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NCHSAA HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

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1. In college I lettered in Track and Football at Elon
2. I won the Jack McCall Award for the principal Executive Program
3. Trinity High School Hall of Fame 2023
4. Mr Taber High School Hall of Fame Oct 22 2022
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V. PHOTOGRAPH

ATTACH A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE NOMINEE
(preferably head and shoulder shot, wallet size)



VI. SUPPORT OF CANDIDACY

Using whatever supportive data you may wish, please describe the activities and accomplishments of this candidate which make him/her a viable candidate for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. Please remember that only thorough and complete documentation will be considered. Two letters of recommendation (minimum) will be necessary, and newspaper articles, etc., in support may also be submitted.

The committee shall seek to honor those who have directly influenced the history and evolution of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association. Attachments are considered appropriate.

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IV. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

IN CHART BELOW, PLEASE LIST CHRONOLOGICALLY THE NOMINEE'S POSITION (COACH, PRINCIPAL, ETC.) AND OTHER APPROPRIATE DATA

POSITION	DATES	SCHOOL OR SYSTEM	HONORS	COACHING RECORDS
Coach	1971-73	Alamance (Graham) HS		Hall of Fame Trinity H.S.
Head wrestling Coach	1973-1981	Randolph/Trinity H.S	6 Conference wrestling Coach Championship	Cash of the year NW NC 1977 State
Head wrestling Coach	1981-1985	High Point Central	2 conference champions	
Head coach wrestling	1985-1987	Reynolds High School		
Assistant Principal	1987-1989	East Forsyth		
Principal Assistant Principal	1989-1998	Mt Tabor H S	Hall of Fame Mt Tabor	
Principal	1998-2005	Parkland High School		
Principal	2005-2007	Clarksville High School Tennessee		
Principal Assistant Principal	2007-2018	Forsyth County Winston-Salem Schools		
at various Schools				

CIVIC/CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES (INCLUDE CHURCH, CIVIC OR CHARITABLE INVOLVEMENT)

- member, Mt Tabor Methodist Church
- 32 degree Mason
- Volunteered at various High Schools to help coach wrestling
- I went to various wrestling camps to put on clinics
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NCHSAA HALL OF FAME

Harold Lee Smith graduated from R. J. Reynolds High School in 1965. He was on the RJR State Championship Football Team in 1964. Harold graduated from Elon College in 1971 where he played football on a scholarship.

Harold worked in education for 47 years at the following schools:

1971-1973 Graham High School: teacher and coached football, wrestling and tennis. Harold learned to coach wrestling while at Graham High School.

1973 – 1982 Trinity High School: coached football, wrestling, track, and golf. While at Trinity, he started the wrestling program. Fifty (50) students came out that had never seen a wrestling match, In the first wrestling match, his future 121 pound state champion asked where the ropes were. High school wrestling does not have ropes! The first wrestling match was lost 78 to nothing. Five (5) matches were won that year, but lost the rest.

In his second year at Trinity (1975), eleven (11) matches were won and eight (8) were lost.

In 1976, Harold's third year at Trinity, the team was 11 and 1 and tied for the conference championship.

Harold had 2 wrestlers, Andy Aikens and Randy Ellison, who won the Northwest High School Athletic Association individual championships in their individual weight classes. Also in 1976, the Trinity Invitational Tournament was started. Mat News ranked the team as one of the top five (5) teams in the state. Additionally in 1976, Harold started the wrestlerettes, who were cheerleaders for the wrestling team. Trinity was the only school in the South Piedmont Conference to have cheerleaders for the wrestling team.

In 1977, Harold had an 18 and 0 win/loss record. That same year, Trinity won the Trinity Invitational Tournament that Harold started which still exists to this day. Trinity won the first Dual Team Championship Tournament in the State of North Carolina.

In 1978, Trinity was conference champion again, and the team was 11 and 1. Trinity won three (3) tournaments that year and placed in the top three (3) in several other tournaments. In 1979-1980, Trinity was conference champion again and sectional champion, regional champion and state champion. In 1981, Trinity finished 5th in the state. Harold had eight (8) all conference wrestlers that year.

1983 - 1985 High Point Central High School: In 1984, High Point was 9 and 0 in the regular season. In the regional tournament, High Point had five (5) place winners: four (4) in 1st place and one (1) in 2nd place. At the state tournament, High Point had three (3) 4th place finishers, and a 3rd and a 2nd place. High Point finished 3rd in the state that year. High Point had seven (7) all conference

wrestlers that year, and finished 2nd in the Statesville Tournament and 3rd in the Tigerland Classic.

1986 R.J. Reynolds High School: Harold was Head Wrestling Coach. He started the wrestlerettes program at Reynolds. Sixty (60) students came out for wrestling his first year. He took them to tournaments and started the Reynolds JV tournament. The tournament made over \$1,000 for the school. Bob Deaton, principal, stated that was the first time wrestling had paid for itself. In 1987, he had another good year with the wrestlers.

These are accomplishments that Harold Smith made while coaching wrestling. At Trinity, he had 3 full teams of wrestlers: an A team (varsity), B team (JV team) and the C team (another JV team). One year in a quad meet, two varsity wrestling teams were invited to participate. The B and C teams were on different mats, wrestling other varsity teams from other schools. The B and C teams won and had to wrestle each other in the finals. While Harold coached wrestling, he had matches where 800 to 1,000 spectators attended. One dollar for admission was charged and \$1,000 or more was made at the gate. The team was wrestling Thomasville for the championship. After match 138, a 10 minute intermission was taken --wherein \$500 was made at the concession stand. Mike Raybon was at the match, stating that if he had known of the high attendance, he would have parked at Ragsdale and walked!

Harold won two (2) major honors while coaching: Coach of the Year in Northwest North Carolina in 1980 and was State Coach of the Year in 1980.

1989 – 1998: Mt. Tabor High School Assistant Principal. Harold helped coach wrestling after school and helped run the Athletic Department while encouraging students to be more than they thought they could be.

1998 – 2005: Parkland High School Principal: Harold's team of leaders received the award of Most Improved School in the Winston-Salem Forsyth County School System.

2005 – 2007: Clarksville High School, Clarksville, Tennessee: While at Clarksville High School, Harold implemented many new programs.

2007 – 2018 – Fill-in Assistant Principal in Forsyth County School System: After returning to North Carolina from Tennessee, Harold filled in as Assistant Principal at many schools, including, but not limited to West, North, R.J. Reynolds, Mt. Tabor, Atkins, Wiley. While at these schools, he helped with the wrestling programs. While filling in at Mt. Tabor, he was a paid assistant coach for wrestling for two (2) years and helped one of the wrestlers become a state champion.

2022 Hall of Fame at Mt. Tabor High School

2023 Hall of Fame at Trinity High School

COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

It has been suggested that a Coach of the Year be selected. This is another jumping-off-the-cliff situation. With the rapid growth of good teams being the direct result of good leadership and due to the lack of time to seek wide spread opinion from you, the Coach of the Year selection will be based upon team results this past season. With this background - Dennis Barbour - Greensboro Grimsley High Coach is selected for this honor. Barbour's team won the NCHSAA State Tournament. Being interested in amateur wrestling, Dennis has been active in attending clinics, national collegiate tournaments, and taking members of his team to various clinics. A gentleman and a coach who wishes to see wrestling grow in an orderly manner, to you Dennis Barbour we congratulate.

MOST IMPROVED TEAM

The team selected by Mat News as the ~~Most Improved is coached by Harold Smith.~~ Trinity High has had their team for only three years and have risen to the status as a team to respect. Trinity shared the South Piedmont Conference title with neighbor Thomasville this year. ~~Attendance at Trinity shows the rise of the sport in that over 1200 attended the Trinity-Thomasville match.~~ Coach Smith's team finished fourth in the 31 team WNCCHSAA Tournament. They won their own Trinity Invitational and lost only one dual match, that to Thomasville by several points this past season.

COACHES' PROPOSAL TO DETERMINE WNCCHSAA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

The Western North Carolina High School Activities Association wrestling coaches appointed a committee (Ron Byerly-Hudson; Phil Kanoy-Thomasville; Bill Mayhew-South Iredell; and John Keeter-Chase) to study the possibility of a method to determine a team association champion. The committee will present the proposal to the Association Board at the Spring meeting. In essence, the proposal will have the top teams in each of the four conferences seeded against the second place teams. The tournament will be held the week prior to the regular association tournament at the 4 seeded schools. The rounds will be on a Tuesday, Thursday, and the championship match on Saturday. Gate receipts will be handled as they are in the football playoffs. It was reported to Mat News that 24 out of 31 coaches have responded, with 22 voting for the proposal, 1 against, and 1 indifferent. Another improvement the coaches adopted, to use the method as described in the 1976 NCAA rule book, to determine winners in the tournament in case of a tie. This method used during the recent tournament proved to work out very good in that no one questioned any overtime match. Phil Kanoy was elected as the new president when Ralph Shaterly asked to step down after several years in that office at the last coaches meeting.

This will be the last issue of Mat News until next season. It is hoped that you enjoyed the 10 issues. Without your support it could not have been accomplished. I wish to thank each of you who contributed with financial support, with information, and with a word of appreciation. I have enjoyed working with the Newsletter and hope that you learned a little about some other area of the state where the sport is growing or perhaps you gathered information concerning some team or wrestler. For there were wrestlers and teams omitted that certainly deserved recognition. It has been necessary to rely on fans such as Ralph Sandiford and William Cornwell, as well as, coaches to supply the information for which rankings, All-State Selections, and

I would like to thank Frankie Patterson, Sports Editor of the Kannapolis Daily Independent, for making available materials and information that came across his desk. He made available many out-of-town papers. Additionally, I wish to thank Steve Williams, Sports Editor of the Reidsville Review for sending many clippings. Other writers and newspapers were referred by coaches and fans as being on top of wrestling news and doing a great job of reporting. Many column inches were sent to Mat News and used in the various issues. To these reporters, I wish to say thank you for the coverage of a fast growing and exciting sport.

Invitational Champion; Sectional Champion; Coach Gordon Patrick.

- 112 - DONALD STONE - West Carteret - West Carteret Invitational Champion; East Carteret Invitational Champion; Sectional Champion; State Runner-up. Coach Gordon Patrick.
- 119 - JIMMY STARKEY - Olympic - 23-2 record - East Mecklenburg Invitational Champion and Co-winner of Most Outstanding Award; Sectional Champion; Myers Park Invitational Champion; Eden Holiday Classic Champion. Coach Bruce Hardin.
- 126 - ERIC HOLMES - Gov. Morehead School for the Blind; Sectional Champion; 3-time champion Eastern Athletic Association For The Blind; Undefeated. Coach John Wood.
- 132 - JOHN GRANT - Williams - 25-3 record; City-County Champion and Most Outstanding Award; East Carteret Invitational Champion; Champion Eden Holiday Classic; Conference Champion; Runner-up in sectionals; lost to Griffith in State Semi-finals. Coach Steve Bernhardt.
- ~~138 - RANDY ELLISON~~ - Trinity - 26-2-1 record; WNCCHSAA Champion; Eden Holiday Classic Champion; Second-East Carteret Tournament; Second-Trinity Invitational; All-Conference S.P.C.; ~~Coach Harold Smith.~~
- 145 - RUSTY QUATE - 17-2 record; 3rd place in State Meet after loss to State Champion Davis; 3-time WRAL-TV Champion; Conference Champion and Sanford Sectional Champion. Coach John Sanderson.
- 155 - JAMES SPEED - Sanford Central - 28-2 record; Conference Champion; Sectional Champion; Most Outstanding Wrestler in Sanford Sectional; Second place in State Meet losing to Joyner. Coach John Walker.
- 167 - CHARLES BURNS - Cary - 27-3 record; 3 losses, one from Speed in 1st match of the season and two losses to State Champion Bartlett in the Bull Durham Classic and the State Finals; won championship in WRAL-TV Tournament; Conference Tournament; and Sectional Tournament. Coach John Sanderson.
- 185 - JAMES JOHNSON - D. H. Conley - State Champion; Sectional Champion; East Carteret Invitational Champion; Champion Hoggard High Invitational and Most Outstanding Wrestler; Conference Champion. Coach Milt Sherman.
- 195 - CHARLES BOZEMAN - Williams - 26-3 record; City-County Champion; Champion East Carteret Invitational; Conference Champion; Runner-up in Eden Holiday Classic, Sectional; 3rd place State Meet after losing to State Champion Frazier in State Semi-finals. Coach Steve Bernhardt.
- 195 - SEZZIE LOVE - Grimsley - High Point Sectional Champion; Eden Holiday Classic Champion; Bull Durham Classic Champion; Greensboro Invitational Champion. Coach Dennis Barbour.
- HWT. - KENNY RAMSEY - Cape Fear - 25-1-1 record; has not lost a dual meet in past two years; WRAL-TV Tournament Champion; Division III Champion; Sectional Champion; State runner-up; 42-3-2 record for last two years. Coach Mike Stanbridge.

