

1964 - 1965 LHS Wrestling



From the Coach Patrick Reilly Collection

Champs prepare to Defend their Titles!!!



LAUREL HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING SCHEDULE 1964-1965

Severna Park	Home	8:00
Northwestern	Away	2:30
Glen Burnie ..	Away	2:00
Surrattsville	Home	1:45
High Point	Home	8:00
Duval	Away	2:00
Annapolis	Home	1:45
Suitland	Away	
Sherwood	Away	3:30
County Wrestling Tournament at Surrattsville		

December	
11	Fri.
18	Fri.
23	Wed.
January	
8	Fri.
15	Fri.
21	Thur
28	Thur
February	
5	Fri.
19	Fri.
25-26	



West *Daucher* *Grace* *Vedock* *Messer* *Ball*
Foster *Harrison* *Wills* *Melken* *Meckley* *Baird* *Hall*

The Reward Of Wrestling

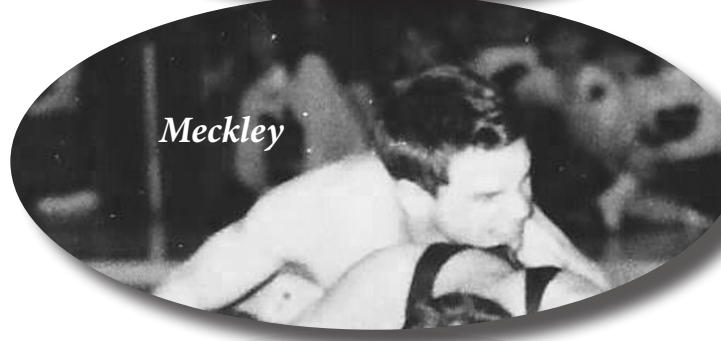
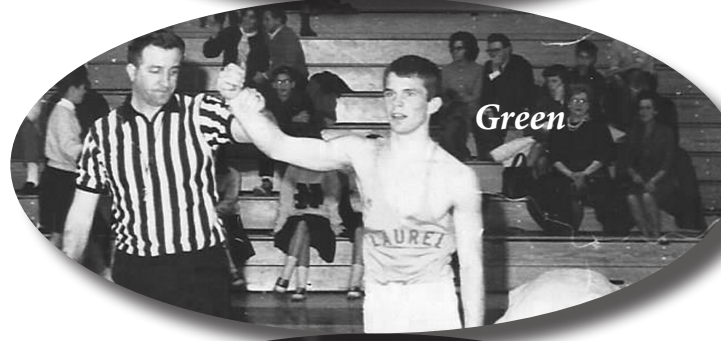
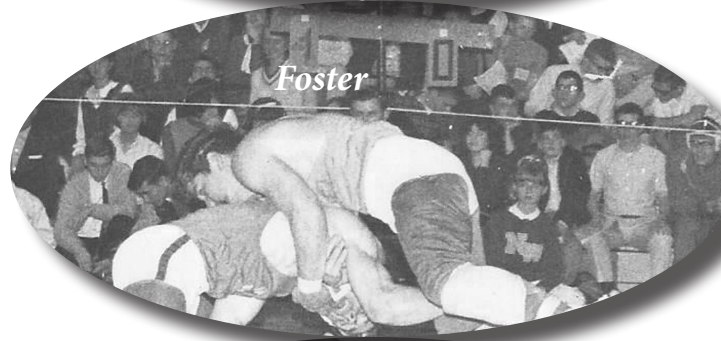
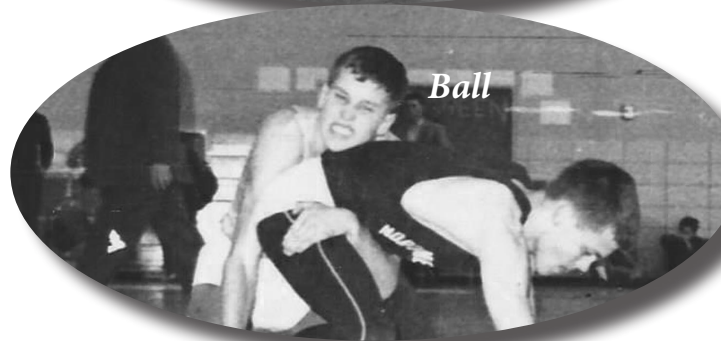
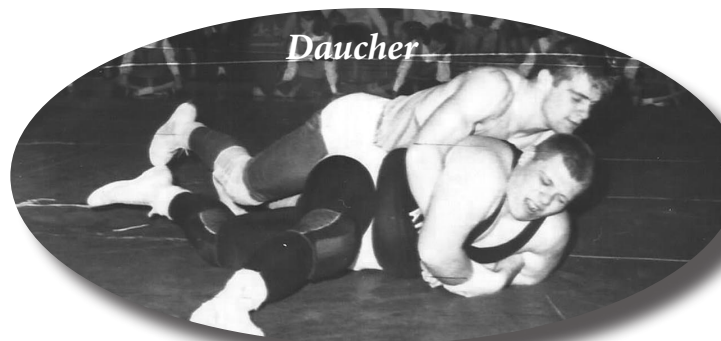
You are nervous as you await your turn on the mat. The buzzer sounds, and you walk forward with a word of encouragement from the coach. Once on the mat, you are all alone except for your opponent.

The referee starts the match with you and your opponent standing. Your opponent gets the takedown on you for two points. The buzzer sounds, and the referee starts the second period. You are on the bottom.

You try a switch and then a roll, but these moves are stopped by your opponent. You fake another roll and then hit him swiftly with a hard, fast switch for a reversal and two points.

The second period ends with the score tied 2-2. The third period is begun with you on top. You are tired, but so is your opponent. Now you are thankful for the long, hard practices before the match. You quickly wrap your leg around your opponent's leg and lay across his back with your head within his reach. He, as you had hoped, reaches back, grabs your head, and pulls it down to the mat. A shriek is heard from the cheerleaders. He thinks he has you now! You quickly roll over, and your opponent finds himself with his back on the mat. He starts to struggle, but in vain. He hears the referee's hand hit the mat, telling everyone that the match has resulted in a fall.

The fans are cheering madly as the referee raises your hand for all to see that you are the Tri-County wrestling champion in your weight class. The cheers are all yours, for you are the only hero on the mat.

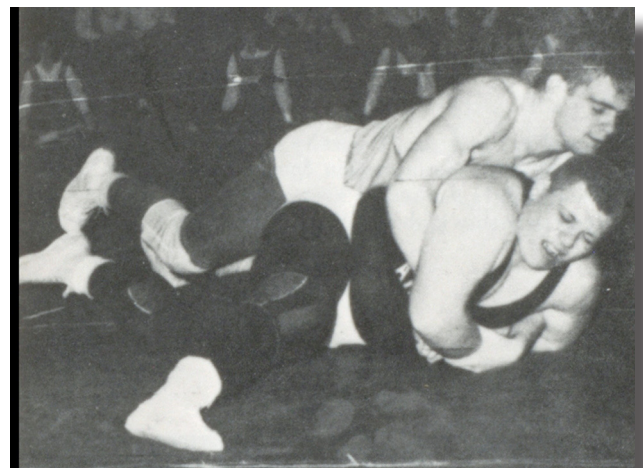
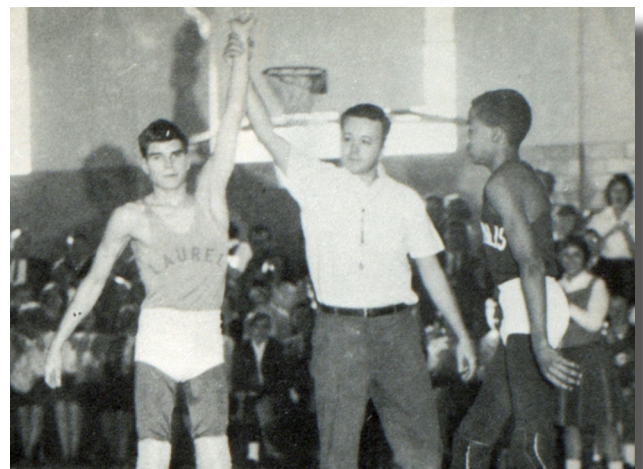
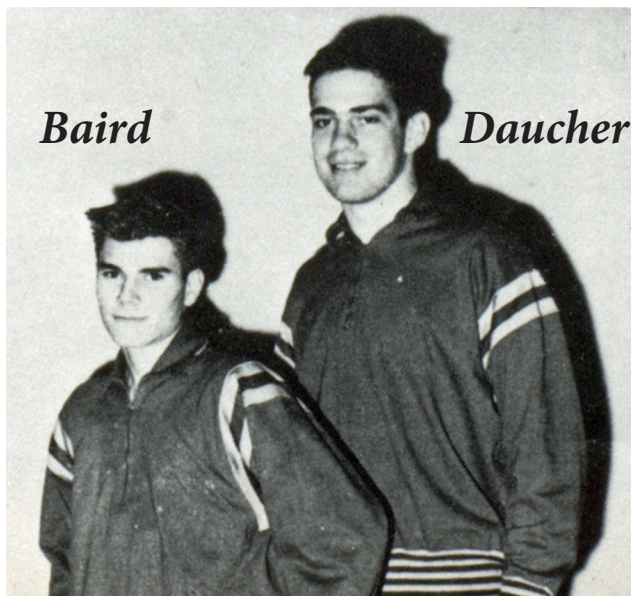


1964 - 1965 LHS Wrestling Season

Our grapplers accumulated 353 Team Points while giving up ONLY 87 points.

