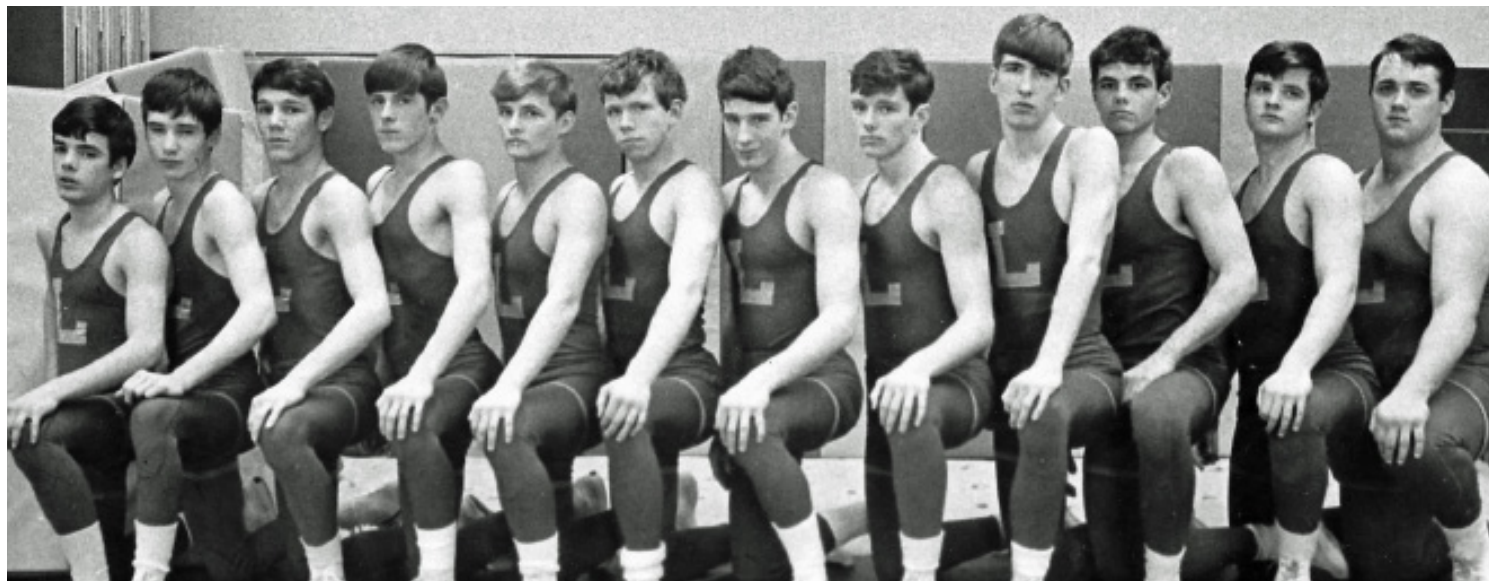


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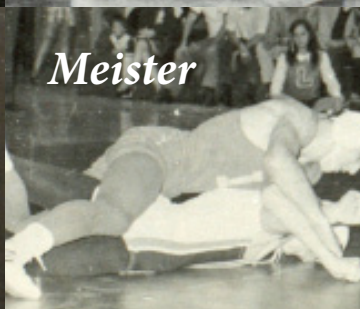
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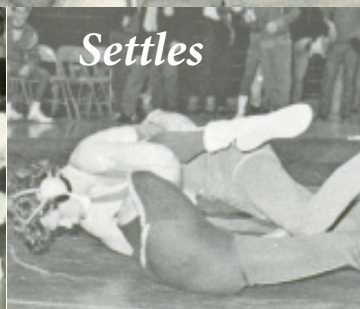
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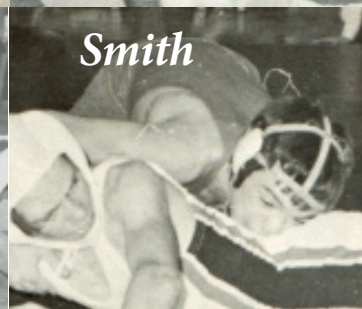
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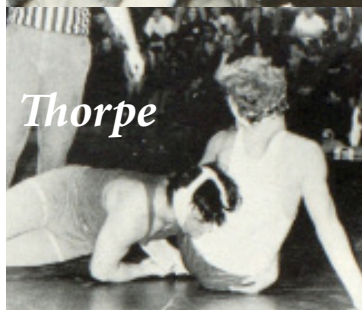
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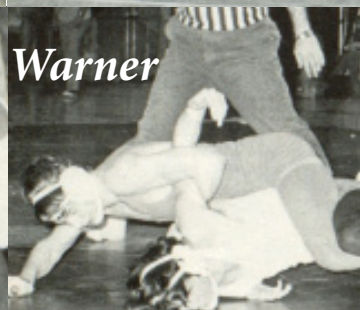
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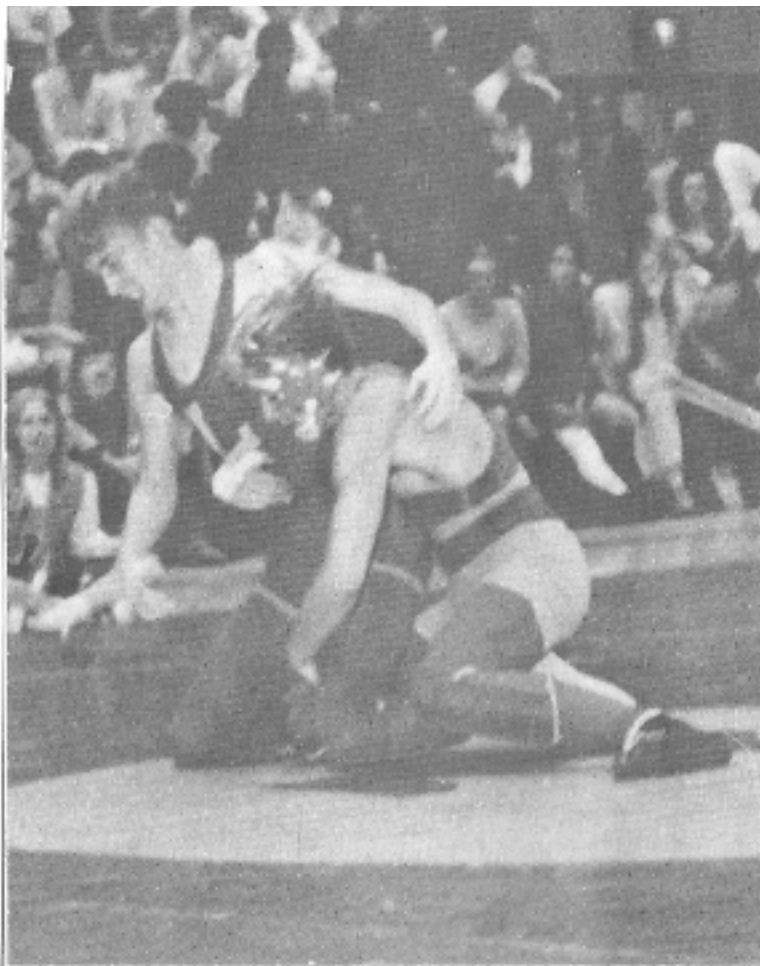


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## Headache No. 13

There's a lot of pressure on High Point wrestling coach Tom Schleicher's head (right photo), but aspirin won't help in this case. He's watching his 155-lb. Harvey Reid trying to pin Laurel's Doug Galloway. Reid took an 8-5 decision from Galloway as High Point pinned the lone defeat of the year on Beryle Cohen's Spartans-Photos by Charlie Barnett.

