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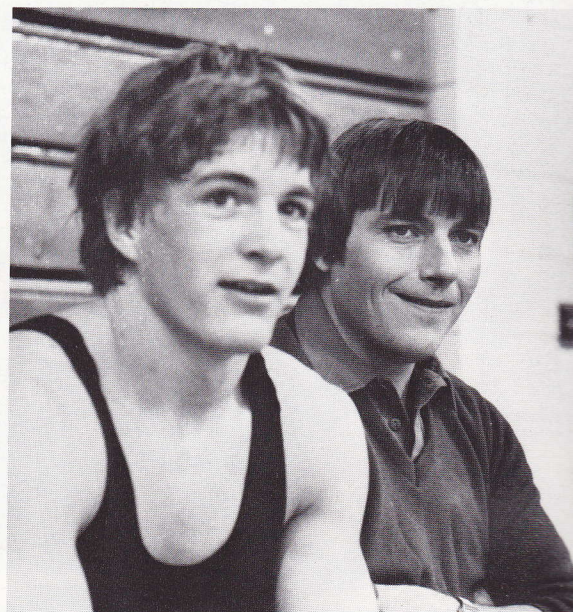
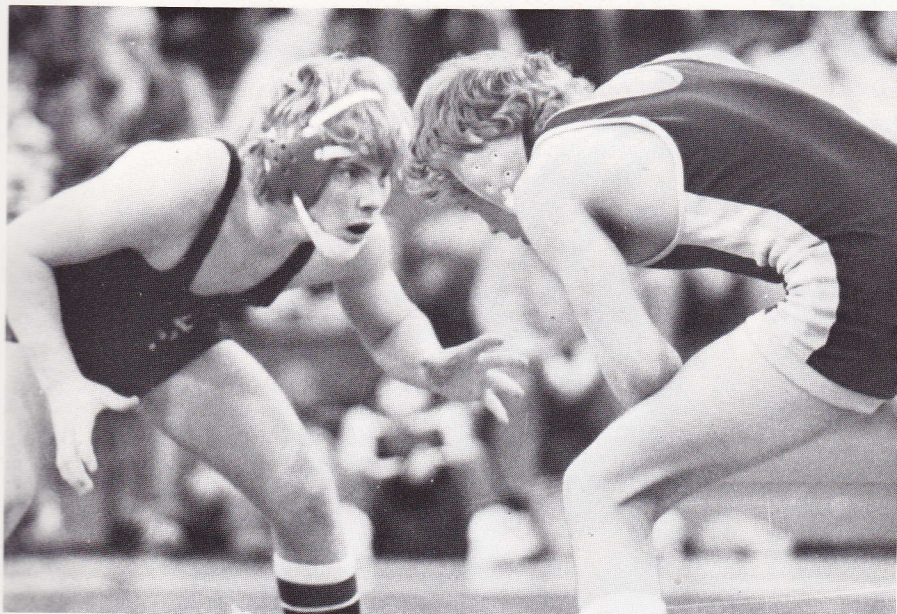
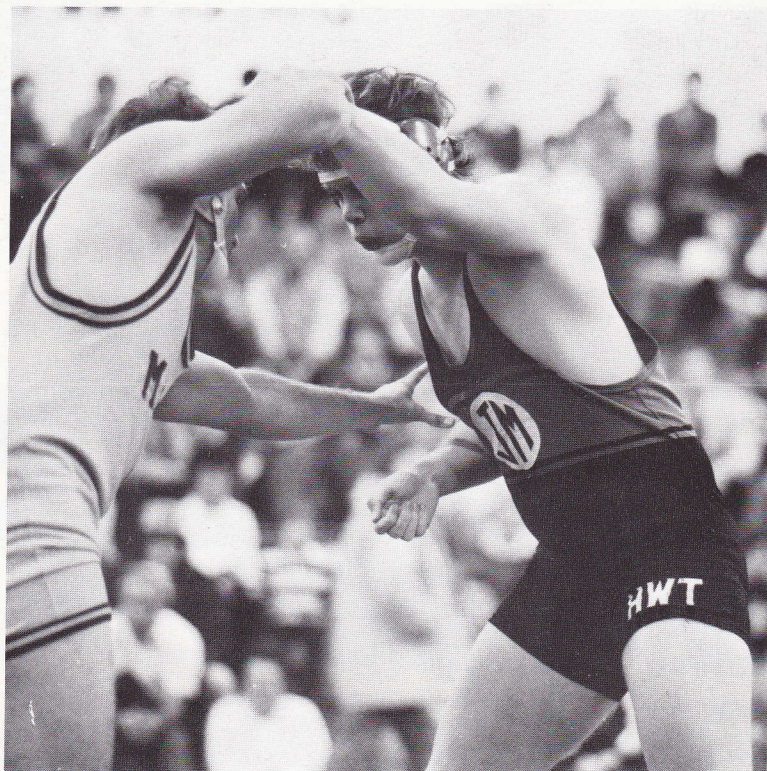
Excellence



"Face off" Tyrome Lang(10) faces off with his opponent.