- Our Spartans finished the season with a 9 Wins - 0 Defeats and, won the dual meet title.
- Our Spartans won the Prince Georges County Tournament.
- Our Spartans finished 6th in the 2nd Tri-County Tournament.

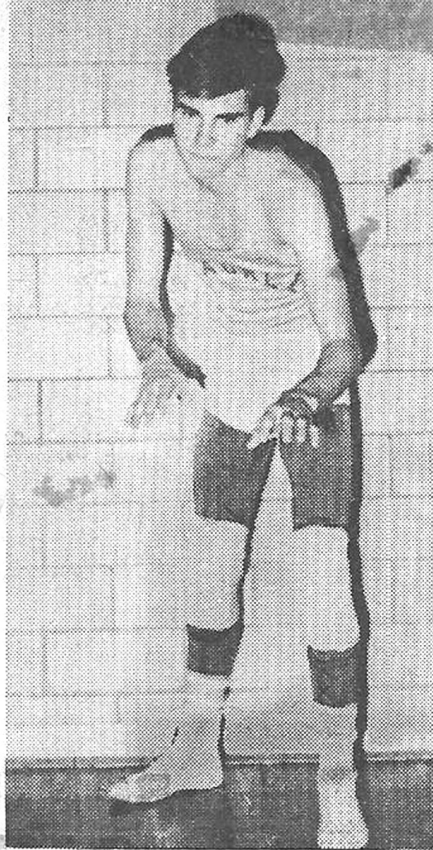
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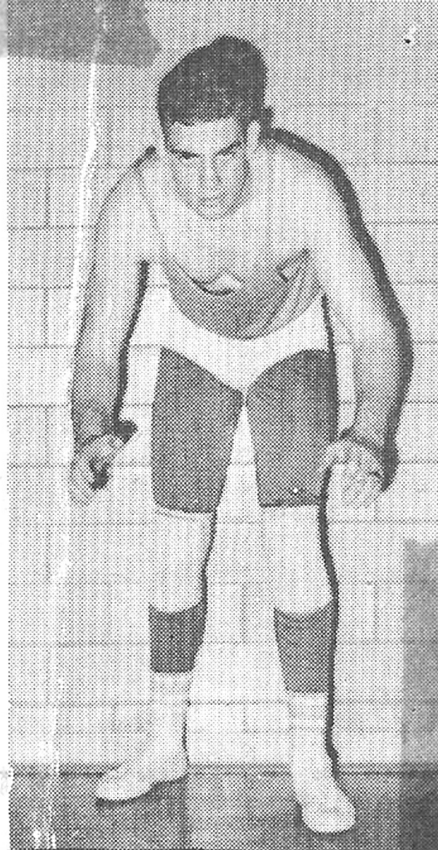
Laurel	Opponent	
35.....	Severna Park.....	14
34.....	Northwestern.....	14
34.....	Glen Burnie.....	13
45.....	Surrattsville.....	3
46.....	High Point.....	6
29.....	DuVal.....	16
40.....	Annapolis.....	8
44.....	Suitland.....	5



Co-Captains



MELVIN BAIRD



JAMES DAUCHER

Laurel High Wrestlers Choose Co-Captains

The Laurel High wrestling squad has chosen its 1964-1965 co-captains. They are Melvin Baird, 103 lb. wrestler, and James Daucher, heavyweight wrestler.

Melvin won the Prince George's County tournament at 95 lbs. last year, and finished second in the Tri-County tournament. Jim saw only limited action.

Melvin and Jim have wrestled in four dual meets this season and won every one with a pin, for a combined total of 40 points.

Jim and Mel, both seniors, will be out for their fifth straight as they go against High Point, Friday night, 8 p.m., January 15, at Laurel.

Match #1 -- 11 December 1964: Severna Park Falcons came to Laurel: Laurel - 35 -- Severna Park - 14

Spartans Clip Falcon Wings

The Laurel wrestling squad won the 1963-1964 Prince George's County and Tri-County Championships and started the new '64-'65 season on the right foot as they beat Severna Park for the third straight year. The final score was Laurel 35, Severna Park 14.

The scoring went as follows: Chucky Hall started Laurel off with a win in wrestling in the 95 lb. class, gaining a tie and therefore giving Laurel two points. The Melvin Baird, co-captain of Laurel for this match, scored a pin. Pat Meckley was then pinned by Severna's captain. The score stood 7-7 at this point in the match. Tom Ball wrestling in the 120 lb. class was involved in the second draw of the night. Mac Greene was decisioned by George Wills, outstanding wrestler for the match, started Laurel back on the winning trail by decisioning his man. Charlie Meister also decisioned and at the end of 7 bouts the score stood Laurel - 15, Severna Park - 12.

Jimmy Van Dyke was also involved in a tie which was the 3rd and last in this match and most unusual in as much as most matches have no more than two draws. Larry Foster scored the fastest pin of the night as he pinned his opponent in 1:30. John Vedock, scored a slow pin. The score was then posted Laurel - 27, Severna - 14.

Joe McMahan decisioned his opponent and Jimmy Dauchet, Laurel's other co-captain for the first match, won by default. This was Laurel's seventh straight win.

Season Highlights

- ***P.G. County Dual Meet Champions
(9 Wins -- 0 Losses)***
- ***P.G. County Tournament Champions
P.G. County Champions
• Melvin Baird (95)
• Mike Grace(180)***

LHS Wrestling

By TONY WEST

NORTHWESTERN

It looks as if the Laurel Spartans wrestling team is on its way to another championship. Northwestern High, supposedly the "big" team in Prince George's County this year, was knocked off the top of the ladder by last year's Prince George's County champs -- Laurel. The final score was 34-14.

Starting Laurel off was Gary Merson in the 95 lb. class, who decisioned his opponent.

Melvin Barrd scored a pin over his man in the 103 lb. class. Pat Meckley was then pinned and after three matches the score stood Laurel 8, Northwestern.

Tommy Baird decisioned his man in the 120 lb. class. Then Tom Ball was decisioned. George Wills, voted outstanding wrestler at the match by the opposing coach, pinned his opponent. George Harrison followed George with the fastest pin of the night, in 1:19.

After seven bouts the score was shaping into certain LHS victory, Laurel 21, Northwestern 8. Steve Messer was then decisioned and Larry Foster was handed the same fate. Then Laurel came to

his opponent, Mike Grace won on default, and James Daucher pinned his opponent, Mike Grace won on default, and James Daucher pinned his opponent. Mike Grace and Tom Ball were co-captains for the match.

This was Laurel's second win in as many matches this season. Last week they defeated last year's Anne Arundel County champs, Severna Park 36-14.

SEVERNA PARK

Chucky Hall, wrestling in the 95 lb. class, started things off against Severna Park with a tie, giving the Laurel Grapplers two team points. Next Melvin Baird, a co-captain for the squad for this match, pinned his man. Pat Meckley was then pinned by Severna Park's captain. At this point, the score stood at 7-7. Next out on the mats were Tommy Ball, wrestling in the 120 lb. class. His match was a tie, for the second draw of the night. Mac Greene followed, and was decisioned. Then George Wills, voted outstanding wrestler for the match, got things moving again by gaining a decision over his

Match #2 -- 18 December 1964 ventured to Northwestern to wrestle the Wildcats: Laurel - 34 -- Northwestern - 14

Wrestling--

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seven bouts, Laurel was ahead 15 to 12.

Jimmy Van Dyke was involved in the third and final tie of the night. Larry Foster scored the quickest pin in the match - 1 minute and 37 seconds. John Vedock followed with a pin, and Joe McMahon scored a decision over his man. In the final bout, Jimmy Daucher, Laurel's other co-captain for the match, won by default.

