

# Senior Night 2007-2008



## Westmont Wrestling



## Michael Allen Brant

Mike is the son of D. Allen and Lynn Brant. He has been wrestling since the third grade. Some of Mike's wrestling accomplishments are a second place finish at Districts, CBS Regional All Star, Pennsylvania First Team All Academic Team, MWCA/Brute Duals National Championship Team Member. Mike is also a two time State Qualifier in Track. He has a 4.0 GPA and is a member of the National Honor Society. Mike plans to attend the Naval Academy and major in Economics.

Favorite wrestling move—Declined to answer.

Favorite food after a match—Cereal and some sort of sugar cookie.

Favorite leisure activity—Camping/Hiking

Note to coaches: Thank you for always believing, when few others did, and for all the time and effort you put in with me and with everyone on the team.



## Devin Dorian

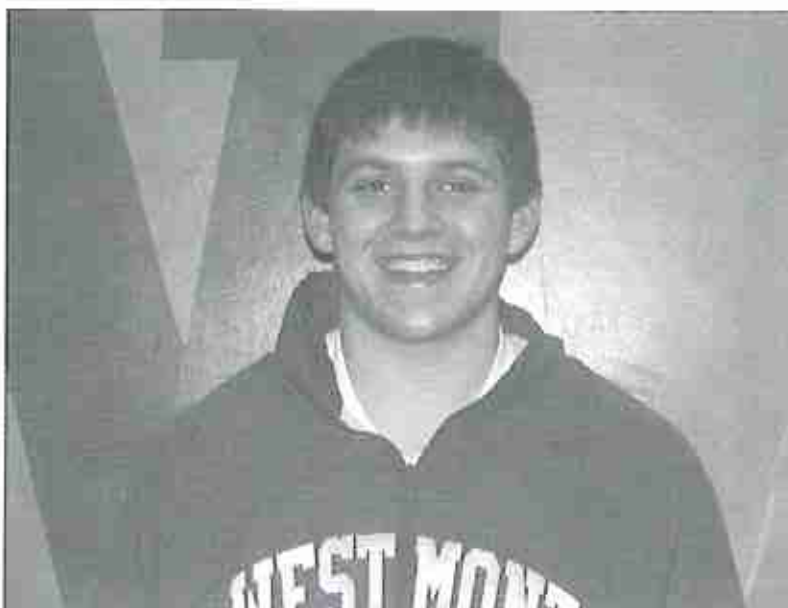
Devin is the son of Dan and Dana Dorian. He has been wrestling since the first grade. Some of Devin's wrestling accomplishments are two time All Academic Wrestling Team, two time Most Dedicated Wrestler Award, two year letter winner, 2006 District 6 4<sup>th</sup> place finish. Devin also has two letters in soccer and track. Devin plans to attend Slippery Rock University and major in Business.

Favorite wrestling move—Bar and a One on One.

Favorite food after a match—Subway, Power Bar, Propel, Valuetime.

Favorite leisure activity—Chilling, watching movies.

Note to coaches: Thanks to all the Coaches.



## Sean Gilbert McDonald

Sean is the son of Gil and Patty McDonald. He has been wrestling for one year. Sean is a three year letter winner in football and a four year letter winner in baseball. He also made the 2006 Laurel Highlands All Conference Team, is a Ken Lantzy choice and won the Frank Rauley award for football. Sean was the 2006 defensive player of the year and the 2007 most outstanding baseball player for Westmont. After graduation, Sean plans on attending college, majoring in criminal justice and playing baseball.

Favorite wrestling move—The Switch

Favorite food after a match—Grilled chicken salad and two hot dogs from Sheetz and Mrs. Keklak's chili.

Favorite leisure activity—Hanging with friends, watching TV and taking naps.

Note to coaches: Thank you for giving me the confidence and encouragement that I needed to be successful this year. I'm sure you were frustrated at times watching me try to do certain moves, but your coaching helped me get through this season. You three are outstanding coaches and are doing a tremendous job. Thank you!



## Thomas John Polacek

T. J. is the son of Tom and Mary Polacek. He has been wrestling since the second grade and lists his accomplishments as 2 time Regional Qualifier, State Qualifier, NHSCA High School All-American, two time CBS All-Star, two time Pennsylvania All-Academic First Team. T. J.'s academic accomplishments include 4.1 GPA, National Honor Society Executive President, three year Student Council Member, Challenge Program Student Ambassador. T. J.'s future plans are to wrestle at the University of Pennsylvania while pursuing a degree in Economics.

**Favorite wrestling move—**Shooting the re-shot

**Favorite food after a match—**Chicken pita, Powerbar, Gatorade, Pop Tart, Cookies, Granola bar and much more.

**Favorite leisure activity—**Camping with friends

Note to coaches: Matt, Woody and Muddy, I appreciate all of the time and instruction that you've provided over the years. In the process of spending over 300 days of each year with you, we've accomplished a lot of great things, and have had a lot of fun. The memories will stay with me forever. Thank you.

## Coaches Comments

Michael Brant—Mike has been a mainstay in the line-up over the last 4 years. He is a leader not only through words, but through actions as well. Since Mike came to varsity he has seemingly always been the first in the matroom, and the last one to leave. This characteristic really defines Mike's blue-collar approach to wrestling. He takes nothing for granted, and outworks his opponents for every point he earns on the mat. Additionally, Mike is a tremendous student-athlete, carrying a 4.0+ GPA and earning 1<sup>st</sup> Team Pennsylvania All-Academic Team honors the past 2 years.

Devin Dorian—Devin is a 3 year starter and has been a major part of why we've enjoyed success over that period. Devin seemingly has a motor that never stops, and he carries this attitude and effort into the matroom on a daily basis. Such an attitude is infectious on a team, and really helps to improve everyone around it. Devin is also a true team player, and has never balked at any request made of him from this coaching staff. In addition, Devin is one of 3 seniors we have that have been selected to the Pennsylvania All-Academic Team twice, which epitomizes his efforts as a student-athlete.

Sean McDonald—Sean has been a welcome addition to the team this season. Sean has limited varsity wrestling experience, but what Sean lacks in "mat-time" he more than makes up for with determination, hard work, and intensity. Sean has progressed extremely rapidly and has become a very important part of the team. In addition, Sean is a very coachable kid who carries himself with class both on and off the mat. Although we only had Sean for one season, his presence in this program will be missed next year.

T. J. Polacek—T. J. has been a starter for the varsity the last 4 seasons; over this time he has overcome obstacles that could have claimed his wrestling career. In what was one of the most inspiring seasons I have ever witnessed, T. J. wrestled his entire sophomore season with a severely dislocated shoulder that required additional surgeries afterwards. That season really defined T. J. as a wrestler, and as a person. His heart, his determination, and his dedication are seen every time he wrestles, or any time he's in a classroom. The verification of T. J. 's classroom approach is clearly evident in his 4.0+ GPA and his selection to the 1<sup>st</sup> Team Pennsylvania All-Academic Team the past 2 seasons.