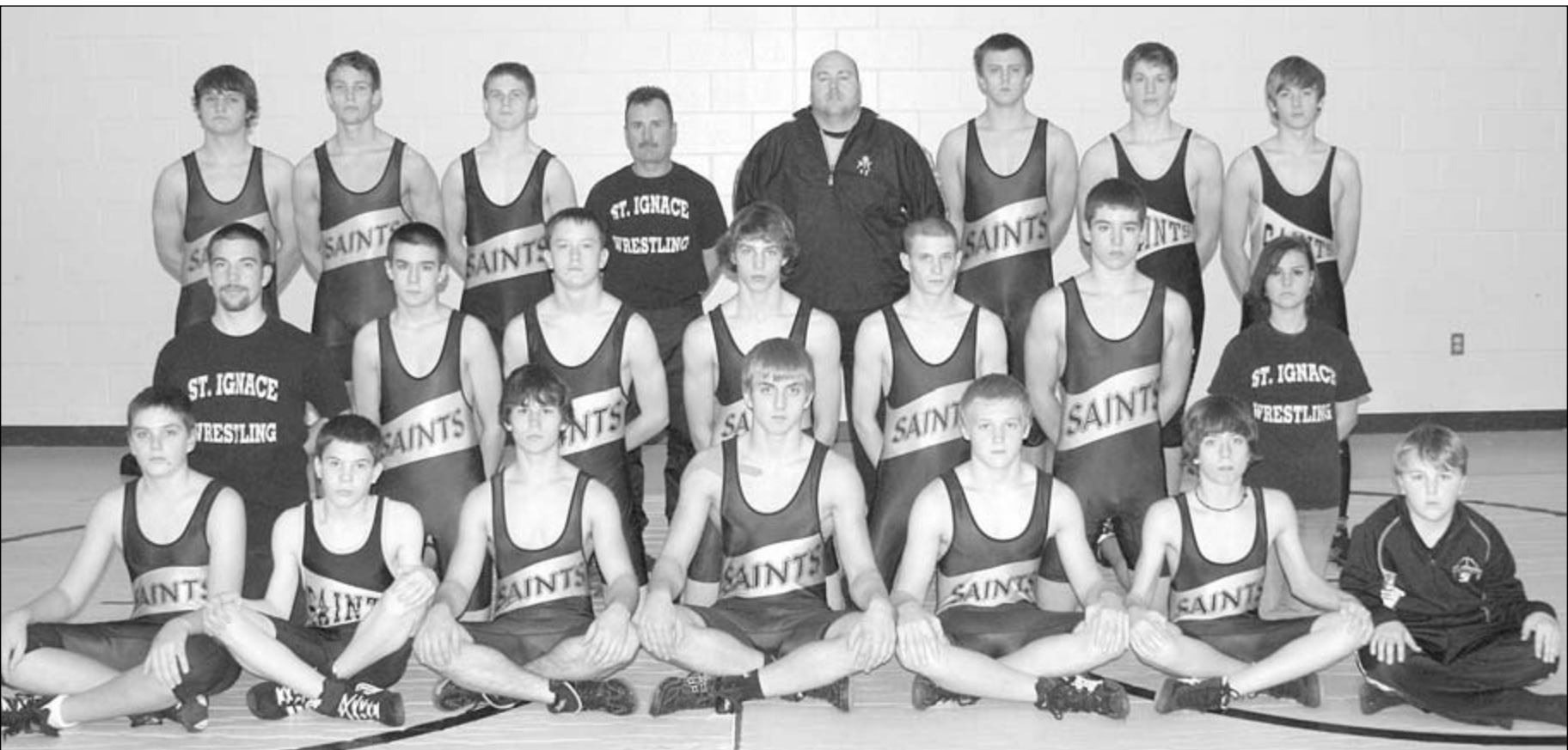




St. Ignace Saints



Nine Returning Wrestlers To Re-build Saints Team



The St. Ignace Saints 2009-2010 wrestling team includes (front, from left) Brandon Marshall, Dakota McLennan, Richard Bentley, Galloway Thurston, Joey Krause, Billy Bentgen, manager Drew Marshall; (middle) statistician Eric Lenoir, Dylan Brown, Levi Thompson, William Pechta, Kyle Fulgenzi, Joey Ostman, statistician Jessica Bentley; (back) Wyatt Orm, John Evashevski, Louie Radecki, Head Coach Harvey Bentley, Assistant Coach Chris Marshall, Lucas Thurston, Dan St. Onge, and Cody Swagger. Missing from photograph are Assistant Coach Wade Huskey and wrestlers Robert Sayles and Caleb Litzner.

