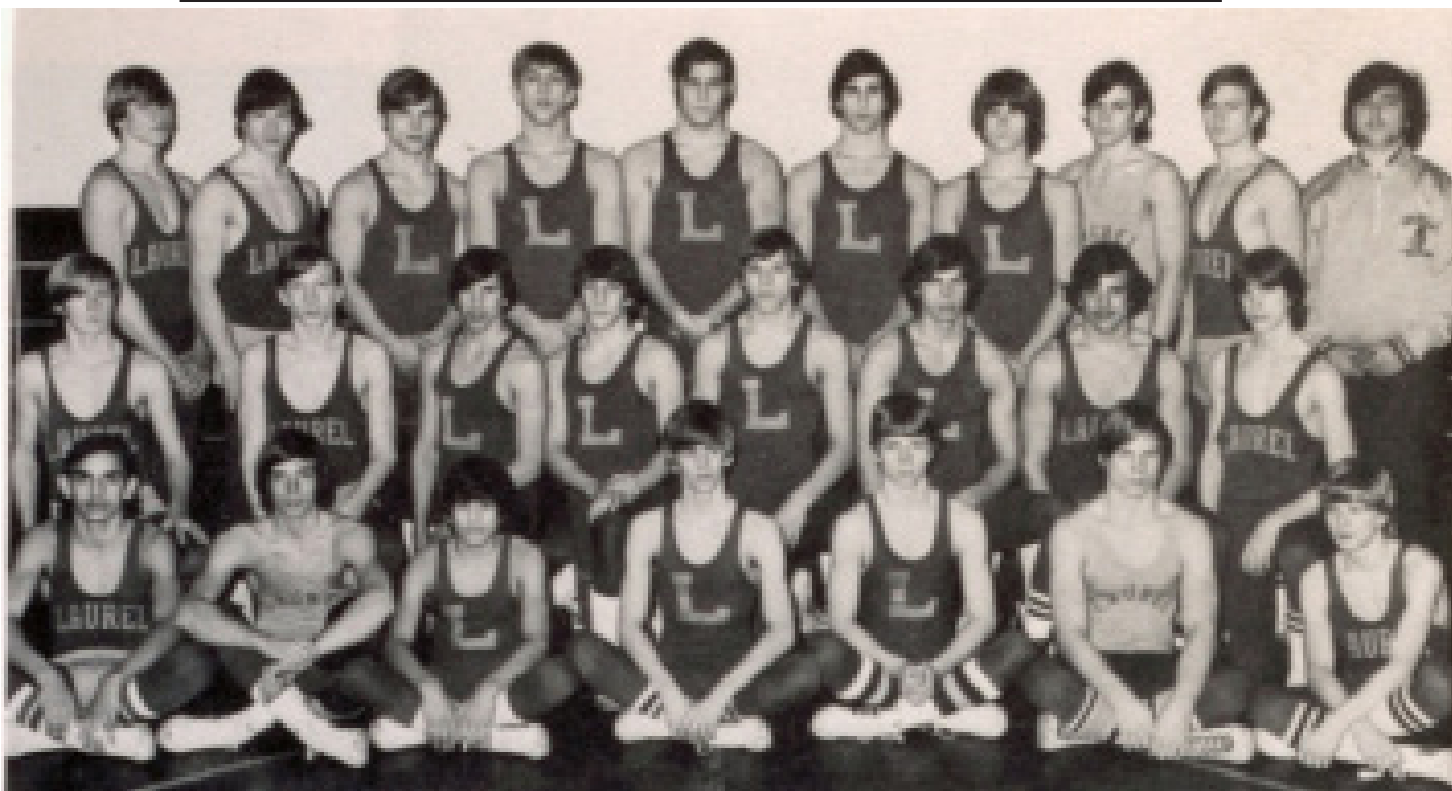




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| | 145 | Steve Hoff—WES 4:26 | Loren Danielson—SPB | Tom Peterson—OVE 1-0 | Alex Poulin—OUL |
| | 155 | Perry Lichtinger—LAU 5:45 | Russell Gordon—RMT | Tom Parrish—FSK 5-1 | Pete Moats—WIL |
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PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Mon. thru Fri.

