

January 14, 2013

Ingram High School
1819 North 135th Street
Seattle, WA 98133

To the Principal, Athletic Director & Wrestling Coach:

My son, Gage, from the West Valley High School, Yakima Wrestling Team had the pleasure to wrestle against Liam Kinkead from your high school wrestling team on Saturday (1/12/13) at the Henry Foss Invitational in Tacoma. While Gage was wrestling Liam, in the 120 pound weight bracket Gage dislocated his left shoulder. Accidents happen and this was nobody's fault. Your coach and wrestler were outstanding. The coach rushed onto the mat and held Gage in place until the ambulance arrived. It is my understanding that Liam was shaken and upset, but again, this was an accident.

Once treated at the hospital emergency room we were released and Gage wanted to return to the gym. Upon returning we received a note with Liam's name and number on it. Liam was concerned enough that he left this with our coaches so that Gage could call him and let him know how he was doing.

Gage and I went over to where the Ingram was sitting and we started talking with the team and coach. One of the wrestlers took off his team shirt and gave it to Gage then the coach said "you are already a Ram, but now you are an honorary Ingram Ram" and the team applauded. This was an amazing display of compassion, spirit and sportsmanship by the coach and entire team. I have been involved with wrestling for over 9 years and have never witnessed anything so touching that a team would take an "opponent" as their own. They should be commended!

We hope to see your team again soon and wish them all luck at Districts, Regionals & State!

Sincerely,
Kelly Darbyson
Gage Darbyson

**More enduringly than any other sport, wrestling teaches self-control & pride.
Some have wrestled without great skill but none have wrestled without great pride.
~ Dan Gable**



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RAM WRESTLING**