Coach Harvey Bentley, in his eighth season as the St. Ignace wrestling coach, will have a rebuilding season this year after eight wrestlers were graduated, with a total of 315 victories among them, last spring.

Two LaSalle High School records were set during the 28-6 overall record season last year, earning the school its third consecutive district title. Mike McNeely recorded the fastest pin in four seconds and Rob Robinson the most season victories with 57. Four wrestlers from last season reached the 100-win plateau, Tyler Oja (107), Robinson (128), and McNeely (160). The fourth athlete, John Evashevski, joins this group with 125 wins going into his senior season.

Joining Evashevski (56-4) for their final season on the mat are Robert Sayles (10-13) and Dan St. Onge (6-6).

Remaining returnees include senior Kyle Fulgenzi and juniors William Pechta (22-18), Lucas Thurston (8-15), Cody Swagger (6-1), and Caleb Litzner and sophomores competing for their second year are Louie Radecki (8-4), Dylan Brown (2-1).

First-year wrestlers are freshmen Richard Bentley, Joey Ostman, Galloway Thurston, Joe Krause, Brandon Marshall, Wyatt Orm, Dakota McLennan, and Billy Bentgen.

Coach Bentley tells his athletes that family is the most important aspect in any wrestler's life. Both Coach Bentley and assistant coaches Wade Huskey and Chris Marshall are former standout wrestlers for LaSalle High School.

The Saints will compete in invitationals at Munising, Rudyard, Rogers City, Escanaba, Gaylord, and the home Lions Club invite. The Straits Area Conference will hold league meets at Onaway, Cheboygan, Rogers City, and St. Ignace.

Saints To Host 31st Lions Invitational

The Saints will host the 31st annual St. Ignace Lions Club Wrestling Invitational at LaSalle High School Saturday, December 12, with competition scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

Teams scheduled to compete for team championship and individual medals in 14 weight classes are the Saints, Rudyard, Cheboygan, Newberry, Sault Ste. Marie, Munising, Rogers City, Mancelona, Manistique, and Onaway.

ST. IGNACE SAINTS Varsity Wrestling

December

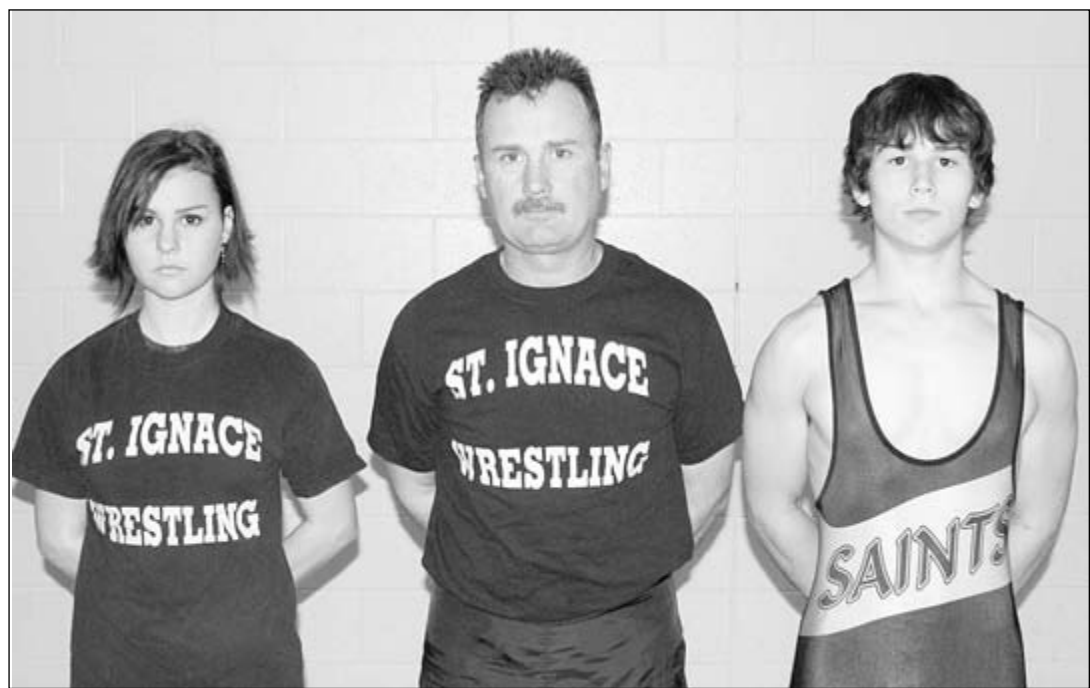
- 2 at Alpena/Rogers City 6 p.m.
- 5 at Munising Invite TBA
- 9 Home - Petoskey, Rogers City/Manistique 5:30 p.m.
- 12 St. Ignace Invite 10 a.m.
- 18 at Rudyard Brawl 2:30
- 30 at Rogers City Invite 10 a.m.