LHS	OPPONENT	
23	Bowie	21
46	Potomac	6
29	Surrattsville	19
16	High Point	25
54	Fairmont	0
23	Parkdale	23
32	DuVal	12
20	Suitland	20
44	Friendly	5
55	Largo	5
22	Oxon Hill	19
53	Central	5

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**9 Wins -- 1 Loss -- 2 Ties**

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It must be that Beryle Cohen has had happier Christmases. After winning three straight wrestling matches, his Laurel proteges dropped their fourth try on Dec. 21. Losses and Beryle Cohen don't mix; they "bug" him. And, if the "heat was on" in practices before--it's an Indian Summer again at Laurel.

Things were just great until County champ High Point of Beltsville visited Laurel almost two weeks ago. Like toy soldiers, Laurel had toppled Bowie, Potomac and Surrattsville. But Cohen respected the rugged Eagles. Coach Tom Schleicher's boys were ready for this one.

Cohen's people are on a lengthy break in dual match scheduling, but practices continue at Cherry Lane for the wrestlers. Fairmont, on Jan. 7, an away match for the Spartans, is next on the list.

Keeping in shape for wrestling is much like keeping in shape for carrying cinder blocks or mixing concrete; if you don't keep it up, you can hurt yourself next time out. Cohen's crew keeps it up, with the normal allowance for holiday observance.

Until the High Point match, there were four unbeaten in the Spartan wrestling ranks--Tom Hirsch, Dave Crescenzo, Richard Meister and Andy Tucker. Crescenzo is no longer on that list, losing a 5-0 decision to his opponent from High Point.

Meister, with three straight pins in three tries, settled for a 5-0 decision--an impressive one--over his 138-lb. adversary. Tucker, with two pins and three straight victories in as many outings, edged his Eagle foe, 3-2.

Hirsch, state titlist in the 98-lb. class last season, pinned his opponent as easily as he had the other three people he'd faced this year. It appears Hirsch is the toughest of the lot this time around, also.

In other areas, impressiveness was lacking--except for the performance of little Mike Smith. The 98-pounder, who dropped a 6-5 decision his first time out this season, has now won three in a row, gaining the most recent victory by a 9-6 decision over his High Point contemporary. Laurel's Jim Wilson drew

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## State Wrestling Tourney To Open

By KENT BAKER

Forty-eight high schools from throughout Maryland will be represented in the 1971 state wrestling tournament, beginning tomorrow night at Towson State College.

State champions will be determined in 12 weight classes during a two-day program encompassing over 100 individual matches.

Baltimore county is hosting this year's tournament which, for the first time, will include team standings.

"The number of teams entered is up from last year's 35," tourney chairman Frank Treuchet reported. "This speaks well for the growth of the sport throughout the state."

Unofficially, Hereford was last year's titlist and three members of its squad will compete in hopes of making a successful defense. Catonsville and Patapsco, also from Baltimore county, each have three contestants in the field, too.

Six wrestlers from James M.

Bennett comprise the largest delegation from a single school.

Four defending title-holders are back, including a pair from Hereford, Jeff Welsh and Steve Herbert. The others are Tom Hersh, of Laurel, and Tyrone Neal, of Southern Harwood.

Runners-up returning are Gary Cooper, of Paint Branch, and Harry Owings, of Francis Scott Key. Catonsville's Steve Gottschall, Patapsco's Jim Wolfe and Milford Mill's Pete Beyrodt were all third-place finishers in the 1970 event.

Opening night matches, consisting of 48 quarter-final bouts, start at 7 o'clock.

The semi-finals will begin at 1 P.M. Saturday. Consolation finals, to determine third and fourth places, will be held at 6 P.M. Saturday with the championship finals to follow immediately.

Admission will be \$1 for students and \$1.50 for adults until Saturday's evening session when it will be raised to \$1.50 and \$2, respectively.

"We've got 500 additional seats from Baltimore county," Treuchet concluded, "in case there isn't adequate room. We should be able to handle any size crowd."

First round pairings:

### First round pairings:

98—Mike Little, Fort Hills, vs. Mark Sukantanak, Potomac; Ron Foreman, Stephen Decatur, vs. Steve Gottschall, Catonsville; Dave Hopkins, Richard Montgomery, vs. Don Hall, Thomas Johnson; Ray Miller, Bel Air, vs. Gary Powers, Rising Sun.

105—Greg Caplan, Thomas Johnson, vs. Mickey Cooperman, Springbrook; Phil Hitch, James M. Bennett, vs. Jim Wolfe, Patapsco; Tom Hersh, Laurel, vs. Bill McMinn, Bruce; Dennis Roberts, Severna Park, vs. Keven Boyd, Perryville.

112—Steve Staley, North Hagerstown, vs. Carl Doerr, Walter Johnson; Eric Atkins, James M. Bennett, vs. John Ridley, Catonsville; Dave Crescenzo, Laurel, vs. David Ack, Bruce; Scott Matthews, Hereford, vs. Jim McMullen, Perryville.

119—Gary Cooper, Paint Branch, vs. Dennis Strubel, Rising Sun; Jeff Welsh, Hereford, vs. Scott, Rush, Garrett Southern; Larry Jones, Perryville, vs. Dave Bennett, BCC; Dave Yonkers, South Hagerstown, vs. Mel Ardis, Patapsco.

126—Tim Rowan, High Point, vs. Clarence Palmer, St. Michael's; Ed Garono, Bel Air, vs. Steve Kirk, Allegany; Jeff Runge, Wicomico, vs. Bruce Belling, Parkdale; Alton Duckworth, Bruce, vs. Bob Long, Patapsco.

132—Tom Friday, High Point, vs. Steve Benjamin, Rising Sun; Harry Owings, F.S. Key, vs. John Buckholtz, Valley; Roddy Murray, St. Michael's vs. Tim Stewart, Churchill; Gary Gladhill, Thomas Johnson, vs. Keith Serra, Bel Air.

138—Joe Beeman, Valley, vs. Joe Parasuk, Sherwood; C. J. Townsend, Wicomico, vs. Bill Finch, Westminster; Richard Meister, Laurel, vs. Roland Thompson, North Hagerstown; Marty Mason, Dundalk, vs. Carl Lee Wooters, Easton.

145—Steve Lewis, Bruce, vs. Ron Francis, Bladensburg; Pat McKenzie, James M. Bennett, vs. Tyrone Neal, Harwood Southern; Steve Wolfe, Parkdale, vs. Dave O'Brien, South Hagerstown; Mike Atkins, North Harford vs. Randy Thompson, Perryville.

155—Steve Beeman, Valley, vs. Terry Runyon, Gaithersburg; Dave Farace, James M. Bennett, vs. Steve Herbert, Hereford; Dave Wasson, Northwood, vs. Chuck Larkin, Allegany; Neal Padgett, Randallstown, vs. Steve Wilson, Perryville.

167—Keith Uhl, Suitland, vs. Gary Crockett, James M. Bennett; Paul Kretchmer, Parkville, vs. Tucky Koontz, South Hagerstown; Richard Blake, Wicomico, vs. Sam Lewis, Wheaton; Warren Stockman, Thomas Johnson, vs. Al Sheppard, Woodlawn.

185—Geary Higgins, Churchill, vs. Jeff Crowl, Rising Sun; Scott Crandall, Annapolis, vs. Ed Anders, South Hagerstown; Mike Hayward, James M. Bennett, vs. Gil Toth, Montgomery Blair; Drake Witte, North Hagerstown, vs. Pete Bevrode, Milford Mill.

Unl.—Andy Tucker, Laurel, vs. George Nock, Stephen Decatur; Bill Hynes, Catonsville, vs. Charlie Klein, Thomas Johnson; Carlton Cooper, St. Michael's, vs. Mark Rose, Wheaton; Tom Galica, Garrett Northern, vs. Dick Harbaugh, F.S. Key.

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## It's A County Romp

By Bob Ibach

Baltimore County wrestlers made a shambles of the quarter-final round of the Maryland State Wrestling Tournament last night at Towson State with 13 victories in 14 matches.

