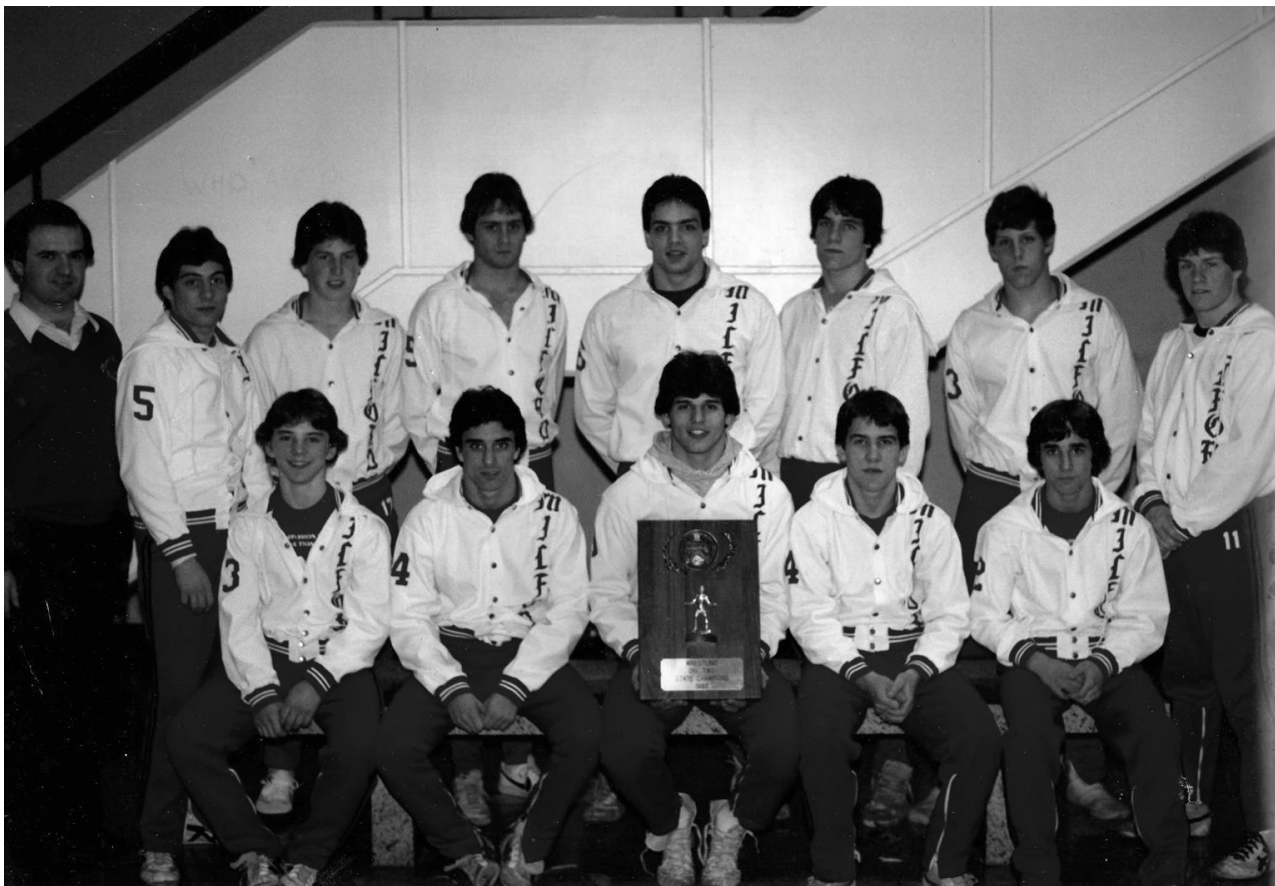




1983 Wrestling Team
13-1 Dual Meet Record - Division II Central Sectional Runner-Up
Division II State Champions

Tournament Team: Tom Sgammato, Tri-captains John Zogby, Steve Cacciola and Mike D'Errico, Steve Foley, Coach Nick Zacchilli, Sean McGrath, Paul Vinciulla, Peter Rackley, Steve Morgan, Brian Brogioli, Anthony Consigli and Jim Greene

Optimism ran high for the 1982-83 Milford High School Wrestling Team. The team returned nine starters from the previous season when the MIAA state tournaments were suspended due to Prop 2 ½. The team was eager to defend their 1981 State Championship and hoped to make it three championships in six years. Over 80 wrestlers were on hand for the first practice, including six potential state place-winners. After an opening match loss to perennial Div. 1 power Waltham, the team sailed through the early part of the schedule, which included winning the Triton Invitational Tournament and a surprising 3rd place finish at the prestigious Lowell Holiday's. This reinforced the belief that the team had state championship potential. The second half of the schedule was much tougher, but the team hit its stride with two big wins over undefeated teams, downing Rhode Island power, Bishop Hendricken, 42-22, and ending the dual meet season with a stunning 33-20 win over arch-rival Wayland. The Sectional Tournament brought the team back to reality, as Wayland came back to beat us for the team title. Seniors John Zogby (114 lbs), Sean McGrath (134 lbs.) and Steve Morgan (Hvywt) won individual championships. Sophomore Steve Foley (100 lbs), Freshman Tom Sgammato (107 lbs), and Senior Steve Cacciola (147 lbs) took seconds, while Senior Mike D'Errico (121 lbs) took third to qualify for the States.

The State Tournament proved to be another cliff-hanger reminiscent of 1978 and 1981. The outcome wasn't decided until the next-to-last weight class, and the team edged out Triton Regional by 1 ½ points to win the title. The six early-season favorites to place in the States did just that. John Zogby won the championship at 114 lbs, Steve Foley and Sean McGrath both end up as runners-up, while Mike D'Errico (3rd), Steve Cacciola (4th) and Steve Morgan (5th) all became members of the State's elite.

Rounding out the tournament team that season were Seniors Paul Vinciulla, Peter Rackley, and Jim Greene; Junior Brian Brogioli; and Sophomore Anthony Consigli. Also making regular appearances in the varsity line-up throughout the year were seniors John Brogioli, Tim McDonough, Mike DeLoia, Skip DeCapua, Randy Poirier, Jay Rizoli and Tom Wilson.