Group I

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4:45 - shower and dress
5:15 - leave building

Group II

- 5:30
- 7:30
- 7:50

Saturday and Non-School day practice

10:15 - dressed in wrestling room - 12:40
12:30 - shower and dress - 2:30
1:00 - leave building - 2:50

Saturdays and non-school days

Nov. 16 - Sat
23 - Sat
29 - Fri
30 - Sat
Dec. 7 - Sat
14 - Sat
21 - Sat
28 - Thu
27 - Fri
28 - Sat
30 - Mon
31 - Tue

Jan. - 4 - Sat
11 - Sat
18 - Sat
25 - Sat
Feb. - 1 - Sat
8 - Sat
15 - Sat

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.

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Dec. 25 - Christmas day
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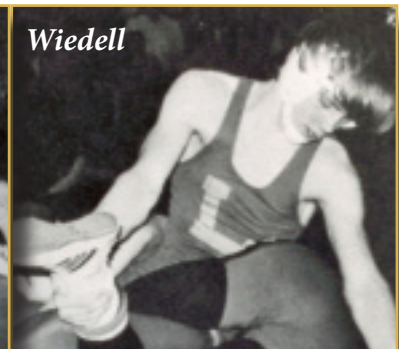
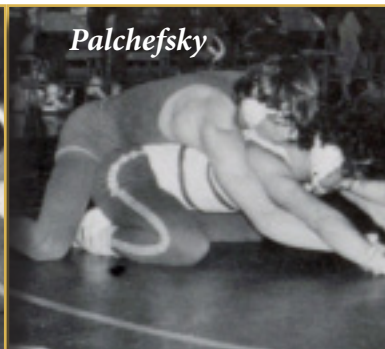
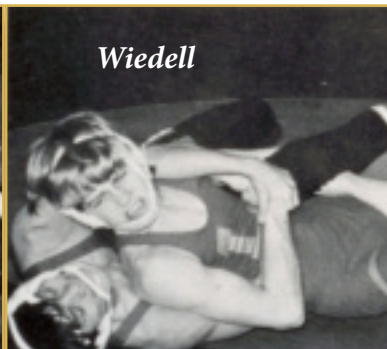
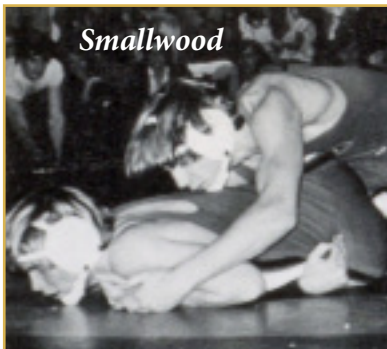
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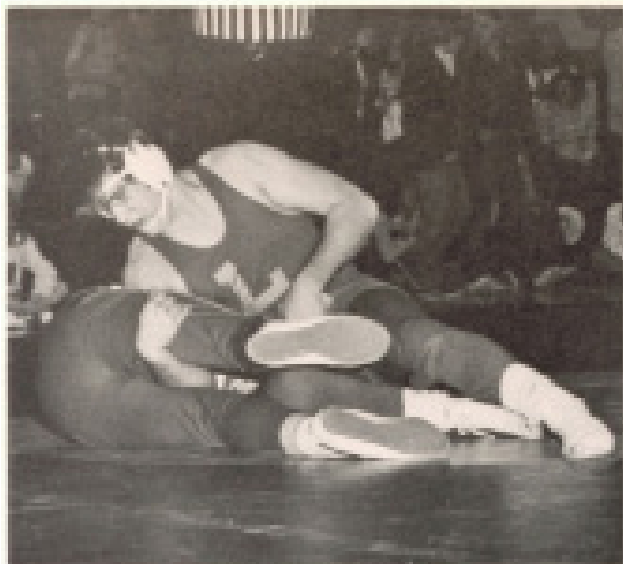
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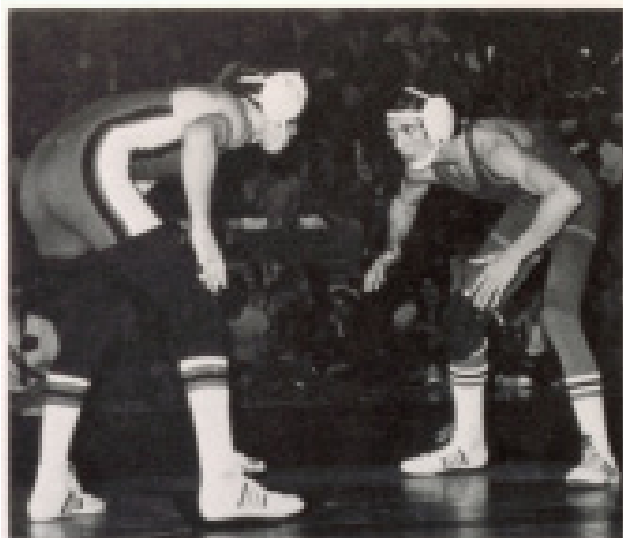
