

Williamston High School Wrestling

History of the Early Years

A Personal Story

By Warren May

Coach Montee Hoke

Montee Hoke graduated from Michigan State University in 1954, with a major in Physical Education and Art. Williamston High School was his first teaching/coaching position. His teaching duties included Science, Art & Physical Education. He and his wife, Jannine, had a daughter, Cindy who was 4 years old when they came to Williamston.

He was from Oklahoma from a family of 8 boys, five of whom graduated from MSU and two of whom were on the MSU wrestling team in 1954. All but one of boys wrestled while growing up in Oklahoma. His brother, Bob, was a national wrestling champion.

Coach Hoke started the wrestling program at WHS. The program was approved in 1954 and the inaugural season was 1955. He also coached football and track. He contributed many art pieces (pottery) to the high school.

After leaving WHS, he and his family moved back to Oklahoma where he coached numerous high school wrestling champions. In 1967, he gave up coaching to concentrate on his art, completed a Master's degree in Art and taught at the college level. Many of his art students received high state and national honors.

My Story

I was member of the inaugural 1955 team, wrestled for three years and graduated in 1957. I was pretty good at football and track, but not at basketball, so when Coach Hoke started the wrestling program, I tried out for the team and found a sport that I not only enjoyed, but was able to excel at.

I missed making it to the state tournament in 1957; however, I did receive a scholarship (which amounted to waving the \$47.50 semester tuition) to wrestle at Central Michigan

College. I made the team as a freshman, along with Jim Mooney who later coached at WHS for a total of 35 years.

I made it most of the way through my freshman year before an injury to my left elbow, in a dual meet. Athletic Training not being what it is today, the athletic trainer put my arm in a hot whirlpool, effectively ending my wrestling career. I did wrestle long enough to be the first WHS grad to receive a college letter in wrestling. Please note, I was far from the best wrestler on the team. Lewis Posey, Dean Evans and Harold Whittemore, to name a few, were better than I was. I was just the first to wrestle in college and receive a letter.

As a result of the injury, I became interested in physical therapy, transferred to the University of Colorado, finished my undergrad degree and graduated from the Physical Therapy Educational Program in 1962.

WHS Wrestling Program History: The First Three Years

In 1954, school officials approved adding Wrestling to sports offered at WHS and provided a wrestling mat at a cost of \$500. Workouts started in November. Coach Hoke taught us how to wrestle, worked us hard and had us ready for our first dual meet on January 7, 1955 against the East Lansing High School Reserves, that resulted in a 35-11 victory.

Looking back, when we started practice in November, 1954, none of us knew anything about wrestling, had probably never even seen a high school or college match. Yes, our first match was against the reserves from East Lansing High School; however, it was a tribute to Coach Hoke that we even knew how to wrestle, let alone win. We had ten dual meets in 1955 and finished with a record of 8 & 2, with Lewis Posey and Dean Evans qualifying for the state tournament. Pretty darn good for a new program. My mother filled two scrapbooks with Williamston Enterprise articles from my high school years. The attached articles provide details about the inaugural year of the wrestling program.

I do not have any articles from 1956. Harold Whittemore and I reconnected at the 60th Class of '57 Reunion, September 16, 2017. We were teammates for the first three years of the program. Our recollections are that we had a good year; however, that is all either of us can remember.

The articles attached describe the 1957 season. Both Harold and I remember that it was an exciting year. We also both remembered that we went undefeated; however, I found an article that we lost one match to Lansing Everett. Considering that we were now competing against the varsity teams of the Class A & B schools, we agreed that, although not happy about it, we could live with one loss. As a Class C school, we always had a chip on our shoulder and reveled in beating the teams from the bigger schools, especially the ones in

Lansing. Harold, who had won most of his matches with pins for three years, and I both made it to the Regional Tournament. Unfortunately, there are no helpful articles in the scrapbooks and neither of us remember how well other teammates did.

It would be a good project for an aspiring journalism or history major, who is presently on the wrestling team, to do the research and write a comprehensive history of the Coach Montee Hoke era at WHS. It might also include interviews from those who wrestled during those years.

My Relationship with Coach Hoke

Coach HoKe was our Coach, Teacher, Mentor, and Friend. He was demanding, while at the same time always positive and supportive. I was fortunate to have Montee Hoke as my football, wrestling and track coach; four years in football and track, and three in wrestling. Harold agreed that it was true for all of us.

Coach Hoke believed in me, saw my potential, encouraged me, supported me and was there for me when I didn't do as well as both he and I had expected. I think he felt worse than I did that I didn't make all conference in football or make the state wrestling tournament my senior year.

