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*Senior Night*

February 5, 2004

**Fairport vs Gates Chili**

# Senior Wrestlers



Top row left to right: Brian Johnson, Nick Ryan, Brandon Ruiz, Steve Yanus, Steve Curtin  
 Bottom row: Ryan Usher, Spencer Reynolds  
 Missing from Photo: Greg Smith

## A message to all the seniors,

I would like to say thank you to all our seniors. You are a very special group of young men. The one thing I will always remember, over everything else about this group of wrestlers, is your commitment to one another and our team's success. Each of you has played a very important part in the success of this team. Without such strong senior leadership we would not have found nearly the accomplishments we have this year. One of the highlights, so far, was the second place finish at the Hilton Tournament. The one statistic, that stands out to me more than any other, is the fact that every senior who wrestled that weekend placed at that tournament. Your leadership has provided the element of success that stabilized our team this year and it will leave a lasting impression on our teams to come. I wish you happiness and success in the paths you choose in life. I look forward to hearing of your future endeavors. Always remember that you will always be welcome in our wrestling room....  
 ONCE A RAIDER, ALWAYS A RAIDER.

**Coach Kohl**

**Modified at Johanna Perrin**

Coach Gary Dawes  
 Manager Kathryn Sweet

Joseph Allen  
 Justin Bernegger  
 Matt Breen  
 Rich Carlston  
 Charlie Ciraolo  
 Zae Dubois  
 Dean Elvin  
 Kyle Hall  
 Patrick Hughes  
 Lee Karabinakis  
 Matt Mahan  
 Brandon Plant  
 Ben Raha  
 Matt Roe  
 Logan Simpson  
 Austin Suter  
 Max Venturo  
 Bennett Wilcox

**Modified at Martha Brown**

Coach Jim Nunez

Gage Banker  
 Kyle Benjamin  
 Jake Bloom  
 Sean Burke  
 Jeffrey Cowden  
 Robert Cunningham  
 Joel Downey  
 Tyler Dufault  
 Ricky Fiandach  
 Ryan Fox  
 Ryan Gallagher  
 Tucker Gosda  
 Scott Jones  
 Adam Kohl  
 Jeremy Lindauer  
 Tyler Maxwell  
 Franklin Mosca  
 Adam Onderdonk  
 Ben Onderdonk  
 Timothy O'Reilly  
 Aaron Patterson  
 Zack Reibsome  
 Steve Rodman  
 Kevin Ross  
 Jeffery Slabe  
 Patrick Trabold  
 Gavin Yauchzee

## Varsity Wrestlers

Varsity Coach: Michael Kohl  
Assistant Varsity Coach: Todd Forkey  
Manager: Lindsay Kohl

Chris Bennett  
Steve Curtin  
Seth Elvin  
Tom Gayvert  
Brian Johnson  
Jeff Kohl  
Dustin Lotz  
Mike McGinn  
Mike O'Connor  
Eric Rast  
Spencer Reynolds  
Brandon Ruiz  
Nick Ryan  
Corey Sechrist  
Sean Sechrist  
Greg Smith  
Ryan Usher  
Steve Yanus

## Junior Varsity Wrestlers

Junior Varsity Coach: Mike Barker

Jonathan Alessi-Corey  
David Barker  
Jason Benza  
Nick Caliguiri  
Mitch Costa  
Mark Harstad  
Jack Hereford  
Connor McDonald  
Steve McGinn  
William N  
Jacob Newman  
Dan Overhauser  
Justin Palardy  
Steve Pittinaro  
Andrew Stern  
Zachary Straub  
John Venturo

## Seniors and Their Parents

Steve Curtin ..... Donna and Dan Curtin  
Brian Johnson..... Linda and David Johnson  
Spencer Reynolds..... Debbie and Jim Reynolds  
Brandon Ruiz..... Cheryl and Stephen Ruiz  
Nick Ryan ..... Lori and Mike Ryan  
Greg Smith ..... Cyrene and Mike Smith  
Ryan Usher ..... Brenda and Rod Usher  
Steve Yanus ..... Kim and Tim Mannix

### A message to the parents,

Such a fine group of boys does not come about without guidance and support. Thank you for all you do for your boys, our team, and each other. I will miss each of you and the support you provide.

Coach Kohl

# Fairport Wrestling 2003-2004 Season

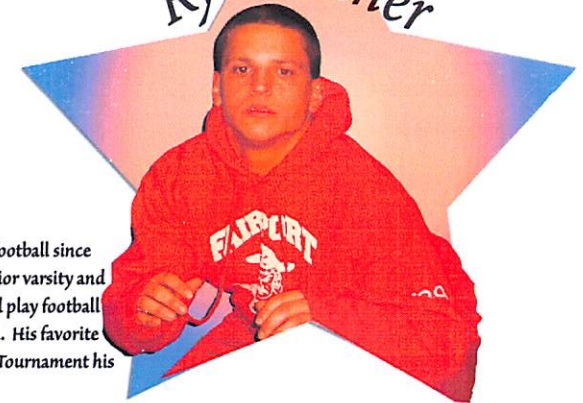
The Fairport Wrestling team has compiled a 9-3 record to date with three more dual matches left to wrestle this season. In December the team faced three tough opponents: Greece Athena, Wayne Central and Rush-Henrietta.