Steve Yochim(11) does his best to keep his challenger down.

Steve Yochim(11) and Coach Dean Jaeger sit on the edges, but play close attention to the competition.



"Face to face" Two rivals stand face to face waiting for the first move.

Wrestling: Front row — B. Bawek, C. Oldenburg, P. Johnson, B. Dose, T. Gauthier, W. Fisher, J. Miller, S. Decker. Second row — R. Lessard, T. Lange, M. Johnson, J. Sloan, S. Decker, N. Ladin, D. Fox, J. Schneider.



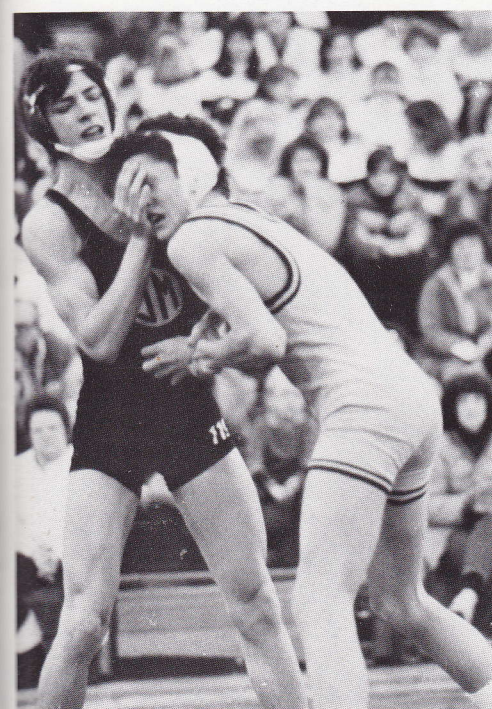
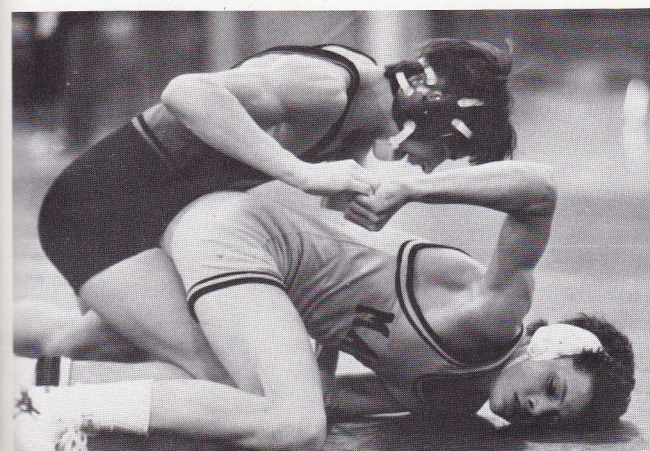




"Head over heels!" Mike Thamert (10) shows a Mayo wrestler his stuff.

"Help! I'm in a knot" Mike Thamert (10) contemplates on how to stop being a pretzel.

"On top of things" Steve Decker (11) looks down to his opponent.



## Matmen have rocky time

The JM wrestling team had a rocky season last year. Despite their fierce effort, their final record was 4-11, down from the previous year's 7-9 standing.

The Burnsville Invitational served as an example of individual effort even though team standings don't necessarily reflect the talent. Joe Miller (10) at 98-pounds took first place in one event, as did Wade Fisher (11). Co-captains Dan Fox (12) and Nick Ladin (12) each took third place in one event, as did Steve Larson (10) and Tom Zell (11); Joe Schneider (10) finished the team's individual records

with a fourth place. But despite all the individual talent, the team took fourth place.

The team's lowest point came with a 30-29 loss to Mayo, breaking an 11 year winning streak. It had been the longest streak of any Rochester school's domination of the other in a single sport.

However, the team's spirit never faltered. After each of their defeats, they kept their optimism. Individuals all did very well last year, and many underclassmen will be returning next year. — Dave Pooser

"Getting a-head" a mayo player's face meets Steve Decker's (11) hand.