I am living proof that Wrestling, being both an individual and team sport, is excellent preparation for the ups and downs of life. When you are on the mat, it is just you and your opponent with nowhere to hide. At the same time you are supported by your teammates. I learned how to deal with adversity and success, to never stop going forward/never give up, to learn from my mistakes and successes, to be assertive, to be positive and support others, to do my part to make the team better and to learn from the past and embrace the future.

Perseverance, Determination, Focus; especially, Focus is required to succeed on the mat as well as in life. My motto today is "Forward, Always Forward", the basis for which came from wrestling. I spend very little time looking back, because that is not the direction I am going. Football and track are also character builders; however, wrestling by its very nature, in my opinion, does it best.

I grew up in my father's shadow. He was an extrovert, book smart, quick-witted and a successful businessman. I was shy, an introvert, struggled in school, slow to process and generally a Melvin Milquetoast. Except for my sister, I would let other kids win just so their feelings would not be hurt. Sports, especially wrestling, changed all that. Thanks to Coach Hoke, when I stepped onto the wrestling mat, in my mind's eye, I was Superman and the opponent was Lex Luther, the evil villain, who had to be defeated; without breaking the

rules, of course. Good sportsmanship was a given with Coach Hoke. I can only imagine what would have happened if we had disrespected our opponents or our sport.

"Something Always Leads to Something Else"

Wrestling prepared me for life in many ways. It all started with Coach Hoke coming to WHS. The injury in college led me to Physical Therapy. Physical Therapy led to a most rewarding career as an Army Physical Therapist, starting and growing a private physical therapy practice and finishing my career as the Director of the Physical Therapy Educational Program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I was also fortunate to become a nationally recognized leader in the development of Professional Behavior in Health Care, as a result of my experience in academia.

"Something Always Leads to Something Else." Taking advantage of the opportunities that result, just like on the wrestling mat, is the key.

Montee J. Hoke Memorial Wrestling Scholarship

To honor Coach Hoke, to give back, to encourage young men to try wrestling and to help graduating high school seniors with educational expenses beyond high school, I have decided to donate a total of \$50,000 to establish and sustain the **Montee J. Hoke Memorial Wrestling Scholarship** at WHS. It will be an endowed scholarship, so only the interest will be used for a yearly scholarship, ensuring that it will go on for as long as there is a wrestling program at WHS. It would be great if others also donated to the scholarship to share in its ownership. When I mentioned the scholarship at our 60th high school class reunion, Harold Whittemore immediately spoke up to ask if he could contribute.

The idea of establishing a scholarship has been in the back of my mind for a long time. Late in May, 2017, I decided it was time to move forward or give up the idea. After discussions with my attorney and accountant to gain an understanding of the legal and financial aspects of establishing an endowed scholarship, I decided it was time to make contact with WHS and the wrestling program.

In June, two of my classmates, Dick & Barb Cole, contacted Brad Johnson and I was soon having phone conversations with the Athletic Director, Tom Hampton, Wrestling Coach, George Manson and Brad. After George, Brad and I discussed the scholarship idea via phone and email for several weeks; we concluded that the Annual Booster Club Golf Outing on September 16, 2017 would be a good time to announce the scholarship.

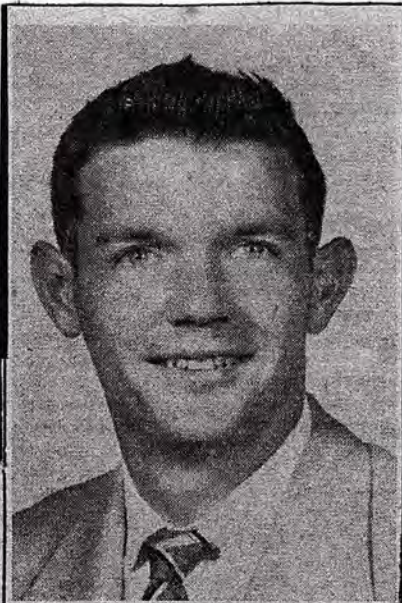
I spent the day riding around in a golf cart with George, being introduced as a member of the inaugural 1955 team who was in town for his 60th class reunion. At the banquet following the golf tournament, I made the announcement that my primary reason for being in town was to announce the scholarship. I expected that the group present would be pleased with the scholarship; however, their facial expressions and applause took my breath away. After the shock wore off, a bit, several boosters began brainstorming how they could "springboard" from my project into other projects to benefit the wrestling program. One gentleman suggested that they could turn my \$50,000 into \$250,000 dollars. Might be a bit of "pie in the sky" ...or maybe not. Contacting wrestling alumni from the 60 plus years of the wrestling program's existence has great potential for adding a substantial amount to the scholarship fund. Harold Whittemore's reaction at the reunion may portend receiving lots of donations. Nothing would make me happier than having as many donors as possible with an ownership stake in the scholarship. I look forward to working with the Wrestling Booster Club to finalize the details.

