jeff Warnock, second; Brett Kern, third; Robert Stevens, first; Dave Durbin, first; Matt Ryan, first; Matt Shimko, first; Mike Rose, second; and Eric McClure, first; and second row, Roy Neil, second; Eric Bee, first; Matt Ba er, second; Jon Sandridge, second; Brian Hardwick, second; Adam Wiltrout, first; Luke Baker, third; and Gene Luff, second.

**First Year Place Winners**  
**The Enterprise-February 17, 1993 Edition**

# Former Pitt wrestling coach Stottlemeyer dies at age 62

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Rande Stottlemeyer, who coached the University of Pittsburgh's wrestling team for 34 years, died Sunday.

He was 62. No cause of death was released.

Stottlemeyer, who lived in Charleroi, retired from Pitt in 2013 as the winningest coach in program history with a 304-231-12 record.

"Coach Stottlemeyer gave me an opportunity of a lifetime by bringing me to Pitt," said Pitt's first-year head wrestling coach Keith Gavin in a release. "He never gave up on me when a lot of other coaches probably

**RANDE STOTTEMEYER, WHO LIVED IN CHARLEROI, RETIRED FROM PITT IN 2013 AS THE WINNINGEST COACH IN PROGRAM HISTORY WITH A 304-231-12 RECORD.**

would have and for that I am forever grateful. His impact goes beyond teaching wrestling. I find myself still using his sayings not only with our student-athletes but with my own kids as well. He was known for his integrity and how he treated people. He was truly one of the best people I ever knew."

Tyler Nauman, four time EWL champion and two time All American, told Pitts-

burgh Sports Now that Stottlemeyer was a great teacher.

"Coach Stottlemeyer was more than just our coach. He was a family man, a mentor, a competitor, an inspiration, and most importantly a friend to all of us at Pitt," Nauman told the website. "Many even looked at Coach as another father figure and would go to him for advice, on and off the mat. Coach wore his heart on his sleeve and always put his

family (biological and team) first. He would go above and beyond to help anyone."

In a Twitter post, the Pittsburgh Wrestling Club said the wrestling world lost a legendary figure. "Coach Stottlemeyer will always be remembered for his contribution and passion in our great sport. He will forever be in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing him. Rest In Peace Coach."

Many other tributes to Stottlemeyer were posted.

Stottlemeyer produced 56 Eastern Wrestling League individual champions, 33 All-Americans and three national champions. He also was selected the EWL

Coach of the Year five times.

Stottlemeyer was a three-time All-American for the Panthers from 1974-78. He compiled a career record of 68-16-2 and was a team captain for the Panthers. He earned three All-America citations and won the 1976 EWL 134-pound title. Following his 1978 graduation from the university, Stottlemeyer served Pitt as an assistant coach for one year before taking over as head coach in 1979.

Stottlemeyer's final four years as Pitt's head coach ranked among the program's finest. During that span, the Panthers won three EWL regular-season championships (2010-12)

and three EWL Tournament titles (2011-13). Pitt placed 15th in the nation in each of his final two seasons as head coach.

A native of Hermitage, Stottlemeyer was an outstanding wrestler at Hickory High School, where he was a PIAA state runner-up and two-time Junior National Freestyle wrestling champion.

Visitation will be Thursday and Friday, 2-8 p.m., at Ferguson Funeral Home in Belle Vernon. There will be an additional visitation Saturday, 9-11 a.m., followed by an 11 a.m. Celebration of Life Service, at The Bible Chapel, 300 Gallery Drive, in McMurray.

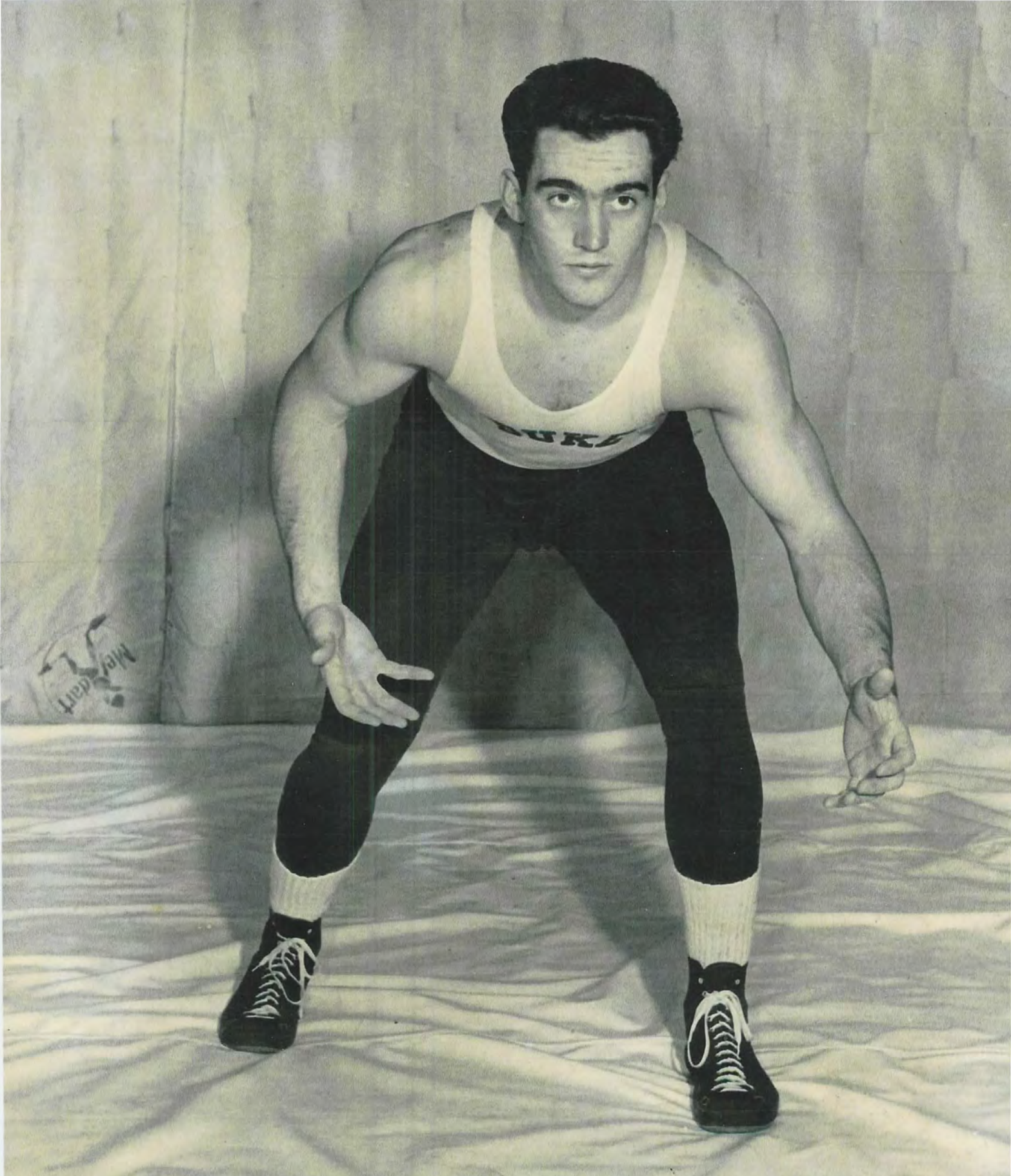
**Rande Stottlemeyer**  
**Former Pitt wrestling coach Stottlemeyer dies at age 62**  
**Observer-Reporter-January 29, 2018 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

## **Mika Unbeaten**

Burgettstown's Frank Mika remained undefeated as the Washington and Jefferson college wrestling team whacked Dickinson college, 17-8, at Washington Saturday night.

Mika, who competes in the 167-pound division, decided Krawshaw, 5-0, for his fourth straight win.



Harold McElhaney  
Duke Wrestler  
Atlantic Coast Conference  
191 lb. Champ

# Local high school wrestling capsules

(Editor's note: Capsules based on last year's roster and results.)

## Class AAA Belle Vernon

**Key losses:** Jarod Verkleeren (145, 35-5, transfer); Derek Verkleeren (152, 44-9, 4th PIAA); Mitch Hartman (160, 40-12); Austin Bell (170, 42-3, 3rd PIAA); Milt Kobaly (182, 35-12, 2nd PIAA)

**Key returns:** Jacob Dunlop (106, 39-13, Sr.); Tyler Seliga (126, 27-13, Soph.); Zach Hartman (132, 45-8, 5th PIAA, Jr.); Michael Fine (220, 24-9, Sr.); Bill Korber (Hvy, 35-14, Sr.)

**Comment:** Leopards lost a ton of talent in upper weights: 161 combined bout wins. Lighter weights will have to pull the load. Jarod Verkleeren transferred to Hempfield.

## Canon-McMillan

**Key losses:** Micah Kusturiss (152-, 19-12); Tommy James (170, 10-5, inj); Nick Konyk (195, 35-11)

**Key returns:** Michael Binni (106, 28-20, Jr.); Logan Macri (113, 40-8, Jr.); Matt Oblock (126, 39-10, Sr.); Blaze Kansco (160, 33-10, Sr.); Brendan Furman (Hvy, 40-6, Sr.)

**Comment:** Big Macs have talent through the lineup. How well the strong class of incoming freshmen develop will be key.

## Peters Township

**Key losses:** A.J. Buckiso (152, 25-14); Alex Belack (195, 27-10); Mike McAlevey (220, 38-4, 2nd PIAA)

**Key returns:** Brandon Matthews (113, 28-8, Soph.); Danny Florentino (120, 29-8, Sr.); Coltin Jezioro (126, 26-12, Soph.); Luke Mary (160, 30-11, Jr.)

**Comment:** Indians must find heavier weights. Bottom of lineup has talent.

## Ringgold

**Key losses:** Matt Nemecek (160, 27-10)

**Key returns:** Bo Haines (195, 30-13, Jr.)

**Comment:** Roster numbers will be major challenge for Rams.

## Trinity

**Key losses:** Ryan Yocum (132, 31-6); Gino Cecchine (138, 27-15); Justin Ritter (170, 27-10); Austin Fife (Hvy, 27-12)

**Key returns:** Mike Kalosky (120, 18-1, Sr.); D.J. Long (126, 14-11, Jr.)

**Comment:** It's going to be a long season for Hillers.

## Waynesburg

**Key losses:** Cole Rush (126, 29-12); Logan Henderson (132, 24-11); Shaun Wilson (138, 39-8, 5th PIAA); Terry Victor (152, 31-10)

**Key returns:** Colby Morris (106, 25-12, So.); Caleb Morris (120, 35-8, Jr.); Trey Howard (145, 25-14, Soph.); Kyle Hornet (160, 32-10, Jr.); Colin McCracken (182, 39-12, Sr., 7th PIAA)

**Comment:** McCracken will be fun to watch. Howard is an emerging force.

## Class AA

### Avella

**Key Losses:** Luke Lloyd (145, 19-12); Sean Meredith (152, 15-11); Dean Simonelli (195, 26-8)

**Key Returns:** Dalton Simonelli (170, 22-11, Sr.)

**Comment:** Low numbers nothing new for Eagles.

### Bentworth

**Key Losses:** Hunter Neely (145, 34-4)

**Key Returns:** Manny Dovshek (113, 27-14, Jr.); Ryan Wise (182, 23-13, Sr.)

**Comment:** Graduation drained a lot of talent from Bearcats.

### Beth-Center

**Key Losses:** Anthony Welsh (170, 39-2, 3rd PIAA),

**Key Returns:** Dylan Swarow (120, 17-16, Sr.); Dom Fund (160, 36-11, Soph.); Garrett Dillon (182, 18-13, Sr.)

**Comment:** Welsh graduation hurts but numbers were good last year. Bulldogs have room for growth.

### Burgettstown

**Key Losses:** Tyler Nicholson (170, 30-15); Brad Hucik (220, 34-16)

**Key Returns:** P.J. Smith (113, 28-12, Jr.); Austin Riffle (132, 20-17, Sr.); Darrell Bails (145, 31-16, Sr.),

**Comment:** First season without Terry Havelka as head coach.

### California

**Key Losses:** James Campbell (138, 13-11, Sr.)

**Key Returns:** None

**Comment:** Campbell was the last varsity wrestler on the team.

### Charleroi

**Comment:** Program now a co-op with Bentworth.

### Chartiers-Houston

**Key Losses:** Dom Provenzano (182, 27-13)

**Key Returns:** Ty Mazutis (106, 19-9, Soph.); Josh Kuslock (138, 28-12, Sr.); R.J. Hall (152, 23-14, Sr.); Trey Lober (Hvy, 31-12, Sr.)

**Comment:** Bucs are young, talented and will be a force in team tournament race.

### Fort Cherry

**Key Losses:** Trevor McIntyre (Hvy, 28-16)

**Key Returns:** Nick Candalore (120, 27-7, Jr.)

**Comment:** Candalore best shot at reaching state tournament.

### Jefferson-Morgan

**Key Losses:** Trevor Knisha (160, 22-10); Bill Bowlen (195, 38-4, 2nd PIAA)

**Key Returns:** Mason Palmer (106, 21-12, Jr.); Gavin Teasdale (113, 36-0, Jr, PIAA champion), Aaron Mylan (132, 11-8, Sr.)

**Comment:** Teasdale begins road to third straight PIAA title, undefeated record.

### Mapletown

**Key Losses:** Noah Hixon (113, 25-11); Shawn Hennessey (182, 24-16); Harley Gee (Hvy, 31-11)

**Key Returns:** Seth Shubert (138, 27-13, Sr.); Tanner Weston (195, 25-18, Jr.)

**Comments:** Maples in good shape to qualify for team tournament again.

### McGuffey

**Key Losses:** Gage Nicoletta (120, 34-8); Aaron Harris (138, 28-12); Dillon Richey (160, 20-17); Connor Thompson (182, 19-8)

**Key Returns:** Jett Pattison (120, 27-7, Soph.); Teague Nicoletta (126, 25-18, Sr.); Jeff McCann (145, 27-12, Sr.); Christian Clutter (152, 34-12, Soph.)

