



HHS MATMEN—This 1977 Hamburg High School varsity wrestling team under coach Paul Whitman, compiled a 12-3 season record to place second in a tough Division II ECIC schedule. Members from left front are Jackie

Franz, Dave Gillon, Bob Frans and Daryl Georger. Standing at rear in same order are Brian Lowman, Terry Vacanti, Mike Carlone, Tom Genco, Jim Bermingham, Capt. Greg Giles and Ben Flook.

Hamburg Wrestlers Finish 1st in Div. II Sectionals

This Season 12-3 Record Best for Coach Paul Whitman



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The Hamburg High School wrestling team finished the year with a 12-3 record, which put them second in a tough division II.

This year's team was, by far, the most successful group Paul Whitman has coached, and also the best team Hamburgs had since 1955.

Almost all the members of the varsity squad had winning records, and that was the big reason why the Bulldogs were victorious in the Lake Shore and Hamburg tournaments, and also won the division II sectionals.

The Hamburg grapplers were led by Captain Greg Giles who finished first in the sectionals and fourth in the intersectional match. Greg lost

a controversial 4-3 match in the semi-finals, to the wrestler who went on to win the meet. Greg finished the season with a 27-4 record.

Other outstanding wrestlers for Hamburg were Dave Gillon at 108 lbs., who placed first in the sectionals and finished with a 25-6 record. Tom Genco finished first in the sectionals in the 141 lb. class and completed the season at 26-5. Terry Vacanti at 170 lbs., who took first in the sectionals and ended with a 25-6 record and Daryl Georger, who took second in the sectional and completed a 19-4-1 season.

Hamburg also had Jackie Franz at 91 lbs. and Doug Gillon at 112 lbs. qualify for the intersectionals by taking seconds in the sectionals.

Sophomore Jackie Franz wrestled exceptionally well at the intersectionals and took fourth place in a tough class.

Our congratulations to a fine team and coach.