There is one sad note in Laurel's season. Its 138 pounder, Charles Meister, recently in an automobile accident, will be out for the season. The "Laurel twelve" dedicated the Northwestern match to him and hopes he will recover quickly and have a very Merry Christmas.

Match #3 -- 28 December 1964 ventured to Glen Burnie to wrestle the Gophers: Laurel - 34 -- Glen Burnie- 13

LAUREL VS GLEN BURNIE

Laurel scored its third straight win of the 1964-1965 season and looked like last year's wrestling champs all over again at Glen Burnie. The final score was 34-13. The scoring went as follows: Gary Merson scored a decision. Melvin Baird scored his 3rd straight pin of the season. Paul Meckley drew with his opponent. Dave Melikan pinned his man. Tom Ball decisioned his opponent. George Wills, voted outstanding wrestler for the third straight match, decisioned his opponent. George Harrison lost

Match #2

Laurel Mat Team Tops Northwestern

Laurel, Md., Dec. 18 [Special]. Laurel High, Prince Georges and Tri-County champion wrestlers last year, won the second of two matches this season, 34 to 14, over Northwestern, of Prince Georges, here yesterday.

Melvin Baird, Prince Georges champion at 95 pounds last year, pinned his opponent in the 103-pound class in 1.59 to spark the Laurel victory.

95-Pound Class—Mercon, Laurel, decided Hindman, 7-1.
103—Baird, Laurel, pinned Abear, 1.59.
112—Kendall, Northwestern, Meckley, 1.30.
120—Melikan, Laurel, decided Dreesan, 4-2.
127—Davis, Northwestern, decided Ball, 7-2.
133—Wills, Laurel, pinned Page, 3.14.
138—Garrison, Laurel, pinned Gilky, 1.14.
145—Bickly, Northwestern, decided Messer, 4-2.
154—Armstrong, Northwestern, decided Foster, 9-6.
165—Vedock, Laurel, decided Dreesan, 6-4.
180—Grace, Laurel, on forfeit.
Heavyweight—Daucher, Laurel, pinned Henson, 5.00.

Match #3

Laurel High Matmen Defeat Glen Burnie

Laurel High defeated Glen Burnie in wrestling yesterday, 34 to 13.

95—Merson, Laurel, decided Buckett, 2-0.
103—Baird, Laurel, pinned Roberts, 5.03.
112—Meckley, Laurel, drew with Vitale, 5-5.
120—Milikin, Laurel, pinned Pappafoti, 1.59.
127—Ball, Laurel, decided Rini, 4-0.
133—Wills, Laurel, decided Cullins, 8-4.
138—Born, Glen Burnie, decided Harrison, 7-6.
145—Kline, Glen Burnie, pinned Messer, 3.41.
154—Foster, Laurel, decided Harrod, 4-2.
165—Herbert, Glen Burnie, decided Vidock, 4-0.
175—Race, Laurel, pinned Naegle, 1.34.
Unlimited—Goucher, Laurel, pinned Howard, 0.31.

George Wills

OUTSTANDING WRESTLER

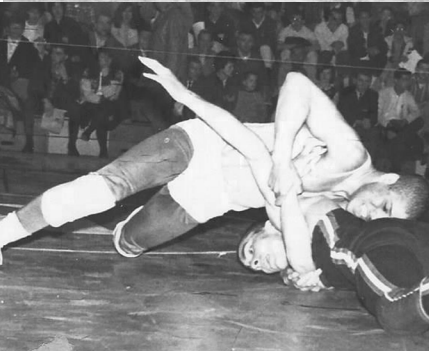
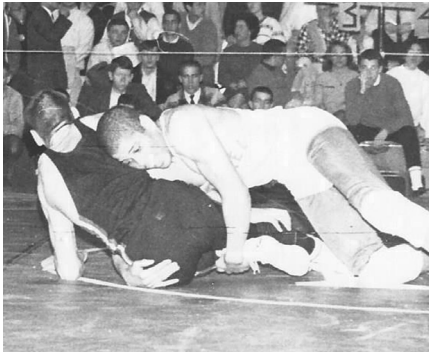
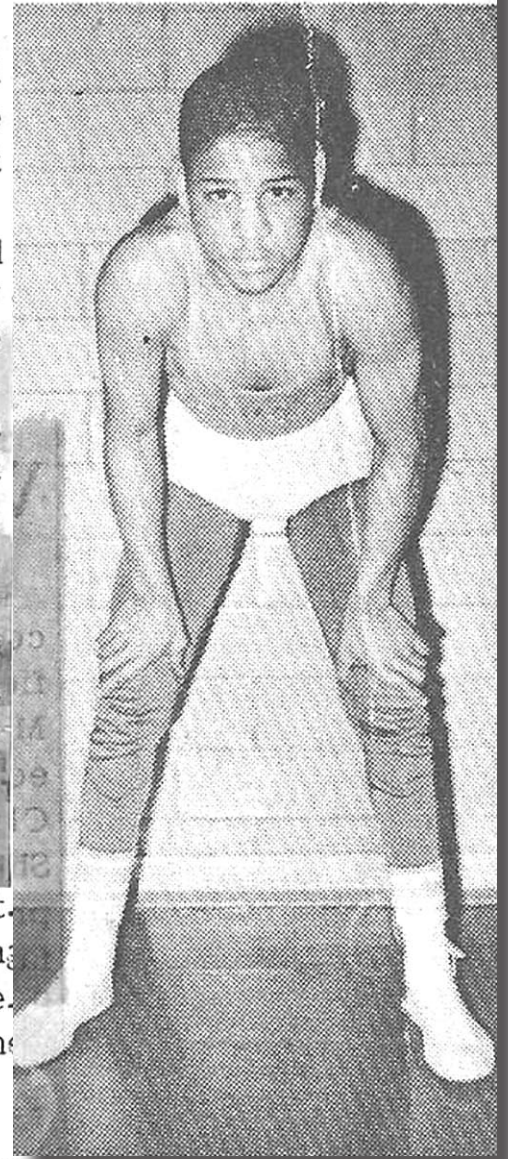
Every year an award is given to the outstanding wrestler of the season. The opposing coaches actually choose the wrestler; after every match, the coach of the opposite team chooses the Laurel wrestler he thinks did the best job against his team.

Thus far, Laurel has had three matches and won every one. George Wills, who won the Prince Georges County 127-pound title and finished fourth in the Tri-County Tournament last year, has been voted outstanding for all three matches. George has been wrestling for four years and besides taking the P.G. County title and fourth place in the Tri-County, George was 8-0 on the season last year. However, with six matches remaining, eleven other varsity

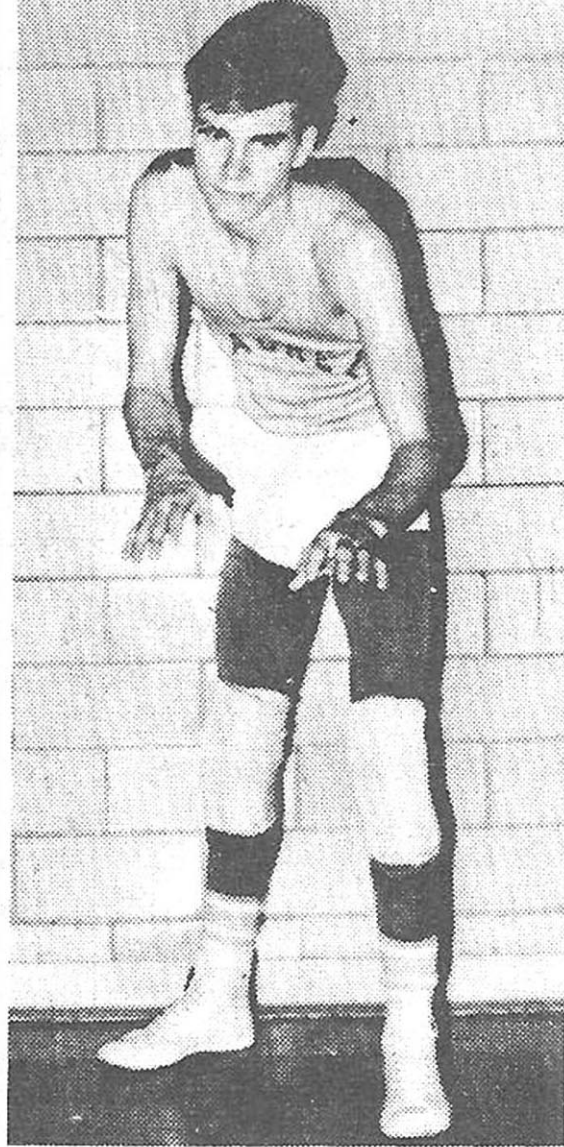
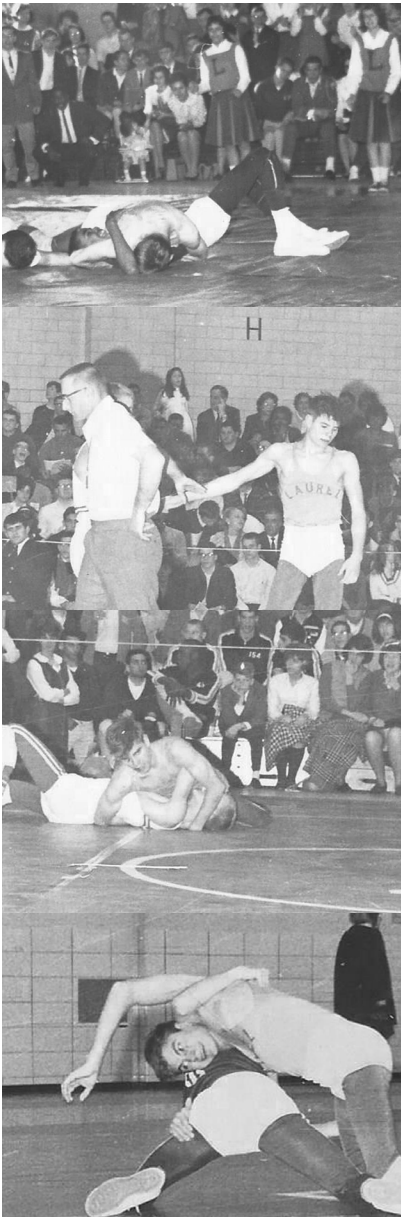
George Wills has participated on the Laurel High wrestling team for four years and has received a letter for three of the four years.

