

About Coach Beryle Cohen

Prep Schools

The Baltimore Sun

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City Matmen Fortified In Upper Weight Classes

By Murray Wieman

Little fellows are just as important as big 'uns in wrestling as practiced by the schoolboys, but the upper weight brackets at City College, where the likes of Tom Burdette, Bernie Gordon and Greg Ciesielski perform, give Coach Charley Hirschauer cause to smile.

Burdette and Gordon, team captain, were runnersup in last winter's Maryland Scholastic Association tourney at 145 and 165 pounds, respectively. Both have moved up 10 pounds to harass opposing grapplers. And Ciesielski, while his name looks like a jumbled alphabet, is adept at straightening out foes' backs on the mat.

Furst Moves Up

The last named is a 190-pound senior who was a reserve last winter, but bounded back in early drills this season, to prove himself a strong, well-conditioned performer.

Senior 112-pounder Don Ciemny will cavort for the third year in his class to give the Collegians balance on the other end of the squad. Joe Furst, who divided chores with Ciemny in '52, has jumped up to 120 to do battle with last winter's second-stringer at that weight, Phil Neary, for the regular role.

Karukas, Rice Vie

Beryle Cohen seems to have his own way at 127, but Pete Karukas still must eliminate Phil Rice to gain the nod at 133.

The 138-pound job is Don Clayton's for the taking, but Hirschauer may be forced to advance the lad a notch higher than his '52 class. Barry Kramer, Dick Lachman, Bert Skeen and Ken Wiener are performing creditably at 145, but are

short on experience. Should Clayton move up, Hirschauer feels Angelo Skarlatos or Jay Adler could capably handle the 138-pound assignment.

German A Newcomer

Dick German is a senior and new to the sport, but Hirschauer says: "He's big and strong and looks good at 165." His chief opposition is coming from Dan Caulder.

Should Ciesielski for any reason falter as heavyweight, 230-pound football Tackle Lynn McCarty or 186-pound Sophomore Rich O'Brien would be ready to step forth.

Hirschauer is encouraged by the number of new mat hopefuls still with the squad. Among them are: Joe Goldberg, Len (no relation) Goldberg, Dick Dlugosz and Tom Toston, 112; Murray Buschman, 120; Lou Wozny, Stan Matz and Jerry Tucker, 127; Frank Wladorf, Dick Whitlock and Maurice Goldman, 133; Roland Goss, Bob Jett and Ciro Pistorio, 145, and Bob Cawunder, 154.



The Cohen Years

S.A. Wrestling

Only one defending titlist, Vernon Cronhardt of the Central Y.M.C.A., will be in the lineup tonight as the Senior South Atlantic wrestling championships go into the final bouts at Dundalk Y.

Consolations will get action under way at 7.30 o'clock and be followed by the championship tussles.

Cronhardt faces Robert Pac of Dundalk Y for the 136-pound title, while another notable tussle involves Lonnie Dramesi, upset winner over favored Will Moche, against Robert Trembley, both of Bainbridge Naval Training Station, feuding for the 128-pound diadem.

Complete pairings:

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

115-Pound—Ray Haney, Central Y. vs. George Janouris, Dundalk Y.

121-Pound—Richard Trembley, Bainbridge, vs. Ken Harvey, Lions Club.

128-Pound—Robert Trembley, Bainbridge, vs. Lonnie Dramesi, Bainbridge.

136-Pound—Robert Pac, Dundalk Y, vs. Vernon Cronhardt, Central Y.

145-Pound—Don Sudbrink, Dundalk Y, vs. John Peters, Central Y.

155-Pound—Robert Knell, Lions Club, vs. William Clemens, Bainbridge.

165-Pound—Richard Bougner, Bainbridge, vs. Harry Tighe, Central Y.

175-Pound—Robert Marsheck, Dundalk Y, vs. Harry Lanehardt, Lions Club.

CONSOLATIONS

121-Pound—**Beryle Conen**, Central Y, vs. R. L. Mason, Bainbridge.

128-Pound—Willy Mocke, Central Y, vs. Ed Boxwell, Lions Club; Gilbert Haney vs. winner of previous bout.

135-Pound—R. Rottman, Lions Club, vs. Ed Kraft, Bainbridge; L. Comet, Central Y, vs. William Berger, Bainbridge; bout between the winners.

175-Pound—Angelo Fletcher, Bainbridge, vs. Louis Marshall, Bainbridge.

**1st ACC Tournament
1955**



MAT TOURNEY OPENS TONIGHT

Over 50 Entered In S.A.A.
Event At Central Y

By ALBERT R. FISCHER

The South Atlantic Association A.A.U. wrestling tournament gets underway tonight at the Central Y.M.C.A. at 7.15 P.M. with over 50 grapplers set to challenge for the eight weight class titles.

Entries include wrestlers from Baltimore University, Central Y., Towson State Teachers College, Fort Meade, the entire University of Maryland freshmen mat team and at least four Terp varsity members, plus some local prep aces.

Norris At 147

The top individual performance is expected from Rodney Norris, former University of Maryland mat star, now with the Olympic squad at Fort Dix, N.J.

Norris will grapple at the 147-pound class, the weight division in which he recently won the National Y.M.C.A. title.

Chief opposition to Norris is apt to come from unattached Vernon Cronhardt and Towson State's mat ace Don Sudbrink. Sudbrink finished second to Fred Frommelt in the Mason-Dixon conference tournament, losing a highly debated referee's decision to Frommelt. Frommelt finished fourth in the National Y.M.C.A. tourney.

Bill Mock Entered

The four University of Maryland varsity regulars whose entries have been received are Ed Weatherly and Beryl Cohen (136), Jim Oberholzer (147) and Joe Wozunk (174). Weatherly and Wozunk are Atlantic Coast Conference champions, Weatherly at 130.

Two other National Y.M.C.A. champs, just crowned last week, are entered. Bill Mock, the national event's outstanding wrestler, will compete at 125 pounds, and Ray Haney, a freshman at Maryland, is the 114-pound titlist.

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The Maryland Terrapin
1957

WRESTLING TEAM—*First row:* Alex Spellman, Tony Toston, John McHugh, co-captain; Berle Cohen, Ed Boxwell, Ray Haney. *Second row:* Jack Norrie, Robert Schuler, Jerry O'Gurkis, Rodney Norris, Augie Rampolla, Tom Obermayer, Ronald Marshall. *Third row:* Spider Fry, trainer; Sal Amato, Ed Burlass, Mike Sandusky, co-captain; Joe Dougherty, Jack Hardisty, Coach Sally Krouse. *Fourth row:* Carmine Blades, assistant manager; Bob Bruce, Cliff Matthews, Leroy Kennedy, Nick Biondi, Bill Kelley, head coach.



The Maryland Terrapin
1958

BERYLE DAVID COHEN, Baltimore; Phys. Ed., Rec. & Health, B.S.;
Physical Education—*4* A; Varsity M. Club, pres.; Wrestling.



J.C.C. Matmen Due Test With Ft. Belvoir

The Jewish Community Center varsity wrestling team will meet Fort Belvoir, one of the outstanding service teams in the area, Thursday night at the J.C.C.

The J.C.C. has four former University of Maryland grapplers representing the team. Ernie Fischer, former United States Olympic representative at Melbourne, Australia, will wrestle in the 177-pound class. His brother, Bob, a former A.C.C. wrestling champion from Maryland, will wrestle in the 157-pound class. Joel Adleberg, Southern Conference wrestling champion and A.C.C. champion, will be in the 167-pound class. **Beryle Cohen** another Terp performer, will wrestle at 130 pounds.

This match will be a collegiate style wrestling dual meet.

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J.C.C. To Play Host To 2 Mat Tourneys

Jewish Community Center wrestlers, whose seniors embark on their own schedule when they grapple Washington Y.M.C.A. Saturday, will play host to both the Maryland Junior League meet February 25 and the South Atlantic senior championships March 11.

Ernie Fisher, United States Olympic matman, heads coach Bernie Silbert's seniors. The ex-Maryland athlete will start at 174 pounds.

Others are Johnny Jacobs, at 114.5 pounds; Richard Honkofsky, 125.5; **Beryle Cohen, 136.5**; Jerry Weisensell, 147.5; Arty Furman, 160.5; Ray Fendyke, 174, and heavyweight Ted Fisher.

The J.C.C. schedule:

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Saturday, February 18—J.C.C. varsity vs. Washington Y.M.C.A., 7.15 P.M.; Wednesday, February 22—J.C.C. junior team vs. Lion's Club, 7.45 P.M.; Saturday, February 25—Maryland Junior Wrestling League Tourney, 7 P.M.; Saturday, February 25—J.C.C. varsity at Fort Belvoir; Sunday, March 5—J.C.C. varsity vs. Fort Belvoir, 7 P.M.; Saturday, March 11 — South Atlantic Senior Wrestling Championship, Finals, 7.30 P.M.

J.C.C. Grapplers Hold Title Tourney Today

Five candidates for berths on the United States entry in the Maccabiah Games this summer in Israel head the field in the Jewish Community Center's wrestling championships today in the Park Heights avenue gym.