The Athena matches were a tight contest with a big win at 215 by Tom Gayvert, giving Fairport the win by a three-point margin. Fairport was outmatched against both Wayne Central and Rush-Henrietta. However, the team kept its focus and lost only one more match to Brockport since winning its matches against Penfield and Churchville Chili.

In early January Fairport earned 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Livonia Duals gaining five wins. Prior to this, the team placed in the middle of the pack in the early season tournaments.

Then in mid-January at the Clayton Barnard Hilton tournament, where about half of the competing schools came from the Buffalo and Syracuse areas, proved to show what this team is all about. The team finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 9 wrestlers in 6<sup>th</sup> place or above. Even though no wrestler took home the first place prize; Nick Ryan wrestled in the finals earning a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish for the team. Brandon Ruiz and Ryan Usher placed 3<sup>rd</sup>; while Steve Curtin, Tom Gayvert and Sean Sechrist each placed fourth. Seth Elvin placed 5<sup>th</sup>, while Dusty Lotz and Spencer Reynolds finished in sixth place. Our team's 2<sup>nd</sup> place rank was the best Fairport finish.

Ryan Usher



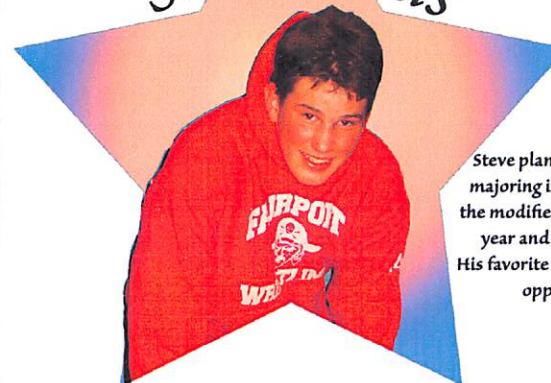
Ryan has been wrestling and playing school football since 7<sup>th</sup> grade being on teams at the modified, junior varsity and varsity levels. He plans to attend college and play football – possibly at Baldwin Wallace or John Carroll. His favorite wrestling moment was winning the Penfield Tournament his freshman year.

His message to underclassmen: Continue to work hard for your goals!

From Coach Kohl:

A staple in our upper weights over the last few seasons will be missed. Ryan is an explosive wrestler who always provides exciting matches and a key win when the team really needs it.

Steve Yanus



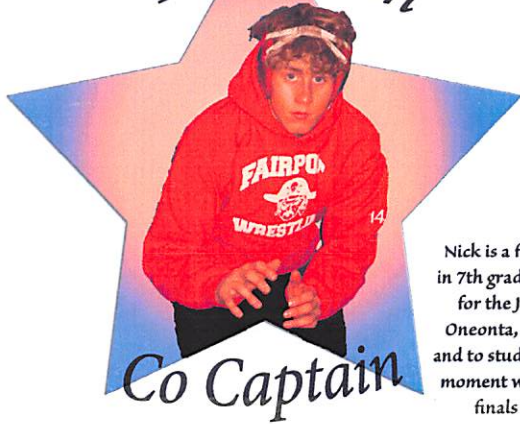
Steve plans on attending MCC and then a University majoring in Computer Programming. He wrestled at the modified level at Martha Brown and his freshman year and returned to wrestling this year as a senior. His favorite wrestling moment was winning against an opponent that he did not think he could beat.

His message to underclassmen: Stick with it!

From Coach Kohl:

Steve has helped strengthen our line-up. Returning to the sport his senior year Steve provides our team with another hard working athlete in the practice room.

## Nick Ryan



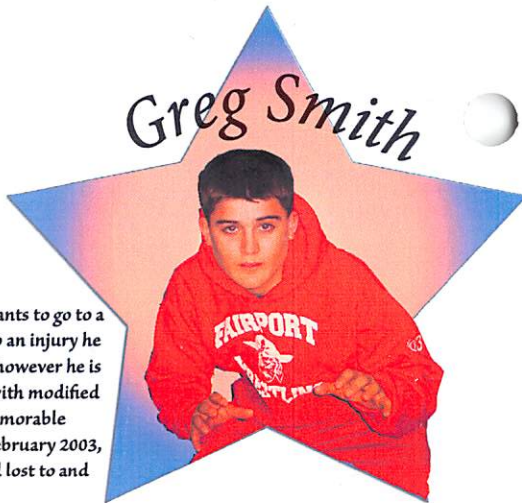
Nick is a four year varsity wrestler who began wrestling in 7th grade. He also has played Varsity Soccer and plays for the Jazz Band. He is looking to attend college at Oneonta, RIT, Sacred Heart, or Brockport for wrestling and to study film/communications. His favorite wrestling moment was winning in double overtime in the quarter finals of the 2003 Monroe County Tournament.

His message to underclassmen: Wrestling is a sport with little reward.

