RIGHT: Jacob Powers '16 catches the leg of Iowa City West High's Hunter Davis '18 before gaining a pin on the night. The night marked the Little Hawks' first win against West High since 2002, a span of 14 years. **PHOTO BY JOSEPH CRESS** Mer C



VICTORY AGAINST WEST

By Brady Vanlo

With Districts taking place on February 13th, it's almost time to wrap up the 2015-2016 wrestling season.

Head coach Cory Connell is pleased with his team's performance not just on the mat, but also off.

"We've been working hard year round, just doing things right," Connell said. "We're performing well not only on the mat, but also in the classroom, at home and doing the right things everywhere"

Senior wrestler Nic Jarvis feels that the improvement has made for an exceptional senior year.

"From a wrestler's perspective, I'm very proud to be apart of this team and to accomplish everything we've done this season, especially coming from where we were a couple years ago," Jarvis said. "It's been a fun senior year."

This will also be a season to remember due to the defeat of West High on January 7th for the first time in 14 years.

"It's always nice to beat your rivals, but being able to take part in beating [West] for the first time in 14 years it's just surreal" said Jacob Dykes '18

Now the team is working on refining their moves as they prepare for state.

"With a big part of the season approaching, we're really just focusing on the little things we need to do to make ourselves better," Connell said. "I think we've got real good chances at qualifying [for state] at some weights, but we've got to go out and earn those spots."

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