The overseas hopefuls in the meet beginning at 12.30 P.M. are Neil Blinken, at 114½ pounds; **Beryle Cohen**, ex-Maryland grappler, and John Siegel, both at 125½; Martin Furman, defending kingpin at 160½, and 1956 Olympic member, Ernie Fischer, 174 pounds.

The entries:

114½ Pounds—Neil Blinken, Milton Hammond, Larry Pearl, Jerry Benesch.
125½ Pounds—Beryle Cohen, John Jacobs, John Siegel, Larry Warner.
136½ Pounds—Arnold Hecker, Ronald Rubin.
147½ Pounds—Pat Kazmaier.
160½ Pounds—Martin Furman.
174 Pounds—Barry Aaronson, Ernie Fischer.
191 Pounds—Bill Krauss.
Unlimited—Ted Fischer.

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April 23, 1961

Hammond And Evans Share Mat Honors

Milt Hammond earned the Sam Auerhan Award for the outstanding Jewish Community Center wrestler and Bob Evans was voted the outstanding service grappler as they joined six other winners in the annual J.C.C. mat tournament. The final round results:

114.5-Pound Class — Milt Hammond pinned Neal Blinken.

125.5-Pound Class — John Siegel pinned Johnny Jacobs, 4.47.

136.5-Pound Class—Bob Evans defeated Beryle Cohen.

147.5-Pound Class—Jerry Wiesensell pinned Elliot Robinson, 2.14.

160.5-Pound Class — Arnie Hecker pinned Eric Katow, 7.37.

174-Pound Class — Marty Furman pinned Herb Shuman, 2.05.

191-Pound Class — Bill Kruass defeated Leon Dubansky.

Heavyweight Class—Rudy Colombo pinned Ted Fisher, 36 seconds.

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On Mat Team

New York, June 2 (AP)—Michael Wittenberg, son of the 1948 Olympic Light Heavyweight Wrestling Champion, today was one of four grapplers named today to the United States Maccabiah Games wrestling team.

The selections were announced by his father, Henry Wittenberg, of New York, who is chairman of the wrestling committee. Mike, 19, competes in the 191-pound class, just as his father did.

Also picked were Steve Friedman, National A.A.U. 160-pound champion from Rockville Center, N. Y.; Ernie Fischer, 174-pounder, of Baltimore, and heavyweight Jerry Steinberg, of Brooklyn.

Ten others will compete in a final wrestle-off in New York June 11 for the other berths on the team. They include Neal Blinken, 114½, John Siegel, 125½, Beryle Cohen, 125½, and Martin Furman, 147½, all of Baltimore; Bery Leifer, 136½, Gerard Horowitz, 147½, Aaron Gottdiener, 147½, all of New York; Ed Slater, 136½, Great Neck, N. Y.; Jack Gollon, 174½, Toledo, Ohio, and Robert Dickstein, 147½, Teaneck, New Jersey.

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8-Man Wrestling Team Is Selected

NEW YORK (AP)—The National 160-pound champion, Steve Friedman of New York City, heads the eight-man wrestling team named to represent the United States in the sixth Maccabiah Games at Tel Aviv, Israel, Aug. 29 through Sept. 5.

Bernard L. Silbert of Baltimore was selected as coach and Eugene Weiss of Cleveland was named manager.

The announcement was made Monday by Max J. Lovell, national chairman of the U.S. Maccabiah Games Team.

Others named are:

John Siegel, Pikesville, Maryland, 114½ pounds; Beryle Cohen, Baltimore, 125½ pounds; Edward Slater, Great Neck, 136½ pounds; Jack Gallon, Toledo, Ohio, 147½ pounds; Ernest Fisher, Baltimore 174 pounds; Mike Wittenberg, the Bronx, New York, 191 pounds; Jerome Steinberg, Queens, New York, heavyweight.

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OPENING DAY'S CEREMONY VI MACCABIA GAMES AUGUST 29, 1961

In the Greco-Roman wrestling, here's how Baltimore residents fared:

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Heyman Paces Cagers

Flyweight—Samuel Vanuno, Israel, pinned Johnny Siegel, Baltimore, in 3½ minutes.

Bantamweight—Mervin Medler, South Africa, decisioned Beryle Cohen, Baltimore. Menasha Nutahda, Israel, decisioned Cohen.

Middleweight — Ernie Fisher, Baltimore, decisioned Moshe Weinberg, Israel, Phil Oberlande, Canada, and Fisher drew.

Mike Wittenberg, of Cornell, and son of a former American Olympic wrestling champion, won a tenth gold medal for the United States by taking the light-heavyweight wrestling crown.

J.C.C. Hosts D.C. Matmen

The Baltimore Jewish Community Center will play host to the Washington Y.M.C.A. wrestling team tomorrow (7 P.M.) in a match conducted under Olympic freestyle rules.

Ernie Fischer (171½-pound class) and Beryle Cohen (138½) the 1961 Maccabiah Games, will United States representatives to meet Jay McMillan and Rob Smith, of Washington.

J.C.C.'s Martin Furman, the D.C.A.A.U. featherweight champion, will wrestle at 154 pounds. Rounding out the Baltimore squad are Larry Warner (125½), Bill Krauss (191), Ted Fischer (heavyweight) and Steve Zaslow (flyweight).

The J.C.C. has a seven-meet schedule lined up.

January 13. Trenton Y.M.C.A.; 20. at Trenton Y.M.C.A.

February 10. at New York A.C.; 18. Fort Belvoir; 24. at Fort Belvoir.

March 4. Washington Y.M.C.A.

J.C.C. Mat Squad Host To Soldiers

The Baltimore Jewish Community Center's wrestling team will host Fort Belvoir's grapplers Sunday in the J.C.C.'s main gym, 5700 Park Heights avenue.

The matches will be staged under the Olympic freestyle rules and feature some outstanding wrestlers.

Fort Belvoir will have Chien Lee, the Korean champion, in the 138½-pound class. The J.C.C. team includes **Beryle Cohen** and Marty Furman, members of last year's United States Maccabiah team, and Ernie Fischer, 1956 Olympic matman.

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J.C.C. Facing D.C. Matmen

The Jewish Community Center wrestling team will play host to the Washington Y.M.C.A. tomorrow (7 P.M.) in the main gym.

Leading the J.C.C. will be three undefeated grapplers — Beryle Cohen, Martin Furman and Ross Jandori.

The Baltimore Sun
March 3 1962

J.C.C. Mat Test Slated For Windup

The Jewish Community Center's fifth membership wrestling tournament winds up tomorrow (2 P.M.) in eight weight classes. Trophies will be presented the winners and the Sam Auerhan award will go to the outstanding wrestler.

Candidates for the latter include National Y.M.C.A. champion Ernie Fischer, 171½ pound class; 154-pounder **Beryle Cohen**, a member of the recent United States Macabiah team, and several matmen from the Milford Mill High School team.

Cohen's toughest competition is expected from Martin Furman, 1961 Washington A.A.U. winner and 1962 South Atlantic champion.

The other weight classes are 114½, 125½, 138½, 171½ novice, 191½ and heavyweight.

The Baltimore Sun
May 5, 1962

Fort Bragg Mat Visit

Fort Bragg's wrestling team will oppose the Jewish Community Center Sunday (4.15) in the latter's gym at 5700 Park Heights avenue. The dual meet will consist of seven matches under international freestyle rules.

The soldiers includes two New Jersey champions in William Bacone and John Dixon, a Mason-Dixon Conference titlist in former Baltimore U. heavyweight Dick Kohlhaber, and a Big Ten champion, James Fink, from Michigan.

The match line-up:

114½—Neal Blinken (J.C.C.) vs. Bill Berry.

125½—Ross Jandorf (J.C.C.) vs. William Bacone

138½—**Beryle Cohen (J.C.C.)** vs. John Dixon.

154—Morton Pancer (J.C.C.) vs. Edward Dayton.

171½—Martin Furman (J.C.C.) vs. Dick Andrews.

191½—Ernie Fischer (J.C.C.) vs. James Fink.

Heavyweight—Ted Fisher (J.C.C.) vs. Dick Kohlhaber.

The Baltimore Sun
January 11, 1963

'Y' Wrestling Squad Downs Fort Bragg

The Baltimore Central Y.M.C.A. wrestling team lost the services of 130-pound star Beryle Cohen for the bulk of the season last night as it edged Fort Bragg, 16 to 14. The "Y" record is 2-0.

Cohen was lifted off his feet in the first period of his bout and fell on his elbow, suffering what appeared to be a severe dislocation. He was treated at Mercy Hos pital.

123-Pound Class—Bowne, Fort Bragg, decisioned Fletcher, 4-3.

130-Pound Class—Berry, Fort Bragg, won by default from Cohen.

137-Pound Class—Haney, Baltimore, decisioned Dixon, 4-3.

147-Pound Class—Pac, Baltimore, pinned Glisson, 7.02.

157-Pound Class—Alexander, Baltimore, decisioned Dayton, 13-6.

167-Pound Class — Andrews, Fort Bragg, decisioned Frommelt, 5-2.

