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Elyria's J.T. Brown takes a hold advantage on Trevor Nicholson of Ashland-Greenwood (Neb.) at the Walsh Ironman on Dec. 10.

Tim Phillis - The Morning Journal

Elyria's Dylan Shawver, right, looks for an opening against Olen-tangy Liberty's Braken Mead at the Brecksville Holiday Tournament.

Elyria's chances to win state wrestling title

By Pat Galbincea

It's been said that even battleship steel will cave in if the same spot is pounded on long enough.

Elyria wrestling coach Erik Burnett has been hoping that's true in his quest to lead the Pioneers to their first big school state title since the school last won one in 1973.

The Pioneers have been knocking on the door of a state title the last several years. In the past two years, Elyria has finished second to St. Edward, and Burnett has many of the school's 102 points they scored last season returning. In fact, the 102 points Elyria scored would have won the state team title most years.

Virtually every coach in Northeast Ohio including St. Edward coach Greg Urbas views the Pioneers as a threat to finally win state, a fact Burnett won't disagree with.

"We have the talent, no question," said Burnett, the state's fourth four-time state champion (1984-87) when he wrestled at Oberlin. "There are other factors you have to look at. It also depends how healthy you are going down to state. You also have to have great performances a few weeks in a row. We have guys who can do it, but they have to put it together at the right time."

Burnett also said that St. Edward, Brecksville, Wadsworth, and two Cincinnati area schools -- LaSalle and Elder -- also have teams good enough to win state.

"I'm anxious to see how well we can do," Burnett said. "All I'm asking is that our kids go out and wrestle the best they can. All season we've been wrestling tournaments while we coaches are looking at areas our wrestlers need to work on."

"There is one other factor nobody can know right now. Potentially, you don't know how many kids you can or need to take to state. In some years, you need as many as 10 or 11 guys to score."

One factor in Elyria's favor is that the Pioneers had been knocking on the door of winning the prestigious Brecksville Holiday Tournament title for several years. Brecksville is the longest continuing holiday tournament in the country -- the Top Hat in Williamsport, Pa. used to hold that honor -- with 56 consecutive years.

The Pioneers broke through in December and finally claimed their first Brecksville title as seniors J.T. Brown (182) and heavyweight Kevin Vough won titles, freshman Dylan Shawver (113) was runner-up and beat Brecksville sophomore and state runner-up Gabe Tagg in the quarterfinals, freshman Mack Burnett (106 pounds) finished fifth as did junior Josh Breeding (126), senior Cam King (195) placed seventh, and sophomore Matt Zuckerman (120) and freshman Drew Butera (152) both placed eighth.

Elyria was without junior Brendon Fenton (120), a returning state champion who was nursing an injury,

and senior Tom Brady (160), a state alternate recovering from a broken ankle.

"Yes, we had some guys out of the lineup at Brecksville but at that time of year, everybody has kids with illnesses and injuries," Burnett said. "But that goes to show that at state, you have to be healthy and you have to score points."

At the recent Bill Dies Memorial Tournament at Firestone High School in Akron, Vough placed third, Brown fifth and Mack Burnett sixth as the Pioneers finished runner-up to Brecksville to emphasize coach Burnett's point. The state tournament is March 9-11 and the state dual meet tournament, which Burnett was hoping the Pioneers again qualify for, is Feb. 12.

Vough was a state heavyweight champ as a freshman and placed second last season, while Brown has been fourth twice and is looking to join Vough and Fenton on top of the podium at state.

"J.T. has all the tools to be a state champ," Burnett said. "Towards that goal, he's been working harder than ever. Vough has come off knee surgery and lately he's starting to look how he needs to look to win another state title. Kevin has been hitting on several new moves."

"Dylan Shawver is a naturally gifted wrestler and he loves the sport, as does my son Mick. He works hard

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Amanda K. Rundle - The Morning Journal Westlake's Moe Zayad celebrated his 170-pound win at the Columbia Invitational on Jan. 7.

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too and he'll have to keep working hard because there are a lot of tough kids in his weight class.”

