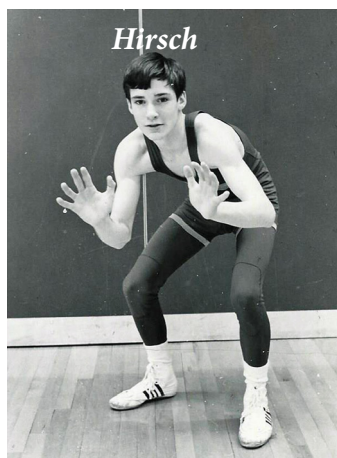
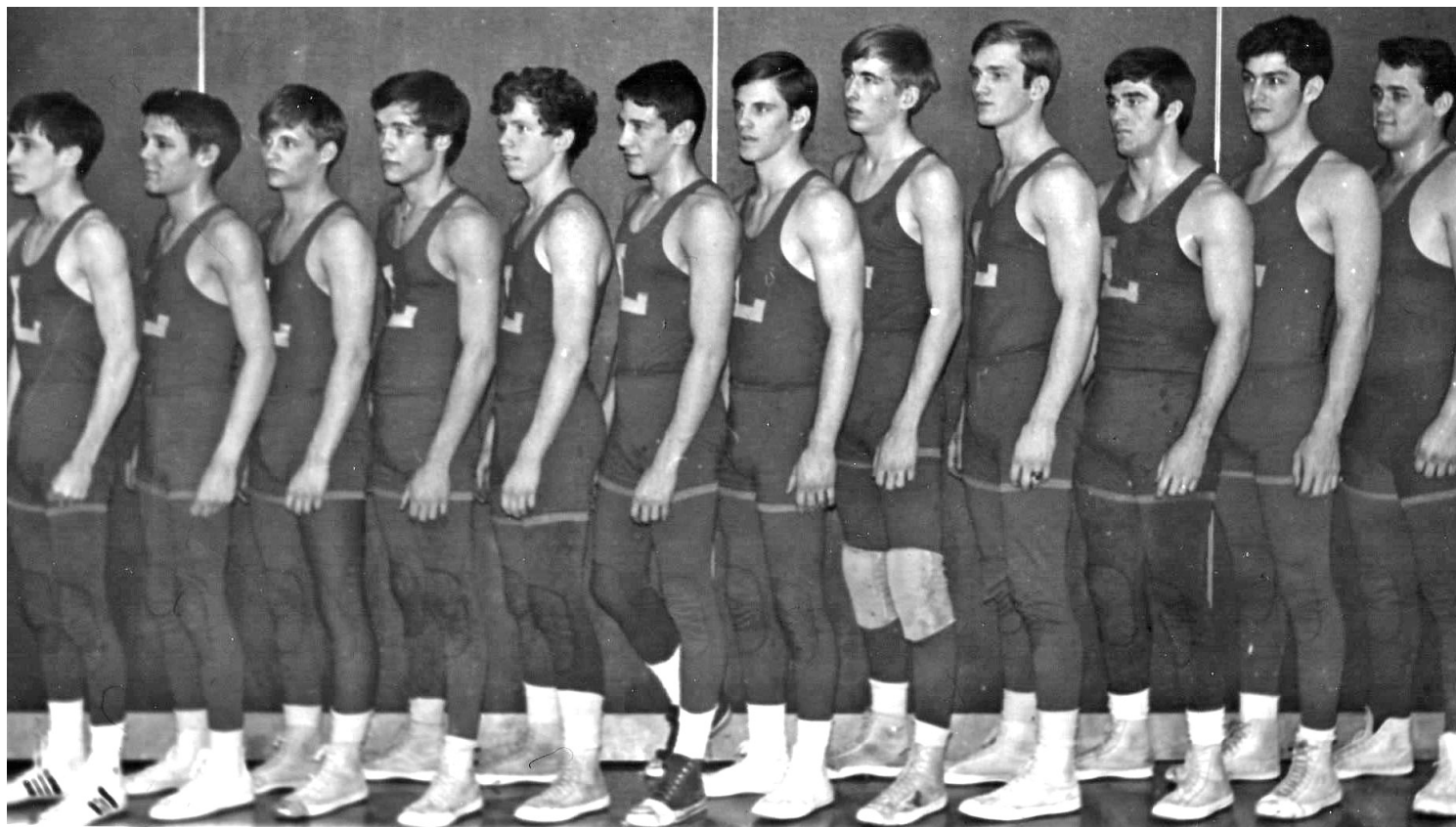
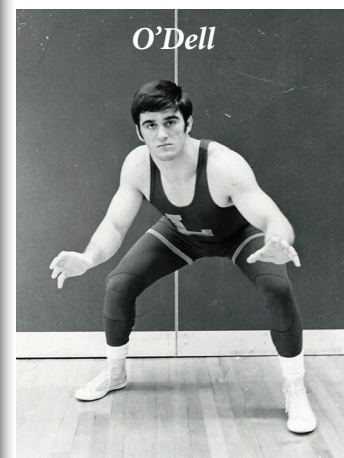


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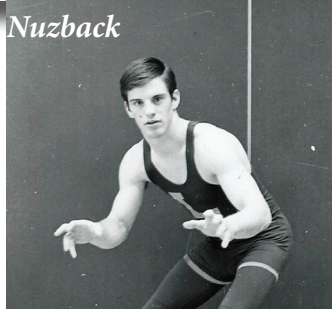


Hirsch

LHS	Opponent
23.....	Surrattsville ..... 28
19.....	High Point ..... 23
30.....	DuVal ..... 15
19.....	Bowie ..... 21
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36.....	Suitland ..... 14



O'Dell

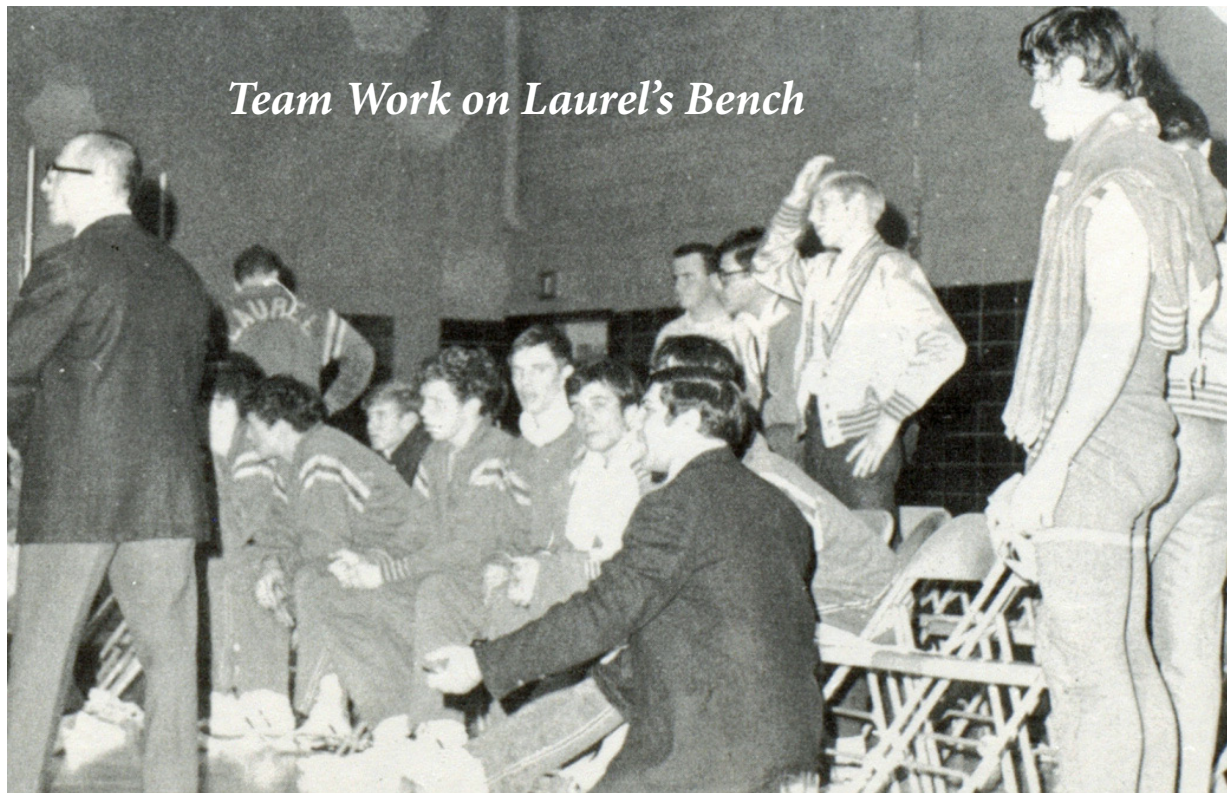


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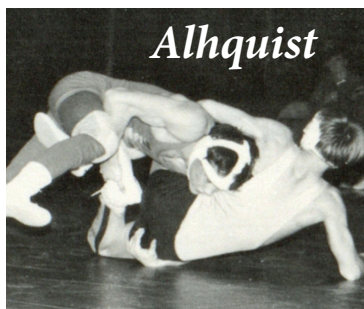
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*Team Work on Laurel's Bench*



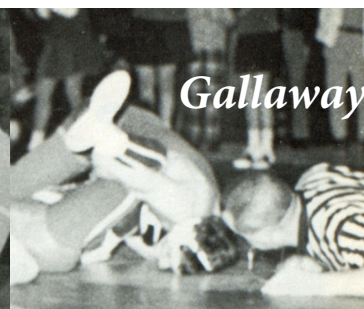
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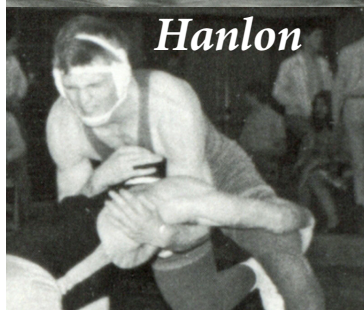
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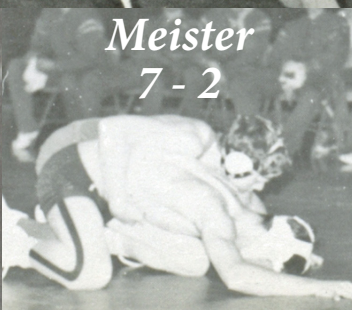
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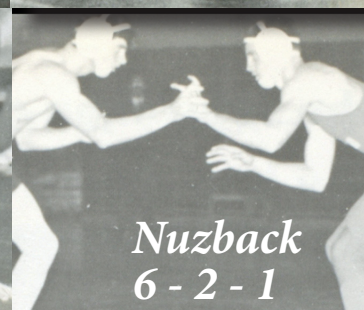
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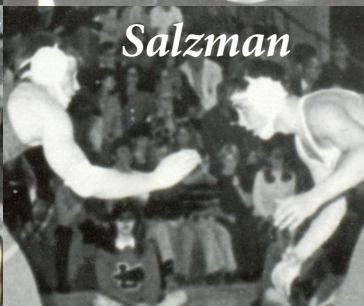
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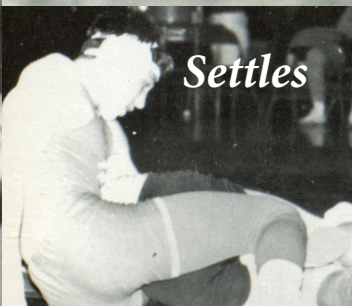
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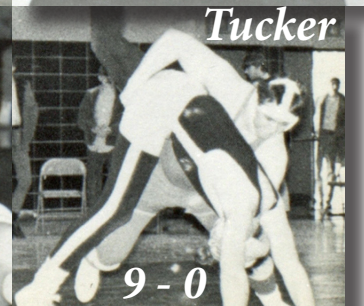
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## LAUREL SENIOR HIGH

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WRESTLING TEAM

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

### Mon. thru Fri.

3:45 - dressed in wrestling room  
6:15 - shower and dress  
6:30 - leave building

### Saturday and Non-school day practice

10:15 - dressed in wrestling room  
12:30 - shower and dress  
1:00 - leave building

### Saturday and Non-school practice dates

Nov. 15 - Sat.  
22 - Sat.  
28 - Thanksgiving break  
29 - Sat.