177-Pound Class—Kelly, Baltimore, pinned Kammrath, 8.37.

191-Pound Class — Edgerton, Baltimore, won by forfeit. (Not counted in team score).

Heavyweight—Kohlhafer, Fort Bragg, decisioned Mohenrich, 9-1.

The Baltimore Sun
January 13, 1963

MAT FINALS SET TONIGHT

South Atlantic Tournament Concludes At J.C.C.

The forty-fourth annual South Atlantic A.A.U. wrestling tournament moves into the final round at the Jewish Community Center tonight at 7.30 o'clock.

A record number of 75 bouts were completed yesterday at Mervo with Larry Gebhardt from City College, wrestling for the Central Y.M.C.A. and Ernie Fischer, Maccabiah champ grappling for the J.C.C. recording the fastest falls in sixteen seconds each.

A.A.U. medals will be awarded to the first four finishers in each weight class. The Davis and Davis fastest pin and outstanding wrestler awards also will be presented.

The results:

115-Pound Class—Fedner, Central Y, pinned Steele, J.C.C., 5.34; W. Williams, Ducks A.C., decisioned Maxon 4-0.

130-Pound Class—Benner, Central Y, pinned Benesch, J.C.C., 1.58; Magnusson, unattached, pinned Peters, J.C.C., 3.48; Cohen, Central Y, decisioned Yocum, unattached, 11-3; Magnusson decisioned Benesch, J.C.C., 26-1; Cohen, Central Y, pinned Peters, J.C.C., 4.45; R. Haney, Central Y, pinned Benner, Central Y, 7.10; R. Haney, Central Y, pinned Yocum, 4.55; Magnusson decisioned Benner, Central Y, 11-4.

4.45; R. Haney, Central Y, pinned Benner, Central Y, 7.10; R. Haney, Central Y, pinned Yocum, 4.55; Magnusson decisioned Benner, Central Y, 11-4.

137-Pound Class—Cornelius, Central Y, decisioned Dunlap, Trojans, 2-1; Lemmon, Ducks A.C., decisioned Levin, J.C.C., 4-0; Kohlhafer, Central Y, decisioned Blum, J.C.C., 4-1; Frommelt, Central Y, decisioned Hutchison, Dundalk Y, 17-2; Frommelt, Central Y, pinned Blum, J.C.C., 15 sec.; Honkolsky, J.C.C., decisioned Levin, 8-0; Hutchison, unattached, pinned Cornelius, Central Y, 2.40; Lemmon, Ducks A.C., drew Kohlhafer, Central Y, 2-2; Honkolsky, J.C.C., decisioned Dunlap, Royal Trojans, 1-0; Hutchison, Dundalk Y, decisioned Kohlhafer, Central Y, 1-0; Frommel, Central Y, pinned Lemmon, Ducks A.C., 2.20.

147-Pounds—Pac (Central Y) pinned Rubin (JCC) 4.15; Riley (Central Y) decisioned Gough (Ducks AC) forfeit; Moore (Ducks AC) pinned Whitaker (Royal Trojans) 1.49; Hart (unattached) drew Kretschmer (Towson W.C.) 0-0; Pac (Central Y) decisioned Gough (Ducks AC) forfeit; Lee (Central Y) pinned Rubin (JCC) 6.22; Moore (Ducks AC) drew Kretschmer (Towson W.C.) 0-0; Riley (Central Y) decisioned Whitaker (Royal Trojans) 5-1; Lee (Central Y) pinned Hart (unattached) 4.50; Pac (Central Y) pinned Moore (Ducks AC) 7.31; Kretschmer (Towson WC) decisioned Riley (Central Y) 3-0.

157-Pounds—Pancer (JCC) pinned Wilson (Central Y) 7.05; Beale (Central Y) decisioned Iakman (JCC) 6-0; B. Fischer (Central Y) pinned Schonbergh (unattached) 5-18; Owens (Patuxent Naval Air Station) decisioned Jamison (JCC) 8-0; Davis (Royal Trojans) decisioned Hussing (unattached) 7-2; Schoenberger decisioned Hussing (unattached) forfeit; Inkman (JCC) decisioned Pancer (JCC) 4-1; Bealle (Central Y) decisioned Wilson (Central Y) 5-0; Davis (Royal Trojans) pinned Owens (Patuxent Naval Air Station) 6-21; B. Fischer (Central Y) pinned Jamison (JCC) 7-47; Schoenberger (unattached) drew Owens (Pat. N.A.S.) 0-0; B. Fischer (Central Y) decisioned Inkman (JCC) 4-1; Bealle (Central Y) decisioned Pancer (JCC) 1-0.

167-Pounds—Mike Gray (Towson Wrestling Club), pinned Pat O'Flinn, (Pat. N.A.S.), 1.15.

Ed Robinson (Bel Air) drew Berry (Royal Trojans) 1-1.

Offenbacher (Central Y) drew H. Williams (Royal Trojans) 2-2.

Gray (Towson) pinned Robinson (Bel Air), 20 sec.

Baranowski (Central Y) decisioned Bazemore (Bel Air), 8-3.

O'Flinn (Pat. NAS) pinned Johnson (Central Y), 8.44.

H. Williams (Royal Trojans) decisioned Baranowski (Central Y), 10-3.

Offenbacher (Central Y) decisioned Berry (Royal Trojans), 1-0.

H. Williams (Royal Trojans), pinned Gray (Towson), 5.31.

Bazemore (Bel Air) pinned Johnson (Central Y), 7.45.

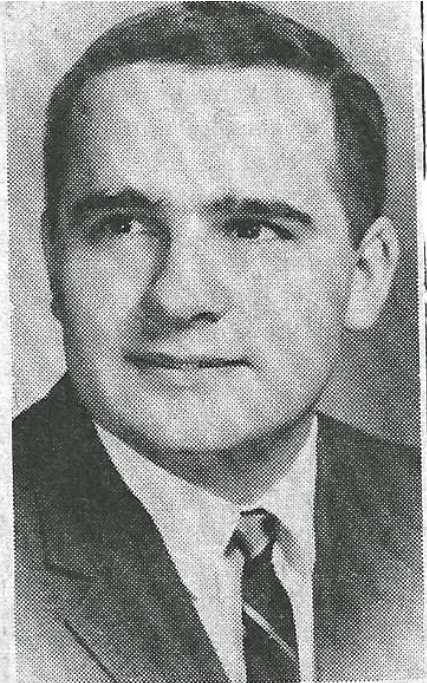
Berry (Royal Trojans) pinned O'Flinn, (Pat. NAS), 1.44.



JOHN F. JENKINS
Physical Education Director



BERYLE COHEN
Director of Athletics



RONALD R. LADUE
Head Football Coach

Jenkins, Cohen, Ladue To Head Sports Program At Laurel High

Jenkins, Cohen, Ladue-

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High graduate, will start his junior year at Davis and Elkins in September.

COHEN

The new director of athletics, a vocal and peppy champion of sports in general and wrestling in particular, will have supervisory responsibility over all interscholastic sports, particularly in the areas of scheduling and transportation. The success of the teams will concern him too, though, and he is determined "to change our won-lost record for sure."

Cohen, who returned to Laurel High for the past school year after an absence of three years, started the wrestling program there during his first assignment, from 1960 to 1963. He took over again as wrestling coach last year, although his

major duty was driver education.

Before starting at Laurel the first time, he had graduated from the University of Maryland in 1958, taught at other schools, and served six months in the Marine Corps. He left Laurel in 1963 to work on his Master's degree at American University, where he coached the wrestling team in the 1964-65 season.

Originally from Baltimore, Cohen now lives in Randallstown with his wife Barbara and their four-month-old son Erik.

LADUE

Ladue the new head football coach, taught at Laurel last year as well as serving as an energetic and well-liked assistant grid coach under Yanchulis. In the class-

The Laurel Leader
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Beyond the scoreboard

Tucker, Cohen named 1970 Coach of Year

... with Drew Marcks

FOR THE SECOND year in succession, a Laurel High School coach is one of the two men chosen "Coach of the Year" by the Prince Georges County News sports staff.

Robert Tucker of DuVal High School was named earlier this week as the 1970 AA League "Coach of the Year." Beryle Cohen, Laurel's wrestling coach and athletic director, succeeds football coach Ronald Ladue who was chosen in 1969 as the A-B-C League "Coach of the Year."

Tucker was named by the County News staff for his tremendous success with the Tiger basketball team. For the second season in a row, Tucker led his team through tough competition to a AA League Championship.

It was Tucker's 1970 team that went all the way to the top, garnering the State basketball championship.

Cohen built a winning team over the wrestling season. His Spartans were nipped in a close county battle, came back to capture the District II title and went on to take second place honors at the State level.

IN 1969, TUCKER fielded a junior laden basketball team that sported a tremendous potential for balance. In Walter Shafer, Mike Michaels and Irving Copeland, Tucker had height.

Bob Stevens and Alphonso Adair lent speed, agility and a terrifying fast break. The bench lent little.

In 16 consecutive games, the five juniors learned how to win. Sixteen times in succession, DuVal came out on top against AA League opponents. Tucker taught them the game, and the games gave the five-some experience.

