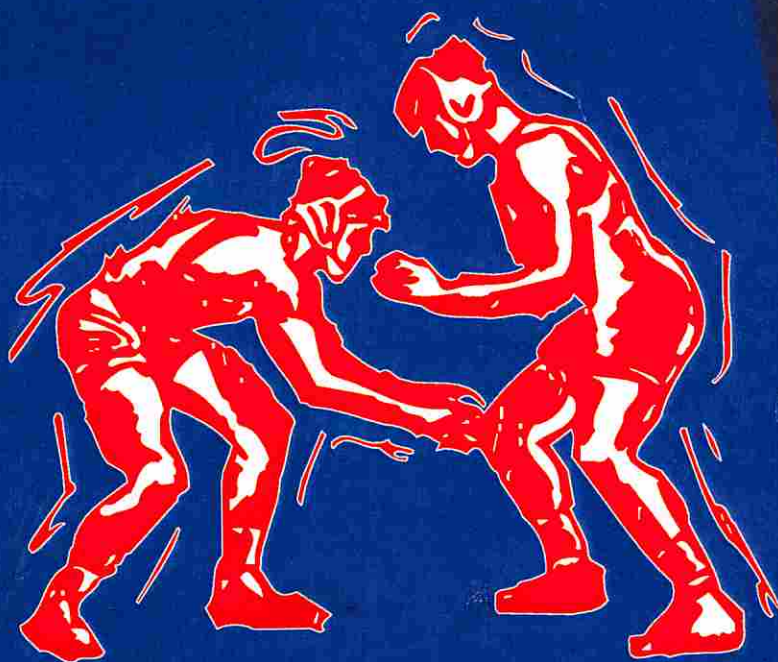


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1997 – 98

Fairport Red Raiders Wrestling



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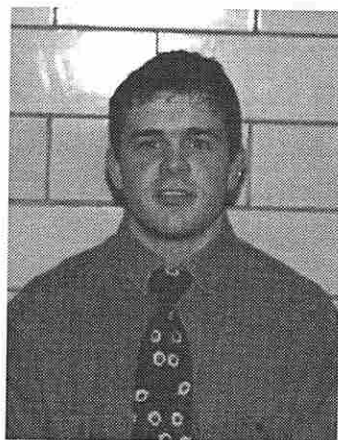
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Assistant Wrestling Coaches: Mike Kohl, Ed Porto

Junior Varsity Wrestling Coach: Gary Dawes

Modified Wrestling Coaches: Pete Logan, Mike Barker

Red Raiders Head Coach's Profile ...



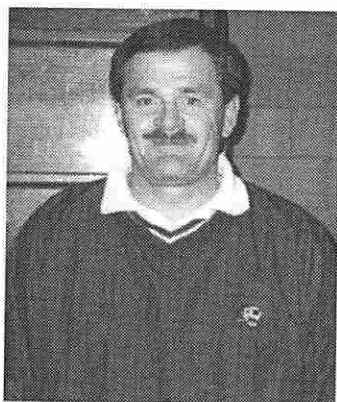
Craig Kaper

Coach Craig Kaper starts his first season as the Varsity Wrestling coach at Fairport High School. Coach Kaper wrestled for four years at Penfield High School, and graduated in 1992. He attended Oswego State College, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in English Literature in 1996. He is currently working on his Teaching Certification at St. John Fisher College.

As a high school competitor, Kaper won 74 matches, and posted two seasons when he earned more than 25 victories.

While at Oswego State, Coach Kaper started for four years on the Varsity Wrestling team. During his college career, Craig went to the NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships twice, and placed 7th in the nation his senior year, earning All-American honors.

Coach Kaper started coaching in 1996 as the Assistant Varsity coach at Brighton High School. He won his first varsity match as a head coach this season against Irondequoit.



Gary Dawes

Coach Gary Dawes starts his 22nd season of coaching wrestling at Fairport. Dawes begins his 3rd season as the Junior Varsity Wrestling coach, after coaching at the Modified level for 19 seasons. Coach Dawes grew up in Clinton, NY. He attended Brockport State College, where he graduated with a master's degree in Physical Education. In 1995, Dawes was elected to the Clinton High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Gary provides 27 years of teaching and coaching experience to the Red Raiders' program.