**Comment:** Highlanders strong, will make another team tournament run.

### South Fayette

**Key Losses:** Jasper Wolfe (120, 22-15); Jerod Witwicki (126, 20-14 transferred); Shane Ging (138, 38-14); Mike Carr (145, 43-0, PIAA champion); Ben Previte (152, 45-15); Christian Dedi (170, 27-12); Cory Supan (195, 29-18); Rasaun Culbertson (220, 49-10, 6th in PIAA)

**Key Returns:** Colin Dunn (106, 30-16, Jr.); Camden Hoover (160, 12-9, Sr.); Mike Cusick (160, 31-15, Jr.)

**Comment:** Carr graduated. Can 14 freshmen make difference? Maybe..

### Washington

**Key Losses:** Kurt Adkins (145, 17-11)

**Key Returns:** Zhiere Patmon (145, 4-6).

**Comment:** Numbers are better but hurdles still there for Prexies.

### West Greene

**Key Losses:** None

**Key Returns:** Colton Hamilton (170, 25-15, Sr.); Connor Main (195, 30-8, Jr.)

**Comment:** Another strong season for Main awaits.

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# McGuffey holds off Beth-Center

*Caffrey gets 400th victory in 35th season for Highlanders*

McGuffey strung together five consecutive wins early in the match, then held off a late charge by host Beth-Center to defeat the Bulldogs 40-27 Wednesday night and give Highlanders coach Mark Caffrey his 400th career victory.

Caffrey, in his 35th season, now has a career record of 400-92.

The victory also gave McGuffey first place in Class AA Sub-Section 2A as it won a showdown of teams that were unbeaten in league competition.

Beth-Center took a 6-0 lead when James Gwyer (120) opened the bout with a pin. McGuffey, however, won the next five bouts, forged a 22-6 advantage and Beth-Center was never able to recover from the early deficit.

Jett Pattison (126) and Ethan Barr (152) each had a fall for McGuffey during the pivotal stretch. Nate Yagel (113) closed the match with a fall.

Beth-Center's J.J. Berish (160) and Ron White (heavy-weight) also had falls for Beth-Center.

McGuffey and Beth-Center each will be on the road in the team section tournament next Wednesday.

**Bentworth 48, Mapletown 24:** Bentworth won eight weight classes and collected six

## HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING ROUNDUP

points in each en route to a 48-24 victory over host Mapletown in Class AA Section 2-A.

Bentworth (2-3 in section) won four bouts by fall and another four via forfeit. The Bearcats had a pair of falls in the lightweights and two more in the upper weights.

Larry Camito (106) and Manny Dovshek (120) each won by fall in the third period, and John Vargo (195) and Ashton Lopez (220) had first-period pins.

Mapletown (1-4 in section) received a pin from Kevin Hayes at 160.

**Burgettstown 48, Chartiers-Houston 25:** Burgettstown dominated in the lower weights and that was enough to carry to the Blue Devils to a 48-25 victory over Chartiers-Houston.

The Blue Devils, who are 4-0 in Class AA Sub-Section 1A, finished as the top team in the loop with a 5-0 record.

Burgettstown combined pins by Shane Kemper (120), Garrett Stephens (138) and T.J. Smith (145) to build a big lead that was enough to offset wins by Chartiers-Houston in the final four bouts.

Riley Kemper (220) had a fall for Burgettstown in the night's second weight class.

**Waynesburg 69, Central Catholic 5:** Waynesburg used seven pins en route to a 69-5 victory over Central Catholic in a Class 3A Section 4A match.

Luke Robinson (220) began the night for Waynesburg with the fastest pin of the night in 24 seconds on Central Catholic's Michael DeLuca.

Luca Austustine (138) and Darnell Johnson (195) followed suite with pins in under one minute. Augustine earned his pin in 55 seconds, while Johnson only needed 36 seconds.

The Raiders four other pins came from Hunter Shriver (106), Caleb Morris (132), Jackson Henson (145) and Caleb Blair (182).

With a Trinity loss to Canon-McMillan, Waynesburg (4-1) moved up to the No. 2 seed in the section.

**Fort Cherry 35, Washington 24:** Nick Candelore and Aaron McIntyre earned pins as Fort Cherry controlled the middle weights and defeated Washington 35-24 in a Class 2A Section 1A match.

Candelore (145) began the success in the middle of the match with a pin in the second period of Washington's Asa Charnick.

McIntire (160) then followed two bouts later with a pin against Cashmere John-

son at the 3:23 mark for Fort Cherry (4-1).

Brenden Hanning (120) and Tiki Glenn (182) won decisions for Washington.

**Peters Township 64, Ringgold 16:** Peters Township dominated in the upper weights and used seven pins to defeat Ringgold 64-16 and win the Class 3A Section 2B title.

Tairen Bundy gave Ringgold an early lead with a major decision to open the match at 106 before the Indians rallied by winning the next four bouts to control the match.

In those bouts, Will Kail (120) earned a pin at the 1:42, Jordan Marosz (126) won by fall at 5:58 and Donovan McMillan earned a major decision at 132.

Jacob Hurley (145), Brandon Matthews (160) Jeff Markert (195) and Grant Nelson (Hvy) also earned pins for Peters Township (5-0), which will host the section tournament next Wednesday.

Trent Girard (138) had a pin for Ringgold (1-4).

**Jefferson-Morgan 39, West Greene 18:** Jefferson Morgan won the final four bouts of the night to pull away from West Greene, 39-18, in a Class 2A Section 2 match.

Highlighting the run at the end by J-M (3-2) were pins from Alex Lange (126) in 1:04 and Josh Agnew (132) in 42 seconds.

Isaac Courtwright (170) won by fall for West Greene.

# Beth-Center sets up section showdown

## HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Beth-Center took advantage of five Bentworth forfeits and combined them with some strong performances in the middleweights to defeat the Bearcats 51-21 in Class AA Section 2A Wednesday night.

The win keeps the Bulldogs undefeated in the subsection. They will host McGuffey next Wednesday for the top spot in the standings.

The forfeits were too much for Bentworth to overcome, though the Bearcats received pins from John Vargo (182) and Ashton Lopez (heavyweight).

Beth-Center had a pair of first-period pins by Jacob Howsel (152) and Evan Dreucci (170).

**Trinity 56, Chartiers Valley 14:** Six pins helped pave the way for Trinity's 56-14 victory over Chartiers Valley in a Sub-Section 4A match in Class AAA.

Jonathan Walters (106), Hunter Frantz (145), Dom Cecchine (152), Cole Whitmer (160), Xane Stock (182), Jared Rice (195) each won by fall for the Hillers (4-1, 4-1). Giani Martin (113) won by technical fall.

**Fort Cherry 51, South Park 12:** Fort Cherry dominated throughout en route to a 51-12 thumping of South Park in Class AA Section 1A.

The Rangers won five bouts via fall, three more by forfeit and won the lone bout that went the full six minutes.

Nick Candelore (132) got the Rangers off to a good start with a pin in the match's opening bout. Nasier Sutton (113), Layton Sturgeon (145), Shane McIntyre (152) and Aaron McIntyre (160) also

won by fall for Fort Cherry.

**Jefferson-Morgan 54, Mapletown 21:** Jefferson-Morgan combined seven forfeits with two pins and defeated visiting Mapletown 54-21 in Class AA Section 2A.

One of the seven forfeits for J-M went to Molly Mylan (152), who became the first female wrestler to win a bout for Jefferson-Morgan in school history.

Three-time defending PIAA champion Gavin Teasdale had one of the two falls for the Rockets, getting a pin in 1:28 at 132 pounds. Jonathan Wolfe (195) needed only 19 seconds to win by fall.

Tanner Weston (220) had the only pine for Mapletown.

There were only four bouts contested in the match with three ending in the first period.

**McGuffey 72, West Greene 10:** Despite losing the first bout of the night, McGuffey defeated Class AA Section 2A foe West Greene, 72-10.

Connor Main defeated Marshall Mounts 11-0 at 220 to start the night off right for the Pioneers.

Other than a loss by forfeit at 120, the Highlanders won every other bout.

Jett Patterson (126), Jake Garrety (132), Tyler Maxwell (145) and Bryton Johnson (160) all pinned their opponents.

The Highlanders won the other seven bouts by forfeit.

Chartiers-Houston 50, Washington 18:

Chartiers-Houston used a pin, a technical fall and five forfeits for a 50-18 victory

over Washington in a Class AA Section 1 match.

Sam Seggie (145) had the lone fall of the match for Chartiers-Houston and Ty Mizutis (126) was a winner by 16-0 technical fall.

Washington's Cody Weber had a second-period pin at 220 pounds.

**Canon-McMillan 62, Central Catholic 12:** Five pins led the Canon-McMillan Big Macs to a 62-12 home victory over Central Catholic.

After Kenny Hayman (120) and Logan Macri (126) both won by forfeit to start the Class AAA Section 4A match, Blake Joseph (132) pinned Austin Aikins in 1:05. Tim Hritsko (138), Saul Martinez (145) and Dmitri Pihou (152) all followed Joseph's pin with falls of their own.

The last pin for C-M came from Jimmy Baxter of Central Catholic's Jake Meyers at 106.

At 220, Zach Rohaley won by technical fall over Michael Deluca, 18-3.

Central Catholic's wins came from Shane Kelly (113), Vincenzo Rauso (170) and John Ciserno (182).

**Waynesburg 71, Montour 3:** Waynesburg used eight pins to wallop Montour 71-3 in a Class AAA Section 4A matchup.

The pin party started when heavyweight Ryan Howard pinned Cayd Wilson in 2:14. Then, after Hunter Shriver (106) and Michael Medlen (113) both won by forfeit, seven of the final eight bouts ended in Waynesburg falls.

Wyatt Henson (120)

pinned Ryan Reconnu in 2:23, and Nate Stephenson (126) followed with a pin of Nick Reconnu in 5:19.

Caleb Morris (132), Jackson Henson (138) and Colby Morris (145) all pinned their opponents to give the Raiders five straight bouts ending in pins.

Caleb Blair (170) ended the match with a fall of Wayne Wodzinski in 4:13.

Montour's only win came from Reno DiCesare in a 6-1 decision over Darnell Johnson at 195.

**Peters Twp. 48, Mt. Lebanon 23:** Peters Township utilized seven pins to take down Mt. Lebanon, 48-23, in a home Class AAA Section 2A match.

Shane O'Connell started the match with a pin of Ben Streif in 0:36 at 220 for the Indians.

Luca Attanucci (106) and Bryce Wilkes (113) followed with pins of their own in 3:35 and 0:31, respectively. Donovan McMillon then won by fall over Luke Loyino in 2:16 at 132, and Coltin Jezioro pinned Michael Riley in 4:44 at 152.

To end the match, Jeff Markert (182) and Mason Russell (195) both pinned their opponents in 1:42 and 0:49, respectively.

The Blue Devils won five bouts, with Sean McKinney (126) and Nathan Hoagland (heavyweight) winning by pin.

**Burgettstown 54, Avella 7:** Burgettstown remained undefeated in Class AA Section 1A with a 54-7 victory over neighboring Avella.

Garrett Stevens (138) and Turner Lehman (160) each won by fall for the Blue Devils, who have one section match remaining.

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# Pins send Peters Township past Ringgold

Pins by Zac Bublak at 220 pounds and Grant Nelson at heavyweight sealed a 48-32 victory by Peters Township over Ringgold in a Section 2B bout in Class AAA.

Peters Township benefited from three forfeit wins and also got pins by Donovan McMillon (152), Colton Jezioro (160) and Jeff Markert (170).

Logan Vickers (138) had a pin for the Rams.

**South Fayette 49, Ambridge 14:** Six pins helped South Fayette dispose of Ambridge, 49-14,

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in a Section 4A bout in Class AAA.

Logan Shaffer (120), Eli Brinski (160), Shane Dunn (170), John Mikesell (195), Mark Kurchena (220) and Quentin Franklin each won by fall for the Lions (2-0, 6-3).

Dan Yetsick (138) had a pin for Ambridge.

**Waynesburg 42, Chartiers Valley 30:** Five pins paved the way for Waynesburg to take a 42-30 victory from Chartiers Valley in a Section 4B match in Class AAA.

Cole Homet (120), Colton Stoneking (126), Colby Morris (160), Darnell Johnson (182), and Spencer Lasinski (Hvy) had pins for the Raiders.

Chartiers Valley had three forfeit victories and a pin by Nathan Trusiak (145).

**Beth-Center 64, Bentworth 2:** Four forfeits aided Beth-Center's 64-2 rout of Bentworth in a Section 1B bout in Class AA.

Rich LaRosa (126) and J.J. Barish (182) had pins for the Bull-

dogs. Dom Fundy won an 11-5 decision over John Vargo in a feature bout at 195.

**Burgettstown 75, Washington 3:** Burgettstown won all but one bout in a 75-3 victory over Washington in a Section 1A bout in Class AA.

Shane Ilgenfritz (106), Anthony Lantos (113), Shane Kemper (152), Turner Lehman (160), D.J. Slovic (170) and Dan Mullins (182) won by fall for the Blue Devils (3-0, 6-3).

Gerald Comedy Jr., had Wash High's only win, a decision at heavyweight.

## **Ihnat Gets Letter In Indiana Wrestling**

George Ihnat of Hanlin Station was one of six Washington County boys to receive wrestling letters at Indiana University this season. Ihnat is a 1956 graduate of Union high school.

The other award winners were: Bill Bane and Bill Gallo, Trinity; Nick Petronka, Washington; Bill Putorti, Chartiers and Don Morrison of Canonsburg.