Dec. 26 - Fri.  
27 - Sat.  
29 - Mon.  
30 - Tue.  
31 - Wed.

Jan. 2 - Fri.  
3 - Sat.

Christmas Break

Practice on the day before a match will usually be over an hour early.

The above schedule may be changed on days when scrimmage matches are arranged.

There will not be practice on any Sunday or on the following days:

Nov. 27 - Thanksgiving day  
Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve  
Dec. 25 - Christmas Day  
Jan. 1 - New Years Day  
Feb. 23 - Washington's Birthday

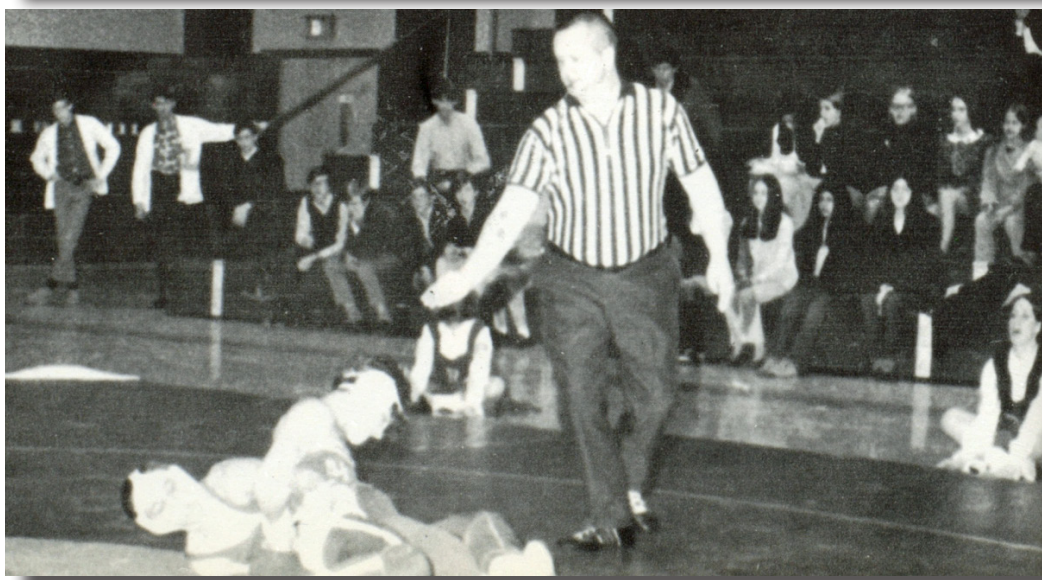


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## JV Spartans

LHS	OPPONENT
24.....	Bowie ..... 6
6.....	Parkdale ..... 9
14.....	Crossland ..... 11
17.....	Bladensburg ..... 13
13.....	Oxen Hill ..... 20
23.....	DuVal..... 5
12.....	High Point ..... 21
13.....	Surrattsville ..... 20
14.....	Suitland ..... 16







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## P.G. County Tournament

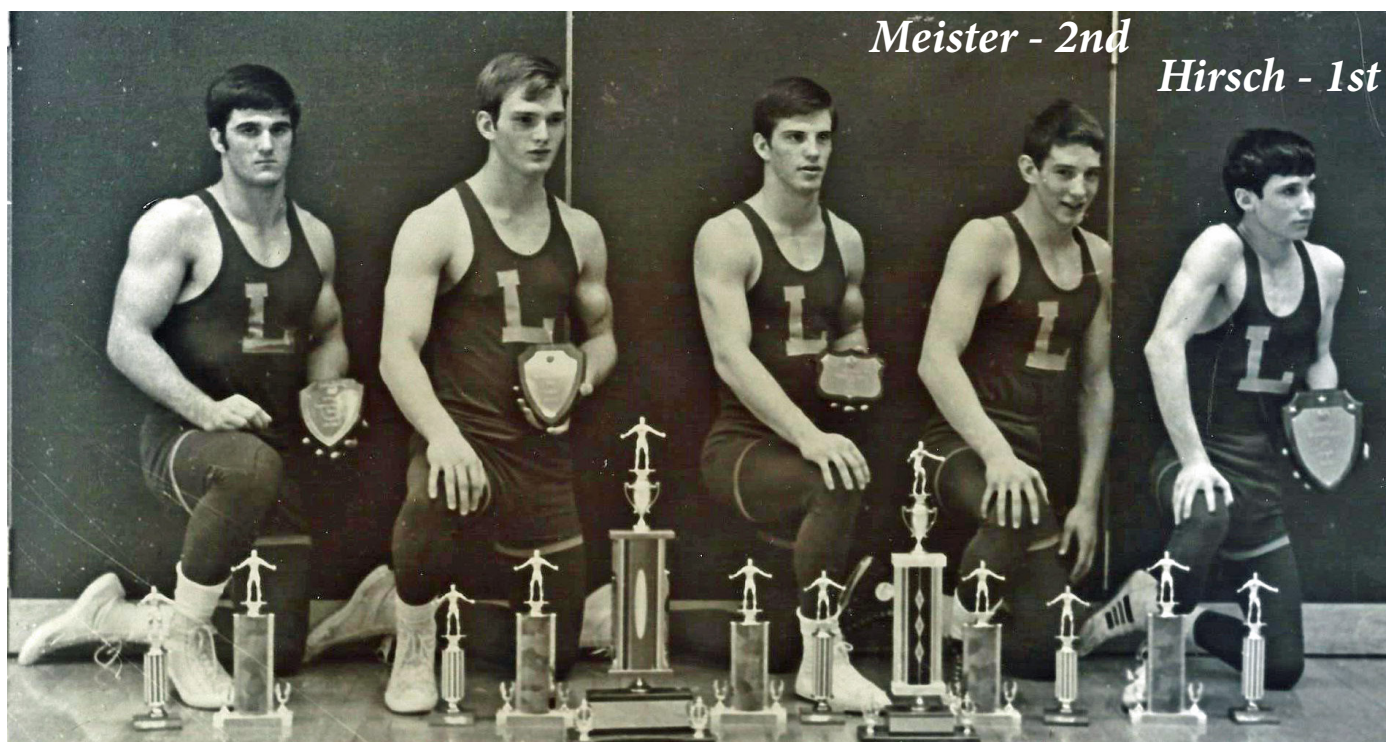


Hirsch -- 98 lb Champion

Hanlon -- 165 lb Champion

O'Dell -- 175 lb Champion

## District II Tournament



Meister - 2nd

Hirsch - 1st

O'Dell - 2nd

Hanlon - 2nd

Nuzback - -1st



# District II Tournament



## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 123

By Delegate Dorman

House Resolution congratulating Laurel Senior High School, Laurel, Maryland on the success achieved by its wrestling team in taking first place in the District II Wrestling Championships.

WHEREAS, The Laurel Senior High School wrestling team, under the inspired coaching leadership of Mr. Beryl Cohen and Mr. Allen Goldstein achieved an overwhelming victory in the District II Wrestling Championships, defeating their nearest rival by 18 points; and

WHEREAS, This victory was achieved by Laurel High School by completely dominating the semi-final round where five of their matmen were victorious, building up such a lead that only one other team had a mathematical chance to tie; and

WHEREAS, The Laurel Senior High School wrestling team further distinguished themselves in the first Maryland State Championships, where no team champion was named and where one of its members, Tom Hirsch, was named State Champion; and

WHEREAS, The achievements of the Laurel Senior High School wrestling team were earned through the hard work and spirit of all team members; now, therefore, be it

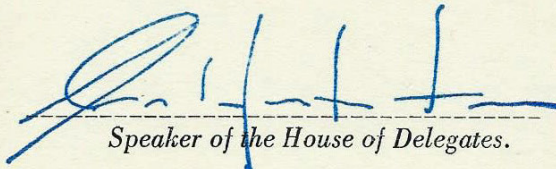
*Resolved*, That the House of Delegates of Maryland congratulates the Laurel Senior High School, Laurel, Maryland on the success achieved by its wrestling team in taking first place in the District II Wrestling Championships; and be it further

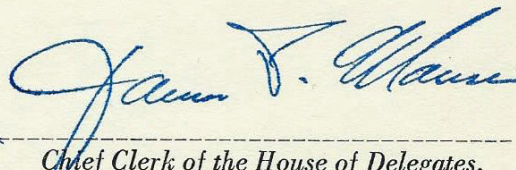
*Resolved*, That copies of this Resolution be sent to Mr. Lloyd Hoover, the principal of Laurel Senior High School; Mr. Beryl Cohen and Mr. Allen Goldstein, coaches of the wrestling team and to all the members of the Laurel Senior High School wrestling team.

By the House of Delegates, March 27, 1970.

Read and adopted.

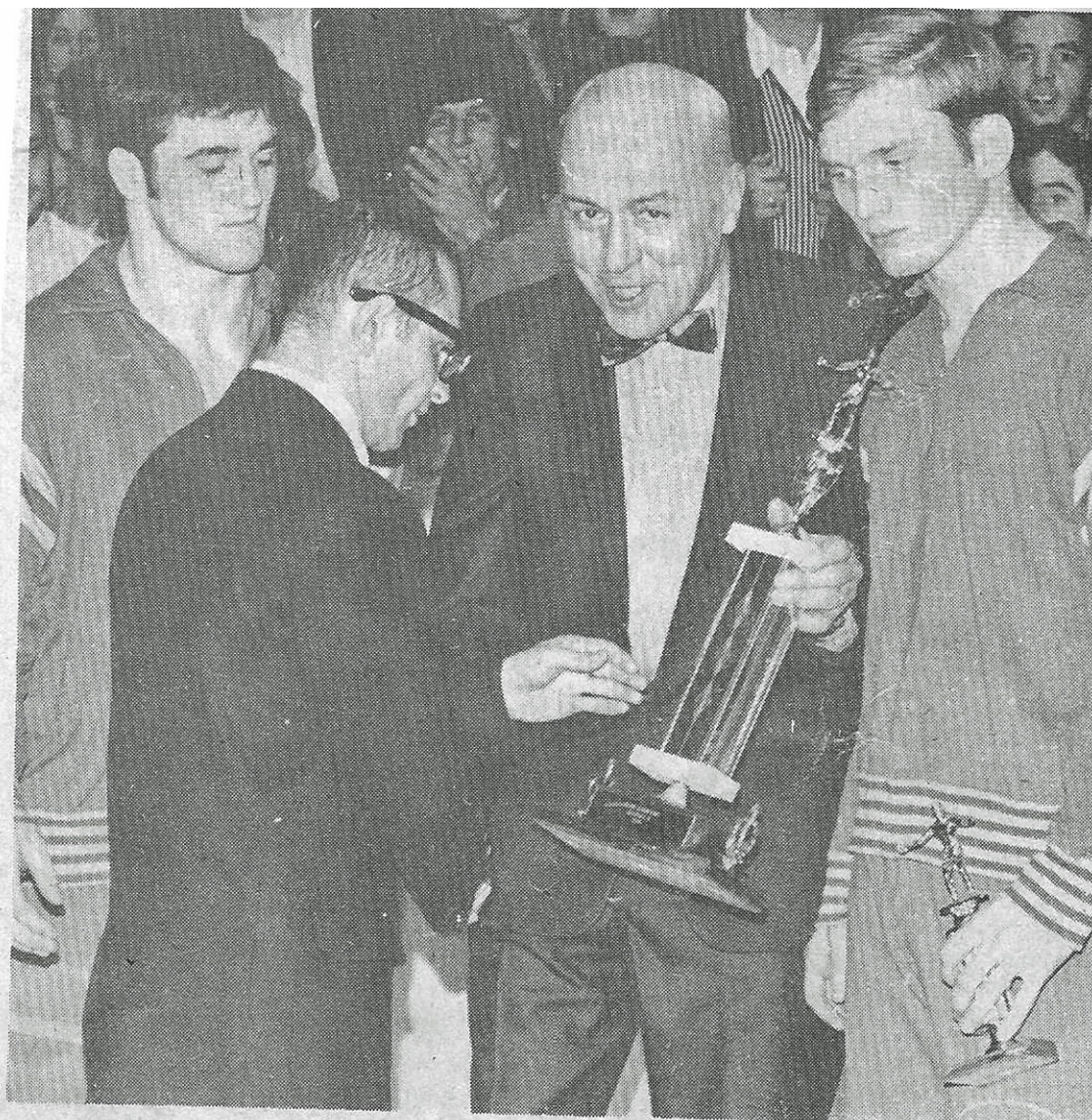
By order, James P. Mause, Chief Clerk.