Coach Dawes started coaching in 1970 as the Varsity Wrestling, and Varsity Football coach at Rome Catholic High School. He coached at Rome Catholic for four years. Dawes moved to Fairport in 1975, and started coaching the Freshman Football Team, and the Junior High Track Team. The following year, Dawes became involved in the Fairport Wrestling program as the Modified Wrestling Coach at Johanna Perrin. Coach Dawes has remained a vital part of the program ever since. Dawes continues to coach the JV Football team, and the Modified Track Team since he started 22 years ago. Gary has also contributed to the sport of wrestling working as a wrestling official for eight years.

Red Raiders Assistant Coach's Profile ...

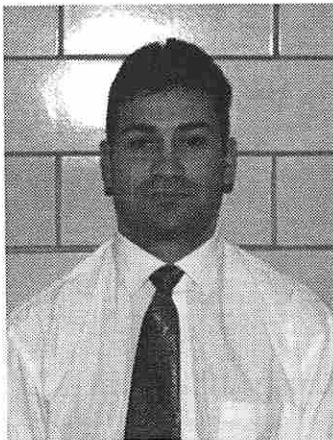


Mike Kohl

Mike Kohl returns to Fairport High School for his first season as the Assistant Varsity Wrestling coach. Mike graduated from FHS in 1992 after an outstanding wrestling career. He attended Oswego State College, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education in 1996.

As a senior at Fairport, Kohl was a Section V Class A Champion and qualified for the New York State Wrestling Tournament, where he placed 6th. Mike received the Red Raider Award as the team's most valuable wrestler his senior year, and received the Spark Plug Award his junior year.

While at Oswego State, Kohl started for four years on the Varsity Wrestling team, and was a teammate of Coach Kaper. During his four-year college career, Kohl qualified for the NCAA Division III Championships three times. Mike earned All-American honors twice, placing 7th in the nation his junior year, and 4th in the nation his senior year. Kohl was team captain his junior and senior years.

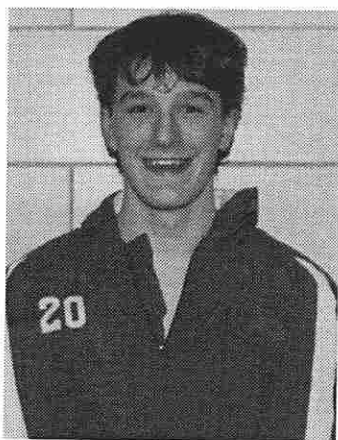


Ed Porto

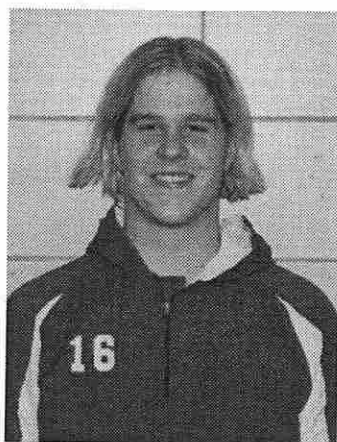
Ed Porto was a four-year varsity wrestler at McQuaid Jesuit High School. He went on to wrestle at Binghamton University. Upon graduating from Binghamton he returned to McQuaid, where he spent four years as the Junior Varsity Wrestling Coach and Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach.

Ed is currently enrolled in the New York State Teacher Certification Program at Nazareth, where he is studying to become a secondary education teacher in Social Studies. Course work towards the certification forced him to take last year off from coaching. With the majority of his course work finished, he decided to accept Coach Kaper's invitation to join the coaching staff here at Fairport. Porto brings good experience to the wrestling program, and is very eager to use his teaching skills on the mat again.

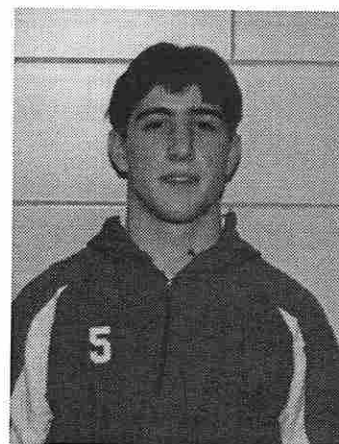
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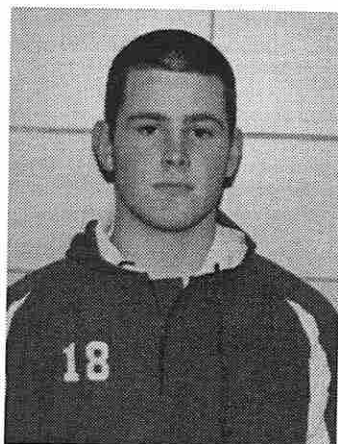
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Junior**