**George Ihnat Gets Letter in Indiana Wrestling  
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**Burgettstown coach Joe Nicolella drapes the gold medal on Jeff Abbott during 189-lb. awards ceremony at Hershey Saturday, March 14.** Other state place winners are, from left, Ben Corbin, Fairview, sixth; Jerry McCoy, South Side Beaver, fourth; Kevin Drew, Reynolds, second; Joey Allen, Pottstown, third; Jeff Wolfe, West York, fifth.



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## Try on a gold

Burgettstown coach Joe Nicolella drapes the gold medal on Jeff Abbott during 189-lb. awards ceremony at Hershey Saturday, March 14. Other state place winners are, from left, Ben Corbin, Fairview, sixth; Jerry McCoy, South Side Beaver, fourth; Kevin Drew, Reynolds, second; Joey Allen, Pottstown, third; and Jeff Wolfe, West York, fifth.

# Canon-Mac hires Havelka as wrestling coach

By JOE TUSCANO  
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Canon-McMillan reached into some strong wrestling bloodlines at Burgettstown High School to find its next head coach.

Jeff Havelka, who wrestled at Burgettstown and the University of Findlay, was hired as varsity head coach for the storied Big Macs wrestling

program at the Thursday meeting of the Canon-McMillan School Board.

The board also hired Shawn Urbano as varsity head girls basketball coach. Urbano was head coach at Cornell High School for the past 10 years.

"I saw the story when Coach (Jason) Cardillo resigned and it crossed my mind to apply," said Havelka. "I got

an interview pretty quick and it went well.

"I'm very excited. I'm a Southwest Pennsylvania guy and I know the tradition and history of this wrestling program. I'm really excited to meet the guys and get in there to start working with them. There are definitely expectations there to do well and I'm excited for the challenge."

The 30-year-old Havelka replaces Cardillo, who resigned after the season to spend more time with his family.

Havelka was working as assistant coach at Waynesburg University under head coach Ron Headlee for the past three years after spending a year as head wrestling coach at Chartiers-Houston High School.

"We are excited to have a quality person in Jeff to lead one of the top high school wrestling programs in the country," said C-M athletic director Frank Vulcano. "He knows the expectations are high and that the tradition of Canon-McMillan is second to none."

Havelka, who lives in Canonsburg, is the son of Terry

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Havelka, who was the long-time wrestling coach at Burgettstown. Terry Havelka also coached football and served as athletic director at the school.

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JEFF HAVELKA**

Jeff Havelka said the influence of his father was invaluable as he developed his wrestling career.

“My dad has meant everything to my coaching career,” he said. “He’s been my mentor for my entire life. He had a long career as a coach and he got me into it. He has had a huge impact on me.”

At Chartiers-Houston, Havelka led the Bucs to the WPIAL Team Tournament and qualified two wrestlers to the PIAA Championships at the Giant Center in Hershey.

At Findlay, he was a two-time NCAA Division II national qualifier, a four-year letterman and two-time captain. Havelka was a three-time NCAA Academic All-American.

“It was an extremely hard decision to leave Waynesburg,” he said. “The atmosphere Coach Headlee has created down there is special and I appreciate him working with me and mentoring me.”

Urbano coached Cornell to a second-place finish in the WPIAL this past season and into the WPIAL playoffs for the past eight seasons. Urbano replaces Lou Waller, who resigned after the season.

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# Chasing the dream

## *Havelka leaves C-H wrestling for Waynesburg U.*

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Jeff Havelka's stay as varsity wrestling coach lasted one season.

Havelka, who took the job last year when Bill Sutton resigned as coach, decided to resign two weeks ago so he could join the staff of Ron Headlee at Waynesburg University. His letter of resignation will be accepted at Monday's school board meeting.



Havelka

"It was a huge surprise," said Chartiers-Houston athletic director Kurt Kesneck, "but it's nice that he gets to chase his

dream. He always had aspirations to coach college wrestling, and he got that opportunity."

Havelka said the decision was extraordinary difficult, and it took some time for him to make it.

"It's a great place to teach and a great place to work," he said. "The administration is great. So were the teachers and it's a great place to wrestle. It wasn't a spur of the moment decision."

The 28-year-old Havelka said it was always his goal to coach college wrestling and the opportunities to do so are scarce.

"Ever since I was (wrestling) in college and then a (graduate assistant), it became something I definitely wanted to do," he said. "Coach Headlee contacted me a couple weeks ago and asked me if I had an interest. When you have the opportunity to go back and work with a guy like Coach Headlee, you can't pass it up."

Havelka, whose father Terry is the athletic director, football coach and wrestling coach at Burgettstown High School, replaces John Yates at Waynesburg. Yates, who coached with Headlee for the past 14 years, is going to be a volunteer assistant.

"Jeff was our grad assistant a few years ago, and he did a super job," said Headlee. "He was one of the first ones I would want to offer the job to. He's been through the system."

## Havelka

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Havelka guided Chartiers-Houston to a 7-10 record last season, and the Bucs qualified for the WPIAL Class AA Team Tournament. After a 37-34 win over Derry Area in the first round, the Bucs lost to Burgettstown, 42-26.

"We learned about this two weeks ago," Kesneck said. "We'll post it for 10 days."

Garrett Johnston was

Havelka's assistant and could be a candidate for the position. Johnston is handling the off-season activities.

"Jeff wanted to get back into college coaching," said Headlee. "His coaching style is a lot like ours. Everyone needs a good assistant coach."

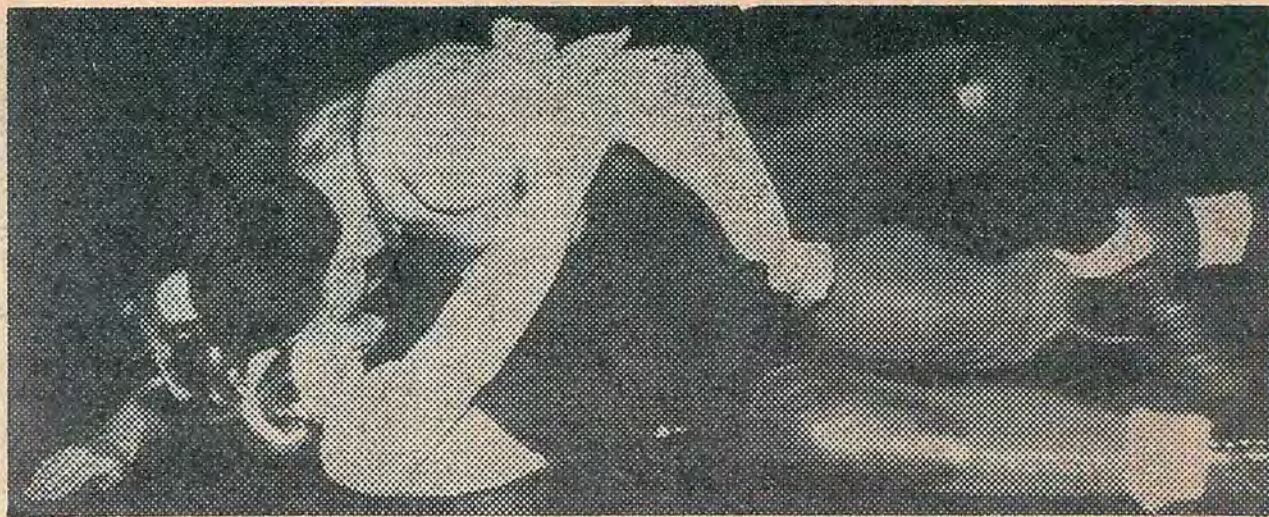
Havelka competed at University of Findlay in Ohio for five seasons. He graduated from Burgettstown High School, where he wrestled for four years for his father.

Havelka was hired to replace Sutton, who retired following 10 seasons with the Bucs.

**Jeff Havelka**

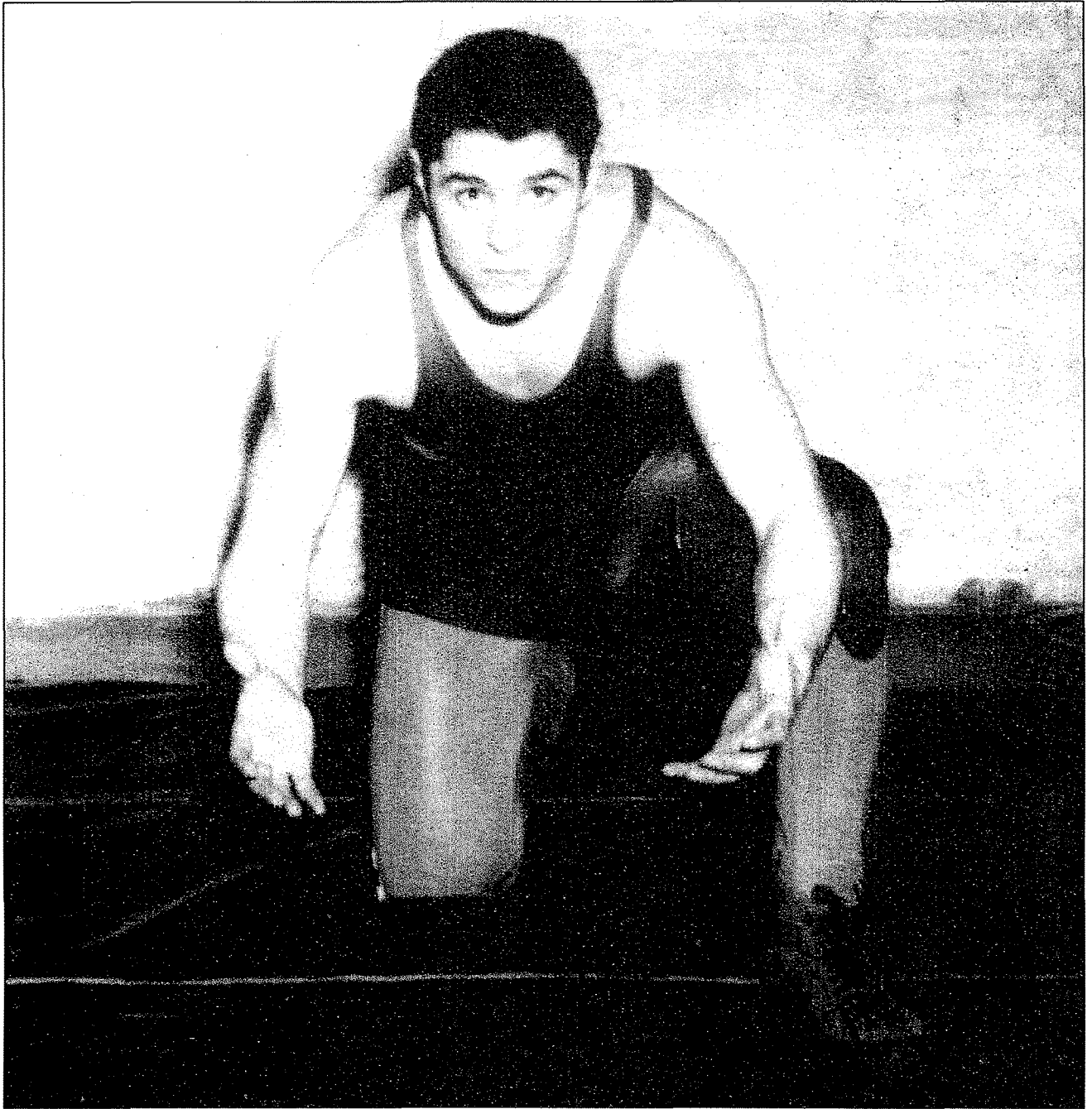
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## Maltony Pins Chartiers Man In 33 Seconds



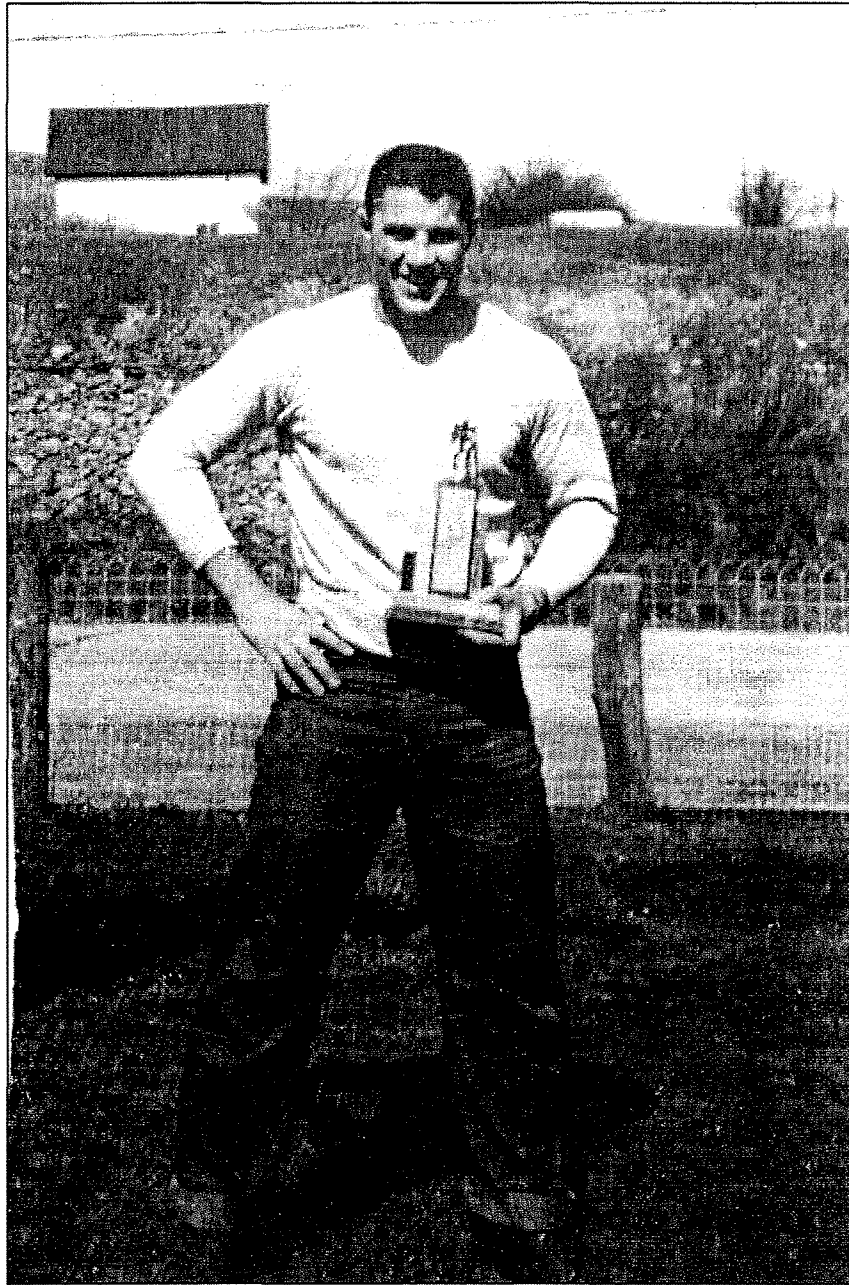
This wrestling photo was taken when Junior Ronald Maltony pinned Macioszek of Chartiers in 33 seconds of the first period on January 21, for his sixth pin in seven matches this season. Maltony, 185 lbs., follows a pattern of excellent wrestling ability set by his brother, Edwin, who graduated in 1950. In his Freshman year, Ronnie was in the 154 lb. class and had a final record of 10 wins and 3 losses; as a Sophomore, in the 185 lb. class, he finished the season with 12 wins and 2 losses. Ronnie competed in the W.P.I.A.L. tournament both seasons, last year climbing into second place. His first loss this season occurred last Tuesday night, Jan. 25 when undefeated heavyweight Nick Dano of Canonsburg, won an 8-3 decision in Union high gym.

