? The Scottsburg Wrestling Team traveled to Jennings County for the IHSAA Sectionals and came away with 5 qualifiers (the most in school history) and placed 5th overall for their highest team finish since the sectionals were realigned. Head Coach Tyson Skinner noted, “I was pleased with our team finish. We placed third one year, but with the realignment several years ago our sectional is vastly improved and we are gaining ground on the top dogs in this sectional now.”

Leading the way for the Warriors were Junior 152-pounder Tanner Howard as he dominated the 152-pounds division to claim his first sectional crown. Howard opened the day with a technical fall victory over Baughn of Bedford North Lawrence, then pinned Owen of Seymour to advance to the finals. “Howard wrestled extremely well today. He is recovering nicely from a mid season injury and is almost back to top form.”

Capturing third for the warriors were Juniors Sebastian Rodgers at 160-pounds, and Nick Henderson at 189-pounds and Senior Chris Chasteen at 171-pounds. Both Chasteen and Henderson dropped semi-final matches to the eventual champion in their weight class, while Rodgers had a more controversial semi-final match. In the first period Rodgers was accessed a 1 point penalty that ended up deciding the match as he lost 5-6 to Brierly of Columbus East. “Sebastians match could of very easily went the other way. He was struck across the face and made a comment to the official about it and was accessed the penalty. You never talk to the officials while on the mat but it was a very obvious call the other way in my opinion that was missed to put it kindly.” Skinner Continued, “ Nick and Chris both lost to talented wrestlers and wrestled well throughout the day.”

Senior Will Stone returning from a season long injury battled to capture 4th at 215lbs. “He has had a very tough year with his injury and his Dr. wasn’t sure he could go but he gutted it out and wrestled well most of the day.”

Other placers for the Warriors were; Gage Kelly 5th at 103-pounds Stephen Gary 6th at 112-pounds, Coty Fink 5th at 125-pounds, Kris Sandlin 5th at 140 pounds, and Will Napier 5th at HWT.