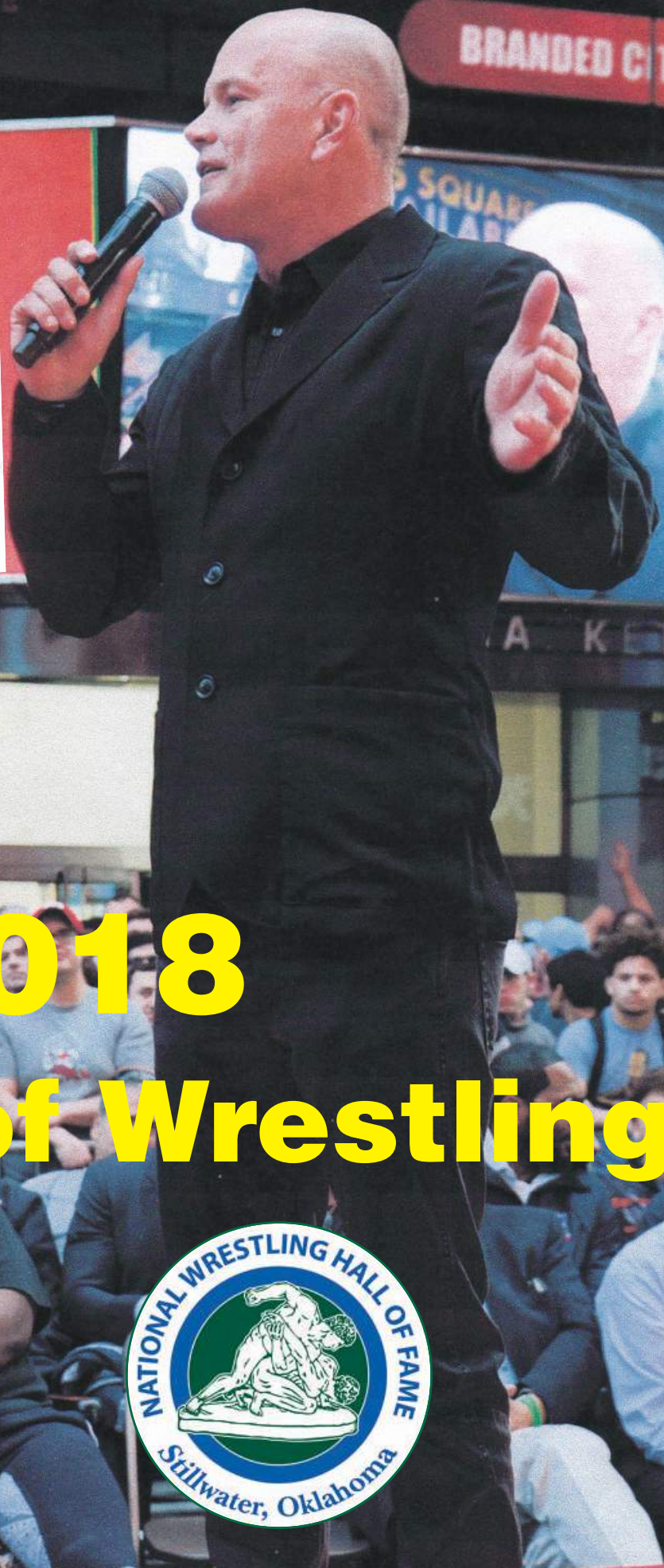


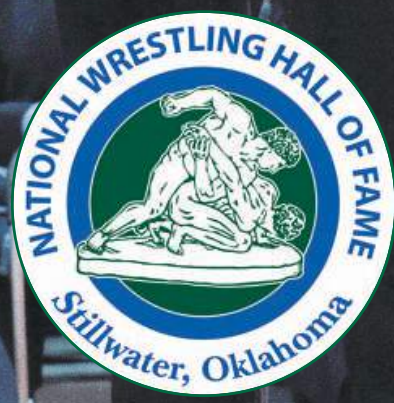
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 - Financially Support National Wrestling Hall of Fame, Stillwater, OK
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Mr. Pascal Perri, Deputy Director
Friends of Long Island Wrestling
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Dear Pascal,

Every year I receive a copy of the Friends of Long Island Wrestling magazine and am amazed by the quality of the publication and the commitment to amateur wrestling by so many dedicated coaches, officials, fans and members of the local business community. I'm also amazed how much you have personally given for so many years.

I recently stepped down from the Maryland HOF Chapter Board after fifteen years of service. My other responsibilities have become too demanding. Other members of the Maryland Board who are former Long Island wrestlers look to the "Friends of Long Island Wrestling" as a model for chapters across the nation.

Each year as I look through the names my memories of Long Island flash back and I am so grateful for my wrestling experience there that literally framed the course of my adult life. Names like Jerry Seckler, Pete Venier, Bob Bury, Neil Duncan, Nick Gallo, BA Shoen, and Pete Cimino all touched my life in one way or another. Please give my fondest regards to them when you have the opportunity. As I write this letter I remember the battle with Pete Cimino in the 147 lb. weight class as we moved through the bracket for the tournament championship.

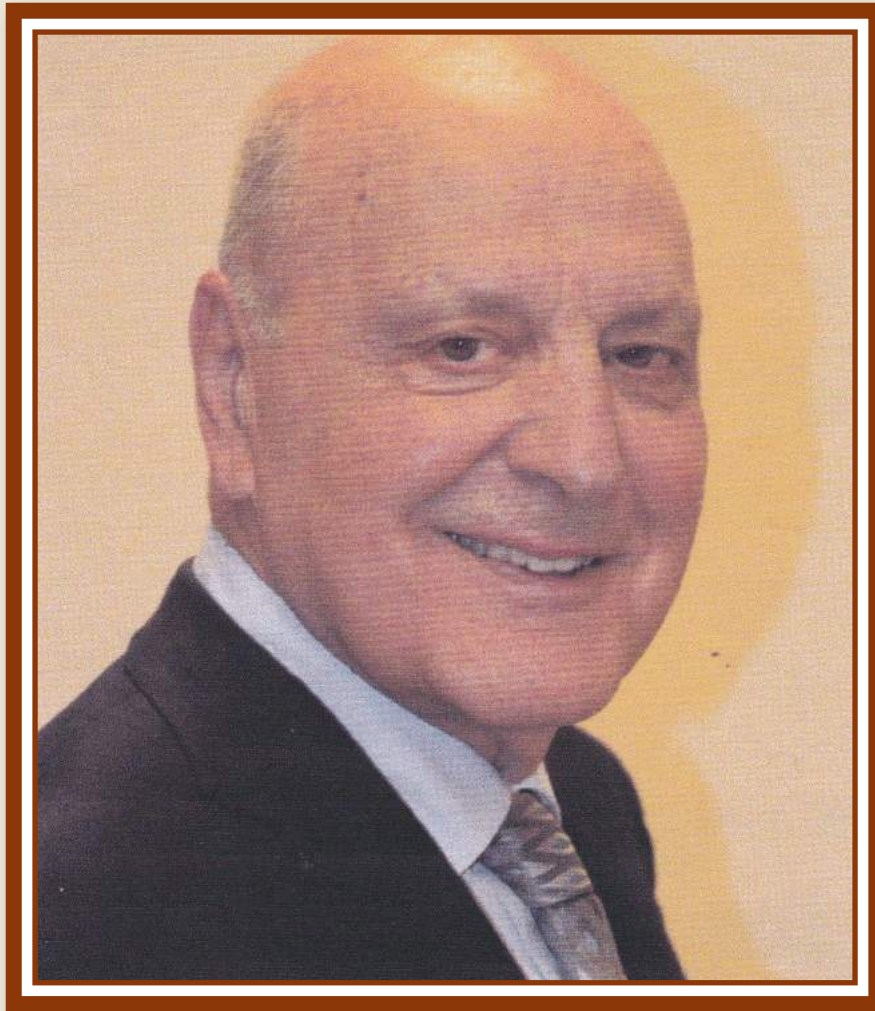
Plainedge HS wrestling has come a long way from the beginning days when I wrestled there and Hauppauge HS has become a major force. My older brother spent many years as an administrator at Hauppauge HS.

Once again I thank you for your service to amateur wrestling and extend my fondest regards to the "Friends of Long Island Wrestling" for influencing so many young lives in a most positive manner.

Sincerely,

Dick Slutzky

William Zagarino



IT IS WITH A HEAVY HEART THAT WE FACE THE PASSING OF A LONG TIME MEMBER OF OUR WRESTLING FAMILY. WILLIAM "BILL", ZAGARINO PASSED AWAY IN THE SPRING OF 2017. BILL WAS A PRODUCTIVE AND ACTIVE BOARD MEMBER OF THE FRIENDS OF LONG ISLAND WRESTLING FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS. DURING THAT TIME HE SERVED IN MANY CAPACITIES, INCLUDING CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW YORK DOWN STATE CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL WRESTLING HALL OF FAME SELECTION COMMITTEE. HIS MANY HOURS OF DEDICATION WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN DEVELOPING "THE FRIENDS" INTO A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION.

BILL WAS A LIFE LONG WRESTLER . HE FIRST WENT ON THE MATS AT MEPHAM HIGH SCHOOL, BELLMORE, NEW YORK ,COACHED BY THE GREAT FRANK 'SPRIG'GARDNER. HIS COLLEGE CAREER WAS SPLIT BETWEEN HOFSTRA AND MILLERS VILLE.AFTER GRADUATION, HE COACHED AND OFFICIATED FOR MANY YEARS. HE SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE LONG ISLAND WRESTLING OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION. IN 2016 BILL WAS INDUCTED INTO THE NATIONAL WRESTLING HALL OF FAME. WITHIN THE COMMUNITY ,BILL SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,PRESIDENT OF THE BELLMORE LIONS CLUB AND WAS A MELVIN FELLOW FOR LIONS INTERNATIONAL. BILL WILL BE MISSED BY ALL OF US, NOT ONLY AS A WRESTLING VOLUNTEER BUT AS A RESPECTED FRIEND. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE , ANNE MARIE, DAUGHTER PATTI ANN AND SON WILLIAM.