  
Speaker of the House of Delegates.

  
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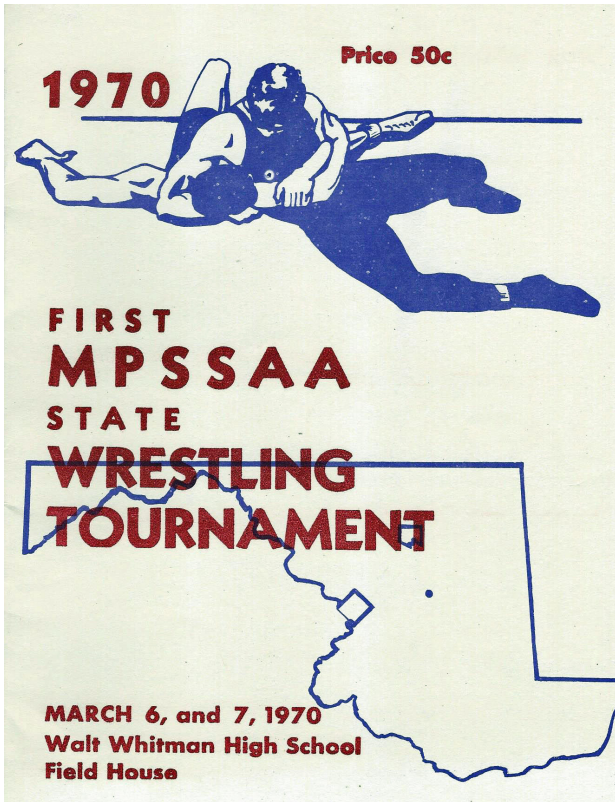
## *Laurel Wrestlers Win District Crown*

DISTRICT CHAMPS--Coach Beryle Cohen prepares to accept the trophy designating his Laurel wrestling team District II Champions from retiring Prince George's County School Superintendent William C. Schmidt. Laurel grapplers Mark O'Dell (left) and Dan Hanlon (right) look on during the presentation ceremonies last Saturday night at John F. Kennedy High School. (Story and more C.G. Barnett photos in Sports Section).

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FRIDAY		SATURDAY 1:00	
DON CRAWFORD (WILLIAMSPORT)			
STEVE GOTSHALL (CATONSVILLE)		49	
GAYLEN GREEN (ST. MICHAEL'S)			
<b>TOM HIRSCH (LAUREL)</b>		50	
MARK HEWITT (FRANKLIN)			
BILL McMINN (BRUCE)		50	
CENON NAVAL (BCC)			
JAMES McMULLEN (PERRYVILLE)		4	
VICTOR BOYD (PERRYVILLE)			
GARY MASKE (GLADENSBURG)		5	
TOM YATES (HEREFORD)		61	
RODNEY STEIN (SOUTH HAGERSTOWN)			
GARY FUNKHAUSER (SURREATTSVILLE)		7	
DENNIS STRUBLE (RISING SUN)		52	
ALLEN FETERMAN (BEALL)			
JIM WOLF (PATAPO)		8	
JEFF WELCH (HEREFORD)			
STEVE KIRK (ALLEGHANY)		9	
JIM SPRINGMAN (BOWIE)		53	
LOUIS TARIFA (PERRYVILLE)		10	
GEORGE THORPE (BEALL)			
MIKE MOORE (DUNDALK)		11	
JAMES GIVNEY (RISING SUN)		54	
GARY COOPER (SHERWOOD)		12	

FRIDAY		SATURDAY 1:00	
STEVE DICARLO (HIGH POINT)			
CLARENCE PALMER (ST. MICHAEL'S)		13	
BRAD REAMS (SOUTHERN G. C.)		55	
RICHARD STEEDMAN (BEL AIR)		14	
OGIE MILES (JIM BENNETT)			
BOB ROSE (PARKDALE)		15	
BOB JOHNSON (PERRY HALL)		56	
JOHN BUCKHOLTZ (SPRING VALLEY)		16	
CHARLES SYMONS (VALLEY)			
TERRY BAYLOR (DUNDALK)		17	
LAWRENCE JONES (PERRYVILLE)		57	
MIKE BRAY (BOWIE)		18	
HARRY OWINGS (FRANCIS SCOTT KEY)			
PETE CARLO (SOUTH HAGERSTOWN)		19	
MARK GALEMORE (DUVAL)		58	
GARY RUNGE (WICOMICO)		20	
RICHARD WALES (ST. MICHAEL'S)			
<b>RICHARD MEISTER (LAUREL)</b>		59	
GENE NORTON (PERRY HALL)		22	
ED DUDLEY (BEALL)			
STEVE WOLFE (PARKDALE)		23	
SAMUEL THOMPSON (PERRYVILLE)		60	
JOE BEEMAN (VALLEY)			
TOM BARNHILL (NORTH HARFORD)		24	

FRIDAY		SATURDAY 1:00	
MIKE ATKINS (NORTH HARFORD)			
CHUCK OSBORNE (SOUTH HAGERSTOWN)		25	
ALEX MILANO (SHERWOOD)		61	
ROD FLOWERS (J.M. BENNETT)		26	
STEVE LEWIS (BRUCE)			
TYRONE NEAL (SOUTHERN)		27	
TIMOTHY BLAKELY (RISING SUN)		62	
<b>Brendan Nuzback (LAUREL)</b>		28	
DOUG FERN (CHURCHILL)			
GARY COOPER (ST. MICHAEL'S)		29	
STEVE BEEMON (VALLEY)		63	
STEVE HERBERT (HEREFORD)		30	
RANDY TIBBS (RISING SUN)			
BILL SPAULDING (OXON HILL)		31	
MARC SEIGAL (WOODLAWN)		64	
BILL HOISINGER (BEALL)		32	
FRED LITTON (BRUCE)			
JIM GARVEY (CATONSVILLE)		33	
SAMUEL COALE (PERRYVILLE)		65	
ELBOWS SIMPSON (GAITHERSBURG)		34	
ROBERT MCNABB (HEREFORD)			
KEVIN DANNER (THOMAS JOHNSON)		35	
<b>Dan Hamlon (LAUREL)</b>		66	
DAVID PARACE (J.M. BENNETT)		36	

RICHARD MEISTER (LAUREL)

Brendan Nuzback (LAUREL)

Dan Hamlon (LAUREL)



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FRIDAY		SATURDAY 1:00	
DON DASHIELL (J.M. BENNETT)			
<b>MARK O'DELL (LAUREE)</b> ←			
175 LB CLASS	REGGIE WALLACE (SOUTHERN OF LOTHIAN)	38	67
	RON SPOONIRE (SOUTH HAGERSTOWN)		
	SCOTT LIBBY (SPRINGBROOK)		
	TIMOTHY THOMPSON (FERRYVILLE)	39	
185 LB CLASS	FAT MCCONNELL (BRUCE)		68
	CARL DUNCAN (GLEN BURNIE)	40	
	PETER BAYRODT (MILFORD MILLS)		
	JOHN LILLER (ALLEGHANY)	41	
HEAVYWEIGHT	DAVE DICOB (CHOPTICON)		69
	HENRY GASS (J.M. BENNETT)	42	
	BOB STOCKMAN (THOMAS JOHNSON)		
	GEORGE STOCTON (GLEN BURNIE)	43	
HEAVYWEIGHT	ROBERT TURNER (FERRYVILLE)		70
	PHIL WATERS (SPRINGBROOK)	44	
	KEVIN MORIARITY (NORTH WESTERN)		
	CARLTON COOPER (ST. MICHAEL'S)	45	
HEAVYWEIGHT	CHARLES KLINE (THOMAS JOHNSON)		71
	LARRY AVERY (BROOKLYN PARK)	46	
	GARY JACKSON (ELKTON)		
	MAX LEGG (BOWIE)	47	
HEAVYWEIGHT	SAM MACKALL (SOUTHERN OF LOTHIAN)		72
	CHUCK SCHOENADEL (ALLEGHANY)	48	

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SCHOOL	PRINCIPAL	HEAD COACH	SCHOOL COLORS
Alleghany	Robert Hutcheson	George Strimmel	Blue and White
Beall	Joseph Pellerzi	Nile E. Chaney	Blue and Gold
Bel Air	Paul Skarzenski	Robert F. Heagy	Blue and White
James M. Bennett	Carl Dumire	Patrick Briscoe	Red and White
BCC	Dr. Eugene Smoley	Roger Myers	Blue and Gold
Bladensburg	David L. Dean	David Morgan	Maroon and White
Bowie	Armand Biscontini	Dave Phillips	Maroon, Blue, and White
Brooklyn Park	Walter Jackson	William Fritchard	Blue and White
Bruce	James White	Bernard Deal	Royal Blue and White
Catonsville	Sam Clapper	Thomas Cram	Blue and Gold
Chopticon	Dr. Julius Levey	Robert Fugera	Red and Black
Winston Churchill	Dr. Gertrude Bish	Gary Truby	Blue, Green and White
Dundalk	Leib McDonald	Stanley Jablonski	Green and Gold
DuVal	Daniel Chase	Joel Kuharik	Orange, Black and White
Franklin	James P. Hackman	Claude PDarr	Red, White, and Blue
Gaithersburg	Thomas Stevenson	Thomas Quélet	Blue and Gold
Glen Burnie	Craig Lundberg	Thomas Newbrough	Red and White
Hereford	Dr. Ruppert Neary	Larry Ikeler	Maroon and White
High Point	Dr. Allen I. Chortiner	Tom Schleicher	Blue and Gold
Gov. T. Johnson	Karl Marwiller	Guy Whidden	Red and White
Francis Scott	Louis V. Beard	Pete McDowell	Red, White and Blue
Elkton	James L. Peigel		
Laurel	Lloyd Hoover	Beryle Cohen	Blue and Gold
Millford Mill	Marvin Browning	John Lowe	Green and White
N. Harford	William H. Pyle	Anthony Dyleski	Green and Gold
Northwestern	Raymond R. Reed	Lawrence Bozzella	Blue and White
Oxon Hill	Michael E. Hernick	Vic Saudia	Black and Gold
Parkdale High	Dr. G. Alan Saper	Dr. John J. McNeillis	Green and Gold
Potapoco High	David Driver	C. Roger Neutze	Red, White, and Blue
Ferry Hall	Máynard Kestle	Jerry Chiapparelli	Blue and Gold
Ferryville	Robert L. Foole	Terrillo Stammer	Blue and Gold
Rising Sun	Eugene A. Uhan	Darwin Struble	Orange and Black
St. Michaels	Joseph Otag		
Sherwood	Robert Travers	Marshall Dauberman	Blue and White
Southern	E.M. Wingate	Allan Hunt	Blue and Gold
S. Garrett	Robert F. Rodeheaver	Asa M. McCain, Jr.	Red and White
S. Hagerstown	Donald Zilch	Fred Johnson	Green and White
Springbrook	Dr. Thomas Marshall	John Henderson	Columbia Blue and Navy Blue
Surratsville	Kalman J. Volzar	Law Jenkins	Green and White
Valley	Calvin Rankin	Tom Harmon	Black and White
Wicomico	Kenneth Smith	Thomas A. Craigie	Blue and Gold
Williamsport	Joseph Scott	Al Witt	Blue and White
Woodlawn	Paul Dowling	George Goody	Red and Black

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS



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out his ability in the finals. Nuzback, who had never before won a championship his three years with the Spartans, was impressive throughout the tourney. He had relatively easy wins over Mike Taylor of B-CC in the opening round then disposed of DuVal's Rob Thomas in the semis. On the same night Nuzback was defeating Thomas, Sherwood's Alex Milano, the Montgomery County Champ 145 was handing down his previously undefeated PG champ David Strauss of High Point his first loss, 6-5. Nuzback had given Strauss all he could handle in the finals of the PG Tourney before coming in the final seconds. Nuzback, not known for his pinning prowess, turned on a mistake by Strauss and pinned the Montgomery champ in 2:35

of the finals in what fans thought was one of the most surprising matches of the meet.