Only defending 119-pound titleholder Jeff Welsh of Hereford failed to advance to today's semi-final round. It concludes this evening at 6 o'clock with the finals. Welsh was pinned by Southern's Scott Rush after the Hereford grabber blew a 6-1 advantage.

### Laurel In Lead

Laurel high school jumped to the quarter-final team lead with 14, just four ahead of county schools Catonsville and Patapsco. Hereford was lodged in a four way tie for fourth place with 6 points.

Three of the four successful defending titlists got by their initial matches with Hereford's Steve Herbert and Laurel's Tom Hirsch both winning by lopsided decisions. Tyrone Neal (Southern of Harwood) pinned his 145

pound opponent in 3.25. Only Hereford's Welsh failed to advance to the semi-finals

Fifteen of the 96 wrestlers representing 48 schools from-throughout the state recorded pins.

Winning Baltimore County wrestlers and weights:

98—Steve Gatchall (Catonsville) decisioned Ron Foreman (Stephan Decatur), 17-0.

105—Jim Wolfe (Patapsco) decisioned Phil Hitch (J. M. Bennett), 7-0.

112—Jim Ridley (Catonsville) decisioned Adams (J. M. Bennett), 10-0.

112—Mathews (Hereford) decisioned McMullen (Perryville), 7-4.

119—Rush (Southern - Garrett) pinned Welsh (Hereford), 5.10.

119—Ardis (Patapsco) pinned Younkers (S. Hagerstown), 3.15.

126—Long (Patapsco) decisioned Duckworth (Bruce), 11-0.

138—Mason (Dundalk) decisioned Wooters (Easton), 13-6.

155—Herbert (Hereford) decisioned Farace (J. M. Bennett), 9-0.

155—Padgett (Randallstown) decisioned Wilson (Perryville), 18-7.

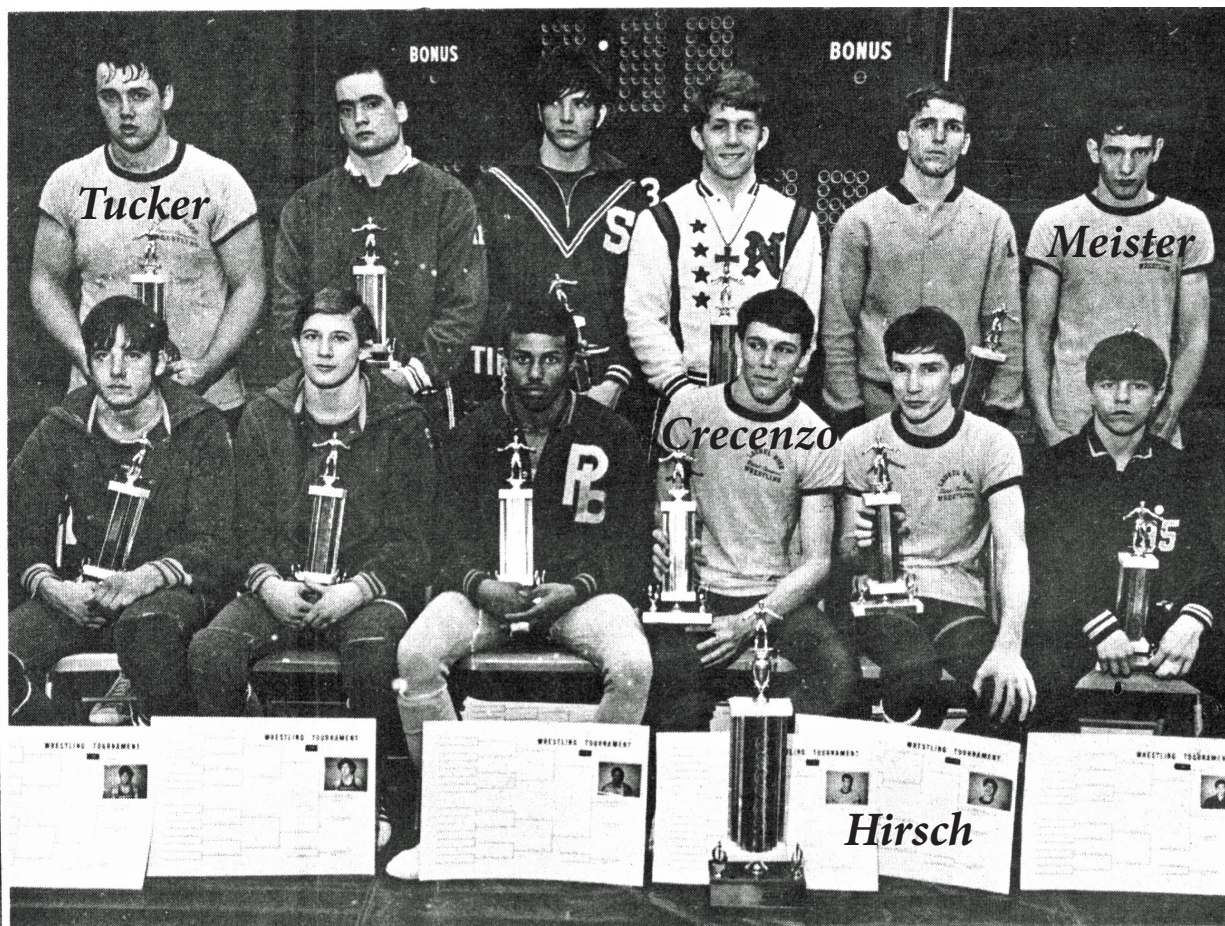
167—Kretchmer (Parkville) decisioned Koontz (S. Hagerstown), 6-4.

167—Sheppard (Woodlawn) pinned McConnell (Bruce), 5.10.

185—Bayrodt (Milford Mill) decisioned Witte (N. Hagerstown), 9-0.

Unlimited — Hynes (Catonsville) pinned Klein (Thomas Johnson), 1.52.

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## District Champs

District II wrestling champions who will represent Montgomery and Prince Georges County in the state meet this weekend at Towson College include front row (l-r) High Point's Tom Friday, High Point's Tim Rowan, Paint Branch's Gary Cooper, Laurel's Dave Crescenzo, Laurel's Tom Hirsch, and Richard

Montgomery's Dave Hopkins. Second Row (l-r) - Laurel's Andy Tucker, Churchill's Gary Higgins, Suitland's Keith Uhl, Northwood's Dave Wasson Parkdale's Steve Wolfe, and Laurel's Richard Meister. The state tournament opens Friday evening with semifinals Saturday afternoon and finals following

*From the Richard Meister  
Collection*

### Season Highlights

- *District and Maryland State Champions*
- *Tom Hirsch (105) - District, County, Region and State (Two Time) Champion*
- *Dave Crescenzo(112) - District, County, and State Champion*
- *Richard Meister (138) - District, County and State Champion*
- *Andy Tucker (HWT) - District Champion, State (2nd)*