The Opportunity for Coaches:

You can help YOUR own Wrestling Program and Your Community's local center for drug counseling services at the same time.

Coaches who raise money through the sale of WTDD merchandise within their own communities can have profits earmarked for their local wrestling programs.

They can also choose to partner with a local community based counseling and drug prevention program to have profits earmarked for that organization.

***** Coming Soon *****

For more information on when the WTDD merchandise will be available for purchase,

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The Friends of Long Island Wrestling is a 501c3 organization who believes that the sport of amateur wrestling helps to build the personal characteristics necessary for a strong citizenry, one comprised of individuals with leadership qualities that are based upon self-discipline, self-determination, and self-confidence.

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The Friends of Long Island Wrestling

is proud to introduce the

WRESTLING takes down DRUGS

campaign, which will benefit local wrestling programs and local drug prevention and counseling programs in order to strengthen the communities in which we live.



takes down DRUGS

The Challenge:

Long Island is in crisis with the fast-growing problem of drug addiction, where opioids of all kinds have killed at least 494 people on Long Island alone in 2016.

Every geographic area and socio-economic class is affected.

Drug & alcohol addiction is now the 3rd largest cause of death in the U.S. after heart disease and cancer.

Over 22 million Americans suffer from addiction – affecting over 100 million family members.

The Cause:

52 million people have used prescription pain-killers (opioids) for non-medical purposes in the U.S. Nearly 80% of Americans using heroin reported misusing prescription opioids prior to using heroin.

The U.S. is comprised of 4.6% of the world's population, but consumes 80% of the world's opioids. Opioid overdose is now the #1 cause of accidental death in the U.S.

The Victims:

Students & Young Adults:

On Long Island, gangs are targeting high schools as distribution centers for heroin and other addictive drugs. Illegal drug networks are getting more effective with distribution – reaching formerly safe student-athletes.

To help combat the growing teen addiction, Nassau's District Attorney pledged \$2 million towards addiction treatment centers for adolescents between the ages of 13 – 17.

Why Can Wrestling Help?

Wrestling is unique. Wrestlers watch everything they put in their body.

Wrestling requires discipline and focus, so wrestling helps keep students off the streets.

Wrestlers give back to communities which means wrestling HEALS communities.

In short: Wrestling Takes Down Drugs!

What Can We Do?

Promote the benefits of wrestling and the awareness of drug addiction at the same time!

Raise awareness in students BEFORE they ever try drugs - it is the greatest antidote to addiction.

Work together to take back our communities from the devastation of drug addiction through education, lobbying, and assistance efforts.

How Can We Do It?

The Friends of Long Island Wrestling is introducing the **"Wrestling Takes Down Drugs"** campaign to help combat the opioid and substance abuse epidemic sweeping through our communities.

FOLIW will donate profits from all WTDD merchandise and donations to both local wrestling programs and community based counseling and drug prevention programs.

THE CURRENT OPIOID AND HEROIN EPIDEMIC IS ONE OF THE MOST PRESSING AND SERIOUS ISSUES FOR A GENERATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE. IT IS WREAKING HAVOC IN COMMUNITIES ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

When you look at some of the top reasons young people initially try drugs, wrestling is an antidote for each one of them: The four points are:

1. STRESS

A recent study showed that 73% of teens report the number one reason for using drugs is to deal with the pressures and stress of school. Lack of coping skills lead teens to seek out artificial methods of coping with stress.

WHY WRESTLING HELPS:

- Strengthens coping mechanism
- Teaches you how to deal with defeat

2. LOW SELF-ESTEEM AND LACK OF CONFIDENCE

WHY WRESTLING HELPS:

- Builds self-esteem
- Strengthens the body
- Builds camaraderie with teammates

3. BOREDOM

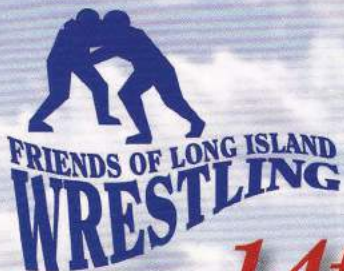
Many teens are left at home after school without proper supervision. This may create an atmosphere for them and/or their friends to experiment with drug use.

WHY WRESTLING HELPS:

- Gets teens off the streets
- Gets them out of the bedroom and into the wrestling room

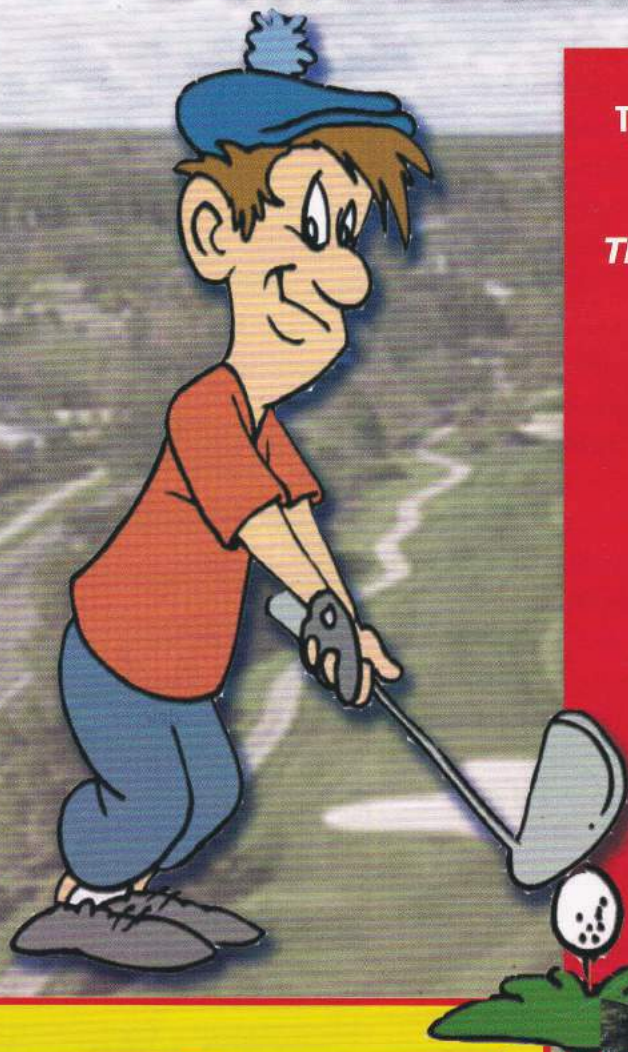
4. INSTANT GRATIFICATION

Drugs and alcohol work quickly and the initial affects feel really good. Chemical Opiates such as heroin and oxycodone affect the area of the mind that controls emotions (feeling of high).



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And Beyond*

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Frank "Sprig" Gardner

"THE FATHER OF NEW YORK STATE WRESTLING"

Few men have had a greater impact on a high school sport and an entire school district than Sprig Gardner has. Through his efforts wrestling on Long Island grew from a crudely run program at a few schools to a major sport that influenced wrestling programs in the state and the nation. Coming to the Mepham School District in 1936 during its second year of existence, Sprig Gardner helped create the high reputation for scholarship and wrestling that is carried on today in the same Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District. His influence reached state and national levels, as he was appointed a member of the to the National Wrestling Hall of Fame while coaching at Mepham.

While some cite Mepham High School's incredible records of the Gardner Era for his fame, many who knew the man realize his success was the result of his personal philosophy and coaching acumen. Sprig coached not wrestling but life. To each boy he imparted a concern for academic, athletic, and civic pride and responsibility. This genuine concern for each team member created a fantastic belief in him as a person and coach, and his system of teaching wrestling as being the best possible. The confidence this belief in him generated was overwhelming.

Sprig Gardner's success was built on innovation. His concepts of the "drill-system" revolutionized the sport. But, more importantly, he brought to sports deeper, more lasting values for the individual. While winning was the goal, Sprig stressed humility in victory and quiet acceptance of defeat. These reactions became associated with his boys and they gave the highly competitive and emotional sport of wrestling a dignity that assured recognition the vanquished as well as to the victorious.

Sprig spread high school wrestling to the state and to the nation. His efforts effected rules concerning weight classifications, match scoring procedures, and tournament procedures at local, state, and national levels. He opened his practice to boys from other schools and shared his coaching with them. He added a quality to wrestling that went far beyond the unparalleled statistics amassed by his winning teams.

Yet to leave out his record would be to ignore an incredible part of sports history. Having never wrestled and only coached briefly at East Hampton High School, Sprig organized his first Mepham team in 1936-37 in an abandoned elementary school turned into a high school. The ninth and tenth graders comprised a junior varsity that went on to defeat several varsity opponents and placed third in the annual South Shore Tournament. The following year Mepham entered varsity ranks and as incredible as it may seem the Pirates would not know defeat in a meet or tournament until January

31, 1946 when Baldwin defeated Mepham 21-15 after an undefeated string of 100 meets and tournaments. Yet that was merely an interlude to greater success. For Mepham would not lose again until January 14, 1955 when Amityville ended the Pirates undefeated streak of 130 by one point. The same Amityville team was the first to defeat the Pirates in tournament conditions after 18 consecutive years and 37 consecutive tournaments. During this unprecedented span Mepham won 18 consecutive South Shore titles and 17 Sectional Championships. In 1958, his last season as a wrestling coach, Coach Gardner's undefeated team (20-0) won 9 of 12 individual sectional titles, scoring 186 points, which totaled more than the combined score of the next ten schools.