Tucker accomplished the difficult this year. With five men returning, a team that got into the finals of the State tournament before being turned back by Montgomery Blair, the question was, could Tucker do it again?

A shaky start against a non-league opponent lent fire to the theory that he couldn't. But it was a theory that wasn't to last. Parkdale and Bladensburg fell under the guns of Copeland and Michael. The huge forwards became unbeatable when the games got tight and the seconds ticked away.

Bladensburg's big gun, Dan Elliott, couldn't even stop the Tigers. It was Bladensburg, the only serious contender that went down to defeat in the final game. Tucker was one dazed coach as he walked in to a thundering dressing room muttering, "I knew we were going to win, that's 32, 32."

Thirty-two AA opponents fell before the Tiger paws in succession. In 1970, DuVal basketball team went all the way to the top winning the State championship.

FOUR TEAMS WERE threats to take the 1970 county wrestling title when the season began. Bowie and Parkdale displayed a variety of strength and agility. High Point was sporting a Maryland University bred coach with victory in both nostrils.

Laurel had Beryle Cohen and a spirited group of Spartan wrestlers that weren't such hot shakes when the season began, but grapplers that took Laurel to a second place finish in the State.

Tom Hirsch, Mark O'Dell and Richard Meister were proven matmen. The threesome had chewed up the opposition during the dual meet season.

But along the way, Cohen had cultivated two wrestlers that proved to be the difference in the end. Dan Hanlon at 165 pounds took the county weight crown. Brendan Nuzback at 145 pounds was second in the county in his class.

Andy Tucker, a strong heavyweight during the regular season, fell by the wayside with a knee injury that left him powerless. He was a big loss at a bad time. Laurel was no team for depth in 1970.

Cohen refused to let his top men die in the District II's despite heavy opposition. His big three made it into the finals and one took a first place. But it was Hanlon and Nuzback who turned the trick and gave Laurel a District II title.

Nuzback won his class title and Hanlon was second.

On the state championships, Hirsch went all the way at 98 pounds, but that doesn't win championships. It was O'Dell and Hanlon hanging in for second place trophies and Nuzback taking a vital, imperative third that placed Laurel second in the state.

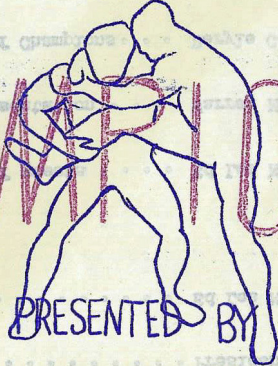
THOSE ARE THE 1970 Coaches of the Year. These two coaches displayed two different styles under two different sets of circumstances.

Tucker was on top. In that position, everyone was out to get him. Knock off the leader, the winner, the streak team and become a hero in your own time.

No one did.

And Laurel's coach Cohen had an equally hard road. The Spartan coach did not have the horses he needed to do the job at the beginning of the 1970 season. Instead of giving up, instead of just plodding along to a mediocre season, Cohen made stars where there weren't stars before.

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PROGRAM

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Closing remarks Ed Lee Miles



Wrestling: A Laurel institution

By Ray Boss

Sentinel Staff Writer

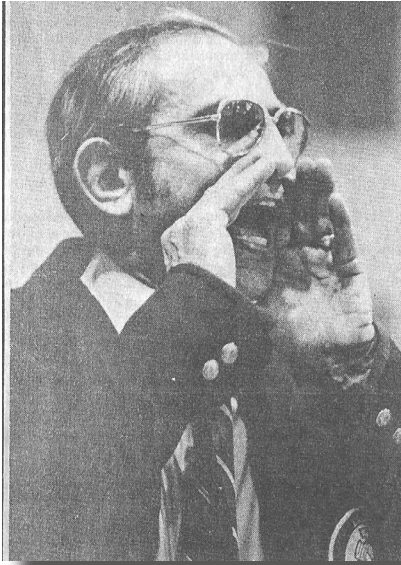
At Laurel High School, wrestling can no longer be called a sport; it is, rather, an institution.

Many schools build their athletic reputation, if they have one, on a particular sport or sports — Parkdale in football, Gwynn Park in basketball, Bowie in tennis and golf — but the small-town backing of Laurel may top them all. And winning has nothing to do with it.

"Wrestling is the sport at Laurel," coach Beryle Cohen concedes. "We've also got good football and basketball teams, but wrestling is the rallying point.

"I really don't know what it is," Cohen continues, "but we had people supporting the team even when we weren't winning. I always try to give a plug for the fans whenever I can. We have hundreds and hundreds who follow us all over the place."

Over the last several years, however, the fans have rarely stopped cheering. Laurel has not lost a single dual meet since the 1972 season and last year the Spartans just missed a



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third state title, with the others coming in 1971 and '72.

Top feat

The feat stands out as more remarkable because, as in all of sport, the also-rans and formidable challengers all seem to find an extra incentive against the acknowledged champion.

"We're on top and we like to be there," Cohen says logically. "Other teams may fight harder to beat us, but we fight hard to stay where we are."

Another in the long series of supposedly tough battles occurred last week when Laurel travelled to undefeated and highly emotional Bowie. The result was a 32-11 rout, although the match remained in doubt, at least theoretically, until 185-pounder Roger Plaskin pinned his opponent at 1:32 of the second period.

"I think the reason Laurel stays on top has a lot to do with coaching," Plaskin said after escaping the overflowing crowd. "We work hard and fast and put it together better than any other team."

Cohen has been putting it together in wrestling ever since his high school days in Baltimore and later at the University of Maryland. He claims to have been only a "fair" performer, but admits to having

competed in the prestigious Macabe Games.

He came to Laurel in 1960 and has not left, except for a three-year sojourn in the mid-60's that included work on his master's degree. During the entire 16 years, one trademark has exemplified his entire approach as a coach. Like the 673 Democratic presidential hopefuls, he never envisions anything but winning.

Out to win

"We really practice to win. I don't think anybody is ever going to beat us," Cohen says of his mental preparation. "I use the positive approach. I'm never worried about what the other team is going to do, because we just have to concentrate on doing what we do better.

"I never watch the scoreboard," Cohen continues. "If we were all 12 individual bouts, we're going to win the match."

The athletes at Laurel apparently appreciate Cohen's personal drive. They start preparing for the chance to wrestle for him at Laurel, Eisenhower and King junior highs, and Cohen admits the continued winning

tradition helps "success breed success" among the newcomers.

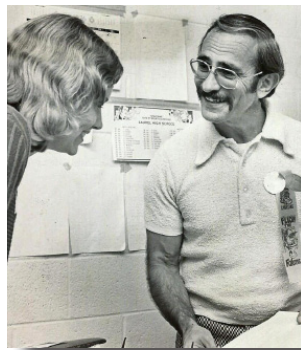
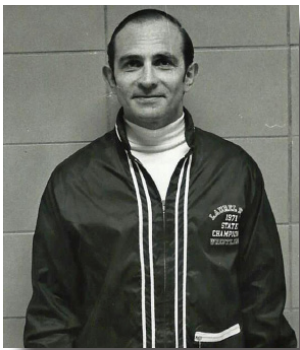
Such newcomers numbered more than they usually do at the start of this year and Cohen had to cut 14 from an original turnout of 46 to reduce his squad to a maximum of 30. He has never cut anyone before and he did not enjoy the experience.

"This is the first year I've had to cut somebody and it's contrary to what I believe in mainly I understand how the kids feel," Cohen says. "... don't care if a kid gets pinned 100 straight times. If he's trying his best that's all you can ask for, and if a kid comes out for your team, he's saying he wants to try."

Cohen, though, has probably put the cuts out of his mind. He never thinks about the past — not to the eight seniors who graduated in June after placing in the county tournament last year, not to the length of the current winning streak, and not to those who couldn't make the grade at the varsity level.

But if he ever does take a glance at the past, Cohen will have many happy remembrances to relive.







Cohen Steps Down As Laurel High Athletic Director; Redinger Accepts New Duties

By Steve Parezo

Beryle Cohen, who has been called the most successful coach in Laurel High history, will officially step down July 1 from his post as athletic director which he has held since 1967. He will be succeeded by assistant wrestling coach Jack Redinger. Cohen will, however, remain as the Spartan's wrestling coach.

"Because of additional classroom duties, I don't feel I can adequately handle the position," said Cohen who teaches driver education. "It's a full time job. Most schools in Prince George's County do not even have an athletic director," said Cohen.

Among Cohen's many duties as athletic director have been recruiting of coaches, scheduling, equipment purchases and repairs, record keeping, arranging for officials and transportation, arbitrating between coaches in case of disputes, acting as a liaison between the school and the media, ticket selling, concession operations, crowd control and activity supervision, as well as the major function of forming the budget for the sports program.

counted on to have a strong successful season each year.

Cohen feels the athletic program at Laurel will continue to get better and better. As the coach would say, "impressive performances on paper are fine, but what really counts is what will happen in the future. We're interested in the results we're going to get," said the coach. And as long as Beryle Cohen is on the scene, they will.