With the conclusion of the 1975-76 wrestling season we are reminded of the long days of practice, weighing-in, tough matches, and then the thrill of winning a big meet, tournaments, going undefeated, and after all it was all worth the price. North Carolina now has somewhere near 180 wrestling teams averaging approximately 25 members each. This means approximately 4500 wrestlers competed this past season. Who were the best? Assisted by recommendations of coaches, results of tournaments and dual meets, Mat News presents its 1975-76 selection of the top wrestlers from across the state. Several will no doubt be omitted and we apologize now because we wish to recognize the best but if a coach did not send the information then we had to rely upon information such as North Carolina State Champion, Western North Carolina Activities Association Champion, sectional tournaments, and recommendation from other coaches. In several cases two wrestlers were chosen as first team selections. A resume of the top wrestlers is presented for your information. Honorable Mentions will be listed only by name and school. Selecting the All-State team was a tough assignment, but Mat News is of the opinion that a list of outstanding wrestlers should be presented at the conclusion of the season. Again the purpose is motivational and perhaps someone next year might decide that he will work hard, keep training rules, practice, practice, and more practice in order to become the best. It was a good year with many outstanding wrestlers,

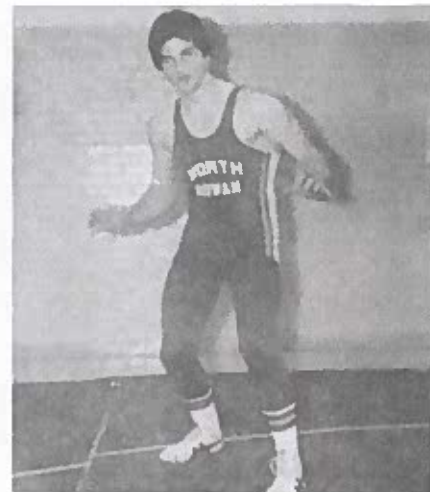
- 98 - KIRK ALFORD - Cape Fear - 22-1 record; Champion WRAL-TV Tournament; 2nd place in Division III Tournament; Sectional Champion; State Champion.
Coach Mike Stanbridge.
- 105 - BILL CLARK - Ragsdale - Sectional Champion and Most Outstanding Wrestler Award; District 7 Conference Champion and Most Outstanding Award; State Champion.
Coach Mike Rabon.
- 112 - KEN JENKINS - Grimsley - Sectional Champion; Eden Holiday Classic Champion; Bull Durham Classic Champion; Greensboro Invitational Champion; State Champion.
Coach Dennis Barbour.
- 119 - ~~ANDY ATKINS - Trinity - 26-3 record~~; Second in Eden Holiday Classic; Trinity Invitational Champion; All-Conference Selection; WNCHSAA Champion; Coach Harold Smith.
- 119 - NORMAN MASTERSON - Brevard - Sectional Champion; State Champion; Coach Frank Robinson.
- 126 - DOUG SWAFFORD - Enka - 27-3 with 16 pins; Conference Champion Jr. & Sr. years; Sectional Champion Jr. & Sr. years; State Champion 1976. Coach Jim Whitner.
- 132 - BILLY SZOSTAK - Grimsley - State Champion, runner-up Sectional; runner-up Eden Holiday Classic; Bull Durham Classic Champion; Coach Dennis Barbour.
- 132 - BRYAN GRIFFITH - Avery County - 1976 Northwestern Conference 2-A Champion; District 7 NCHSAA Tournament Champion and Most Outstanding Wrestler; WNCHSAA Champion 1975 and Most Outstanding; 1st team All-State 1975; State Runner-up losing to Szostak 18-12, hampered by injury. Coach David Harris.
- 138 - JOE SMITH - Southern Alamance - 27-1 record; State Champion; Sectional Champion; Eden Holiday Classic Champion; City-County Champion; Myers Park Invitation Champion and Most Outstanding Wrestler Award. Coach Wally Burke.
- 138 - BARRY ARMSTRONG - Cary - 29-1 record; Placed 3rd in State Meet after losing to Joe Smith 5-4 in Semi-finals, who he had previously defeated 10-3 in dual meet; won four championships; Bull Durham Classic; WRAL-TV, Cap. VIII and Most Outstanding; and Sanford Sectional. Coach John Sanderson.
- 145 - MARTIN DAVIS - Walter Williams - 25-1-1 record; Champion City-County Tournament; Champion Eden Holiday Classic; Conference Champion; Sectional Champion; State Champion. Coach Steve Bernhardt.
- 155 - BOBBY JOYNER - Northwest Guilford - Sr. year record 27-2-1, Career record 56-8-3 with 44 pins; State Champion; Most Outstanding Wrestler Award State Meet, High Point Sectional Champion; Mid-State Western 3-A Conference Champion and Most Outstanding Wrestler; Trinity Invitational Champion and Most Outstanding Wrestler. Coach Jerry Readinger.
- 167 - DAVID BARTLETT - Grimsley - State Champion; Sectional Champion; Runner-up to Ron Frazier in Eden Holiday Classic; Bull Durham Classic; Greensboro Invitational Champion. Coach Dennis Barbour.
- 185 - GREG LOWE - East Rowan - Repeat WNCHSAA Champion at 185; Undefeated Senior year; All-State last year; All-Conference 1976; Most Outstanding Wrestler in N.P.C. 1976. Coach Jim Barringer.
- 195 - STEVE ATWOOD - Watauga - Champion Smoky Mountains Invitational; Champion WNCHSAA; All-Conference Jr. & Sr. year; Most Outstanding Wrestler WNCHSAA Tournament with 5 pins in 5 matches; Undefeated Sr. year. Coach Bill Brown.
- 195 - RON FRAZIER - Eden Morehead - Sr. year 27-1 with 21 pins; Jr. year 23-1; Soph. year 20-7; two time Sectional Champion; two time Eden Holiday Classic Champion; three time conference champion; Trinity Invitational Champion; State Champion.



DANNY JOYNER - 170
NORTHWEST GUILFORD HIGH



JIM STEPP - 188
TRINITY HIGH



RON BUTLER - HWT
ROSE HIGH

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM - North Carolina High School State Team Champions, 1979-80 Season. Front Row, Left to Right, Duane Vestal, Mark Talbert, and David Moon. 2nd Row, L. to R., Head Coach Harold Smith, Devaughn Taylor, Kieth Aikens, Bryan Williamson, Craig Waitman, Scott Brinkley, Terry Gray, and Mgr. Greg Fischel. 3rd Row, L to R., David Hughes, Asst. Coach, Jim Stepp, Bill Crawford, Billy Corn, Bobby Hill, Todd Harrison, John Stepp, and Mgr. James Henderson. Asst. Coach Jerry Wynnnett was absent when picture was made. The Trinity Team won the 3-A North Piedmont Conference title, The Ragsdale Tigerland Tournament, the Salisbury Sectional, the Western Regional and the State Meet. Coach Smith who started the program at Trinity has been named the Mat News Coach of the Year for 1979-80. (See related article on front page.)



NCHSAA Hall of Fame

I am writing this letter in support of my high school wrestling coach, Harold Smith who was a phenomenal athlete, coach and mentor during his storied career.

I believe he is most worthy of being inducted into the NCHSAA Hall of Fame in recognition of his many accomplishments during his coaching and teaching career.

I was a member of the inaugural wrestling team at Trinity High School in 1973. Coach Smith started this team from scratch and in three seasons produced two state champions.

The year following my graduation, his 1977 team won the state dual team championship. A phenomenal feat for a team after only four seasons. While Coach Smith was at Trinity High School, his wrestling matches regularly attracted 1,000 spectators. At \$1.00 per ticket, Coach Smith's wildly popular matches benefited not only Trinity High School monetarily but also the Trinity and surrounding communities.

Coach Smith went on to coach at numerous high schools with similar success. In addition, he went on to serve as Principal at Parkland High School. He was inducted into the Mt Tabor and Trinity High School's Hall of Fame.

I knew nothing about high school wrestling when coach Smith recruited me in 1973. After only 3 years of wrestling under coach Smith, I was named 1st team all-state my senior year. I owe so very much to coach Smith for that accomplishment and all of the other life lessons I learned from him. He was like a father to me.

Below is a list of Coach Smith's additional accomplishments you may not be aware of:

1971-1973 – At the start of his career at Graham High School, Harold was a teacher and coached football, wrestling, and tennis.

1973-1982 – Harold Smith began the wrestling program in 1973 at Trinity High School and continued as the coach through 1982 while also coaching football, track and field and golf.

1977 – While coaching at Trinity High School, Coach Smith finished the season with a perfect 18 -0 wrestling record. This same year Coach Smith inaugurated the Trinity Invitational Tournament that still exists to this day.

1978 – Trinity HS won the conference championship again under Coach Smith's leadership.

1980 – Awarded Northwest NC Coach of the Year and NC Coach of the Year.

1983 – 1985 – While at High Point Central High School in 1984, High Point had a perfect 9-0 record in the regular season. In the regional tournament High Point had 5 place winners: Four 1st place finishers and One 2nd place finisher.

1989 – 1998 – Coach Smith helped coach wrestling after school and helped run the Athletic Department while encouraging students to become more than they thought they could be.

1998 – 2005 – While serving at Parkland Hight School Principal, Harold Smith and his team of leaders won the "Most Improved School in Winston-Salem Forsyth County School System" award.

2005-2007 – While at Clarksville High School, Harold Smith implemented many new and improved programs.

2007- 2018 – After returning to NC from Tennessee, Harold Smith filled in as Assistant Principal at multiple schools including but not limited to West, North, RJ Reynolds, Mt Tabor, Atkins and Wiley County schools. He helped with the wrestling programs at all these schools. While at Mt. Tabor, one of his student wrestlers became a state champion.

Your consideration is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Andy Aikens

Trinity High School 1976 Graduate

Andy Aikens

10-25-2024

Area Wrestlers Carry High Hopes: All Squads Expecting Improvement

By CAROL WILSON
Enterprise Sports Writer

The best should be better and the rest should get better as well during the 1975-76 area wrestling season.

Traditional powers Andrews, Thomasville and Ragsdale should continue to be strong, according to preseason reports while both Trinity and Central should see much better seasons.

The Bison, who finished 10-8 last season, have a "good nucleus coming back and a good bunch of young kids" as well according to Pat Withers.

Eight experienced the starting lineup while five others move up from junior high or junior varsity programs.

The best of the returnees, according to Withers, may be senior Lorenzo Quick, who returns at 126 pounds. Also back are Steve Sowers, 98 pounds; parttime starter Robin Hinkle, 112 pounds; parttime wrestler Cornelius Quick, 119 pounds; Jerry Willard, 138 pounds; Hal Johnson, 155 pounds; Warren Rickert, 167 pounds, and Mike Wright, heavyweight.

Joining that group will be sophomore Willie Davis, 105 pounds; senior Jimmy Manning, 132 pounds and sophomore James Rorie, 195 pounds, all with junior high experience as well as junior Roddie Hobbs from the junior varsity and sophomore James White with no previous experience.