Coach Gardner's overall record of 254-5-1, with 40 Tournament titles, 1 co-title, and 3 seconds and his wrestlers have included 106 sectional champions in 22 years of coaching. None of these records have been remotely equaled. But probably the most enduring mark of the man and his records was that these great feats were accomplished against the best competition he could find in 5 states including New Jersey, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Virginia, and against teams representing city, county, and state all-stars.

The record fits the man—a man to whom wrestling was a part of life and a way to build strong values forged by dedication, hard work, sacrifice, and self-respect.



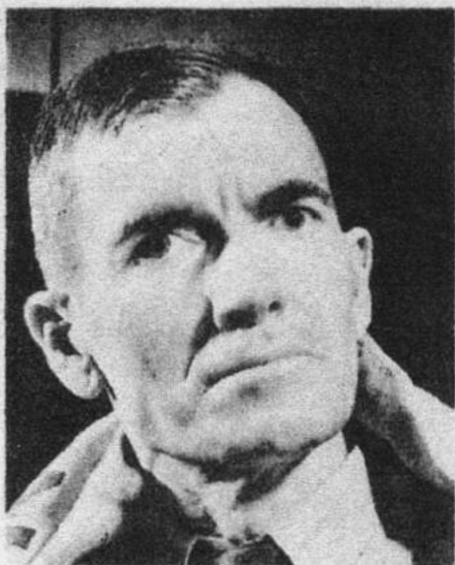
MEPHAM TEAM MATES AT SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY 1949-1950



(Left to Right) Ken Hunte, 155 lbs. – Joe McDaniel, Coach – Pascal Perri, 165 lbs.
Co-Captains – Undefeated Championship Team

Editors Note: The following Pages are taken from a 1939 edition of Life Magazine when you read them you can almost hear coach Gallagher speaking about wrestling in America at that time. Oklahoma A & M is Oklahoma State today. Coach Gallagher was one of about six coaches who were involved the early development of College wrestling

“GIBRALTAR OF GRAPPLING” PRODUCES ANOTHER GREAT OKLAHOMA A. & M. TEAM



COACH ED GALLAGHER

The ringful of struggling, squirming youths in the picture above is the wrestling squad of Oklahoma Agricultural & Mechanical College at Stillwater, Okla. Every afternoon these rugged young muscle-men take orders from a wiry little Irish coach named Ed Gallagher, who has earned the name “Gibraltar of Grappling.” Pushing and tossing each other around the ring, they grunt and groan and, like the wrestler to the right, sometimes suffer pain. They and their coach have brought fame to Oklahoma A. & M. by giving it the country’s best wrestling teams, which in 22 years have won 125 meets, lost only five. This year, when the national tournament

is held March 17 at Lancaster, Pa.; Oklahoma seems sure to win, become inter-collegiate champion for the tenth time in twelve years:

In most colleges, wrestling is a minor sport, ranking in popularity with fencing and squash. At Oklahoma A. & M. all this is different. There throughout the winter, undergraduates, townspeople, oilmen, farmers crowd by thousands into A. & M.’s fancy new \$475,000 field house, cheer madly as the wrestling team thumps out a victory. Ed Gallagher is a State hero, and the Oklahoma A. & M. wrestling team, as it starts out on another undefeated season, is more important to Oklahoma fans than all the football, baseball, basketball teams in the land.

Gallagher improves the ancient grips and holds of wrestling

Except for foot racing and throwing, wrestling is the most ancient and primitive of sports. Most famous of all wrestling matches is the mythical bout between the Greek hero Hercules and the giant Antaeus. Discovering the giant's strength was naught when his feet no longer touched Mother Earth, Hercules is supposed to have swung the huge bulk of his opponent in the air, then to have shattered it over the ground. Thus was born the giant swing, a spectacular hold much favored by professional wrestlers.

Most of today's grips are as old as this giant swing. The scissors, hammer-locks and leg-drops were all in use as long ago as 500 B.C., when the greatest of the Greek wrestlers, Milo of Croton, employed them, along with kicking, biting, and gouging. Today all these holds have been modified and combined, but the basic principles remain the same. At Oklahoma A. & M., Coach Gallagher has probably never invented a truly new hold, but he has developed the old ones to their highest point of efficiency.

Grips like the scissors (*right*) and the grapevine (*below*) require speed, grace, and strength. Gallagher early discovered that the bulging muscles and potbellies of professionals were of no use, except, perhaps, to make grapplers look fierce and attract sucker money to "pro" arenas. For his team he selects sturdy boys with long, lean muscles and no overhanging fat. Under tension, such muscles grow even stronger, never tighten and cut off the blood supply.



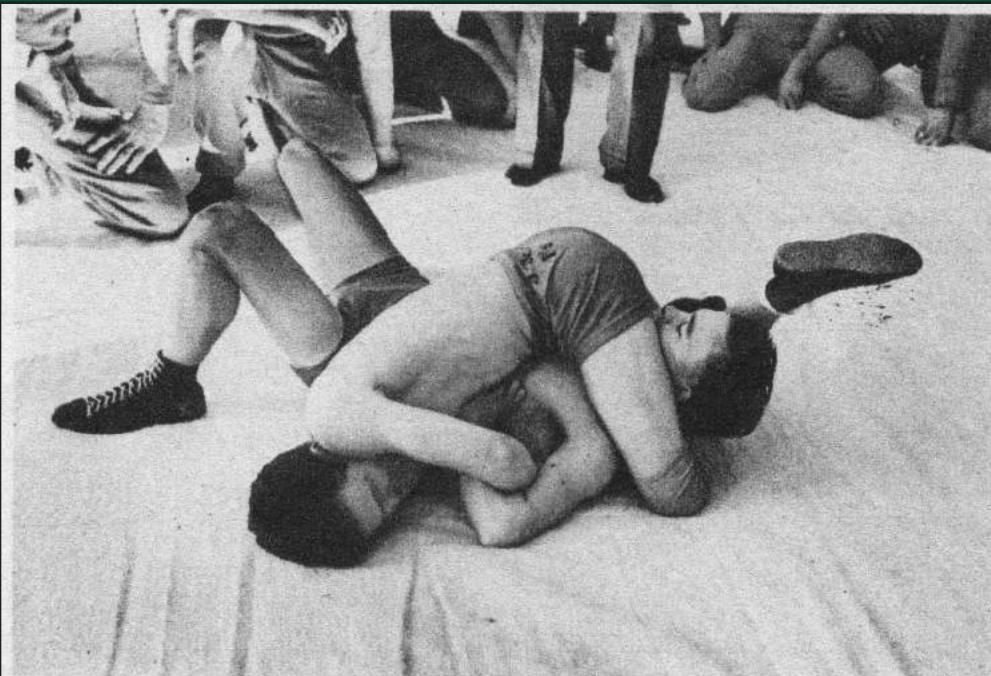
A double bar-arm is forcing wrestler on left to start on a ride over opponent's hip.



A double grapevine, with legs entwined: man on top has a wrist lock on the unseen arm.



A modified hammer lock is one of Gallagher's pet holds. The left arm of man on mat is forced to a right angle position by grip in the arm pit. Next step may be a half nelson.



A head scissors, plus a bar-arm grip, is used by wrestler to render opponent helpless. Gallagher teaches his men to let opponents make mistakes, then slam a counter hold on them.



A double arm roll from a standing position results in a camouflaged full nelson, bar.



A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL WRESTLING HALL OF FAME Executive Director LEE ROY SMITH

Dear Friends of Long Island Wrestling and the Downstate Chapter of NWHOF:

The National Wrestling Hall of Fame is committed to advancing knowledge of the history of wrestling. We accomplish this through your National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum in Stillwater, Oklahoma, the Dan Gable Museum in Waterloo, Iowa, and our more than 30 State Chapter programs across the United States. Each year, the Downstate New York Chapter and the Friends of Long Island Wrestling join us in our mission of preserving the sport's history by recognizing and celebrating extraordinary individuals for their outstanding contributions to advancing the sport within the state of New York. It is our great pleasure to once again welcome another great class of honorees in 2018. Congratulations! We thank each of you for your service to the sport.

While sharing wrestling's traditions, the NWHOF and our state chapter programs work to educate the public about the many positive characteristics of our sport. Each year the NWHOF recognizes hundreds of individuals at the state and national level from around the USA. We are able to tell about the impact that wrestling has had on our honorees' lives and the impact that they in turn have had on the lives of others in communities across the country. Our mission uniquely qualifies us to help shape national perception about our sport and its heroes. We believe that when properly informed, people will better understand and appreciate what a wrestling life is all about. Wrestling is a transforming experience that shapes individuals, both physically and mentally, and provides character traits that are utilized throughout their lives. We emphasize that wrestling is inclusive and welcomes all participants, no matter their size, gender, ethnicity or physical limitations.

We are fortunate to have the Friends of Long Island Wrestling who support our efforts at the NWHOF and understand that advancing our sport and inspiring future generations is an ongoing process. We also thank those of you who financially support this chapter and remind you that you help fund an organization created to showcase wrestling's greatest moments, coaches, and athletes from Long Island, thus helping to grow our sport.