Early in the process I attempted to locate Coach Hoke. I had stayed in touch with him for a few years following high school graduation, but had then lost contact. On July 29, 2017, I made contact with his daughter, Cindy, who informed me that her dad had died in 1989. She also informed me that she was the last of the Hoke family. Cindy provided me with information about the Hoke family and, especially, details about her dad's art career after coaching wrestling. For me, it was a very emotional conversation. Cindy was pleased to hear about the scholarship and I promised to contact her with periodic updates relative to establishing the scholarship.

At the golf outing, I noticed the slogan, "If Not Now, When?" When is Now for establishing the **Montee J. Hoke Memorial Wrestling Scholarship** at WHS.

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Monte Hoke

Montee Hoke has been on the teaching staff of Williamston High School for just two years. He graduated in 1954 from Michigan State University and came to Williamston High School. He majored in physical education and art. He now teaches science, art, physical education, wrestling and is the football and track coach.

He came from Oklahoma from a family of eight boys and incidentally five of them have gone to Michigan State University. He is 28 years old and married, has a little girl, Cindy, who is six years old. His hobbies are hunting, fishing and art work. He contributes a lot of art work to the school.

He picked teaching as his career because he enjoys working with the students.

WRESTLING TEAM TO MAKE DEBUT

Williamston High School's wrestling team will make its first debut at East Lansing High Thursday night at 7:30 against the reserve team of the Lansing school.

School officials last year approved wrestling for the sports agenda here, and since November the young grapplers have been working out on a special wrestling mat that cost the school \$500.

Wrestling Coach is Monte Hoke, who claims that his No. 1 interest in sports in college was wrestling. Hoke has a brother, Bob, who was national collegiate wrestling champ and holder of dozens of other titles. He also has two brothers who are on the wrestling teams at MSU.

Coach Hoke said that the first home match will pit the locals against the St. Thomas of Ann Arbor school team on Jan. 11. Other matches are planned against Charlotte, Michigan School for Blind, Jackson reserves, Sexton reserves and the Boys Vocational School.

The East Lansing event will be 12 matches. Tentative candidates and their weight classes are:

Keith Lisk, 95 pounds; Dean Evans, 103; Gordon McGown, 112; Lewis Posey, 120; Armon Sober, or Lee Montgomery, 127; Warren May, 133; indefinite for 138; Junior Whittemore, 145; Jim Lightfoot, 154; Dick Schnieder, 165; Dean Roosa, 175; and Gred Stevens or Melvin Shaulis, heavy-weight.

Coach Hoke said his best prospects are Junior Whittemore, Jim Lightfoot and Dick Schnieder.

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"GUINEA PIG" for Hornet Wrestling class is Jim Lightfoot, nearest camera. Putting the "gentle" squeeze on Lightfoot is Coach Monte Hoke. Enjoying the instruction are, left to right, Dean Evans, Dean Roosa, Gregg Stevens, Keith Lick, Junior Whittemore, and Warren May. —Enterprise —Photo

HORNET WRESTLING TEAM MAKES DEBUT BY SCORING 35-11 VICTORY IN LANSING

The Williamston High School wrestling team won its first match against East Lansing High reserves there Thursday afternoon by a team score of 35 to 11.

The matches were originally scheduled for Thursday evening but were moved to the afternoon because of a conflict with a basketball game.

Coach Monte Hoke told The Enterprise that he was "pleased" with the initial showing of his grapplers, but he added that they "will need a lot of improvement."

The local wrestlers are scheduled to take on a team from St. Thomas Wednesday night, Jan. 11, at the local gym.

Results at Lansing were:

Keith Lisk, decided 5-6 by Schloener, a varsity wrestler; Dean Evans won 8-3 over Jim Apple, Gordon McGowan won 4-0 over Lainge; Louis Posey, won by a fall in 3:35 over D. Reed; Armond Sober, also won by a fall in 1:20 over Grim;

Warren May pinned Holmes in 2:15; Dale Neuman, disclisoned Alferd 4-2; Junior Whittemore decided B. Walliworth 2-0; Jim Lightfoot decided D. Schuller 6-0; Dean Roosa won by a fall in 1:45 over Griffith; and Gregg Stevens won by forfeit.

Coach Hoke also announced the following schedule:

Charlotte here Jan 25 at 7:30 p.m.;

Jackson reserves there, Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m.;

Michigan School for Blind there Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m.;

Everett here Feb. 16 at 3:30 p.m.;

Charlotte there March 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Regional tournament March 9 and 10, and state tourney March 16 and 17.



