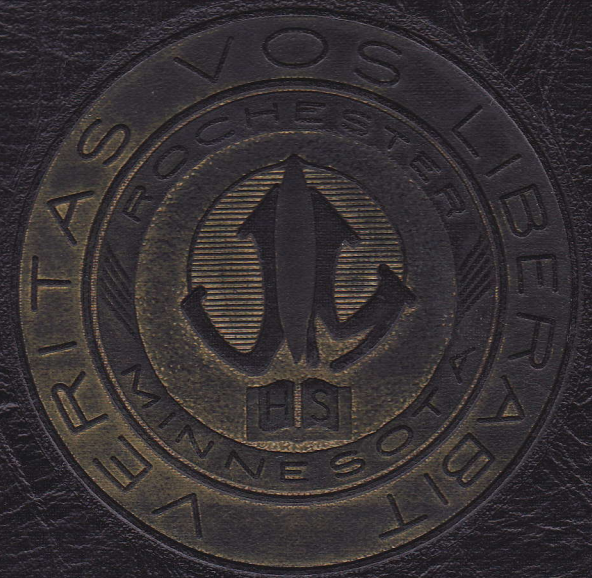


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1968







FRONT ROW: Mark Lamphere, Chris Stapleton, Pete Ward, Keith Christensen, Marty H. Christensen, Earl

Wagner. BACK ROW: Rick Wellner, Jon Johnson, Joe Borland, Cliff Hewitt, John Leach, John Riese.

After a year with ten losses and one win, the only way to go is up. Improvement was anticipated this year, but the wrestlers surpassed many expectations.

They finished the season with a very respectable six win, three loss, and one tie record. In addition they won the District Championship, the Rocket Invitational, and placed second in the Carleton Invitational at Northfield.

Two wrestlers, Cliff Hewitt and Rick Wellner, advanced to state competition, after placing high in the regional meet. However, they were both eliminated in the first round.

Rick Wellner has the upper hand on his opponent, as he did throughout the year while compiling a 23-1 winning achievement.

After winning the last-ever Rocket Invitational, the wrestlers were ranked first in the state, but lost this rating after a defeat by Mankato. Further setbacks prevented Coach Ron White's Rockets from regaining the top position.

Although the majority of the team was underclassmen, four seniors provided the leadership and experience necessary in a winning team. They were co-captains Marty H. Christensen and Earl Wagner, Joe Borland, and Rick Wellner.

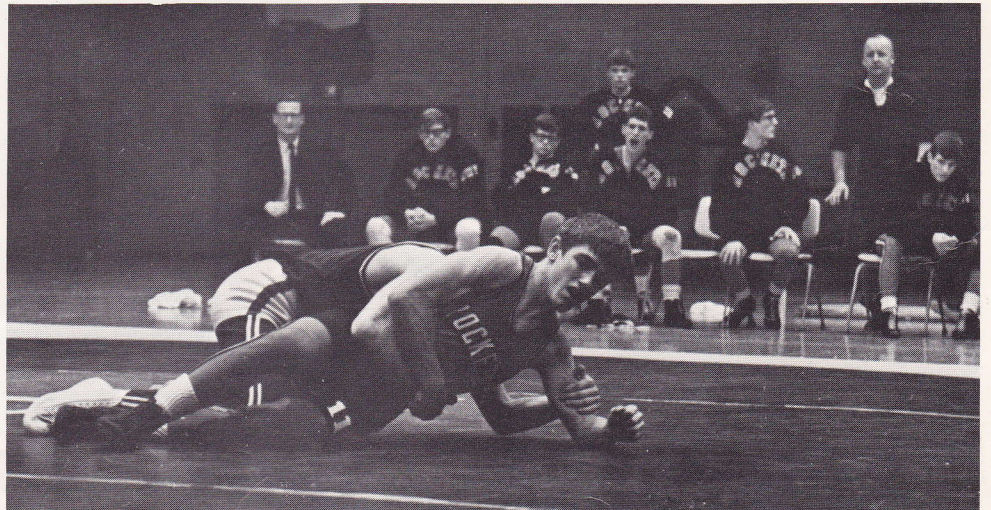
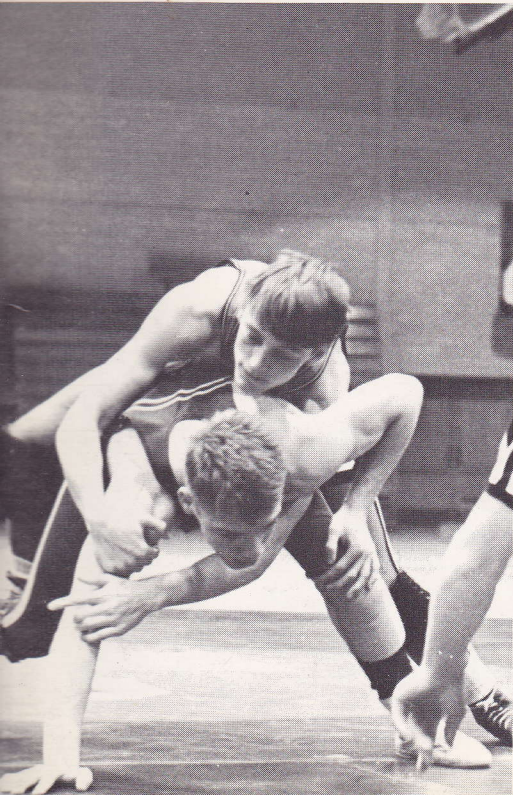
During the regular season, in the district, and in the regional, Wellner compiled a 23 win and no loss record before going into the state tournament. At the annual wrestler's banquet, he received an award for being the year's outstanding wrestler.