**Maltony Pins Chartiers Man in 33 Seconds**  
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**Edwin Maltony**  
**Burgettstown's First WPIAL Wrestling Champion-1950**

*Courtesy of the Burgettstown Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame*



**Ed Maltony-UHS Wrestling**

**Captain and Burgettstown First WPIAL Champion 185 lbs.-1950  
13 Wins-10 by Full Pin**

**Waynesburgh College  
Heavy Weight 4 I Champion  
All American-NCAA 1952**

*Courtesy of the Burgettstown Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame*

## Both Marshalls Bow In Olympic Tryouts

Bob and Floyd Marshall, of Burgettstown, were both eliminated last week during the Olympic Games wrestling tryouts conducted at the New York World's Fair.

Both competed in the 157-pound division. Bob Marshall won two matches by 1-0 and 2-0 scores, respectively, but lost two matches, 2-1 and 6-5. It was the last defeat, in the third of four rounds, that eliminated Bob.

Floyd won one match by 1-0, was pinned in another and then was defeated, 5-4, also in the third round, to be bumped from the competition. Two of the four judges on hand ruled that Floyd pinned himself in his first loss.

Upon closing of the tryouts, Bob, who has accepted a position as head wrestling coach at Dickinson College, announced his retirement from active individual wrestling. Floyd still has collegiate eligibility remaining at Findlay College. He won the 4-1 and NAA championships during the past year.

Other notable wrestlers, including Ron Pifer, of Bellefonte; Mike Johnson, of Lock Haven and Pitt; and Ed DeWitt, of Trinity, also were eliminated during the tryouts.

Dino Boni, also of Burgettstown, and a member of the University of Pittsburgh wrestling team, was also eligible to enter the tryouts, but did not compete.

wishing to enter the league next year must be represented at Wednesday's meeting or bear the burden of providing paid umpires on their own next year.

Advance ticket sales for the Awards Day Dinner will begin soon, Stewart said.

**Bob and Floyd Marshall Eliminated in Olympic Tryouts**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-September 2, 1964 Edition**

## **Marshall Named Mat Coach At Delaware Valley College**

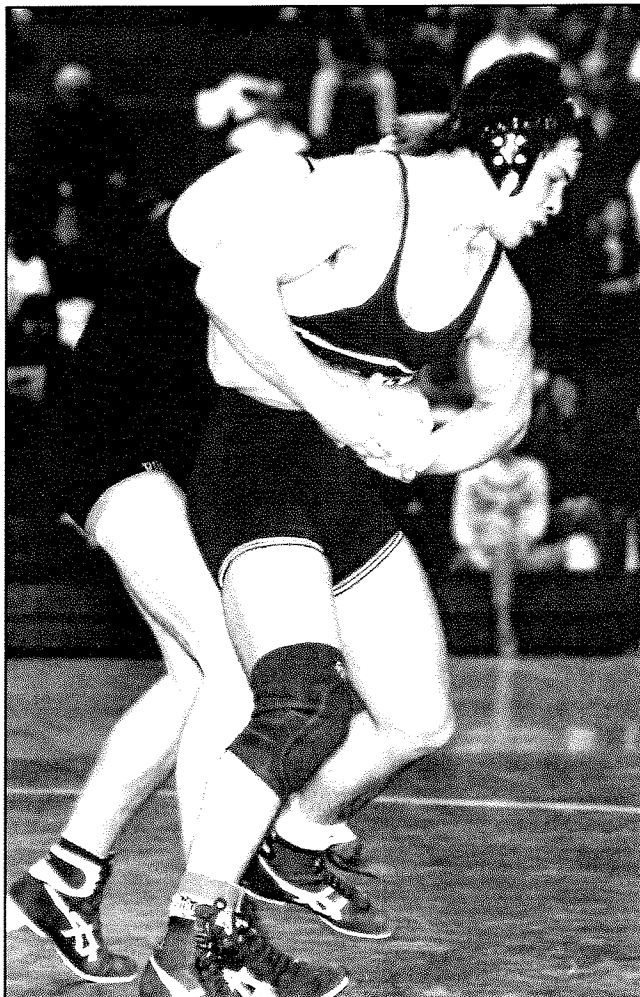
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Delaware Valley College has appointed Floyd G. Marshall of Parma, Mich., as wrestling coach and instructor in physical education. He succeeds David Steiler of Collingswood, N. J.

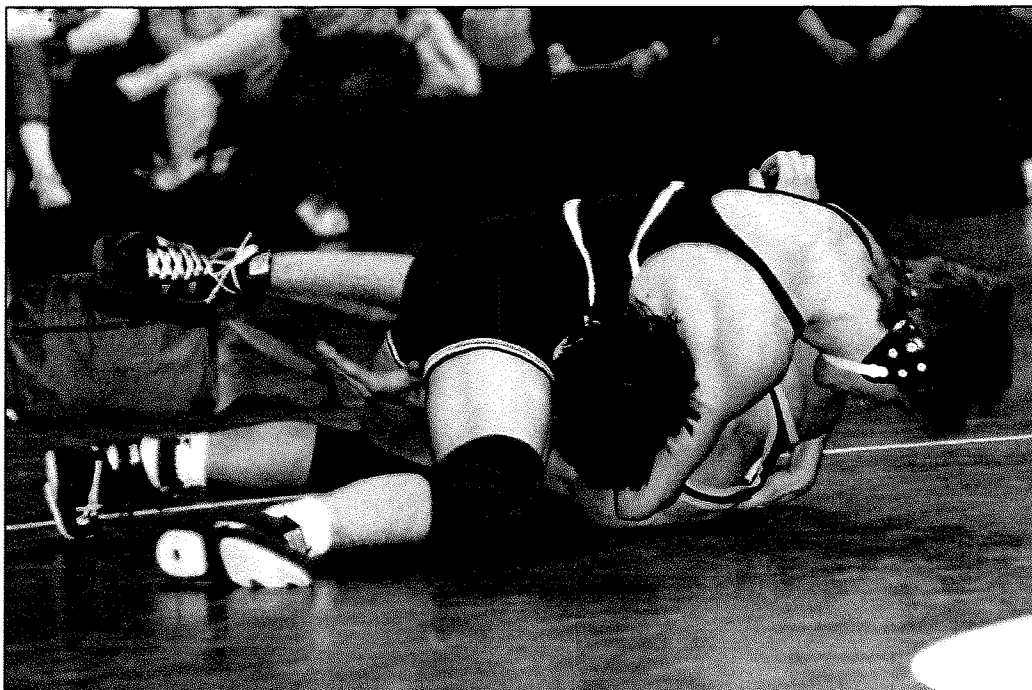
Marshall was born in Frankfort Springs, Pa., and is a graduate of Burgettstown (Pa.) High School, where he starred in wrestling and football. He was undefeated for three years in wrestling and was second in the state tourney.

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**Floyd G. Marshall  
Names Mat Coach at Delaware Valley College  
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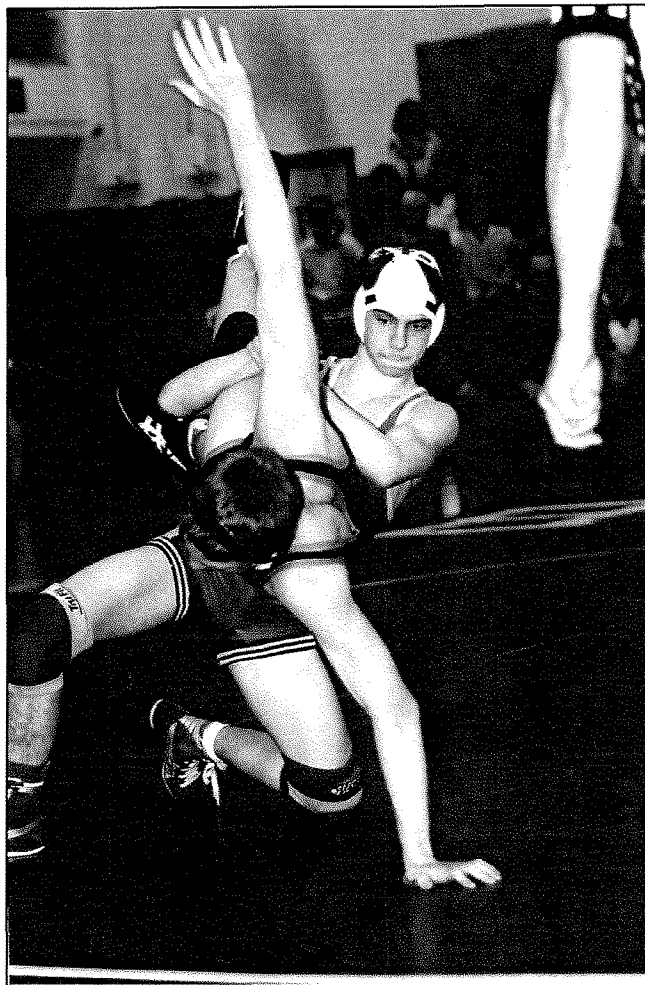
Mickey Marshall about to break away at 171 pounds.



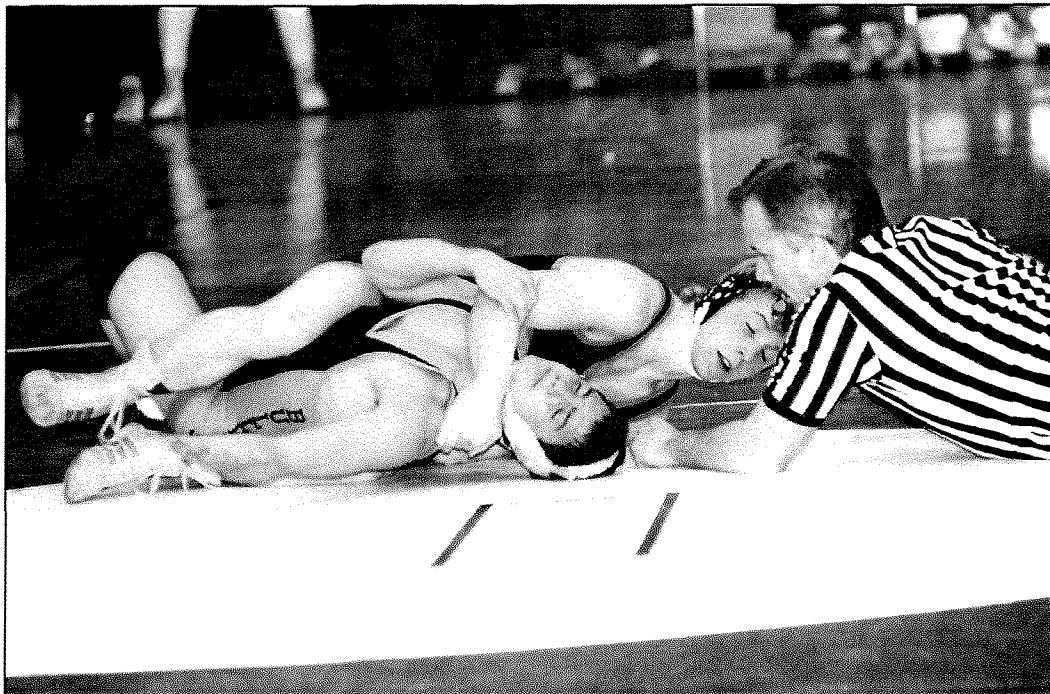
Brad Abbott of Burgettstown applies a pin hold in the 135 pounds championship bout.

**Scenes from Annual Burgettstown Invitational Tournament (pg. 1)  
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Ryan Sella, Avella's State Champion, in control of the 112-pound class.