Burnett said another gifted and rangy wrestler, Breeding, needed good luck – which he hasn't had his first two years. At state as a sophomore, he lost to Olen-tangy Liberty state runner-up Brakan Mead, 9-4, in overtime in the quarterfinals. Mead, also a state third, beat Shawver in the 113-pound finals at Brecksville, 5-2.

The coach also said Fenton was set back with his holiday injury, but last season he was able to peak at the right time of the season – at the Perrysburg district and at the state tournament. His record coming to state was 34-9.

Two other good wrestlers Burnett hopes to have back and ready for the sectional tournament are Brady and senior state qualifier Brendan Price (170), who broke his femur in the quarterfinals at state against eventual state champ Joseph Terry of Pickerington Central. He returned to action in the middle of January after healing from a broken toe.

Burnett also said King, a first team All-Ohio football player, has enough skills to help the Pioneers at state. He was sixth in the district as a junior.

While Elyria has enough guns to win state, Burnett on a personal level is thoroughly enjoying coaching his son Mick. Another son, Nate, is a seventh grader who is wrestling.

“I love coaching my sons,” said Burnett, a master of the barrel roll takedown in his high school days. “With Mick, I look for growth and development. I missed a lot of his matches as he was growing up because I coach high school -- and don't get me wrong, I love coaching high school wrestling at Elyria. “I have a lot of fun working with Mick now that he's in high school.”

The lone situation where he might have more fun is holding the team championship trophy Saturday night at the Schottenstein Center -- an event Burnett is destined to take part in.

About the author

Articles in this publication were written by Pat Galbincea. Galbincea is considered by most to be the greatest source of wrestling history and knowledge in Northeast Ohio. Pat retired from the Cleveland Plain Dealer after 46 years of covering wrestling and other sports.

He continues to volunteer his time and is this year's vice president of the Greater Cleveland Coaches Association.

Wrestling is blessed to have Pat Galbincea in our corner for so many years. Thanks, Pat!



GALBINCEA

WRESTLING - IT'S IN OUR BLOOD

Once a wrestler, always a wrestler

By Pat Galbincea

He may have left the sport of wrestling 12 years ago, but the sport of wrestling has never left the blood in Dan Ternes.

The adage "Once a wrestler, always a wrestler" is certainly true in the case of Ternes, one of Ohio's all-time great wrestling coaches at now defunct Southview High School.

Ternes, who just turned 73 on Jan. 31, founded the Saints wrestling program in 1969, when the school opened in the southern part of Lorain. The Saints didn't win a win a match in Ternes' first season, but then never had a losing season the remainder of his coaching career.

What made Ternes great -- in the eyes of former wrestler Dan Ramos -- was not so much his coaching record which includes seven individual state champions, numerous conference championships and a Division I state runner-up finish to powerhouse Walsh Jesuit in the 1993 state tournament, but how he dealt with people.

Ramos said he nurtured wrestlers and helped those in real need. Ternes said it was an important aspect to being a wrestling coach.

"We had some rough kids who had a bad home life," Ternes said. "They couldn't control their weight, or they came from bad homes. We were there to help them.

"We tried to promote a family atmosphere at Southview. Everybody helped out, including the parents. In fact, to this day the John Findley family is still helping out at Lorain High School, even though Southview no longer exists. We were a melting pot, and everybody got along.

"They took pride in everything they did. When we hosted the sectional wrestling tournament, everyone pulled together to have one of the best hospitality rooms in the state," Ternes added. "The parents cooked meals everyone enjoyed, and our wrestlers were kids who wanted to prove they were as good as anyone else...if not better."

By "we," Ternes also meant his able coaching staff, which included his younger brother Tom Ternes, now 70.

"It wasn't me," Dan Ternes said. "It was a group effort, and we worked together. One of my first wrestlers in 1969, Peppy Ruiz, became a longtime assistant coach and Billy Kopp, a state champion wrestler, took over the head coaching job after I left."

Ternes received plenty of help on his path to greatness, particularly from former Elyria coach and stand-out official Frank Fiore. When Ternes was a student at Elyria High School, Fiore urged him to go out for the wrestling team as a sophomore, and he was a two-time state qualifier.