PINNED! Now the Charlotte grappler is helplessly pinned by the Williamston lad, and his facial expressions indicate a bit of pain and defeatism. Wrestling is a new varsity sport here. —Bartlett Studio Photo

Hornet Groaners Win Match

With three straight dual-match victories, Williamston's wrestling team is looking forward to Feb. 7 when they take on the Jackson reserves at Jackson.

The local grapplers notched their third victory Jan. 25 when they easily outpointed Charlotte High School, 33 to 13, here.

Wrestling is a new varsity sport in Williamston and has been attracting interest and attendance. Both home matches were well attended, according to Coach Monte Hoke.

The other match was against St. Thomas of Ann Arbor. Williamston won 18 to 16. The first match was a victory, 35 to 11.

In Wednesday's match against Charlotte, Junior Whittemore of The Hornets turned in one of the top performances over Moier. Whittemore thoroughly confused his opponent and won easily, 18-0.

Dean Evans, Armon Sober, and Dean Roosa all pinned their opponents.

Summary of Charlotte match:
97 Pounds—Keith Lisk decisioned Vincent King, 6-0; 105 Pounds—Dean Evans pinned Dale Clark in 3:35; 114 Pounds—Paul Haist decisioned George Johnson, 4-2; 122 Pounds—Lewis Posey decisioned Jerry Breckley, 4-2; 129 Pounds—Armon Sober pinned Dick Johnson in 3:58; 135 Pounds—Warren May decisioned Steve Hyde, 7-1;

139 Pounds—Dale Newman decisioned Garland Root, 7-6; 147 Pounds—Junior Whittemore decisioned Mike Moier, 18-0; 156 Pounds—Jim Lightfoot decisioned Ron La Seney, 6-3; 167 Pounds—Bill Rohlf pinned Dick Schnieder in 3:15; 177 Pounds—Dean Roosa pinned Jim Pruden in 3:53; and in the heavyweight class, Norman Wenger pinned Melvin Shaulis in 2:57.

Next home match is scheduled for Feb. 16 at 3:30 p.m. against Everett High School's grunt and groaners.

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VIKING wrestler Shepard, in foreground, grimaces a bit as Hornet Dean Roosa applies pressure on his arm. Roosa won by a fall in 5:25. —Photo by Bartlett Studio.

HORNET WRESTLERS SUFFER FIRST DEFEAT IN EIGHT STARTS TO EVERETT GRAPPLERS

The Williamston High School wrestling team lost its first dual meet in eight starts to Everett High school of Lansing Thursday afternoon here, 31 to 23.

The Everett Vikings had just a little too much experience for Williamston, Coach Monte Hoke said. But the Hornets made quite a battle out of it and the match was nip and tuck all the way.

The Vikings' strength in the heavier weights made the difference.

"I've been more than pleased with the performance of all the members of our wrestling team this season," Coach Hoke said, "and I feel they have done very well for their first year of competition."

The results of the matches were:

Dean Evans won by forfeit; Armon Sober looked good in pinning Smith in 3:15; Warren May wrestled one of his best bouts by decisioning Darwin Mierndorf, 5-1; Jr. Whittemore came through with a very fast fall over Luscomb in 50 seconds; Dean Roosa came from behind to win a fall over Shepard in 5:25.

Scoring falls for the Vikings were Hastings over Ken Nelson, 5:30; Arnston over Bud Johnson, 5:45; and Vermette over Dick

Schneider, 3:50.

The final home match was scheduled Tuesday night of this week against Sexton Reserves. Final match of the season will be against Charlotte there, March 1.

The local team will then enter the Lansing regional tournament March 10 at Everett High School. Any member placing in the regional will go to the state meet at Ann Arbor March 17.

Everett Pins Williamston In Dual Wrestling, 35-23

Everett won its third wrestling meet of the season Thursday as it defeated the Hornets of Williamston, 35 to 23. Its victory gives the Vikings a 3-5 record for the year.

Winners for Everett were John Hastings, Gary Artson, Paul Johnson, Jerry Hodges, Bob Leslie, Jim Vermetti and Warren Kimball.

Dean Roosa, Armand Sober, Warren May and Junior Whittemore collected firsts for Williamston.

HORNET MAT MEN LOSE TO SEXTON

Williamston's mat men lost to Sexton Reserves here Tuesday night, 27-17.

One of the outstanding bouts was Sexton's Gordon Swix against Williamston's Dean Evans. Swix is one of the finest 98-pound wrestlers in the state and is a varsity member.

Another top bout was Dean Roosa against Gary Williams, son of the Governor. Roosa lost.

The match was very close until the last four weights, when Sexton pulled away. Dick Schneider was pinned by Gruhen, Tim Reese was also pinned by Thompson.

Ken Nelson scored the only fall for Williamston when he pinned Pinger in 5:52. Other winners were Lewis Posey, Armon Sobers, Harold Whittemore and Junior Whittemore.