"We've wrestled Andrews twice and they've beaten us pretty badly," said Withers, "we hope to do a lot of turning around between now and our next match. We've got a good group back



BOB SAPP

but we lack experience and depth from 167 pounds on up. That's our main problem — we really need some more people there.

"But I think we're going to do much better this year," he finished. Withers listed Grimsley as the District Eight favorite, and pointed out that the Bison will host the sectional wrestling tournament for the first time in February.

Two of the powers in that tournament in the past have been Andrews and Ragsdale, and both schools are now in District Seven which should make for quite a wrestling rivalry.

First-year Raider coach Bob Sapp has found himself in a position most coaches would envy — eight starters return from last season, including a state champion and two other state tournament participants.

Barry Perkins, defending 126-pound champion, is still nursing a broken thumb from football season but should join the wrestling ranks shortly. Harold Harris (119

pounds) and Harold Robinson (138 pounds) also participated in the state.

Other returning starters include: Bernie Ingram, 115 pounds; Spot McLean, 132 pounds; Adrian Bass, 145 pounds; Chris Kueny, 167 pounds and Mark Freeman, heavyweight.

Newcomers to the starting lineup should include Taylor Yingling, 98 pounds; Keith Jones, 112 pounds; Dan Wagoner, 155 pounds; Benjie Skinner, 126 pounds (reserve for Perkins); Carlton Davenport, 185 pounds and Ernest Bayne, 195 pounds. Jones Wagoner and Bayne all wrestling in junior high last year while Davenport was on the varsity and Yingling is in his first year.

"We'll have a pretty fair year — of course we'd like to win 'em all," said Sapp, "If all our wrestlers keep improving, we have a chance to do really well. I've been impressed with all the work they've put into it — wrestling is an individual sport and they've shown they don't mind working to get down to their weights."

Sapp had a hard time picking out exceptional wrestlers on his squad as he listed all the returning starters as state tournament material. The Raider coach added that District Seven would be very competitive this season.

"Ragsdale and Reidsville have traditionally strong programs," he said. "We wrestle Parkland next and I've heard they were good. West Forsyth should also be tough. We just want to take 'em one at a time."

At Ragsdale, coach Mike Raybon has fewer wrestlers than in years past, but still thinks he may have as good or better Tiger team since



HAROLD SMITH

the state championship group of 1972.

Nine starters return, including Jerome Lewis, who was third in the state tournament at 155 pounds and Steve Horney, who finished 22-2 last year at 138 pounds.

Sean Smith returns at 112 pounds, while Ronnie Bolton at 119, Steve Shoemaker at 126, Joey Weekly at 132, Ben Steed at 145, Jeff Fricke at 185 and heavyweight David McDade are also back.

Joining them in the starting lineup should be sophomores Bobby Culler at 98 pounds; Bill Clark at 105 pounds; Joe Brown at 167 pounds and Leon Bittle at 195 pounds. Clark was an undefeated wrestler at Jamestown Junior High.

"We don't have much depth — at seven weights we've only got one person," pointed out Raybon, "What we have is a good team, if there aren't any injuries. I'd say the District Seven is overall a stronger conference in wrestling than the Mid-State, I'm sure Parkland and Andrews will be

strong, and Reidsville, Williams and West Forsyth all have good teams, I hear."

Success is a way of life with Thomasville wrestling, and the 1975-76 team appears to be no exception, although it is not as experienced a group as coach Phil Kanoy has had in the past. Six starters are gone from last year's South Piedmont champions and Western North Carolina Activities Association runners-up.

"Basically this is a relatively young group," said Kanoy, "a lot is real uncertain. But we've got a positive attitude and I've been real pleased with all of the effort."

Seven starters do return, including All-SPC wrestlers Reggie Bayse, at 105 pounds and Mike Sanders, 119 pounds. Also back are Mark Lambeth, 112 pounds; Jerry Hibbett, 126 pounds; Jerry Sullivan, 145 pounds; Mike Foulks, 195 pounds and Mike McRae, heavyweight. Foulks is currently out with a head injury from football season.

Up from the junior high program will be Darrell Wilson at 112 pounds and Mark Conner at 185. Junior varsity wrestlers moving up include Paul Smoot at 132 pounds; Scott Bowers at 138 pounds; Perry Starrett at 155 pounds; Ronnie Lathan at 167 pounds and Charles Scott at 195 pounds. Tracy Boles at 98 pounds will be in his first year.

Kanoy lists Trinity, Albemarle, Statesville, Lexington and Asheboro as teams to watch out for, giving an idea that he thinks the league should be balanced this season.

Trinity coach Harold Smith agrees that the SPC should be balanced, and he's hoping his much-improved Bulldogs



PHIL KANOY
Strong Again

will be a factor in the league race.

All-conference performers David Robertson at 114 pounds, Andy Aikens at 121 and Randy Ellison at 140 return to bolster Smith's hopes, while also back are Donald Robertson at 121, Norman Askew at 128, Tommy Rice at 134, James Carroll at 147, Craig Wagoner at 157 and Kent Honeycutt at 187.

New faces include Mike Witcher and Jeff Oakley at 169 pounds; Mark LeVallen at 197; Logan Fulp at heavyweight; Brian Brown at 107 and Donnie Fesperman and Tony McWhirter at 98.

"This is the strongest team I've ever had," said Smith, "We were a fair team last year, and we should be a lot better but it depends on how our young boys come around."

Like Kanoy, Smith feels like Statesville, Asheboro, Albemarle and Lexington will be tough teams, although he puts Thomasville at the top of the list.

Area Wrestling Outlook Is Mixed

By CAROL WILSON
Enterprise Sports Writer

The 1974 wrestling season for area high schools has opened to mixed reviews, as two area schools try to maintain their strong wrestling traditions, two others are expecting big improvement and a fifth school doesn't yet know quite what to expect.

High Point Andrews and Thomasville are looking to keep up with their past efforts. The Red Raiders are aiming for their seventh District Seven conference title while the Bulldogs go after their fifth South Piedmont Conference crown.

At High Point Central and Trinity, however, coaches are aiming for 500 seasons and hoping to be competitive in their respective leagues.

Ragsdale coach Mike Raybon doesn't yet know what to predict for his Tiger matmen. Most of his grapplers didn't come off the football field until Friday night, and the Tigers have yet to see the first full team practice. The Ragsdale program also has a winning tradition, however, and another competitive year is likely.

The greatest blow to Mike Lambeth's hopes at Andrews also occurred on the football field when 1974 state heavyweight champion Steve

Raiders final grid contest of the season.

"Right now, Steve has his leg in a cast," Lambeth said. "He could possibly be back by tournament time, but I don't think he'll see any action before then. It all depends on how the knee he injured comes around."

Lambeth also lost the services of senior Ron Durham, a 1974 starter, who became ineligible by age earlier this season. Still the Raiders do have seven starters back from last year's 13-3 club that finished second to Grimsley in the sectionals and fifth in the state tournament.

The returnees include: Bernie Ingram, 105 pounds; Barry Perkins, 126 pounds; Mike McLean, 132 pounds; Harold Robinson, 138 pounds; Adrian Bass, 145 pounds; Kara Mack, 155 pounds, and Steve Brown, 185 pounds.

"Without Campbell and Durham, we'll go with young kids at the top and bottom weights," Lambeth said. "We'll accumulate more points in the middle weights — that's where our experience is."

Newcomers that may help Andrews include three grapplers who've had some wrestling experience. Charles Sims, 112 pounds,

James Etheridge, 167 pounds, all figure heavily in Lambeth's plans.

"I expect Reidsville and Morehead will give us the toughest competition," commented Lambeth. "We battle it out with those two every year. I think we'll be in there again this year."

Central coach Pat Withers is not quite as optimistic as his crosstown rival, but the Bison mentor is expecting better things from his young crew of grapplers.

Central returns four starters from last season, as well as a fifth wrestler who saw considerable action, so several of the Bison starters will be newcomers.

"We're a young team without experience," Withers admitted. "How good we are depends on how we develop, and we should be able to tell a lot more after Christmas. Some of these kids haven't played in junior high, and it takes a while for them to come around."

Like Andrews, much of Central's experience lies in the middle weights. Phillip Atkinson, 132 pounds, Tony Allen, 155 pounds, and Keith Jones 185 pounds all started last year for Withers, while Hal Johnson at 145 pounds, started the last half of the year, and Steve Sowers, 98 pounds, saw considerable

Five other grapplers, all new to the Bison wrestling program, will be starting for Withers. James Beck at 105 pounds has never wrestled before; Cornelius Quick and Lorenzo Quick are two sophomores up from the Northeast junior high program who will start at the 112 and 126 pounds classes respectively; Randy Ferguson brings junior high and jayvee experience to the 167-pound division and Michael Wright is up from the jayvee program to start at heavyweight.

Central lacks a solid starter at the 138-pound class.

"A 500 season will be real good for us," said Withers. "We can't really compete with schools like Grimsley, which have a program that runs all year instead of just the three months of wrestling season. They were second in the state last year and I figure they'll lead our conference again, with Smith being the second team."

Thomasville wrestlers have been second to no one in the SPC for the last four years. The Bulldogs finished 17-0 last year in regular season matches, then finished fourth in the Western North Carolina Activities Association tournament.

Seven lettermen are back

only five of those will be starting this year for coach Phil Kanoy. The Bulldogs lost six all-conference performers from last year's club, including Paul Hibbett, Association champ at 119 pounds. Another all-conference star, senior Clinton Hunter, is lost to the Bulldogs because of a shoulder injury suffered in football.

Those returning include three other all-conference stars, however. Mike Sanders at 112 pounds was all-SPC at 105 pounds, Mark Hibbett at 126 was all-league at 112 pounds and Allen Barnes was all-SPC in his current division of 138 pounds.

Other returning lettermen include: Lester Epps and Chris Capel at 145; Freddie Everhart at 132 and Glenn Miller at 112. Miller and Capel will not be starting this season, but will back up Sanders and Epps respectively.

"We're expecting another successful year," commented Kanoy. "It will be hard to follow up last year — it was our greatest season yet as far as regular season wins. Seventeen is the most we've ever had."

"Our goals are first, to have wrestlers good enough to win individual cham-

ference champions; and third to be association champions. If all of those things fall into place, we may get an undefeated season."

Kanoy is counting on strong performances from some of his young grapplers as well.

"We've got a lot of new faces starting," Kanoy admitted. "But our junior varsity and junior high programs have helped us here tremendously. All the boys basically have experience wrestling somewhere."

Among those newcomers who will be starting are: sophomore Reggie Bayse, 98 pounds; sophomore Bobby King, 105 pounds; senior Stanley Robinson, 119 pounds; senior Charles Tillman, 155 pounds; senior Bobby Poole, 167 pounds; senior Bill Mills, 185 pounds; junior Mike Foulks, 195 pounds and sophomore Mike McRae, heavyweight.

The Trinity wrestling program is only in its second year under coach Harold Smith, but already the Bulldogs are seeing major improvements.

Eight starters are back from Smith's first team, and after four matches this season, three of those wrestlers are undefeated. Andy Aikens, 121 pounds;

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7 Area Grapplers Named All-SPC

Seven area wrestlers were named to the All-South Piedmont Conference squad while Thomasville's Phil Kanoy and Trinity's Harold Smith finished second and third respectively in the coach of the year voting.

Western North Carolina Activities Association champs Reggie Bayse of Thomasville and Andy Aikens and Randy Ellison of Trinity led the all-conference list. Mark Hibbett of Thomasville was also named and finished second in Wrestler of the Year voting. He and Bayse make the team for the second year.

Other Thomasville grapplers named include Scott Bowers and Mark McRae while Norman Ask rounded out Trinity representation.

Statesville's Kelly Da received Wrestler of the Year honors with Coach of the Year going to the Greyhounds' Jesse Jacks. Hibbett finished in a second place tie with Joey Rosen of Kannapolis.

Ellison and Aikens were undefeated for Trinity this season. The Trinity and Thomasville teams were SPC co-champions with records.