In George's sophomore year he finished 4th in the Metropolitan wrestling tournament. Last season George went 8-0 during the dual meet season then went on to capture the 127 lb. championship at the P. G. County tournament and placed 4th in the Tri-County tournament.

“Outstanding” Wrestler



Melvin Baird

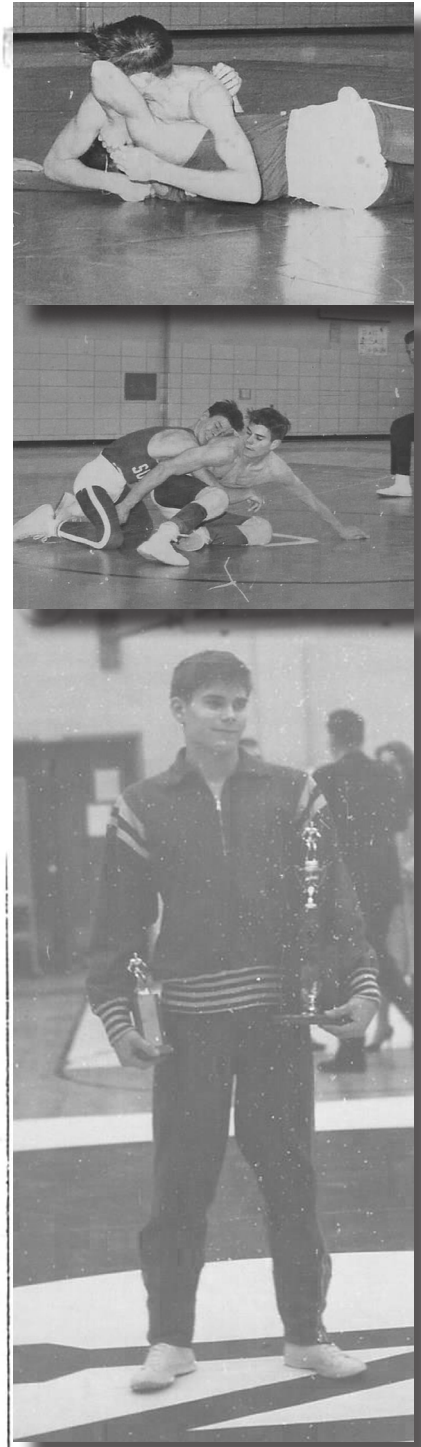


MEL BAIRD

Mel Baird, co-captain of the 1964-65 wrestling squad, is one of the real "boosters" of the undefeated 1964-65 squad.

Last year, wrestling in the 95 lb. weight class, Mel copped the Prince Georges County title and finished second in the Tri-County tournament,

This year Mel jumped up a weight and now wrestles in the 103 lb. slot. Mel has scored eight straight pins this year for a record at LHS.



Being named the Outstanding wrestler of the 1965 P.G. County Tournament

Match #4 -- 8 January 1965 the Surrattsville Hornets came to Laurel: Laurel - 45 -- Surrattsville - 3

LAUREL VS SURRATTSVILLE

The Laurel High wrestling squad faced the student body for the first time of the season and made a big impression as they scored their fourth victory of the season by defeating Surrattsville 45-3. Chuckie Hall was decisioned. Melvin Baird scored his fourth pin of the season. Pat Meckley followed with another pin. Dave Millikan won by decision. Tom Ball scored a pin, as did George Wills. George Harrison won by decision as did Steve Messer. Larry Foster, outstanding wrestler of the match, scored a decision. John Vedock won by decision. Mike Grace scored his third straight pin and James Daucher scored his fourth straight to round out the scoring. Charles Meister, who was hurt at the beginning of the season, was honorary captain.

Laurel High Matmen Defeat Surrattsville

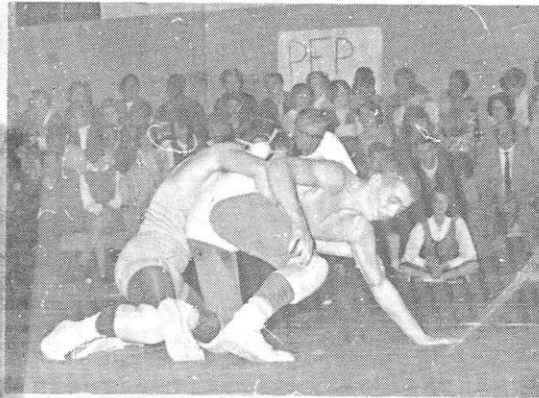
Laurel, Md., Jan. 8 [Special]—Laurel High remained unbeaten in wrestling today by defeating Surrattsville High, 43 to 3.

Laurel now has won 4 in a row this season and hasn't lost a dual meet in the last 12 outings.

97—Tauber, Surrattsville, decisioned
Hall, 2-1.
105—Baird, Laurel, pinned Wagner,
1,10.
112—Meckley, Laurel, pinned Cloud,
1,25.
120—Millikin, Laurel, decisioned
Lewis, 1-0.
127—Ball, Laurel, pinned Cook, 4,20.
133—Wills, Laurel, pinned Warren,
2,35.
138—Harrison, Laurel, decisioned
Echard, 3-0.
145—Messer, Laurel, decisioned Park-
hurst, 5-0.
154—Foster, Laurel, decisioned
Smith, 6-3.
165—Vedock, Laurel, decisioned
White, 5-3.
175—Grace, Laurel, pinned Weber,
5,40.
Unlimited—Daucher, Laurel, pinned
Phillips, 3,01.

**Match #5 -- 15 January 1965 the High Point Eagles
came to Laurel: Laurel - 46 -- High Point - 6
Surrattsville, High Point DuVal and Annapolis -- GO DOWN!!!**

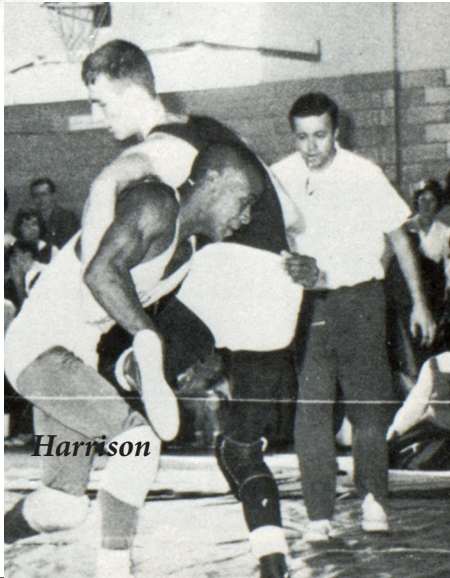
Grapplers Rack Up Six Wins



John Vedock struggles against his opponent in the match with High Point.



Joe Bailey is in trouble as his opponent gains the advantage of the top.



Laurel vs. Surrattsville

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The scoring went as follows: Chuckie Hall was decided. Melvin Baird scored his fourth pin of the season. Pat Meckley followed with another pin. Dave Millikan won by decision. Tom Ball scored a pin as did George Wills. George Harrison won by decision as did Steve Messer. Larry Foster, outstanding wrestler of the match, scored a decision. John Vedock won by decision. Mike Grace scored his third straight pin and James Daucher scored his fourth straight to round out the scoring. Charles Meister, who was hurt at the beginning of the season was honorary captain.

