

# Wrestling with Success

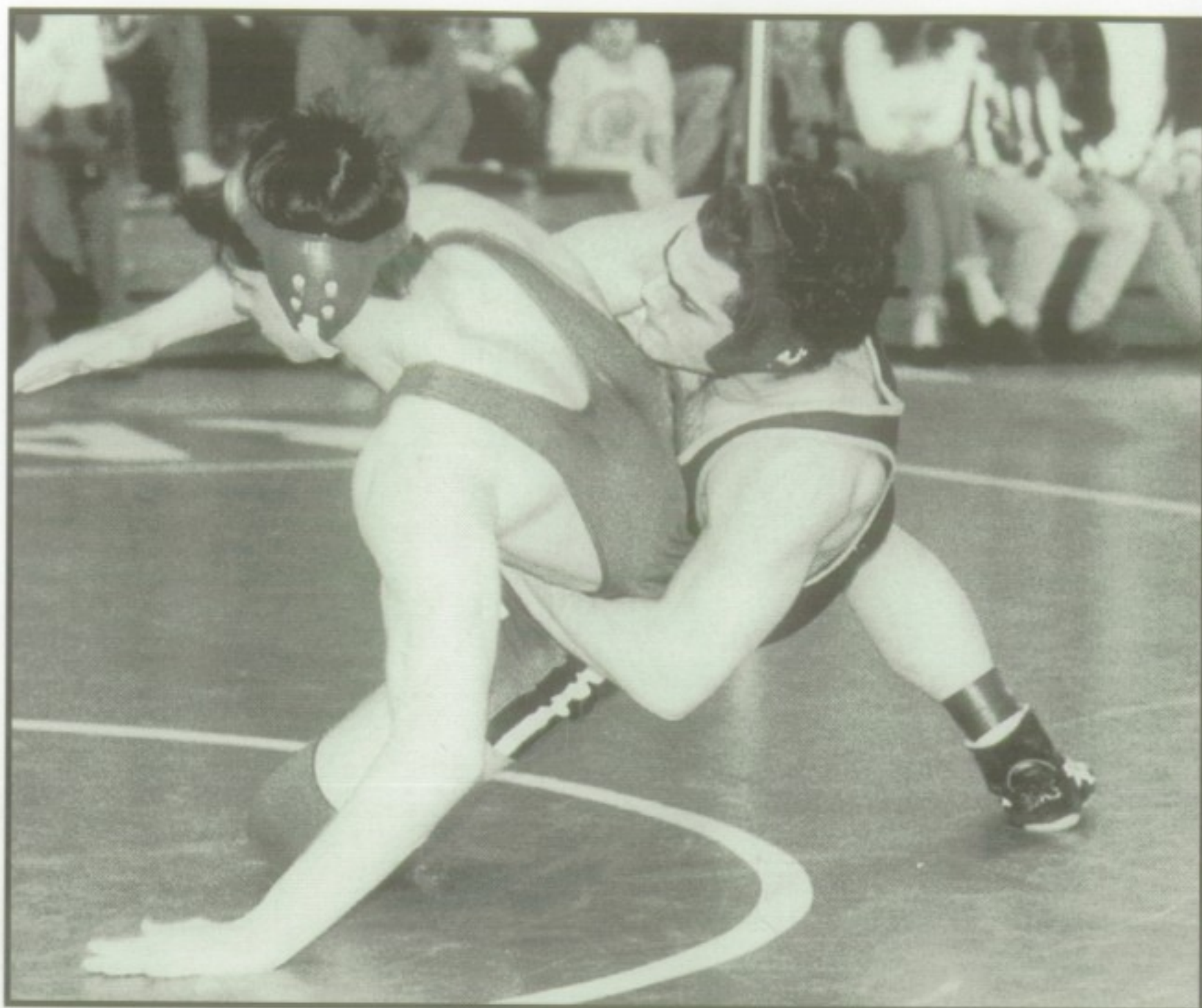
As they faced a tough season, the Indians proved themselves to be formidable opponents. Their 6-10-1 record demonstrated the wrestlers' ability to come through tough times. Nate Bader had an outstanding match against Webster, one of the team's most difficult foes. Bader, who beat his opponent during overtime both at Webster and at county sectionals, commented, "We really pulled together; whether we were on the mat or not, we made sure to support everyone who competed." Brendan Sheehan added, "The team lacked numbers to win a lot of meets, but as individuals everyone did well."

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Sophomore Jason Dugan won fourteen matches, and was second only to Arkee Allen, who had an incredible 27-0 record. Allen won all-county sectionals and was named to all-states, losing only in state sectionals. Allen's key to success this year changed over time. "I began to think about the wrestler as an individual," he explained, "instead of getting psyched out by the name."

