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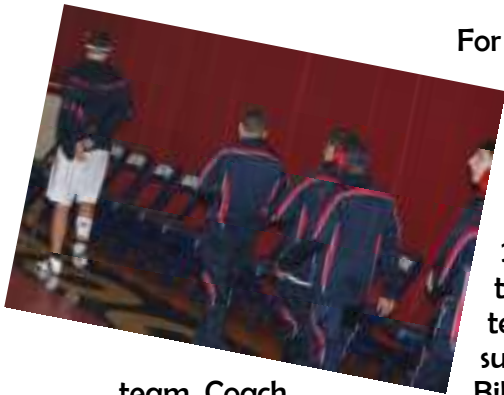


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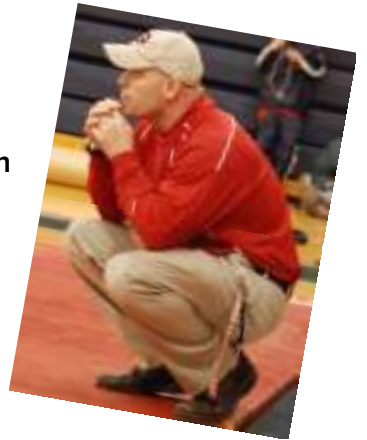
2011

A NEW BEGINNING



team, Coach experience with many younger and less seasoned team members coming in and that he would need to adjust his demands accordingly.

For those in the know in the wrestling community, qualifying for the state team finals at Battle Creek is an accomplishment that isn't easy to achieve. In fact, some programs have never made it and are not likely to anytime soon. John Glenn's two year run in the "Elite Eight" from 2008 -2010 was a special period that cemented their status as perhaps the best Rocket wrestling team in school history. With the graduation of a substantial number of members of last year's



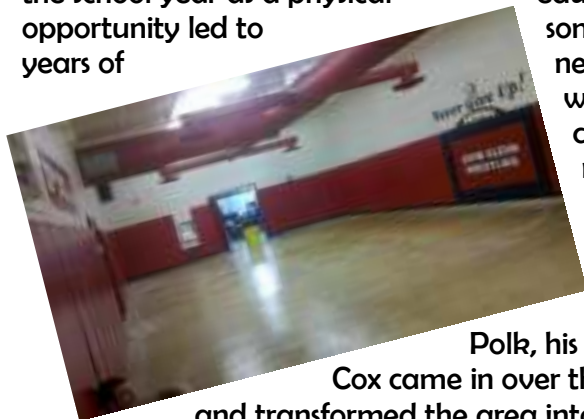
they sports competitions and training sessions, but this wasn't pushed as in years previous.

Having already dropped out of the tough Milan Summer Duals in favor of the Crestwood Duals, Glenn realized much better participation staying closer to home at Dearborn Heights the past two off seasons. The Rockets also opted for the Olivet College (alma mater for both Polk and Coach Harris) Summer Camp this past year after attending the tough and more costly University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan camps for many years previous. Glenn still ran the Rocket Camp in late July as usual, but, unlike previous seasons, that ended the off season commitment. With so many wrestlers involved with football, cross country, and soccer, Polk felt had done enough and that it was time for them to concentrate on fall until November. Some of the team members participated in post season

Polk's Golf Outing was a success in the fall, and for the first time, he was able to start the school year as a physical education teacher at the

some other changes. negotiations, Polk was allowed to create a wrestling room out of the old weight training area.

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Given the green light in December,



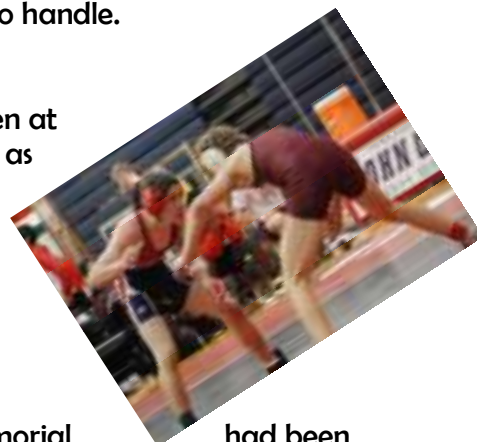
Polk, his dad, Coach Harris, and Coach

Cox came in over the winter holiday vacation period and transformed the area into a wrestling room which would allow the team to train in their own area without the distractions presented in the gym room.