He then wrestled four years at Bowling Green Uni-

versity, and his teammates included future Lakewood and North Ridgeville coach Ed "Buzzy" Haller and longtime official Dennis Palmer. He qualified twice for the NCAA Championships. Upon graduation, Ternes became an assistant coach at Elyria under Bill Pierson (who coached the Pioneers to a state title in 1973) in 1967 for two years before Fiore recommended him to Southview in 1969 to found a wrestling program.

"Frank Fiore changed my life and for the better," said Ternes, who also taught industrial arts at Southview.

Ternes said his highlights as a coach were getting the school's first state champion, Russ Wilhelm, at 98 pounds in 1977, winning numerous conference titles -- the Saints competed in many different conferences in Ternes' 37 years as coach -- and finished as state runner-up by 12 1/2 points to Walsh Jesuit in 1993 while placing ahead of St. Edward, who finished third.

"It was one of the few times we finished ahead of St. Edward," he said. "We would have won over 20 sectional titles but St. Edward was always in our sectional."

His other top wrestlers talent-wise were two-time state champ Juggy Franklin, state champ G.T. Taylor, Robert Taylor and four-time state qualifier and two-time state runner-up Jimmy James.

Ternes still follows wrestling closely. in the off sea-

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son, he is an assistant baseball coach to his son Brad at Lorain High -- Dan Ternes was the head coach of baseball at Southview in 2003 while Brad was his assistant -- and enjoys watching his grandson Devin Juristy wrestle in the Amherst school district, where he won a recent tournament at 47 pounds.

"My daughter has him playing baseball, flag football and basketball too," Ternes beamed. "I'm not a big believer in kids specializing in only one sport, particularly at a young age like Devin," he'll find out what he likes best. He is a second year wrestler still learning the sport, but he has good hips and he loves wrestling, but he also enjoys the other sports he's playing."

He is concerned somewhat about wrestling's future in Northeast Ohio -- as are other coaches. Ternes coached in the sport's heyday.

"A lot of teams today are forfeiting four and five weight classes," Ternes said. "That was unheard of in our day. At Southview, we never had problems filling weight classes. We had 70 to 80 kids out for the team, and two and three full teams. In the late 1980's, when not as many kids would come out, we still had about 35 kids out for the sport.

"I see coaches today in other sports wanting their kids to be a one sport specialist, and that hurts wrestling and other sports as well. Wrestling is not an easy sport to begin with, and cutting weight is tough. Plus with the iPads and video games available to them, kids can pick and choose what they want to do."

With the drop off in competitors, Ternes also sees another difference in the sport he is not coaching anymore but still loves.

"Back in the 1980's and 1990's, every team seemed to have equal kids, pretty equal anyway," he said. "The top line wrestlers today are as good as they were in my coaching days...it's the second, third and fourth tier wrestlers who aren't as evenly matched. It's definitely noticeable."

Amanda K. Rundle -
The Morning Journal

Berea-Midpark's Mike Pachla works to escape the hold of Olmsted Falls' John McCabe during their 285-pound match at the OHSAA Team Dual Regional semifinal at Olmsted Falls on Feb. 1. McCabe would pin Pachla in 19 seconds.



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Lorain County State Champion Wrestlers

Wilber Lewis of Elyria - 133# Sectional & District Champ and State 3rd Placer in 1966 as a Junior. Became Sectional & State Champ at 138# in 1967 as a Senior. Wrestled for Lorain County Community College in 1968.

Ricky Lewis of Elyria – 126# Sectional 2nd Placer and District & State Champs as a Senior in 1973. Brother of Wilber Lewis 1967 State Champ. Put a scare into Coach Bill Pierson by weighing in 2.5# over night before State Meet then weighed in 2.5# under, which negatively affected his wrestling on the first day of competition, barely making it through. Wrestled as a Freshman for Lorain County Community College in 1976. Became assistant wrestling coach at Elyria West, under Coach Skip Fair in 1979.

