

Sports

Mishawaka Wrestling

Preparing for Another Year of Glory



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It's that time of year again. All the Cavemen have been waiting for this since the school year started. The wrestling season has finally begun.

The Cavemen are on their way to another winning season. The team has eleven seniors on the squad including: Benji Dolly, Pat Day, Matt Brothers, and Scott Versyp. The Cavemen have quite a few wrestlers who have a chance at state. The Cavemen are trying to place as many wrestlers as possible, and a couple could go all the way. Not only the seniors have a shot at it. Caleb Norville, Ian Hinton, and Nick Weisjohn are also contenders. There are two separate teams, JV and varsity, and there is always a chance that a wrestler from JV could go varsity. Coach Snyder explains, "We have challenges, so everyone has a chance, but it will be difficult to make our lineup. Senior

Clinton Leazaby has a great chance."

Ten guys are returning from last year's team including some letter winners and some who were undefeated on JV. The team is looking to improve from last year. Snyder states, "We had a great team last year, but we are much better this year. More experience, great leadership, and a winning attitude." To improve upon last year's record will be a tough challenge, but Snyder explains, "We go into every meet and tournament expecting to win. Our goal this year is to win state."

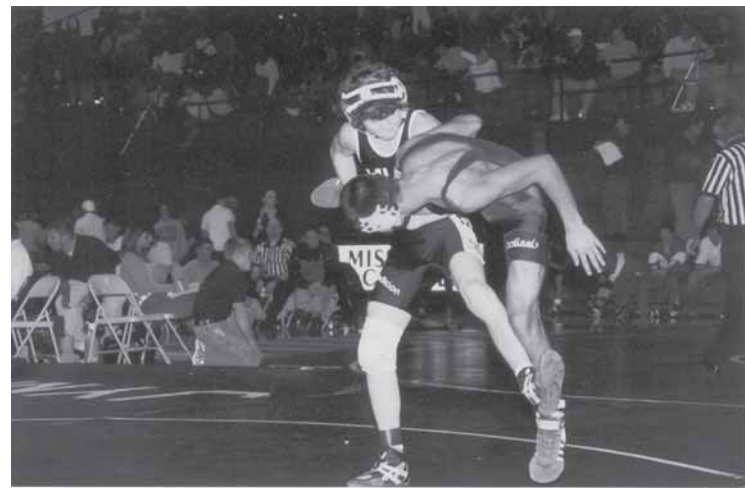
Who is to say that the Cavemen can't win state, or not lose a single match? Everything is out there on the mat. The heart, energy, pain, and of course the pins. It is a completely realistic fact to say that the Cavemen can go all the way. They were 26-5 last year, and have improved tremendously this season to become one of the best teams in the state. When Snyder asked about his wrestlers' approach he explains, "We will be classy and

represent our school well. These guys have trained together for years." He went on, "We will be one of the most physical, aggressive, and conditioned teams in the state." So get ready, keep your eyes and ears open, because the Cavemen are in for one heck of a season.

If there are any aspiring wrestlers reading this, get out there and give it a try. Practice is every Tuesday and Thursday in the wrestling room. The coaching staff is willing to work with any wrestler who is there to learn.

Even before the season begins, the Cavemen have pulled together and shown their strength as a team. Many know that fellow wrestler Kurt Cauffman is winning a

fight to return to health. To help with the mounting medical bills the wrestling team has come together for two fundraisers to



Benji Dolly takes down his opponet last year.

help raise money for Cauffman. This dedication to a teammate shows the class and determination that Snyder mentioned. Although the team is at a loss without Cauffman, it's just going to make the Cavemen fight ten times harder.

All it Takes is All You Got

Cross Country Boys Prove Strength



by **JANELLE WERTZ**
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Not many people are able to go out and run anywhere from 4-10 miles a day. Cross Country isn't just a sport you can go into without putting time and effort into. From the start of the season, Coach Kowalewski's team has been working extremely hard to improve their times at every meet.

In the N.I.C. Meet on Sat. October 1, the boys easily placed first, winning by 44 points. They over-powered every school there, including Penn. Two runners, Craig Padgett and Cory Naragon, stepped up to lead the team. The girls put in a good effort and were led by Katelyn Eberhardt and Sienna Valdez. At sectionals, Sienna Valdez placed 6th and Katelyn Eberhardt placed 3rd. From there, Eberhardt placed 8th and Valdez



Kirk Kuespert (left) and Craig Padgett (right) during the regular season

placed 5th in regionals to move onto semi-state.

The boys then went on to run in the Sectionals on Tuesday, October 11, and won! It was the first time Mishawaka Cross Country won sectionals since 1990. Craig Padgett led his team to victory with a time of 17:17, and took top honors. The Cavemen's score of 43 was doubled by the runner up, Riley. This win also ruined Penn's three-year string of boy's sectional championships.

Although the boys lost to Riley by one point at regionals (104-105), they still placed and advanced to semi-

state. The boys have 15 runners on their team this year, and the girls have five run-

ners. The seniors this year for the boys are Andy Devereaux, Nathan Bilancio, Kirk Kuespert, and Jesse Roberts. There are no seniors on the girls team.

The Cross Country team isn't just a regular team; they get along better than most teams and they also have fun. "We're like family- they're such a funny, crazy group to be around," commented Coach Kowalewski. The team has made a huge improvement from the start of the season and has continued Mishawaka's strong running tradition.

Check next month's Alltold to see how the Boy's Cross Country, Katelyn Eberhardt, and Sienna Valdez did in Semi-State and if they advanced from there.

Scoreboard

Boys Football
9-1

Boys Soccer
2-8-1

Girls Soccer
2-13-1

Boys Cross Country
7-3

Girls Cross Country
2-8

Boys Tennis
5-13

Girls Volleyball
33-3

Records as of 10/24/05

Coach Profile: Mr. Roggeman

Experience to Lead the Cavemen to Victory

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What do you teach and what sports do you coach?

I teach P.E. and Health. I coach football for MHS and helped ND with the softball team.

What did you do while you were in school at MHS?

Football, baseball, and worked on the Alltold

What did you do on the Alltold?

Sports editor and writer

How many years did you work on the Alltold?

2 1/2 years

What was your favorite part about working on the Alltold?

Working on many sports articles and meeting new people.

Sports Note: Good Luck to the Cavemen as they continue with post-season play. After a tough regular season loss to Penn in overtime, the Cavemen finished strong in the regular season by topping Clay and Washington. The Sectional victory last



Retro Roggeman: (81) Roggeman as a Freshman Stud

week over Elkhart Central set the boys up for another chance at Penn this Friday. Let's go out and support our team and show Penn there may be eleven of our guys on the field, but they need to fear the **Twelfth-Man** in the stands.