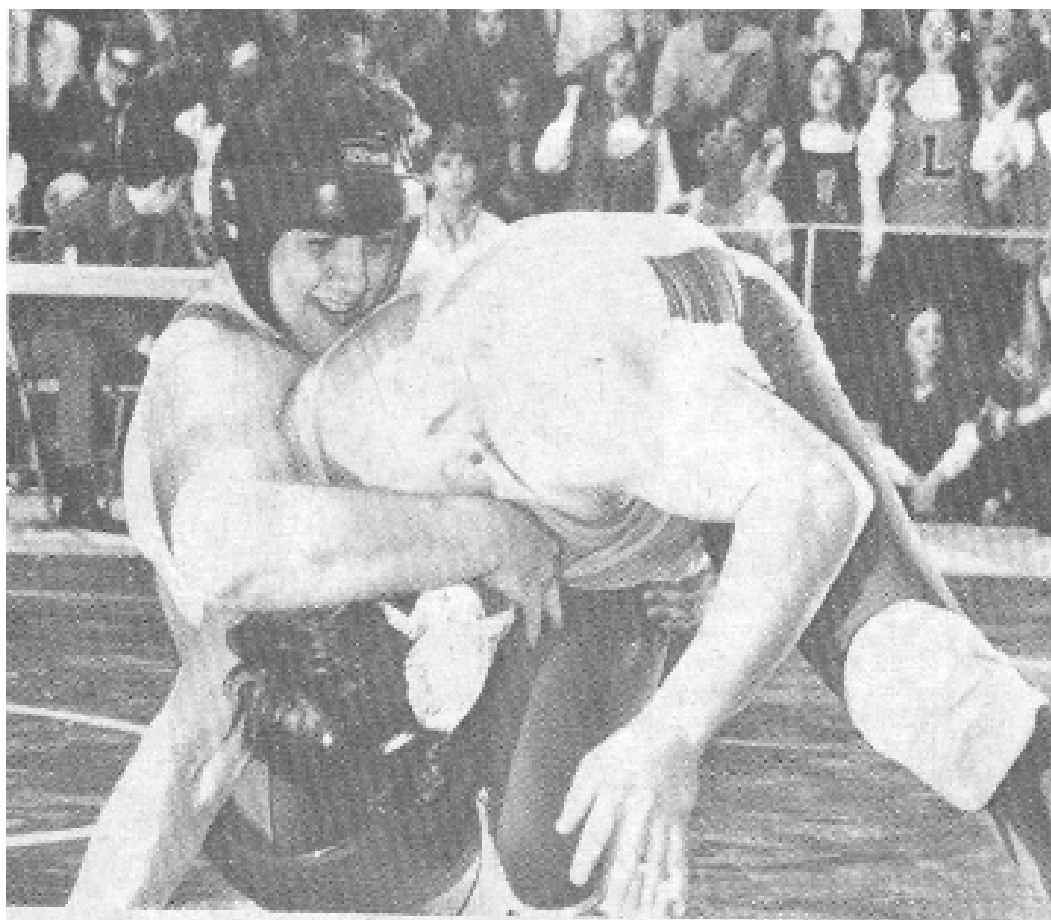
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## **Spartan Mentors**

The Laurel wrestling brain trust consisting of Head Coach Beryle Cohen, left, and assistant coach Alan Goldstein were a little less than placid during the hard fought Spartan drive for the top spot in the District II Tournament.-Photo by C.G. Barnett.

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## Super Spartan

Laurel's heavyweight Andy Tucker strains against Wheaton's Mark Rose in the finals of the District II Wrestling Tournament. Strain as he might, Tucker could not turn Rose over for the pin. Tucker who had to settle for a third place in the County Tournament took the District title and is expected to be a strong contender for the state crown.-Photo by C. G. Barnett.



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## Spartans Win Tourney

Beryle Cohen, wrestling coach at Laurel, is hoisted high onto the shoulders of Spartan fans after their team revenged a loss in the Prince George's County Tournament by capturing the top spot in the District II Wrestling Tournament. The District Tourney pitted the best from Montgomery County against the best from Prince George's County. Laurel qualified four men to compete in the tourney and all four won championships in their weight class. They were Tom Hirsch, Dave Crescenzo, Richard Meister and Andy Tucker. See sports section for story.-Photo by C.G.Barnett.

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## Prince Georges' Teams Lead in Mat Tourney

Prince Georges County teams jumped ahead in the Maryland District II high school wrestling tournament by grabbing the first three places in team scoring and advancing 28 men to the semifinals compared to 20 for their Montgomery County rivals.

Going into today's semifinals at Prince Georges Community College, Parkdale led with 19 team points and advanced six of its seven competitors.

All four of Laurel's wrestlers and Bowie's three representatives also advanced.

Churchill, the Montgomery champion, placed only two men in today's semifinals, which will be followed by the consolations and final matches tonight.

### Results:

98—Skip Gormley (Bowie) dec. Jerry Tauber (Northwood) 7-1; Dave Hopkins (Richard Montgomery) dec. Jim Bradshaw (Surrattsville) 8-1; Mike Winnyk (Northwestern) dec. Gerry Kimble (Sherwood) 9-6; Mark Sukontarak (Potomac) dec. Pete Troy (B-CC) 4-2.

105—Mickey Cooperman (Springbrook) dec. Chris Alexion (DuVal) 3-1; Steve Osburn (Walter Johnson) pinned Jim Crytzer (Crossland) 5:38; Brian Tupper (Bowie) won by default over Miles Reddington (B-CC); Tom Hirsch (Laurel) pinned Phil Riedel (Einstein) 4:27.

112—Dave Crescenzo (Laurel) dec. Ron Letheridge (Paint Branch) 12-2; Tony DiPietro (DuVal) dec. John Neenan (Churchill) 10-4; Ron Rodman (Whitman) dec. Myles Weber (High Point) 6-3; Carl Dorr (Walter Johnson) pinned Steve Kish (Great Mills) 2:22.

119—Dave Bennett (B-CC) dec. Bob Anderson (Oxon Hill) 3-1; Gary Felton (High Point) dec. Mike Zieders (Churchill) 8-0; Gary Cooper (Paint Branch) dec. John Moore (Surrattsville) 14-4; Richard Scruggs (Parkdale) pinned Bruce Black (Blair) 1:47.

126—Bruce Bolling (Parkdale) dec. Rick Tindel (Blair) 6-3; Dan White (Whitman) dec. Warren Averill (Oxon Hill) 3-1; Tim Rowan (High Point) dec. David Jensen (Springbrook) 13-6; Jim DeBuchanname (Kennedy) dec. Lee Terron (Surrattsville) 4-2.

132—Tim Stewart (Churchill) dec. Henry Smith (Surrattsville) 8-2; Jerry Flanders (Oxon Hill) dec. Ralph Wechsler (B-CC) 7-2; Joe Becka (Parkdale) dec. Mike Blackburn (Walter Johnson) 10-3; Tom Friday (High Point) dec. Cliff Giffen (Peary) 8-1.

138—Richard Meister (Laurel) pinned Ron Shapiro (Walter Johnson) 3:17; Tim Olinger (Surrattsville) pinned Mark Ryan (Blair) 3:55; Joe Tarnasuk (Sherwood) dec. Steve Deyer (High Point) 3-2; Dwight Evans (Potomac) pinned Pablo Astiz (Whitman) 4:27.

145—John Stroff (Wheaton) dec. Dale Hardin (Oxon Hill) 15-10; Ron Francis (Bladensburg) dec. Dave Summers (Northwood) 6-3; Mike Livingston (Gaithersburg) dec. Stan Fletcher (High Point) 5-2; Steve Wolfe (Parkdale) dec. Tom Housen (Churchill) 11-1.

155—Terry Kennedy (Oxon Hill) dec. Mike Haar (Churchill) 8-0; Terry Runyon (Gaithersburg) pinned Kevin McGarvey (Bowie) 1:53; Steve Wertz (Peary) dec. Harvey Reid (High Point) 3-2; Dave Wasson (Northwood) dec. Dick Hazleton (Suitland) 16-2.

167—Sam Lewis (Wheaton) dec. Larry Royalty (Great Mills) 13-0; Doug Kerr (Parkdale) dec. John Gavouzas (Paint Branch) by officials' dec. in overtime; Charles Wallace (Oxon Hill) dec. Steve Snider (Churchill) 8-2; Keith Uhl (Suitland) dec. Melvin Morse (B-CC) 13-4.

185—Curtis Crane (Surrattsville) dec. David Rosen (Whitman) 8-0; Gil Toth (Blair) dec. Felix Smith (Parkdale) 4-2; Tom Hudson (Suitland) drew a bye; Geasey Higgins (Churchill) dec. Ernie Lynch (Bladensburg) 7-2.