Losers were Dean Evans, Bud Johnson, Warren May, Jim Lightfoot, Dick Schneider, Tim Reese and Dean Roosa.

Williamston defeated Sexton in an earlier match this year.

Next and final match will be March 1 at Charlotte.

TWO WILLIAMSTON WRESTLERS QUALIFY TO COMPETE IN STATE MAT TOURNAMENT

While the basketballers were winning district tournament honors at Laingsburg Saturday night, the Williamston matmen qualified two wrestlers for state tournament.

They were Dean Evans, 103 pounds, and Lewis Posey, 120 pounds.

The regional tournament was held in Lansing Saturday night.

Dean has been the most consistent point getter for Williamston, Coach Monte Hoke said. He has 64 points toward the outstanding wrestler award. Dean placed third in the regional tourney.

Lewis Posey lost only one dual meet match during the season and was rated as one of the outstanding Hornet wrestlers. He won his first tourney match by pinning Holstein from Boy's Vocational School, then he lost to the finalist Evans from Sexton High. He won his consolation semifinal match against Latsey of Owosso to ad-

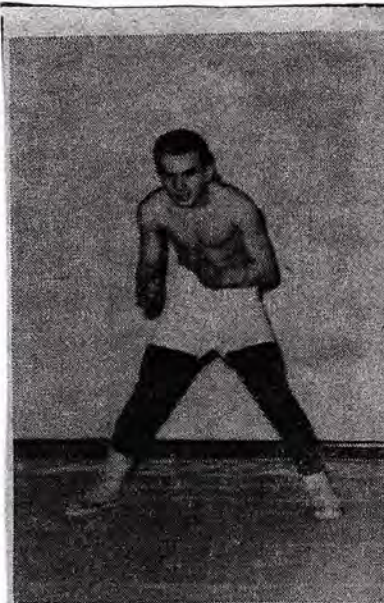
vance to the consolation finals where he lost to Milliman from Everett to take fourth place.

Coach Hoke commented that he was "very pleased" with the team results. Only one other school with a first year team was at the regional and that team didn't score a point. Eastern and Sexton schools have had wrestling championships for years, he added.

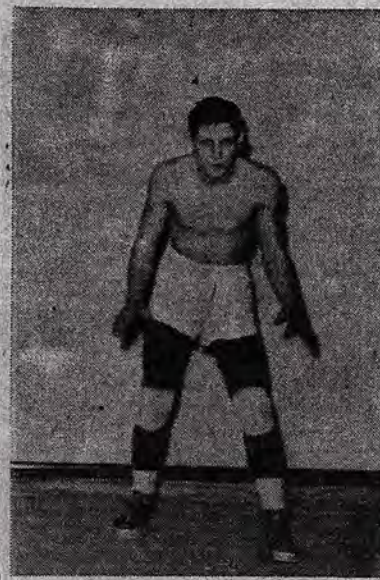
"I had hopes of qualifying four or five men he added but I think the first year shakes and inexperience cost us two of our good wrestlers," Coach Hoke added.

Other Williamston wrestlers who won matches were Keith Lisk, Armon Sober, Jr. Whittemore and Jim Lightfoot.

The Hornet matmen finished the season with an 8-2 record in its first year of wrestling competition.



DEAN EVANS



LEWIS POSEY

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MICHIGAN PIN is applied by Harold Whittemore of Williamston. He won by a fall over Joe Woods of BVS who is pictured above in pretzel shape. The time was 2.25. —Photo by Dean Miller

1957 SEASON OPENER

HORNET WRESTLERS TROUNCE BVS 39-13

The Williamston High school varsity wrestling team opened the 1957 season with a bang by trouncing Lansing Boys Vocational school 39-13 Thursday night at the BVS fieldhouse.

The Hornet mat men were without the services of last year's outstanding wrestler, Dean Evans, who is sidelined by illness. He won fourth in the Sexton invitational tournament just before Christmas.

Jim Ball, Hornet freshman, filled in for Dean and did a very fine job beating Gary Walker of BVS, 9-3, according to Coach Monte Hoke. Jim wrestled at 112 but normally grapples at 95 pounds. Jerry Pauls ran into some stiff

resistance and was pinned by Jerry Zolton in 4:13 at 103 pounds. Then Lewis Posey scored the fastest fall of the evening in 60 seconds over Jerry Campton, using a bar arm and half nelson.

George Johnson decisioned Ralph Sell, 6-2. Warren May kept things going by decisioning Jim Banfield, 3-0. Lee Montgomery lost to Ken Green, 5-4. Harold Whittemore came right back to win by a fall over Joe Woods in 2:25 using a Michigan pin.