January

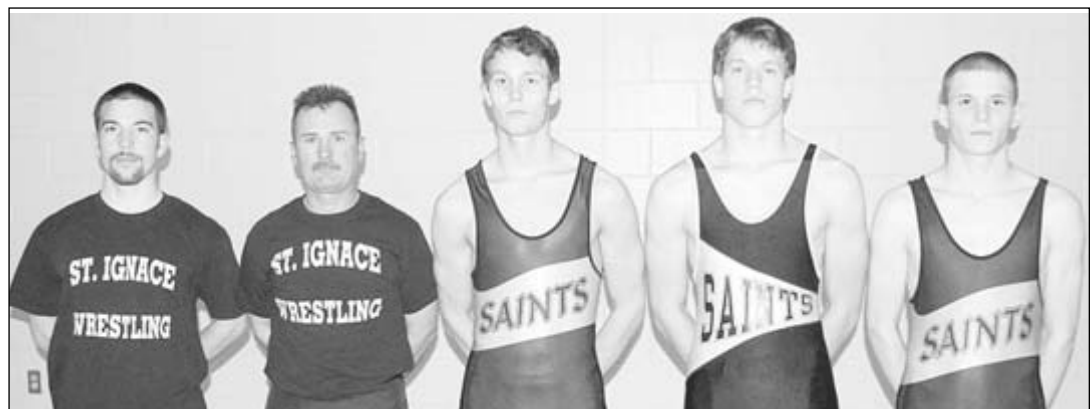
- 2 at Munising Invite TBA
- 7 Home - Onaway/Sault Ste. Marie Mancelona 5:30 p.m.
- 9 at Escanaba Invite TBA
- 13 SAC at St. Ignace 5:30 p.m.
- 20 SAC at Onaway
- 23 U.P. Champ at Marquette
- 27 SAC at Cheboygan
- 30 at Gaylord Invite

February

- 3 SAC at Newberry
- 6 SAC at Rogers City
- 11 Team Districts
- 13 Individual Districts



The Bentley family on the wrestling mat includes Jessica, Harvey, and Richard.



Seniors include (from left) Eric Lenoir, Coach Harvey Bentley, John Evashevski, Dan St. Onge, and Kyle Fulgenzi. Missing from photograph is Robert Sayles.

LASALLE WRESTLING		
Most Career Victories	BILLY RICKLEY	162
Most Season Victories	ROB ROBINSON	57
Most Consecutive Victories	BILLY RICKLEY	37
Most Season Pins	BILLY RICKLEY	39
Fastest Pin	MIKE McNEELY	:04
Highest Career Win Percentage	WADE HUSKEY	86.8%
Highest Season Win Percentage	RICHARD BROWN	100%

At left: The updated LaSalle High School wrestling records board. Rob Robinson and Mike McNeely set new records during the 2008-09 season. The records are displayed in the high school gymnasium.