Heavyweight—Mark Rose (Wheaton) dec. Bill Holt (Great Mills) 2-1; Tom Richards (Parkdale) dec. Jim Deville (Sherwood) 6-0; Andy Tucker (Laurel) dec. Chris O'Neil (Paint Branch) 4-1; Jude Masters (Bowie) pinned Don Salter (Whitman) 3:30.

Team Scoring—Parkdale 19, Laurel 14, Bowie 11, High Point 9, Oxon Hill 7, Wheaton 7, Walter Johnson 8, Gaithersburg 7, Surrattsville 7, Potomac 7, Churchill 6, Walt Whitman 6, Suitland 5, B-CC 3, Bladensburg 3, DuVal 3, Kennedy 3, Blair 3, Northwestern 3, Northwood 3, Peary 3, R. Montgomery 3, Sherwood 3, Springbrook 3, Great Mills 0, Einstein 0.

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(Continued from Page A-19) they met in dual meet competition. Crescenzo was not up for a repeat this time and pinned his DuVal foe in the third period. In the finals, he went up against Carl Dorr from Walter Johnson. Dorr had looked impressive against Ron Rodman of Walt Whitman in the semifinals; but again Crescenzo's superior finesse carried the day and he won the title on a 5-2 decision.

Richard Meister, many observers' candidate for outstanding wrestler in the county tourney, continued his impressive streak onto what is certain to be a strong bid for the state crown.

Meister opened up his end of the tourney with a decisive pin over Ron Shapiro of Walter Johnson. Meister floated easily to a dominant position and was never in danger. In the semifinals he won a one-sided decision over Tim Olinger of Surrattsville. Meister was able to do everything to Olinger but pin him. Olinger struggled to

avoid the pin and just barely succeeded.

In the finals Meister faced one of the toughest men he has encountered this season. Sherwood's Joe Tarasuck was top seeded in Montgomery County going into the Montgomery County Tournament. In that tourney he was upset by Paint Branch's Roger Armstrong. Armstrong broke two bones in his hand in practice the week before District Tourney. This left Tarasuck to be the standard bearer for the Montgomery County. Tarasuck was also injured and had his right wrist heavily taped. Meister needed to pull from his deep reserves of knowledge and experience in order to cope with his powerful Sherwood foe, but when the final buzzer sounded, Meister was the victor in 7-4 decision.

One of the biggest disappointments for the Spartans in the County Tourney was the failure of Andy Tucker to make the finals. Tucker was decisioned

by Bowie's Jude Masters in the semifinals. It was a total different picture for the Laurel giant this time. Tucker opened up the tourney by eliminating Paint Branch Chris O'Neil with ease. Then in the semifinals Tucker got rematch with Masters and went Tucker's way to boot him into the finals. In the finals he made quick work of Wheaton's Mark Rose, 4-1.

somewhere along the line while Laurel was running up these championships the fan from Parkdale stopped snickering and ceased being cocky. High Point had no strut left and any of the pretenders to the throne from Montgomery County have vanished into oblivion. Mighty Parkdale could do no better than to place two men into the finals and only unpopular Steve Wolfe could win a district crown for the Parkdale team. High Point advanced two into the final and escaped with crowns in both weight classes. The

representatives for the number one and two teams in the finals could only amass 36 and 29 points respectively to the 52 points garnered by the Laurel boys.

Paint Branch, the young team that finished second in Montgomery County, had the worst of all possible luck. Their top contender for the 138 pound crown was out with a broken hand and the rest of their men with the exception of Gary Cooper and John Gavounas were forced to face Sparta grapplers. After Laurel had taken care of the Paint Branch boys Cooper was left as the school's lone representative because Gavounas was downed by Parkdale's Doug Kerr.

All in all Cooper is not a bad representative if you are only left with one. Cooper who was attending Sherwood at the time, finished second in the State Tournament last year. This year he continued his streak and took the District title in his division by decisioning Dave Bennett of Bethesda Chevy Chase, 4-1.

Overall, the Tourney was not a successful one for Montgomery County. The could only manage four champions out of the 11 weight classes and in Montgomery County team finished above fourth place.

Laurel's victory in the District Tourney sets up speculation that Laurel has the power to take the state

## District II

98-Dave Hopkins, Richard Montgomery, pinned Mark Sukantarak, Potomac, 3-04.  
105-Tom Hirsch, Laurel, decisioned Mickey Cooperman, Springbrook, 8-3.  
112-Dave Crescenzo, Laurel, decisioned Carl Dorr, Walter Johnson, 5-2.  
119-Gary Cooper, Paint Branch, decisioned Dave Bennett, B.C.C., 4-1.  
126-Tim Rowan, High Point, decisioned Bruce Bolling, Parkdale 5-4.  
132-Tom Friday, High Point, decisioned Tim Stewart, Churchill, 7-1.  
138-Richard Meister, Laurel, decisioned Joe Tarasuck, Sherwood, 7-4.  
143-Steve Wolfe, Parkdale, decisioned Ron Francis, Bladensburg, 2-0.  
155-Dave Watson, Northwood, pinned Terry Runyon, Gaithersburg, 4-21.  
167-Kelth Uhl, Suitland, decisioned Sam Lewis, Wheaton, 6-3.  
185-Geary Higgins, Churchill, decisioned Gil Tath, Blair, 2-0.  
Hey-Andy Tucker, Laurel, decisioned Mark Rose, Wheaton, 4-1.

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Revenge is sweet, and if you don't believe it, ask the wrestlers and coaches from Laurel High School. After suffering through a disappointing county tournament, the Spartans rebounded to win the District II Wrestling Championship.

The Prince George's County Tourney to most Laurel fans was a three day nightmare. The Spartan grapplers were falling by the wayside as Parkdale and High Point charged into commanding leads leaving Laurel to settle for a distant third.

Parkdale sent eight wrestlers into the District Tourney while High Point sent seven. The Spartans were fuming about only having qualified four men to represent them in the tourney.

Laurel needed to place all four men in the finals in order to have a shot at the title and this is exactly what they did. In fact, the Spartans captured District Crowns in all four weight classes they wrestled in.

Tom Hirsch, Laurel's expert 105 pounder, opened up the Tournament with an easy pin over Einstein's Phil Riedel. Once again, Hirsch had difficulty with takedowns and lost two points to Riedel at the start.

In the semifinals, Hirsch found the pinning combination and zapped

Bowie's Brian Tupper quickly. The story of the finals was a little different. Hirsch came up against experienced Mickey Cooperman from Springbrook. Cooperman gave Hirsch one of his tougher tests of the year before the Laurel State Champ could gain the point edge needed to win. Hirsch was not too disappointed that Parkdale's Roy Levitt was unable to participate because of the flu. Levitt had given Hirsch a run for his money in the finals of County Tourney.

The most pleasant surprise for Spartan fans has been the continued success of 112 pounder Dave Crescenzo. Crescenzo upset Myles Weber for the county crown and then went on to upset everyone on the way to the District crown.