Carol Wilson



Outside The Locker Room

Although his Trinity basketball team became the first to finish its 75-76 season, Tommy Appenzeller isn't ready to relax and take it easy.

As far as he's concerned, his work isn't over...it's just beginning.

"This is the time to get working," Appenzeller said after his Bulldogs were trampled by Thomasville Monday night. "You can't wait until next Nov. 1 to build a basketball team. Now is the time to get the kids out and running track and playing baseball.

"We have to get these kids interested in going to basketball camps and playing in summer leagues," he continued. "Players are always going to improve over the course of the season, but most of their improvement is going to be made in between seasons."

Appenzeller's debut as a head coach was marred by the Bulldogs' 0-20 record, and the former Ledford assistant isn't saying that times haven't been tough at Trinity. He is saying, though that they can be better.

"We have to get the kids involved, to build a fundamentally sound program," he said. "The overall athletic program needs to be sound. People want to win, it's just a matter of realizing what you have to do to win."

In this respect, Appenzeller sounds much like his fellow Trinity coaches, who have been working at building a positive attitude. So far, the most successful Bulldog programs have been girls basketball and wrestling.

The wrestling team finished as co-champion in the South Piedmont Conference with Thomasville. Saturday night in the Western North Carolina High School Activities Association tournament, Trinity finished fourth with 90 points while Thomasville was fifth at 80½. Andy Aikens and Randy Ellison both claimed association titles at 121 pounds and 140 respectively, while Thomasville's Reggie Bayse won the 114-pound title.

Appenzeller is hoping the success of the wrestling program will carry over into the basketball program.

"I believe the wrestling success will help," he said, "It has to encourage people to come out and do things. You've got to have success before people know what it is."

That last statement may be the crux of problems at Trinity.

"If kids don't win, they don't learn what it takes to win," Appenzeller continued. "I remember reading an article about John Wooden's teams at UCLA. It said that once his clubs started winning, the teams that came up were afraid not to win. They were willing to work that little extra bit harder to win."

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LOCAL NOTES

TENNIS — The composition courts at the J. Brooks Reitzel Tennis Center are open and playable once more, after going through their annual resurfacing process. City Tennis Co-ordinator Ed Ray and his competent staff handled that job well, and the courts are now in good shape once again.

Applications are now available at the Reitzel Center for tennis lessons. Sessions for adults begin April 19th and continue almost the entire summer. Instruction for children will begin with the closing of school.

Instruction will be held for beginners, intermediate and advanced players, so whether you don't know which end of the racquet to hold or just how not to run around a backhand, now is the time to express an interest in these lessons. Classes will be held at different times of the day, to accommodate almost any needs.

The Oak Hollow Tennis Center will officially become the J. Brooks Reitzel Tennis Center after the dedication ceremonies, which have been set for April 15.

WRESTLING — Six area wrestlers were honored by Tat News as All-State selections, while the entire Trinity wrestling program was chosen Most Improved.

Andy Aikens of Trinity and Bill Clark of Ragsdale were named to the first team list. Aikens, a 119-pounder, was the Western North Carolina High School Activities Association champion at that weight. He was 10-0 on the season. He was All-SPC for the second year.

Clark was North Carolina High School Athletic Association champion at 105 pounds in addition to being named Most Outstanding at the sectional meet and in the District Seven conference meet. Clark was conference and sectional champ at 105 pounds.

Trinity's Randy Ellison was chosen for the third team squad. He was also a WNCSSA champion, winning the 138-pound class and was All-SPC for the second year with a 26-2-2 overall record.

Thomasville's Reggie Bayse and Ragsdale's Jerome Lewis were fourth-team choices. Bayse was the NCHSSA 105-pound titlist and was also named All-SPC. Lewis was sectional champion and finished second in the NCHSAA tournament. A third Ragsdale wrestler, Ronnie Bolton, was honorable mention. Like Lewis, Bolton was a state runnerup.

The Trinity wrestling program, only three years old, has been a tribute to the school and the work of coach Harold Smith. The Bulldogs suffered only one regular season loss in 1975-76, falling to Thomasville by five points in a dual meet. Trinity and Thomasville finished co-champs in the South Piedmont Conference.

Seedings Set For Trinity Mat Tourney

TRINITY — First round seeds have been chosen for this Saturday's Trinity Invitational Tournament, and four Andrews wrestlers are seeded first in their weight class.

Mike Murchinson, 100 pounds; Harold Robinson, 134 pounds; Adrian Bass, 140 pounds and Steve Brown, 187 pounds are the Raiders who earned top seedings in the tournament, which will be held at the Trinity gym.

Three Thomasville wrestlers are ranked first in their respective weight classes. They are: Lester Epps, 147 pounds; Bobby Poole, 169 pounds, and Mike McRae unlimited.

Andy Aikens is the lone Trinity wrestler to earn top seeding, he is ranked first in the 121 pound category.

Other top seeds are: Mark Lambros, Central Davidson, 107 pounds; Mark McLeod, Asheboro, 114 pounds; Robin Wilson, Asheboro, 128 pounds; Bobby Joyner, Northwest Guilford, 157 pounds; and Jack Southern, Northwest Guilford, 197 pounds.

The tourney features wrestling teams from Trinity, Andrews, Thomasville, Ledford, Central Davidson, Southern Guilford, Northwest Guilford and Asheboro. Seedings were chosen in a coaches' meeting Wednesday night.

Competition begins at 10 a.m. Saturday with the finals set for 8:30 p.m.



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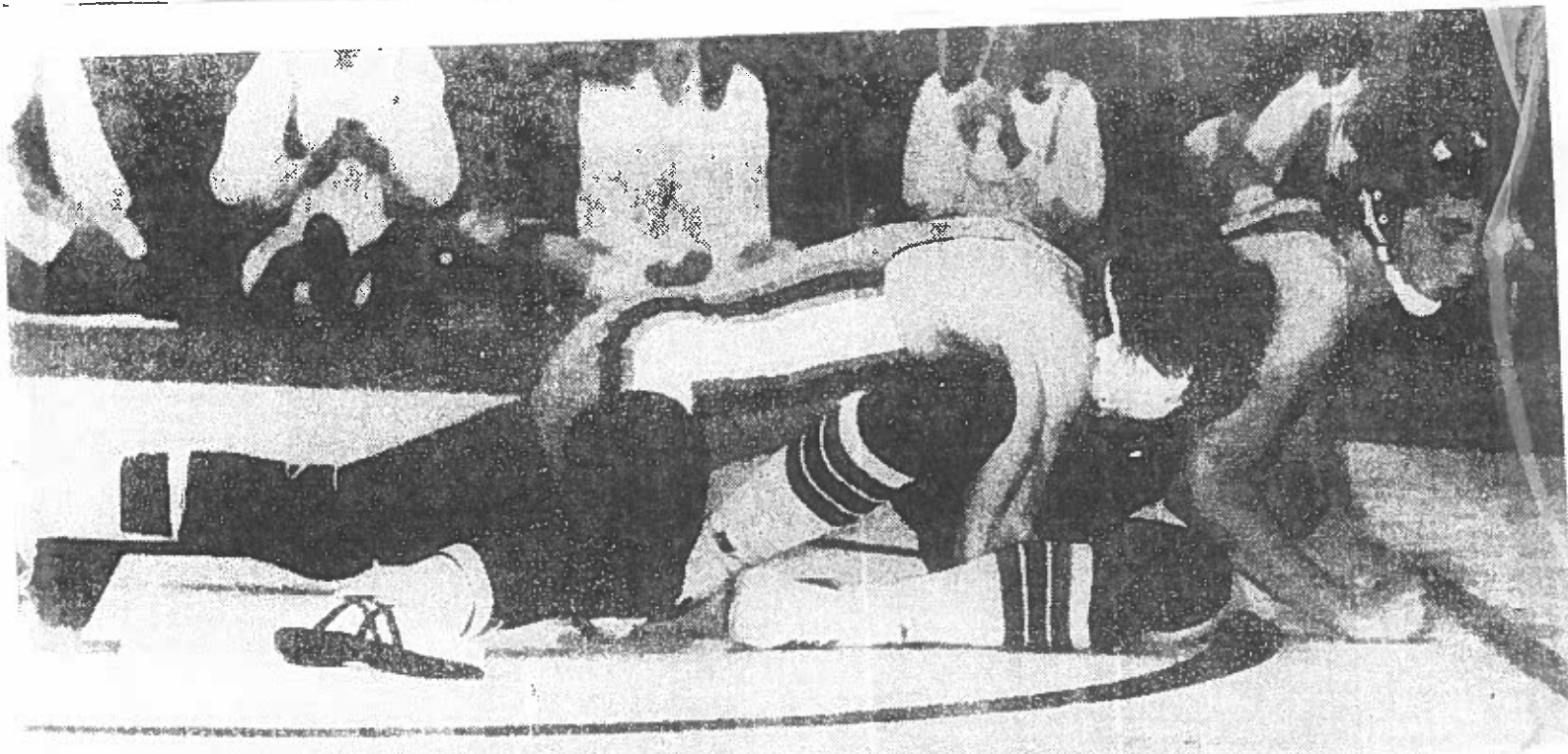
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Trinity, Thomasville finish 4th and 5th in WNCCHSAA mat tourney

BY HELEN ROSS
TIMES Sports Writer
CHINA GROVE — At times it looked like the Ringling Brothers Circus had made a detour to South Rowan High School. There were three rings...er, mats... of wrestling to watch and the action was as fierce as any lion-lamb act.

Howe all this furious part of the activity. West Carolina High School wrestles over Saturday when Thomasville and two from Trinity on their championships matches.

Trinity's Andy Atkins at 119 pounds pinned Patterson from Hudson High and Randy Ellison at 136 pounds defeated Weekes of North Rowan to claim individual championships for Trinity. Both Trinity finalists are undefeated for this season. Thomasville's Reggie Bayse pinned number one seed Coffey from Watauga High of Boone with 22 seconds left in the first period to grab the 105 title.

Not only did three area grapplers win individual crowns but both Trinity and Thomasville placed in the top five teams from the field of 31 high schools. South Iredell won the association meet with 118½ points, followed by Watauga with 131, Trinity Rowan with 106½, Trinity with 90 and Thomasville with 80½.

In the consolation finals early Saturday evening, Thomasville's 185 pounder

Mark Conner and Craig Wagner at 157 and Tony McWhirter at 100 pounds for Trinity placed fourth in the association.

Thomasville and Trinity tied for the South Piedmont Conference title with 7-1 records overall. Trinity defeated Thomasville in its Christmas tournament while the Thomasville matmen took the regular season encounter.

Thomasville coach Phil Kanoy was happy with the tournament finish and especially with the wrestling of Bayse and Conner. Bayse advanced in the tournament on two pins, one decision and two superior decisions. Conner won on two pins and two decisions and lost one pin.

"I was well pleased after Thursday's showing," Kanoy said. "But Black Friday, Friday the 13th, was the most disastrous showing for one day in a tournament since I've been coaching. Everything went wrong. Yesterday we recovered from Friday, though. I know for a fact we lost four tough matches; two by a

two point decisions and two by one point decisions. The boys lost to real tough wrestlers, but none of those advanced." Kanoy explained, "Of course, we can't depend on other people to win and put us in the consolation."

The Thomasville team is a young squad with only two seniors, co-captains Mark Hibbett and Mike Sanders. "The showing says a lot for all the hard work the team put forth," Kanoy said. "At the beginning of the year we never expected to accomplish this although it was our goal."

The Trinity program is only three years old but the Bulldogs will lose seven seniors from the 121 division up to the 187 pound class.

"I am real pleased with our showing in the association," Trinity mentor Harold Smith said. "The boys worked real hard. The two that won individual titles wrestled free-style and went to camps."

Smith mentioned the performances of Bulldog grapplers Tommy Rice who reached the quarterfinals

only to lose in overtime and McWhirter who is just a sophomore. Although, both coaches stressed the friendships created during such competitions. Smith acknowledged Trinity really wanted to avenge their defeat by Thomasville.