With eight returning starters, the outlook for the 1968-69 season seems promising, according to Assistant Coach John Drews.

# Mat Squad

Cliff Hewitt, a junior, struggles to gain a reversal while his teammates shout encouragement. Hewitt

advanced to state competition after taking a first in the district and finishing well in the regionals.





## Scoreboard

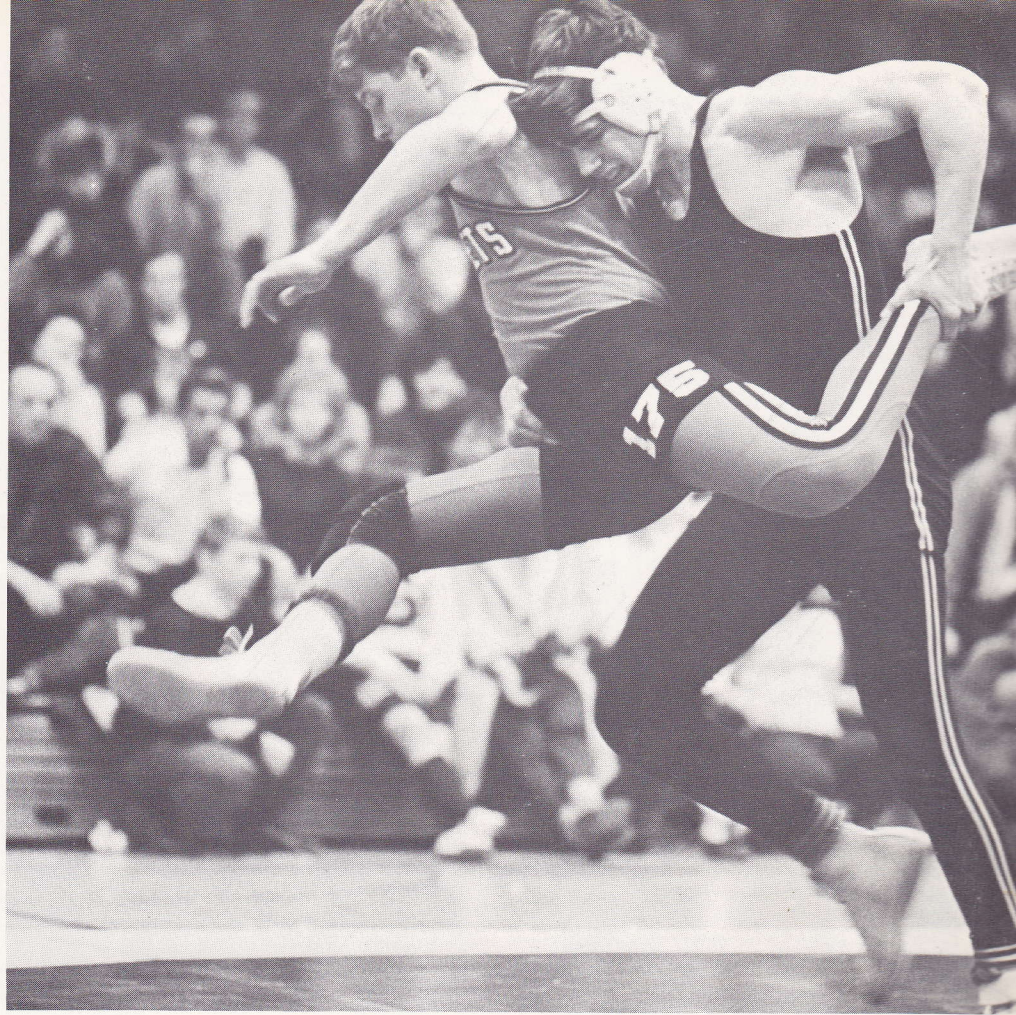
| Opponents   | Score |      |
|-------------|-------|------|
|             | We    | They |
| Mayo        | 5     | 34   |
| Albert Lea  | 24    | 20   |
| Owatonna    | 23    | 16   |
| Mankato     | 11    | 30   |
| Red Wing    | 31    | 12   |
| Austin      | 16    | 23   |
| Faribault   | 27    | 16   |
| Northfield  | 17    | 23   |
| Mounds View | 18    | 18   |
| Winona      | 25    | 17   |

## B Squad

|            |    |    |
|------------|----|----|
| Mayo       | 25 | 16 |
| Albert Lea | 19 | 25 |
| Owatonna   | 18 | 23 |
| Mankato    | 0  | 47 |
| Red Wing   | 39 | 13 |
| Austin     | 10 | 32 |
| Faribault  | 42 | 6  |
| Northfield | 36 | 14 |
| Winona     | 32 | 17 |

## Tournaments

|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| District              | First Place  |
| Rocket Invitational   | First Place  |
| Regional              | Third Place  |
| Carleton Invitational | Second Place |



Chris Stapleton, who wrestled at 175 throughout the season, is on the raw end of the deal as his opponent lifts him up for a sure takedown.

# Takes DS Rocket Invitational Crown

FRONT ROW: Jim Wellner, John Whaley, Brian Boe, Greg Winters, Kent Biel, Lynn Wagner. SECOND ROW: Rick Hargrove, Greg Koelsch, Lynn Lichty,

John Shaw Van, Jom McTamney, Wayne Pike. BACK ROW: Bruce Kranning, Alex Kilen, Gary Ol-

son, Ben Winters, Curt Buck, Mark Lavine, Dave Jensen.