Greg Stevens pinned Dan Leonard in 2:50 with a bar arm and half nelson. Doug Liverance wrestling at 177 and weighing only 160 spotted his heavier opponent the extra weight and was leading in

points when Larry Laws caught Doug on his back. With the weight advantage, Laws pinned Doug in 2:30.

The heavyweight bout brought a round of applause when Melvin Shaulis pinned Ken Rose of BVS in 2:15 using a bar arm and body press.

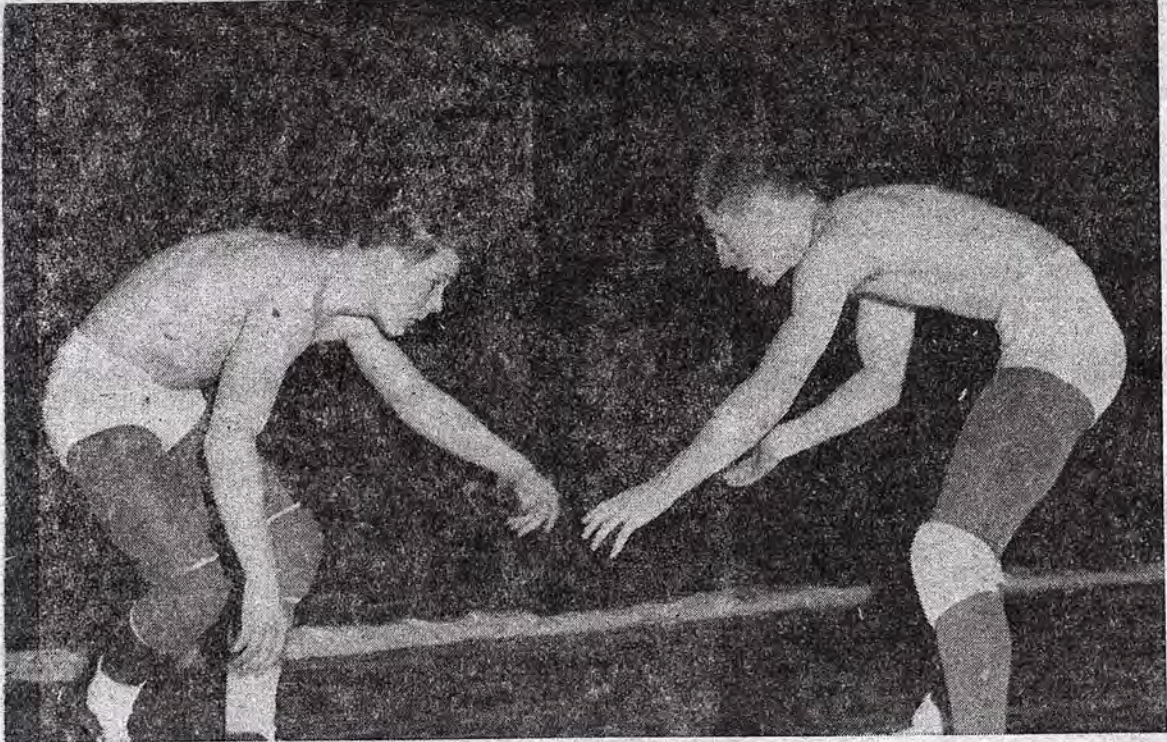
Gordon McGowan and Armon Sober both won exhibition matches. Mike Long and Harold Brewbaker won forfeits.

The next match for the Williamston wrestlers is Thursday night, Jan. 17 at Williamston. The Hornets will grapple the Sexton reserves.

Wrestling is in its second year at Williamston. Last season the Hornets under the Coaching of Monte Hoke emerged with a record of eight victories and two losses. The team expects to better the record this year, and invites the public to see the relatively new sport here.

The remaining season schedule includes: January 22, Farmington, there; January 24, East Grand Rapids, there; February 7, Charlotte, there; February 12, St. Johns, home; February 14, Everett, there; February 21, Farmington, home; February 28, Charlotte, home; and March 6, Boy's Vocational, home.

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MAY I HAVE The Next Dance? Wrestlers Warren May, right, of Williamston and Jim Banfield of BVS maneuver about in their match Friday. May

decided his opponent, 3-0, as the Hornets opened the '57 mat season. Thursday night the Hornets will host the grapplers from Sexton here.



PARDON me, Bud. May I borrow your head? An unidentified Williamston High school

wrestler, on top, apparently didn't like the way the Charlotte grappler was mussin' up his hair. See picture below. —Bartlett Studio Photo

HORNET WRESTLERS WIN THIRD STRAIGHT DEFEAT ST. JOHNS, SEXTON JV MATMEN

Williamston's Hornet matmen defeated a strong Sexton JV squad 33-20 at the local gym Thursday night in the first home match of the season. The victory was the third straight win for Coach Monte Hoke's wrestlers.