We are excited to join you in celebrating yet another great class of honorees from Long Island and look forward to adding their names to the list of honorees who deserve to be in your National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

In the spirit of preserving, recognizing and inspiring,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lee R. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Lee Roy Smith
Executive Director, NWHOF

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Downstate New York Inductees

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1995

Harold Earl
Al Muller

1996

Al Bevilacqua
Joe Campo
Joe Russo

1997

Bob Bury
James Davey
Reggie Jones
"Jumper" Leggio

1998

Bill Linkner
Ted Petersen
Jerry Seckler

1999

Terry Haise
Ken Hunte
Ed Luksik

2000

Nick Gallo
Ed Rooney
John Schaefer

2001

Sam Boone
Cliff Clarke
Lonnie Kittle

2002

Guy Guccione
Walter Stewart
Joseph Valla
John Walter

2003

Irv Apgar
Ed Hubbard
Matt Sanzone

2004

Sonny Greenhalgh
Don Jackson
Ed Reinisch

2005

Jack Mahoney
Steve Shippos
"Brick: Stone

2006

Bob Busby
Paul Gillespie
Tony Mellino

2007

Ken Cellan
Robert "Doc" Fallot
Bob Goldberg
Gary Mims

2008

Gary Abbott
Neil Duncan
Bob Gerbino
George Munnich
Don Snyder
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Robert Emmons
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Jim Rooney
Ron Russo
Paul Schmidt
Jon Tush

2016

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Bob Attonito
Bill Davey
Jerry Harrell
Steve Hartman
Laura Maddock
Tom Maddock
Steve Meehan
Tony Melosci
Bill Zagarino

2017

Scott Arnel
Doug Axman
Don Jantzen
Thomas Magnani
Nick Nanos
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DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS

Henry Wittenberg 1997
Dr. Vince Zuaro 1984

Frank "Sprig" Gardner 1986
William Farrell 1987

Lou Giani 2003

OUTSTANDING AMERICANS

Roone Arledge 1992
Steven Friedman 1993
David Pottruck 1994
Arthur C. Rutzen 1994

William Baldwin 2003
Pascal Perri 2006
Setrak Agonian 2007
Noel Thompson 2014

Steve Buscemi 2015
Arno Niemand 2017
Steve Hunte 2018
Mike Novogratz 2018

OUTSTANDING OFFICIALS

Pascal Perri 1995

Mark S. Piven 1997

MEDAL OF COURAGE RECIPIANTS

Rohan Murphy 2001

Charles Gadson 2005

Pat Augustine 2007

Dennis Dunne 2017

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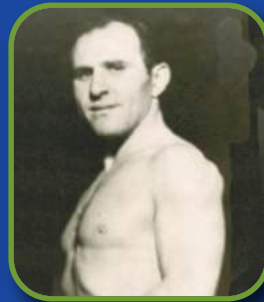
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FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018

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Mike Novogratz

The Visionary Who Recognized The Value of Teaching City Kids To Wrestle

Prior to joining Fortress, Novogratz spent 11 years at Goldman Sachs, becoming partner in 1998. He lived in Asia from 1992 through 1999, serving as head of Fixed Income, Currencies, and Commodities Risk. In 2000, he was named president of Goldman Sachs Latin America.

Novogratz was a four-year varsity competitor and team captain for his high school wrestling team in Virginia, finishing as a state runner-up. He continued his wrestling career at Princeton University, where he was again chosen to captain the team, and was a two-time All-Ivy League selection, EIWA place winner, and NCAA qualifier. In his senior season, he advanced to the round of 12 at the NCAA Championships, all of this while participating in the Army ROTC program.

After graduation from Princeton, he fulfilled his military obligation as a helicopter pilot and a member of the New Jersey National Guard.

Novogratz has made a commitment to philanthropy, focusing on both domestic and international issues. He serves as Chairman of the Board of the Beat the Streets Program in New York City which funds and develops middle and high school wrestling teams in city schools. He has helped raise over \$2 million for the program, the largest contribution to any sport in the history of New York City's schools.

He also chairs the School for Strings, which professes that through the study of music, all children can achieve beyond their expectations. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Acumen Fund, a non-profit organization founded by his sister, which uses entrepreneurial business principles to attack the problem of global poverty.



Mike Novogratz

Arrived on the scene in NYC and became involved with the **BEAT THE STREETS** program and it changed forever!

The Beat the Streets mission is to develop to the full human potential of urban youth and to strengthen the culture of New York City wrestling programs.

Wrestling is man's oldest known sport. It is at least five thousand years old. Two thousand years ago wrestling was a significant portion of the Olympic Games.

In America there is history of at least seven Presidents who have wrestled.

The first college wrestling team competition took place in 1903 when Columbia, Yale and Rutgers began a competition. By the nineteen twenties there was competition in the midwestern American colleges locations in nearby states that had wrestling programs in the schools.

Most easterners who were interested in wrestling had learned the sport in Europe and were from the British Isles and Greece.

Many private schools did have programs for their students, and in the city of New York, Brooklyn Poly Prep was one of the only programs.

Nearby schools on Long Island, New Jersey and Pennsylvania had programs before the second world war.

It took the Beat The Streets in the 21st century for some interest to start in New York City public schools

THE NET RESULTS OF MIKE'S EFFORTS

All of youth wrestling will feel the positive results of the development of youth programs in New York.

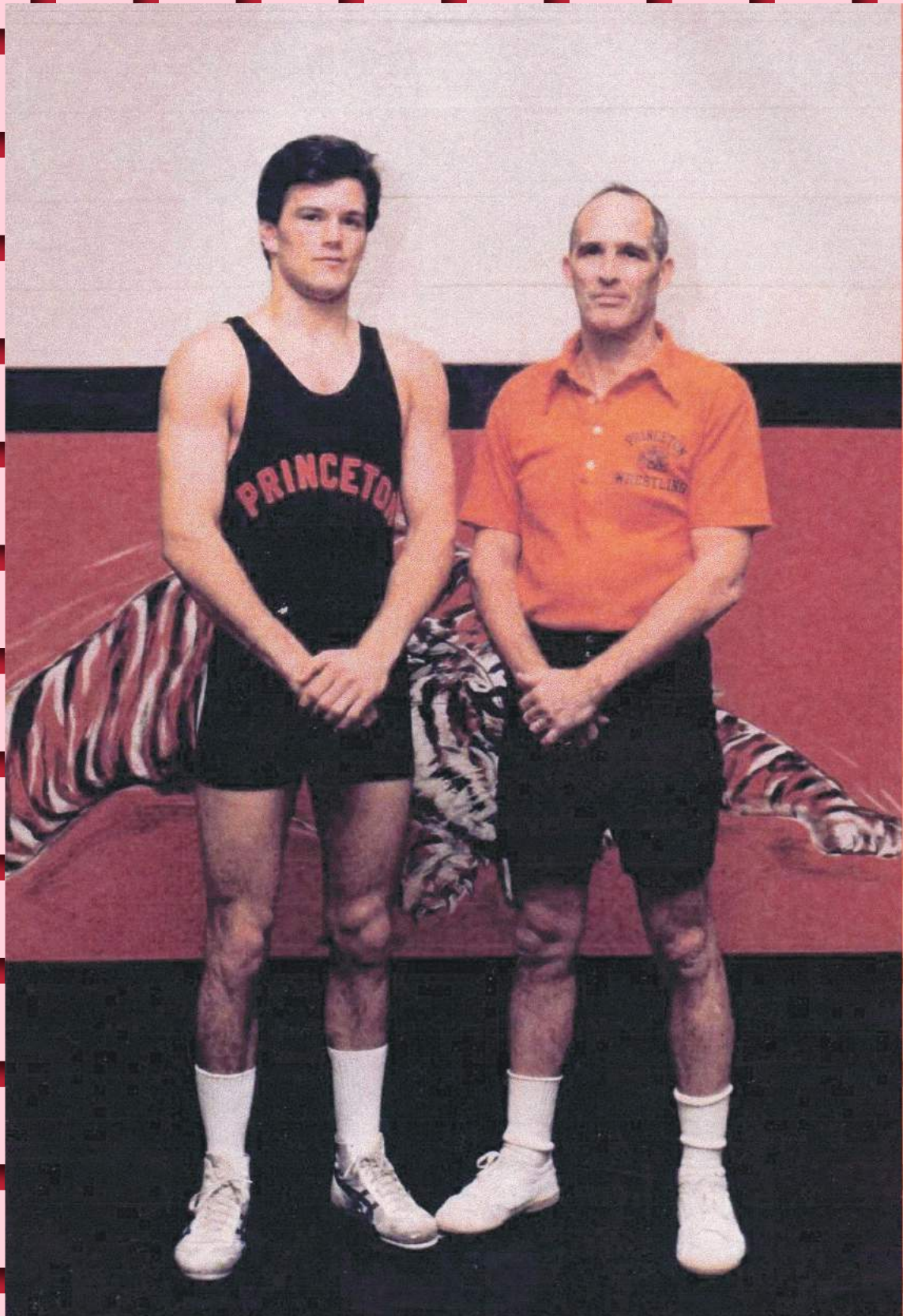
The inner city kids who were denied the opportunities of participating in wrestling are now discovering the benefits that can be derived from participating in wrestling.