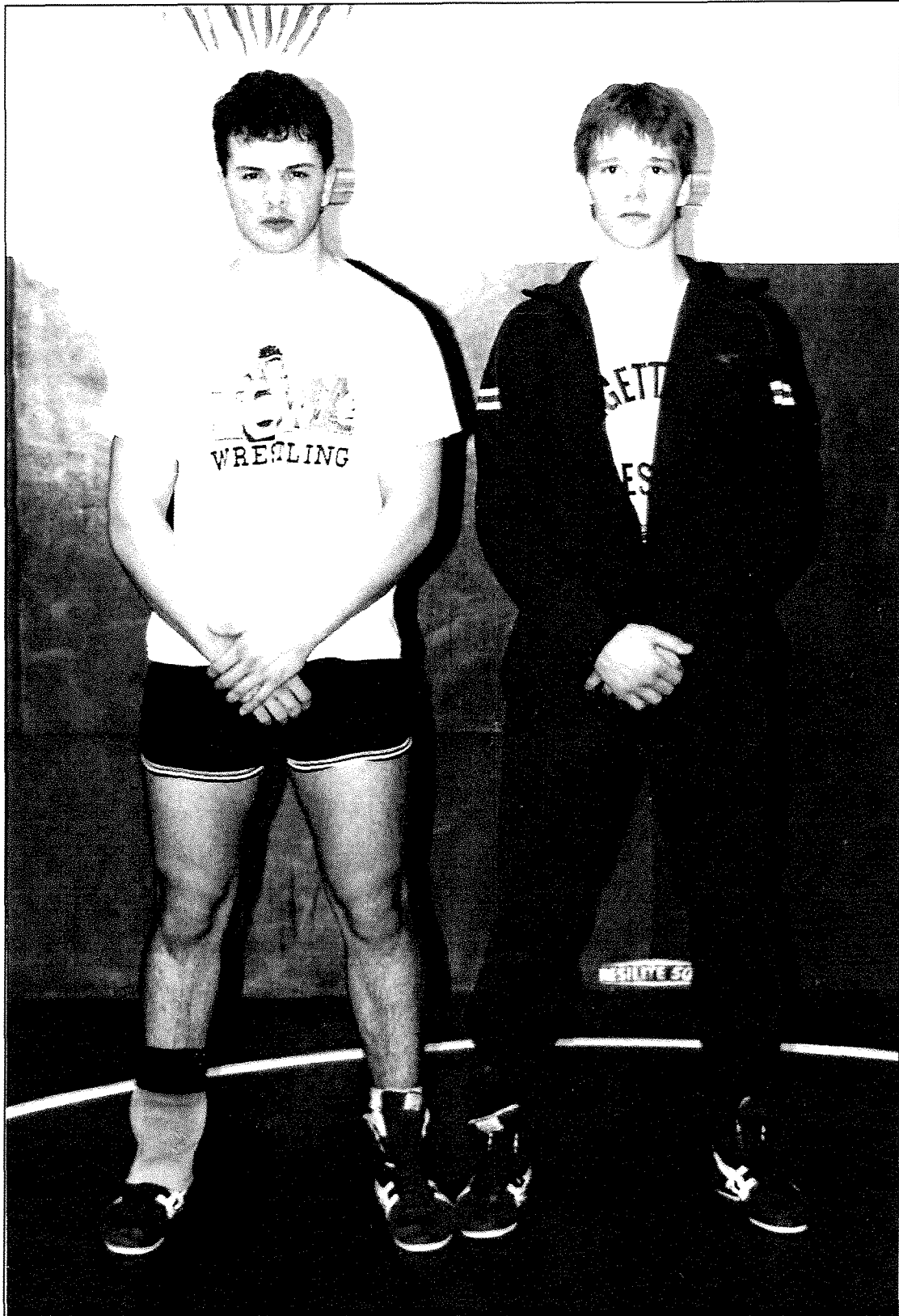


Sensational Cary Kolat of Jefferson-Morgan about to bring 119-pound title bout to an end.

**Scenes from Annual Burgettstown Invitational Tournament (pg. 2)  
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Mickey Marshall and Brad Abbott-Blue Devil Champions

**Scenes from Annual Burgettstown Invitational Tournament (pg. 3)  
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# Sella's Win Continues Ironic Title Cycle

By Joe Tuscano

They joked about it at the hotel room the night before and neither said they gave it much thought.

But you have to admit the circumstances surrounding Ryan Sella's thrilling drive to a state title in the PIAA Class AA Wrestling Championships were pretty ironic.

Sella, a 98-pound junior, sent the tiny town of Avella into a joyous celebration Saturday with a 5-1 overtime decision of North Schuylkill's Chris Rickard to become the school's third state champion.

Avella's second state winner was Jeff Gordon, who captured his title exactly 10 years ago. Gordon was in the coaching chair yesterday because head coach Mike Milliken was away at required sessions pertaining to his teaching certificate.

And when Gordon won his state title in 1978, in the coaching chair was Ray Bazzoli, who captured his title for Chartiers-Houston exactly 20 years prior to Gordon and 30 years prior to

Sella. Avella's first state champion was Rob Bogo in 1975.

"I'm not really superstitious," said Sella, who ends the year with a 27-3-1 record plus WPIAL and section championships. "I was thinking about Jeff winning it before. He knows what it's like."

Gordon, the Eagle's assistant coach, knows the pressure and the pain this tournament can bring. He'd rather place his trust in the wrestling ability of the wrestlers than just luck. But even he realized the oddity of the situation.

"It was weird because when I won, Ray was coaching me," said Gordon. "I'm not really superstitious. I had a lot of butterflies and I guess I was more nervous than he (Sella) was."

Both knew beforehand Milliken would not be present if Sella advanced to the championship round. But in the finals of the state tournament, there isn't time to do much preparation.

"When he was standing there dur-

ing the introductions I think that was when he began to realize where he was," Gordon said. "I knew he had the ability to win."

And Gordon also knew when to shake Sella up a bit. That came midway through the match after Rickard injured his shoulder. Sella was down, 2-0, and looking too cautious for Gordon's tastes.

"He just wasn't wrestling the first half of the bout," Gordon said. "I told him that during the break."

"He said I was wrestling too safe," Sella said. "I realized it and he realized it. It was mutual."

With both of them on the same page, Sella broke free for an escape and then took Rickard down for a 3-2 lead. Rickard's reversal 43 seconds into the third period put Sella down by one, 4-3, but his escape with nine seconds left tied the bout.

Sella worked Rickard for a takedown but the referee ruled the clock had run out prior to control. Even though victory was tantalizingly

close, neither Gordon nor Sella showed much emotion.

"I didn't hear the buzzer," Sella said. "I got my head out but they didn't give it to me."

"I was confident," Gordon said. "But I would have liked for Ryan to win it there."

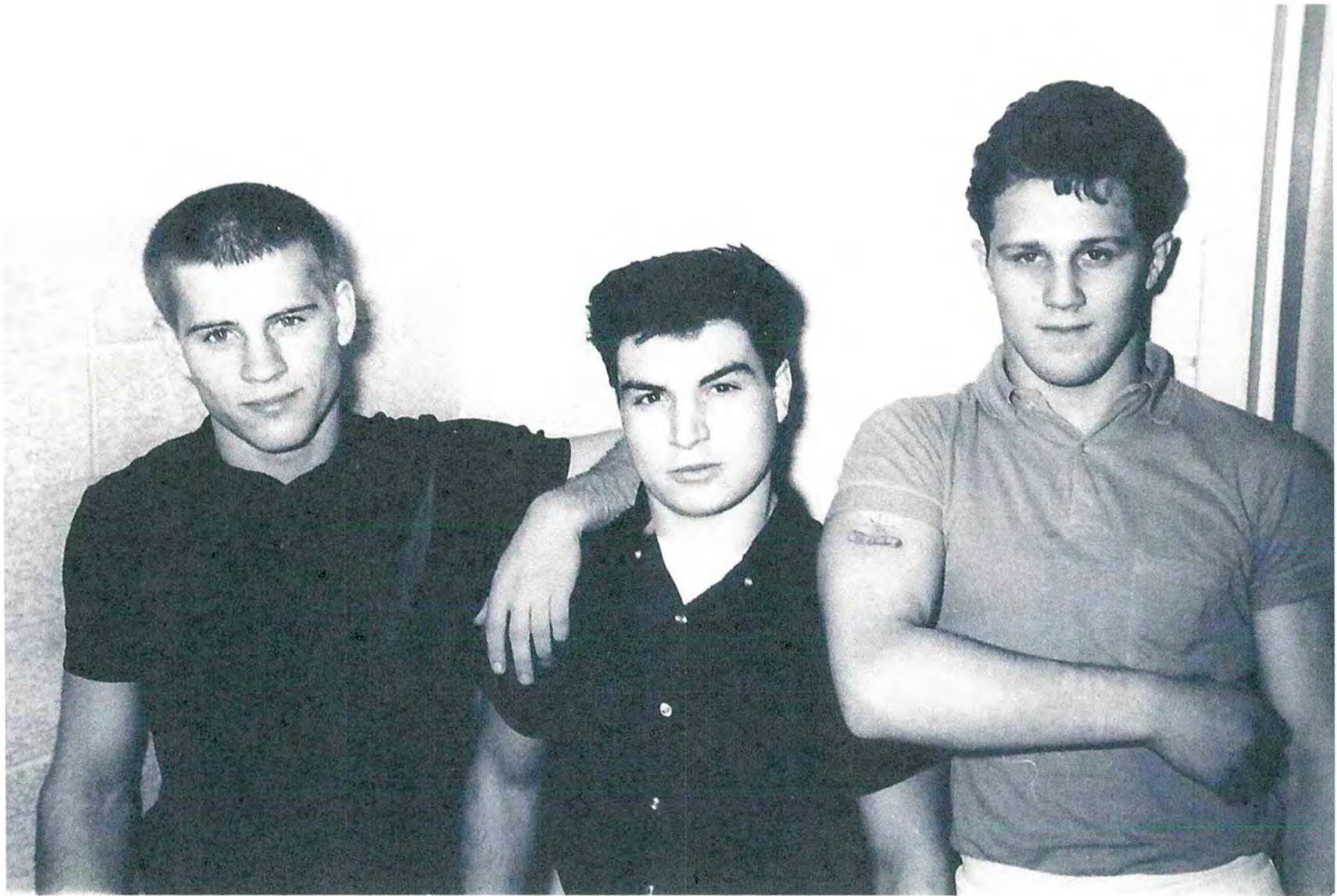
In the overtime, as it became more and more apparent Sella was controlling the match, Gordon seemed to relax in the chair for the first time. The buzzer went off ending the match, Sella closed his fist and smiled, then walked over to shake Gordon's hand and complete the state title cycle.

"This is more or less a dream for me," Sella said. "I'm excited but I try not to show my emotions. I'm not superstitious but I do have these lucky socks I wear for my matches. I wash them after each bout and wear them again."

But they were of little help Saturday. Because for the first time in the tournament, Sella forget to bring them to the arena.

**Sella's Win Continues Ironic Title Cycle**  
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**L-R: Bill Kucic, Frank Michelucci, and Bill Michalski**

**Senior Wrestler Profiles  
Union Hi-Lite-March 25, 1964 Edition**

## Six Lettermen Back On Union High Wrestling Team

Andy Sedlak begins another campaign as wrestling coach at Union high school with six lettermen returning from last year's squad which lost only three decisions in 14 matches.

Graduation took a heavy toll from the Blue Devil mat team as regulars Gerry Gavazzi, Jerry Prado, Jim Smalley, Rich McClements, Jeff Mermon, and Ed Shaffer have since received their diplomas and have left the U.H.S. scene.

The Union squad meets its first opponent on Thursday, December 19, when it plays host to Dormont.

Union will also compete in the annual Chartiers-Houston wrestling tournament December 27 and 28.

The Blue Devils will also engage another 14-match schedule this year before prepping for the district tournament at Trinity February 28 and 29.

Home-and-home matches have been arranged with Avella, Fort Cherry, and South Side Beaver. Traditional rivals Trinity and Canon-McMillan feature a seven match home card, which also includes Dormont and West Allegheny.

Away matches have been set at Chartiers-Houston McGuffey, Peters Township and Canevin.

Paul Pcsolinski, sterling 103-pound performer for Union last year who advanced to the WPIAL Regional final round before losing, heads the corps of returning monogram winners.

Also back for another year are seniors Bill Kucic and Bill Michalski; juniors Joe Diley and John Gilbert; and sophomore Stanley "Gussie" Diamond.

Sedlak will be assisted this year by Jim Kimberland and Bob Marshall.

# Observer-Reporter Athlete of the Week

**Name:** Jake Temple  
**School:** Avella  
**Class:** Senior  
**Sport:** Wrestling  
**Weight:** 220 pounds

**Temple's week:** Temple became the lone Class AA wrestler from the area to win a second straight title in the PIAA Southwest Region Tournament at Cambria County War Memorial Arena in Johnstown.

Temple started the tournament with a first-round bye, thanks to his gold-medal performance in last week's WPIAL Championships at Chartiers Valley. He won his quarterfinal bout over Tom Sever of Yough by a 16-1 technical fall, then made it to the finals with another technical fall, 16-0, over Seth Hitchens of South Allegheny.

In the finals, Temple won a thrilling 3-2 decision in ultimate tiberaker when he rode Reynold Maines of West Branch for 30 seconds of the final overtime. It was Maines' first loss in 36 bouts this season.

"Every tournament I go to, I have the same outlook," said Temple. "I try not to let nerves take over."

That attitude has produced a 39-0 record this season, making him one of just four Class AA wrestlers in District 7 to remain undefeated. The others are John Demaske (40-0) of Jefferson-Morgan, Jason Nolf (40-0) of Kittanning and Mike Carr (40-0) of South Fayette.

**Secret to his success:** Temple has developed his wrestling over the years, coming within one win of medalling at the state tournament as a sophomore, to placing fourth last season, to heading into this year's event as the top-rated wrestler at 220 by a number of publications, including *Off The Mat*.

It's been a steady progression of improvement.

"I wrestle every summer," Temple said. "I go to as many tournaments as I can just for the mat time. It helps me get ready for the regular season. The only time I am not wrestling is during football. But I did miss a game to compete in the Super 32."

Experience has transformed Temple into more of a techni-



**Jake Temple**

cian. And his strength makes him even more dangerous.

"He is stronger than he looks," said Avella head coach Jeremy Allen. "He can use his strength to get out of bad situations."

One such situation came in the final 30 seconds against Maines, when Temple wrapped his arms around Maines' head and managed to ride him out for the win.