While Hirsch and Nuzback both grabbed off firsts, Richard Meister, Dan Hanlon and Mark O'Dell had to settle for seconds.

Meister, getting one of four Laurel pins in the tourney, rolled past both of his 137-pound opponents but suffered a badly injured knee in whipping Montgomery County champ George Baum of Gaithersburg in the semis. Meister, a strategist of the first order, suffered his injury in the second period of his match with Baum but went on to take a 6-2 win, earning the right to meet old nemesis Steve Wolfe of Parkdale for the championship. Meister had lost a final second decision to Wolfe in the PG County finals but never got a chance to avenge the loss and had to

default to Wolfe in the District II finals because of the knee. He remains doubtful for the Spartans in the State Tournament this weekend at Walt Whitman High School.

Dan Hanlon, the PG County 165-pound champ, got all the way to the finals before running into a buzz-saw in the form of Bill "Elbows" Simpson. Simpson, who had required only 10 seconds to pin his opening night opponent, put a great move on Hanlon and pinned the Laurel senior only 55 seconds into the first period. It was the first time in over two years that Hanlon, classy in his own right, had been pinned. Although no outstanding wrestler is chosen for the District, Simpson would have won hands down. He was Gaithersburg's only individual champ and the popular young man was

certainly deserving of the honor.

Mark O'Dell, like Hanlon a PG County champ, was able to handle all in the 175-pound weight class until he got to the finals against Springbrook's Scott Libbey. O'Dell got one of Laurel's pins in the opening round against B-CC's Kevin Scullen, then easily handled Churchill's Gary Higgins in the semis, 11-5, before running up against Libbey, one of two individual champs for Springbrook. Libbey stayed in riding control most of the match and scored a 4-2 win over the once-defeated Laurel junior strongman.

Springbrook's other individual champion came in the 185-pound class as impressive Phil Waters rolled past PG champ Dave DiCobb, who had a cake-walk through all his opponents in the County Tourney. Walters, the

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Montgomery County champ, only two points scored against him in the District. DiCobb, who wrestled at 185 last year but lost 40 pounds and was improved, rolled both of his opponents to earn the right to meet Walters. No other team got more than one individual champ and second-place Parkdale scored good balance by winning one first, one second, third and two fourths. Their champion was 130-pound Steve Wolfe while Rose grabbed a second and High Point's Steve Hutto at 123, Jerry Maas third at 155 pounds and Tom Richards, at 185, and Dan Hutto, at 98, were fourth.

six was Springbrook, undefeated in dual meets and the Montgomery County champ.

The superiority of PG individuals shone through until the very end when PG had seven individual winners while Montgomery had five. PG took 29 of the first 48 bouts and led 17-7 entering the finals.

Five of the 12 bouts had all Prince George's County finalists and on all but one of the five, the PG champ also won the District. The only exception was at heavyweight where Northwestern's Kevin Moriariaty defeated Max Legg of Bowie. Legg had won the first meeting between the two.

Interestingly, PG's great superiority came in the light and middle weights as only Cooper of Sherwood was able to claim a championship through the first seven bouts.

From them on, however, Montgomery County had the edge.

Top-seeded wrestlers won championships in all but three of the weight classes.

Bowie's Mike Bray, the outstanding wrestler named at the PG County Tourney, had little or no difficulty wading through all comers in the District at 130 pounds. Bray had earlier won the PG title.

### FINALS

- 98-Tom Hirsch (L) dec. Ceon Naval (B-CC), 3-0.
- 107-Gary Fankhouser (Surr) dec. Rusty Maske (Blad), 6-4.
- 115-Gary Cooper (Sherwood) dec. Don Springsman (Bowie), 3-5.
- 123-Steve DiCario (H.P.) dec. Bob Rose (Parkdale), 6-0.
- 130-Mike Bray (Bowie) dec. Mark Galemore (DuVal), 3-0.
- 137-Steve Wolfe (Parkdale) won by default over Richard Meister (L).
- 145-Brandon Nuzback (L) pinned Alex Milano (Sherwood), 2:35.
- 155-Doug Fera (Churchill) dec. Bill Spaulding, (O.H.), 3-1.
- 165-Bill Simpson (G) pinned Dan Hanlon (L), 55.
- 173-Scott Libbey (Springbrook) dec. Mark O'Dell (L), 4-2.

- 185-Phil Waters (Springbrook) dec. Dave DiCobb (Chopticon), 5-1.
- Hvy-Kevin Moriariaty (N.W.) dec. Max Legg (Bowie), 4-1.

### CONSOLATIONS

- 98-Mickey Cooperman (Springbrook) dec. Chuck Ketch (Parkdale), 4-2.
- 107-Dave Wells (DuVal) dec. Carl Deer (W.J.), 1-0.
- 115-Bruce McConkey (H.P.) dec. Tom Fitts (Peary), 5-1.
- 123-Wally Wells (DuVal) dec. Jeff Garrett (Blad), 2-0 (OT).
- 130-Lee Cooperman (Springbrook) dec. Joey Tarasuk (Sherwood), 4-0.
- 137-George Baum (G) dec. Steve Dever (H.P.), 3-0.
- 145-David Strauss (H.P.) dec. Rob Thomas (DuVal), 7-0.
- 155-Jerry Maas (Parkdale) dec. Bruce Reid (H.P.), 3-2.
- 165-Dan Feldman (W.J.) dec. Randy Mason (W.H.), 2-0.
- 175-Gary Higgins (Churchill) dec. Jeff Powers (Peary), 3-2.
- 185-Bill Higgins (W.J.) Binned.
- Tom Richards (Parkdale), 3:59.
- Hvy-Bill Holt (DuVal) won by default from Scott Loomis (Wheaton).

TEAM STANDINGS: Laurel, 55; Parkdale, 37; Springbrook, 35; Bowie, 31; DuVal and High Point, 28; Sherwood, 24; Gaithersburg and Churchill, 19; Walter Johnson, 14; Northwestern, 13; Bladensburg and Surrattsville, 12; Chopticon, 11; Bethesda-Chevy Chase and Oxon Hill, 9; Peary, 7; Wheaton, 5; Walt Whitman, 3; Suttland, Kennedy, Northwood, Blair, Einstein, 0.



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## Hirsch, Nuzback Individual Champs; 3 Spartans Second

By Howard Smith

The Laurel Spartans, who narrowly missed walking off with the Prince George's County Wrestling title two weeks ago, rode to a very convincing team championship in the District II Tournament last weekend at John F. Kennedy High School.

The Spartans, who finished in a tie with Bowie, one point behind PG champ High Point in the County tourney, made sure a narrow miss would not happen again. Five of their six entries went all the way to the final round and two of those were crowned individual champions.

It was on the strength of the "Big Five's" performance that boosted the Spartans to their first District II title for coach Beryle Cohen, who started the wrestling program at Laurel. One other Spartan team, the 1964-'65 version coached by Tom Reilly, won what was then called the Tri-County Championship, although Reilly's team consisted primarily of Cohen-taught members.

Leading the way for the Spartans were 98-pound champion Tom Hirsch and surprising 145-pound champ Brendan Nuzback. Hirsch, who waltzed through the County lightweights with very little difficulty, did not have a particularly good tourney until the final round when he completely annihilated Bethesda-Chevy Chase's Ceon Naval, 9-0, for the crown. Naval had nipped Montgomery champ Mickey Cooperman, 10-9, to earn the right to meet Hirsch in the finals but it was never a contest.

Hirsch barely got by John Cali of Einstein in the first round and needed riding time to squeak by with a 1-point win. The Laurel junior met Parkdale's Chuck Keleti in the semifinals and needed a pin to get by. Keleti, who had twice before lost to Hirsch this season although he had avoided Hirsch's pinning prowess, took a 4-0 lead into the third period of the semis but made a fatal mistake and Hirsch quickly applied the pin. Hirsch left little doubt

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## District Champs

Twelve District wrestling champions will lead area grapplers into the first Maryland state championships this weekend at Walt Whitman High School. The 1970 mat kings include (l-r) front row -- Steve Wolfe of Parkdale, Mike Bray of Bowie, Steve DiCarlo of High Point, Gary Cooper of Sherwood, Gary

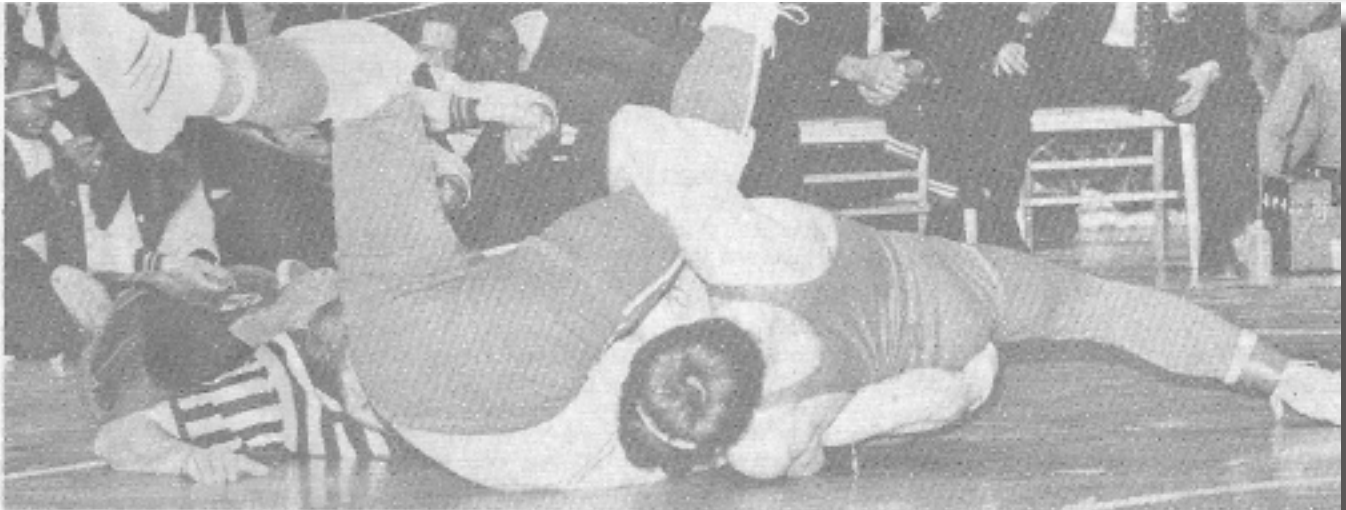
Funkhauser of Surrattsville, and Tom Hirsch of Laurel. Back Row -- Ke Moriarty of Northwestern, Phil Waters and Scott Libby of Springbrook, Simpson of Gaithersburg, Doug Fern of Churchill, and Brandon Nuzback Laurel.



