

# 1959 -- 1960 Season



*Standing, l. to r.:* B. Gude; J. Hall; J. Ness; J. Flester; E. Tempesta; M. Bozevich; G. Beall; J. Mills. *Kneeling:* J. Dripps; G. Edwards; D. Loveless; J. Welsh; A. Halton; K. Rogers; R. Flowers; J. Crietz; G. Buckingham; T. Claggett. *Not Pictured:* E. Haralson; J. Hall; D. Giroux; R. Hanitchak.



### Season Highlight

- Wrestling started at LHS

*Capt. Holtan*

*From the Laurel High School 1960 Yearbook and the Laurel Historical Society*



(1 Win -- 5 Losses)

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*Laurel didn't even have a wrestling team when Cohen became the school's driver education teacher in 1960. But after graduating from the University of Maryland where he wrestled for the Terrapins, Cohen knew he wanted to coach.*

*For the first four months of the 1959-60 school year, 23-year-old Cohen persisted in his efforts to bring wrestling to Laurel.*

*"We didn't have anything," Cohen says. "We had to go out and borrow mats and mat covers (from Glen Burnie HS) -- we even had to borrow a truck to go pick up the mats."*

*From the beginning, Laurel wrestlers knew what to expect. Cohen's discipline was further instilled by his demand that wrestlers maintain military-style crew cuts.*

*"I went to Sully Krause, famed U of MD wrestling coach, and "borrowed" their JV uniforms. Never returned them. Our warm up jackets came from the UM boxing team."*

*"When those kids won that match in 1960, they celebrated as if they had won the Olympics."*



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## Edgewood Wrestlers Triumph, 33 To 16

Fort Meade, Md., Jan. 22 [Special]—Edgewood, boasting the only high school wrestling team in Harford county, defeated Laurel high, 33 to 16, at the fieldhouse on the Army post here.

Edgewood has won two matches and tied one this season, its second in grappling competition.

103-Pound Class — Ed Rose, Edgewood, pinned Claggett.

112-Pound Class—Hill, Edgewood, decisioned Buckingham.

120-Pound Class—Sayers, Edgewood, pinned Crietz.

127-Pound Class—Ernest Rose, Edgewood, pinned Flowers.

133-Pound Class—Nelson, Edgewood, pinned Rogers.

138-Pound Class—Holton, Laurel, decisioned Rogers.

145-Pound Class—Welsh, Laurel, decisioned Ayers.

154-Pound Class — Hall, Laurel, pinned Culp.

165-Pound Class—Edwards, Laurel, pinned Welch.

175-Pound Class—Valcik, Edgewood, pinned Hall.

Unlimited — Lampnam, Edgewood, pinned Ness.

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Laurel wrestlers are wearing Univ. of Maryland freshman wrestling team uniforms and Univ. of Maryland boxing team robes as warmers