Cohen lives in Randallstown with his wife Barbara and his three sons — Erik, 11, Paul, 10, and Neil, 6.

Jack Redinger, 39, will continue as assistant wrestling coach when he assumes the position as Laurel High athletic director on July 1. Redinger has taught architectural drafting and drafting I at Laurel Sr. High for the past ten years.

Redinger was born in Washington, Pa. and went to Trinity High School which he says is "one of the best wrestling schools in Western Pa." After a year at Kent State, Redinger went into the United States Marine Corps where he served four years, 1958-1962.



Jack Redinger

He married while in the service and he and his wife Barbara have two sons, David, 16, and Kenneth, 14. The Redingers reside in Ellicott City.

After leaving the USMC, Redinger taught at Howard High School in Howard County three years while finishing up his degree work at the University of Maryland.

Cohen began the wrestling program at Laurel High in 1960, coaching the Spartan grapplers to two winning seasons after an initial losing campaign. Only four schools in the county had wrestling when Laurel started its program, and the Spartans got underway with practically no equipment.

In a November 24, 1966 issue of The News Leader coach Cohen recalled the conditions of the early LHS wrestling years: "When we had a match, we would go one place, then another, to borrow a truck, then another to borrow a wrestling mat, then bring it to Laurel for the match," he remembered. "Then after the match we had to reverse the whole process. We borrowed everything that first year."

Originally from Baltimore, Cohen went to school there and graduated from the University of Maryland in 1958. He had been in the Marine Corps for six months active duty and taught at other Prince George's County schools before coming to Laurel, where he has taught biology, physical education and driver education.

After he left Laurel in 1963, Cohen attended American University to work on his master's degree. He coached American's Wrestling team in the 1964-65 season. Cohen returned to Laurel High in 1966 after an absence of three years.

Under the reigns of Cohen's leadership, the Spartan wrestling teams have racked up impressive county, district and state championships including a five-year unbeaten streak which stretched from December 1972 to a 19-18 loss at High Point in 1977.

In a post-game interview following the snapping of the non-losing streak, Cohen said he always hated to lose. "I've always been a poor loser," said Cohen. "I feel the same about this loss as the first one in 1961."

Cohen said in a 1977 wrestling story that his record of 65 wins, no losses and two ties is probably "the longest of any team in any sport in the state." But records, he said, "are unimportant."

"People who carry around records are people who are finished," he remarked. "You can't look to the past."

Since returning to Laurel in 1966, the Spartan wrestling teams under the guidance of coach Cohen have been the mainstay of the LHS athletic program. They are the one squad of Spartan rosters have

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A score of former athletes, coaches, administrators, faculty members and friends turned out to honor Beryle Cohen, who guided Laurel High wrestlers to an unprecedented two straight mat crowns (1971, 1972), at a recognition dinner last Wednesday at the Laurel Fire Hall.

The dinner, sponsored by the Laurel Spartan Booster Club, did not attempt to try and repay the 47-year veteran wrestling coach for his efforts. Rather, it served to show just how much his contributions to the local athletic scene were truly appreciated.

Cohen, who has been called the most successful coach in LHS history, completed an impressive career as perhaps the dean of the state's grappling coaches in 1973. He served as the school's athletic director from 1962 to 1973.

Under Cohen the Spartan matmen racked up a five-year unbeaten streak which stretched from December 1972 to 1977. His record of 65 wins, no losses and two ties is one of the longest in any sport in the state.

Special guests at the affair included Kirk Patchefsky, former LHS wrestler who graduated in 1977. He served as the master of ceremonies. Also in attendance were Laurel High principal Frances Logan; Guy Hohenhaus wrestler, class of 1969; former LHS principal Lloyd Hoover; Dr. Charles Cockrell, former LHS vice principal and currently principal at Parkdale; Jack Redinger, former LHS athletic director and assistant wrestling coach; Alan Goldstein former Spartan soccer coach and Cohen's first assistant coach, now head soccer coach at Oakland Mills; former assistant wrestling coach Kit Buckingham; Bowie High wrestling coach Dave Phillips; LHS athletic director and football coach

Pat Baker; Mike Vawter, wrestler, class of 1970; and Dr. John McNelis, former Northwestern and Parkdale wrestling coach and life member of the Washington Metropolitan Wrestling Officials Association.

Many of the guests had the opportunity to speak about their recollections and experiences with Beryle Cohen.

Jack Redinger remarked that coach Cohen had an effect on his life. "I can't recollect anyone who has influenced the way that I act more than Beryle," said Redinger.

Alan Goldstein considered himself "lucky" to have been an assistant wrestling coach under Cohen for 12

years. Former LHS wrestler Mike Vawter said Cohen "was more than just a coach, he was like a father." "That most important," added Vawter, "he was a friend. He's probably the best coach in Maryland. He coached his way: a little talk and a lot of sweat."

"I don't think we can ever repay him," said Vawter. "Wrestling can never repay him for what he's given."

An alumni section of eight former grapplers got together for a small skill demonstrating Cohen's coaching techniques. Following the skill, they presented their favorite coach with "something he could really use" - a curly, black wig. Cohen donned the

tan enough and you work 100 per cent, it can be yours," said Goldstein.

Bowie wrestling coach Dave Phillips whose Bulldogs captured their first state wrestling crown this year, presented Cohen with a

Beryle Cohen is established for the County as still there."

Dr. John McNelis, who coached wrestling teams at Northwestern and Parkdale for a total of 25 years, said he remembered Beryle when he was a wrestler at the University of Maryland.

"He's one of the five best wrestling coaches in the country," stated McNelis who felt "the State lost a lot" when Cohen decided to retire from the coaching ranks.

Laurel High athletic director Pat Baker commented that "there's no coach in the County who works as hard as Beryle does. I thank him for the help he's given to the athletic program, and we're the only school in the County with three state champs here in wrestling and one in basketball."

Wallace, a state champ in 1973, declared as a tough coach Cohen. "Winning's not the most important thing to me but none of you better lose. Anybody that doesn't want to be a champ get out of here."

Perhaps Wallace summed it up best when he recalled an old saying by his coach. "A Winner never quits and a quitter never wins."

Guy Hohenhaus presented a gold pocket watch to Cohen as a token of the wrestler's esteem.

Finally, it was Cohen's turn to address the audience.

Cohen said he had felt "a part of me in that wrestling room."

"There were good times and we owe a great deal of indebtedness to many people," said Cohen who wished to thank all the faculty, administrators, parents and wrestlers through the years.

"I have experienced any success, the only part I take credit for is for starting a

wrestling team in 1960," he said.

Cohen was appreciative of the praise and accolades bestowed upon him but said "I would be kidding you if I said this was really deserved."

"My philosophies and attitudes have been a reflection of what I am and I'm flattered and a little bit bewildered by all this. But what I did was what I was supposed to do. A lot of others could have done just the same. I thought we were practicing to be the best."

Cohen said he shared a "special relationship" with his kids.

"My wrestlers and I shared something that few will ever experience," explained Cohen. "It's something that cannot be replaced and I'm extremely grateful."

It was evident that those in attendance were also thankful to have known coach Beryle Cohen.



■ **WRESTLING:** Randalls-town resident **Beryle Cohen,** 69, a former Baltimore City College wrestler who coached two state championship teams and 11 state individual state champs at Laurel High of Prince George's County, will be inducted into the Maryland Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame on Nov. 14.

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Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award

As Beryl Cohen sits in his small garage office, he shuffles through a six-inch thick file folder of old yellowed papers, picking out the dusty photos of wrestling teams he coached more than 40 years ago.

"That's Johnny, and that's Bobby and that's Joe," Cohen says as he begins to rattle off the names of every member of the 1961 Laurel High School wrestling team. It's not just that team that Cohen remembers -- he's able to recall the names and weight classes of almost every one of the 500 wrestlers he coached in the 1960s and 1970s.

At 69, the vibrant Cohen sticks to a strict workout routine at his local gym. He's there every day, rain or shine. The muscle-bound grandfather of three still looks like he could step back onto the mats where he logged thousands of hours training young wrestlers, making sure to weave the occasional life lesson into his grueling practice sessions.

Cohen coached the Spartans to the 1971 and 1972 team state championships, and he will get to meet with some of his beloved former wrestlers when he receives the Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award from the Maryland Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame Sunday in Annapolis.

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

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

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

From the beginning, Laurel wrestlers knew what to expect.

"They knew we were going to be aggressive," Cohen says.

Unlike most wrestling coaches, who instruct weaker wrestlers to salvage points by staying off their backs, Cohen demanded that his underdogs win.

"I never told a kid to stay off their back, ever," he says. "To me, telling a kid to stay off his back is like telling him he's not good enough."

It wouldn't take long for fans, school administrators and opposing teams to understand Cohen's commitment to his newborn wrestling squad. During a match in Cohen's second year, a Spartan wrestler dislocated his elbow while putting a complex move on his opponent. Cohen leapt from the bench, grabbed the arm of the young man who writhed in pain on the sweat-covered mat, and popped his elbow back into place.

Cohen's discipline was further instilled by his demand that wrestlers maintain military-style crew cuts.