Laurel vs. Douglass

Laurel lost its third consecutive game on Friday, January 15, to Douglass High School of Marlboro.

The first half was a continuous see-saw battle with Douglass coming out on top, 32-31. The second half continued the fight for the lead. With only minutes remaining in the fourth quarter, Douglass pulled ahead to stay. The final score was 69-62.

Laurel vs. Duval

Laurel faced the toughest opposition of the 1964-1965 season as Laurel defeated DuVal, 29-16. Laurel and DuVal were both undefeated, before this match, in the county. Laurel is now 6-0 and has not been beaten in 14 straight matches, this year's and last.

The scoring went as follows: Chuck Hall lost a decision; Mel Baird scored his sixth straight pin in as many matches; Joe Bailey won a decision; Mac Green lost a decision; Tom Ball, who was complimented by the opposing coach as doing an outstanding job, scored a pin; George Wills was named the outstanding wrestler of the match and he won by decision; George Harrison won by scoring the fastest pin of the day, in 1:30; Jim Van Dyke was pinned; Larry Foster won by decision; John Vedock drew with his opponent; Mike Grace won a decision; and James Daucher was decided.

Laurel has now scored 222 points against 66 by the opposition; 180 points of the 222 were scored by pins which totaled 30. The opposition has only scored 4 pins against Laurel.

Laurel vs. High Point

Laurel wrestlers won their fifth match of the 1964-65 season as it scored a win over High Point High 46-6.

Chuckie Hall scored a pin as did co-captain and undefeated Melvin Baird, as he scored his fifth straight. Joe Baily lost a decision. Mac Greene, voted outstanding wrestler of the match, won on points. Tom Ball scored a pin as did George Wills, who is also 5-0 for the season. George Harrison won by decision. Steve Messer and Larry Foster then scored back to back pins. Then John Vedock lost a decision. Mike Grace and James Dau-

Match #6 -- 21 January 1965 the Spartans traveled to DuVal Tigers: Laurel - 29 -- DuVal 16

LAUREL VS DUVAL

The Laurel wrestling squad engaged in its toughest match of the season as it faced undefeated Du Val January 21 at DuVal. Laurel emerged victorious, for the sixth time in six matches this season, 29-16. Chuck Hall was decided. Melvin Baird scored his sixth straight pin. Joe Bailor won a decision. MacGreen was decisioned. Tommy Ball scored a fall. Georgie Wills, who was voted outstanding wrestler of the match, won by

Match #6

Laurel Wins To Stay Undelected On Mat

Laurel, Md., Jan. 21 (Special)—
Unbeaten Laurel High won its
sixth wrestling match of the sea-
son here today by defeating
visiting Duvall, 29 to 16.

97—Woodell, Buval, decisioned Hall.
2-0

105—Baird, Laurel, pinned Miller.
2-42

112—Bailey, Laurel, decisioned Tup-
per. 4-3.

120 — Attinger, Duvall, decisioned
Green. 13-6.

127—Ball, Laurel, pinned Fowler.
5-30.

133—Wills, Laurel, decisioned Holck.
4-0

138—Harrison, Laurel, pinned Daug-
herty. 1-30

145—May, Duvall, pinned Van Dyke.
1-45

154—Foster, Laurel, decisioned Lu-
cas. 10-4

165—Vedeck, Laurel, drew with Dav-
is. 2-2.

181—Grace, Laurel, decisioned Schaff-
ter. 4-0.

Unlimited — Lisenbee, Duvall, de-
cisioned Doucher. 6-5

Match #6 -- DuVal

Defending Prince Georges and Tri - County wrestling champion Laurel has met and conquered DuVal, the team considered to be its biggest obstacle on the way to a second consecutive undefeated season. The Tigers' tails were twisted last Thursday, 29-16, as they were left only with the distinction of holding Laurel to its closest match of the year, if that is what a 13-point difference can be labeled.

It could have been much worse for the Tigers. Previous recipients of sound thrashings by Laurel this season in this gentlemen's form of the ancient art of wrestling, which is mushrooming in popularity here, were not quite as lucky. Severna Park, defending Anne Arundel champ, was dealt a resounding 34-14 thumping; Northwestern succumbed, 34-13, and Glen Burnie was bombed, 35-14, before Laurel exploded with 45-3 and 46-6 attacks against Surrattsville and High Point, respectively.

Laurel's three - year wrestling manager, Tony West, who doubles as the team's publicity man, says the DuVal win stretched Laurel's undefeated dual meet string to 14, dating back to the final match of the 1962-63 campaign. Included in the total is a 23-23 stand-off with Glen Burnie in the opener last season.

Scores up to now indicate Laurel has a powerhouse line-up all the way along the 12 weight classes which make up the team — ranging from the lightest weight class, 95 pounds, through the heavy-weight division.

Statistician West turned to his books to pinpoint his top matmen, and impressive their records are. There are four headliners, starting with co-captain Melvin Baird, who holds down the 105-pound starting berth and has registered six pins in six matches this year. He has moved up from the 95-pound class where he was County champ and Tri-County runner-up in 1964.

Also undefeated are 133-pounder George Wills, who last season took the County 127-pound title and placed fourth in Tri-County competition, and Mike Grace, who holds down the 180-pound slot. Grace came in second in the County tournament and is now off to a 5-0 start which includes four pins.

Heavyweight James Daucher, the other co-captain, is now 5-1 after losing to his DuVal opponent by one point. His five victories came via the pin route.

Coach Patrick Reilly, a product of East Stroudsburg College in Pennsylvania, our neighbor State which produces more than its share of top-flight collegiate wrestlers, has yet to experience defeat in his two-year term at Laurel. It is expected his charges will coast through their three remaining matches and again figure prominently in the competition in the County and Tri-County tournaments.

Laurel, with a student enrollment of approximately 545, again according to publicity man West, can well be proud of the 37 team members who are representing their school so well.

Match #7 -- 28 January 1965 the Spartans traveled to Annapolis Panthers: Laurel - 40 -- Annapolis - 8

Laurel Matmen Beat Annapolis By 40-8

Laurel High ran its unbeaten wrestling string to sixteen yesterday by defeating Annapolis High, 40 to 8.

97-Pound Class—Hall, Laurel, decisioned Pastrana, 6—5.

105-Pound Class — Baird, Laurel, pinned Adams, 1.17.

114-Pound Class — Meckley, Laurel, won by forfeit.

122-Pound Class—Coker, Annapolis, decisioned Green, 9—4.

129-Pound Class—Ball, Laurel, decisioned Busik, 4—0.

135-Pound Class—Digby, Annapolis, won by default.

140-Pound Class—Harrison, Laurel, pinned Enzinger, 3.48.

147-Pound Class—Messer, Laurel, decisioned Dravo, 12—7.

156-Pound Class — Foster, Laurel, pinned Taylor, 1.53.

167-Pound Class—Decock, Laurel, decisioned Haves, 5—4.

182-Pound Class — Grace, Laurel, pinned Speaks, 1.43.

Unlimited Class — Daucher, Laurel, decisioned Corbett, 5—0.

1964 - 1965 LHS Wrestling



LARRY FOSTER, wrestling the 156-lb. class, scores a 1:53 pin against Annapolis. Laurel won 40-8.

Unbeaten Laurel Grapplers Rout Annapolis

By TONY WEST

Laurel High's famed wrestling team has won another match, defeating Annapolis High 40-8. Laurel's record now stands 7 wins and no losses.