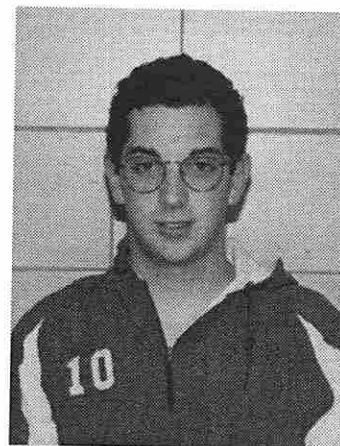
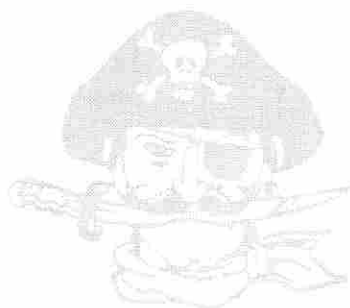
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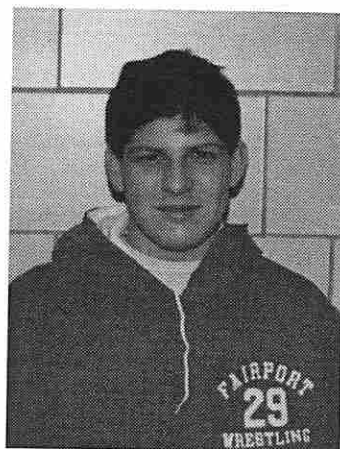
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Junior**



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Junior, Captain**



**Josh Salzman
Junior**



**Steve McElvain
Sophomore**

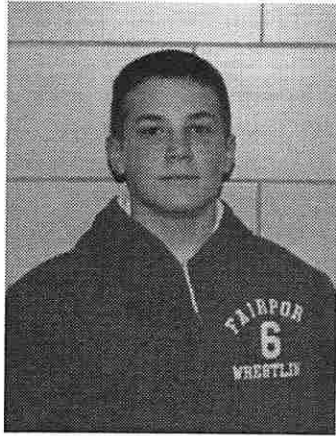


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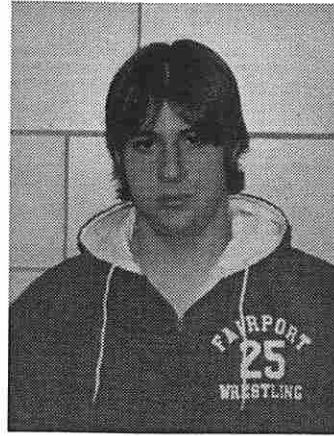
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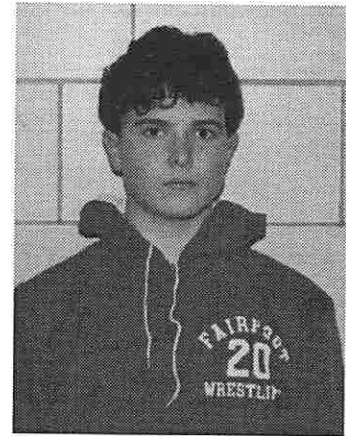
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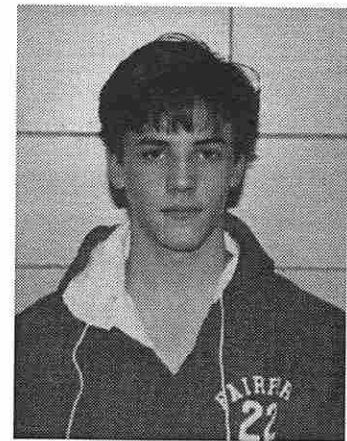
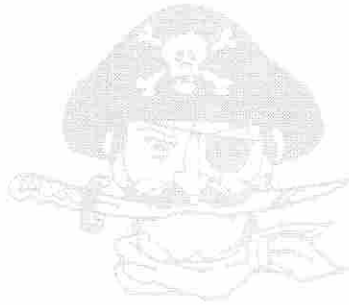
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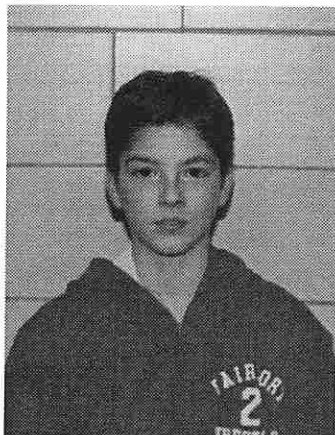
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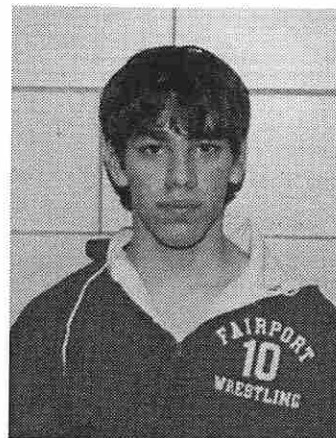
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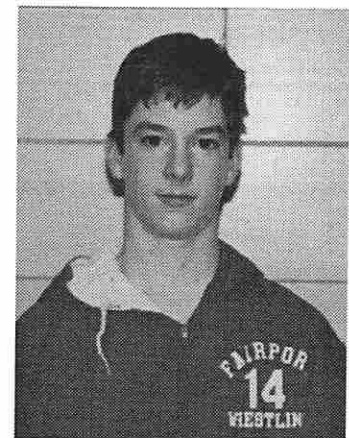
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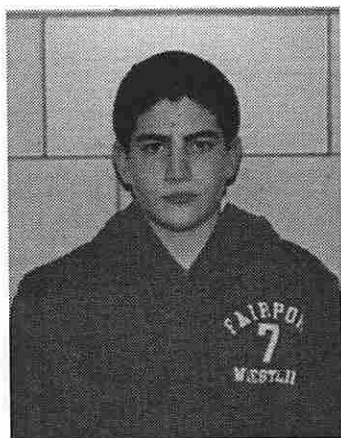


