

HOW WAS THIS SEASON LIKE NO OTHER?



"This season was like no other [because] as a team, we [had] about two weeks total to prepare for state."

PHOEBE BURT '21



"We had a much smaller team, [and] we didn't [have] enough practices like we did last year."

FLORENCE ASSUMANI '22



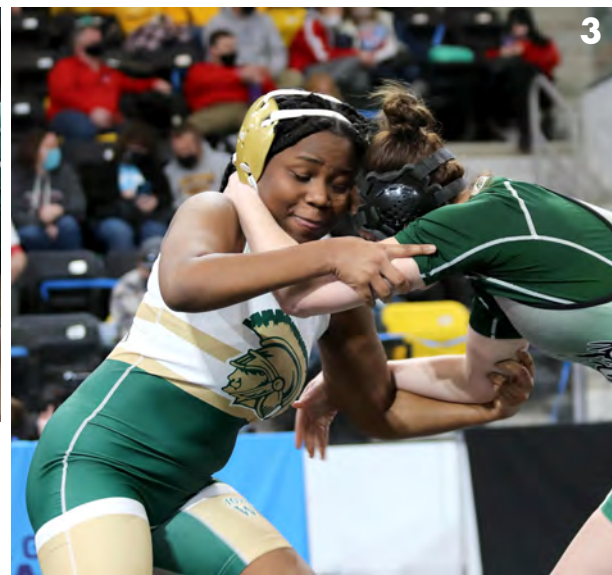
"This season I learned a lot more about my technique."

MARLIE MCBRIDE '24



"It has definitely been a struggle to get girls to come out for wrestling this year ... but our coaches have tried very hard to make it feel just as last year's season."

AVA DAVIS '22



HISTORY IN THE MAKING

In the third ever girls state wrestling tournament, Phoebe Burt '21 pinned her opponent in 32 seconds, and Burt felt it was an emotional moment.

"The feeling was a mixture of pride and relief. I was proud because that was my first time winning and relief because it meant I would be able to continue in the tournament," Burt said.

For teammate Florence Assumani '21, watching Burt's pin from the sidelines was nothing but exciting.

"She really deserved it with the weird practice schedule we had," Assumani said. "It was a [really] beautiful moment, and I enjoyed watching her going crazy." Although a wrestling competition may seem like an individual match, Burt couldn't have done it without her teammates.

"My teammates were honestly my biggest motivation. They kept me going in the wrestling in practice and on the mats at state," Burt said. "I was so grateful to have coaches that really pushed me and really pushed me to be the best I could be. I couldn't have asked for a better group of people to have for coaches and teammates."

1. During her match at the girls state wrestling tournament, Marissa Goodale '22 tries to find an escape Jan. 22. "Our team is special because we all were close," Goodale said. "We all went through the same stuff because of the weird year and the pandemic, but we all definitely made the most out of it."

2. While grasping on her opponent, Emma Barker '22 sets up her win against Josie Jecklin of Western Dubuque Jan. 22. Barker pinned Jecklin in 3:46 during the third round of the state tournament.

3. Grabbing her opponent's arm, Florence Assumani '21 fights hard during her match Jan. 22.

4. Ava Davis '22 looks to get a pin on Camryn Johnston during her match Jan. 22.

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6. While her teammates support her on the sidelines, Marlie McBride '24 wrestles during her match Jan. 22.

7. Trying to break her opponent's stance, Phoebe Burt '21 wrestles during the girls state wrestling tournament Jan. 22. Burt finished the tournament with a 1-2 record.



A NEW ADDITION

In the newly built Xstream Arena in Coralville, Marissa Goodale '22 firmly shakes her hand with her opponent at the girls state wrestling tournament Jan. 22.

SURVIVE AND ADVANCE

During the second round of the girls state wrestling tournament, Ava Davis '22 gets on top of her opponent Jan. 22. Davis finished the tournament with a 3-2 record. "My favorite part of the team is our teamwork and encouragement. We may only have a small number of girls on our team this year, but we all work very hard each and every day," Davis said.

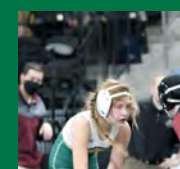
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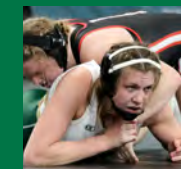
Locking her arms around Victoria Knight, Marlie McBride '24 works on top of her Jan. 22. McBride finished the tournament with a 3-2 record. "My favorite moment was starting the state tournament with my first match of high school as a win and the team being so supportive," McBride said.

A TEAM LIKE NO OTHER

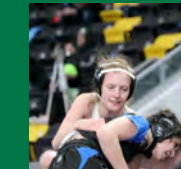
How would you describe the team in one word?



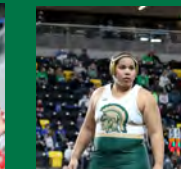
"HAPPY." MARLIE MCBRIDE '24



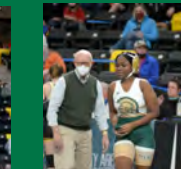
"HARDWORKING." EMMA BARKER '22



"SUPPORTIVE." AVA DAVIS '22



"STRONG." PHOEBE BURT '21



"IMPROVED." FLORENCE ASSUMANI '22



"DEDICATED." MARISSA GOODALE '22