Allen was impressed with the way Temple held his composure when Maines slapped at Temple's face early in the match.

"The kid tried to get him out of his game," Allen said. "If Jake is going to get beat, that's the way he'll get beat, getting away from his game plan. Maines was trying things to annoy him."

**Fore:** When Temple has some time away from wrestling in the summer, he golfs.

Is he any good?

"I play so bad sometimes that I don't even keep score," he said. "But there has been a couple times when I came close to a hole-in-one."

Temple has a better chance of success on the mat, and likes the bracket he is in for the 220-pound title. Temple opens the state tournament against Rian Shubeck of Panther Valley, a junior with a 33-8 record. Two other wrestlers Temple is familiar with are on his side of the bracket: Dylan Otis of Wyalusing and Andrew Dunn of Bethlehem Catholic.

"I like where I'm at," he said. "I beat Otis before and in the summer, I got a good look at Dunn. They are all tough up there."

*Compiled by Joe Tuscano*

**Jake Temple-Athlete of the Week**  
**Observer-Reporter-March 6, 2014 Edition**

## Union Wrestlers Cop Second Victory

Coach Nick Mervosh's Union High mat team easily registered its second win in as many starts this season by slaughtering a visiting West Allegheny club last Friday night, 43-5.

Racking up points on three first period falls, one second period fall, a forfeit and three decisions, the local grunt-and-groaners pleased a very nice turnout in outclassing a game visiting aggregation. Only one Union lad lost a bout, giving West Allegheny its only points. He was Tony Fanase, who put up a stiff and thrilling tussle only to be defeated by his more experienced opponent in a third period fall.

88 pounds Sartori failed to make weight-visitors had no opponent, which resulted in no contest and no points for either side.

95 pounds Sokolowski failed to make weight-visitors had no opponent, which resulted in no contest and no points for either side.

103 pounds Haba won decision, 6-0.

112 pounds Mecanic won on forfeit, 6-0 when his opponent failed to make the weight. The bout was staged as an exhibition and Harry pinned his man in 1:38 of third period.

120 pounds Wagner won decision, 6-0.

127 pounds Mancinelli won by fall, 2:29 of second period.

133 pounds Fanase lost by fall, 1:26 of third period.

138 pounds Darras won by 9-7 decision.

145 pounds Webster won by fall 1:10 of second period.

154 pounds Pulver won by fall 1:17 of first period.

165 pounds Cindrich won by quickest fall of the night in regular competition, 1:06 of first period.

185 pounds Thomas won by fall, 1:36 of first period.

In exhibition matches preceding regular hostilities: Gerry Tenaglia pinned his 127 pound opponent in :48 of the second stanza. Martin Kisla, wrestling at 165 pounds, hog-tied his man in :57 of first frame.

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Burgettstown Enterprise-January 18, 1951

## Union Grapplers Top South Fayette

Andy Sedlak's Union high school wrestling team recorded six pins, four in the first period, in waltzing to an easy 46 to 12 victory last Tuesday at South Fayette.

The Blue Devils lost only four bouts, all on decisions, in raising their record to 5-3 for the year.

Bill Gavazzi, 112; Dave Evantz, 127; Bill Gilbert, 133; and Frank Korpos, heavyweight, clamped their opponents in the first period.

Also winning by pins for the locals were Tom Maltony, 145, and Rick Fernandez, 180.

Capturing decisions for the Blue and White were Jon Lynn Vallina, 120, and John Zuccaro, 138.

Kent Vallina, Union's 88-pounder, won by a forfeit.

The summary:

88--K. Vallina, U, won by forfeit, no opponent.

95--DiOrio, SF, decided Yaco, 3-0.

103--Slovick, SF, decided L. Gilbert, 4-2.

112--Gavazzi, U, pinned Zaney, 1:06, first.

120--J. Vallina, U, decided Shoup, 9-0.

127--Evantz, U, pinned Vezi, 0:50, first.

133--B. Gilbert, U, pinned Watson, 0:34, first.

138--Zuccaro, U, decided Bosetti, 4-0.

145--Maltony, U, pinned Slovick, 0:26, second.

154--Thomas, SF, decided Kuzior, 4-0.

165--Jones, SF, decided Daley, 6-4.

180--Fernandez, U, pinned Holeva, 0:23, second.

Hvy--Korpos, U, pinned Beltrame, 1:00, first.

In reserve matches, Union's B-squad won by the score of 21 to 10.

The results:

Hill, U, won, 4-0.

Krynak, U, won 7-0.

Yesko, U, won 1-0

Sinnett, U, won 4-0.

Roman, U, won by pin, third.

Mermon, U, drew.

Bracken, U, drew.

Maroni, U, lost by pin.

**Union Grapplers Top South Fayette**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-January 31, 1968 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



## UNION GRAPPLERS WIN

### 28-19 OVER WASH HIGH

A 28-19 score marked the first time Union High grapplers have been able to win a contest from the Washington High school varsity team since the sport was inaugurated here. The contest was played at the visitors' gym Tuesday evening, Jan. 4. Pins were by Dellapina and Maltony for Union.

R. Dellapina Union, pinned 88-pounder Jim Swaggard in the first match of the evening in a span of 1:45 seconds of the second period. The Little Prexies lost out again in the 95-pound class as Ron Cincinnati was overweight and forfeited his match to Sedlak.

Mike George and John Zollars won their matches in the 103 and 112-pound divisions on decisions over Donati and Durko. Vega, Union, decisioned Hazlett, 5-3 in the 127-pound class.

Wash High made a comeback in the 133, 138, and 145 pound classes as Bill Milligan pinned Dalverny in 1:20 seconds of the second period, Harry Spriner beat Penderville, and Richard Interval decisioned Spiotta, 7-5.

Union won the last three bouts with Przenkop decisioning Pettit at 154, Ihnot defeating Luzzo in the 165 pound class, and heavy-weight Maltony pinning Joe George in 30 seconds of the second period.

#### Union—28

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  - 103—George, Washington, decisioned Donati, 3-0.
  - 112—Zollars, Washington, decisioned Durko, 4-1.
  - 120—Bongiorni, Union, decisioned Crain, 5-2.
  - 127—Vega, Union, decisioned Hazlett, 5-3.
  - 133—Milligan, Washington, pinned Dalverny, 1:30 second.
  - 138—Springer, Washington, decisioned Penderville on disqualification.
  - 145—Przenkop, Union, decisioned Pettit, 3-0.
  - 165—Ihnot, Union, decisioned Luzzo, 5-2.
  - 185—Maltony, Union, pinned Joe George, :30 in second.
- Referee—Chemento

**Union Grapplers Win 28-19 Over Washington  
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 6, 1955 Edition**

## Union Matmen Drop Exhibition, 48-3

Union High School made its entry into scholastic wrestling circles by hosting the Washington High Reserves last week. Although they lost the match, 48-3, the score wasn't as important as the reception which was given the locals in their first test.

A packed student body, with faculty members and administrators squeezed in, voiced their hearty approval and gave every indication that the grunt and groan program is a welcome one. Although most of the spectators didn't know which way the wind was blowing as to the scoring, etc., they sure had a swell time in shouting encouragement to the matmen, and egging the referee.

Washington scored its points on seven falls and four decisions, while Union copped one verdict. The matches were scored-5 points for a fall, 3 points for a decision, and an extra point awarded on a first period fall.

Paul Rodriguez snatched Union's only decision by winning his 154 pound match. Losing their first tests were-Tom Skolowski, Andy Haba, Robert Mancenelli, Charles Zilich, John Murin, Leroy Bennett, Bernard Wysocki, Ted Banister, Dean Davis, Andy Orgovan, and Eddie Maltony.

**Union Matmen Drop Exhibition, 48-3**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-December 30, 1948 Edition**

## Union Wrestlers Blank South Side

Andy Sedlak's Union high school wrestling team blanked South Side Beaver, 60 to 0, in a match held in the losers' gym last Tuesday, February 6.

There were two forfeits involved in the match.

The Blue Devils recorded six pins in the win, with Mike Yaco, 95; Joe Kuzior, 154; and Rick Fernandez, 180, pinning their opponent in the first period.

Fernandez took only 17 seconds for his pin.

Also winning by pins for the locals were Bill Gavazzi, 112; Bill Gilbert, 133; and Jon Lynn Vallina, 120.

The Blue Devils also chalked up five decisions en route to the shutout, with Larry Gilbert, 103; Dave Evantz, 127; John Zuccaro, 138; Tom Maltony, 145; and Dennis Daley, 165, getting the wins.

The summary:

88--K. Vallina, U, won by forfeit.

95--Yaco, U, pinned McCoy, first.

103--L. Gilbert, U, decided Reed, 10-1.

112--Gavazzi, U, pinned McNeery, second.

120--J. Vallina, U, pinned Reed, third.

127--Evantz, U, decided Shirley, 7-2.

133--B. Gilbert, U, pinned Cooper, third.

138--Zuccaro, U, decided Cox, 8-0.

145--Maltony, U, decided Illig, 6-0.

154--Kuzior, U, pinned Skolnekovich, first.

165--Daley, U, decided Patterson, 15-0.

180--Fernandez, U, pinned Stewart, first.

Hvy--Korpos, U, won by forfeit.

Referee--Tenaglia.

**Union Wrestlers Blank South Side**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-February 14, 1968 Edition**

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The win was the seventh for Andy Sedlak's Blue Devils in 12 outings.

Jon Lynn Vallina, 120, and Dennis Daley, 165, recorded the falls for Union, with Daley's shooting the locals in front by the score of 24-14 with two bouts remaining.

Avella got a decision from Bob Vettorel, 180, and a pin from Dennis Marcot, heavyweight, only to fall two points shy in the Eagles' desperate attempt to pull out the win.

Jeff Carroll, 88, got the visitors off winging with a 3-2 win over Union's Kent Vallina. The match was won on riding time, with Carroll's 2:44 advantage to Vallina's 1:16 earning the Avella lad another point after time had expired with the two wrestlers even at 2-2.

Mike Yaco got Union even at 95 pounds, thanks to a near fall at the final buzzer that earned him a 3-0 verdict, but Avella's Ken Miles sent his team in front again with a 7-4 decision over Larry Gilbert at 103. After Harry Lowe held Union's Bill Gavazzi to a 1-1 stand-off at 112 pounds, the score stood at 8-5, Avella, but Vallina's pin at 120 gave Union the edge at 10-8.

In another exciting bout pitting two talented performers, in the 127-pound division, riding time gave Avella's Dave Wylie a 4-2 win over Dave Evantz. Wylie's 3:37 time advantage won him two points over Evantz' 0:44, to break a 2-2 regulation time deadlock.

Wylie's decision gave Avella an 11-10 lead, but it was the last time that Ray Bazzoli's Eagles were to be the front-runners. For Union rang up three straight decisions--by Bill Gilbert, 133; John Zuccaro, 138; and Tom Maltony, 154--to assume a 19-11 edge.

Dan Gagich, 154, cut the deficit to 19-14 with a decision for Avella, setting the stage for Daley's pin.

The summary:

88--Carroll, A, decided K. Vallina, 3-2.

95--Yaco, U, decided Brownlee, 3-0.

103--Miles, A, decided L. Gilbert, 7-4.

112--Gavazzi, U, drew with Lowe, 1-1.

120--J. Vallina, U, pinned J. Gagich, 0:55, second.

127--Wylie, A, decided Evantz, 4-2.

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Hvy--Marcot, A, pinned Dalessandri, 1:04, third.

Referee: Resciniti.

Jayvee action found Union an easy winner, 15 to 5.

The results:

103--Shipman, U, decided Charnick, 4-0.

112--Hill, U, decided Riggins, 18-0.

127--Sinnott, U, decided Miller, 2-0.

133--Krynak, U, decided Carl, 3-2.

138--Roman, U, decided McDonald, 2-0.

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# A job done right

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Jon Vallina worked by a simple rule: Do the best job you can to create the best results.



In his 39 years as a teacher in Burgettstown Area School District, including 28 years as athletic director, 16 years as assistant wrestling coach, eight years as assistant football coach and 28 as varsity golf coach, Vallina used that formula for some marvelous achievements.

He inspired students in the classroom, motivated them on the wrestling mats and on the golf courses, and fought for them in his associations with the WPIAL and PIAA.

It was a job well done because it was job done right.

Vallina will finally get a well-deserved break Aug. 1, when he will retire as AD.

Terry Havelka, who already is the varsity head coach in wrestling and football, will replace Vallina and continue on in those other two positions, for now.

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## Vallina

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to school at 6 a.m. and not leaving until 6 p.m. It took a lot of time to do the job right. If it took 12 hours, then that's what I would do."

As golf coach, Vallina led the Blue Devils to a 352-82 record and five WPIAL Team Tournament titles and coached three WPIAL individual champions and one PIAA champion.

Vallina got the teaching position at his alma mater shortly after graduating from Slippery Rock University in 1972.

"Wrestling was really my area coming out of college, but the job was taken," said Vallina.

Vallina spent part of his school day teaching health and physical education and used the remaining part of the day to tend to his athletic director duties. He said the responsibilities of an AD have grown tremendously over the years.

"They seem to put more and more on the athletic director's plate," said Vallina. "The job has become huge now. Most small schools have part-time ADs. People don't understand the amount of time it takes to do this job."

Vallina helped raise more than \$12,000 to replace the scoreboard at the baseball field, more than \$60,000 to renovate defective light poles at the school's football field and established the Burgettstown Area Scholarship Foundation, which has raised more than \$120,000 to fund scholarships for high school seniors. The foundation awards scholarships to 17 students on an annual basis.

Vallina has run the Southwest Pennsylvania Junior Golf Tour, which is attended by approximately 240 golfers each summer. He has been an instructor at Ponderosa Golf Course, conducting summer clinics for the past 26 years.

