

South Wrestling — The Pride Is Back

Through dedication, determination, desire and discipline, the 1985-1986 Billies Wrestling squad found much to be proud of. This year's squad, under the direction of new head coach Jim Lamb, compiled a 10-2 won-loss record which was good enough for a second place finish in division III of the ECIC. A first ever victory over Pioneer (38-24) and a dramatic come from behind victory over previously unbeaten Clarence were obvious high points for the team.

The senior class of Dave Brady, Craig Galloway, Tim Mattulke and Jeff Banks provided the leadership which would be necessary for any successful program. The steady performances of Dave, Craig and Jeff gave the team the stability it needed. Unfortunately, Tim sustained injuries during the first practice which never healed enough for

him to compete on a regular basis.

Juniors Charles Gallagher, Bob Lawrence, Paul Bittar and Bill Schoenle made life difficult for the opposition throughout the season. Charlie, Bob and Bill were consistent winners, with Bill providing the finishing touch to many a team in the heavyweight class. Paul Bittar, due to illness and injury, saw limited action but provided some clutch victories while in the lineup.

The skill of sophomore and freshman wrestlers Chris Kumrow, Brian Keenan, Scott Laubisch, Rick Testar, Kenny McLouth, Doug Truesdell, Joe Rotella, Rick Gallagher, Rob Silvestri, Erich Kraus, Marc Weller, Mark Utz and Eric Eads proved to be a pleasant surprise. Chris Kumrow, Brian Keenan, Rick Testa, Kenny McLouth and Joe Rotella all saw extensive varsity action

and gave the squad a tremendous effort. Indeed, each managed to win at a critical time during the season.

To top off a great season, a record eight wrestlers advanced to the Section VIXX state qualifying meet. They were: Chris Kumrow, Brian Keenan, Charles Gallagher, Rick Testa, Dave Brady, Craig Galloway, Jeff Banks and Bill Schoenle. Brian, Dave and Bill all managed to win divisionals in their respective weight classes.

The success of this year's wrestling squad was credited to a total team effort, with everyone coming through at critical times. Coach Lamb ended the season on a positive note, stressing that South's future teams could be just as successful — provided that team members stay active and work at their craft during the off-season.





BOYS' VARSITY WRESTLING *First Row:* Manager Lee Petrie, Rick Gallagher, Mark Weller, Chris Kumrow, Brian Keenan, Rich Testa, Doug Truesdell, Missy Christian. *Second Row:* Paul Bittar, Mauricio Godoy, Bob Lawrence, Erich Kraus, Jeff Banks, Ken McLouth, Tim Mattulke, Charlie Gallagher. *Third Row:* Assistant Coach Barry Pawelek, Joe Rotella, Rob Silvestri, Dave Iglehart, Bill Schoenle, Eric Eads, Mark Utz, Dave Brady, Craig Galloway, Head Coach Jim Lamb.

OPPOSITE PAGE *Center Left:* Dave exhibits mastery over his opponent. *Center Right:* The "ref" calls the play. *Lower Left:* "Hey — that's no fair." *Lower Right:* Bill decks an aspiring wrestler. **THIS PAGE** *Center Left:* The judges think the Billies should win. *Lower Left:* A struggle for control. *Lower Center:* "Touche!"

Bill Schoenle Wins South's First State Mat Title

Bill Schoenle's 12-2 decision over Pat Halpin of Baldwinsville gave South its first state wrestling championship. At 250 pounds, Bill defeated two other wrestlers besides Halpin to assume the title. Incredibly, he defeated the Section I representative 16-0 and pinned his semi-final opposition in only 31 seconds.

Bill's accomplishments are even more astounding when it is considered that he is only a junior. With a present career record of 70-18, Coach Lamb predicts nothing but bigger and brighter days for Bill. His goal for next season is to reach the 100 win plateau.