"Our first goal was to win the tournament," Smith said. "But our second goal was to beat Thomasville."

Smith said that the Trinity wrestlers did, however, pull for Thomasville and the other South Piedmont Conference teams and noted they, in turn, rooted for Trinity.

"Even though we're enemies on the mat at the same time off the mat we're friendly competitors," Kanoy commented. "Wrestling gives opponents, with the time element involved, an opportunity to get to know competitors real well not just on the battlefield. It creates lasting friendships. And as the interest generated in this South Piedmont Conference mat season indicates, a little friendly competition can't be all bad."



(Photo by Sam Banks)

Rowan High School. The two trophies represent the first place tie of the two teams in South Piedmont Conference act wrestling season.

Trinity's Andy Atkins (left), Thomasville's Reggie Bayse (center) and Trinity's Randy Ellison (right) display the medals each received for winning individual titles in the WNCCHSAA meet over the weekend at South

High Point Enterprise, Wednesday, February 4, 1976

Thomasville Edges Trinity Wrestlers

TRINITY — The Trinity gym was packed Tuesday night and the wrestling fans got their money's worth.

A full house watched Thomasville and Trinity, two of the South Piedmont Conference's best, battle to a near-deadlock after 12 matches, then saw Bulldog Mike McRae pin Logan Fulp in the final match to give Thomasville a 32-26 victory.

The Bulldogs had trailed 26-19 after 11 matches, but Charles Scott pinned Mark Lewallen to get Thomasville back in it.

"This is one of the most enjoyable wins the team and I have ever had," said winning coach Phil Kanoy whose clubs have racked up several important wins over the years. "Trinity has such a fine team and I believe it was the largest crowd I've ever seen at a high school wrestling match."

The decision left Thomasville, Statesville and Trinity all tied for the SPC leadership, each with one loss. Trinity must travel to Statesville Thursday with the winner of that match becoming co-champion with Thomasville, if the Bulldogs can defeat Lexington.

"We won seven of the 13 matches and still lost," mused Trinity coach Harold Smith. "We decisioned and they pinned — that was the difference."

Thomasville got wins on pins from Scott, McRae, Reggie Bayse and Darrell Wilson. Winning by decision for Thomasville were Mark Hibbett and Scott Bowers.

Randy Ellison picked up Trinity's only pin while winners by decision included: Tony McWhirter, Andy Aikens, James Carrell, Craig Wagoner, Mike Witcher and Kent Honeycutt.

It was Trinity's first loss of the year, as the Bulldogs fall to 11-1 overall and 6-1 in the SPC. Thomasville is 11-2 overall and also 6-1 in league action. Both teams finish their regular seasons Thursday.

Wrestlers In Quarterfinals

CHINA GROVE — Seven wrestlers from Thomasville and six from Trinity have reached the quarterfinal round of the Western North Carolina High School Activities Association mat tournament at South Rowan High School.

Advancing for Thomasville were: Reggie Bayse at 105, Mark Hibbett at 126, Scott Bowers at 138, Jerry Sullivan at 145, Mark Connor at 185. Charles Scott at 195 and heavyweight Mike McRae. For Trinity, Tony McWhirter at 100, Donnie Fesperman at 107, Andy Aikens at 121, Norman Askew at 128, Tommy Rice at 134 and Randy Ellison at 140 all won in the first two rounds.

After those first two rounds, Thomasville had 54 team points and Trinity 43 1/2. Watauga of Boone led the competition.

James Carrell and Logan Fulp of Trinity both won first round matches before falling in the second round while from Thomasville, Darrell Wilson, Mike Sanders, Perr Perry Starrett, Tracy Bowles and Ronnie Lathan all won in the opening round before being defeated.

The quarterfinal round began at 1 p.m. today with semifinals at 7:30 and the consolation preliminary start at 8:30 tonight.



(Photo by Sam Bajka)

Jerry Sullivan (down) in 145-pound competition.

Hopes dim for Thomasville

But brighter for Trinity in WNCSSAA wrestling

CHINA GROVE — It was Friday the 13th, Thomasville wrestling Coach Phil Kanoy felt its unlucky effects as nine of his wrestlers were eliminated in the WNCSSAA tournament.

Thomasville now has three wrestlers who have a chance to place in the tournament. Reggie Bayse, at 105 pounds, has advanced into the championship round. Bayse is assured of at least the runner-up spot in the association. He will wrestle at 8:30 tonight for the championship.

Mark Hibbett, at 126 pounds, and Mark Connor, at 185 pounds, have a shot at third places in their divisions. These two will wrestle at 2 p.m. today.

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Trinity can conceivably win the WNCSSAA team championship, but this would mean that current leader South Iredell would have to lose all of its remaining matches and Trinity would have to win all of its matches.

Here are the standings going into the championships: South Iredell, 108 points; Watauga, 95 points; North Rowan, 87 1/2 points; Thomasville, 70 1/2 points; Trinity, 69 points; Hudson, 66 points; Asheboro, 63 1/2 points and East Rowan 63 points.

Trinity Coach Smith said he is hoping to place in the top five teams.

Hopes dimmed for Kanoy's team Friday with the eliminations. Kanoy said the goal now is to finish in the top 10.

Trinity Coach Harold Smith has seven wrestlers who have a chance to place, two have a shot at division championships.

Andy Aikens, at 121 pounds, and Randy Ellison, at 140 pounds, will wrestle at 8:30 p.m. tonight for the championships. Both are assured of at least second place finishes.

The other Trinity wrestlers who have a chance at third place are: Bryon Brown (114 pounds), Tony McWhirter (100 pounds), James Carrell (147 pounds), Craig Wagner

Thomasville heavyweight Mike McRae missed a chance to wrestle in the consolation as Gaither, who defeated him, went on to wrestle Misener of East Rowan. Both Gaither and Misener were disqualified.

The tournament is being held at South Rowan High School.

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SEMIFINALS
105 — Reggie Bayse (T) dec. Gamble (SI) 10-7; 126 — Morton (SI) dec. Mark Hibbett 8-3; 185 — Lowe (ER) pinned Mark Connor 1-0.

Trinity Puts 2 Matmen In Finals

CHINA GROVE — Thomasville was fourth and Trinity fifth in the Western North Carolina High School Activities Association wrestling tournament after Friday's action, but the Trinity team's outlook was brighter.

Trinity has two wrestlers, Andy Aikens and Randy Ellison, going for titles in tonight's 8:30 final round at South Rowan High School while five other grapplers had a chance to play. For Thomasville, only Reggie Bayse survived the first three rounds and he will go for the 105-pound championship.

Aikens will be in the 121-pound final with Ellison wrestling at 140.

Byron Brown (114), Tony McWhirter (100), James Carrell (147), Craig Wagoner (157) and Kent Honeycutt (187) will go for third place finishes for Trinity while Mark Hibbett (126) and Mark Connor (185) try to place for Thomasville.

Thomasville coach Phil Kanoy said his club was aiming for a Top 10 finish. Trinity still has a chance at the WNCSSA title, but must win all its remaining matches while leader South Iredell loses all of its matches.

South currently has 108 points, followed by Watauga at 95, North Rowan at 87 1/2, Thomasville at 70 1/2, Trinity at 69, Hudson 66, Asheboro 63 1/2, and East Rowan 63.

Kanoy, Smith Share Honors

Wrestling coach-of-the-year honors were divided four ways in the South Piedmont Conference, with Thomasville's Phil Kanoy and Trinity's Harold Smith being among the coaches honored.

Kanoy took his Bulldog team to a record fifth straight SPC title and a second-place finish in the WNCSSA tourney, while Smith took a young-second year club to a winning record overall.

Thomasville placed six wrestlers on the honor list, including Lester Epps, the 14-pound Association champ who was second in the voting for wrestler of the year; Reggie Bayse, Bill Mills, Stanley Robinson, Mark Hibbett and Freddie Everhart.

Three Trinity grapplers were selected, including David Robertson, Andy Aiken and Randy Ellison.

Robin Wilson of Asheboro won wrestler of the year honors, while the other two coaches honored were Wes Lamoureux of Lexington and Jesse Jackson of Statesville.

In the North Piedmont Conference, Gary Brewer, Darnell Clark, and Darreyl Smoot of North Davidson were honored.

eliminated Tuesday night, but the Tigers weren't hardly a pushover for top-seeded Graham in their first-round battle.

In fact, Ragsdale led 26-20 at the half, before a hot third quarter by Graham melted the Tiger lead and spurred the favorites on to victory.

The eventual winners outscored Ragsdale 22-12 in the third quarter and 21-18 in the fourth quarter to take the victory, getting 20 points and some strong board work from center Mike Hester.

The Flying Tiger attack was paced by guards Harold Odum and John Turner, who hit for 13 points each. Sophomore forward Angelo Evans had 12 for the Ragsdale cause.

The loss eliminates the Tigers from district play and ends the basketball season at Ragsdale. After getting off to a slow start, the Tigers finish 5-5 in Mid-State action and 9-13 in all games.

Ragsdale 18 8 12 18-56
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RAGSDALE (56) — Adams 5, Vance 4, Odum 13, McLean 12, Turner 13, Evans 12.
GRAHAM (63) — Moses 4, Hester 20, Moore 12, Stewart 5, Pinnix 9, Trullinger 7, Hughes 4, Smith 2.

Surprising Trinity Wins Invitational Mat Tourney

TRINITY — The Trinity wrestling won its own Trinity Invitational Tournament Saturday, much to the surprise of Bulldog coach Harold Smith.

Trinity finished with 139 points to outdistance runner-up Thomasville which had 102 1/2. Third was Morehead at 88, followed by Asheboro 81, Northwest Guilford 80, Central Davidson 46, Lexington 38 and Albemarle 29. Northwest's Bobby Joyner was named Outstanding Wrestler.

"I'm definitely surprised," said Smith. "We finished

ahead of Morehead, and Thomasville, two of the state's best teams. For a third-year wrestling program, that's not bad."

Winning for Trinity were: David Robertson, 114 pounds, Andy Aikens 121 pounds; and James Carrell, 147 pounds.

"Carrell was 2-2 going into this and he won it by beating the two people who had defeated him before," said Smith. "Both Robertson and Aikens are undefeated for the season right now."

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Others in the finals were:

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COME AND SEE A WRESTLING MATCH