Danny Hanlon, after trailing through most of his match with Springbrook's Scott Libbey, turned the tables to score a near-fall here. Although Hanlon took a brief lead late in the match, he was beaten, 7-5, by Libbey. Photo by C.G. Barnett

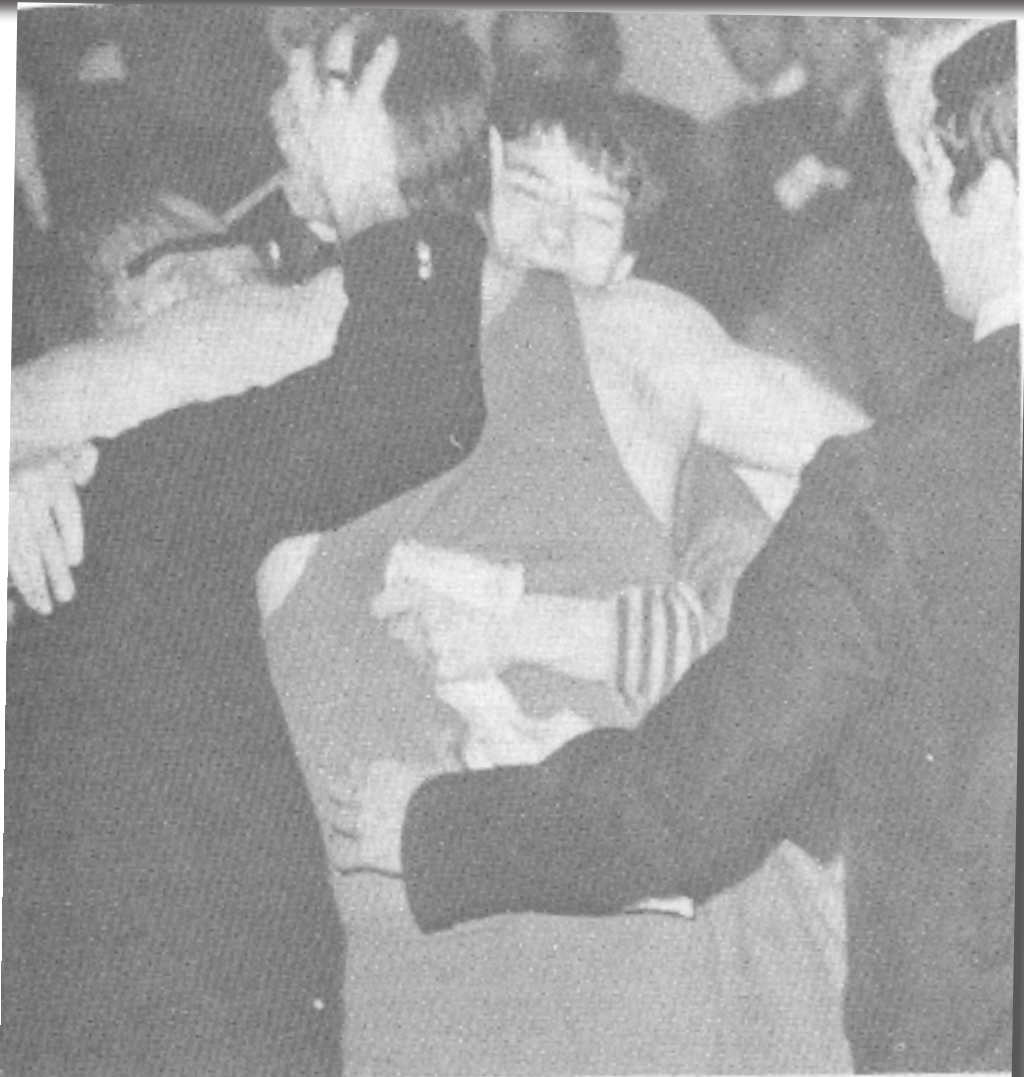


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Brendan Nuzback, who finished second behind David Strauss in the PG County tournament, wasted little time in pinning Strauss's conqueror, Alex Milano of Sherwood, for the District II championship at 145 pounds. For Nuzback it was a very happy moment because the senior was wrestling in the next to last appearances of his high school career. (Photo by C. Barnett).

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Happy coaches and teammates congratulate 145-pound Brendan Nuzback immediately after his convincing upset win by pin over Sherwood's Alex Milano for the District Championship. Left to right surrounding Nuzback are coach Beryle Cohen, 98-pound champ Tom Hirsch and assistant coach Al Goldstein. (Photo by C.G. Barnett).



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about his ability in the finals.

Nuzback, who had never before won a championship in his three years with the Spartans, was impressive throughout the tourney. He scored relatively easy wins over Mike Taylor of B-CC in the opening round then disposed of DuVal's Rob Thomas in the semis. On the same night Nuzback was defeating Thomas, Sherwood's Alex Milano, the Montgomery County Champ at 145 was handling previously undefeated PG champ David Strauss of High Point his first loss, 6-5. Nuzback had given Strauss all he could handle in the finals of the PG Tourney before bowing in the final seconds. Old nemesis out of the way, classy Nuzback, not known for his pinning prowess, swarmed on a mistake by Milano and pinned the Montgomery champ in 2:35

of the finals in what fans thought was one of the most surprising matches of the meet.

While Hirsch and Nuzback both grabbed off firsts, Richard Meister, Dan Hanlon and Mark O'Dell had to settle for seconds.

Meister, getting one of four Laurel pins in the tourney, rolled past both of his 137-pound opponents but suffered a badly injured knee in whipping Montgomery County champ George Baum of Gaithersburg in the semis. Meister, a strategist of the first order, suffered his injury in the second period of his match with Baum but went on to take a 6-2 win, earning the right to meet old nemesis Steve Wolfe of Parkdale for the championship. Meister had lost a final second decision to Wolfe in the PG County finals but never got a chance to avenge the loss and had to

default to Wolfe in the District II finals because of the knee. He remains doubtful for the Spartans in the State Tournament this weekend at Walt Whitman High School.

Dan Hanlon, the PG County 165-pound champ, got all the way to the finals before running into a buzz-saw in the form of Bill "Elbows" Simpson. Simpson, who had required only 10 seconds to pin his opening night opponent, put a great move on Hanlon and pinned the Laurel senior only 55 seconds into the first period. It was the first time in over two years that Hanlon, classy in his own right, had been pinned. Although no outstanding wrestler is chosen for the District, Simpson would have won hands down. He was Gaithersburg's only individual champ and the popular young man was

certainly deserving of the honor.

Mark O'Dell, like Hanlon a PG County champ, was able to handle all in the 175-pound weight class until he got to the finals against Springbrook's Scott Libbey. O'Dell got one of Laurel's pins in the opening round against B-CC's Kevin Scullen, then easily handled Churchill's Gary Higgins in the semis, 11-5, before running up against Libbey, one of two individual champs for Springbrook. Libbey stayed in riding control most of the match and scored a 4-2 win over the once-defeated Laurel junior strongman.

Springbrook's other individual champion came in the 185-pound class as impressive Phil Waters rolled past PG champ Dave DiCobb, who had a cake-walk through all his opponents in the County Tourney. Walters, the

Montgomery County champ, had only two points scored against him in the District. DiCobb, who wrestled at heavy last year but lost 40 pounds and was improved, pinned both of his opponents to earn the right to meet Waters.

No other team got more than one individual champ but second-place Parkdale showed good balance by winning one first, one second, one third and two fourths. Their champion was 137-pound Steve Wolfe while Bob Rose grabbed a second behind High Point's Steve DiCarlo at 123, Jerry Maas was third at 155 pounds and Tom Richards, at 185, and Keleti, at 98, were fourth.

Prince George's County showed a good superiority in the overall standings as five of the first six places went to PG teams. The only Montgomery County finisher in the first

six was Springbrook, undefeated in dual meets and the Montgomery County champ.

The superiority of PG individuals shone through until the very end when PG had seven individual winners while Montgomery had five. PG took 29 of the first 48 bouts and led 17-7 entering the finals.

Five of the 12 bouts had all Prince George's County finalists and on all but one of the five, the PG champ also won the District. The only exception was at heavyweight where Northwestern's Kevin Moriariaty defeated Max Legg of Bowie. Legg had won the first meeting between the two.

Interestingly, PG's great superiority came in the light and middle weights as only Cooper of Sherwood was able to claim a championship through the first seven bouts.

From them on, however, Montgomery County had the edge.

Top-seeded wrestlers won championships in all but three of the weight classes.

Bowie's Mike Bray, the outstanding wrestler named at the PG County Tourney, had little or no difficulty wading through all comers in the District at 130 pounds. Bray had earlier won the PG title.

## FINALS

98--Tom Hirsch (L) dec. Ceon Naval (B-CC), 9-0.  
 107--Gary Funkhouser (Surr) dec. Rusty Maske (Blad), 6-3.  
 115--Gary Cooper (Sherwood) dec. Don Springman (Bowie), 9-5.  
 123--Steve DiCarlo (H.P.) dec. Bob Rose (Parkdale), 6-0.  
 130--Mike Bray (Bowie) dec. Mark Galamore (DuVal), 3-0.  
 137--Steve Wolfe (Parkdale) won by default over Richard Meister (L)  
 145--Brendan Nuzback (L) pinned Alex Milano (Sherwood), 2:35.  
 155--Doug Fern (Churchill) dec. Bill Spaulding, (O.H.), 3-1.  
 165--Bill Simpson (G) pinned Dan Hanlon (L), :55.  
 175--Scott Libbey (Springbrook) dec. Mark O'Dell (L), 4-2.

185--Phil Waters (Springbrook) dec. Dave DiCobb (Chopticon), 5-1.  
 Hvy--Kevin Moriariaty (N.W.) dec. Max Legg (Bowie), 4-1.

## CONSOLATIONS

98--Mickey Cooperman (Springbrook) dec. Chuck Keleti (Parkdale), 4-2.  
 107--Dave Welts (DuVal) dec. Carl Door (W.J.), 1-0.  
 115--Bruce McConkey (H.P.) dec. Tom Fitts (Peary), 5-1.  
 123--Wally Wells (DuVal) dec. Jeff Garrett (Blad), 2-0 (OT).  
 130--Lee Cooperman (Springbrook) dec. Joey Tarasuk (Sherwood), 4-0.  
 137--George Baum (G) dec. Steve Dever (H.P.), 3-0.  
 145--David Strauss (H.P.) dec. Rob Thomas (DuVal), 7-0.  
 155--Jerry Maas (Parkdale) dec. Bruce Reid (H.P.), 3-2.  
 165--Dan Feldman (W.J.) dec. Randy Mason (W.W.), 2-0.  
 175--Gary Higgins (Churchill) dec. Jeff Powers (Peary), 9-2.  
 185--Bill Huggins (W.J.) pinned. Tom Richards (Parkdale), 2:59.  
 Hvy--Bill Holt (DuVal) won by default from Scott Lomis (Wheaton).

## TEAM STANDINGS: Laurel,

55; Parkdale, 37; Springbrook, 35; Bowie, 31; DuVal and High Point, 28; Sherwood, 24; Gaithersburg and Churchill, 19; Walter Johnson, 14; Northwestern, 13; Bladensburg and Surrattsville, 12; Chopticon, 11; Bethesda-Chovy Chase and Oxon Hill, 9; Peary, 7; Wheaton, 4; Walt Whitman, 3; Suitland, Kennedy, Northwood, Blair, Einstein, 0.

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Spartans a 17-15 lead with only two matches remaining by scoring an 8-3 decision over Pat Shuster. Hanlon looked good in putting his man in a predicament in the second period then scoring reverses in both the second and third periods and riding out an 8-3 win for three points and a lead for Laurel.

John Casey and Warren Swetnam battled to a 2-2 draw in the next to last match of the afternoon. Casey had to battle from behind in the final period by scoring an escape then riding out his man to manage his second draw of the season, and ward off the scythe of defeat which cut down two other Laurel grapplers during the course of the afternoon.

Warren Tucker chose the up position in the second period against Gielen after the two had battled to a scoreless deadlock in the first, but was unable to hold on and Gielen escaped :14 seconds into the middle frame. Less than a minute later Gielen added to his margin by scoring a takedown of the Laurel heavyweight but the takedown was quickly nullified when Tucker reversed to cut the lead to 3-2. Not to be outdone, Gielen pushed his lead back to three points with a reverse of his own when only :02 remained in the period.

Tucker's second reverse of the match came nine seconds into the third period and cut the lead to 5-4. With riding time he had accumulated, Tucker tied the match 11 seconds later and fell just 15 seconds shy of being awarded two points rather than one for riding time. After scoring

victory over Pat Rowan in the afternoon's opening match. Enroute to his third win in four tries Hirsch was awarded three points for riding time. He has only a draw to mar his record.