Paul Sen of Columbia – 119# Sectional Champ as a Sophomore in 1974. 126# Sectional, District & State Second Placer as a Junior in 1975. 132# Sectional Champ, District 2nd Placer and State Champ as a Senior in 1976.

Russ Wilhelm of Southview – 98# Sectional 3rd Placer and District 2nd Placer and State Champ in 1977 as a Sophomore. Southview's first State Champ. Became 126# Sectional Champ, District 2nd Placer and State 4th Placer in Senior Year in 1979.

Doug Four of N. Ridgeville & Elyria – 167# Sectional 3rd Placer as N. Ridgeville Sophomore in 1982. Transfers to Elyria his Junior year to become 175# 1983 Sectional 3rd Placer, District Champ and State 4th Placer. Became 175# 1984 Sectional Champ, District 3rd Placer and State Champ his Senior year



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The Morning Journal
*Cam King of Elyria
bodies Tyler Stein
of Canfield to the
mat during the
195-pound conso-
lation match at the
Walsh Ironman on
Dec. 10. King would
win the match.*

(coach Frank Jayne). And wrestled in Cleveland East-West All Stars Meet. Wrestled in Ohio All Stars, helping to defeat Michigan All-Stars for 4th straight time (in 42-13 team win) by besting his opponents 15-5.

Carlos Glen Martin Jr. of Southview – Moved from California, started wrestling as a high school Junior in 1984 where he was called a “sensational rookie that won the hearts of fans who called him a gift from Heaven.” 98# District Champ and Regional 6th Placer that year. In Senior year 1985 became 98# Sectional Champ, District 3rd Placer and Midview's second State Champ (under Coach Phil Gregor). Won Cleveland East-West All-Stars Meet.

G.T. (Gerald Dewayne) Taylor of Southview – 155# Sectional 4th Placer as a Freshman in 1984. Sec-

tional & District 2nd Placers in 1985 as a 155# Sophomore. 167# Sectional and District Champs and State 3rd Placer in Junior year of 1986. 167# Sectional, District and State Champs in 1987 as Senior while keeping secret is torn rib cartilage during entire State Tourney. Became a 3-time All-American wrestler for Arizona State where he started wrestling in 1989, placed 7th in 1990 Nationals at 177# earning All-American status. In 1991, competed in NCAA at 167# for Arizona, and placed 7th in Nationals becoming All-American again.

Robert Taylor of Southview – 132# Sectional 4th Placer in 1985 as a Freshman. 138# Sectional 2nd & District 3rd Placers in 1986 as a Sophomore. 145# Sectional Champ, District 4th Placer and State Champ

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in 1987 as a Junior. Became 152# Sectional Champ and 3rd & State 2nd Placer in 1988.

Billy Kopp of Southview – 105# Sectional 4th Placer in 1985 as a Freshman. 112# Sectional Champ and District 4th Placer in 1986 as a Sophomore. Became 119# Sectional runner-up in 1987 as a Junior. Became 125# Sectional Champ, District 2nd Placer and State Champ in 1985 as a Senior.

Dave Dumke of Columbia – 155# Sectional 2nd Placer in 1986 as a Sophomore. 167# Sectional Champ in 1987 as a Junior. Became 171# Sectional & District 2nd Placers and State Champ in 1988 as a Senior.

Jack Lowther of Wellington – Heavyweight Sectional 4th Placer in 1988 as a Sophomore. Heavyweight Sectional 2nd Placer, District Champ and State Second Placer by 3-2 loss in 1989. In 1990 Heavyweight Champ at Sectional, District and State as a Senior breaking Wellington and Lorain County Single Season Pin Records. Wrestled in All Star Meet.

Homer Wright of Wellington – 130# Sectional & District 4th Placers as a 1989 Sophomore. As a Junior in 1990, became 140# Sectional Champ and District & State 3rd Placers before boxing in amateur Golden Gloves at 147# in Novice Division. Became 145# Sectional Champ, District 2nd Placer and State Champ in 1991 as a Senior, and wrestled in Cleveland East-West All-Stars Meet.