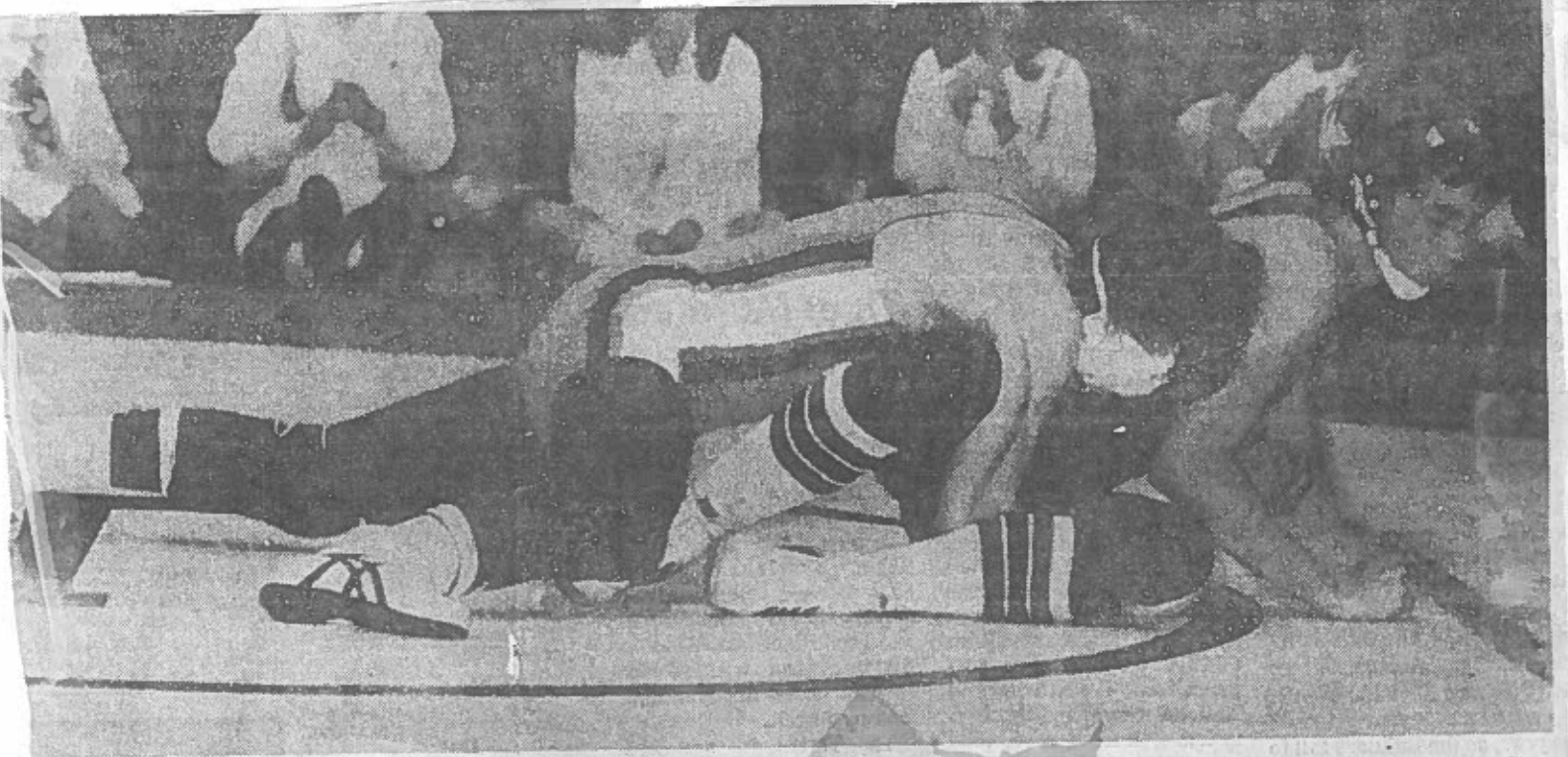
This year's wrestling team is coming off a tough



first season, and should have a much improved team this year. With over half of last year's team coming back some of the better wrestlers are: Richard Stanley, Greg King, Andy Atkins, Mark Sexton, Kent Honeycutt, Norman Askew, Tommy Rice, and Craig Wagoner. Several boys from the Jr. High are with us and should replace those that left last year.

Coach Smith has expressed the desire for all those who would like to be a wrestler to contact him, because we are going to have a J.V. team this year.

Come out and support the team this year. You will enjoy the competition tremendously. SUPPORT.....SUPPORT!!!!



THOMASVILLE'S MIKE SANDERS (R) TRIES SPINOUT ON TRINITY'S ANDY AIKENS

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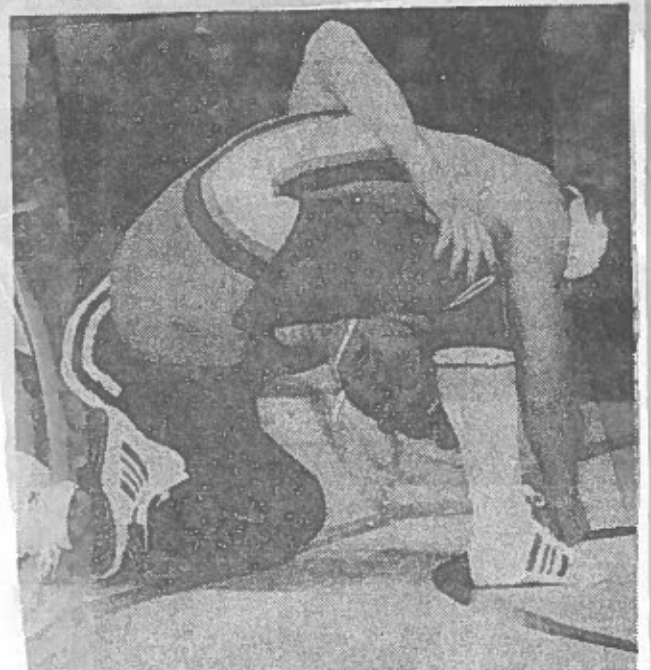
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Trinity Matmen Down Southern

Trinity's wrestling corps continued to win Monday, defeating nonconference foe Southern Guilford 39-20.

The Bulldog matmen got pins from Ronnie Mashburn and Andy Atkins while three other wrestlers won by decision. Trinity is now 8-2 for the season, and will travel to Asheboro Thursday night.



PEEKABOO FROM BULLDOG MARK HIBBETT Has Strong Hold On Trinity's Norman Askew

Trinity Matmen Win Fourth

TRINITY — Trinity wrestlers took a perfect 4-0 record into their own Invitational Tournament today, after defeating Kannapolis 45-21 Friday.

The Bulldogs registered six pins in the victory, as Brian Brown, David Robertson, Andy Aikens, Norman Askew, James Carroll and Craig Wagoner pinned opponents. Winning by decision was Mark LeVallen and winning by forfeit was Randy Ellison.

Trinity is now 4-0 and 2-0 in the South Piedmont.

Trinity wrestlers rout Salisbury

SALISBURY — Trinity Senior High School's surprising wrestling team romped to its sixth victory of the season against no defeats with a 46-19 victory over Salisbury Thursday night.

The visiting Bulldogs won six pins, three decisions and one major decision by Randy Ellison in the 140-pound class.

Winning matches for Trinity were: Donnie Fesperman, Andy Aikens, Norman Askew, Tommy Rice, Ellison, James Carroll, Craig Wagner, Mike Witcher and Kent Honeycutt.

The loss was Salisbury's

third straight in the South Piedmont Conference and the Hornets stand 1-3 overall.

Trinity's next match will be Thursday hosting Asheboro at 7:30 p.m.

VARSITY
100 — Donnie Fesperman (T) pinned Cathcart 3rd, 14; 107 — M. Thompson (S) dec. Brown 15-4; 114 — Myers (S) won by forfeit; 121 — Andy Aikens (T) pinned Sturdivant 3rd, 46; 128 — Norman Askew (T) pinned Smith 2nd, 1:06; 134 — Tommy Rice (T) dec. Fisher 6-4; 140 — Randy Ellison (T) dec. R. Whittington 10-2; 147 — James Carroll (T) pinned Joey Bullock 3rd, 51; 157 — Craig Wagner (T) pinned R. McConneaghey 07, 1st; 169 — Mike Witcher (T) pinned Johnson 2nd, 1:26; 187 — Kent Honeycutt (T) dec. Barry Barringer 5; 197 — Albert Redd (S) dec. Mar. LeVallen 7-2; heavyweight — Galtier (S) pinned Logan Fulp 1st, 34.

Albemarle tops Trinity Matmen

ALBEMARLE — Close was not quite good enough for the Trinity wrestling team in its first South Piedmont Conference match Wednesday.

The Bulldogs fell to Albemarle 42-27 after sticking with the home team most of the way. The loss dropped Trinity record to 4-2 overall and 0-1 in the SPC.

Winning by pin for Trinity were David Robertson, Andy Aikens, Mark Sexton and Tony Page. Kent Honeycutt gained a decision for the Bulldogs.

Two Trinity wrestlers, Richard Stanley and Greg King, lost their first matches of the year at Albemarle, while a third, Aikens, remained the only undefeated wrestler on the Bulldog squad.

Trinity takes on Kannapolis next Thursday.

Trinity Matmen Post 10th Win

LEXINGTON — Trinity's wrestling team will carry an unbeaten South Piedmont Conference record into next Tuesday's showdown with league foe Thomasville.

The Trinity grapplers assured themselves of a 10-0 overall standing with a 41-19 rout of Lexington Monday, and three decisions. Winners by pin included: Donnie Fesperman, Norman Askew, Donald Robertson, Craig Wagner and Mike Witcher, while Andy Aikens, Randy Ellison and James Carrell won by decision. Ellison, Aikens and Askew remained undefeated on the year.

Trinity will host Central Davidson at 7:30 Wednesday night in a nonconference match.

Trinity Matmen Win No. 11

TRINITY — Trinity's wrestling team stepped out of South Piedmont Conference competition Monday and stepped on Eastern Randolph, coming away with a 58-18 victory.

Winning by pin for the Bulldogs were: David Robertson, Andy Aikens, Richard Stanley, Craig Wagoner, and Greg King. Winning by decision was Mark Sexton, while Donald Robertson, Ronnie Mashburn, Norman Askew and Randy Ellison won by forfeit.

Trinity now stands 11-6 overall.

Trinity matmen breeze by Spartans, 44-19

TRINITY—The Trinity matmen took an easy 44-19 victory over nonconference foe Central Davidson to remain undefeated and move closer to the critical match with South Piedmont Conference rival Thomasville.

Trinity's record is 11-0 overall and 6-0 in SPC action. Thomasville is undefeated in SPC wrestling matches and the Bulldogs will travel to Trinity Tuesday, February 3 for the match which could mean the conference championship.

The Bulldog matmen won nine of 14

matches against Central Davidson on two regular decisions, two superior decisions, one major decision, three pins and one forfeit.

The superior decisions came at 100 and 140 pounds while the major decision was at 187 pounds.

100—McWhirter (T) dec. Yarborough 13-1; 107—Fesperman (T) won by forfeit; 114—E. Everhart (CD) dec. Brown 13-4; 121—Akins (T) dec. J. Everhart 12-7; 128—Askew (T) pinned Young, :52, 3rd; 134—Rice (T) pinned C. Clodfelter, :01, 3rd; 140—Ellison (T) dec. T. Young 14-2; 147—Carroll dec. R. Young 6-4; 157—Corbett (CD) pinned Short, 1:37, 2nd; 169—R. Clodfelter (CD) dec. Wagner 6-3; 187—Honeycutt (T) dec. Gordon 12-4; 197—Lewallen pinned Owens, :01, 2nd; heavyweight—Halgrove (CD) pinned Fulp, :14, 2nd.

Trinity Matmen Rip Albemarle

TRINITY — Trinity wrestling coach Harold Smith has been saying that his Bulldog grapplers were greatly improved and Thursday his charges proved that claim with a decisive 44-21 South Piedmont win over Albemarle. It was the first win over Albemarle in Trinity wrestling history.

Winning by pin were: Tony McWhirter, Andy Aikens, Tommy Rice, Craig Wagoner and Mike Lewallen. Winners by decision were: Norman Askew, Randy Ellison, Kent Honeycutt and Logan Fulp.

Trinity is now 3-0 overall and 1-0 in the SPC, and will travel to Kannapolis next Friday.

Trinity Puts 2 Matmen In Finals

CHINA GROVE — Thomasville was fourth and Trinity fifth in the Western North Carolina High School Activities Association wrestling tournament after Friday's action, but the Trinity team's outlook was brighter.

Trinity has two wrestlers, Andy Aikens and Randy Ellison, going for titles in tonight's 8:30 final round at South Rowan High School while five other grapplers had a chance to play. For Thomasville, only Reggie Bayse survived the first three rounds and he will go for the 105-pound championship.

Aikens will be in the 121-pound final with Ellison wrestling at 140.

Byron Brown (114), Tony McWhirter (100), James Carrell (147), Craig Wagoner (157) and Kent Honeycutt (187) will go for third place finishes for Trinity while Mark Hibbett (126) and Mark Connor (185) try to place for Thomasville.

Thomasville coach Phil Kanoy said his club was aiming for a Top 10 finish. Trinity still has a chance at the WNCCHSSA title, but must win all its remaining matches while leader South Iredell loses all of its matches.

South currently has 108 points followed by Watauga at 95, North Rowan at 87 1/2, Thomasville at 70 1/2, Trinity at 69, Hudson 66, Asheboro 63 1/2, and East Rowan 63.

Trinity Matmen Win Opener

TRINITY — The Trinity wrestling team opened its 1974-75 season with a decisive 45-27 win over nonconference foe Western Guilford.

