



Grizzly Wrestling

2007-2008



Wrestlers prepare for 16th straight SLT

NEWS RELEASE NOVEMBER 1, 2007

The Wadsworth wrestling program produced yet another Wrestling State Champ. Freshman Brad Squire kept the Wadsworth's elite tradition going by defeating his opponent in the State Finals match last March. Brad Squire wrestled to season record of 34-0 record and Wadsworth's first freshman State Champion.

This accomplishment helped lead the Grizzlies to an exciting team finish for the 2006-07 season. They finished 14-2 in dual matches, qualified four individuals to the State, finishing District Runners- up and 4th place overall at the State Tournament, earning yet another Banner for the West Gym.

Individually, Brad Squire and Derek Foore wrestled in the State Championship match. Foore losing hard fought decision 3-1 while Danny Foore placed 4th and Ben Buzzelli wrestled admirably but failed to place. For the 13th year in a row, Wadsworth wrestling has produced a finalist or two, vying or winning an individual State Championship.

This year Squire and Danny Foore are back along with State qualifier Ben Buzzelli and five District qualifiers. Now the coaches and the rest of the 2007-08 team are ready to begin their quest to 16 peat and continue the dominance in the Suburban League, as well as, take a more than the record six to the State Tournament in the 16,000 seat Schottenstein Center in Columbus.

After completing one of the toughest schedules in team history and winning its 15 consecutive Suburban League championships and placing 12 out of top 14 finishes at the State Tournament, area teams may wonder if the Grizzlies will have anything left in the year 2007. The 2007-08 season will soon test the Grizzlies who have worked hard in the off season, trying to earn the privilege to carry on the great tradition set by past teams. This year's Grizzlies will try to fend off perennial powers Barberton, Highland and Green. Last year the Grizzlies won the League and also won the League Tournament and its 15th consecutive title, posting 7 champions with 4 returning: Danny Foore, Brad Squire, Josh Otanicar, and Ben Buzzelli

The nucleus of the 2007-08 team has worked extremely hard in the off-season, with individual wrestlers posting more than 200 total hours of lifting weight, wrestling at open mats on Thursday night, and attending summer camps especially Erik Burnette's team camp, and competing nationally at Cadet and Junior National Tournaments in Fargo, North Dakota and the Disney Duals in Orlando, Florida

The 2007-08 team is led by **Senior:** Dru Jones along with returning **Letterwinners:** Danny Foore, Cory Jones, Alex Gray, Brad Squire, Loudon Gordon, Logan Ramsey, Marc Snodgrass, Josh Otanicar, Aarick Jones, Caleb Busson, Bart Randolph, Nate Lamp, Mike Alkyer, Jordan Richards and Ben Buzzelli, **Coaches:** Head Coach John Gramuglia, Assistants: Mike Kallai, Gary Skoch, and Matt Hulme, Volunteers: Larry Kaufman, Bobby Jones, Jason Friedt, Jeff Rager, Rex Randolph, and Bart Randolph. **Team Doctor:** Dr. Papas, **Team Trainer:** Ron Burnette

The future looks promising with one of the strongest 9th grade team ever. As eighth graders, they placed second in the one division Junior High Team State Championship. They are determined group with a great deal of potential. In fact, some freshmen will see varsity action. This is the twelfth 9th grade class with Youth League experience at Firestone High School, and the coaches have indeed noticed the difference.

Over 50 enthusiastic 7th and 8th graders have turned out for the Central Middle School. They are coached by Matt Shiarla, assistant coach Kip Shipley and first year volunteer coach Brandon Cobb. All three coaches continue to do a great job molding and developing young talent that feed the high school. They have won several tournaments over the past years and have developed a winning attitude and a very strong work ethic.

Our Youth Program has over 100 members and a strong coaching nucleus headed again by Todd Baughman. Kathy Wegner remains our treasurer and will help organize and develop the inner workings of the program. Team Manager is Linda Bosley. The overall program continues to grow with over 75 plus participants for only their 18th year in the Firestone League. Last year they finished 1st in their Division and 7th in the State tournament, qualified to the Youth State Tournament with 6 State Qualifiers: Collin Tompkins, Noah Baughman, Mathias Zollinger, Clayton Brandenburg, Vince Scarberry, and Zack Srock which included Youth State Champions: Vince Scarberry and 3rd place: Clayton Brandenburg

The entire family of coaches are working hard in order to dominate the Suburban League and this area. It is also our goal to continue the tradition of placing wrestlers at the State Tournament and winning another ultimate wrestling honor, a State Championship.