Scott Sedlick of Wellington – 152# Sectional, District & State Champ in 1992 as a Junior. Became 160# Sectional & District Champs and State 2nd Placer in 1993 as a Senior. Won Cleveland East-West All-Stars. Wrestled for Syracuse at 167# through 1978-98 Senior Year.

Rodrick (Juggy) Franklin of Southview – 140#



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The Morning Journal
Vermilion's Jakob Koleszar forces Nathan Thompson of Firelands to the mat during their 132-pound match at the Vermilion Super Duals on Dec. 30. Koleszar would eventually win the match with a pin.

Sectional 2nd Placer in 1990 as a Freshman. 152# Sectional & District Champs in 1991 as a Sophomore. Became 160# Sectional, District and State Champs in 1992 as a Junior and repeated the sweep as a Senior in 1993. Won Cleveland East-West Senior All-Stars. Wrestled for Ohio State in 1994 and '95 at 158#. Transfers to Clarion in 1996 for Junior year taking second place in Penn State Athletic Conference Tournament at 177#, took third at Eastern Wrestling League Tournament, Qualifies for NCAA and posts 3-2 record at Division I Nationals and season record of 11-8.

Corey Pallinger of Avon Lake – 160# Sectional 2nd Placer in 1992 as a Junior. Became 171# Sectional

Champ, District 2nd Placer and State Champ in 1993 as a Senior and first State Champ for Avon Lake. Wrestled in Cleveland East-West Senior All-Stars. Wrestled for Miami Ohio at 177# in 1994.

Kyle Rutledge of Columbia – Wrestled 160# at Sectionals Freshman Year, Became 171# Sophomore Sectional 2nd Placer in 1991. 171# Sectional Champ and District 2nd Placer in 1992 as a Junior. Became 189# Sectional, District and State Champs in 1993 as a Senior. Wrestled for Cleveland State in 1994 at 190#

Frank Workman of Vermilion 189# Sectional 2nd Placer as a Junior in 1992. Became 189# Division II District & State Champ in 1993 as a Senior. Declared

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Bo Wilkovich of Columbia – 112# Sectional Champ, District 3rd Placer and State Champ in 1991 as a Sophomore. 112# Sectional Champ and District & State 3rd Placer in 1992 as a Junior. Became 119# Sectional & District Champ and State 3rd Placer in 1993 as a Senior. Wrestled and won Cleveland East-West Seniors All-Stars.

Keith Mescan of Columbia – 103# Sectional 3rd Placer in 1981 as a Freshman. 103# Sectional Second Placer and District Champ in 1992 as a Sophomore. 112# Sectional 2nd Placer, District Champ and State 5th Placer in 1993 as a Junior. Became 112# Sectional, District & State Champs in 1994 as a Senior with a 35-1 record (118-14 overall). Won Cleveland East-West Senior All-Stars.

Neal Harvey of Columbia – 160# Sectional Second Placer in 1993 as a Sophomore. 171# Sectional 2nd, District 4th and State 6th Placers as a Junior in 1994. Became 189# Sectional, District & State Champs as a Senior in 1995 and won Cleveland East-West Senior All Stars. Went on to wrestle 190# for Ohio in 1996 season.

Shawn Bristow of Avon Lake – 112# Sectional 3rd Placer in 1993 as a Freshman. 125# Sectional Champ and District & State 4th Placers in 1994 as a Sophomore. Became 130# Sectional 2nd, District 3rd and

State 2nd Placers in 1995 as a Junior. Became 130# Sectional Champ, District 3rd Placer and State Champ in 1996 as a Senior making him Avon Lakes 1st three time State Placer. Wrestled for Kent State at 142# in 1997.

Ryan Pallinger of Avon Lake – 189# Sectional Champ as a Sophomore in 1994. 215# Sectional Champ, District 2nd and State 3rd Placer in 1995 as a Junior. Became 215# Sectional, District & State Champs in 1996 as a Senior. Wrestled for Miami of Ohio in 1997 at 190#

Scott Burnett of Elyria Catholic – Became 103# Sectional Champ, District 3rd and State 5th Placers in 1995 as a Freshman with a 41-4 record. 112# Sectional, District and State Champs in 1996 as a undefeated Sophomore, 37-0 record. 119# Swept Sectional, District and State Champs again as a undefeated Junior, 38-0 record. Became 130# Sectional, District & three time State Champs in 1998 as an undefeated Senior, 36-0 record, with 268 takedowns for the season and numerous MVP awards from various tournaments. Scotts unbroken winning streak came to 112 and he had 740 total high school career takedowns.