High Point, strong throughout the lightweights, moved out to a 12-3 lead by scoring decisions in the next four matches.

Mike Whittek, who had whipped Barry McMannus for the right to meet High Point's Bruce McConkey, probably wishes the shoe had been on the other foot as he suffered a 3-2 loss when McConkey was awarded a point for riding time to give High Point a 3-3 tie after the second match.

The apparent class of the County's 114-pounders, Steve DeCarlo, gave the Eagles a 6-3 lead in the next match by completely overwhelming Laurel's Everett Hicks, 13-0.

Chuck Friday established himself as a County and District title threat by pinning the first loss on

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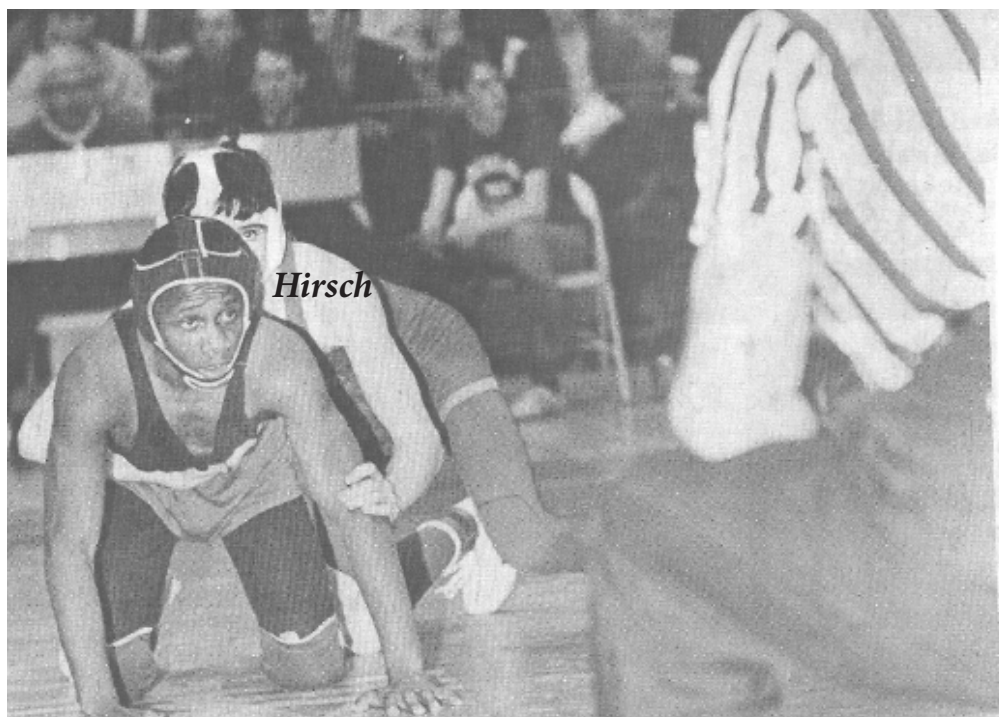


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<p>95-Tom Hirsch (L) dec. John Call (L) 5-7; Chuck Kubit (PD) dec. Bill Mankie (N) 9-3; Gene Naval (BC) dec. Francis Hall (CP) 22-0; Mickey Cooperman (SP) dec. Jim McInerney (BD) 8-1.</p> <p>107-Mel Dore (WI) dec. Brad Taylor (BC) 4-5; Barry Maska (BG) dec. Allan Ross (WB) 8-0; David Walls (BD) dec. Dan Freeman (N) 1-0 in overtime; Steve Fankhauser (SH) dec. Dave Bennett (B-CC) 4-2 in overtime.</p> <p>115-Dan Springman (BD) dec. Don Kowalski (WB) 1-0; Tom Fitts (PI) pinned Mark Cannon (BD) 3-21; Bruce McCauley (HP) dec. Bill Jordan (WH) 5-0; Gary Cooper (SH) dec. Bruce Kellner (PD) 10-2.</p> <p>121-Jeff Garner (BD) dec. Bruce Halland (C) 2-0 in overtime; Bob Ross (PI) pinned Jim DeBachianis (R) 5-8; Wally Wells (DU) dec. Darryl Panamintina (SP) judges' decision; Steve DeCarlo (HP) dec. Bob Aronoff (WH) 10-0.</p> <p>130-Mike Bray (BD) dec. John Milligan (B-CC) 1-2; Lee Cooperman (SP) dec. Tom Fitts (PI) 5-1; Mark Galante (L) dec. Dan Wingo (R) 7-1; Joe Tansick (SH) dec. Marty Patton (SR) 6-7.</p> <p>137-George Baum (GB) dec. Don Jupper (BD) 1-1; Richard Meyer (L) pinned Bill Gibson (WB) 5-8; Steve Ross (HP) dec. Jim Harrison (SP) 3-2; Steve Wolfe (PD) pinned Bob Crofton (WB) 2-0.</p> <p>145-David Strauss (HP) dec. Jack Williams (SP) 8-1; Alex Milano (SH) dec. Terry Keenan (SH) 5-2; Brandon Sankovik (L) dec. Mike Taylor (B-CC) 7-1; Bob Thomas (DU) dec. Dave Morgan (N) 6-5.</p> <p>150-Jim Mason (PI) vs. Dean Gagnier (WB) no contest; Dean Gagnier pinned Kevin Reid (BD) 1-23; Bruce Reid (HP) dec. Steve Rappart (SH) 10-8; Bill Spaulding (SH) dec. Tom Cooper (SP) 5-1.</p> <p>160-Dan Hunter (L) dec. Grant Tranel (C) 15-6; Dan Feldman (W) dec. Keith Uhl (S) 5-2; Randy Mason (WB) dec. Stan Chanecki (DU) 8-4; Bill Stronzo (GB) pinned Ray Stahovec (PD) 1-11.</p> <p>175-Scott Litty (SP) dec. Warren Swedman (HP) 4-0; Bill Powers (PI) dec. Gordon Kruglin (OH) 6-8; Garry Higgins (S) pinned Rob Headman (NW) 3-25; Mark O'Dell (L) pinned Kevin Sculler (B-CC) 3-17.</p> <p>185-Dave DiCello (CP) pinned Bruce Greenish (SH) 1-31; Tom Kiderich (PD) pinned Dale Tosh (R) 1-26; Bill</p>	<p>Higgins (W) dec. Tom Hinton (S) 8-2; Phil Wares (SP) dec. Charles Wallace (OH) 7-0.</p> <p>180-Jack Swain (WB) won by disqualification over Andy Tucker (L); Kevin Mathary (NW) dec. Pat McMinn (R) 5-1; Bill Holt (DU) dec. O'Hara (B-CC) 7-1; Max Lepp (BD) pinned Jack Marini (PI) 4-18.</p> <p>190-Tom Hirsch (L) pinned Chuck Kubit (PD) 4-24; Coon Naval (B-CC) dec. Mickey Cooperman (SP) 10-9.</p> <p>107-Rusty Maska (BG) dec. Carl Dore (WH) 2-0; Gary Fankhauser (SH) dec. David Wells (DU) 10-1.</p> <p>115-Dan Springman (BD) dec. Tom Fitts (PI) 8-7; Gary Cooper (SH) dec. Bruce McCauley (HP) 5-0.</p> <p>121-Bob Ross (PD) dec. Jeff Garner (BD) 2-5; Steve DeCarlo (HP) dec. Wally Wells (DU) 11-8.</p> <p>130-Mike Bray (BD) dec. Lee Cooperman (SP) 4-8; Mark Galante (L) vs. Joe Tansick (SH) 8-1.</p> <p>137-Richard Meyer (L) dec. George Baum (BD) 6-2; Steve Wolfe (PD) dec. Steve Dore (HP) 7-0.</p> <p>145-Alex Milano (SH) dec. David Strauss (HP) 6-8; Brandon Sankovik (L) dec. Bob Thomas (DU) 4-1.</p> <p>150-Dave DiCello (CP) dec. Jim Mason (PI) 9-0; Bill Spaulding (SH) dec. Bruce Reid (HP) 10-1.</p> <p>160-Jim Harrison (PI) dec. Dan Freeman (WH) 7-1; Bill Simpson (GB) dec. Randy Mason (WB) 10-0.</p> <p>175-Scott Litty (SP) pinned Jeff Garner (BD) 3-14; Mark O'Dell (L) dec. Gary Higgins (S) 11-5.</p> <p>185-Dave DiCello (CP) pinned Tom Richards (PD) 4-17; Phil Wares (SP) dec. Bill Higgins (W) 12-1.</p> <p>190-Kevin Moriarty (NW) pinned Scott Litty (SP) 2-0; Alex Lepp (BD) dec. Bill Holt (DU) 5-8.</p>	<p>117-George Baum (GB) dec. Steve Dore (HP) 7-0.</p> <p>145-David Strauss (HP) dec. Bob Thomas (DU) 7-2.</p> <p>150-Jim Mason (PI) dec. Bruce Reid (HP) 1-2.</p> <p>160-Dan Feldman (WH) dec. Randy Mason (WB) 2-0.</p> <p>175-Garry Higgins (S) dec. Jeff Powers (PI) 4-2.</p> <p>185-Bill Higgins (WH) pinned Tom Richards (BD) 1-28.</p>
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	CHAMPION	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
	98 Tom Hirsch—LAU 5-1	Mark Hewitt—FRA	Steve Gotshall—CAT 10-1	James McMullen—PEV
	107 Gary Funkehauser—SUR 9-0	Tom Yates—HER	Jim Wolfe—PAT 6-3	Gary Maska—BLA
	115 Jeff Welsh—HER 6-5	Gary Cooper—SHE	George Thorpe—BEA 7-1	Louis Tarifa—PEV
	123 Richard Steedman—BAR 14-1	Bob Rose—PKD	Steve DiCarlo—HPT 7-1	John Buckholtz—VAL
	130 Mike Bray—BOW 8-1	Harry Swings—FSK	Mark Galemore—DUV 5-4	Terry Baylor—DUN
	137 Steve Wolf—PKD 3:19	George Baum—GAJ	Tom Barnhill—NHF 2-0	Gene Norton—PEH
	145 Tyrone Neal—SOA 5-3	Alex Milane—SHE	Brendon Nusbach—LAU 11-4	Chuck Osborne—SHG
	155 Steve Herbert—HER 5-3	Marc Seigel—WOO	Doug Fern—WCH 5-2 DI	Bill Spaulding—OXH
	165 Bill Simpson—GAJ 6-2	Don Harlan—LAU	Rob McNabb—HER 12-7	Jim Garvey—CAT
	175 Scott Libbey—SPB 2-0	Mark O'Dell—LAU	Carl Duncan—GLB 4:27	Ron Spoonire—SHG
	185 Phil Waters—SPB 8-4	Dave Ukko—UJO	Pete Bayroot—MLM 3-1	George Stockton—GLB
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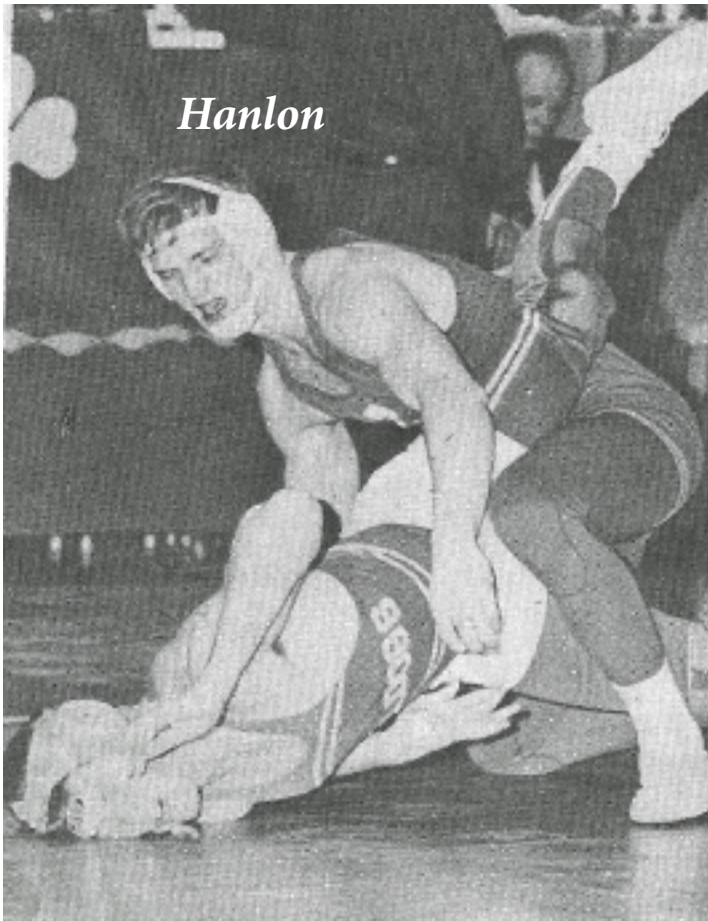
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## Avery, Neal crowned

Two Anne Arundel County wrestlers won championships at the first Maryland State High School tournament, held Saturday at Walt Whitman High in Bethesda.