The team will journey to Farmington and East Grand Rapids this week and will be at full strength except for Harold Whittemore, 145, who is nursing a strained neck muscle. Ralph Wiegandt will substitute and it will be his first varsity match.

Mike Long lost in an exhibition bout to Lee Page, 4-0.

Jerry Pauls of the Hornets started the match off by pinning Tungey of Sexton in 4:57 with a bar arm and half nelson. Jim Ball lost his first bout of the year to a fine boy, Brockington of Sexton. He was wrestling at 103 which is out of his weight class as Jim normally wrestles at 95. He was pinned in 2:45 in a cradle hold.

Gordon McGowan, 112, defeated Laurie Rininger, 12-0. Lewis Posey didn't look up to par in wrestling Bernie Kosloski in a 1-1 draw.

Armon Sober pinned Fritz Kellerman in the third period using a half nelson and crotch hold. Warren May pinned Larry Brown

in 5:10 with a bar arm and half nelson.

Lee Montgomery pinned Larry Atkinson in 5:38 using a half nelson. Harold Whittemore got his third fall of the season in pinning Bob Clark in 1:48. Harold Brewbaker was pinned by William Gruhn in 5:33. Doug Liverance was pinned in 2:51 by Bob Snyder.

Dean Roosa wrestling his first match of the year decided Bob Kenney 10-3. Melvin Shaulis was decided by Mike DeVoe 6-5 in his first loss of the season.

A fine crowd at the first match was reported.

Williamston Grapplers Defeat Farmington

The Williamston grapplers took a long ride to Farmington last Tuesday night to win their fourth victory of the season, 39-3. The Hornets took three falls and eight decisions out of the 12 matches, and lost only one decision.

Mike Long won his first varsity bout in a 10-2 decision. Jim Ball wrestling at 103 was defeated by a very strong opponent, 5-4. His class is 95 pounds.

Dean Evans in his first showing pinned an outstanding 1956 wrestler, Nick Staudt, with a punishing guillotine in 5:25. Lewis Posey came out on the long end of a 4-0 decision. And George Johnson after a week's lay off came back with a fall in 3:00 for his third of the year.

Warren May came through with a 5-0 decision to keep his undefeated record along with three falls, two decisions. His opponents have yet to score points against him. Lee Montgomery won his second match 9-5 over Terry Cassill.

Harold Whittemore was sidelined by injury and Ralph Wiegandt substituted. Ralph won his first varsity bout in a fine showing over Ron Jordon 6-2. Harold Brewbaker got one of the three falls and the shortest in 1:40.

Doug Liverance wrestling for the first time in his own weight topped his opponent Steve McLane in a well earned 3-2 decision. Dean Roosa won 6-3 over Dan Ressler.

Heavyweight Melvin Shaulis won his third bout despite a 40-pound disadvantage, 4-2. And Jerry Pauls wrestled the only exhibition bout and won by a fall in 1:50.

HORNET WRESTLERS DROP ST. JOHNS

Williamston wrestlers traveled to St. Johns early last week and returned with their second victory over a young but determined team, 45-13.

Jerry Pauls started things off with a fall in 1:18, followed by Jim Ball who also won by a fall in 1:24.

Keith Lisk was caught by the alert St. Johns wrestler and was pinned in 1:23. Lewis Posey changed the winning outlook for the opponents with a fall in 3:51.

Gordon McGowan won by a fall in 4:00 for the fourth victory of the night for the Hornets.

Warren May showed precision form in whipping his opponent in a 2:56 fall.

Lee Montgomery came up against a strong man and went the distance of six minutes, only to lose by the referee's decision.

Harold Whittemore came up with one of the fastest falls of the night in 48 seconds, only to have Harold Brewbaker come up with one better: 40 seconds.

Greg Stevens continued for the Hornets with a 4:52 pin. Doug Liverance wrestling out of his weight class for the second time was at a disadvantage and lost by a fall in 1:52.

Melvin Shaulis topped things off for the grapplers with a fall in 3:06.

In exhibition matches, George Johnson delivered his winning touch in 53 seconds; Andy Taylor won in 1:00; Armon Sober scored a 1:10 fall; and Ralph Wiegandt won a fall in 50 seconds.

HORNET MATMEN WIN FIFTH STRAIGHT, NEXT HOME MATCH FEB. 12, ST. JOHNS

The Hornet matmen and coach Monte Hoke are resting up after winning their fourth and fifth victory of the year over Farmington and East Grand Rapids.

They do not wrestle again until February 7 when they take on a much improved Charlotte wrestling team. The Hornets beat Charlotte twice last year and Charlotte will be out to even things up this year.