In his opening match he won a lopsided decision over Paint Branch's Ron Lethbridge. The young Brancher gave it a good effort but Crescenzo had too much power and speed for Lethbridge. Fortunately for Crescenzo, Myles Weber, whom he just barely edged out in the county tourney, was eliminated in the opening round by Ron Rodman of Walt Whitman. Crescenzo came up against Tony DiPietro from DuVal. DiPietro tied Crescenzo when

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## Laurel Wins State Title

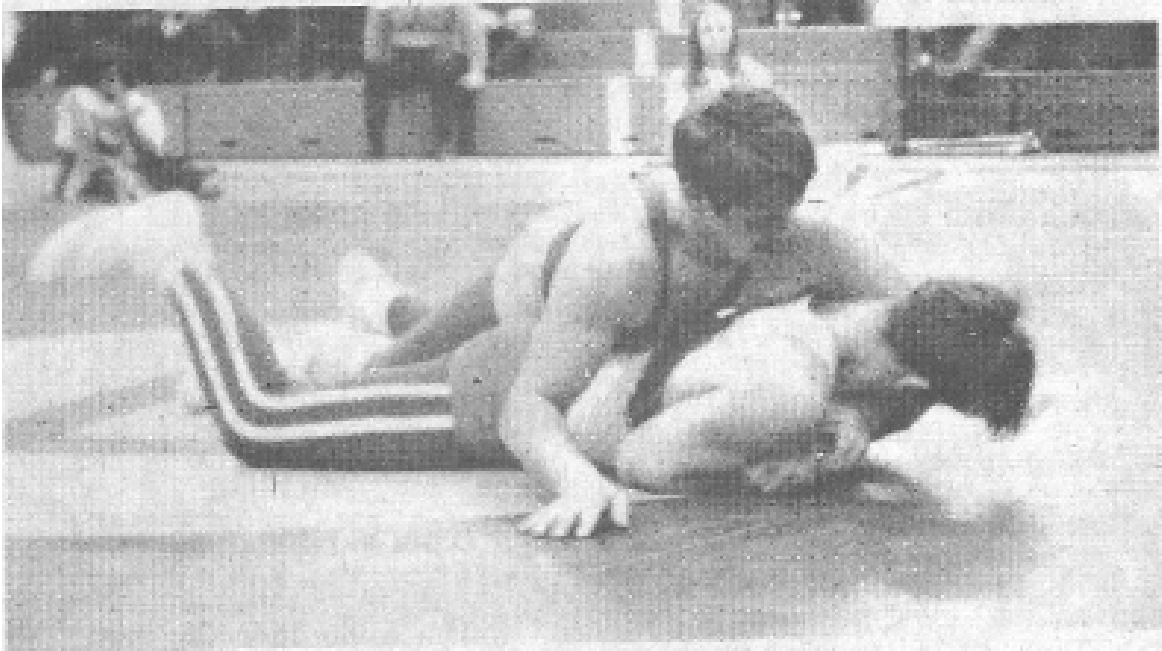
It is hard to believe that anything could be more gratifying to Beryle Cohen than this scene. Cohen is accepting the trophy for his team's victory in the State Wrestling Tournament. The Laurel wrestlers and Cohen's assistant are also shown in this moment of triumph. They are, left to right, Tom Hirsch, Alan Goldstein, Andy Tucker, Beryle Cohen, Richard Meister, Quentin L. Earhart, Deputy Superintendent of Schools for the State of Maryland, and Dave Crescenzo. Hirsch, Meister, and Crescenzo all took first places and Tucker captured a second place finish.—Photo by C.G. Barnett.

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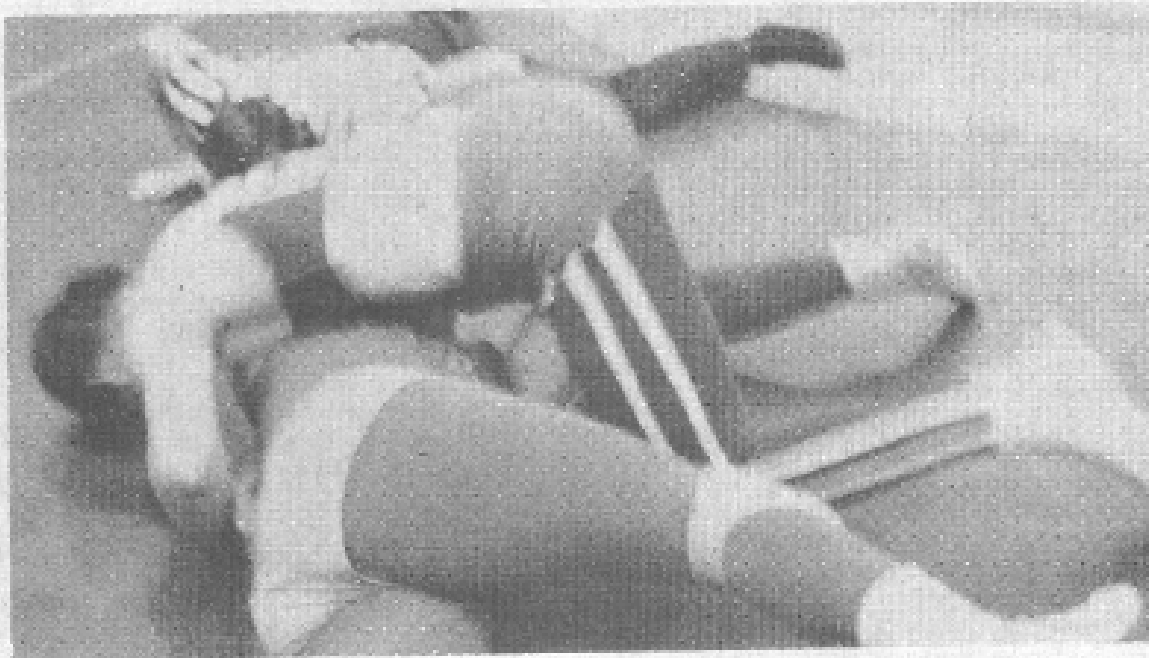
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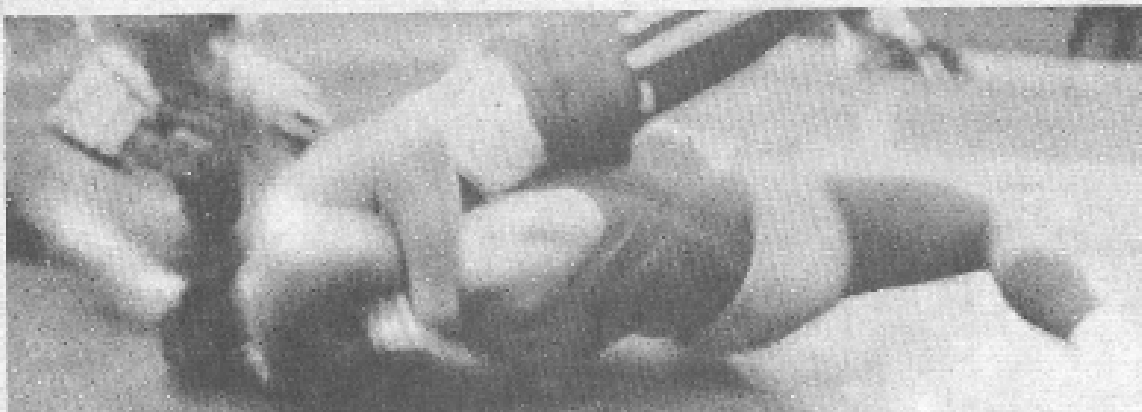
## *Tucker's Trials & Tribulations*



TUCKER IS APPARENTLY IN COMMAND



.....BUT A MISTAKE IS MADE



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## Laurel Matmen Take 3 Titles, State Crown

Special to The Star

TOWSON, Md. — Laurel High School grabbed three individual titles last night and easily won the first Maryland state wrestling team championship. Prince Georges and Montgomery County wrestlers won 6 of 12 division titles.

The Spartans clinched the team title in the afternoon semi-finals by advancing all four of their entrants. Churchill was many as two finalists. the only other school to have as

Laurel scored 50 points to out-distance runner-up Catonsville, which had 24 points. Churchill was third with 20 points.

Defending state champion Tom Hirsch of Laurel won his 42nd consecutive match over two years by scoring an escape in the last four seconds to nip Mickey Cooperman of Springbrook in the 105-pound class, 7-6. Hirsch won the 98-pound title last year.

Other Laurel champions are Dave Crescenzo at 112-pounds and Richard Meister in the

138-pound division. Meister recorded one of the two final-round pins.

