

Let's Get Ready To Rumble

LAYIN' THE SMACKDOWN!

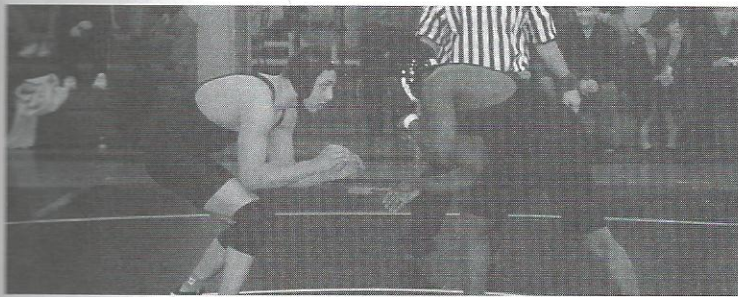
Did you smell what the cougars were cookin' with their hot new wrestling team? Coach Locke had been waiting for the perfect chance to start the team and this year it came. The team practiced hard in the classroom above the gym at 4:00 p.m, Monday through Thursday. "I expect the boys to be competitive in the region tournament, even if they don't make it to lower state. As a beginning team I will be happy with two or three wins considering that we were in the strongest region in S.C.," Coach John Locke said.

The team participated in different matches throughout

the season. The competition ranged from Summerville High School to Academic Magnet High School. "I think Summerville was the most competition because their wrestling team had the most experience," senior Shelly Stephens said.

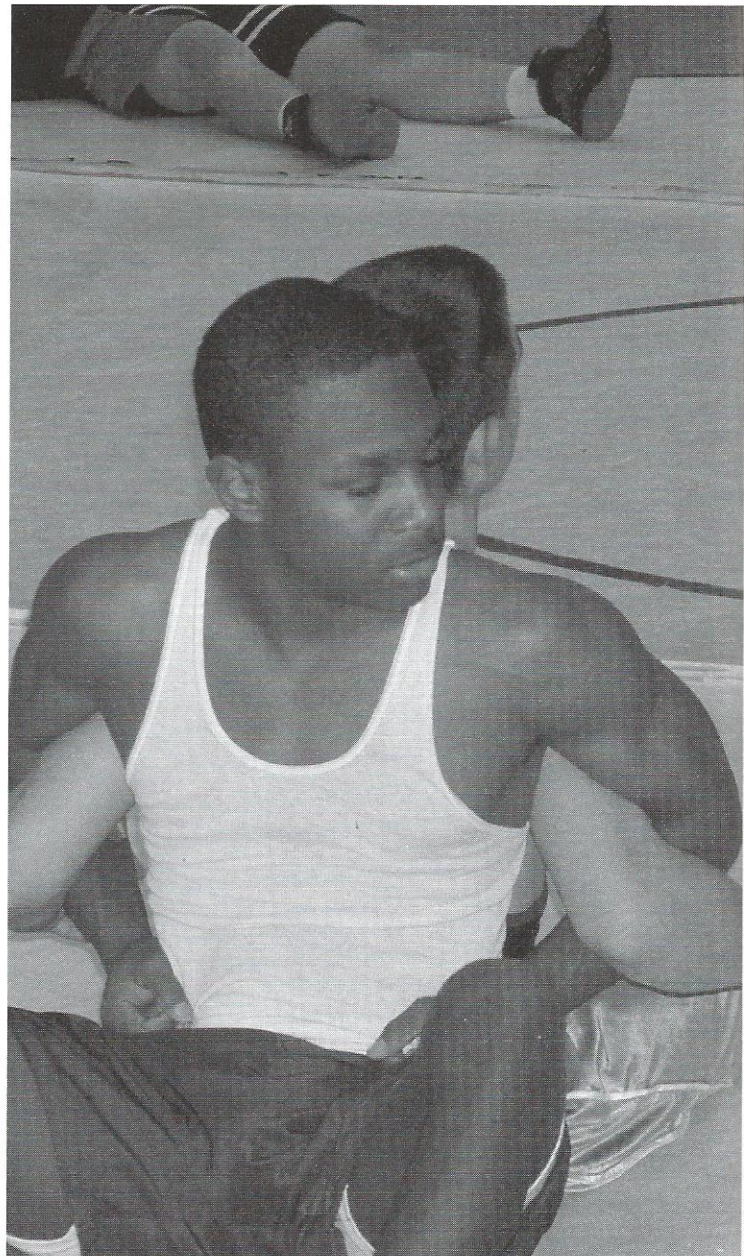
The team enjoyed helping one another out. Some wrestled better than others, but they all worked very hard. The wrestling team enjoyed the matches, teammates, Coach Locke, and wrestling. "The thing I like about wrestling was I can be mean and get away with it," sophomore Kody Salisbury said.

-Hurley Reed



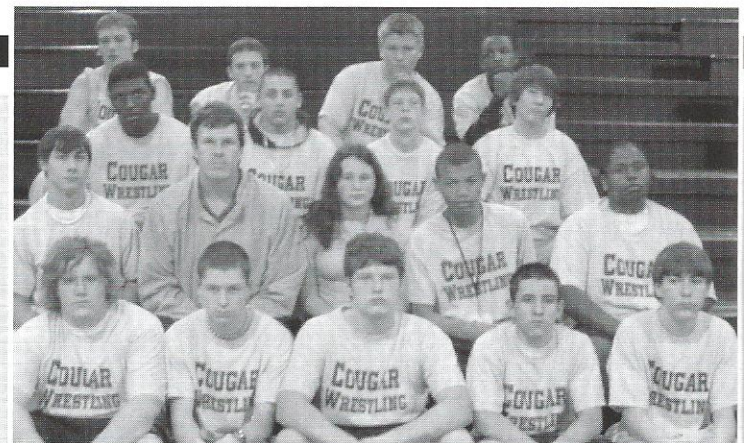
Stephan Lapresta qualified for the state championships. He placed 2nd at the Lower State Championships only losing in the finals to the #1 ranked wrestler in the state.

Freshman Adam Kinloch gets ready to wrestle at practices. Adam competed against guys bigger than he. "The wrestling practices was long and hard, but you learn a lot," Adam said.



The hardest thing about getting the team started was getting the mat and the budget problems solved. We were able to find a used mat for \$300 compared to \$6500 for a new one so the school decided to let us try.

	Us	Them
AM	W	L
FDHS	L	W
Summerville	L	W
AMHS	L	W
HH	L	W
Battery CR.	L	W
Beaufort	L	W



First Row: Cody Salisbury, Charles Woodcock, Dylan Fraiser, Andrew Costanzo, Brandon Dyke. Second Row: Curtis Schmidt, Coach Locke, Brittney Padgett, Quentin Ross, Samuele Whaley. Third Row: Julius Jerideau, Stephen Lapresta, Jeff Hill, Justin Gravano. Fourth Row: Jarrett Stieglitz, Nick Bishop, Eric Avant, Adam Kinloch. Not Pictured: Shelley Stephens and Alton Driggers.