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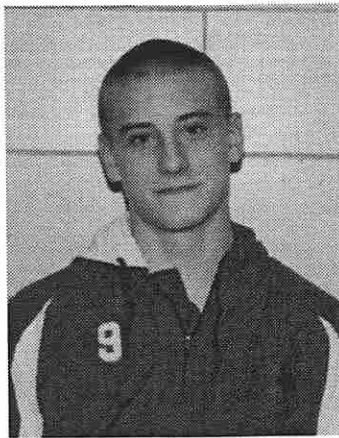


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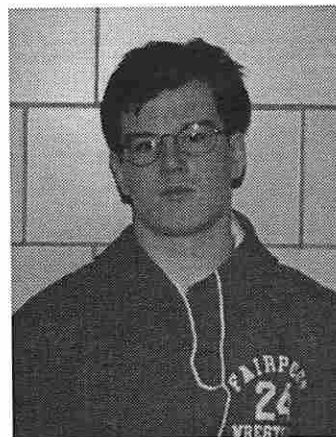
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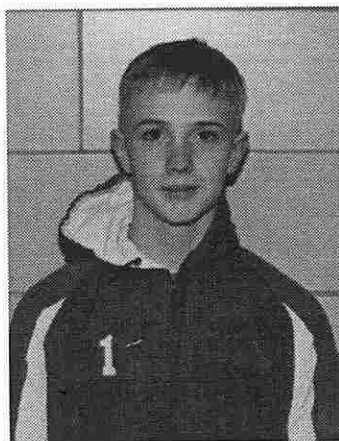
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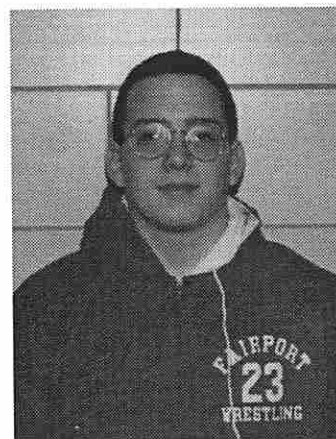
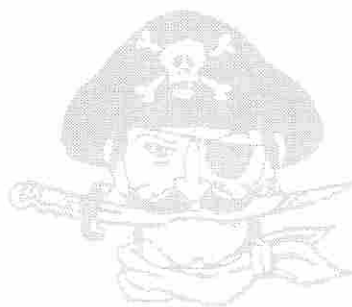
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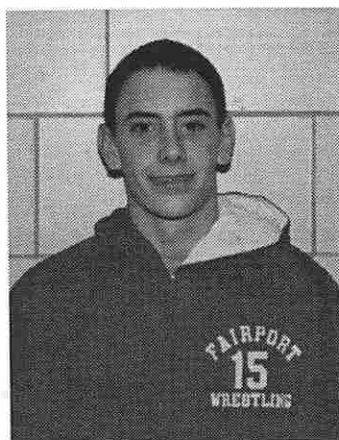
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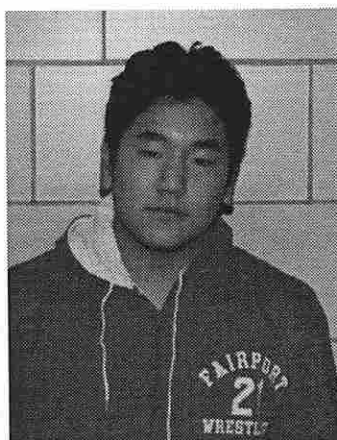
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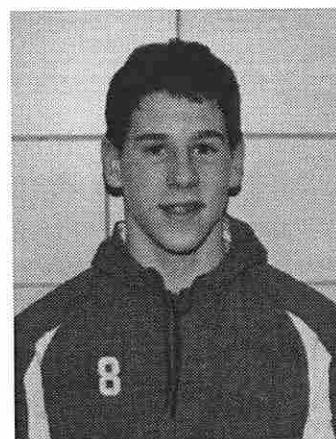
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**Albert Van Laeken
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**Matt Winkler
Freshman**