Copping crowns were Larry Avery of Brooklyn Park in the heavyweight class and Tyrone Neal of Southern at 145-pounds.

Sam Mackall also of Southern, placed second in the heavyweight bout, losing to Avery 7-2, while a pair of Glen Burnie grapplers, Cari Duncan, at 175-lbs., and George Stockton, at 185-lbs., took third and fourth place honors in their respective weight classes.

Team honors went to Hareford which edged Laurel 40-39.

Avery advanced into the final bout with Mackall, a repeat of the District III tournament which sent the two area wrestlers to the State finals, by pinning Charles Kline, of Thomas Johnson, and decisioning Kevin Moriarty, of Northwestern, 14-3.

Mackall had a decision, a 15-5 verdict over Allegany High's Chuck Schoendale, and a pin in 5:55 of May Legg of Bowie.

in winning his state 145-pound title, Neal defeated the District I representative Steve Louis of Bruce High, 8-3. Earlier he pinned District II champ Brenden Musbach of Laurel in 5:53, and decisioned Alex Milano of Sherwood 5-3.

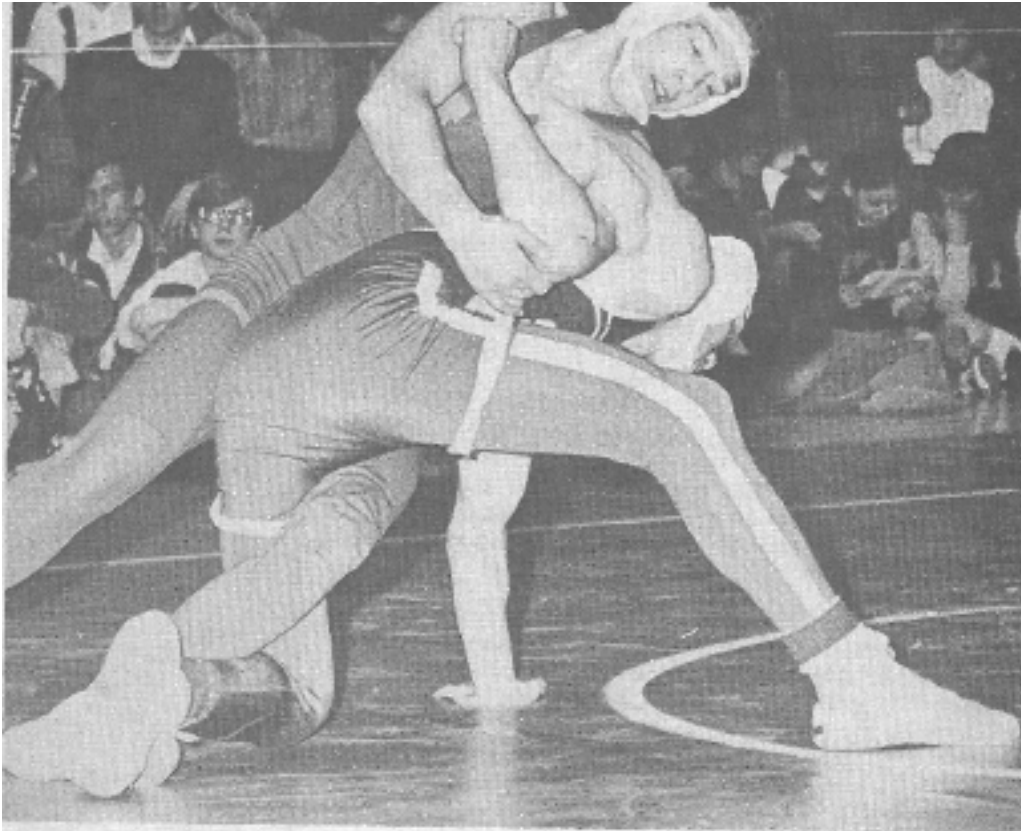
Duncan pinned Pat McConnell of Bruce High in 4:51 before losing to Scott Libby of Springbrook 1-0 in overtime. Libby went on to win the 175-lb. crown.

Stockton also fell to the eventual champ in the 185 lb. class Phil Waters of Springbrook. The Gopher lost a narrow 5-4 verdict. Earlier he beat the District II title holder Bob Stockman of Thomas Jefferson 2-0.

Other winners were: Tom Hirsh, Laurel, 98-lbs.; Gary Funkhouser, Suittsville, 107; Mike Bray, Bowie, 130; George Baum, Gaithersburg, 137; and Elbows Simpson, Gaithersburg, 165.



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Laurel's Richard Meister, who finished second to Parkdale's Steve Wolfe in the Prince George's County wrestling tournament, had to settle for second behind Wolfe again when he could not wrestle in the finals after suffering a knee injury in the semifinals. Here, Meister sets up opening night opponent, Bill Osburn for what resulted in a 3:50 pin. Meister defeated Montgomery champ George Baum of Gaithersburg to earn the right to the finals. (Photo by C.G. Barnett)

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## Season Highlights

- *District Champions*
- *Tom Hirsch (98) - District, County, Region and State Champion*
- *Brendan Nuzback (145) - District Champion, State (3rd)*
- *Dan Hanlon (165) - Region, County Champion, State (2nd)*
- *Mark O'Dell (175) - County, Champion, State (2nd)*





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## Hirsch Only Champion For Spartans

by Howard Smith

Laurel's undefeated 98-pound junior Tom Hirsch became the first official Maryland wrestling champion in the State's high school sports history last weekend at Walt Whitman Field House in Bethesda.

Hirsch reached the finals by disposing of his first two opponents then scored a convincing, 5-1, victory Franklin's Mark Hewitt to earn the first official championship.

Hirsch, however, was the only Laurel champion and the Spartans had to settle for second place behind Hereford in the unofficial team standings. Hereford, champs of District III, claimed two individual champs, a second and a third place enroute to their 40 points. Laurel finished one point back with 39. It was the second time in the three post-season tourneys that the Spartans had failed by the one-point margin. They did, however, win the District II title convincingly the previous week.

The Spartan hopes of an unofficial team title (officials earlier had decided not to name a team champ) were dealt a severe setback before the tourney began.

Richard Meister, second to Parkdale's Steve Wolfe in both the Prince George's County and District II tourneys, was not allowed to participate in the State meet due to a torn knee cartilage. He had suffered the injury in his District II semifinal match

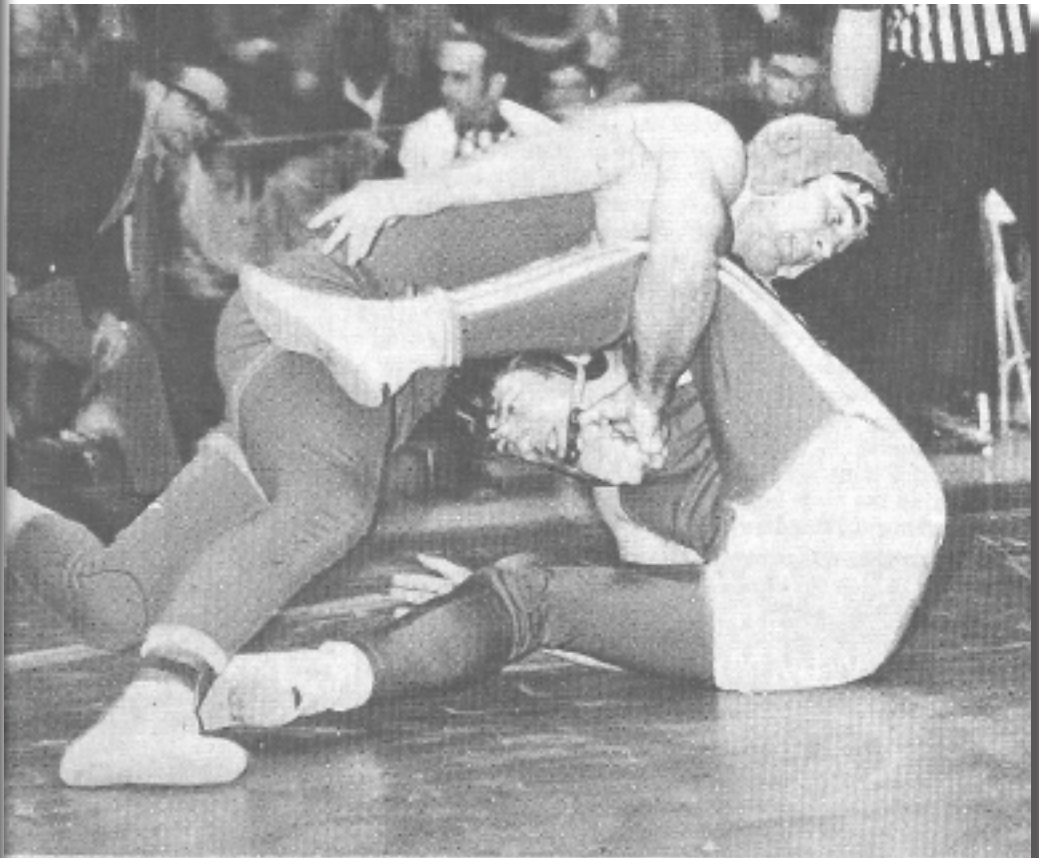
against Gaithersburg's George Baum and defaulted to Wolfe in the finals. Baum reached the finals of the State only to lose to Meister's nemesis Wolfe. He perhaps could have given Laurel at least nine more unofficial team points and the championship by advancing to the finals.

The tourney had been a

two-team race from start to finish with Laurel holding the edge until the final round. While Hereford claimed two champs, the Spartans could get only Hirsch all the way through and had to settle for being a bride's maid again as they had done in the PG County Tourney.

Both Laurel and Hereford

sent 4 men to the State meet and both had three men in the finals. Only District II 145-pound champ Brendan Nuzback failed to reach the final round for the Spartans and he was decisided by eventual champ Tyrone Neal of Southern, 6-2. Nuzback came back in the consolation round to overwhelm South



Laurel's Mark O'Dell cradles J.M. Bennett's Don Dashell in the quarterfinals of the State Tournament. O'Dell pinned the District IV-V champ in 3:34 and got to the finals before bowing to Springbrook's Scott Libbey, 2-0, for the championship. (Photo by C.G. Barnett)

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lagerstown's Chuck Osborne, 1-4, and give the Spartans a third place.

Hereford lost 165-pounder Robert McNabb in the semis. His conqueror was none other than Laurel's Dan Hanlon, who scored a close, 4-3 win at McNabb's expense. The District III champ from Hereford lacked only two seconds riding time of tying the match and forcing overtime with Hanlon. By winning, Hanlon, a senior, earned the dubious distinction of a re-match with District II champ Elbows Simpson of Gaithersburg. Simpson had pinned Hanlon for the first time in over two years in the District II finals but had his hands full with Hanlon in the State finals before coming out with a 6-2 decision. Hanlon wrestled a very smart match but was unable to get the back points necessary for the win.