"They would know that if they wanted to wrestle here for this guy, that's what you had to do," says Cohen, who granted Laurel wrestlers three days of rest during the season: Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

Molding his team from scratch, Cohen's Spartans began to draw attention from the city of Laurel, not just the wrestlers' friends and relatives.

Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award Cont'd

We did very well at the gate,” Cohen says, recalling the long lines of eager fans waiting outside in bitterly cold winter weather. “We had a huge following.”

In fact, wrestling matches at Laurel prompted school officials to announce Game Days, where students were given a shortened class schedule so they could attend the afternoon wrestling match. “We certainly had a captive audience,” says Cohen.

At the end of his third year at Laurel, Cohen, to the surprise of many, left the high school to earn his graduate degree from American University. As Cohen quickly discovered, his hard-nosed attitude went against the grain of the liberal university atmosphere of the 1960s.

“It was so contrary to where I came from at Laurel High School,” he says, “I mean, we had crew cuts, we were gung ho.”

After a two-season hiatus, Cohen returned to the Spartans and took up right where he left off, building the nucleus of a team that would win Laurel’s only two state championships. He also taught biology, physical education and special education classes.

Cohen coached the last of his 16 seasons in 1979. His wrestlers collected 11 individual state titles. The strict practice regiment that helped produce those champions led to many bruised bodies and egos, but ex-Spartan wrestlers, now in their 40s and 50s, see the method behind Cohen’s madness.

One of Cohen’s most accomplished pupils, two-time individual champion Tom Hirsch, coaches his own high school wrestling team in Virginia Beach. Hirsch says he wouldn’t have pursued a coaching career if not for a chance meeting with his former coach.

At Hirsch’s 30-year high school reunion, he spotted Cohen from across the room. The two men reminisced about the successes of past teams, with Cohen ending their conversation with a word of advice:

“You should get into coaching,” Cohen said, “I think you’d be really good at it.”

Hirsch took his mentor’s advice and applied for a head coaching position at Bishop Sullivan Catholic High in Virginia Beach. The job opened for Hirsch just weeks later. Hirsch admits his coaching style lacks originality.

“My coaching philosophy is [Cohen’s],” says Hirsch, who wrestled at 98 pounds in 1971. “I haven’t met any level of success equal to his, but I wouldn’t have done this if he hadn’t encouraged me at the time.”

Beneath Cohen’s tough exterior, former Spartan wrestlers recall the valuable life lessons their coach shared during his career at Laurel.

“I felt that he touched a spot of me that no one else could get to,” says Joe Culmone, champion of the 155-pound weight class in 1978. “He made me believe in myself when no one else believed.”

A quarter of a century has passed since Cohen coached the Spartans in the stuffy, overcrowded gyms of Prince George’s County. Vivid memories of the program Cohen created remain with him today.

“I shared things with them that I didn’t share with my own kids,” Cohen says. “I’ll always cherish that.”



Beryl Cohen has many memories of his days as Laurel High's wrestling coach. Cohen will be honored Sunday by the Maryland chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

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BERYLE COHEN

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- Founder of the Laurel H.S. Wrestling Program 1955
- Career Record 103-37-3
- Coached:
 - 2 Maryland State Championship Teams
 - 6 Maryland Regional Championship Teams
 - 11 Individual State Champions
- MPSSAA – Hall of Fame Inductee
- Undefeated in Dual Meets (6 Years) from December 17, 1972 to January 7, 1978

Over a 20 year coaching career Coach Beryle Cohen has demonstrated those qualities of dedication and leadership that are so necessary to the achievement of success in any endeavor. His wrestling career got off to a fast start at City College under Coach Charlie Hirschauer while at the same time participating with the YMCA. He moved on to the University of Maryland where he compiled an enviable record under Coach Sully Krouse and graduated in 1958. After graduating from college Coach Cohen served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1958-1960.

Coach Cohen's coaching career started in 1955 when he initiated a high school wrestling program in New Hampshire. However, it was in 1960 that he established a program at Laurel High School where he coached from 1960-1963, and from 1966-1979. During the years of 1963 and 1964, he coached wrestling at American University. It was during the early 60's that Coach Cohen found himself particularly active in the sport. He not only found time to officiate at many high school and college matches, but he also established a junior wrestling program for the Laurel Boys Club. Also, in 1961, he participated in the Macabee Games and earned a bronze medal.

Coach Cohen retired from coaching in 1979, and from teaching in 1994. There is no doubt that Coach Cohen registered many notable achievements while compiling such an illustrious record. However, he certainly will tell you that his greatest achievement is just being a role model to influence the character and discipline of the many young people whose lives he has touched. His humble attitude regarding his coaching career has led Coach Cohen to "my lifetime service to wrestling" as "wrestling's service to me".

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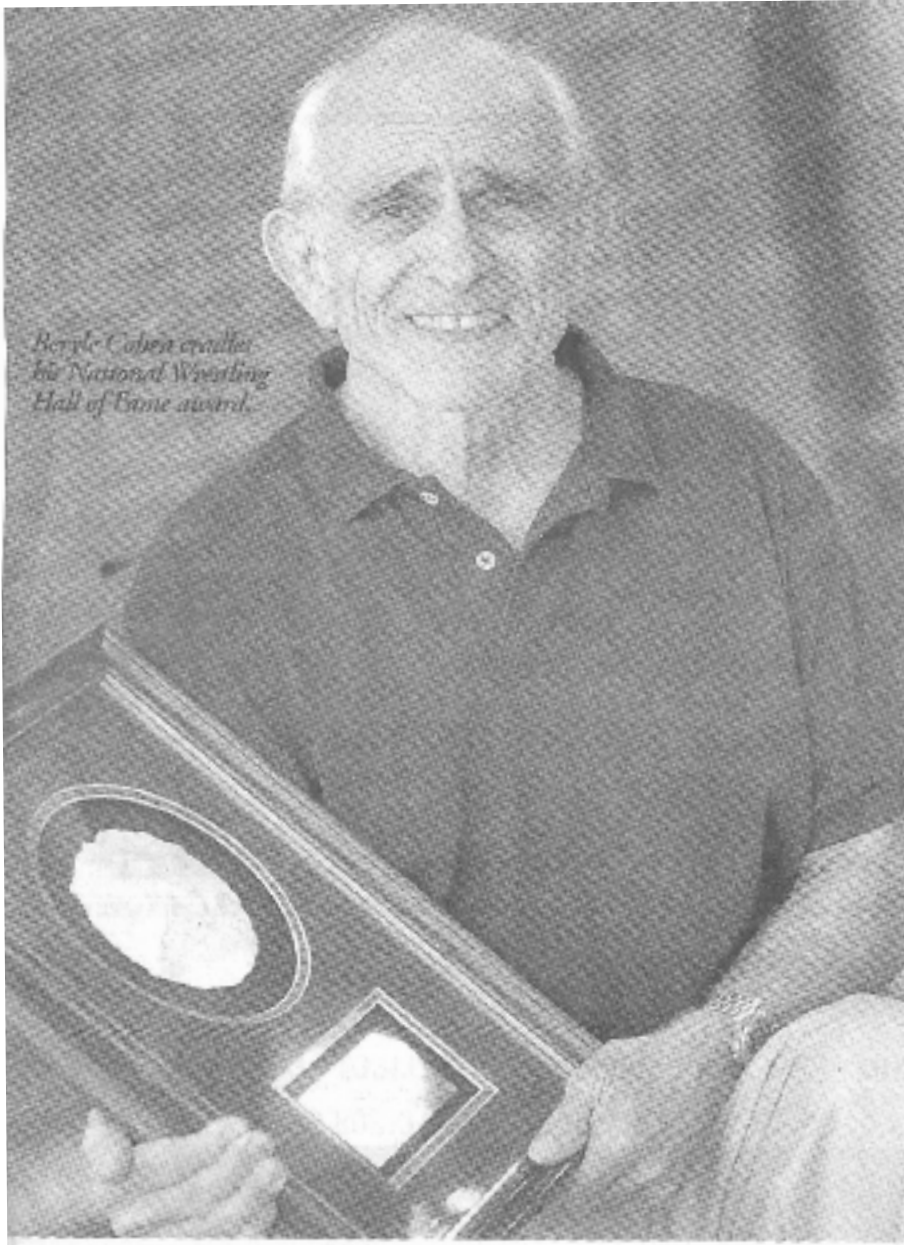
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Great Move

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Beryle Cohen cradles his National Wrestling Hall of Fame award.

STACY KARTEN

Special to the Jewish Times

Beryle Cohen has never been to the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum in Stillwater, Okla. But he says he might make that trip now.

A 69-year-old Randallstown resident, Mr. Cohen was inducted into the hall with a Lifetime Service Award last Sunday night, Nov. 14. Ceremonies for the Maryland chapter of the amateur wrestling organization took place at the Loews Hotel in Annapolis, with around 300 people in attendance.

Other Marylanders joining Mr. Cohen as inductees in the class of 2004 were Ron Belinko, Robert Fischer, Walter Reed Sr. and Frank Treuchet. Mr. Fischer,

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Great Move *(Continued)*

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a federal judge in Maryland for 30 years, was honored with the Outstanding American Award.