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**Golf head coach:**  
28 years, 352-82  
**Wrestling coach:**  
16 years  
**Football coach:** 8 years  
**PIAA Board of Control**  
2000-02, 2006-13  
Served on numerous committees  
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**Pa. State Athletic Directors Association Executive Council** 1998-present  
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same as when I started at Burgettstown," he said. "We have some great kids here."

Vallina has held prominent positions in the WPIAL and PIAA, serving as treasurer and vice president in the former and on the board of control of the latter. He was president of the Tri-County Athletic Directors' Association and has run the organization's main fundraiser golf tournament for the past eight years.

"I have no real plans after retirement," he said. "I'll travel. The 12-hour days I put in at work will be 12 hours I can put into retirement now."

**Jon Vallina**

**Observer-Reporter-May 27, 2013 Edition**



# FC's Vernillo ran way into the record books



**BILL DIFABIO**

A number of outstanding athletes played for legendary coach Jim Garry at Fort Cherry. Former NFL coach Marty Schottenheimer, current Cincinnati Bengals' head coach Marvin Lewis, Westminster standout Brad Tokar, and former WPIAL rushing champion Mike Vernillo were just a few of the players who called Garry coach.

Vernillo, the most recent of that group, left Fort Cherry as the WPIAL's rushing leader.

Vernillo began playing sports at age 6. By the time he finished his scholastic career, he rushed for 7,646 yards, which was the seventh best total in the state at the time and left him as the WPIAL's all-time leading rusher. That record has since been broken.

"The youth programs at Fort Cherry helped me learn about respect, honor and teamwork," said Vernillo. "I was 7 when I started to play football for the Little Rangers. It was serious football. We played tough teams and kids from local communities and schools such as Carlynton, Montour, Canonsburg, West Allegheny and Sto-Rox."

Vernillo was talented enough to be playing with the older players, something he welcomed on Fort Cherry's varsity.

"Coach Garry was old-school. Run the football, run, run," he said.

Vernillo played defensive back in his freshman season, but was soon moved to running back when the coaches realized his ability.

During a game against



**Mike Vernillo, right, and Washington County commissioner Larry Maggi were both inducted into the WPIAL Hall of Fame in 2014. Vernillo graduated from Fort Cherry High School as the WPIAL's all-time rushing leader with 7,646 yards.**

top-rated Northgate, Vernillo played running back in the second half and scored the game-winning touchdown.

"The system we had on offense was nothing new to me. We ran the same plays in youth football. There was no second-guessing. I knew the plays since they were the same ones used since 7th grade," said Vernillo.

Vernillo wore No. 32 in high school for a reason.

"I took 32 because my dad wore 32 when he played for Fort Cherry in the '70s," he said. "I still have his jersey."

Vernillo rushed for more than 1,600 yards in helping Fort Cherry win the first of three Ohio Valley Conference championships while he was at school.

In 1997, Vernillo reached 4,000 yards rushing as a junior, becoming the fastest player to reach that milestone in WPIAL history.

His high school statistics were truly impressive: 7,646 rushing yards, 927 carries, 102 touchdowns. His rushing record stood until Rushel Shell of Hopewell passed it in 2011. Shell began his college career at Pitt but is now playing for West Virginia.

Vernillo was honored by numerous outlets: the Associated Press, *USA Today* and the *Observer-Reporter*. *USA Today* named him the top football player in an August 1999 edition. He was a three-time Player of the Year by the *Observer-Reporter*.

Vernillo played in the Big

33 game, which stands as one of his highlights in high school.

"It was Pennsylvania versus Ohio. I was the running back for PA and scored a touchdown in the end zone where my parents were seated," he recalled. "We crushed Ohio and Ben Roethlisberger was their quarterback."

West Virginia won the recruiting battle for Vernillo.

"I wanted to play for Don Nehlen," said Vernillo. "I committed to WVU my junior year in high school. Boston College and Maryland were also interested."

Then, Nehlen retired, which surprised Vernillo. Rich Rodriguez replaced Nehlen and brought a different style of football to WVU.

"It was huge," Vernillo said. "I stayed and watched over 20 scholarship kids leave. As a redshirt freshman, I told my dad I didn't want to play and at the same time, I didn't want to sit out a year (transferring to another Division I school). So, recruiting started all over again."

Enter Slippery Rock, a Division II school in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.

"I got lucky. There was a scholarship award; an alumni grant that was given to one player. I was fortunate to be that one player," Vernillo said.

Despite such a great career, Vernillo does have one regret.

"We couldn't win a championship for Coach Garry," he said.

Garry died in 2007 after retiring from coaching in 2003 following more than 40 years with the Rangers.

Vernillo was inducted into the WPIAL Hall of Fame, Class of 2014.

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## WPIAL Section 3 Wrestling Tournament This Fri. & Sat. At Chartiers-Houston

Ten schools will vie for teams honors in the WPIAL Section 3 wrestling tournament this Friday and Saturday at Chartiers-Houston high school.

The tournament qualifies the winners for the WPIAL event at Wash high Saturday, Mar. 11.

John K. Abraham, tournament director, has announced the Friday night preliminary session will begin at 7 o'clock. Saturday afternoon's semi-finals start at 1:30. The championship bouts Saturday night are slated for 8 o'clock.

Competing will be wrestlers from Wash High, Trinity, Burgettstown, Canon-McMillan, Avella, South Side Beaver, Fort Cherry, McGuffey, Peters Twp. and Chartiers-Houston.

Preliminary pairings follow:

88 Pounds-Ferbache, Chartiers, vs Matchett, South Side; winner vs Moore, McGuffey; Kerrigan, Peters, vs Bane, Trinity; Brown, Washington, vs Carter, Ft. Cherry; Bongiorno, Union, vs Stopperich, Canon-McMillan; winner vs Bauduin, Avella.

95 Pound-Lattimore, Trinity, vs Hunter, McGuffey; winner vs Smalley, Union; Irwin, South Side, vs Matthews, Peters; Meighen, Washington, vs Cornell, Canon-McMillan; Ralston, Avella, vs Castner, Ft. Cherry; winner vs Nagy, Chartiers.

103 Pounds-Grimm, Trinity, vs Lemon, Ft. Cherry; winner vs Johnson, Avella; D'Amico, Chartiers, vs Piccioni, Canon-McMillan; Gavazzi, Union vs Grim, McGuffey; Creese, S. Side, vs Burns, Washington; winner vs Gilmore, Peters.

112 Pounds - Kelvington, Trinity, vs E. Kelly, McGuffey; winner vs Higgins, Washington; McCalmont, Ft. Cherry, vs Wagner, Peters; Tellish, South Side, vs Kimberland, Union; Pritts, Canon-McMillan, vs Rathbone, Chartiers; winner vs Taggart, Avella.

120 Pounds - Kiencic, Fort Cherry, vs Thornburg, Washington; winner vs Suprek, Avella; Miscuk, S. Side, vs T. Snee, Trinity; Dei, Peters, vs Post,

McGuffey; J. Hill, Union, vs Wilson, Canon-McMillan; winner vs Marra, Chartiers.

127 Pounds-Clinton, Peters vs D. Snee, Trinity; winner vs Marshall, South Side; Pareso, Washington, vs Vorhes, Avella; Hillberry, Canon-McMillan vs L. Hill, Union; Elder, Fort Cherry, vs McCartney, McGuffey; winner vs Simms, Chartiers.

133 Pounds-Boni, Union, vs Bell, Canon-McMillan; winner vs Machak, Ft. Cherry; Grandon, McGuffey, vs Stewart, Peters; Dunlevy, Trinity, vs Smiddle, Chartiers; Seik, S. Side, vs Ola, Avella; winner vs King, Washington.

138 Pounds-Pelhan, Peters, vs Walker, S. Side; winner vs O'Korn, Canon-McMillan; Johnson, Washington, vs Cooper, Trinity; Tkalcevic, Avella, vs Roche, McGuffey; Haught, Ft. Cherry, vs Alford, Chartiers; winner vs S. Noah, Union.

145 Pounds-Podrasky, Canon-McMillan, vs Seaman, McGuffey; winner vs Adams, Avella; Cunningham, Union, vs Mosier, Trinity; Tellish, S. Side vs Lucas, Washington; Zielinski, Chartiers, vs Broberg, Peters; winner vs Cleland, Ft. Cherry.

154 Pound-Zrimm, Avella, vs Harshman, McGuffey; winner vs Kern, Peters; Mawhinney, Washington, vs Holub, Trinity; Barrett, S. Side, vs Ross, Canon-McMillan; Shuba, Chartiers, vs Rossi, Ft. Cherry; winner vs R. Noah, Union.

165 Pounds-Compeggi, Canon-McMillan, vs Cindrich, Avella; winner vs Crowley, Ft. Cherry; Jones, S. Side, vs Johnson, Trinity; Davis, Union, vs Swarolo, Chartiers; Mazza, Washington; vs Dummer, Peters; winner vs Craig, McGuffey.

180 Pounds-Defabaugh, Ft. Cherry, vs Cunningham, Washington; winner vs Vecchio, Trinity; Staschiak, Union vs Springer, Peters, Leeper, Avella, vs Ramey, Chartiers; King, S. Side, vs Marsichak, Canon-McMillan; winner vs Barnhart, McGuffey.

Unlimited-Rodriguez, Union, vs Roche, McGuffey; winner vs Quarture, Canon-McMillan; Anderson, Trinity, vs Smith, Chartiers; Allison, S. Side, vs Gregory, Peters; Witzeling, Washington, vs Ringer, Ft. Cherry; winner vs Zatta, Avella.



## THE SPORTS DESK

# Wrestler Cary Kolat gains a measure of revenge

Cary Kolat, the four-time PIAA champion from Jefferson-Morgan High School who narrowly missed an NCAA Division I wrestling championship in his freshman year at Penn State, recently gained revenge over the man who beat him in the national finals.

During the prestigious Midlands Tournament held three weeks ago, Kolat defeated J.J. Jaworsky of North Carolina, 7-2, to capture the 136.5 pound title.

Kolat competed for Ron Headlee at Jeff-Morgan, compiling a 137-0 record in four years of wrestling in Pennsylvania.

He is the only high school wrestler ever to compete in the

Midlands Tournament.

The Keystone State Games will hold the seventh annual Winter Sports Festival with skiing competitions taking place Thursday, Feb. 11, through Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Montage Mountain Ski Resort, Scranton, and the ice skating competitions being held Friday, Feb. 18, through Sunday, Feb. 20, at the Ice-A-Rama, Coal Street Park, Wilkes-Barre.

The ice skating competition is sanctioned by the USFSA (United States Figure Skating Association) and is endorsed by the ISIA (Ice Skating Institute of America). Competition is open to Pennsylva-

nia residents, all ages and skill levels, who are qualified amateur skaters and members in good standing of the USFSA or ISIA. USFSA skaters can compete in freestyle, interpretive, solo dance, compulsory moves and precision team events. ISIA skaters can enter alpha, beta, gamma, delta, freestyle, couples and spotlight events.

Skiers are recommended to enter early because on-site registration fees are higher and some fees may be closed due to limits on the number of entries. The deadline for skiers to mail entries is Wednesday, Feb. 2, 1994.

For more information or an en-

try form, call the Games office at (717) 823-3164.

**Wrestler Cary Kolat Gains a Measure of Revenge**  
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## Wrestlers Win Fourth By 51-8

Winning all but two bouts, the Union high wrestling team roared on to its fourth straight victory, 51 to 8, over Weirton Monday night in the local gymnasium.

The visitors could garner but a pin in the 120-pound division by Pat Alouise and a decision in the unlimited class by George Harvey.

Union had seven pins included among their victories. Gussie Diamond, 88; Joe Diley, 95; Paul Pcsolinski, 103; Jim Smalley, 112; Jerry Prado, 138; Rich McClements, 154; and Jim Birkhimer, 180; all pinned their opponents.

Winning decisions for Union were Bill Kucic, 127; John Gilbert, 133; John McKee, 145; and Jeff Mermon, 165.

The summary:

88--Diamond, U, Pinned Miller, 1:59, first.

95--Diley, U, Pinned Wood, 1:25, third.

103--Pcsolinski, U, pinned Anvalone, 0:34, second.

112--Smalley, U, pinned J. Moulds, 1:27, first.

120--Alouise, W, pinned Gavazzi, 1:05, third.

127--Kucic, U, decision-ed B. Moulds, 5-0.

133--Prado, U, pinned Arnold, 1:01, first.

145--McKee, U, decision-ed Byrd, 5-1.

154--McClements, U, pinned Bowman, 0:54, first.

165--Mermon, U, decision-ed Channing, 8-0.

180--Birkhimer, U, pinned Ohalek, 1:29, third.

Unlimited--Harvey, W decision-ed Shaffer, 5-3.

# Observer-Reporter Athlete of the Week

**Name:** Austin McDermitt  
**School:** Burgettstown High School

**Season:** Senior  
**Sport:** Wrestling  
**Weight:** 120

**McDermitt's week:** McDermitt dominated the WPIAL Section 2-AA Tournament at McGuffey, winning his third title and outscoring his opponents, 37-6.

McDermitt received a first-round bye for being a top seed and won the next two bouts by technical fall, 17-1 over Brett Johnston of Freedom in the semifinals and 20-5 over Jasper Wolf of South Fayette.

The victories moved McDermitt's record to 32-1 and gave him his third consecutive section championship.

**Closing in on records:** The two victories in the section tournament moved McDermitt's career record to 145-27. He snapped the Burgettstown school record of 135 wins by Rich Froats in January at the Chartiers Valley Duals and is five wins away from 150. Only 40 wrestlers reached that plateau in WPIAL history.

"I wasn't thinking about it that much," said McDermitt. "It's pretty cool. It's taken a lot of hard work. There was a lot of hard work I put in that most people didn't see."

McDermitt can't reach 150 victories this weekend, when the WPIAL Class AA Championships take place Friday and Saturday at South Fayette unless he falls into the consolation rounds.

That isn't likely.

