



Grizzly Wrestling

2008-2009



Wrestlers prepare for 17th straight SLT

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The Wadsworth wrestling program produced yet another State Finalist For the 14th year in a row. Once again sophomore Brad Squire kept alive Wadsworth's elite tradition, losing a hard fought double overtime match in the State Finals last March. Squire recorded an overall 42-3 record. Heavyweight Ben Buzzelli placed 4th in Columbus and Danny Foore wrestled admirably but failed to place.

These accomplishments helped lead the Grizzlies to an exciting 8th place team finish for the 2007-08 season. The Grizzlies finished 8-1 in dual matches, qualified three individuals to State, finished as Sectional Champions, earned yet another top ten state tournament finish.

This year, Squire, Buzzelli and Foore are back along with five District qualifiers. The coaching staff and the rest of the 2008-09 team are ready to begin their quest of continued dominance of the Suburban League, while striving to take more than the record six athletes 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 16th consecutive Suburban League Championships, area teams may wonder if the Grizzlies will have anything left in the year 2008. The 2008-09 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, Danny Foore, Brad Squire and Ben Buzzelli won individual titles, and all three return to defend their titles.

The nucleus of the 2008-09 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 Jeff Jordan's team camp, and competing nationally at Disney Duals in Orlando, Florida, and the Cadet and Junior National Tournaments in Fargo, North Dakota. Notably, incoming freshman Kagan Squire earned All American status, finishing 3rd as a Cadet.

The 2008-09 team is led by **Seniors:** Danny Foore, Zach Fleury, Justin Glas, Alex Gray, Brad Green, Drew Keiper, Marc Snodgrass, Nate Lamp, John Weaver along with returning **Letterwinners:** Nate Ball, Sheldon Brandenburg, Caleb Busson, Ben Buzzelli, Jayse Cappello, Jake Crowley, Anthony Gargas, Alfredo Gray, Loudon Gordon, Aarick Jones, Cory Jones, Brad Squire, Josh Otanicar, Bart Randolph, Jordan Richards and Clay Wenger. **Coaches:** Head Coach John Gramuglia, Assistants: Mike Kallai, Brandon Cobb, and Matt Hulme, Volunteers: Larry Kaufman, Jason Friedt, Jerry Nadeau, Jeff Rager, Rex Randolph, Gary Skoch, and Bart Randolph. **Strength and conditioning coach:** Bobby Jones, **Team Doctor:** Dr. Papas, **Team Trainer:** Ron Burnette

The future looks promising with one of the strongest 9th grade teams to have entered the high school ranks. They are a determined group with a great deal of potential. In fact, some freshmen will see varsity action. This is the fourteenth 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 Middle School team. They are coached by Matt Shiarla and assistant coach Kip Shipley. Both coaches continue to do a great job molding and developing young talent that feeds the high school. They have won several tournaments over the past years and have developed a winning attitude and a very strong work ethic, earning the reputation as one of the best junior high programs in the state.

Our Youth Program has over 100 members and a strong coaching nucleus headed again by Todd Baughman. Kathy Wenger remains our treasurer and will help organize and develop the inner workings of the program. Team Manager is Becky Randolph. Last year the Red team finished 1st in its Division with a 7-0 record while the White team finished 3rd with a 5-2 record. Overall they finished 6th in the State tournament out of 132 teams with 12 State Qualifiers and 4 State Placers: Brandon Randolph, Noah Baughman 4th place, Connor Gray, Corey Riggenschach, Collin Tompkins 5th place, Billy McCune, Jordan Schleigh, Clayton Brandenburg 3rd place, Robbie Bosley, Alex Carrell, Danny Sickels and Tyler Lucas-Walsh State Runner up.

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 the ultimate wrestling honor, a State Championship.