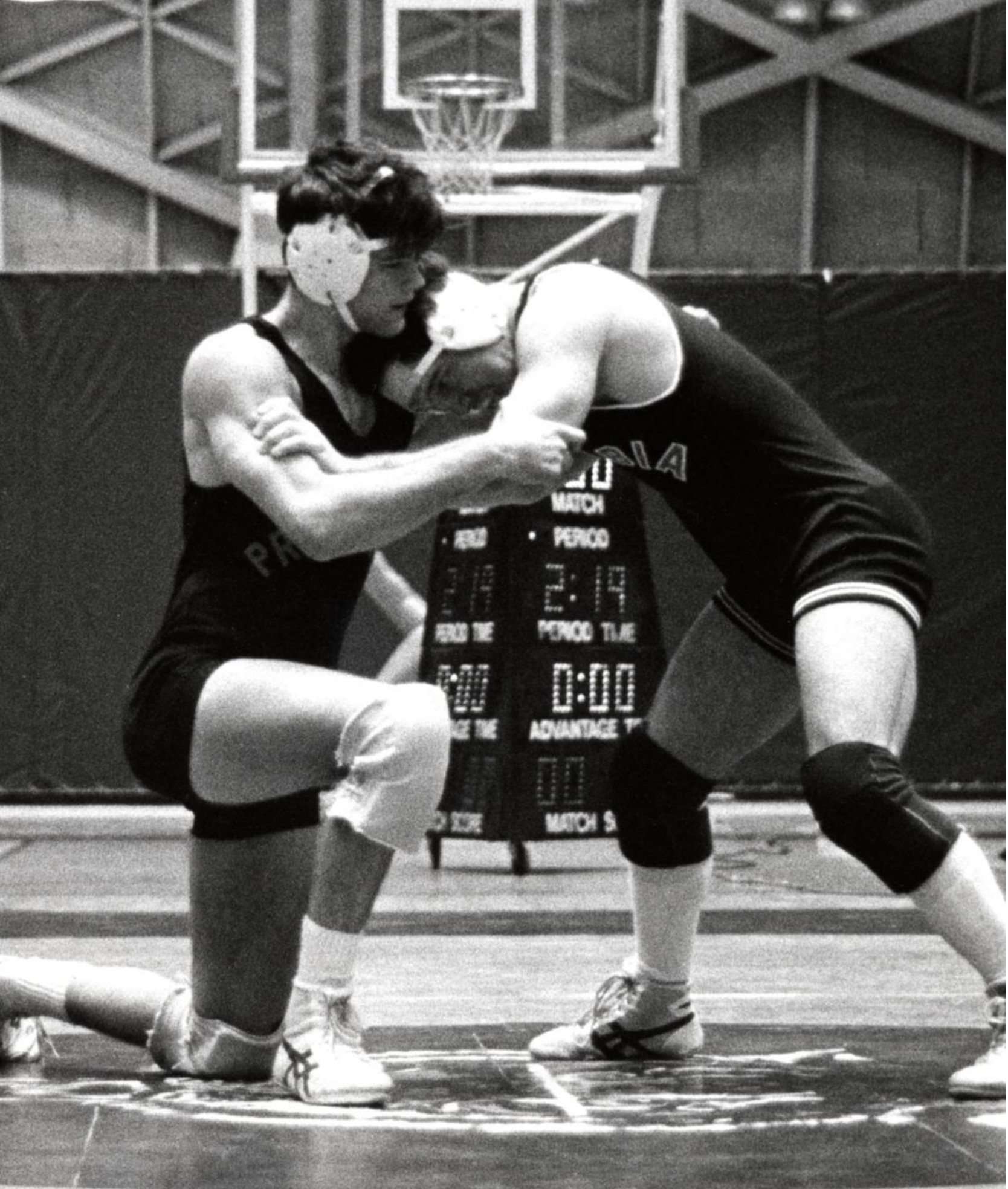
THE CASUAL FAN

has benefited greatly by becoming aware of wrestling as a great spectator sport. People who have been in the city when Mike's group have put wrestling on display at Times Square in midtown Manhattan have benefited. Thousands of people have seen international teams and great American athletes perform on the mat as they walk by. Millions of new sports fans have had the opportunity to see the NCAA Wrestling Championships on their television because Mike has captured the media. Most of all, there are now 130 youth wrestling programs in New York schools introducing boys and girls to the great sport of wrestling.

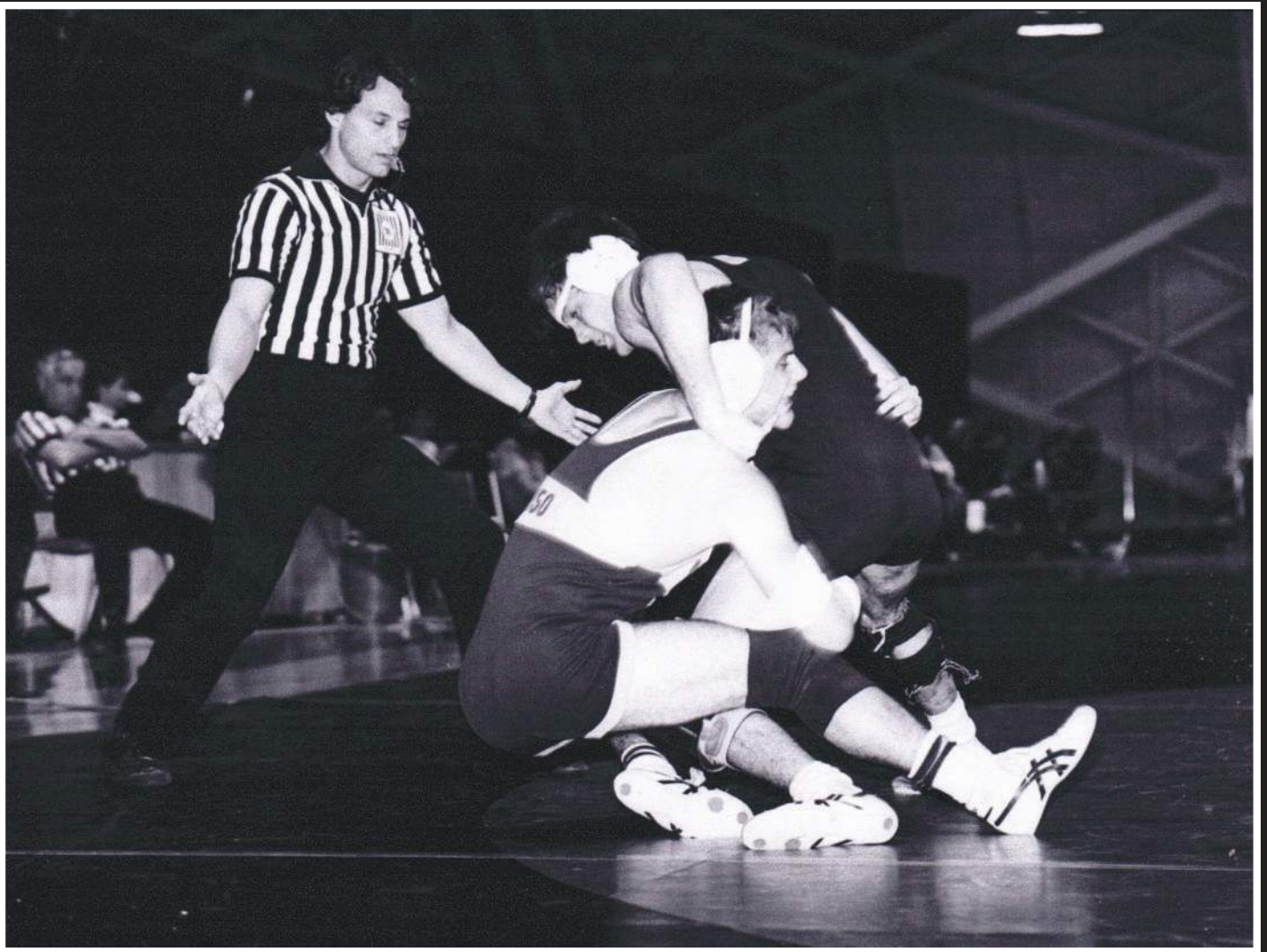
There are thousands of wrestling coaches. However there are just a handful of Visionary Leaders and Mike Novogratz is a member of that very small group.

Mike and his Princeton Coach John Johnston





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Pictured above, Mike countering a take down attempt. The Wrestling official is Mark Piven, Wrestling Hall of Fame official and an all American wrestler from Penn State.

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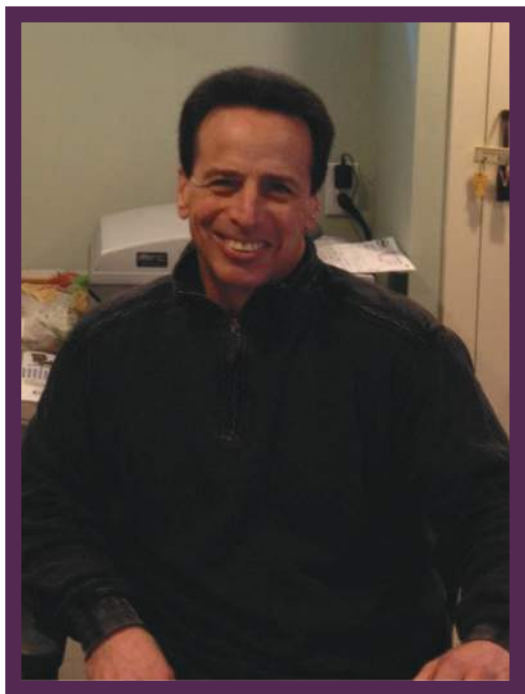
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Rich Appelbaum



Friends Of Long Island Wrestling was the head coach for Columbia University at the time and was among the coaches actively recruiting Rich. He chose to attend the University of Rhode Island. A nagging back injury ultimately forced Rich into making the difficult decision to stop competing. He did however meet his future wife Kim at URI !

Returning to New York, Rich volunteered to coach the Oceanside youth wrestling team in 1989. He continued to head the program until 2012 and ran the very popular annual Oceanside youth wrestling tournament for many years. He stressed to both the young wrestlers and their parents that wrestling should be fun and put less emphasis on competition. Nothing gave Rich more satisfaction than watching many of his young wrestlers continue in the sport through middle school, high school and college.

