

Rollercoaster season

Slow start leads to strong finish

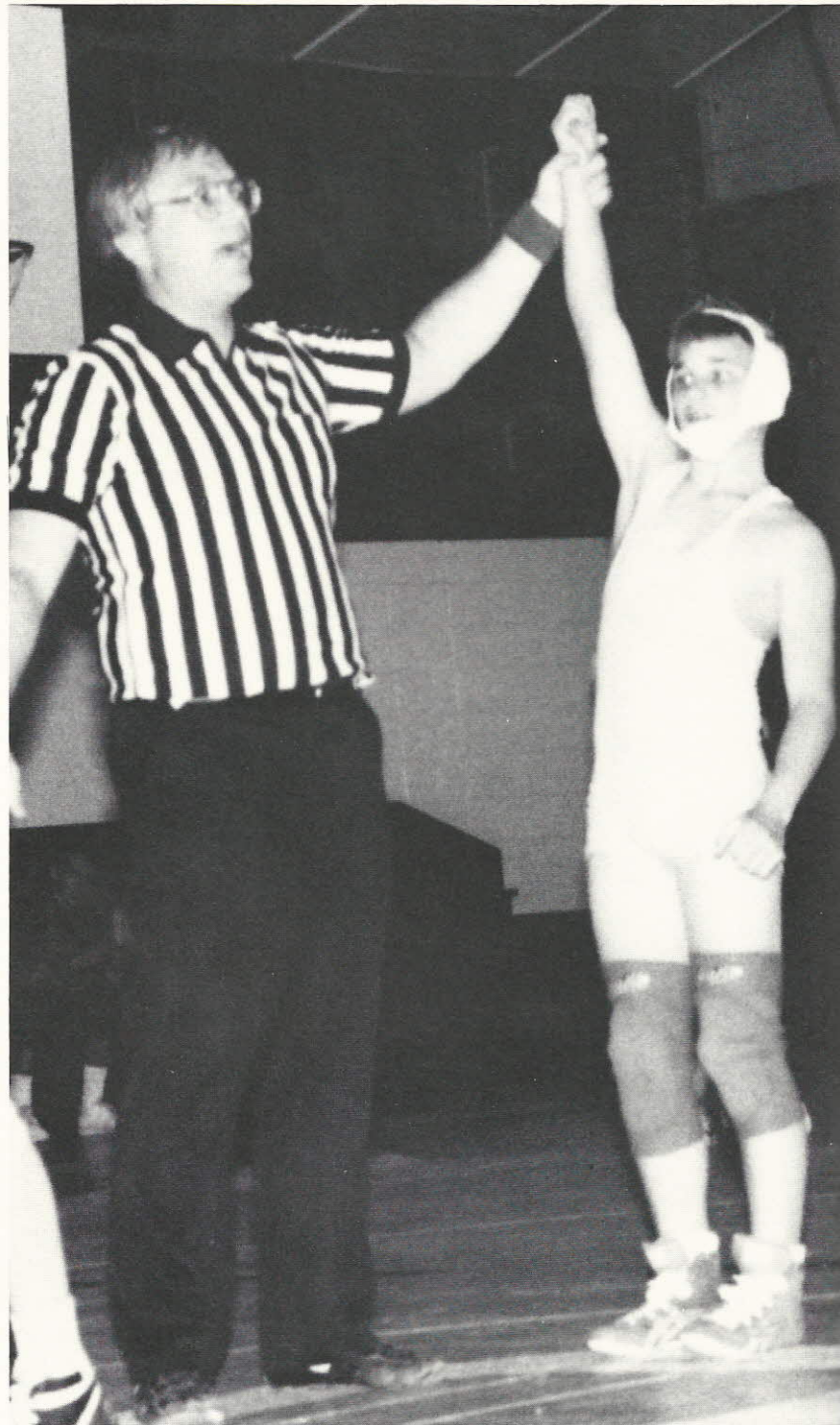
The season was a wild, rollercoaster ride for the Spartan wrestling team. In twelve dual meets this season, CMA struggled to a 1-11 record. But eight of the twelve meets were against public school powerhouses, such as Lugoff-Elgin and Buford Academy.

Highlights were: a narrow loss to Cheraw before 800 spectators; Ted Dailey's two upset wins against Lugoff-Elgin's Charlie Pearson, one of the top three wrestlers in his weight class in the state; and a big win against Christ School in White Field House. Ted Daily dominated with a 14-0 record and Mike Gerber was 11-2-1.

But all of the matches against powerful teams paid off when CMA traveled to Charlotte for the Carolinas Wrestling Invitational Tournament, the unofficial state championship for independent schools. Spartan grapplers stunned several larger schools as they finished tournament championships in their weight classes, and Mike Gerber and Lonnie Broome finished second in the tournament. Kyle Curtis, John Mitchell, and Evan Samli garnered third places, and Dailey was named CWIT outstanding wrestler overall. Coach Tom Hesson brought back the runner-up trophy, first of such earned in four seasons of competition.

Scoreboard

17	Buford	51
12	Lugoff-Elgin	60
21	Asheville School	46
18	Camden	60
30	Cheraw	48
18	Buford	60
11	Lugoff-Elgin	66
24	Asheville School	52
54	Christ School	24
30	Cheraw	45
30	Cheraw	46
30	Hargrave	44



Tim Kwiatek is the winner of his match against Buford. Below: Will Mitchell fights to break the grip of his Buford opponent.