2008 -09 Wadsworth Grizzly Schedule

Fri. 12-5-08 Asics Ironman Tournament - Walsh Jesuit
Sat. 12-6-08 Asics Ironman Tournament - Walsh Jesuit
Sat. 12-13-08 Elite Duals-St. Eds
Thurs. 12-18-08 Suburban Tri-@Barberton/Highland
Mon. 12-29-08 Brecksville Holiday Tournament-Brecksville
Tue. 12-30-08 Brecksville Holiday Tournament-Brecksville
Thurs. 1-8-09 Suburban Tri-@Cloverleaf Green/ Revere
Sun. 1-11-09 Ohio State Duals- Wadsworth
Sat. 1-17-09 Bedford Bearcat Pool Tournament- Bedford
Thurs. 1-22-09 Suburban Tri- Tallmage/Copley
Wed. 1-28-09 @Cloverleaf
Sat. 1-31-09 GIT Pool Tournament
Sat. 2-7-09 Tri @ St. Edward/Rossford Mi.
Sat. 2-14-09 Suburban Tournament@ Tallmage
Fri. 2-20-09 @ Sectional Tournament -Medina
Sat. 2-21-09 @ Sectional Tournament - Medina
Fri. 2-27-09 @ District Tourn.-TBA TBA
Sat. 2-28-09 @ District Tourn.-TBA TBA
Thu. 3-5-09 @ State Tourn. Columbus OH TBA
Fri. 3-6-09 @ State Tourn. Columbus OH TBA
Sat. 3-7-09 @ State Tourn. Columbus OH TBA

WADSWORTH WRESTLING DATA SHEET

NAME	WEIGHT CLASS	YEAR	LAST YEAR'S RECORD	STATE FINISH
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2008 VARSITY LETTERMAN ROSTER

<u>NAME</u>			<u>RECORD</u>	
ALFREDO GRAY	103	SOPHOMORE	31-11	DISTRICT QUALIFIER
ALEX GRAY	119	SENIOR	32-14	STATE ALTERNATE
CLAY WENGER	125	SOPHOMORE	29-12	DISTRICT QUALIFIER
ANTHONY GARGASZ	130	JUNIOR	1-2	
CORY JONES	119	JUNIOR	4-6	
DANNY FOORE	130	SENIOR	34-14	STATE QUALIFIER
BRAD SQUIRE	145	JUNIOR	42-3	STATE RUNNER UP
LOUDON GORDON	135	JUNIOR	28-13	DISTRICT QUALIFIER
MARC SNODGRASS	160	SENIOR	0-10	
JOSH OTANICAR	152	JUNIOR	17-13	DISTRICT QUALIFIER
SHELDON BRANDENBURG	140	SOPHOMORE	30-10	
NATE BALL	140	SOPHOMORE	13-8	
AARICK JONES	152	JUNIOR	23-14	
CALEB BUSSON	189	JUNIOR	0-1	
BART RANDOLPH	171	JUNIOR	24-11	
NATE LAMP	189	JUNIOR	15-14	
JAKE CROWLEY	189	SOPHOMORE	3-5	
JORDAN RICHARDS	215	JUNIOR	29-15	DISTRICT QUALIFIER
BEN BUZZELLI	HVY	JUNIOR	37-9	STATE 4TH PLACE
JAYSE CAPPELLO	HVY	JUNIOR	6-10	

Promising Newcomers

Freshmen: Kagan Squire Cadet All American Junior State Placer and Junior High State Champ Nick Tavenello lead the class of 2012 along with Junior High State Qualifiers: Christian Baughman, CJ Edwards, Aaron Finding, Cody Gordon, and Brandon Jones, right behind. Lightweight Aaron Warstler and Jon Roberts will add depth to the team.

Lettermen lost:

Josh Miller (moved) Mike Alkyer (transferred) Frankie Collins (injured)

Comments (strengths, weaknesses)

“Overall, we should be young but experienced team with a possibility of only 3 Seniors, 9 Juniors and 3 Sophomores and 2 Freshmen starting this year. Our schedule is one of the toughest in the state. We have one State champ, two State placers, 3 State qualifers and 5 district qualifiers back, yet we have experience wrestlers in most weight classes. Newcomers have been very successful at the Middle school, JV level and have filled in at the varsity level last year and won matches. The one State Champ/State Runner up is Brad Squire, State Placers Danny Foore (4th Place) and Ben Buzzelli (4th place) are also back. 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, Highland and Barberton at the 2008 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, Uniontown Lake and Highland should stand above the rest.

Preseason top 10 poll: 1. Massillon Perry 2. Wadsworth 3. Walsh 4. Uniontown Lake 5. Kenmore
6. Highland 7 CVCA 8. North Canton 9. Stow 10. Nordononia.