Ryan Myers of Wellington – 189# Sectional 3rd Placer in 1996 as a Sophomore. 189# Sectional Champ, District 3rd and State 5th Placer in 1997 as a Junior. Became 215# Sectional Champ, District 3rd Placer & State Champ in 1998 as a Senior.

Lorain County State Second-Place Winners

Tim Jenkins of Lorain – Heavyweight Sectional 3rd Placer as a Junior in 1968. Became Heavyweight Sectional Champ and State 2nd Placer in 1969.

Mike Baker of Elyria – 165# Sectional 2nd Placer



Randy Meyers - The Morning Journal
Columbia's Mike Lovell has a hold advantage and eventually pins Trinity's Anthony Sanna during the Vermilion Super Duals on Dec. 30.

in 1968 as a Sophomore. 165# Sectional & District Champs in 1969 as a Junior. Became 165# District Champ and State 2nd Placer in 1970 as a Senior.

Rick Pope of Oberlin – 137# Sectional 2nd Placer in 1970 as a Sophomore. Became a 138# Sectional Champ and District & State 2nd Placers as a Junior in 1971. 138# Sectional & District Champions and State 6th Placer in 1972 as a Senior with a 64-12 record. Wrestled for Lorain County Community College as a Freshman becoming its 2nd wrestler to go to National Junior College Wrestling Tournament at 142# and placed fourth in Nationals in 1974 as a Sophomore.



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Mike (Wayne) Jackson of Admiral King – 167# Sectional & District Champ and State 2nd Placer in 1972. Wrestled for Lorain County Community College in 1976 at 190#.

Cliff Allen of Columbia – 175# Sectional 4th Placer as a Junior in 1976. Became 175# Sectional Champ, District 4th and State 2nd Placer as a Senior in 1977.

John Churchill of Vermilion – 98# Sectional Champ and District 3rd Placer in 1976 as a Sophomore. Became 112# Sectional Champ, District 3rd and State 2nd Placers in 1977 as a Junior. 112# Sectional & District Champs in 1978 as a Senior. Also wrestled visiting German team in 1978.

Elmer Velez of Southview – 112# Sectional 3rd Placer as Freshman in 1976. 119# Sectional Champ, District 2nd and State 6th Placers in 1977 as a Sophomore. Became 119# Sectional & District Champs and State 2nd Placer as Junior in 1978 and wrestled visiting German team. In 1979 Senior Year placed 2nd in Sectional at 132#

John Walker of Elyria Catholic – 155# Sectional 2nd Placer in 1979 Junior Year. Became 167# Sectional & District Champs and State 2nd Placer in 1980 Senior Season.

Edgar Colon of Southview – 105# Sectional Champ and District 4th Placer and State 5th Placer as a Junior in 1979. Became 105# Sectional 2nd, District 3rd and State 2nd Placers in 1980 Senior Year. Mid-American Conference Freshman 3rd Placer of University of Toledo at 118# in 1981.

Jim Wukie of Elyria Catholic – 98# Sectional 2nd Placer in 1979 as a Sophomore. 1119# Sectional 4th Placer in 1980 as a Junior. Became 126# Sectional 3rd Placer, District & State 2nd Placer as a Senior, setting 7 school records at Elyria Catholic.

James Robinson of Southview – 185# Sectional Second Placer in 1979 as a Sophomore. 185# Sectional



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Olmsted Falls' Michael Shaw, left, wraps up the leg of Berea-Midpark's Caden Wendling for a take down during their 106-pound match at the OHSAA Team Dual Regional semifinal at Olmsted Falls on Feb. 1.

Champ in 1980 as a Junior. Became 189# Sectional Champ, District 3rd and State 2nd Placers in 1981 as a Senior.