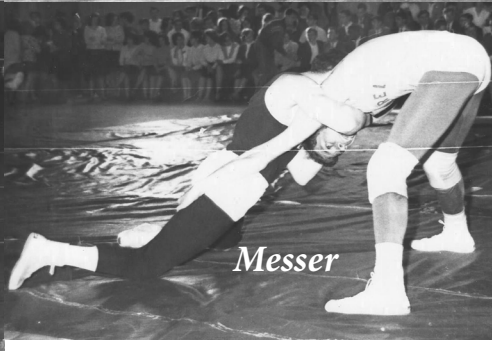
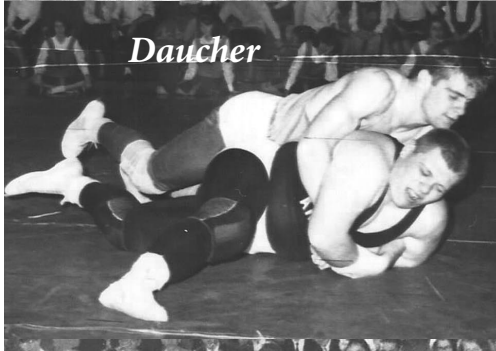
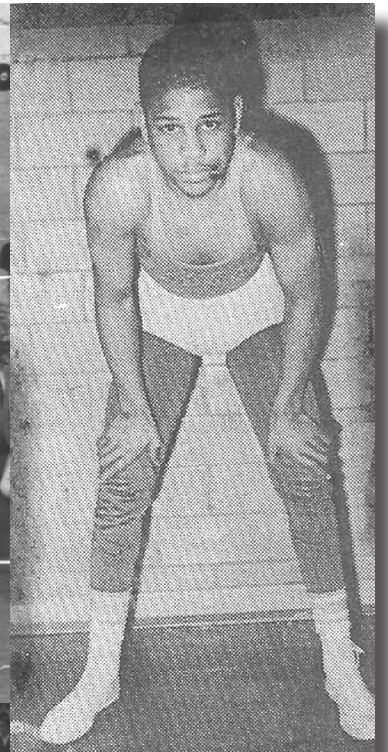
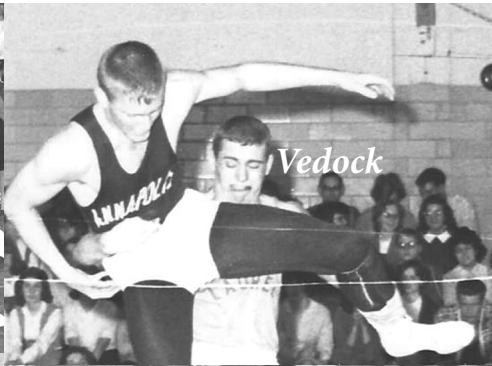
Chuckie Hall won by decision. Mel Baird scored his seventh pin in as many matches, which is a new record at LHS. Pat Mechley won on forfeit. Mac Greene lost a decision.

Tom Ball, voted outstanding wrestler for this match, won by decision. Bill Henson lost on default as he was hurt midway through the match. George Harrison scored a pin. Steve Messer won by decision. Larry Foster scored a pin. John Vedock won by decision. Mike Grace's win came via pin. James Daucher won on decision. Laurel has now scored 35 pins against 5 by the opposition.

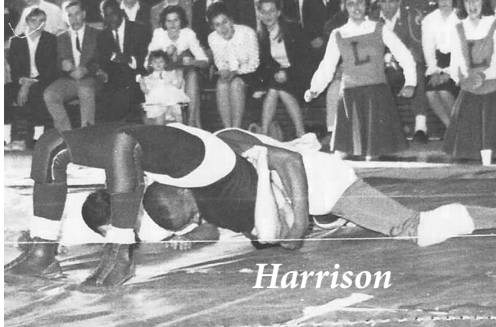
The Junior Varsity, under the

leadership of Forest Walls, also won, as they whipped the Annapolis J.V., 25-17. The LHS junior varsity now has a record of 4 wins, 1 loss, and is 3-0 under Mr. Walls.

Laurel 40 - Annapolis - 8



George Wills was selected the Outstanding wrestler of the Annapolis match.



Match #8 -- 5 February 1965 the Spartans traveled to Suitland Rams: Laurel - 44 -- Suitland- 5
Match #9 -- 19 February 1965 the Spartans traveled to Sherwood Warriors: Laurel - 46 -- Sherwood- 8

Wrestlers End Shutout Season

Laurel vs. Suitland

Laurel's grapplers made the Rams of Suitland their eighth straight victim of the season as they beat Suitland, 44-5. With this win, Laurel not only remained unbeaten but also took the Prince George's County League title for the second straight year.

The scoring went as follows: Chuckie Hall scored a fall in 5:10. Mel Baird won by pin, which is his eighth straight in 1:08. Pat Meckley was decisioned. Mac Greene drew with his opponent. Tom Ball won by fall in 1:38. George Wills remained unbeaten as he decisioned his opponent, 8-1. George Harrison won by a 4:22 pin. Steve Messer won a 6-4 decision and Larry Foster won a 10-3 decision. Mike Grace remained undefeated and was voted outstanding wrestler of the match by scoring a 37 second pin. James Daucher won on a 5:51 pin.

Laurel's 44 points came with 6 pins, 4 decisions and 1 tie. Suitland's 5 points came with 1 decision and 1 tie.

Laurel vs. Sherwood

The Spartan wrestlers, who hold the Prince George's County title, finished an undefeated season of 9-0 in the match with Sherwood on Friday, February 19. Mike Grace, who has now scored 52 straight pins, was voted the outstanding wrestler of the match by the opposing team's coach. The final score was 46-8, Laurel's favor.

In scoring, Chuckie Hall and Melvin Baird both won by default, and Pat Meckley and Joe Bailey won by decision. Larry Foster, who had not fully recovered from a previous injury, lost by a close decision. Tom Ball, Allen Whitely, George Harrison, John Vedock, Mike Grace, and Jimmy Daucher won by a fall. Steve Messer lost by a fall.

Melvin Baird has extended his school record with 10 straight falls; Joe Bailey has now won his seventh straight match. George Harrison has also won his seventh straight match with seven falls.

Coach Reilly feels that the squad has had full support from the student body and encourages all to attend the tournament at Surrattsville on February 25 and

1964 - 1965 LHS Wrestling

Laurel Wrestlers Retain Crown by Beating Suitland

Laurel High School defeated Suitland, 44-5, in wrestling yesterday at Suitland to win the Prince Georges County championship for the second straight year.

The Spartans, defending Tri-County championships, too, won all eight matches this season. Three Laurel wrestlers completed the regular season undefeated by winning yesterday.

Melvin Baird, 106, pinned Ken Tremeli of Suitland in 1:08 for his eighth straight pin. He is defending county champion at 95 pounds. George Wills decided Neil Colifield of Suitland, 8-1, for his seventh consecutive victory in the 136-pound division.

Mike Grace, 183, scored a pin in 37 seconds over Richard Bassel for his seventh victory. In all, Spartan wrestlers scored six pins yesterday.

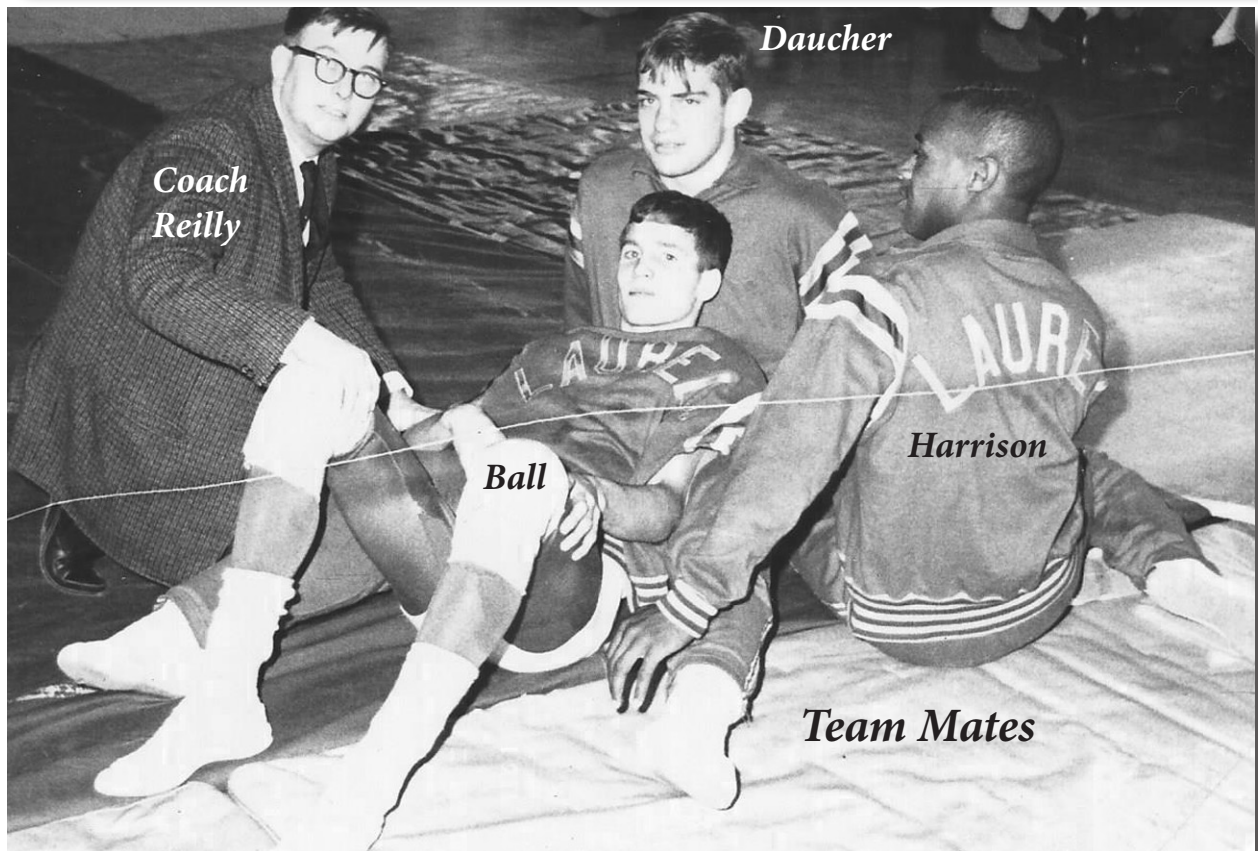
1964 - 1965 LHS Wrestling

Laurel Tops Suitland In Wrestling, 44-5

Laurel, Md., Feb. 5 [Special]. Mike Grace pinned his 183-pound opponent in 37 seconds today to feature unbeaten Laurel High's 44-to-5 wrestling victory over Suitland. Laurel is now 8 and 0.