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
2007-2008	8TH PLACE	40 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		
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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	4th	BEN BUZZELLI	2008
3rd	ART CARTWRIGHT	1942	4th	DEREK KLAUS	2001	2nd	BRAD SQUIRE	2008
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			

WRESTLING RECORDS

SEASON

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

MOST WINS
MOST PINS
MOST TAKEDOWNS
MOST NEARFALLS
MOST REVERSALS

CAREER

DEREK FOORE 170
JOSH KALLAI 104
TIMMY MILLER 584
DONNIE SROCK 222
ZAK KALLAI 90

TEAM RECORDS

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

1973, 1990, 1993, 1994,
1995, 1996, 1997, 1998,
1999, 2000, 2001, 2002,
2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008

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, 2008

FASTEST PIN

ADAM MELTON 8 sec

MOST STATE QUALIFIERS

8 1942

6 2003

6 2004

2007-08 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 Grizzly Wrestling

John Gramuglia

John Gramuglia has been a teacher and coach for over 25 years. He is currently teaching journalism and is adviser for the school newspaper at Wadsworth High School. As head wrestling coach of Wadsworth High School for the past 24 years, John Gramuglia has produced a career dual meet record of 238-58-1 and 16 straight Suburban League Championships, 17 overall. His teams have amassed 11 Sectional titles, 1 District title, 8 District runners-up. Over the past fifteen years, his teams have placed in the top 10 of State 13 times and the top 5 three out of the last five years. He has coached 205 District qualifiers, 71 State qualifiers, 46 state placers and 7 state champions.

He earned a Bachelor's degree from John Carroll University where he wrestled for Tony DeCarlo and has earned a Master's Degree from the University of Akron in Sports Administration.

Coaching Wrestling - Individuals Accomplishments

- 205 district qualifiers
- 71 state qualifiers
- 46 state placers
- 22 state finalists
- 7 state champions
- Qualified an individual to the state tournament for 23 consecutive years
- Coached a state place winner for 15 of 16 years

Coaching Wrestling -Team Accomplishments

- Overall record at the school- 238-58-1

State Tournament Wrestling top ten Division I finishes

1993-1994	10th place	27 points
1994-1995	8 th place	38.5 points
1995-1996	8 th place	40 points
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Coaching Wrestling -Team Accomplishments-Continued

- District wrestling tournament champions : 1x
- District wrestling tournament runner-ups: 8x
- 8 State Dual Meet tournament appearances- Highest Finish 2nd 2004
- Teams have placed in the top ten at district tournaments 16 of the last 17 years
- Sectional Champions: 11x

Personal Wrestling Accomplishments

High School

Varsity Letterman for St. Ignatius High School 1976

College

Varsity Letterman for John Carroll University 1977-1980

Wrestling Awards and Honors

- Ohio H.S. Coaches Association Division I Coach of the Year 2001
- Member of the Medina County Hall of Fame 2001
- Member of Trinity High School Sports Hall of Fame 2000
- Member of Wadsworth High School Sports Hall of Fame 2002
- Medina Gazette Coach of the Decade 1990-1999
- Medina Gazette Winter Coach of the Year 1990
- 2x Greater Cleveland Wrestling Coaches and Officials Coach of the Year
- 3x Plain Dealer Coach of the Year
- 3x Beacon Journal Coach of the Year
- 3x Touchdown Club Coach of the Year
- 17x Suburban League Coach of the Year

Other Contributions to the sport of wrestling

- Originator of the Grizzly Invitational Wrestling Tournament 1985-present
- Originator of the Wadsworth Youth Wrestling organization in 1985-present
- Originator of the Grizzly Freestyle/Greco club 1999-present
- Originator of the All State/ All American Wrestling Camp 1985-present
- President Greater Cleveland Coaches & Officials Wrestling Association 2003, 2004
- Vice-President Greater Cleveland Coaches & Officials Wrestling Association 2001, 2002
- Past-President Greater Cleveland Coaches & Officials Wrestling Association 2005, 2006, 2007
- Director of USA State Freestyle Championship 1998-Present
- Co- Director of OHSWCA State Dual Meet Championship 1996-Present