**Joe Fingler
8th Grade**

Red Raiders Honor Roll ...

STATE WRESTLING QUALIFIERS

1997 Matt Melrose (171, 5th)
1992 Mike Kohl (119, 6th)
1991 Matt Logan (145)
1989 Jerry Pelusio (215)
1981 Scott Kay (155, 2nd)
1980 Bob Arao (119, 4th)
1979 Wally Vaughan (250, 3rd)
1977 Dave Halladay (119)
1977 Ken Jamison (126)
1977 Joe Murnin (132, 3rd)
1977 Mike Stuver (155)
1976 Gerry Savoie (138)
1968 Gary Harvey (167)

SECTION V CHAMPIONS

1997 Matt Melrose (171)
1997 Jake Boerman (189)
1995 James Mooney-Boerman (155)
1994 John Agnello (215)
1993 Steve Iaculli (138)
1992 Mike Kohl (119)
1992 Matt Logan (145)
1992 John Fingler (215)
1992 Mike Daciw (250)
1991 Matt Logan (138)
1990 Mark Burstein (112)
1984 Tom Walter (132)
1981 Scott Kay (155)
1979 Scott Gillman (138)
1979 Wally Vaughan (250)
1977 Ken Jamison (126)
1977 Joe Murnin (132)
1977 Rich Boland (148)
1977 Bob Kyff (167)

1976 Dave Halladay (112)
* *Ordway Award Best Wrestler*
1975 Dave Halladay (105)
1975 Peter Felker (155)
1975 Jason Sweet (177)
1968 Gary Harvey (165)

MONROE COUNTY CHAMPIONS

1997 Matt Melrose (171)
* *M/C East Most Outstanding Wrestler*
1995 Sean Smith (145)
1994 John Agnello (215)
1993 Steve Iaculli (138)
1992 Steve Iaculli (126)
1992 Matt Logan (145)
1992 Mike Daciw (250)
1991 Matt Logan (138)
1990 Mark Burstein (112)
1984 Tom Walter (132)
1984 Nick Whitcombe (145)
1984 Dave Popen (215)
1983 Tom Walter (138)
1981 Scott Kay (155)
1979 Bob Arao (112)
1979 Wally Vaughan (250)
1977 Ken Jamison (126)
1977 Joe Murnin (132)
* *Most Outstanding Wrestler*
1976 Dave Halladay (112)
1975 Jason Sweet (177)
1970 Nick Pittinaro (185)
1970 Fred Buehler (215)
* *most pins in fastest time*
1968 Gary Harvey (165)
1966 Jamie Aparo (138)

... Red Raiders Honor Roll

RED RAIDER AWARD

1997 Matt Melrose (171)
1996 Matt Melrose (177)
1994 Sean Smith (145)
1993 Pat Moreland (177)
1992 Mike Kohl (119)
Matt Logan (138)
1991 Matt Logan (132)
1990 Marc Johnson (132)
1989 Chris Lozipone (138)
1988 Mike Johnson (155)