WADSWORTH WRESTLING DATA SHEET

VARSITY LETTERMAN 2007 ROSTER

NAME	WEIGHT CLASS	YEAR	LAST YEAR'S RECORD	STATE FINISH
DANNY FOORE	125	JUNIOR	37-9	4TH PLACE (103)
CORY JONES	112	SOPHOMORE	3-6	
ALEX GRAY	112	JUNIOR	34-13	DISTRICT QUALIFER
BRAD SQUIRE	119	SOPHOMORE	34-0	STATE CHAMP (119)
LOUDEN GORDON	125	SOPHOMORE	17-22	
LOGAN RAMSEY	125	JUNIOR	2-8	
MARC SNODGRASS	135	JUNIOR	17-20	
JOSH OTANICAR	140	SOPHOMORE	22-17	DISTRICT QUALIFER
AARICK JONES	145/152	SOPHOMORE	15-19	
CALEB BUSSON	160/171	SOPHOMORE	23-19	
BART RANDOLPH	189/215	SOPHOMORE	20-17	DISTRICT QUALIFER
NATE LAMP	189	JUNIOR	2-2	
MIKE ALKYER	189/215	SOPHOMORE	5-10	
JORDAN RICHARDS	217/HVY	SOPHOMORE	27-14	DISTRICT ALTERNATE
BEN BUZZELLI	HVY	SOPHOMORE	29-12	STATE QUALIFER(HVY)

Promising Newcomers

Freshmen: Matt Abel, Nate Ball, Sheldon Brandenburg, Frankie Collins, Jacob Crowley, Alfredo Gray, and Clay Wenger,,

Lettermen lost:

Derek Foore State Runnerup/ Matt Snodgrass District Qualifier

Comments (strengths, weaknesses)

“Overall, we should have one of the youngest team ever with a possibility of 9 Sophomores and 3 freshmen starting this year. Our schedule is one of the toughest in the state. We have one State champ, one State placer, a two State qualifers and 5 district qualifiers back, yet we have young and inexperience wrestlers in some weight classe. Newcomers have been very successful at the Middle school, JV level and have filled in at the varsity last year and won matches. The one State Champ is Brad Squire, State Placer back is Danny Foore 4thPlace; State Qualifiers are Ben Buzzelli and Dru Jones. Also the nucleus of the coaching staff has been intact for the last 20 years along with the additions of some valuable new coaches.

This should guarantee a fun and exciting season.

Suburban League

“The Suburban League should continue to improve after a strong showing from Wadsworth, Barberton-Highland at the State Tournament. Individually, there is some outstanding talent.

Area Lookout

The area is loaded again with premier individuals and teams in all Divisions. Walsh, Perry Kenmore, and Uniontown Lake should stand above the rest.

WADSWORTH WRESTLING DATA SHEET

WRESTLING RECORDS

SEASON

TIMMY MILLER 49
JOSH KALLAI 35
TIMMY MILLER 188
DONNIE SROCK 100
DONNIE SROCK 33

CAREER

MOST WINS DEREK FOORE 170
MOST PINS JOSH KALLAI 104
MOST TAKEDOWNS TIMMY MILLER 584
MOST NEARFALLS DONNIE SROCK 222
MOST REVERSALS ZAK KALLAI 90

TEAM RECORDS

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

1973, 1990, 1993, 1994,
1995, 1996, 1997, 1998,
1999, 2000, 2001, 2002,
2003, 2004, 2005,2006,2007

DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

1999

DISTRICT RUNNERS-UP

2000,2003,2004,2005,2006,2007

BEST STATE

1st 1942 5th 1999 5th 2001

5th 2003, 4th 2004, 3rd 2005, 7th 2006,4th 2007

BEST DUAL RECORD

9-0 1994, 1995, 1996

SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS

1990,1993, 1994, 1995,
1996, 1998, 1999, 2000,
2003, 2005

FASTEST PIN

ADAM MELTON 8 sec

MOST STATE QUALIFIERS

8 1942

6 2003

6 2004

TOP BOARD LEADERS:

MOST TEAM POINTS:

299.5

DEREK FOORE

MOST WINS:

45

DEREK FOORE

MOST TAKEDOWNS:

87

DEREK FOORE

MOST DECISIONS:

16

CALEB BUSSON

MOST FALLS:

29

DEREK FOORE

MOST TECH FALLS:

4

MATT SNODGRASS

MOST MAJORS DECISIONS:

8

BRAD SQUIRE

MOST FORFEITS:

3

JORDAN RICHARDS

MOST DEFAULTS:

1

LOUDEN GORDEN

MOST NEARFALL 3 PTS:

24

DEREK FOORE

MOST NEARFALL 2 PTS:

18

DEREK FOORE

MOST REVERSALS:

19

ALEX GRAY

MOST ESCAPES:

46

CALEB BUSSON

MOST 1ST TAKEDOWNS:

40

DEREK FOORE

MOST PENALTY POINTS:

11

BART RANDOLPH

FASTEST PIN:

11 seconds

JORDAN RICHARDS

WADSWORTH WRESTLING TEAM

TOP TEN STATE PLACING

1942-43	1ST PLACE	34 POINTS
1993-1994	10TH PLACE	27 POINTS
1994-1995	8TH PLACE	38.5 POINTS
1995-1996	8TH PLACE	40 POINTS
1996-1997	9TH PLACE	36 POINTS
1997-1998	7TH PLACE	40 POINTS
1998-1999	5TH PLACE	51 POINTS
2000-2001	5TH PLACE	60 POINTS
2001-2002	6TH PLACE	62 POINTS
2002-2003	5TH PLACE	59 POINTS
2003-2004	4TH PLACE	69 POINTS
2004-2005	3RD PLACE	73.5 POINT
2005-2006	7TH PLACE	52 POINTS
2006-2007	4TH PLACE	56 POINTS

STATE CHAMPS

ED ENGLE	1938	CHRIS KALLAI JR	2001
KEITH WOLF	1938	MATT KALLAI	2002
KEN CARTWRIGHT	1942	TIMMY MILLER	2005
JUNIOR MC CROCK	1942	DAVE CROWLEY	2006
JIM SAILORS	1943	BRAD SQUIRE	2007
BOBBY JONES	1996		
BOBBY JONES	1997		

STATE PLACERS

3rd	BOB WHITE	1942	2nd	SEAN WATTERS	1998	5th	JAMEY SROCK	2005
2nd	BOB SHANNON	1942	5th	DAVE LANCE	1998	2nd	DEREK FOORE	2006
3rd	MATT KALLAI	1999	5th	JEREMY PAIZS	1998	4th	DANNY FOORE	2007
4th	ELMER WEBER	1942	5th	ZAK KALLAI	2000	2nd	DEREK FOORE	2007
2nd	JACK SMITH	1942	3rd	MATT KALLAI	2001			
3rd	ART CARTWRIGHT	1942	4th	DEREK KLAUS	2001			
5th	BRAD HOUSE	1977	6th	MATT KALLAI	2000			
5th	TOM KELLY	1977	4th	DONNIE SROCK	2002			
6th	TOM KELLY	1978	6th	CHANCE RILEY	2002			
4th	DAVE RUCKMAN	1978	6th	TIMMY MILLER	2002			
2nd	BART RANDOLPH	1987	6th	DONNIE SROCK	2003			
2nd	MATT RANDOLPH	1989	3rd	TIMMY MILLER	2003			
3rd	LARRY KAUFMAN	1990	2nd	ADAM MELTON	2003			
5th	REX RANDOLPH	1993	3rd	LUKE BUSSON	2003			
3rd	MIKE KALLAI	1994	6th	JEFF GASSER	2004			
5th	PETE KLASSEN	1994	2nd	ADAM MELTON	2004			
2nd	JOSH KENDRICKS	1995	2nd	TIMMY MILLER	2004			
3rd	TOM SERYAK	1995	4th	LUKE BUSSON	2004			
5th	REGGIE RAY	1996	2nd	DEREK FOORE	2005			
3rd	JEREMY PAIZS	1997	3rd	JOSH KALLAI	2005			

