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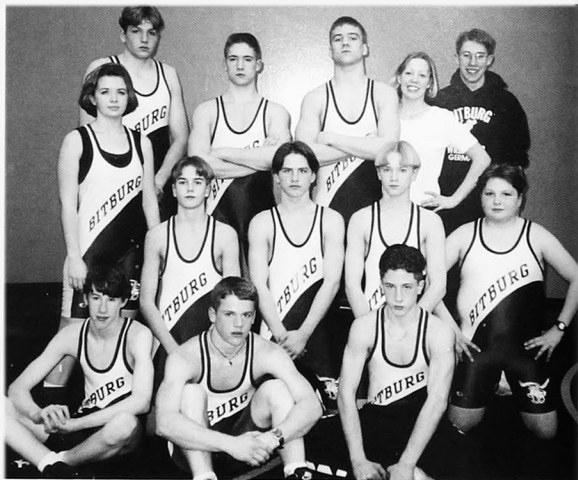


by John-Michael Holas

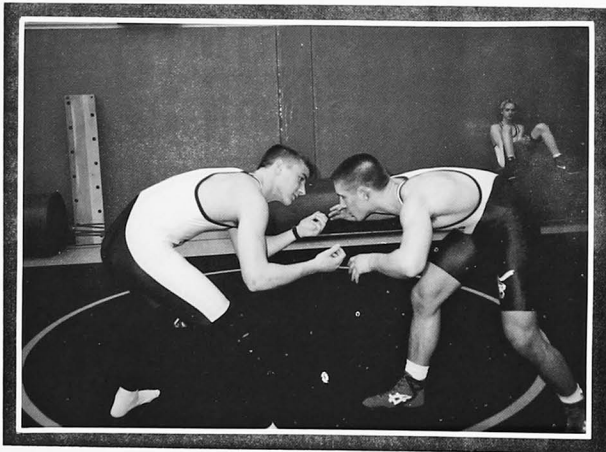
The lean mean Baron wrestlers fought their way through another great season. The matmen came out of the gate hard and fast at their initial home meet, placing 1st over Division I powerhouse Wurzburg. Bitburg's aggressiveness and endurance proved to be vital in the regular season as well, because the Barons never finished a meet below 4th in team standings.

In the first true DODDS European Wrestling Championships, Bitburg finished 10th out of 34 schools which for the first time included teams from Italy, Turkey and England. Captains John-Michael Holas and Ben Miletic made a strong showing, finishing 2nd at 215 lbs. and 3rd at 160 lbs., respectively. Sophomore Nick Miletic upset the number two seed in the semifinals enroute to a 2nd place finish at 125 lbs.

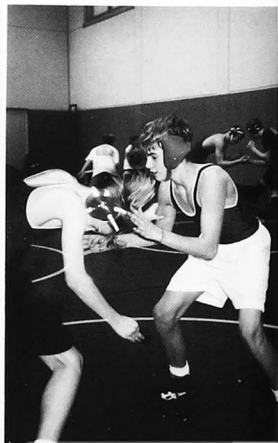
At the 1st annual DODDS International Tournament, Bitburg competed against top American, Polish, British and Lithuanian wrestlers in Europe. The Barons were represented by seniors Ben Miletic, Zach Mellor, John-Michael Holas and sophomore Nick Miletic. Ben was crowned International Champion at 160 lbs. while Zach and John-Michael placed 2nd and 4th.



1996-1997 Wrestling Team. (Back Row, L-R): John-Michael Holas, Ben Miletic, Zach Mellor; Manager: Laura Edwards, Jeff Schenck and Tiffany Talbot. (Center): Jessica Watkins, Bryan Richardson, Daryl Whitworth, Josh Singasas, Matthew Holas. (Front): Andrew Schenck, Jerry Pullin, Nick Miletic.



Zach Mellor and Ben Miletic trash-talk as each threatens/promises to pin the other one first.



Josh Singasas tries to headbutt Bryan Richardson during wrestling practice.