The Bulldogs got wins by pin from: David Robertson, 100 pounds; Donald Robertson, 107 pounds; Ronnie Mashburn, 114 pounds; Andy Aikens 121 pounds; Tommy Rice 128 pounds; Craig Wagoner, 157 pounds and Greg King, 159 pounds. Winning by decision were Richard Stanley 147 pounds.

Trinity is now 1-0 for the year and travels to Ledford next Monday for an 8 p.m. match.

100—Da. Robertson (T) pin over Cook
107—Do. Robertson (T) pin over Waddell
114—Mashburn (T) pin over Hayes
121—Aikens (T) pin over Reagan
128—Rice (T) pin over Mann
134—Bailey (WG) pin over Sexton
140—Jampole (WG) dec. Ellison 3-2
147—Stanley (T) dec. Machaux 15-7
157—Wagoner (T) pin over Leonard
169—Tims (T) pin over Harris
187—Durham (WG) pin over Honeycutt
197—Ingram (WG) pin over Page

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Trinity Wins

GRAHAM — Trinity's wrestlers smothered Graham 56-14 Friday night to pick up their seventh win in 10 starts.

Pacing the victory with pins were Andy Aikens, Tommy Rice, Mark Sexton, Charles Short, Greg King and Kent Honeycutt.

The Bulldogs gained a tie, two forfeits and two decisions, while Graham picked up one pin, one forfeit, and a tie.

Trinity Matmen Claim Second

GRAHAM — Trinity wrestlers took a big win over a nonconference opponent for the second straight time Monday, ripping Graham 55-12.

Winning by pin for the Bulldogs were: Tony McWhirter, Donnie Fesperman, Andy Aikens, Norman Askew, Randy Ellison, Mike Witcher, Kent Honeycutt and Logan Fulp. Winning by decision were Tommy Rice, and Craig Wagoner.

Trinity is now 2-0 and will host Albemarle Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the first South Piedmont Conference match.

Trinity Matmen Win 5th

TRINITY — The undefeated Trinity wrestling team overcame a 17-point deficit Monday to defeat South Rowan 42-20 in a nonconference wrestling match.

It was the Bulldogs fifth dual win this season. Winning by pin were: Andy Akins, Norman Askew, Randy Ellison, Craig Wagoner and Kent Honeycutt. Winning by decision were: Tommy Rice, James Carrell, Mike Witcher and Mark Lewallen.

Trinity will takes its 5-0 record to Salisbury Thursday for a key South Piedmont Conference match.

Trinity Rips West Matmen

Trinity wrestlers got as big a win as a mat team can take Monday, defeating West Davidson's first-year crew 78-0 in a nonconference match.

The Bulldog matmen scored 12 pins and one forfeit in taking the win which upped the overall Trinity record to 9-4. The Bulldogs host Concord Thursday at 8 p.m. in South Piedmont action.

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Trinity Matmen Earn 2nd Win

TRINITY — The Trinity High School wrestlers captured their second straight win of the young 1974 wrestling season Monday with a 51-22 victory over Ledford.

Winning by pin for the Bulldogs were Ronnie Mashburn, Andy Aikens, Mark Sexton, Richard Stanley, Craig Wagoner, Ricky King and Kent Honeycutt.

Panther grapplers winning by pin were Charlie Taylor, John Sellers and John Lowman. Ledford is now 0-1 for the year.

Trinity Gets SPC Mat Win

TRINITY — The first win is always the sweetest, especially when a lot of hard work and effort have gone into it.

Two years of work went into Trinity's first South Piedmont Conference wrestling win, which came Thursday at the hands of league foe Salisbury by a 47-23 score.

The Bulldogs got pins from Ronnie Mashburn, Andy Atkins, Richard Stanley, Craig Wagoner and Ricky Wagoner.

The win upped the Trinity record to 1-2 in the SPC and 6-3 overall. The Bulldogs wrestle at Graham today at 4:30.

Comets Down Trinity Matmen

ASHEBORO — Asheboro's wrestling team ended the Trinity mat win streak at eight Thursday by topping the Bulldogs 37-24 in South Piedmont Conference action.

Winning by pin for Trinity were David Robertson, Andy Aikens and Tony Page. Decision winners included: Donald Robertson and David Honeycutt.

The Bulldog grapplers host West Davidson Monday at 8 p.m.

Trinity Matmen Win In Rout

The Trinity wrestling team destroyed Eastern Randolph's matmen Monday to take its third win in nonconference action, 56-18.

Winning by pin for the Bulldogs were: David Robertson, Joey Underwood, Tommy Rice, James Carroll, Craig Wagoner, and Greg King. Randy Ellison won by decision and two matches were taken by forfeit.

Trinity now enters South Piedmont Conference competition by wrestling at Albemarle Thursday at 7:30 p.m. The Bulldogs are 4-1 for the season.

Trinity Matmen Lose Twice

SALISBURY — South Rowan picked up two wrestling victories over Trinity Wednesday. The varsity won 45-20, while the jayvees won 35-20.

Trinity varsity winners were Andy Aikens, Randy Ellison, Richard Stanley and Greg King.

Hopes dim for Thomasville

But brighter for Trinity in WNCHSAA wrestling

CHINA GROVE — It was Friday the 13th, Thomasville wrestling Coach Phil Kanoy felt its unlucky effects as nine of his wrestlers were eliminated in the WNCHSAA tournament.

Thomasville now has three wrestlers who have a chance to place in the tournament. Reggie Bayse, at 105 pounds, has advanced into the championship round. Bayse is assured of at least the runner-up spot in the association. He will wrestle at 8:30 tonight for the championship.

Mark Hibbett, at 126 pounds, and Mark Connor, at 185 pounds, have a shot at third places in their divisions. These two will wrestle at 2 p.m. today.

Hopes dimmed for Kanoy's team Friday with the eliminations. Kanoy said the goal now is to finish in the top 10.

Trinity Coach Harold Smith has seven wrestlers who have a chance to place, two have a shot at division championships.

Andy Aikens, at 121 pounds, and Randy Ellison, at 140 pounds, will wrestle at 8:30 p.m. tonight for the championships. Both are assured of at least second place finishes.

The other Trinity wrestlers who have a chance at third place are: Bryon Brown (114 pounds), Tony McWhirter (135), James Carrell (147 pounds), Craig Wagner

(157 pounds) and Kent Honeycutt (187 pounds).

Trinity can conceivably win the WNCHSAA team championship, but this would mean that current leader South Iredell would have to lose all of its remaining matches and Trinity would have to win all of its matches.

Here are the standings going into the championships: South Iredell, 108 points; Watauga, 95 points; North Rowan, 87 1/2 points; Thomasville, 70 1/2 points; Trinity, 69 points; Hudson, 66 points; Asheboro, 63 1/2 points and East Rowan 63 points.

Trinity Coach Smith said he is hoping to place in the top five teams.

Thomasville heavyweight Mike McRae missed a chance to wrestle in the consolation as Gaither, who defeated him, went on to wrestle Misenheimer of East Rowan. Both Gaither and Misenheimer were disqualified.

The tournament is being held at South Rowan High School.

QUARTERFINALS

105 — Reggie Bayse (T) pinned Roseman (SR) 3rd; 126 — Mark Hibbett (T) dec. Norman Askew (TR) 7-4; 138 — Armistead (ST) dec. Scott Bowers 4-2; 145 — Blue (SHEL) dec. Jerry Sullivan 6-4; 185 — Mark Connor (T) dec. Brady (SI) 3-1, OT; 195 — Stevenson (LEX) dec. Charles Scott 4-3; heavyweight — Gaither (SAL) dec. Mike McRae 3-2.

SEMIFINALS

105 — Reggie Bayse (T) dec. Gamble (SI) 10-7; 126 — Morton (SI) dec. Mark Hibbett 8-3; 185 — Lowe (ER) pinned Mark Connor 1st.



(Photo by Sam Banks)

Jerry Sullivan (down) in 145-pound competition.

Trinity matmen contenders

BY DWIGHT DAVIS
TIMES Sports Editor

TRINITY — If the wrestling teams in the South Piedmont Conference didn't take Trinity seriously before the season began, they are now.

The Bulldogs are off to a 3-0 start with two non-conference wins over Ledford and Graham. But the real double-take came when Harold Smith's crew disposed of Albemarle, a preseason favorite, by the score of 44-21.

Trinity also won over Ledford 51-18 and Graham 55-12.

And maybe the most surprised person of all was Coach Smith. "I was really surprised that we won that big over Albemarle. We were really fired up for them, and beat a good team." Albemarle returned 10 starters from last season.

The Trinity program is celebrating its third year with the return of three All-SPC performers in Andy Aikens (121), David Robertson (121) and Randy Ellison (140).

Seven Trinity wrestlers are undefeated after three matches. They include: Tony McWhirder (100); Aikens; Norman Askew (128); Tommy Rice (134); Ellison; Craig Wagner (157); Kent Honeycutt (187); and Logan Fulp, heavyweight.

"We are beginning to feel the benefits of a junior high program. Most of our boys have been wrestling for three years," Smith explained, adding that he is no longer

starting from scratch.

Trinity is also fielding a B team this season. "We had 38 out for the team. This is

North frosh lose first

The North Davidson freshman boys basketball team fought back from a 15-point halftime deficit only to lose 39-38 to West Rowan on a last second shot by Tim Pless.

The North girls also trailed at the half but came back to outscore West 10-2 in the third period and preserve a 31-28 victory.

Keith Sink put North ahead at 38-37 with 30 seconds left in the game. It was the only time North led during the entire game. Then Pless took his jumper to put West ahead and a North shot at the buzzer was no good. This was the first loss of the season for North Davidson.

Keith Sink led the North scorers with 12 points. Grant Transou came off the bench in the second half to score 10 points and grab 6 rebounds for the Black Knight freshmen.

Girls game
North Davidson 47 10 10-31
West Rowan 12 5 2 9-28
NORTH DAVIDSON (31)—Tuttle 6, Hayes 18, Ray 2, Tussey 4, Nifong 1.
WEST ROWAN (28)—Simpson 15, Morgan 10, Grubb 1, Edwards 2.

Boys game
North Davidson 62 14 14-38
West Rowan 16 7 6 10-39
NORTH DAVIDSON (38)—Fulp 4, Cox 4, Hartman 2, Templeton 4, Sink 12, Campbell 2, Transou 10.
WEST ROWAN (39)—Cowans 14, Pless 12, McElharry 3, Wood 4, Rankin 4, Cuthbertson 2.

more interest than we've ever had," the coach said.

Smith is co-ordinating the second annual Trinity Invitational, which begins Saturday. "I think a tournament builds interest in your program and also helps the team because they will usually wrestle more than one time that day."

The field in this tournament includes some of the better teams in the state. In Smith's opinion, Morehead is the best in North Carolina.

"We're probably not a good tournament team," Smith said. "You have a good chance to win a tournament if you have a couple of outstanding individuals. But we have a good overall team, with a lot of balance. We don't expect to win our tournament but I think the ex-

three tournaments Trinity will be competing in this year. After the holidays, Trinity will compete in the North Pitt Invitational and a tournament in Morehead.

As for the Trinity outlook the remainder of this year, Smith says it's too early to tell. "There's too many good teams to shoot for an undefeated season. Our goal is to try to improve on last year's record." Trinity finished at 11-8 overall and 2-6 in the SPC.

Smith feels the SPC will be more balanced this year and does not think that five time winner Thomasville should be counted out.

"Thomasville lost to a real good team (Greensboro Smith). I'd say Smith is one of the top five coaches in the state and the score was not

Thomasville Edges Trinity Wrestlers

TRINITY — The Trinity gym was packed Tuesday night and the wrestling fans got their money's worth.

A full house watched Thomasville and Trinity, two of the South Piedmont Conference's best, battle to a near-deadlock after 12 matches, then saw Bulldog Mike McRae pin Logan Fulp in the final match to give Thomasville a 32-26 victory.