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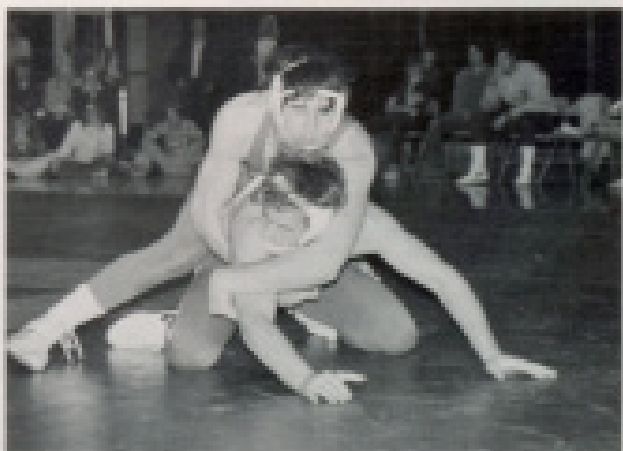
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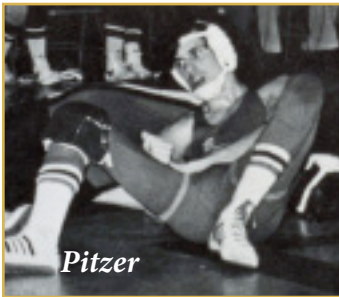
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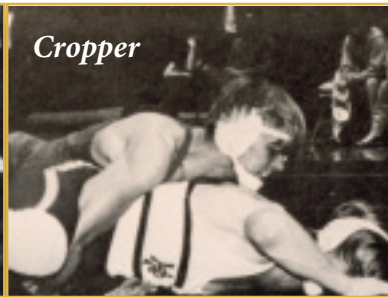
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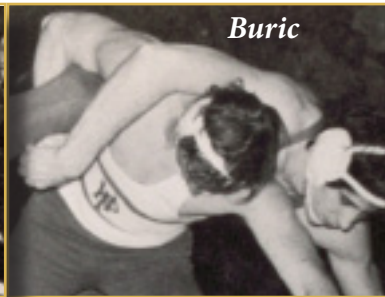
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Cropper



Buric



Lichtinger

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| Perry | | | |
| Lichtinger | CHAMP | CHAMP | CHAMP |
| Jack Cropper | CHAMP | CHAMP | 3rd |
| Jay Clements | 2nd | 3rd | |
| Kirk | | | |
| Palchefsky | | 3rd | 3rd |
| Jay Wiedel | 3rd | 4th | |
| Paul Pepal | 4th | 4th | |
| Kevin Brake | 3rd | | |



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| Andy Verrone | 2-0-1 |
| Jay Wiedel | 0-0-1 |
| Kirk Wiedel | 9-3-1 |
| Gerald Wilson | 4-0-0 |
| Rick Wilson | 4-3-0 |
| Mike Pitzer | 9-3-0 |