Eric Gonzalez of Southview – 119# Sectional 2nd and District 4th Placers as a Junior. In 1982 this spunky Senior became 119# Sectional Champ and District & State 2nd Placers.

Joe DeLeon of Southview – 155# Sectional 2nd and District 4th Placers in 1982. Became 155# Sectional, District & State 2nd Placers in 1983.

Shjamil Pattie of Elyria – 105# Sectional 2nd Placer in 1986 Sophomore year as “one mistake lead to his undoing at District.” Became 112# Sectional Placer, District Champ and State 2nd Placer as a 1987 Junior.

Edgar Rodriguez of Southview – 126# Sectional 3rd, District 4th and State 6th Placers in 1987 as a Junior. Became 130# Sectional 2nd, District 4th and

State 2nd Placers in 1988 as a Senior.

Chris Russo of Amherst – Started wrestling as Freshman in 1986. 105# Sectional Champ in 1987 as a Sophomore. Became 112# Sectional Champ, District & State 2nd Placer as a Junior in 1988. Described as a “Comet sensation destroyed the competition.” Became 112# Sectional & District Champs and State Second Placer in Senior Year. Wrestled in Cleveland East-West Senior All-Stars at 112#. Wrestled 1126# for Indiana University, finishing 8th in Division I NCAA Championships in 1994. Becoming All-American. Became an assistant coach at Tri-C under Coach Gary Sorace by 1997-98 season.

Rich Wohleber of Columbia – Became 140# Sectional Champ, District 4th and State 6th Placers in 1988 as a Junior. Became 145# Sectional Champ and State 2nd Placer as a Senior in 1989, becoming an Inland Mat Star also. Wrestled in 140# Cleveland East-West Senior All-State.

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Uland Robinson of Admiral King/Southview – 98# Sectional 4th Placer in 1987 as a Freshman. 112# Sectional 3rd Placer in 1989 as a Junior for Southview. Became 112# Sectional Champ, District & State 2nd Placers as a Senior in 1989.

Dean Wright of Wellington – 119# Sectional 3rd and District 4th Placers in 1989 as a Sophomore. 135# Sectional Champ as a Junior. Became 140# Sectional, District and State Second Placers in 1991 as a Senior. Wrestled in Cleveland East-West All-Stars Meet that same year.

Joe Myers of N. Ridgeville – 152# Sectional 4th Placer as a Freshman. 189# Sectional 2nd Placer in 1990 as a Sophomore. 189# Sectional & District Champs and State 6th Placer in 1991 as a Junior. Became Sectional Champ, District & State 2nd Placers in 1992 as a Senior. He won Cleveland East-West All-Stars and won. Just missed becoming High School All-American by one match. Received Scholarship award from LCWCOA.

Ishmal Williams of Southview – 130# Sectional 3rd Placer in 1992 as a Sophomore. 140# Sectional Champ, District 2nd and State 4th Placers in 1993 as a Junior. Became 140# Sectional Champ District & State 2nd Placers in 1994 as a Senior and won in Cleveland East West Senior All-Stars.

Jimmie James of Southview – 171# Sectional 2nd Placer in 1991 as a Freshman. 171# Sectional Champ, District 2nd and State 6th Placers in 1992 as a Sophomore. Became 171# Sectional 3rd District & State 2nd Placers in 1993 as a Junior. Became 160# Sectional Champ, District 3rd and State 2nd Placers in 1994 as a

Senior. Won Cleveland East-West All-Stars Meet.

Maurico “Rico” Quimbaya of Southview – Placed 2nd in Sectional & District as a 112# Sophomore in 1992. 112# Sectional & District Champs and State 2nd Placer, with controversial call against him, in 1993 as a Junior. Won 2nd Place in Sectional at #112 his Senior Year.

John Higgins of Columbia – 275# Sectional Champ and District 3rd Placer in 1994 as a Junior. Became 275# Sectional Champ and District & State 2nd Placers in 1995 as a Senior. Wrestled in Cleveland East-West Senior All-Stars. Earned 1st year wrestling award at Heidelberg College in 1996.