Rich Appelbaum was first introduced to wrestling in ninth grade and knew instantly that this was the sport for him. So did coach Lionel "Bud" Meredith! Coach Meredith's passion and love for the sport was quickly passed on to Rich. Four years later, Coach Meredith would write in his college letters of recommendation that he had never coached a wrestler that was more dedicated and enthusiastic about wrestling than Rich Appelbaum.

Rich Appelbaum would go on to dominate his weight class in his senior year with coaches Bud Meredith and Mike Bloom by his side. Not only did he win all his matches, he was also unscored upon for the entire season through the Section 8 county championship. It wasn't until Rich won the New York State championship finals that Rich had the first point of the year scored against him in an overtime match.

His continued dedication to maintain peak physical fitness was evidenced by Rich competing in the Marine Physical Fitness competitions and obtaining the highest level of Master.

His achievements on the mat and his excellent academic record caught the attention of many Ivy League colleges and universities. Jerry Seckler, the president of The

Recognizing Rich's desire to assist the wrestling community, Scott Arnel invited him to become part of his newly formed Long Island Wrestling Association. Rich has been an active participant with LIWA, helping and assisting wherever possible.

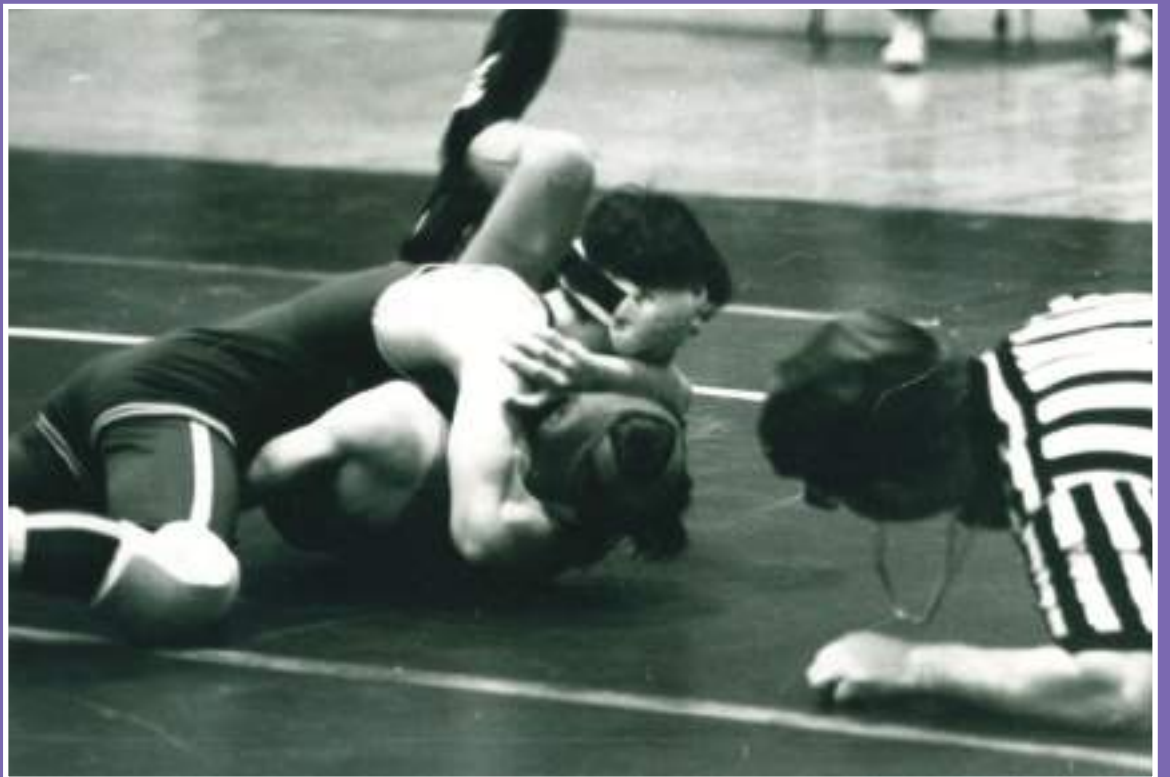
Rich is the founding chairman of the New York chapter of The Wrestlers In Business Network. The formation of Wrestlers In Business network (WIBN) opened up a new door for Rich to help the wrestling community.

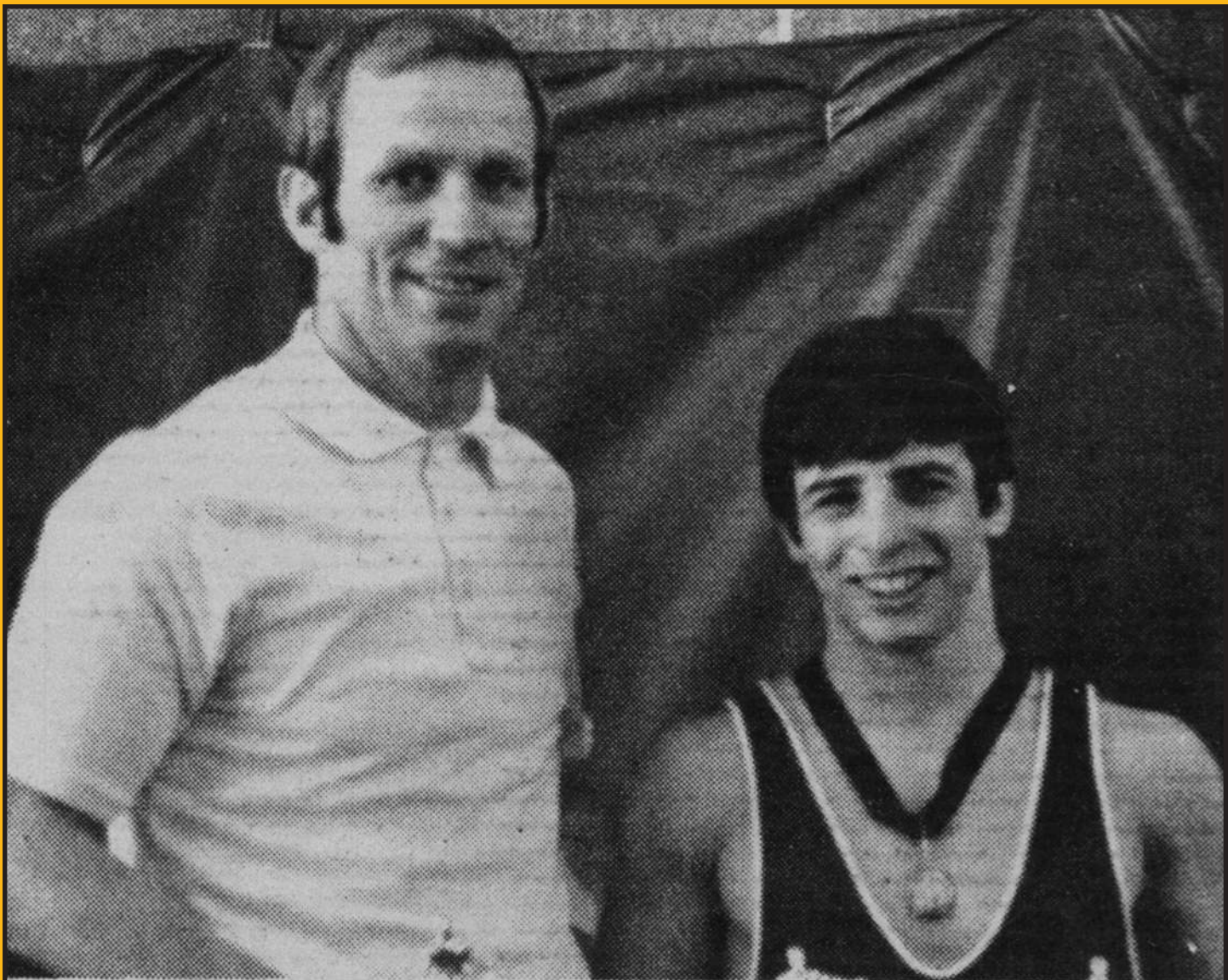
WIBN is a national non-profit business networking organization which is committed to connecting college wrestlers with job opportunities. In addition, the wrestling network is dedicated to helping former wrestlers network with each other to strengthen their respective businesses. Owning a commercial printing business in New York, Rich understands how wrestlers make the best employees and how valuable and rewarding

it is to conduct business with other wrestlers. A strong network of former wrestlers is the best advocacy for our local wrestling programs.

Rich resides in Oceanside with his wife Kim, their son Adam, daughter Courtney and son in law Erik. Their daughter Katie lives in Boca Raton, Florida.

RICHIE APPELBAUM NATIONAL WRESTLING HALL OF FAME





Grappler

RICHARD APPLEBAUM, captain of the Lawrence High School wrestling team for the last two years was the first L.H.S. wrestler to win a New York State championship. He matches his 30-0 won-lost record with a 90 per cent academic average. In addition to his state championship, he is a division and county champ. He is pictured, right, with Coach Meredith, L.H.S.

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RICH APPELBAUM



SPRIG GARDNER
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Dear Rich.

Congratulations on your fine wrestling achievements this past season.

I am sure the memory and satisfaction of winning the Nassau and N.Y. State Championships will remain with you forever. Success such as this, makes all the hard work, self discipline and all the other aspects that are a part of a top flight wrestling program, very much worth while.