"I feel very good. It's been exciting," said Mr. Cohen, who learned about his Hall of Fame acceptance several months ago. Now retired, Mr. Cohen, a congregant of Winands Road Synagogue Center, was an accomplished wrestler and coach for more than 20 years.

"We did not forget what he did for wrestling," said Mike Clair, executive director of the state chapter of wrestling programs. "His induction gives us a chance to say thank you."

Mr. Clair said that the Hall of Fame inductions are done by state chapters because it would be too difficult to bring all of the inductees to Oklahoma.

Mr. Cohen's introduction to the sport came as a student at Baltimore City College, where he competed in the 120- to 127-pound weight class. "I also wrestled for the Baltimore YMCA and JCC club teams," he recalled.

Mr. Cohen grew up in the city and became a bar mitzvah at Har Zion on North Avenue.

His wrestling career continued at the University of Maryland, College Park, and Mr. Cohen also captured a bronze medal in the 1961 Maccabi Games in Israel.

Although not a large man, Mr. Cohen said he always enjoyed contact sports.

"I like athletics. I like combat. I also liked playing football," he said.

Following a stint in the U.S. Marines, Mr. Cohen returned home and decided to put his degree in physical education to use. He landed a teaching and coaching position in Prince George's County in 1961, dividing his time between Northwestern High School in Hyattsville and Laurel High School.

Mr. Cohen was a successful, diversified teacher during his tenure in the school system. "I taught phys ed, drivers ed, biology, and I was asked to teach special ed," Mr. Cohen said.

His popularity and success continued in the gym. His Laurel High School wrestlers won two state team championships and featured 11 individual titlists. "I had good kids," said Mr. Cohen. "I still get cards and calls from them. This is nice."

Wrestling has also been a big family affair for Mr. Cohen. His wife of 40 years, Barbara, shared the joy of seeing their three sons compete in the sport. Eric Cohen of Eldersburg, Paul Cohen of Newport News, Va., and Neil Cohen of New York each benefited from their father's tutelage.

"Eric wrestled at Maryland and was also Coach of the Year for Randallstown High School," Mr. Cohen said.

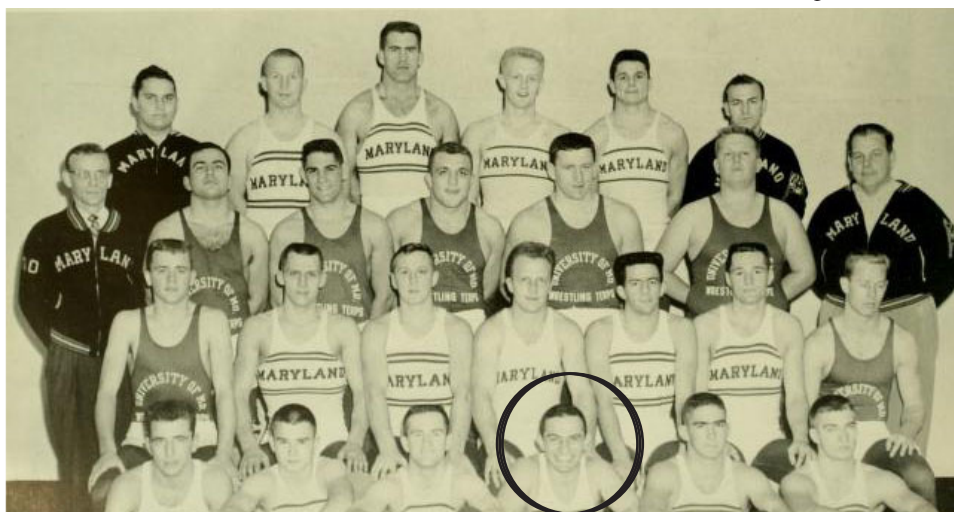
Today, Mr. and Mrs. Cohen enjoy spending time with their family, which also includes three grandchildren. Sunday's inductions brought to 27 the number of Marylanders in the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum and Mr. Cohen said he is proud to be in those ranks.

Looking back at his career, he said, "There have been so many highlights." □

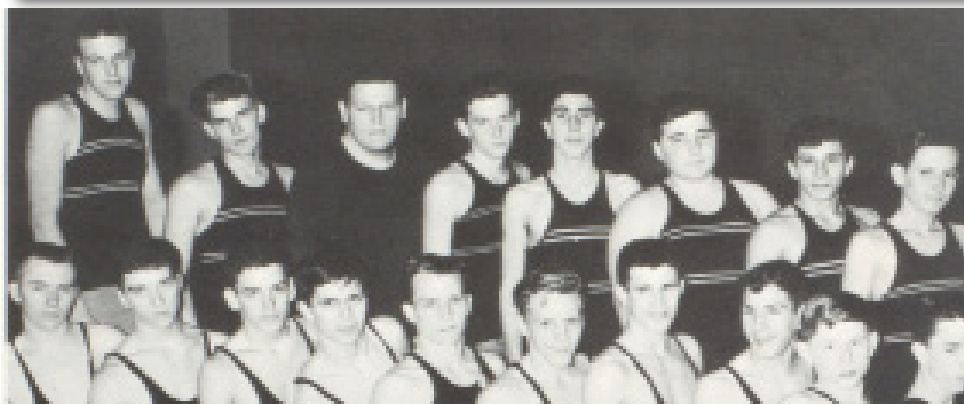
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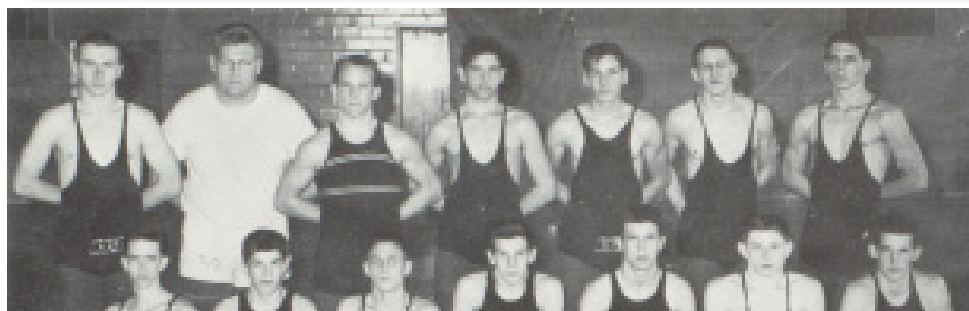
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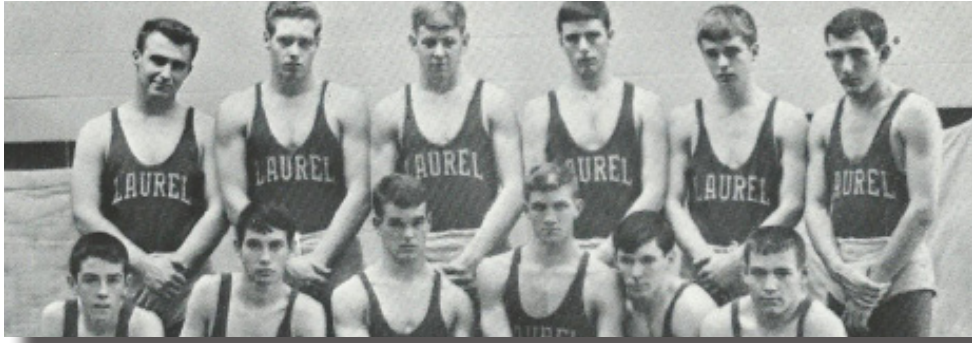
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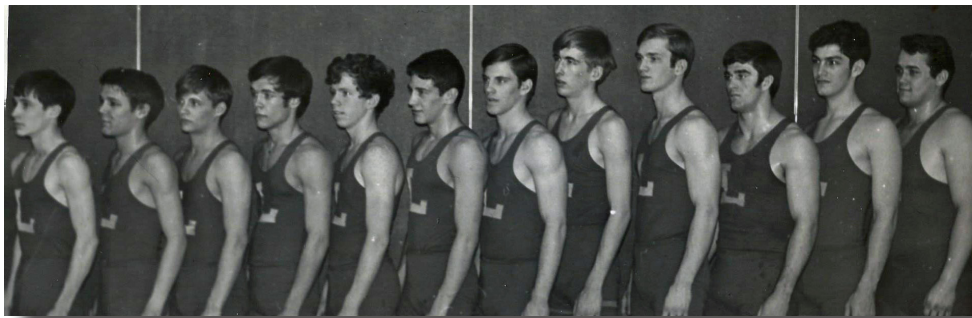
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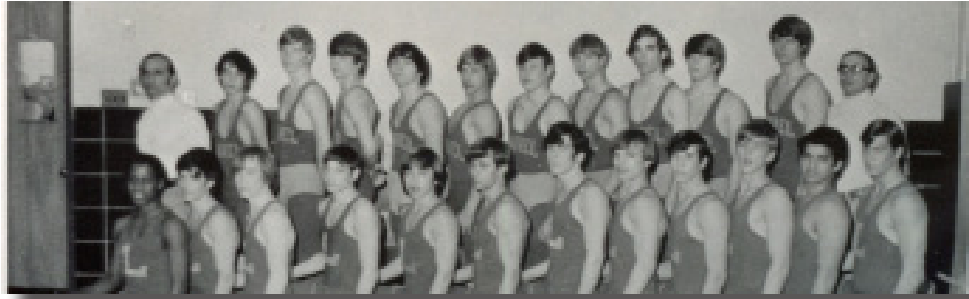
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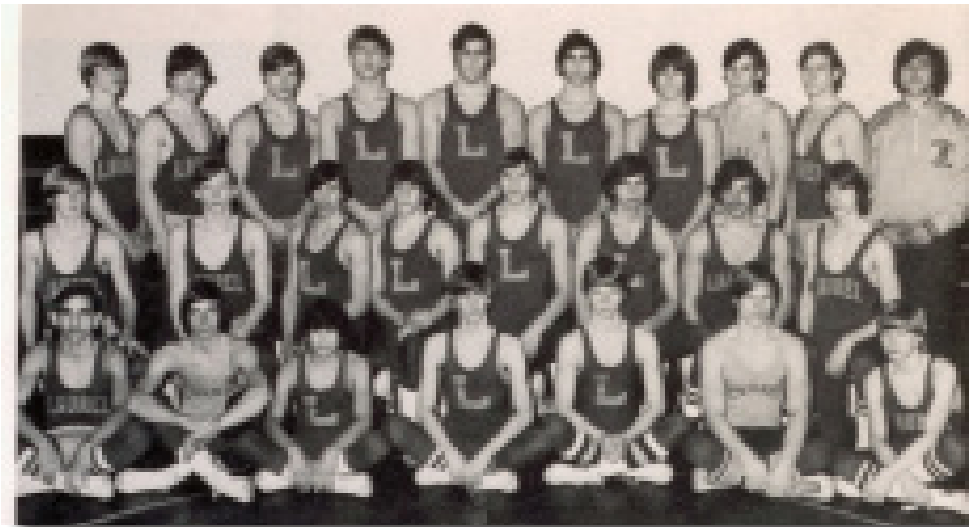
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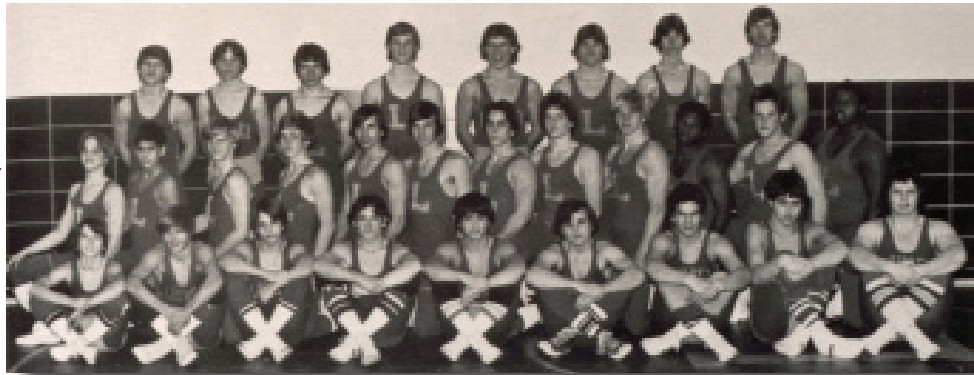
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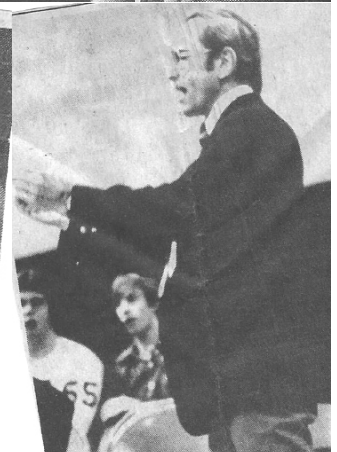
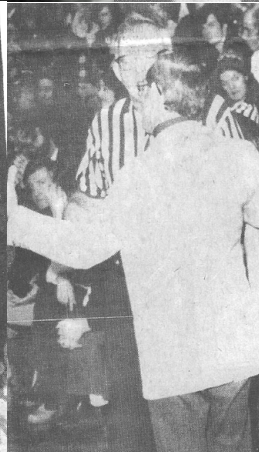
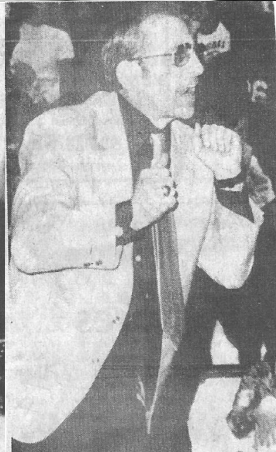


