

NEWARK WRESTLING BANQUET – MARCH 10, 2007

The Newark Wrestling Banquet was held at the Newark VFW on Saturday, March 10, 2007. Coaches, administration, parents, alumni, wrestling volunteers and friends gathered to celebrate the Newark Reds successful wrestling season and present banquet awards and honor the graduating seniors from the program.

The Newark wrestling team won 19 dual meets this season, placed as a team in every tournament and won two team championships. Eleven wrestlers had 20 or more varsity wins making the 20+ club: Eric Chapple (37), Adam Golding (35), Ian Greene (33), Derrick Oberdorf (27), Tom Parcerro (27), John Gonzalez (25), Erich Dittmar (22), Robert Hauf (22), Angel Aponte (22), Chris Gonzalez (21) and Brad Vandemortel (21). Collectively, the Newark varsity wrestlers totaled 370 wins during the season.

The Newark varsity wrestlers achieved their goal of becoming a New York State Scholar athlete team with a scholastic average of over 90.

The other varsity awards presented were: the Matt Hetherley Memorial Award recipients are Chris Gonzalez and Robert Hauf; the Josh Humphries Memorial Award recipients are Jeff Burgess and Alex Avery; and the Don Durgan Memorial Award recipient is Joe Morey.

The most improved wrestler for varsity was given to Ian Greene who went from a 14-14 record as a junior to a 33-9 and 3rd place in sectionals for 06-07. The “coaches award” went to captains Erich Dittmar and Derrick Oberdorf and they both also received the “sportsmanship” award.

The “achievement” award recipient was captain, Eric Chapple who had the most wins with 37, the most pins with 22 and was a champion in three tournaments.

The “most outstanding wrestler” award was given to senior-captain, Adam Golding, who improved from 16 wins in his first year of wrestling as a Junior to 35 wins as a senior and went on to placed second in the Section V class A tournament and advanced to the State Qualifier tournament.

Seven graduating seniors were honored with pen sets: Eric Chapple, Ian Greene, Adam Golding, Derrick Oberdorf, Erich Dittmar, Angel Aponte and Brad Vandemortel.

JV Awards were presented by Coach Peter Herrington to Alex Avery for most improved wrestler and coaches award to Joe Morey. Both boys were also varsity letter winners.

Modified wrestlers were recognized by Coach David Roman.

Varsity Coach Jack Fisher acknowledged and thanked the many supporters of wrestling over his 30 years as head coach and total of 33 years in the Newark wrestling program and announced his retirement from teaching physical education and coaching wrestling. Coach Fisher's wrestling teams have totaled in 30 seasons 326 dual meet victories, 56 team tournament championships, 4 sectional team championships, 43 sectional champions, eight state finalists and 12 wrestlers with over 100 career wins.

During the 36 years of working in the Newark Central School District he taught physical education, was athletic director, coached varsity football for 24 years and in recent years has coached girls tennis, girls varsity lacrosse and summer driver education.