The Spartans still had a shot at the unofficial team title after Hanlon had lost but needed a win from 175-pound Mark O'Dell in order to do it. O'Dell was faced with reversing a decision to Springbrook's Scott Libbey in the State finals. Libbey had taken a 4-2 win over O'Dell in the finals of the District II meet. The Springbrook champ, one of two for the Montgomery County school, used a third-period escape and riding time to post a 2-0 win and defeat O'Dell for the second time in two meetings between the two. O'Dell, PG County champ, was denied two points for a takedown in the final seconds of the championship match in what was a questionable call by the official.

Right from the beginning, the tourney became a battle between Districts II and III, as anticipated. By the end of the quarterfinals, only four

individuals from District I remained and only two from combined Districts IV and V. By the finals not one man from outside District II or III remained. Half of the final 12 bouts pitted men from District II against those from District III. Four others had all District II finalists and the remaining two had all District III finalists.

In the head-to-head battle of Districts, neither was able to claim an edge with each winning three. For District II, Hirsch, Surrattsville's Gary Funkhouser and Bowie's Mike Bray were victorious while Sherwood's Gary Cooper, and Alex Milano and Parkdale's Bob Rose lost out to District III foes.

District II had seven individual champs while District III had five in the overall standings.

Hirsch scored two pins enroute to reaching the finals against all comers then Funkhouser, who had whipped District III champ Jim Wolf of Patapsco in the semis, waltzed by Hereford's Tom Yates, 9-0, in the finals to give District II a 2-0 edge after the first two matches. Yates had finished second to Wolfe in the District III meet a week previous.

District III quickly knotted the count in the next two matches of the finals as Hereford's Jeff Welch, in what was a very key match with regard to team standings, held on to get by Sherwood's 115-pounder Gary Cooper. Cooper, the District II champ, had snapped George Thorpe's 51-match winning streak with a 2:48 fall in the semis. Thorpe, from Beall and the District I champ at 115, was one of the few men from other than District II or III to make it as far as the semis. Welch topped Allegheny's

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Steve Kirk and Perryville's Louis Tarifa along the way to the finals. Tarifa had been the easy conqueror of Bowie's Don Springman in the quarterfinals in one of the tourney's surprises.

District III champ Richard Steedman of Bel Air evened the score between districts in the 123-pound match with a convincing 14-1 win over District II runnerup Bob Rose for the championship. Steedman very impressively handled High Point's District II champ Steve DiCarlo with a 40-second pin in the semis. DiCarlo had been undefeated entering the match.

Mike Bray, 16-0 entering the State had very little trouble outclassing all comers at 130 pounds and gave Bowie its only champion. Bray registered one fall and had only two points scored on him for the duration of the tourney.

The District II lead crept to 4-2 in the next match as Parkdale's classy Steve Wolfe recorded the final round's only pin by disposing of Richard Meister's fill-in, George Baum from Gaithersburg. Baum himself, had had little trouble reaching the finals as District II showed superiority in that weight class.

The head-to-head battle was again evened at four apiece in the next two bouts with Southern's Tyrone Neal winning over Sherwood's Alex Milano at 145 and Hereford's Steve Herber getting by his District II opponent, Marc Slegal, 5-3, at 155.



Neal, who pinned Laurel's Brendan Nuzback in 5:53 of the semis, and Herbert scored identical, 5-3 wins in the finals to become state champs.

Six of the remaining eight finalists were all from District II as Elbows Simpson and Dan Hanlon squared off at 165; Scott Libbey and Mark O'Dell went at 175 and Phil Waters and Dave DiCobb battled at 185. All three were re-matches of District II finals and all three went the same way as they had in the previous week's action. Simpson got a real battle before disposing of Hanlon; Libbey again scored a 2-point win over O'Dell and Waters, despite wrestling with a 102-degree temperature, handled Chopticon's Dave

DiCobb, 8-1. Libbey and Waters, as they had done in the District II meet, gave Springbrook its only two champs. The Montgomery County team champion was the only school other than Hereford to have more than one individual winner.

District III got its final individual champ in the heavyweight division with Brooklyn Park's Larry Avery handling Sam Mackall of Southern, 7-2. Avery, never defeated as a wrestler, entered the State finals with a 47-match winning streak and left with a mark of 50-0. He recorded one pin enroute to the title.

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Almost 10 of the State finalist had been runnersup in their Districts the previous week. Only one of those, however, was able to win the State title. That was Neal, Southern's 145-pounder, who finished second behind Mike Atkins of North Harford in District III.

### FINALS

- 98--Tom Hirsch (Laurel) dec. Mark Hewitt (Franklin), 5-1.
- 107--Gary Funkhouser (Surratts) dec. Tom Yates (Hereford), 9-0.
- 115--Jeff Welch (Hereford) dec. Gary Cooper (Sherwood), 6-5.
- 123--Richard Steedman (Bel Air) dec. Bob Ross (Parkdale), 14-1.
- 130--Mike Bray (Bowie) dec. Harry Owings (F.S. Key), 8-1.
- 137--Steve Wolfe (Parkdale) pinned George Baum (Gaithersburg), 3:19.
- 145--Tyronne Neal (Southern) dec. Alex Milano (Sherwood), 5-3.
- 155--Steve Herbert (Hereford) dec. Marc Siegal (Woodlawn), 5-3.
- 165--Bill Simpson (Gaithersburg) dec. Dan Hanlon (Laurel), 6-2.
- 175--Scott Libbey (Springbrook) dec. Mark O'Dell (Laurel), 2-0.
- 185--Phil Waters (Springbrook) dec. Dave DiCobb (Chopticon), 8-4.
- Hyv--Larry Avery (Brooklyn Park) dec. Sam Mackall (Southern), 7-2.

### CONSOLATIONS

- 98--Steve Gotshall (Catonsville) dec. James McMullan (Perryville), 10-1.
- 107--Jim Wolf (Patapsco) dec. Rusty Maske (Blodensburg), 6-3.
- 115--George Thorpe (Beall) dec. Louis Tarifa (Perryville), 7-1.
- 123--Steve DiCarlo (High Point) dec. John Busholtz (Spring Valley), 7-1.
- 130--Mark Galemore (DeVal) dec. Terry Baylor (Dundalk), 5-4.
- 137--Tom Barnhill (N. Harford) dec. Gene Norton (Perry Hall), 2-0.
- 145--Brendan Nuzback (Laurel) dec. Chuck Osborne (S. Hagerstown), 11-4.
- 155--Doug Fern (Churchill) dec. Bill Spaulding (Oxon Hill), 6-2 OT.
- 165--Robert McNabb (Hereford) dec. Jim Garvey (Catonsville), 12-7.
- 175--Carl Duncan (Glen Burnie) pinned Ron Spooner (S. Hagerstown), 4:27.
- 185--Peter Dayrodt (Milford Mill) dec. George Stockton (Glen Burnie), 3-1.
- Hyv--Max Legg (Bowie) dec. Kevin Montariaty (Northwestern), 3-1.

THE TOP 15 TEAMS--Hereford, 40; Laurel, 35; Springbrook, 26; Gaithersburg, 24; Parkdale and Southern, 22; Sherwood, 20; Bowie, 19; Bel Air and Brooklyn Park, 13; Surrattsville, 12; Glen Burnie, 11; Chopticon, 10; Catonsville, Woodlawn, Francis Scott Key and Franklin, 9.



# Whitman to Host Two-Day Tourney

By Henry Zecher  
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Surging Laurel, which last week won the District II wrestling team championship, leads Montgomery and Prince George's county teams into the Maryland State championship tournament at Walt Whitman tomorrow, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The top two district wrestlers in each weight class will compete in the state meet, which is the last of three tournaments to be held.

Laurel, which had two champions and two runners-up, finished way ahead in the district field with 55 points. Parkdale, with one champion, one runner-up, one third place and two fourths, was second with 37 points.

Springbrook, the Montgomery County champion, surged forward in the late rounds to capture third place with 35. High Point, the PG champ, finished a disappointing fifth.

Montgomery County took a beating all around, despite posting five individual champions. Prince George's wrestlers won 59 of the 96 matches and captured 29 of the 48 places to be won.

Laurel's Tom Hirsch was the first Laurel grappler to be crowned champion. The Prince George's 98-pound king completely dominated B-CC's Ceon Naval and won a 9-0 decision. Naval had beaten Montgomery champion Mickey Cooperman of Springbrook in the semifinals.

Defending county and district champion Gary Funkhauser of Surrattsville repeated as 107-pound champion when he decisioned county rival Rusty Maske of Bladensburg, 6-3.

Funkhauser, who has not lost a match since losing to DuVal's David Wells in the District 98-pound final two years ago, defeated Wells in the semifinals, 10-1. Wells then defeated Montgomery champion Carl Dorr of Walter Johnson for third.

In one of the four championship meetings in the tournament, Montgomery champion Gary Cooper of Sherwood proved to be too much for Prince George's champion Don Springman of Bowie, winning by 9-5 in a rugged match which wasn't decided until the final minute.

No Montgomery County grapplers made it into the four places in the 123-pound class, and High Point's Steve

DiCarlo repeated as champion by decisioning home county rival Bob Rose of Parkdale, 6-0. Montgomery champion Bruce Holland of Churchill was decisioned in overtime by Bladensburg's Jeff Garrett in the quarterfinals, with Garrett finishing fourth behind Wally Wells of DuVal.

Bowie's Mike Bray made it through the season unbeaten, winning the 130-pound district title with a 3-0 win over DuVal's Mark Galemore.

Galemore had beaten Montgomery champion Joe Tarasuk in the semifinals, 8-3, with Tarasuk losing third place to last week's victim, Lee Cooperman of Springbrook.

Prince George's 137-pound runner-up Richard Meister of Laurel, defeated Montgomery champion George Baum of Gaithersburg in the semifinals, 6-2, but reinjured his knee in the process.

Because of this injury, his return match with defending county and district champion Steve Wolfe of Parkdale never took place. Meister was not allowed to compete and Wolfe, who had previously decisioned the Laurel grappler, won by default.

Montgomery County 145-pound runner-up Alex Milano of Sherwood made it to the finals the hard way, with a rugged 6-5 decision win over Prince George's champion David Strauss of High Point, but the victory trail ended there.

Milano pushed Prince George's runner-up Brendon Nuzback around for the first two minutes of the championship final, but in the second period the Laurel grappler caught Milano in a cradle and scored a pin at 2:35 of the match. Strauss decisioned DuVal's Bob Thomas for third.

Churchill's Doug Fern found the going easy in the 155-pound class of the tournament until he faced Oxon Hill's Bill Spaulding in the championship final, and although he won, he won by the narrowest of margins, 2-1.

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By far the hottest and most popular wrestler to compete, Gaithersburg's Bill "Elbows" Simpson, wrestled a total of seven minutes and seven seconds in the entire tournament.

He scored a quick 10-second pin in the quarterfinals, won a 10-0 decision in the semifinals and pinned Laurel's county champion Dan Hanlon in 57 seconds of the final match for the 165-pound championship.

Montgomery wrestlers proved to be superior in the heavier weights, at least with the county champions.

Following the victories by Fern and Simpson, Springbrook came back from near oblivion (the Blue Devils had won only eight of 14 matches and had advanced only four of their eight wrestlers past the quarterfinals) with two District II champions.

Scott Libby at 175 pounds and Phil Waters at 185, both county champions, turned back strong efforts by the Prince George's County titlists to win titles for Springbrook.

Libby fought off Laurel's Mark O'Dell for a 4-2 victory, and Waters held on to gain a 5-1 triumph over Chopticon's Dave Dicobb.

A reversal of the Prince George's County heavyweight final occurred as Northwestern's Kevin Moriarty decisioned Bowie's Max Legg, 4-1. Moriarty, who had pinned Montgomery champion Scott Loomis of Wheaton in the semifinals, had lost a 2-1 decision to Legg in the Prince George's County tournament.

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