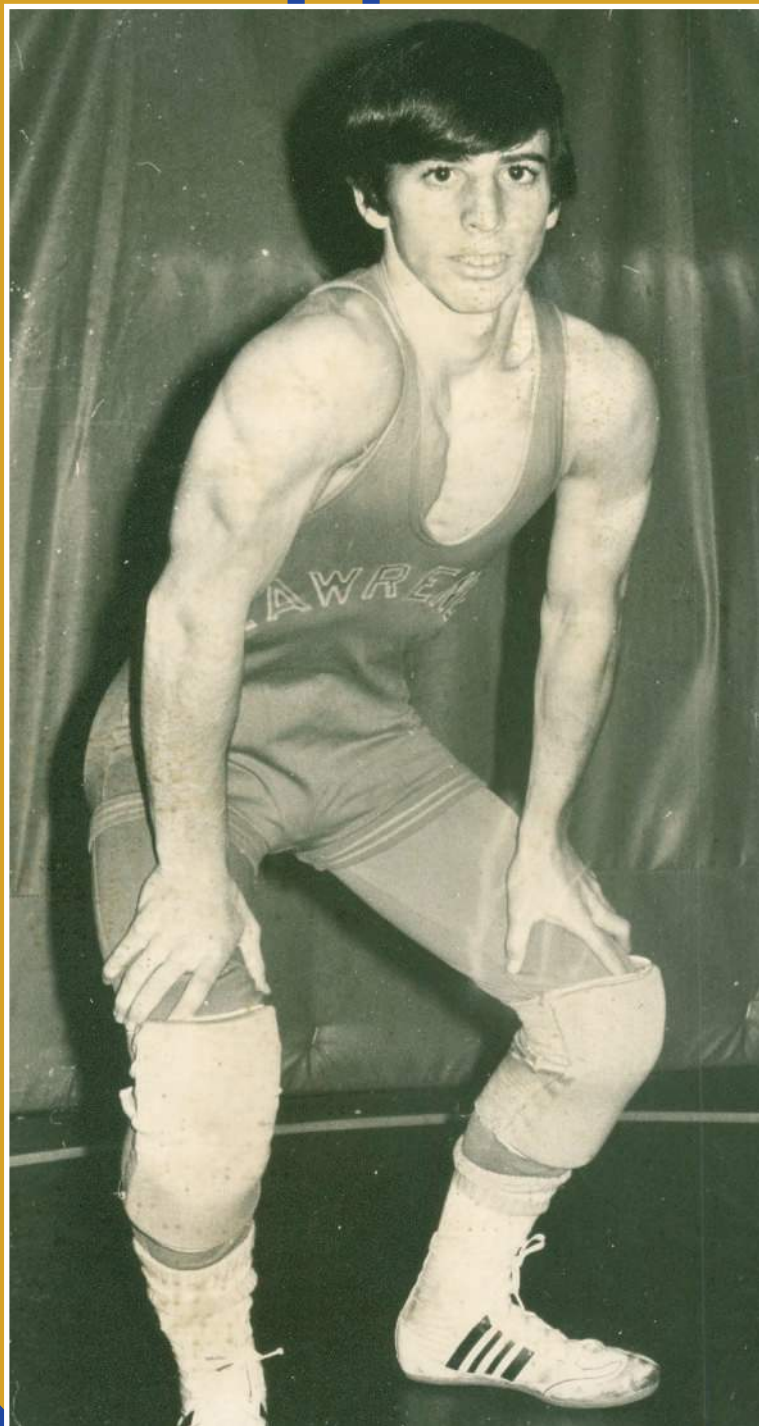
Best wishes for the future -

Sincerely -

Spig Gardner.



UNDEFEATED Rich Appelbaum



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BILL CRUM

THE QUINTESSENTIAL JACK OF ALL TRADES



Bill Crum is the quintessential "Jack of all trades" in the sport of wrestling.

As a coach, Bill began in 1972, assisting his Hall of Fame HS coach, Fred Pierro, as a volunteer work out partner in the room. The following year, he was hired as the school's Freshman Coach. In 1974, he was hired as head coach in the fledgling program at St. Peter's Prep in Jersey City. After five years at the helm at St. Peter's, he moved to Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains. After three successful years there, he was recruited to be the Head Coach at Rutgers-Newark where he led the Division 3 School to a league co-championship. Bill was hired as the Dean of Students at St. Anthony HS in Jersey City where he once again started a new wrestling program. Years later, he coached at Monsignor Farrell HS on Staten Island

Bill joined NJ Wrestling Officials Assn. in 1972. He remained as a high school official through the mid-80's.

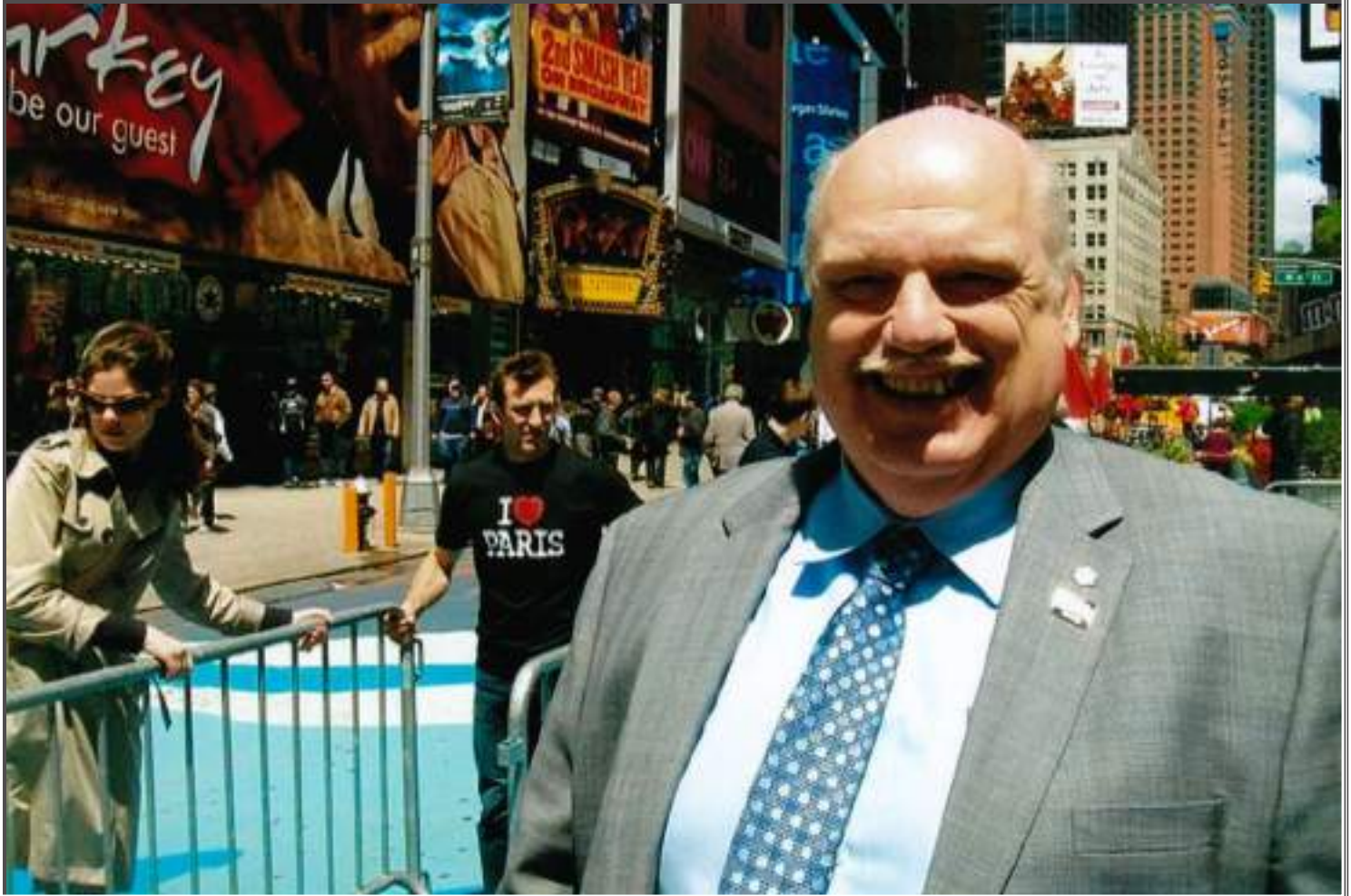
Bill served as the Assistant Competition Manager for the 1996 Olympic Games, the idea to marry his two passions, urban youth and wrestling, took shape in the form of a letter to Hall of Famers Al Bevilacqua and Setrak Agonian to begin an organization which would be called "Beat the Streets". For his role in the 2001 World Championship at Madison Square Garden, Bill was awarded the FILA Silver Star, the second highest award given by The Metropolitan Wrestling Association.

Shortly after the World Championships, the MWA was awarded two successive grants from the Junior Olympic Committee of USA Wrestling, to form an urban wrestling and education program to be called "Beat the Streets". That small program morphed into a single middle school program in Manhattan and eventually blossomed into what is now an organization serving over 3000 young people each year.

After years in service to the wrestlers of the New York Metropolitan Area, Bill moved to Florida where he continues to offer his services to the High School and USA Wrestling communities. He is currently in discussions with leaders in the community to form a Beat the Streets program for South Florida.



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Congratulations Bill Crum Beat The Streets New York

Congratulations on your induction to the Hall of Fame from your family!