With a younger, less experienced team than in previous seasons, the John Glenn coaching staff anticipated a rougher time in dual meets and individual competitions. However, that did not deter Coach Polk from setting up another challenging schedule for 2010-11. Glenn fared well in non-division conference opponents, going 5-0 against those programs. In the conference, only Canton and Livonia Franklin proved too much for the Rockets to handle.

Other opponents were usually state-ranked in the top ten at some point during the season. Glenn took on powerhouses such as Novi Catholic Central, Southgate Anderson, Holt, Dundee and Woodhaven. It was difficult to build up a winning record against these teams, yet the Rockets finished a respectable 15-9 overall and actually won the Plymouth Salem Individual tournament over the holiday period.

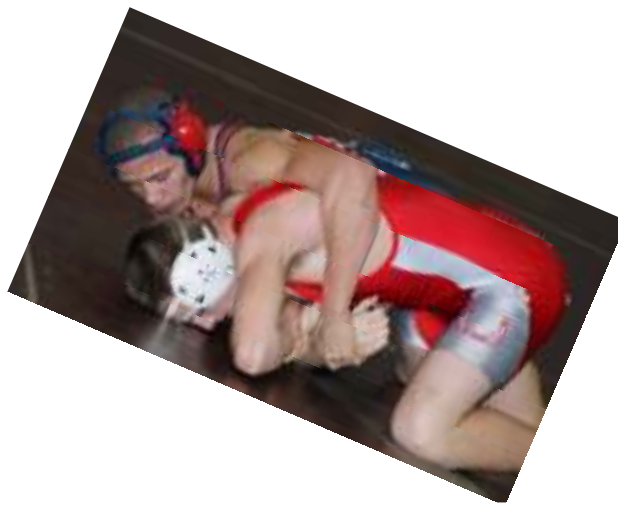
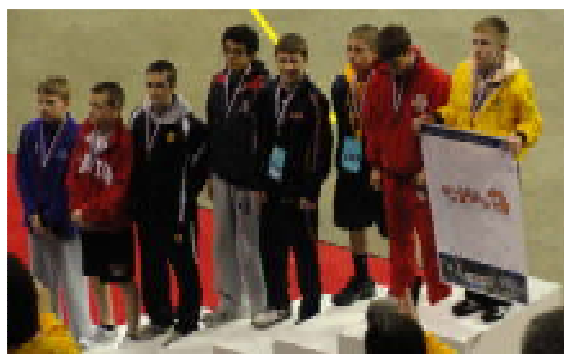


Long time rival, Wayne Memorial, had been improving over the last several years and had their sites on defeating John Glenn in the Team District tournament for the first time in quite awhile. Polk had other ideas, however, and plugged some holes in his lineup with backups that had been competing at the Junior Varsity level throughout the season as well as bumping around his regulars to match up in the best manner against the Zebras. The results were a surprising doubling up of the Wayne team, 44-22, to claim, yet another Team District title.

Sometimes, a coach's best effort doesn't always show up in the final stats of the season.



As the team entered into the individual state tournament, they were represented by senior, Kameron Jones (171 lbs.) and sophomore, Kyle Gillies (103 lbs.). Gillies added his name to a long list of John Glenn state medalists, placing fourth in a tough weight class.





**JOHN GLENN
WRESTLING**

105 GIGGINS
112 DUPRAVO
119 ISAACS
125 QUINN
130 ONEAL
135 SWIGH
140 WILBY
145 WACKER
150 LONG
160 POWERS
171 CROFT
189 WILLIAMS
215 BOWER
220 GRAUSEFORD

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PERIOD

FOULS

PLAYER FOULS



WRESTLING

DIVISION CHAMPIONS

1987 1990 1993 2001 2002
2003 2004 2005 2006 2007
2008

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

'67 '69 '70 '71 '72 '73 '74 '75
'76 '77 '78 '79 '80 '81 '82 '83
'84 '85 '88 '01 '02 '03