In the feature bout of the finals, Southern of Harwood's Tyrone Neal defeated Steve Wolfe of Parkdale 6-2 for the 145-pound championship. It was Wolfe's first defeat in 59 matches over three years. Neal was the defending 145-pound titlist and Wolfe won the 138-pound crown last year.

The most controversial match was the heavyweight bout where Mark Rose of Wheaton won by disqualification over Andy Tucker of Laurel. Tucker was warned for stalling four times. The fifth time he was disqualified even though he led at the time, 11-10.

Other Prince Georges and Montgomery champions are Dave Bennett of B-CC at 119-pounds, and Tim Rowman of High Point in the 126-pound class. Bennett won his title by upsetting Scott Rush of Southern of Garrett.

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By Larry Becker

There is a standing joke among Laurel wrestlers that Beryle Cohen, the Spartan wrestling mentor, never likes to admit during the season that his team is having a good year. The boys were convinced that the only way to get Cohen to admit that it was "a successful season" was to go out and win the State Wrestling Title, and that is exactly what they did.

With a smashing display of power and expertise, the Spartans moved four grapplers into the finals and placed three men in the winners circle. The domination of the Laurel matmen gave the Spartans an edge of 26 points over their nearest competitor from Catonsville.

Tom Hirsch, Dave Crescenzo and Richard Meister were the three to take crowns in their weight class while Andy Tucker was disqualified for stalling in the heavyweight division. It was the second year in a row that Tucker has been stymied in tournament competition on a stalling disqualification.

The tournament belonged to Laurel from the start. The Spartans were a strong favorite going into the tournament on the basis of their showing in the District II Tournament. In many respects, the State Tournament turned into a

replay of the District match.

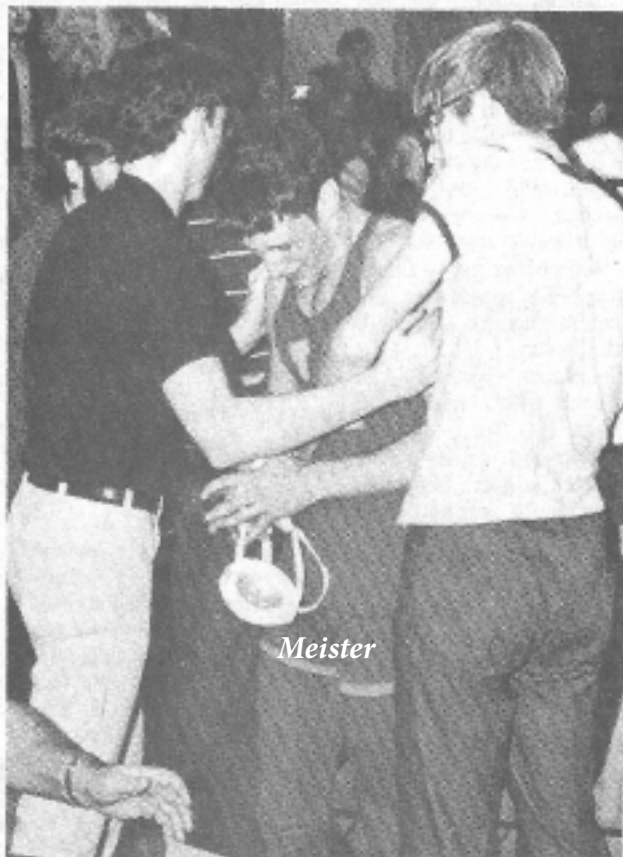
Three of the Laurel wrestlers faced the same men in the finals that they faced in the district finals. Only Richard Meister faced a different man in the State finals.

In the opening round, Hirsch easily advanced as did his foe from the District Tournament, Springbrook's Mickey Cooperman. In the semifinals, Tom Hirsch struggled with Perryville's Kevin Boyd before he managed a last period pin. Hirsch was in firm control from the first period on, but Boyd made a vallant effort to avoid a pinning combination. Finally, Hirsch's superior skill allowed him to catch his Perryville foe off-balance and flip him over for the fall.

Mickey Cooperman advanced to the finals against Hirsch by decisioning one of the strong contenders in the weight class from Patapsco, in a referee's decision in overtime. Cooperman, a powerful and talented competitor, proved a suitable foe for Hirsch's last high school wrestling foe.

Hirsch, who has not lost a match this year and has not lost since his first year of wrestling competition, had to pull from his deep reserves of strength and knowledge to beat Cooperman on a 7-6

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Meister

## Tears Of Victory

Richard Meister seems overcome by the emotions of winning his first State Crown. Meister, thought by most to be the best wrestler to come out of Laurel, sewed-up the title by pinning Bill Finch of Westminster in the finals. The second period pin capped a brilliant career for Meister and an equally brilliant string of performances in the three end-of-season tournaments. —Photo by C.G. Barnett.

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## Maryland's Best

It takes a rare breed of athlete to excel in wrestling. These 12 boys are the tops in Maryland in grappling. They are (front row l-r) Steve Gotchall, Catonsville; Tom Hirsch, Laurel; Dave Crescenzo, Laurel; Dave Bennett, Bethesda-Chevy Chase; Tim Rowan, High Point; Harry Owings, Francis Scott Key; (and second row l-r) Richard Meister, Laurel; Tyrone Neal, Southern Harwood; Steve Herbert, Hereford; Richard Blake, Wicomico; Pete Boyrodt, Milford Mill; and Mark Rose, Wheaton. Laurel was the only team to have more than one champion. -Photo by C.G. Barnett.

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GRAPPLERS GO AT IT—Tom Hirsch, of Laurel (right), has upper hand against

Sunpapers photo—William Hotz Perryville's Kevin Boyd in mat action during state tourney yesterday.

## *Laurel Easily Captures State Wrestling*

Laurel High School wrestling coach Beryl Cohen erupted in a fit of rage at the close of the finals at the Maryland State Wrestling Tournament last night at Towson State College.

Andy Tucker, Laurel's heavy-weight grappler, who was winning his match by two points in the final period, was suddenly disqualified for stalling, giving Mark Rose of Wheaton the win.

Cohen's outburst was unnecessary, however, as Laurel easily captured the team champion-

ship with 50 points. The closest competitor, Catonsville, was far behind with 24 points.

Laurel had three individual champions. Tom Hirsch notched top honors with a 7-6 win over Mickey Cooperman of Springbrook for his second State Championship; Dave Crescendo equalled the mark with a 4-2 decision over Carl Dorr of Walter Johnson; and Richard Meister pulled a surprise second-period pin on Bill Finch of Westminster to claim to 138-pound title.

In the 145-pound class, two defending champs from last year, Tyrone Neal of Southern and Parkdale's Steve Wolfe battled to a 2-2 standstill in the first two periods, until Neal pulled ahead to gather a 6-3 victory and his second State Championship.

### Finals

- 98—Gotschall. Catonsville decisioned Miller. Bel Air. 9-1.
- 105—Hirsch. Laurel decisioned Cooperman. Springbrook. 7-6
- 112—Crescendo. Laurel decisioned Dorr. Walter Johnson. 4-2.
- 119—Bennett. Bethesda-Chevy Chase decisioned Rush. Southern. 9-4.
- 126—Rowan. High Point decisioned Long. Patuxco. 10-4.
- 132—Owings. F.S. Key decisioned Stewart. Churchill. 6-0
- 138—Meister. Laurel pinned Finch. Westminster. 3:09.
- 145—Neal. Southern decisioned Wolfe. Parkdale. 6-3.
- 155—Herbert. Hereford pinned Wasson. Northwood. 1:40.
- 167—Blake. Wicomico decisioned Kretchmer. Parkville. 5-1.
- 185—Bavrodt. Milford Mill decisioned Higgins. Churchill. 16-2.
- Hvy—Rose. Wheaton over Tucker. Laurel. disqualification.