- 98—Hall, Laurel, pinned Pell, 5.10.
- 106—Baird, Laurel, pinned Tremell, 1.08.
- 115—Bartelomo, Suitland, decided Meckley, 11—2.
- 123—Green, Laurel, and Prost, tied, 6—6.
- 130—Ball, Laurel, pinned Grubbs, 1.38.
- 136—Wills, Laurel, decided Collifield, 8—1.
- 141—Harrison, Laurel, pinned MacElroy, 4.22.
- 148—Messer, Laurel, decided Shank, 6—4.
- 157—Foster, Laurel, decided Agee, 10—3.
- 168—Vedock, Laurel, decided Pritchard, 7—6.
- 183—Grace, Laurel, pinned Bassel, 0.37.
- Unlimited—Daucher, Laurel, pinned Knepp, 5.51.

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Prince Georges County Wrestling Tournament at Surrattsville High School -- 25 - 26 February 1965

Laurel Wrestlers Are Successful In Defense Of County Championship Second, Third Places Are Key

By TONY WEST

The Laurel High School wrestling machine preserved its dominance of Prince George's County wrestling for at least another year last weekend by taking the County crown for the second straight year. Only two men won first place in their weight classes, but their teammates' 6 seconds and 2 thirds were enough to keep the county crown in Laurel.

Six schools participated in the two-day tournament at Surrattsville High. Final standings showed Laurel with 91 points to the DuVal's 83, Northwestern amassed 70 points, Surrattsville, 44, High Point, 37, and Suitland 18.

QUARTER-FINALS

Only four Laurel wrestlers competed in the quarter-final matches Friday night. The rest of Laurel's team, seeded first and second, advanced to the semi-finals on byes.

All those who did wrestle Friday won. Pat Meckley won a 10-9 decision, Mac Greene won 7-5, and John Vedock won 9-8. Larry Foster scored a fall in 1:15.

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this year on an 8-4 decision. Chuck Hall dropped a 6-0 decision to finish second. Pat Meckley, losing a 2-0 decision, and Tom Ball, who lost 3-2, also came out second in their weight classes. George Wills took second on a referee's decision, Larry Foster on a 6-4 count, and James Daucher on a loss by pin.

SEMI-FINALS

Saturday's afternoon semi-final session saw all 12 Laurel wrestlers in action, including its two defending champs, Mel Baird and George Wills. Mel pinned his man in 5:32, and George won a 5-0 decision.

Chuckie Hall scored a 5:05 fall. Pat Meckley won 10-9. Mac Greene lost a 4-2 decision. Tom Ball moved up to the finals on a 5-4 decision, but George Harrison was pinned and Steve Messer got the short end of a 5-4 decision.

Larry Foster scored his second pin of the tournament in 4:34. John Vedock lost a 7-5 decision. Mike Grace took a 6-3 decision to move to the finals, and James Daucher moved up with him on a 2-1 decision.

CONSOLATIONS

In the consolation matches later in the afternoon, Mac Greene and George Harrison sewed up third place in their weight classes by winning on decisions. Steve Messer and John Vedock had to settle for fourths, both having been decided.

FINALS

Finals matches saw eight Laurel grapplers still in the contest. Mel Baird, champion in his weight class last year, who pinned his man in the semi's this year, scored another pin in the finals almost before his match got started, in 50 seconds. The first two-time champion in the Prince George's tourney, he was later named outstanding wrestler of the meet.



Melvin Baird is named the Outstanding wrestler of the 1965 P.G. County Tournament

Tri-County Wrestling Tournament at Northwestern High School -- 4 - 6 March 1965

County champions Laurel, Springbrook and Glen Burnie will be the favorites as 22 Maryland schools open the second Tri-county wrestling tournament at 6:30 tonight at Northwestern High school.

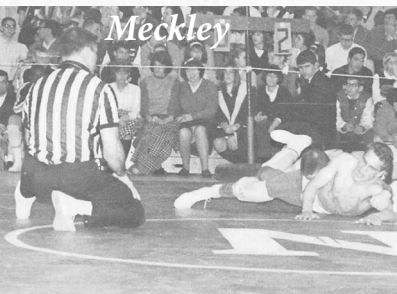
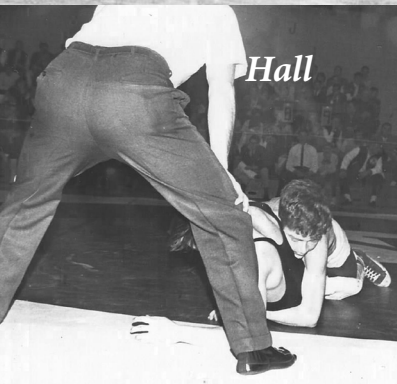
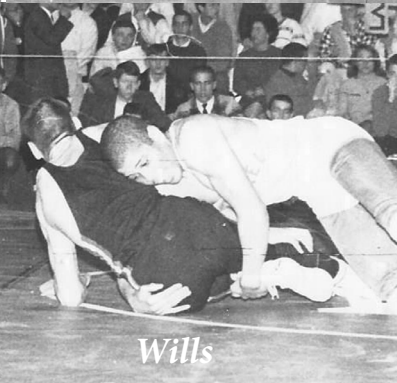
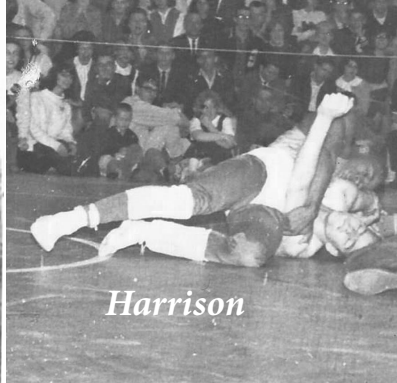
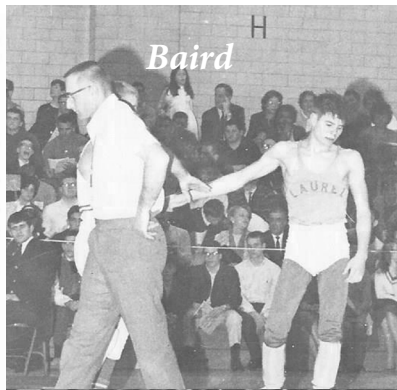
The three-day tourney features the top four wrestlers in each weight class from last week's Prince Georges, Montgomery and Ann Arundel county tournaments.

The preliminaries will be held tonight with the quarterfinals slated for 6:30 tomorrow night and the semifinals for 1 p.m. Saturday. The final round will begin Saturday at 7 p.m.

Best bets against the three favorites will be Montgomery County's Northwood, Gaithersburg and Walter Johnson which finished in that order behind Springbrook in the county tournament.

Northwood and Walter Johnson will compete without a county champion. Brady Straub, Northwood 145-pounder is injured and Walter Johnson, 138-pounder Mike McConeghy has blood poisoning.

Led by 103-pounder Melvin Baird, most valuable in the Prince Georges tournament, defending champion Laurel will be represented in all 12 weight classes. DuVal and Glen Burnie each have 10 entries and Springbrook has nine.



Laurel's County championship wrestling team faces its next trial starting tonight and continuing through Saturday, at the Tri-County Tournament at Northwestern Senior High School, Hyattsville. Laurel will be defending the title it won last year.

Prince George's, Montgomery, and Anne Arundel counties are each entitled to send to the tournament their top four wrestlers in each weight class. Laurel will be taking its entire team.

Two Laurel wrestlers will go into the tourney undefeated. Mel Baird, who won 9 matches during the dual-meet season and downed two opponents in the County tournament, and Mike Grace, 8-0 on the regular season and who also won two in the County tournament, will both be laying perfect records on the line.