The Bulldogs had trailed 26-19 after 11 matches, but Charles Scott pinned Mark Lewallen to get Thomasville back in it.

"This is one of the most enjoyable wins the team and I have ever had," said winning coach Phil Kanoy whose clubs have racked up several important wins over the years. "Trinity has such a fine team and I believe it was the largest crowd I've ever seen at a high school wrestling match."

The decision left Thomasville, Statesville and Trinity allied for the SPC leadership, each with one loss. Trinity must travel to Statesville Thursday with the winner of that match, becoming co-champion with Thomasville, if the Bulldogs can defeat Lexington.

"We won seven of the 13 matches and still lost," mused Trinity coach Harold Smith, "We decided and they pinned — that was the difference."

Thomasville got wins on pins from Scott, McRae, Reggie Bayse and Darrell Wilson. Winning by decision for Thomasville were Mark Hibbett and Scott Bowers.

Randy Ellison picked up Trinity's only pin while winners by decision included: Tony McWhirter, Andy Aikens, James Carrell, Craig Wagoner, Mike Witcher and Kent Honeycutt.

It was Trinity's first loss of the year, as the Bulldogs fall to 11-1 overall and 6-1 in the SPC. Thomasville is 11-2 overall and also 6-1 in league action. Both teams finish their regular seasons Thursday.

Trinity matmen fall

ALBEMARLE — Trinity lost a close 42-27 wrestling decision to Albemarle Thursday evening in a South Piedmont Conference match.

The score was the 36-27 going into the heavyweight match but a loss there for the Trinity team widened the final margin.

Trinity got four pins and one decision. Scoring pins for Trinity were: David Robertson, Andy Aikens, Mark Sexton and Tony Page. Kent Honeycutt posted a winning decision for Trinity.

This was the first South Piedmont Conference match for Trinity, the Bulldogs now 4-2 for the year. Andy Aikens remains as the only undefeated Trinity wrestler. record stands at 6-0.

Trinity will wrestle Kannapolis next Thursday.

98 — David Robertson (T) pinned Yingling 1:16 3rd; 107 — Furr (A) pinned D. Robertson 3rd 1:07; 114 — Lill (A) dec. Mashburn 16-7; 121 — Aikens (T) pinned Lunsford 3rd 5-4; 128 — Morton (A) pinned Rice 1:32 1st; 134 — Sexton (T) pinned E. Robertson 3rd 5-4; 14 — Speright (A) dec. Ellison 8-5; 147 — Fowler (A) pinned Stanley 1st 1:39; 159 — Whitey (A) pinned C. Wag 2nd 1:23; 169 — Hawkins (A) pinned 2nd 1st; 187 — Honeycutt (T) pinned 8-0; 197 — Page (T) Ga 1:03; Heavyweight — West 1:18; R. Wagoner 1st 1:18.

School Report

Last week at Trinity Senior High, a "deck the halls" week was held. Each class was given one hall to decorate in any way they chose to boost spirit for the basketball games with Asheboro. The senior class was judged the winner and was awarded the Spirit Stick signifying the victory.

The Bulldog girls defeated the Blue Comets of Asheboro in the conference tournament in Statesville by a score of 41-38. This victory avenged a 1 point defeat earlier in the week.

Candy sales began on Feb. 20 to raise money for the Athletic Fund. All students at THS will be selling candy.

Three Trinity wrestlers were selected for the all-conference team. These three were David Robertson at 100 pounds, Andy Aikens at 112 pounds and Randy Ellison at 134 pounds. Coach Harold

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Smith of Trinity, along with three other coaches, was selected as a coach of the year in the SPC.

Baseball practice began last week at THS and the coaches and players are looking forward to a successful season.

Registration began at THS this week. The juniors and sophomores are picking the classes which, hopefully will prepare them for life after graduation.

The seniors trip to Washington is also in the planning and is eagerly awaited by most. The trip is planned for April 29, 30 and May 1, 2.

Carol Wilson



Outside The Locker Room

Although his Trinity basketball team became the first to finish its 75-76 season, Tommy Appenzeller isn't ready to relax and take it easy.

As far as he's concerned, his work isn't over...it's just beginning.

"This is the time to get working," Appenzeller said after his Bulldogs were trampled by Thomasville Monday night. "You can't wait until next Nov. 1 to build a basketball team. Now is the time to get the kids out and running track and playing baseball.

"We have to get these kids interested in going to basketball camps and playing in summer leagues," he continued. "Players are always going to improve over the course of the season, but most of their improvement is going to be made in between seasons."

Appenzeller's debut as a head coach was marred by the Bulldogs' 0-20 record, and the former Ledford assistant isn't saying that times haven't been tough at Trinity. He is saying, though that they can be better.

"We have to get the kids involved, to build a fundamentally sound program," he said. "The overall athletic program needs to be sound. People want to win, it's just a matter of realizing what you have to do to win."

In this respect, Appenzeller sounds much like his fellow Trinity coaches, who have been working at building a positive attitude. So far, the most successful Bulldog programs have been girls basketball and wrestling.

The wrestling team finished as co-champion in the South Piedmont Conference with Thomasville. Saturday night in the Western North Carolina High School Activities Association tournament, Trinity finished fourth with 90 points while Thomasville was fifth at 80½. Andy Aikens and Randy Ellison both claimed association titles at 121 pounds and 140 respectively, while Thomasville's Reggie Bayse won the 114-pound title.

Trinity matmen edge out ninth

CONCORD — The Trinity wrestling team downed Concord 32-27 Thursday night to stay undefeated and move

HERITAGE REGULAR CORNWELLS-HEIGHTS, Pa. (AP) — One of the "sweetest" victories for Del Carroll in his career as a trainer came in November's \$150,000 Heritage Stakes at Keystone outside Philadelphia. The victory for Frank Cullerton's All The More marked the third Heritage win for Carroll in four efforts.

The win in the one mile and a sixteenth test for 2-year-olds was achieved over runnerup and favorite What-syourpleasure. All The More, purchased for \$11,000 by Carroll on behalf of Hinsdale, Ill., auto dealer Cullerton, won \$90,000 by taking the 1975 Heritage, richest thoroughbred race ever run in Pennsylvania.

Trinity matmen edge out ninth

CONCORD — The Trinity wrestling team downed Concord 32-27 Thursday night to stay undefeated and move

toward a show down with unbeaten South Piedmont Conference foe Thomasville.

Trinity won seven of 13 matches in the meet, taking three on pins and five decisions.

Three Bulldog matmen remain undefeated. Andy Akins at 121 pounds has won nine matches, while Randy Ellison at 140 pounds and Norman Askew at 128 pounds have won eight matches each.

The Trinity record is 9-0 and 5-0 in SPC action. The next Bulldog meet will be Monday at 7:30 at home against conference foe Lexington.

100—S. Piliand (C) pinned McWhirter, :41, 2nd; 107—Milton (C) dec. Fesperman 6-3; 114—Lomax (C) pinned Brown, 1:13, 3rd; 121—Akins (T) pinned Wall, 1:07, 2nd; 128—Askew (T) pinned Johnson, :33, 3rd; 134—Widenhouse (C) dec. Robertson 9-6; 140—Ellison (T) dec. Lomax 6-5; 147—G. Piliand (C) dec. Carroll 2-0; 157—Wagner (T) pinned Hatley, :55, 1st; 169—R. Huss (C) pinned Ashe, 1:04, 1st; 187—Honeycutt (T) dec. Irby 9-2; 197—Lewallen (T) dec. Smith 7-2; Heavyweight—Fulp (T) dec. Allison 14-0.

Trinity Wins In Wrestling

Trinity won 10 of 13 matches in defeating Ledford's wrestlers 51-15 Monday in a nonconference opener for both schools. The victories included seven pins and two decisions while the Panthers recorded two pins and one decision.

Trinity hosts Graham next Monday.

Trinity Matmen Rip Salisbury

SALISBURY — The Trinity wrestling team remained undefeated Thursday with a 46-19 rout of Salisbury that was the Bulldogs' sixth win for the year.

Winning by pin for Trinity were: Donnie Fesperman, Andy Aikens, Norman Askew, James Carrell, Craig Wagoner and Mike Witcher. Winners by decision were: Tommy Rice, Randy Ellison and Kent Honeycutt.

Trinity will host Asheboro in another South Piedmont Conference match Thursday.

Trinity Tops Comet Matmen

TRINITY — Three Trinity victories in the final three matches pushed the Bulldog wrestling team to its fourth straight South Piedmont Conference victory Thursday by a 40-29 count over Asheboro.

Winning by pin for Trinity were: Brian Brown, Andy Aikens, Norman Askew, Kent Honeycutt and Logan Fulp while winning by decision were: Randy Ellison and Mark Lewallen. Tony McWhirter battled to a draw.

Trinity is now 7-0 on the season and 4-0 in the South Piedmont and will travel to face nonconference foe Southern Guilford Monday.

Three Trinity wrestlers — Akins, Askew and Ellison are unbeaten on the year.

Trinity Gets 8th Mat Win

SUMNER — Southern Guilford's 2A team proved tough competition for Trinity but not tough enough to halt the Bulldogs their first loss as the Indians fell 36-21.

Winning by pin for Trinity was: Donald Robertson while winners by decision were: Tony McWhirter, Andy Aikens, Norman Askew, Randy Ellison, Mike Witcher and Mark Lewallen. Logan Fulp won by forfeit.

The Bulldogs are now 8-0 overall while Southern slips to 6-2. Trinity hosts Concord in a South Piedmont Conference match Thursday.

Trinity Matmen Top Ledford

TRINITY — The Trinity wrestling squad won its third match of the season Thursday, as the Bulldogs took their second win over Ledford 54-15 in a nonconference battle.

Winning by pin for Trinity were: Donald Robertson, Ronnie Mashburn, Andy Aikens, Randy Ellison, Richard Stanly, Craig Wagoner, Greg King, and Kent Honeycutt. Winning by decision for Trinity were: Tommy Rice and Mark Sexton.

For Ledford, David Sellers and John Lowman won by pin and Charlie Taylor won by decision.

The Bulldogs are now 3-1 and will wrestle Monday at 8 p.m. at Eastern Randolph. Ledford is 0-2 for the season.

Knights Top Trinity Matmen

TRINITY — North Davidson came on strong at the end of a nonconference wrestling match Monday night to defeat Trinity 36-27.

The Black Knights won the last four matches to come from behind for the victory. Andy Atkins, Richard Stanly and Richard Wagoner won by pin for Trinity in the loss.

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B-TEAM WRESTLING (10-2-1)

Trinity	Opponent
48	Morehead 14
Forfeit	E. Randolph 18
57	W. Alamance 37
32	S. Iredell 45
29	Thomasville 2
71	E. Randolph 33
47	Smith 35
35	W. Alamance 18
56	W. Davidson 29
33	Thomasville 16
57	W. Davidson
Forfeit	Smith
Forfeit	S. Iredell

WINTER WRESTLING

This year's wrestling program fielded full J.V. and Varsity teams. Coach Smith stated that, "The team did not have much experience, but succeeded in improving throughout the year. We are looking forward to next year. We will continue to grow and gain the expertise necessary to become a championship team."

Grueling practices, screams of pain, screams of encouragement, lifting weights, learning new moves and losing "those extra pounds," in order to compete in a certain weight class are all a part of a wrestler's life. It takes determination and guts to be a true R.J.R. wrestler.

Opponent	Trinity
Salisbury 33	47
Thomasville 38	59
Albemarle 40	65
Lexington 42	52
Concord 44	58
Asheboro 46	55
Statesville 48	57
Kannapolis 41	54
Salisbury 43	44
Thomasville 56	38

A-TEAM WRESTLING (15-0)

Opponent	Trinity
Morehead 28	38
E. Randolph 9	38
W. Guilford 17	27
Albemarle 15	41
Kannapolis 15	52
E. Randolph 6	31
HP Andrews 24	43
N. Davidson 22	
Salisbury 14	
Asheboro 10	
Concord 19	
C. Davidson 24	
Lexington 8	
Thomasville 22	
Statesville 12	