SPARK PLUG AWARD

1997 Chris Vossler (140)
1996 Connor Linehan (98)
1994 James Mooney Boerman (155)
1993 Jason Solarek (155)
1992 Kevin Fisher (112)
1991 Mike Kohl (112)
1990 Mark Burstein (112)
1989 Marc Johnson (126)
1988 Marc Burstein (132)

MOST PINS - DUAL MEETS

1996 Conner Linehan (98, 7 / 14)
1994 Sean Smith (145, 5 / 11)
1983 Tom Walter (138, 6 / 11)
1983 Dave Popen (215, 6 / 10)
1982 Ken Hecker (98, 3 / 8)
1982 Jim Santini (112, 3 / 8)
1982 Paul Cappana (167, 3 / 9)
1981 John Gattney (112, 4 / 13)
1980 Scott Kay (155, 6 / 14)
1978 Wally Vaughan (215, 9 / 12)
1977 Dan Enright (215, 9 / 12)
1975 Dave Hallady (112, 5 / 13)
1974 Dave Hallady (105, 5 / 12)
1974 Jason Sweet (177, 5 / 12)
1973 Dave Stolt (112, 7 / 16)
1973 Ken Darin (215, 7 / 15)

1972 Dave Stolt (105, 5 / 12)
1972 Kevin Lennon (132, 5 / 14)
1971 Rick Cleveland (155, 5 / 13)
1970 Bill Harp (126, 4 / 12)
1969 Fred Buehler (215, 10 / 11)
1968 Fred Buehler (215, 7 / 14)
1967 Gary Harvey (167, 9 / 15)
1966 Jamie Aparo (138, 7 / 14)
1965 Richard Frey (112, 6 / 10)

FASTEST PINS

1980 Jeff Barker (119, 9 sec.)
1983 Todd Tribunell (126, 11 sec.)
1967 Paul D'Accursio (105, 13 sec.)
1997 Dave Doser (220, 14 sec.)
1991 Matt Logan (155, 14 sec.)
1973 Ken Darin (215, 14 sec.)
1968 Fred Buehler (215, 18 sec.)

MOST TAKEDOWNS - DUAL MEETS

1996 Matt Melrose (177, 54 / 13)
1994 Matt Melrose (167, 37 / 13)
1983 Tom Walter (138, 35 / 11)
1982 Tom Walter (138, 18 / 9)
1982 Mark Giambrone (126, 18 / 9)
1981 Chris Barker (215, 30 / 15)
1980 Steve Good (177, 28 / 15)
1978 Scott Gillman (138, 16 / 12)
1977 Bob Kyff (167, 23 / 12)
1975 Joe Murnin (132, 26 / 14)
1974 Dave Halladay (112, 21 / 12)
1973 Dave Stolt (112, 25 / 16)
1972 Kevin Lennon (132, 14 / 14)
1971 John Dumond (105, 13 / 11)
1970 Dave Scarazzo (126, 14 / 11)
1969 Fred Buehler (215, 14 / 11)
1968 Nick Pittinaro (185, 15 / 10)
1967 Paul D'Accursio (105, 24 / 15)
1966 Gary Harvey (167, 20 / 13)
1965 Richard Frey (112, 16 / 10)

Wrestling Jargon ...

Caution: A warning from the referee for a false start. A second caution in a match results in a point awarded to the opponent.

Escape: A wrestler moves from the bottom position to a neutral position. The wrestler earns one point for each escape.

Fall / Pin: A wrestler holds both of the opponent's shoulder blades to the mat for two seconds, thus ending the match.

Injury Time: Two minutes total for a wrestler, or three timeouts. Blood injury time is a separate five minutes total for a wrestler. Any wrestler that cannot continue after the injury time expires must default.

Match: Two wrestlers competing for three two-minute periods.

Near fall: A move through which a wrestler exposes one or both of his opponent's shoulders to the mat. The wrestler earns two points for holding this position for at least two seconds, or three points for holding this position for at least five seconds.

Neutral position: The starting position in which both wrestlers are on their feet, and neither wrestler has control.

Referee's position: The starting position in which one wrestler kneels and places both hands on the mat in front of him, and the other wrestler assumes a position on top of his opponent with one knee on the mat, and one hand on his opponent's elbow.

Reversal: A move through which a wrestler in the bottom position can get behind or on top of his opponent and controls him.