Other schools sending strong representations to the tourney include DuVal, three of whose wrestlers were undefeated before the County tourney, and Springbrook, in Montgomery County, which boasts four top-seeded wrestlers, led by 145-pounder Larry Thornton, who has won 37 consecutive matches over a three-year period.

Thornton, 112-pound Bob Terrill of Northwood, and 165-pound Bill Leaman of Gaithersburg are defending Montgomery County titlists.

Tri-County Wrestling Tournament at Northwestern High School -- 4 - 6 March 1965

Defending champion Laurel High School held a slim lead after the opening round of the Maryland Tri-County regional wrestling tournament last night at Northwestern, although Montgomery County teams dominated action.

Laurel, unbeaten in the Prince Georges League, scored six points. Montgomery County champion Springbrook, Northwood, and Gaithersburg each scored five.

Quarterfinal matches begin tonight at 6:30 p.m. Semifinals and finals are scheduled Saturday.

Laurel scored two decisions on pins, and lost twice. Five other Spartans advanced via byes.

Montgomery County prevailed in two head-to-head matches with Laurel.

Larry Thornton of Springbrook scored a 5-0 victory over Steve Messes.

Bill Leaman of Gaithersburg pinned Laurel's Jim Veock in 1:54 in the 165-pound class.

Springbrook won all five of its matches by decision and advanced four others with byes.

Laurel Easy Favorite

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Tri-County Wrestling Tournament at Northwestern High School -- 4 - 6 March 1965

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Spartan Wrestlers Finish 6th Among 23 Schools In Tri-County Tournament

By TONY WEST

The Laurel Spartans ended their 1964-65 wrestling season by finishing sixth in the Tri-County tournament. Laurel went into the tournament as defending champ but was not favored. Laurel had 12 wrestlers in the tournament, more than any other school.

On Thursday, March 4, the preliminaries started with George Wills decisioning his opponent 8-4. George Harrison advanced by scoring a 3:51 fall. Steve Messer was eliminated as he lost a 4-0 decision. Larry Foster won on a 4-3 decision. John Vedock was pinned in 1:54. James Daucher scored a win via a pin in 5:07. Chuck Hall, Mel Baird, Pat Meckley, Mac Greene, Tom Ball, Mike Grace all advanced with byes.

On Friday, March 5, the quarter - finals started with Laurel leading the tournament with 6 points. Chuck Hall started Laurel off by winning 10-9. Mel Baird won 2-0 and Pat Meckley was pinned. Mac Greene lost a decision, as did Tom Ball. George Wills won a

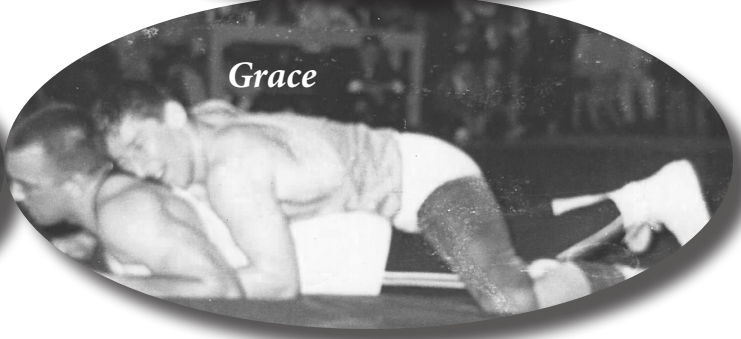
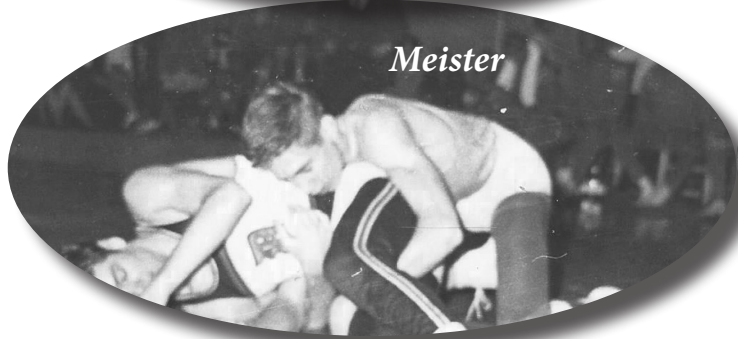
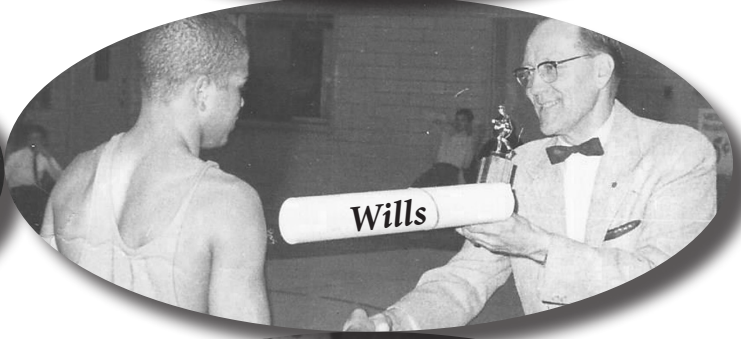
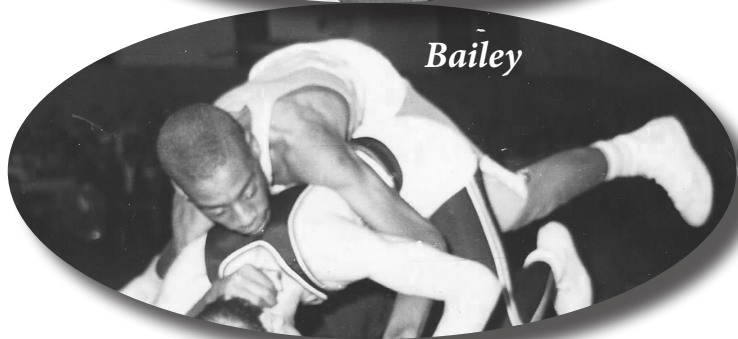
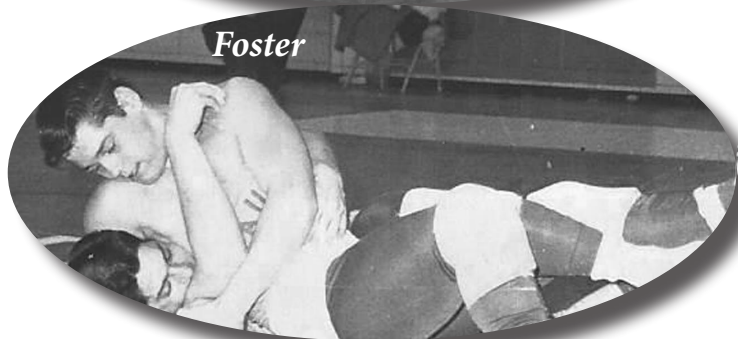
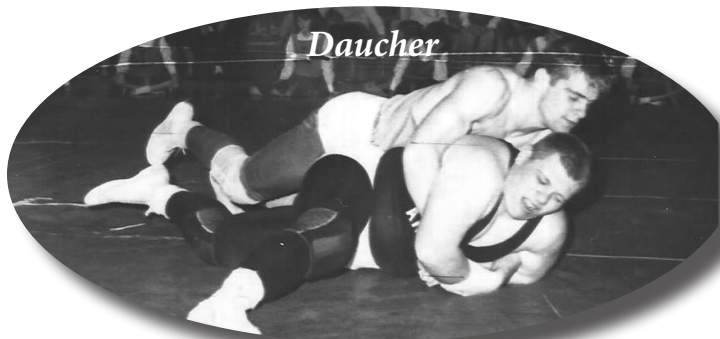
2-0 decision. George Harrison lost via the pin route as did Larry Foster. Mike Grace won on default as did Jim Daucher, and Laurel dropped to 4th place with 23 points.

Saturday afternoon, March 6, proved to be Laurel's downfall, as in the semi-finals Laurel's five remaining wrestlers were beaten. Chuck Hall was pinned. Mel Baird was out-pointed, as was George Wills. Mike Grace lost on points, and James Daucher was pinned. All five boys wrestled in the consolations. to complete for 3rd and 4th place. Chuck Hall finished 4th as he lost by decision, as did Mel Baird. George Wills

and Mike Grace finished 3rd as George won on default and Mike scored a fall in 2:48. Jim Daucher finished 4th as he was pinned.

The schools that finished ahead of Laurel were Northwood - 72 points, Springbrook - 63, Gaithersburg - 48, Walter Johnson - 36, and Andover - 33.

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