Steve Brush of Elyria Catholic – Became 135# Sectional Champ, District 4th and State 6th Placers in 1994 as a Sophomore. Became 140# Sectional Champ and District 3rd in 1995 as a Junior. Became 145# Sectional & District Champ and State 2nd Placer as a Senior. Entered Cleveland State in Fall of 1996.

Steve Furgeson of Southview – 119# Sectional 3rd Placer as a Sophomore. 135# Sectional 2nd Placer in 1996 as a Junior. Became 130# Sectional & District Champs and State 2nd Placer after Tie Breaker in 1997 as a Senior.

Erik Mathison of Avon Lake - Became 189# Sectional 3rd and District 5th Placers in 1995 as a Sophomore. Became 189# Sectional 2nd and District 3rd Placers in 1996 as a Junior. Became 215# Sectional Champ, District 3rd and State 2nd Placers in 1997 as a Senior. LCWOA’s Wrestler-of-the-Year for 1997.

High School Head Coaches

Ken Zeman – Head Coach for Vermilion (’68 & ’69) and Oberlin (’71 through ’77) or more. Coached three

State Champs.

John Sedlick – 26-year Head Coach for Wellington (counting 1997-1998 season) since 1972-73 school year. Coached 4 State Champs including his son.

Ken Weaver – 1971 Avon Lake Graduate and Sectional champ in 1969. Became an Assistant Coach for Avon Lake as early as 1979. Became Head Coach in 1988 to 1989 or more coaching many State Placers and Avon Lakes first State Champions at Avon Lake.

Frank Jayne – Head Coach or Director of Post Season High School Wrestling Team between 1997 to ... 10 Year Head Coach at Elyria High from 1981-90, coaching 4 State Champs. Resigned Elyria coaching post in 1990 to follow son Eddie to St. Edwards, becoming an assistant coach there. Obtained U.S. Wrestling Association Bronze Certificate in 1980 and later Silver Certificate, which will allow him to coach teams overseas and coach at the International Level.

Merle Dusek – Head Coach for Columbia from 1987 to 1991 and 1995 to ... Produced 3 State Champs.

Paul Bukky – Vermilion Head Coach 1970-77. Leads team to 9th place at state in 1977.

Rich DeLametre – Assistant Coach for Vermilion from 1980 and ’81, then Head Coach for Vermilion from 1982-87 where he coached his sons.

Mark Toomey – 4 year Head Coach of Vermilion 1978 – 81 coaching 2 State Champs.

Tadaaki Hatta – Head coach for Oberlin High from 1978 to at least 1981 possibly through 1983 before leaving to coach at Ravenna, then St. Ed’s, and eventually Olympic Wrestling Team.



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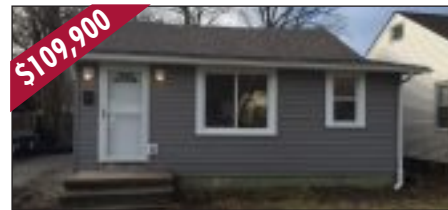
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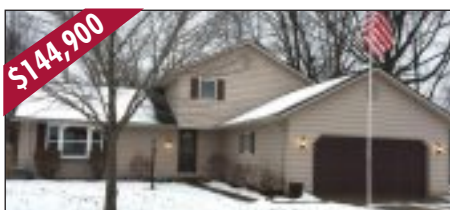
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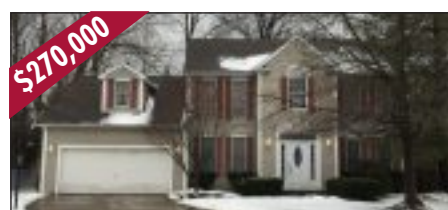
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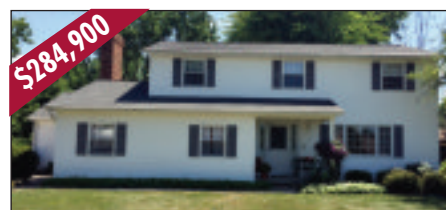
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