WADSWORTH 2007-08 WRESTLING DATA SHEET

School: **Wadsworth H.S.** Nickname: **Grizzlies**
League: **Suburban League (SL)** OHSAA Classification: **Division I**
Overall record last year **12-2** League record last year **6-1**
Past league titles for school: **16 League Titles/15 in a row** **SL Tournament Champs**
Head coach: **John Gramuglia** Years at school: **23 years**
School phone **330.336.3260 A.D.** Coach's home phone: **330.336.7091** Cell:**330.606.1064**
Best time to reach coach at school: **7:50-8:35PM** E-mail: **g-man@wadsworth.k12.oh.us**

Coach's record at school: **230-57-1**

Total years at head coach: **23 years**

2007 State team competition: **2nd Sectional , 2nd Place District /4th place in State**

Overall State team competition: **10 sectional titles/ 1 District title 8 District runners-up / Placed in the Top Ten last 13 out of 14 years / Placed in Top 5 last 6 out of 8 years**

2007 State individual competition **8 District qualifiers/4 State Qualifiers/3 State Placers-1st/2nd/4th**

Overall State individual competition: **197 District qualifiers/68 State qualifiers/44 State placers/ 7 State champs**

Assistant coaches and responsibilities: **Mike Kallai – Assistant Varsity Coach**

Gary Skoch– JV Coach / Assistant Varsity Coach

Matt Hulme-Freshmen /Assistant Varsity Coach

Matt Shiarla Head Middle School Coach

Kip Shipley Assistant Middle School Coach

Bart Randolph Assistant Volunteer Coach

Jason Friedt Assistant Volunteer Coach

Larry Kaufman Assistant Volunteer Coach

Rex Randolph Assistant Volunteer Coach

Bobby Jones Assitant Volunteer Coach

Brandon Cobb Assitant Volunteer Coach

Jeff Rager Assitant Volunteer Coach

BACKGROUND OF HEAD COACH

Birthday: **4-24-58** Hometown: **Cleveland**

High School: **St. Ignatius** Class of: **1976**

College: **John Carroll University** Class of: **1980**

Did you wrestle in high school? **Yes St. Ignatius** College? **Yes John Carroll University**

Athletic honors in high school: **All-League District Qualifier**

Athletic honors in college: **Varsity lettermen and member of John Carroll's elite teams in 1976-1980**

Coaches Honors: **Medina County Gazette COY 1990 Medina County Coach of the Decade 1990-1999; 1999 Greater Cleveland Coaches and Officials COY, 2001 Ohio Division I COY, 2002 Touchdown Club COY 2002 Plain Dealer COY, 2003 Medina Hall Of Fame, 2004 Plain Dealer COY 2004 Akron Touchdown Club COY, Medina County Gazette COY 2005, COY 2005 Akron Touchdown Club COY Plain Dealer 2007**

Scholastic honors in college and post-graduate degrees: **Masters Degree Sports Administration**

Married? **Yes 26 years** Members of family: **Wife, Cindy; Son, Sean (22) Daughter, Dana (14)**

2007 -08 Wadsworth Grizzly Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
December 7,8	Asics Ironman Tournament	@Walsh Jesuit
December 13	Suburban Tri-	(@)Clov. Barberton /Highland
December 20	Suburban Tri-	(H) Green/ Revere
December 21/22	Hoover Tournament	
December 28/29	G.I.T. (H)	
January 10	Suburban Tri-	@ Tallmadge/Copley
January 12	Mayfield Big "8"	
January 19	Tri	@ St. Edward/Parkersburg South
January 24	Cloverleaf	(H)
February 2	Delaware Hayes Pool Tournament	
February 9	Suburban Tournament	@ Highland
February 15/16	Sectional Tournament	@ Medina
February 22-23	District Tournament	@ Mass. Perry
February 28,29,1	State Tournament	@Columbus