From Coach Kohl:

Nick is a wrestler that simply hates to lose. His competitive nature and desire to succeed are just two of the ways that this Co-Captain provides leadership for our team.

## Greg Smith



Greg has wrestled since 7th grade. He wants to go to a SUNY school for communications. Due to an injury he has been unable to compete this season; however he is sharing his wrestling talents by helping with modified wrestlers at Martha Brown. His most memorable accomplishment was during sectionals February 2003, beating wrestlers in wrestle-backs he had lost to and qualifying for the Super sectionals.

His message to underclassmen : Always go hard because sometimes in life you don't get second chances.

From Coach Kohl:

Greg was our only Super-Sectional Qualifier to return this year and was missed in our line-up. Unable to compete this year he has shown his love for the sport by helping out at the modified level.

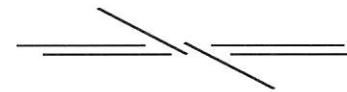
Monroe Counties were much tougher. The Fairport team placed 15<sup>th</sup> with four wrestlers placing in the top six.

Both Coach Kohl and Coach Forkey have led the team for the past three seasons and coached many of the seniors for their entire varsity careers.

For our seniors, this final season may be the last wrestling they will do in competition. Greg Smith faced his season's end due to an injury, before the season began. Steve Yanus returned his senior year, practicing with the team for the whole season with very little mat time—but I give him a lot of credit for all his hard work. Ryan Usher, again, wrestled the 189-lb class keeping the fans on the edge of our seats as we wait for him to explode to win the match as time runs out. Spencer Reynolds worked his way into a spot at 171 for the second half of the season and brings enthusiasm every time he takes to the mat. Steve Curtin is a steady force on the team, with a good finish at the Hilton tournament. Brandon Ruiz and Nick Ryan pulled down their weight 20 lbs. to compete this season. Both have settled into their tournament weights and did well at the Hilton and the Monroe County Tournaments. Brian Johnson, who wrestled well vs. Penfield, incurred two concussions keeping him off the mats for part of the season. These seniors have set good examples for the underclassman.

With less than a month left to this wrestling season the team has a couple more dual matches as well as the Sectional tournament, which will be the end for most of our wrestlers. For those privileged wrestlers that qualify for Super-sectionals, they will have hopes of representing Fairport in the State tournament. Hopefully, the underclassmen will have learned that their senior year may not turn out as they plan and learn to wrestle every match as if it is their last—because you never know. Good luck to all!

Stephen Ruiz



Steve has wrestled at the junior varsity and varsity level. He also played FHS football and plays in orchestra. He plans to go to MCC or Buffalo State College for criminal justice. His favorite wrestling moment was placing 4<sup>th</sup> at Hilton this year.  
 His message to underclassmen: Nothing beats hard work!

From Coach Kohl:

Steve is a team first, himself second, athlete. He works hard and has brought a competitive attitude into the practice room and in competition.

## Steve Curtin



Spencer wrestled at the modified level and returned to wrestling last year as a junior. He plans to go to college or into the armed services in either the navy or army. He played football and enjoys bow hunting, fishing, baseball and camping. His favorite wrestling accomplishments were beating his opponents from Chili, Brockport, Pittsford, Palymra, Livonia, and Hilton.  
 His message to underclassmen: Once a Raider Always a Raider.

From Coach Kohl:

Spencer comes to every practice with a smile. He is a guy who just plain old likes to work hard and sweat. His enthusiasm for wrestling is a pillar on our team.

## Spencer Reynolds



## Brian Johnson



## Co Captain

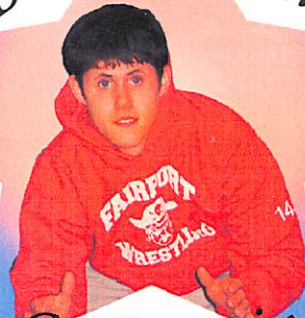
Brian plans to attend a four year college possibly at Alfred University, Utica College, Hartwick or Fredonia. He is hoping to play football in college. He has been a part of Fairport Wrestling since 7<sup>th</sup> grade. He played four years of high school football. He plays in Symphonic Band. His favorite wrestling moment was vs. Rush Henrietta freshman year wrestling a come from behind pin at 103 weight class to start off the varsity that night.

His message to underclassmen: Listen to your coaches; there is no substitute for hard work!!!

From Coach Kohl:

Brian is a true leader in the practice room. One of our three Co-Captains, he sets the example trying to always get the most out of himself. Brian understands that hard work leads to success and will carry this trait through life.

## Brandon Ruiz



## Co Captain

Brandon has wrestled at the modified, junior varsity and varsity levels. He plans to attend Elon University next fall. His favorite wrestling accomplishment was his individual 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish with the team's 2nd place showing at Hilton this year.

His message to underclassmen: Work hard and don't ever give up!

From Coach Kohl:

Brandon is a scrappy wrestler who strives to get the most out of his abilities. A leader and committed team member, Co-Captain Brandon sets the tone for our team. His tenacious attitude brings us together.