The wrestler earns two points for a reversal.

Stalemate: Both wrestlers are declared to be in a deadlock situation. The wrestlers are brought back to the referee's position and restarted.

Stalling: A wrestler is cautioned for not advancing his position.

Takedown: A move through which a wrestler is maneuvered or thrown to the mat from the neutral position and maintains a controlling position.

Team scoring:

- Decision (win by 7 points or less) = 3 team points.
- Major Decision (win by 8-11 points) = 4 team points.
- Superior Decision (win by 12-14 points) = 5 team points.
- Technical Fall (win by 15 points or more) = 6 team points.
- Pin/Fall = 6 team points.
- Forfeit = 6 team points.
- Disqualification = 6 team points.
- Default = 6 team points.

Weight classes: High school wrestlers compete in 15 weight classes: 96 (tournaments only), 103, 112, 119, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 152, 160, 171, 189, 215, 275 (tournaments only). A 2 lb. weight allowance is given 12/25/97; an additional 1 lb. allowance is given 2/1/98.

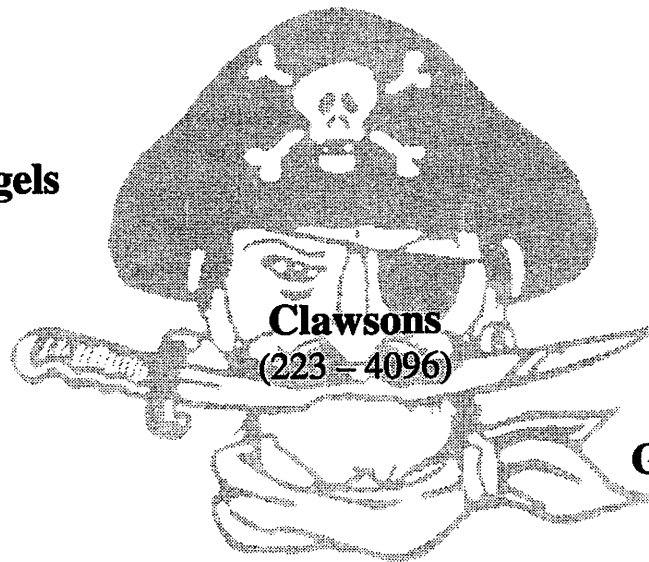
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It's All a State of Mind ...

If you think you are beaten, you are,
If you think you dare not, you don't;

If you'd like to win, but think you can't,
It's almost a "cinch" you won't.

If you think you'll lose, you're lost,
For out in the world you find
Success begins with a fellow's will,
It's all a state of mind.

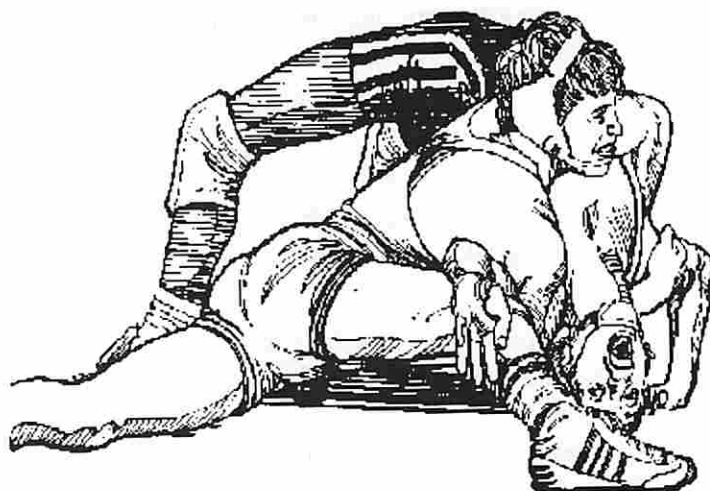
For many a race is lost,
Ere even a step is run;
And many a coward fails,
Ere even his work's begun.

Think big, and your deeds will grow,
Think small and you'll fall behind;
Think that you can, and you will,
It's all a state of mind.

If you think you're outclassed, you are,
You've got to think high to rise;
You've got to be sure of yourself before,
You ever can win a prize.

Life's battles don't always go
To the stronger or faster man;
But sooner or later the man who wins,
Is the one who thinks he can.

excerpt from Systematic Championship Wrestling, Ray F. Carson, Jr.



**They can conquer,
who *believe* they can.**

Emerson

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