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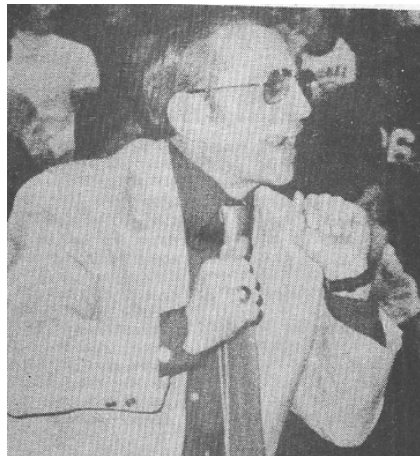


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Cohen and Roger Plaskon confer at mat-side during a break in the action. Plaskon finished second, losing to Meyer of Duval in the finals. Photo By Mike Teems.



While On The Sidelines

Head wrestling coach Beryle Cohen yells encouragement to Laurel's Danny Hankon, who nearly registered a big upset in the District 11 Tourney over Springbrook's Scott Libbey at 165 pounds. Photo by C. G. Barnett.



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Hirsch becomes
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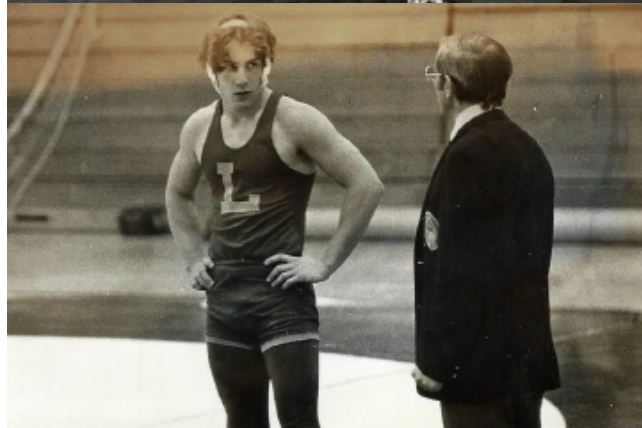


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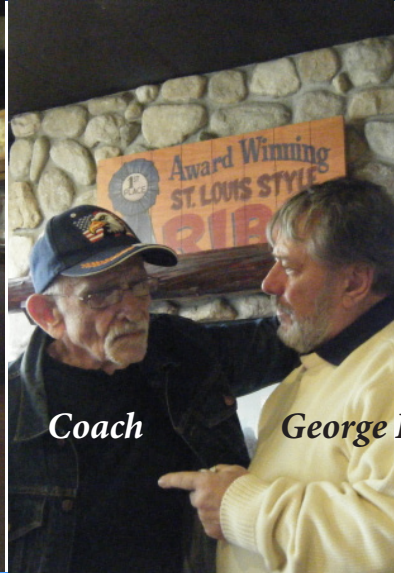
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WATCHING THE ACTION — Laurel High's Wrestling Coach, Beryl Cohen, watches intently from the sidelines as his team thumps Northwestern High 49-2, in a match at Laurel Friday afternoon.

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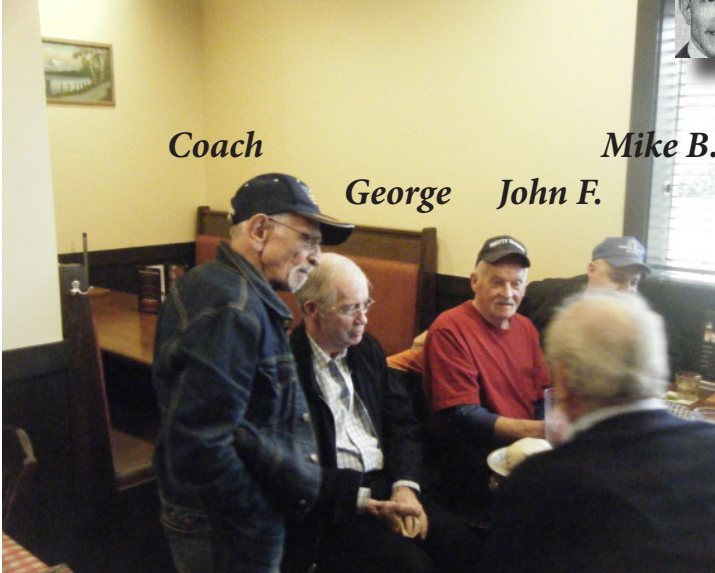
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