Other high points of the season included winning the Irondequoit Cup, taking second in the Churchville Tournament, and placing third in the Irondequoit Duals. Senior Earl Giraulo won a match against the former county winner at Churchville, and he said, "It was a real high point in my wrestling career." The team was hindered by injuries as six wrestlers missed a substantial part of the season, including co-captains Giraulo and Sheehan. "It makes you realize that time shouldn't be wasted; do what you want now because you might not be able to prove your worth later on," stated Giraulo.



Bob Christiano forcefully takes down his opponent. (Photo courtesy of Gerry Weiss, Irondequoit Press.)

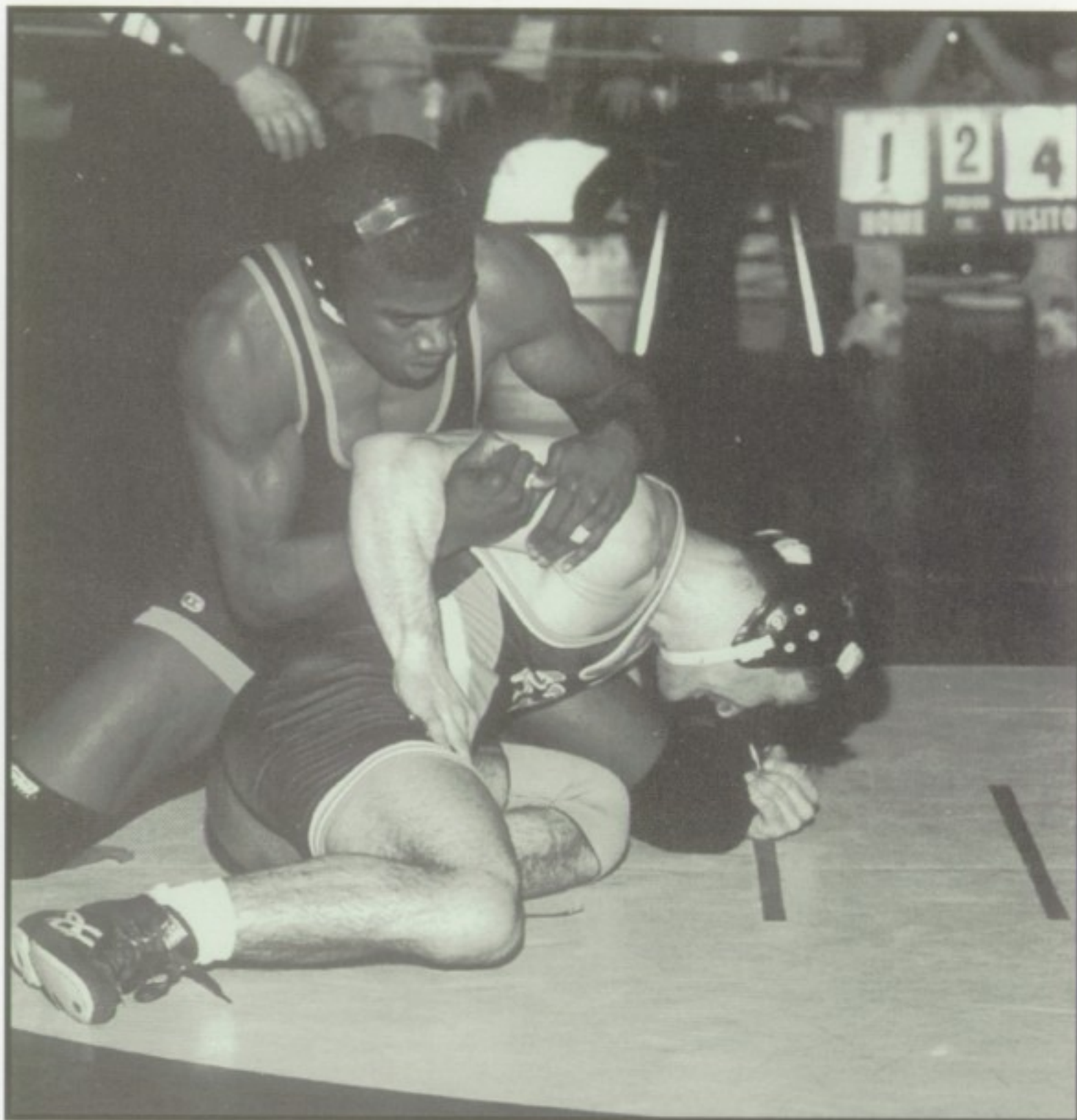




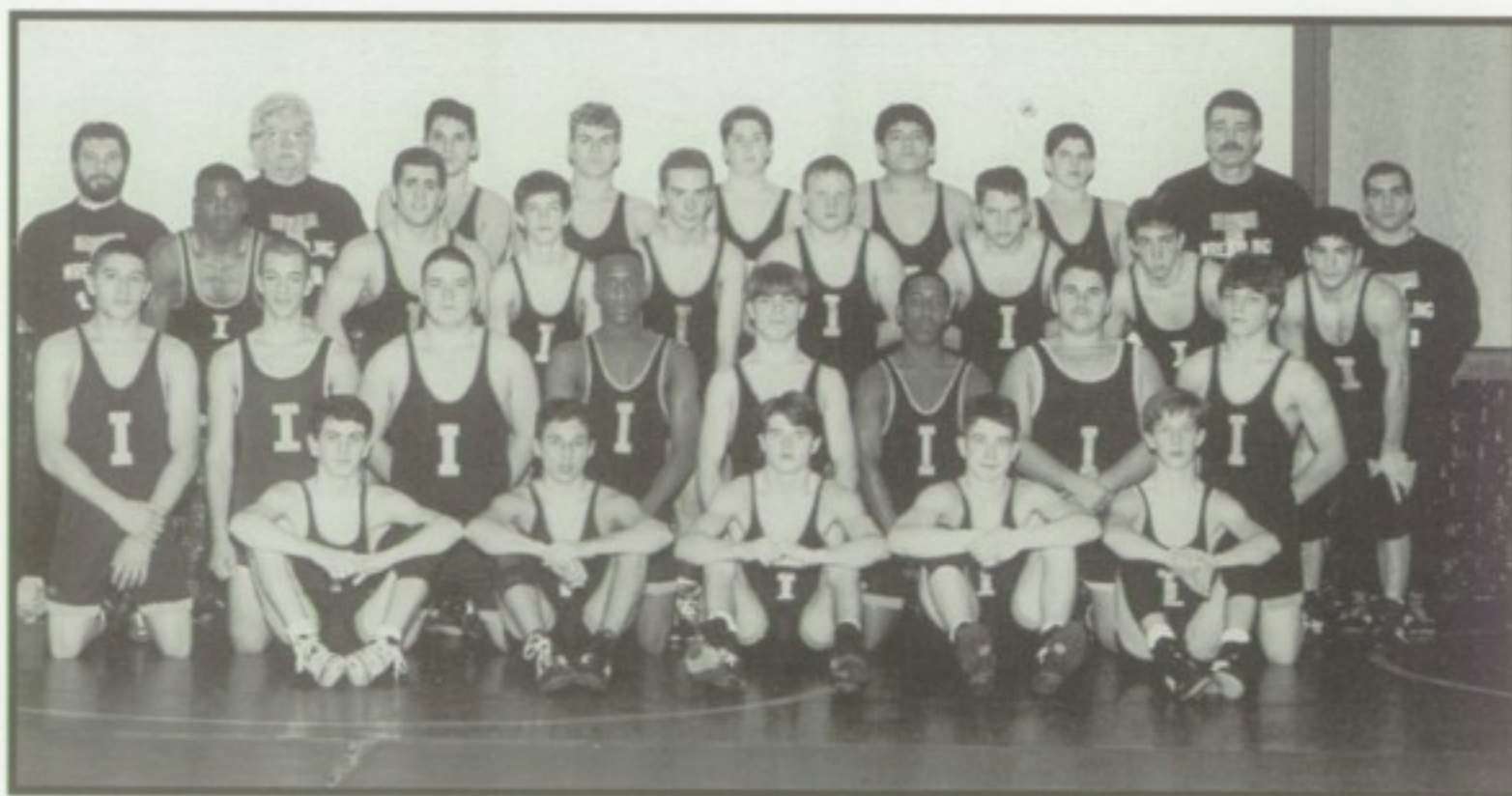
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It was powerful holds like the one below that led to scenes like the one at left as Arkee Allen shows off yet another trophy with Coach "Bear" Connorton. (Photos courtesy of Tony DePaul.)



Gerard Hopkins may look like he's in trouble, but he has the situation under control as he prepares to roll out of his opponent's grasp. (Photo courtesy of Gerry Weiss, Irondequoit Press.)



**Wrestling.** Row 1: Kris Neu, Josh Horowitz, Brendan Sheehan, Jason O'Neill, Ricky Harris Row 2: Ross Conley, Alex Oliveri, Joe Rizzo, Roy Hopkins, Marc Hinds, Gerard Hopkins, Mohammed Amireh, Aaron Vanschaick-Hess Row 3: Arkee Allen, Bob Christiano, Jason Dugan, Rob Reitnauer, Larry Klimek, Andy Senise, Earl Giraulo, Mike Moulton Row 4: Carmen Oliveri, Coach Connorton, Derek Schwartz, Nathan Bader, Sean Metz, Nick Horn, Brian Dastyck, Coach Macaluso, Joe Christiano