

Rockets go head to head against each other.

 $\cancel{\mathcal{C}}\cancel{\mathcal{C}}$ Josh Hare (10) works hard to pin his opponent.

 \mathcal{F} Zack Schraufnagel (12) twists his opponent around to get a win.

Firming his opponent to the ground, Matt Swayze (11) earns some points.



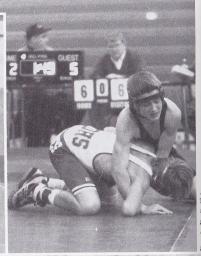








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Why are you wrestling?



"For the ladies." Dan Pickett (12)



"To stay in shape for football." Brett Stein (11)

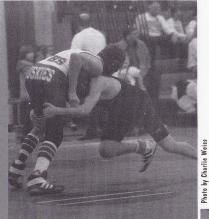


"Because it's a tough sport and no one elso has enough guts to go out for it." Luis Gracia (10)

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WRESTLING

Stewartville 9-65 25-41 Mayo 21-37 Eagan Mankato West 15-56 Owatonna 12-58 21-49 Faribault Albert Lea 9-60 26-41 Northfield Blue Earth Area 7-59 21-43 Henry Sibley Northfield 18-42 9-59 Paynesville 27 - 34Century Chaska Invite 1st Stewartville Invite 8th 21-38 Mayo Austin 18-47 Winona 18-51 Mankato East 16-47





FShowing good sportsmanship, the Rockets shake their opponents' hands.

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€The team warms up before their matches.

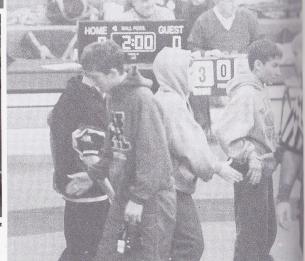


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The team works hard during practice.

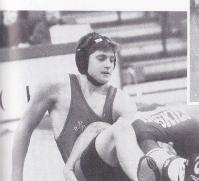
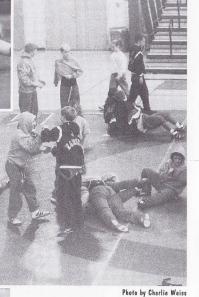


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← Dan Pickett (12) gets his opponent in a twist. Look at the way he has that guys are all wrapped up.



☆Zach Schraufnagel (12) works hard to pin his opponent.

Mat Rats

By Cayla Norvet and Melissa Welsh

The Rocket wrestling team faced a lot of competition in the Big 9 this year. Although the team has had a down season, they did have an upset by winning the Chaska tournament. Not having a great season has not kept the team from trying their hardest, and they have had many individual obstacles to overcome. For example. making weight. Many wrestlers went through strict diets just to be able to compete in a certain weight class. Another example was overcoming some gender discrimination. For the first time in the Big 9 the Rockets

added a girl to the roster.

The squad is made up of many seniors, including team leader Tim Eggert who went to the state tournament and progressed to the semifinals. The team also has a lot of younger kids just waiting for their chance to shine.

The Rockets faced tough Owatonna, Austin, and Faribault teams during the season and hope to do well as a team and individually in tournament time. The experience from this year and past years will help younger kids make improvements for next year.

What was the best or worst experience of the season?



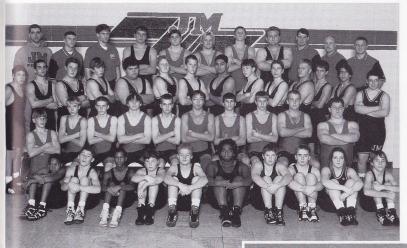
"The best is getting to know all the guys, the worst is losing dual meets." Tim Eggert (12)



"The best is getting in shape and winning, the worst thing is not winning a dual meet." Zach Schrafenagel (12)



"Winning the last match of the season." Rob Olson (12)



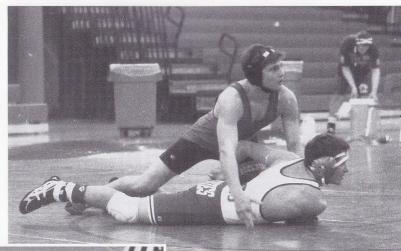


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Wrestling. Front row: G. Deberry, B. Sakhitab, A. Kassim, B. Dubois, R. Stevens, A. Mohammed, D. Wilkins, E. Konicek, M. Welsh, L. Rud. Second row: D. Hunt, R. Sandberg, B. Fogg, A. Rud, B. Knotts, M. Arnold, C. Zenz, D. Pickett, S. Savage, M. Swayze. Third row: L. Gracia, C. Norton, B. Wilson, J. Pickett, M. Torrez, M. Johnson, J. Koelln, S. Moa, M. Hovel, L. Bibby, S. Schafer, C. Maves, T. Torrez, J. Perkins. Fourth row: S. Jacobson, Coach Eckert, Coach Adams, A. Maves, Z. Schraufnagel, T. Eggert, B. Stein, R.

Olson, Coach Adams, Coach Rhone, Coach Robison.

 $\mbox{$\frac{\mbox{\ddots}}{\mbox{\sim}}$ Zach Shraufnagel (12) looks to his coach for some advice.}$

⇔ Brandon Knotts (9) concentrates on his next move while keeping his opponent in check.