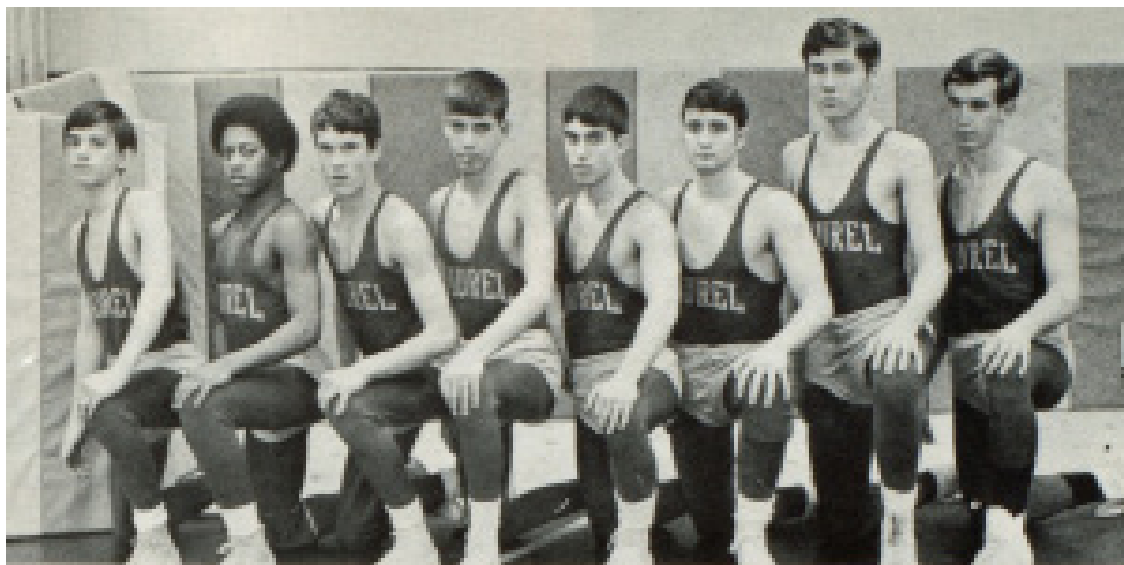


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## IV Spartans



S. Herman, J. Wallace, S. Richards, M. Breslin, T. Thomas, S. Parrish, R. Askins, T. Casey.

LHS	OPPONENT	OPPONENT
18 .....	Bowie .....	17
16 .....	Potomac .....	18
6 .....	Surrattsville .....	33
3 .....	High Point .....	21
8 .....	Parkdale .....	13
20 .....	DuVal .....	18
13 .....	Suitland .....	11
6 .....	Wheaton .....	19



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1971	1 <sup>st</sup> Laurel - 50	2 <sup>nd</sup> Catonsville - 24	3 <sup>rd</sup> Churchill - 20	4 <sup>th</sup> Patapsco - 19	
		WT CHAMPION	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE
		96 Steve Gotshall-CAT 9-1	Ray Miller-BAR	Dave Hopkins-RMT 5:30	Mark Sukentash-POT
		105 Tom Hirsch-LAU 7-6	Mickey Cooperman-SPB	Jim Wolfe-PAT 4:41	Kevin Boyd-PEV
		112 Dave Crescenzo-LAU 4-2	Carl Don-WAJ	John Ridley-CAT 5-0	Scott Matthews-HER
		119 Dave Bennett-BCC 8-4	Scott Rush-SOG	Gary Cooper-PBR 7-0	Mel Andis-PAT
		126 Tim Rowan-HPT 10-4	Bob Long-PWT	Ed Garono-BAR 3-0	Bruce Bolling-PKD
		132 Harry Owings-FSK 6-0	Tim Stewart-WCH	Tom Friday-HPT Forfeit	Gary Gladhill-GTJ
		138 Richard Meister-LAU 3:09	Bill Finch-WES	Marty Mason-DUN 9-3	Joe Beeman-WAL
		145 Tyrone Neal-SOA 6-3	Steve Wolfe-PKD	Mike Atkins-NHF OT; Ref. Dec.	Ron Francis-BLA
		155 Steve Herbert-HER 1-40	Dave Wasson-NWD	Neil Padgett-RAN 14-11	Terry Runyon-GAI
		167 Richard Blake-WIC 5-1	Paul Kretschmer-PKV	Alan Sheppard-WDO 9-2	Gary Crockett-JMB
		185 Pete Bayrodt-MUM 15-2	Geary Higgins-WCH	Scott Crandall-MNN 1:36	Mike Hayward-JMB
		Hwt Mark Rose-WHE Disqual.	Andy Tucker-LAU	Bill Hynes-CAT 4:42	Dick Harbaugh-FSK



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## Celebration

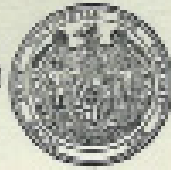


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## Celebration





HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 108

By Delegate Dorman

House Resolution congratulating the wrestling team of Laurel High School on winning the Maryland State Championship.

The House of Delegates notes with pride the accomplishments of the Varsity Wrestling Team of Laurel High School, Laurel, Maryland.

At the Maryland State Wrestling Tournament held at Towson State College on March 6 and 7, the Laurel grapplers captured the State wrestling championship.

Under the guidance of Coach Beryle Cohen and Assistant Coach Allen Goldstein, the team produced three individual State champions and one runner-up.

Tom Hirsch won his second State title in the 105 pound class, Dave Crescecy captured the 112 pound title, Richard Miester was victorious in the 138 pound division, and Andy Tucker was runner-up in the heavyweight class.

The House of Delegates believes it is fitting and proper that these young champions and their coaches be honored; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Delegates of Maryland,* That the members of the House extend their heartiest congratulations to the members and coaches of the championship Laurel High School Wrestling Team; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the members of the House express their pride in the excellence these Marylanders have exhibited in the world of sport; and be it further

*Resolved,* That copies of this resolution be sent to Coach Beryle Cohen, Assistant Coach Allen Goldstein, all the members of the Laurel High School wrestling team, and to Mr. Lloyd Hoover, principal of Laurel High School.

By the House of Delegates, March 15, 1971.

Read and adopted.

By order, James P. Mause, Chief Clerk.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.

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Mr. Berrill Cohen:  
Wrestling Coach:  
Laurel Sr. High School:  
Laurel, Md. 20810

24 April 1971

Dear Sirs:

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Laurel Volunteer Fire Dept., as its President, to congratulate you on the fine job you did, in moulding the Boys of the Wrestling Team, at Laurel Sr. High into Championship Caliber. Their teamwork and your guidance with the excellent help of Asst. Coach, Mr. Goldstein, led them down the path of Champions. The young men deserve all the Honors bestowed upon them. It was your leadership and guidance that prevailed and made them Champions.

At the tribute to the Wrestling Champions, the young men of the team conducted themselves as Gentlemen, and they also treated their elders with respect.

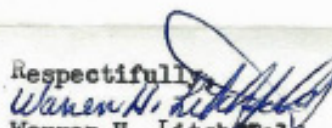
I would like to thank you for the wonderful, line of Champions and Coaches, you invited and that were present at the Banquet in Honor of these fine young men. I know it was quite a thrill for the young men as well as it was for us here at the Fire Dept.

Your dedication and devotion toward these young men is a credit to the World of Sports, as well as the Academic field in which endeavors are guided toward.

To you Sir, and your Asst. Coach Mr. Goldstein, the young men of the Wrestling team, be all Honor and Glory. May your days be filled with happiness, and with a deep Humility toward your Fellow Man, and with the acknowledgement that you have endeared yourself toward these young men, and the Citizens of the Town of Laurel.

May God Bless you in all of your endeavors, all the days of your life.

Respectfully,

  
Warren H. Litchfield  
President: L.V.F.D.