The trips to Farmington and East Grand Rapids were marred only by the terrible traveling weather. The scores were 39-3 against Farmington and 38-16 against East Grand Rapids.

The summaries of the East Grand Rapids match were as follows:

Jim Ball wrestling in his normal weight class 95 lbs. won by a fall over Robin Muir in 1:05 of the first period using a bar arm and

half-nelson. Jim has been wrestling at 103 while Jean Evans was out with the flu.

Kieth Lisk was back in the line up at 103 and won by fall over Chuck Miller in 4:44 of the fourth period. Jean Evans won his second straight by fall, after being out for the first four matches, over Mike Wawee in 1:35 of the first period using a bar-arm and half-nelson. Lewis Posey decisioned Bob Hefferan 4-1. George Johnson won by fall over Tom Ogden in 4:31 of the fourth period using a half-nelson crotch hold.

Warren May won his 5th straight in pinning Jeff Traley in 2:54 of the second period using a three quarter nelson cradle hold. Armon Sober filled in for Lee Montgomery who couldn't make the trip, ably by pinning Clayton Hexton in 3:42 of the second period. Harold Whit-

temore has now won four straight falls, he missed the Farmington match because of a strained neck muscle. Harold pinned Dick Eleas in 1:43 of the first period. No one Harold has wrestled this year have gone over two minutes.

Harold Zrewbaker wrestled John Frey All-State footballer and was pinned in 1:23 of first period. Greg Stevens was decisioned by Rick Chalker 7-0. Jean Roosa was pinned by Tom McIntrye in 4:35 of the fourth period. Melvin Shaulis lost a decision to Chuck Walters 7-3.

East Grand Rapids had there footballers wrestling at there heavier weight and they were very strong in those weights.

There were five exhibition bouts. Jerry Pauls was pinned in 5:45, Ralph Wiegandt was pinned in 4:56, Burton Dexter won by fall in 5:25, Jim Shirey was pinned in 1:59, and Eugene Latham won by fall in 4:14.

Next home match will be Feb. 12th with St. Johns.

We hope to see a fine turn out to support the team", Coach Hoke said.



MIKE LONG, left, of Williamston, grits his teeth as he applies pressure to his opponent who is slightly tied up like a pretzel. Mike won, 10-2, in his first varsity bout. — Photo by Dean Miller

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WARREN MAY, Hornet wrestler, front, is attempting an escape from opponent **Jerry Cassell** of Farmington. May took a 2-0 decision in a close

match. The Hornets will take on Charlotte here Thursday night. — Enterprise Photo

Fastest Fall of The Year

WHITTEMORE SCORES PIN IN 23 SECONDS

by Lewis "Lucho" Posey

The Williamston wrestling team got in the victory lane after suffering their first defeat of the year last week at Lansing Everett. This week they scored six falls and took five decisions for a good night against Farmington.

Harold Whittemore at 145 pounds got the fastest fall of the night and of the year with a 23 second pin.

On Thursday, Feb. 28, at 7:30 p.m. the local team entertains the Charlotte Orioles here at 7:30 p.m. and hope to see a fine turnout.

They defeated Charlotte earlier in the year and the Orioles will be looking for revenge.

In the Farmington match, **Jim Ball** Pinned **Bob Schmidt** in 1:44 in the first match to start the grapplers rolling. Other results:

103 lbs.—**Dean Evens** kept his undefeated record going in a 1:38 fall over **Tom Beckham**.

112 lbs.—**Gordon McGowan**, the other undefeated Hornet, went on to take a 4-2 decision from **Jim Marsh**.

120 lbs.—**Lewis Posey** scored the

third fall of the night over **Don Shuster** in 2:10.

127 lbs.—**George Johnson** wrestled his best match of the year and most exciting of the night as he took a 13-8 decision from **Bob Dwyer**.

133 lbs.—**Warren May** wrestled his hardest-won bout of the year against **Jerry Cassell** by taking a 2-0 decision.

138 lbs.—**Lee Montgomery** scored his first pin of his wrestling career as he took care of **Nick Stout** in 2:58.

145 lbs. — **Harold Whittemore** wasted no time in pinning **Shel Beckwith** in 23 seconds.

154 lbs.—**Harold Brewbaker** had the fans worrying as he picked up points in the last few seconds to win a 5-2 decision over **Steve McCrane**.

165 lbs.—**Dean Roosa** wasted but little time as he scored a fall over **Dennis McBride** in 3:13.

175 lbs.—**Burton Dexter** giving away a 25-pound advantage, lost by a fall in the last period to **John McCamy** in 4:53.

Heavyweight — **Melvin Shaulis** scored a 3-1 decision twice this year over **George Fawcett** to be the only heavyweight to defeat him in dual matches.