McDermitt can become a three-time WPIAL champion with four straight wins in that tournament. Only three wrestlers from Burgettstown



accomplished the feat: Rob Marshall (1956-58), Floyd Marshall (1958-60) and Bill Bertand (1973-75).

"We have a lot of good kids wrestle here," said Burgettstown head coach Terry Havelka. "I would think he has to be in the top 10 (all-time) and in the top five that I have coached.

"Match in and match out, he has wrestled well. He's broken records and dedicated himself. A state title would be the crowning jewel."

**One final step:** McDermitt is a three-time state qualifier and two-time medalist. He finished in seventh place as a 106-pound freshman and in sixth place as a 113-pound junior. He wants to improve on that.

"I've definitely been working harder because this is the last time I have to accomplish my dream of being a state champion," said McDermitt. "I'm also trying to have fun because it's my last time."

McDermitt will wrestle for Pitt-Johnstown next fall and Havelka knows that team is getting a tremendous competitor in McDermitt.

"He has natural ability," said. "He has God-given talents. He wrestles in the off-season, and he has made wrestling his priority."

*Compiled by Joe Tuscano*

**Austin McDermitt-Athlete of the Week**  
**Observer-Reporter-February 19, 2015**

# Trinity tries to take bite out of Canon-McMillan

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The way Mark Powell figures it, this week can't be much worse than the last, and hopefully not as painful.

The head wrestling coach at Trinity High School spent a week-end with his wrestlers at the Top Gun Tournament in Alliance, Ohio.

His wrestlers came out fine.

Powell?

Well, he battled a dental problem that made his face swell to unusual proportions. Upon his return, he spent time in a dentist chair, having the problem tended to.

"I had two teeth infected," he said Monday. "I looked like I was jaundiced, on my death bed, with a migraine. I just had four hours of dental work."

So a date against rival Can-

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on-McMillan Wednesday night at Hiller Hall with a 7:30 p.m. start should be a breeze.

A win by Trinity would force a tie for the Sub-Section 4A title at 4-1 in Class AAA. Waynesburg could make it a three-way tie with a victory over Central Catholic Wednesday.

"We had the pipe burst (in the wrestling room) for Waynesburg and McGuffey, and I think the kids got a little over-focused," said Powell. "The fun went out of the sport for them. . . . We really haven't talked about it. We haven't over-hyped it and the kids seemed to respond to that."

Canon-McMillan (4-0), with a win over Trinity (3-1), would finish first in the sub-section and wrestle either West Allegheny or Moon in the

Section 4 Tournament next week. Trinity would wrestle for fifth place if it loses to C-M. Waynesburg (3-1) would get either West Allegheny or Moon.

"There are a lot of tossup matches," said Powell. "It'll be a grind. There will be blowouts on both sides. What it's going to come down to is which kids will step up."

Canon-McMillan has won each section title since 2001.

In Sub-Section 2A, Belle Vernon hosts Connellsville in a battle for first place between a pair of 4-0 teams.

Peters Township (4-0) can wrap up first place in the Sub-Section 2B with a win over Ringgold.

In Class AA, Burgettstown (4-0) can clinch the Sub-Section 1A title with a win over Chartiers-Houston (3-1). Fort Cherry (3-1) could finish second with a win over Washington (0-4) and a loss by C-H.

In Sub-section 2A, McGuffey travels to Beth-Center in a match that will determine first place between these two 4-0 teams.

In another dual meet between 4-0 teams, South Fayette hosts Quaker Valley in Sub-Section 3A.

### Caffrey going for 400

Mark Caffrey can reach his 400th coaching victory if McGuffey defeats Beth-Center Wednesday.

Caffrey, in his 35th season, entered the season needing 13 wins to reach the milestone. The Highlanders are 12-4. Caffrey is at 399-92.

Only three other coaches in WPIAL history have reached 400 victories: Chuck Tursky (Burrell, Kiski) at 505-143-2, Tom Dolde Sr. (Connellsville) at 448-137-6 and Ron Frank (Fox Chapel) 405-77-7.

Carl Schnellenbach of Ridley

leads the PIAA at 767-224-7. He coached Ridley for 54 years.

## Tournaments

Belle Vernon's Zach Hartman took first place at 160 pounds and Scott Joll was third at 170 at the Escape The Rock tournament at Council Rock South High School.

Hartman shut out Gerrit Nijenhuis of Canon-McMillan, 5-0, in the finals. The Big Macs' Logan Macri lost to Patrick Glory of Delbarton, N.J., by technical fall, 18-2, in the 126-pound finals. C-M's Jimmy Baxter took fifth at 106 and Tim Hritsko was seventh at 138.

Nick Candelore (132) of Fort Cherry and John Vargo (182) won their weight classes at the Burgettstown Tournament.

At Top Gun, Trinity's Jonathan Walters (106) was eighth, Giani Martin (113) was fourth and Jared Rice (195) was eighth.

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# Abbott, Allen, Vettorel regional champions

## Blue Devil senior passes overtime test

Three area wrestlers won individual Southwest Regional championships last week at Trinity High School and will seek state titles in competition beginning tomorrow at Hershey.

For Avella's Jay Allen, 130, and Burgettstown's Jeff Abbott, 189, it was their second Regional crown. Rick Vettorel of Avella, 160, captured his first.

All are seniors.

Allen (29-3-0), ranked third statewide in the latest Keystone Wrestling listing, had little trouble in his weight class, pinning his first two opponents before taking an 8-3 decision in the championship pairing with Darren Holderbaum of Chestnut Ridge.

Abbott (34-0-0) had to survive a gruelling semifinal round test with Jerry "Bear" McCoy of South Side Beaver, winning 8-6 in overtime. Abbott needed an escape in the final 30 seconds of regulation time to force the match into an extra period, and then got a takedown some 25 seconds into the overtime to settle the issue.

In the finals, Abbott won an easy 14-4 decision over Mike Marcischak of Chartiers-Houston.

A state runnerup last year at 189 pounds, Abbott is now ranked second in the state to Pottstown's Joey Allen, who dropped down a weight from the heavyweight class. The

state pairings would have Abbott meet Joey Allen in the Class AA semifinals if they both advance in preliminary competition.

McCoy also earned a ticket to the state tournament by placing third last Saturday at Trinity.

Vettorel handed Paul Donovan of Sewickley a 3-2 loss in the 160-lb. finals, handing Donovan his first loss of the year. The win avenged an 8-5 loss to Donovan in the WPIAL finals. Earlier, Vettorel (23-8-0) needed an overtime period to edge Jason Boni of Burgettstown, 3-1.

Another Avella senior, Griff Briggs, was nosed out by Todd Hutzell of Meyersdale, 12-7, for third place in the 171-pound class and a trip to Hershey.

Boni opened his tournament competition with a 5-2 win but lost decisions in his next two outings.

Burgettstown senior Bill Brown, 152, was defeated in two bouts, as was Avella freshman Jesse Ondrick, 145.

Also winning their second Regional championships were Steve Baker, 112, North Star, and C.J. Lowry, Carmichaels.

Cary Kolat of Jefferson-Morgan, hailed as the finest wrestler in Pennsylvania history, nailed his fourth Regional title with two pins and a technical fall under a glare of *Sports Illustrated* spotlights. A three-time state champion and

three-time Outstanding Wrestler at the state tournament, Kolat aims for No. 4 in both departments this week. His career record is an astronomical 133-0.

Other Southwest Regional champions were Chad Kime, Beth-Center, 103; Teo Paci, Beth-Center, 119; Bill White, Jefferson-Morgan, 125; Eric Yanek, West Allegheny, 140; Irwin Brambley, Bedford, 152; Jeff Koontz, Bedford, 171; and Jim Howard, Jefferson-Morgan, heavyweight.

Coach Ron Headlee's Jefferson-Morgan Rockets easily won the team championship.

The WPIAL (District 7) outdistanced their District 5 opponents, winning 10 of the 13 individual Regional titles and qualifying 25 out of the 39 state tournament entrants from the region.

### SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CLASS AA RESULTS

#### First round

130 Jay Allen, Avella, pinned Shawn Messer, Beth-Center, 3:01  
 145 Travis Livingston, North Star, pinned Jesse Ondrick, Avella, 5:05  
 152 Tyson Rodgers, Tussey Mountain, dec. Bill Brown, Burgettstown, 6-2  
 160 Rick Vettorel, Avella, dec. Dusty Douglas, Northern Bedford, 7-0  
 160 Jason Boni, Burgettstown, dec.



THE ENTERPRISE

**SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONS**, kneeling, from left, are Chad Kime, 103; Steve Baker, 112; Teo Paci, 119; Bill White, 125; Jay Allen, 130; and Cary Kolat, 135. Standing are Eric Yanek, 140; C.J. Lowry, 145; Irwin Brambley, 152; Rick Vettorel, 160; Jeff Koontz, 171; Jeff Abbott, 189; and Jim Howard, heavyweight.

Drew Gardner, North Star, 5-2  
 171 Griff Briggs, Avella, dec. Dan Guyer, Northern Bedford, 5-3  
 189 Jeff Abbott, Burgettstown, dec. Luke Kiger, West Greene, 10-2

#### Semifinals

130 Allen pinned Brian Frameli, Jefferson-Morgan, 3:20  
 160 Vettorel dec. Boni, 3-1, O.T.  
 171 Jeff Koontz, Bedford, dec. Briggs, 3-1  
 189 Abbott dec. Jerry McCoy,

South Side Beaver, 8-6, O.T.

#### Finals

130 Allen dec. Darren Holderbaum, Chestnut Ridge, 8-3  
 160 Vettorel dec. Paul Donovan, Sewickley Academy, 3-2  
 189 Abbott dec. Mike Marcischak, Chartiers-Houston, 14-4

#### Consolations first round

145 Bob Yoder, Conemaugh Township, pinned Ondrick, 3:41

152 Andy Casino, Jeannette, dec. Brown, 11-8

#### Consolations semifinals

160 Pat Gavin, Conemaugh Township, dec. Boni, 5-2  
 171 Briggs dec. Tony Christy, Jefferson-Morgan, 6-4

#### Consolations finals

171 Todd Hutzell, Meyersdale, dec. Briggs, 12-7

**Wrestling Regional Champions**  
**Abbott, Allen, Vettorel**  
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**Ralph Cindrich**  
**All American NCAA Wrestling Team-1969**



# SPORTS

## WASHINGTON WINS TOURNAMENT

Washington High School, coached by William (Bill) Amos, defeated Union High in the finals by a score of 32-20 to annex the undergraduate tournament crown, Saturday, March 20.

The all day tournament started promptly at 9:00 A. M., and due to the cooperation of all competing teams the schedule was adhered to very closely.

Union and East Washington tangled in the opener. With Garcia, Melton and Maropis scoring 23 points, Union emerged the winner, 33-22.

### First Round Scores

Union	33	East Washington	22
Hickory	29	Trinity	18
Washington	37	Findley	13
McDonald	27	Avella	21

The above winners moved into the semi-finals of the championship play with these results:

Union	36	Hickory	23
Washington	52	McDonald	19

Union and Washington then met at 8:15 P. M. for the championship with the County Seaters winning the laurels. Washington took a 7-4 first quarter lead and out scored the local team in every period to win easily 32-20. Amos' team had a distinct advantage in height which helped them in no uncertain terms.

The score:

Washington	32	Union	20
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The four losers of the first round games played for the consolation championship. This meant that each team participating in the tournament was guaranteed at least two games and the winners (championship and consolation) only had to play three games.

### Consolation Semi-Finals

East Washington	37	Trinity	27
Avella	27	Findley	18

The consolation final was played at 7:00 P. M. between the above two winners with East Washington coached by Arlton Grover, emerging the winner by a score of 42-30. Avella took a first quarter lead of 8-6 but East Washington put on a 14 point scoring spree in the second period to take the lead which it never surrendered. Gregg, East Washington center, was the high score man of the tournament with 27 points for the three games.

### Consolation Final

East Washington	42	Avella	30
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## Sports

# Wrestling with the heat in Avella



Avella Athletics Inc. and the Avella Area Community Foundation held an outdoor summer wrestling tournament – called the Bull In The Ring, bottom left, – Saturday at the Avella Arena. Wrestlers ages 4-over competed. At left, Beau Fennick, 6, of Franklin Regional sticks his tongue out while focusing on wrestling Ben Chaney, 5, of Chester, W.Va. Bottom right, Carter Jennings, 4, of Avella cheers on a friend during a match.

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KATIE ROUPE



**Wrestling with Heat in Avella**  
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## Zuccaro, Havelka, Hill, Receive Awards



The Burgettstown Area Kid Wrestling Club held a banquet Sunday in the Kucher-Saska V.F.W. for the presentation of awards and trophies.

Thirty boys received medals for participating in last year's Kid Wrestling program.

Trophies were presented to Kip Hill, for the Outstanding Senior Wrestler, 11 to 14 years; Terry Havelka, for the Outstanding Junior Wrestler, 10 years and under; and Johnny Zuccaro, for the Most Progressive Wrestler.

Guest speakers were Andy Sedlak and James Kimberland, high school wrestling coaches; Billy Gilbert, wrestler; Rich Zelenko, Lions Midget Football coach; and John Zuccaro, coach of the Kid Wrestlers.

Emre Sedlak, another Kid Wrestler coach, acted as Master of Ceremonies.

The two coaches, John (Sugar) Zuccaro and Emre

John Zuccaro, Terry Havelka and Kip Hill proudly show their trophies.

Sedlak, were left speechless when they were presented gifts from the wrestlers and parents.

Movies of local wrestlers were shown and studied.

Refreshments were served by the mothers who were in attendance at the affair and who baked cookies and cakes for the occasion.

All boys between the ages of 7 and 14 were reminded that the season will begin Saturday, November 12, at 10 a.m. at the high school gym. Practice will be held Monday and Wednesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m., and Saturday at 10 a.m.

Only boys at the ages 10 to 14 will attend Mondays and Wednesdays. Everyone will attend practice on Saturdays at 10 a.m.