Kathleen Daly-Crum

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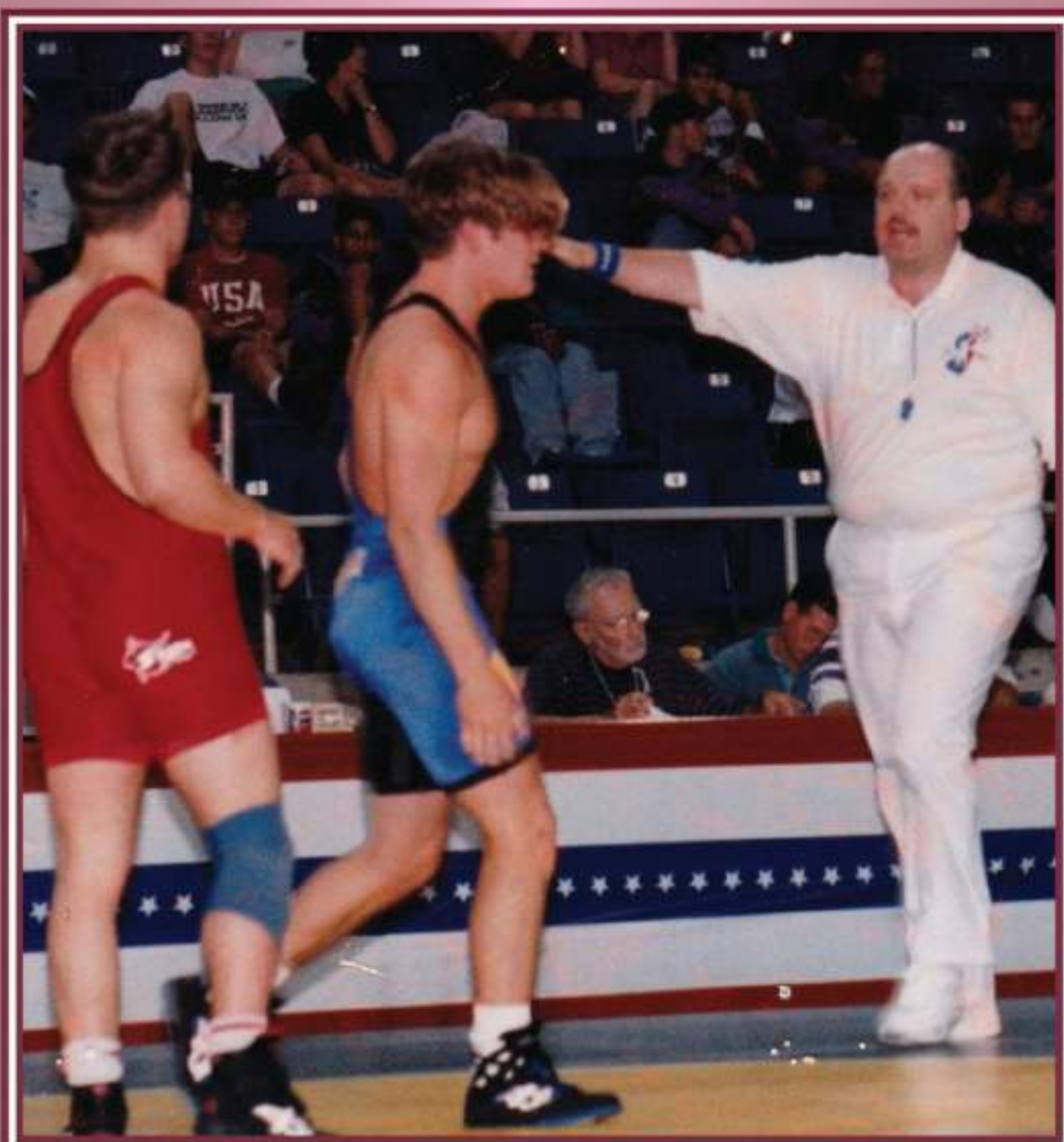
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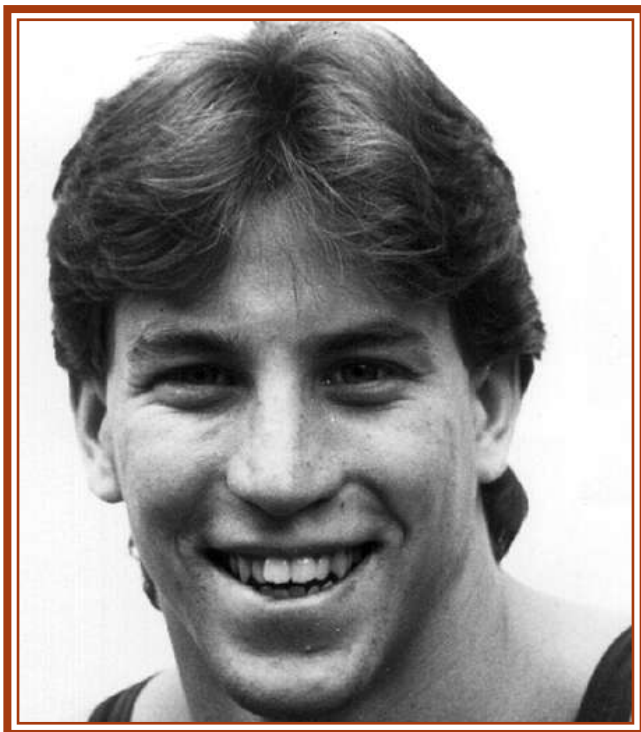
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CARL DE STEFANIS

PENN STATE NATIONAL CHAMPION

Wrestling at Locust Valley High School, Carl stands out as the epitome of the athlete a coach is blessed to mentor. Raised by supportive parents, Carl is the youngest of five boys all of whom wrestled at Locust Valley. Each one was a champion but Carl reached the highest level in 1984 when he captured the NCAA Division I title in his senior year, as the captain of the Penn State wrestling team. His three year high school varsity record was 86-2.

As a competitor, Carl's high school wrestling career culminated with two consecutive New York Championships, and he carried his winning ways throughout his four years at Penn State. Rich Lorenzo, his coach extolled all the positive qualities and values he saw in Carl. Always unselfish, his wrestling prowess, respectful personality, and model citizenship earned him the respect and admiration of rival competitors and coaches. Hard work, commitment, responsibility and loyalty are values that guided his path through high school, university, and to this day as a parent.

In February on 2012, the DeStefanis family was officially named the "First Family" of wrestling in Nassau County by the NCWCA. The presentation was made during the county championship finals. Receiving this award spoke not only to the family's wrestling achievements but also to their character and integrity as they represented their school and Nassau County wrestling. Carl is one of those rare individuals who, through their will to succeed, leaves a lasting mark. We cannot imagine a more deserving candidate for the Hall of Fame honors than Carl DeStefanis.

Carl has always given back to wrestling through his volunteer clinics at Locust Valley, multiple wrestling camps, and by giving motivational talks to many young wrestlers and PE classes at Locust Valley. And, he has always remembered his wrestling roots that lie in Nassau County where he is widely respected by rival competitors and coaches.

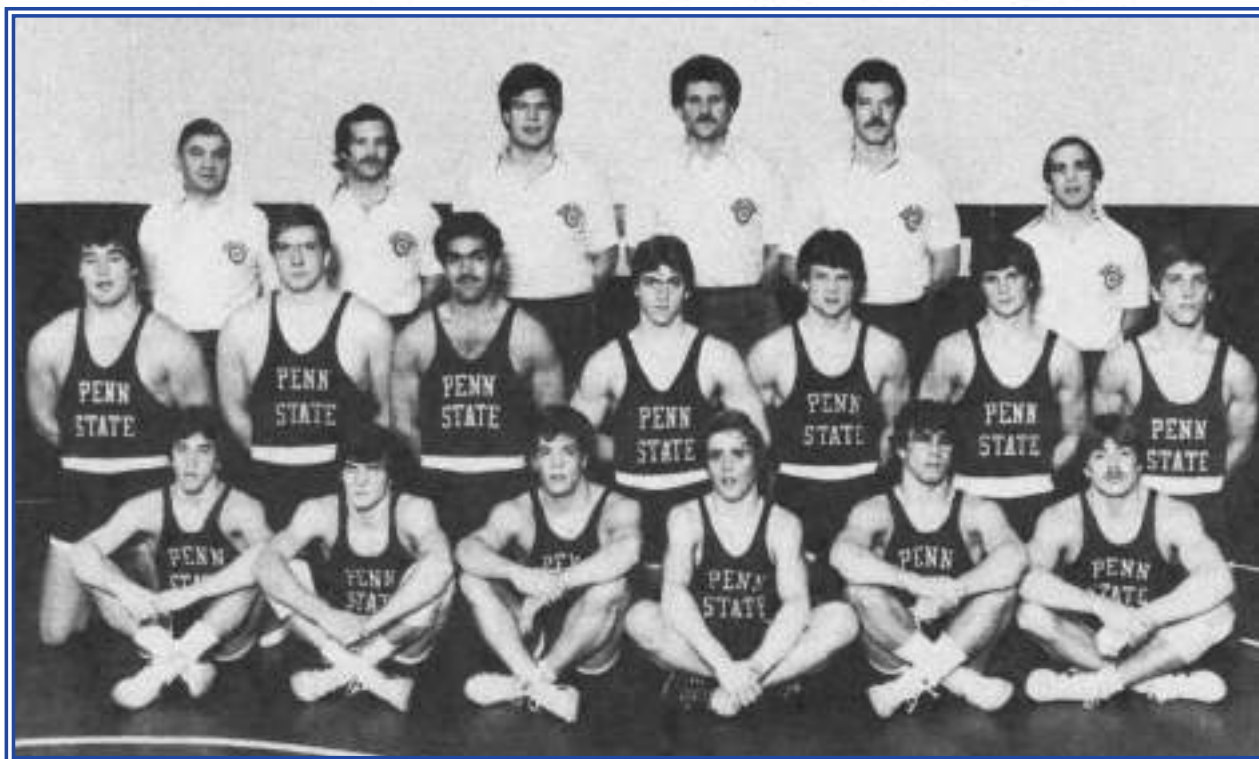
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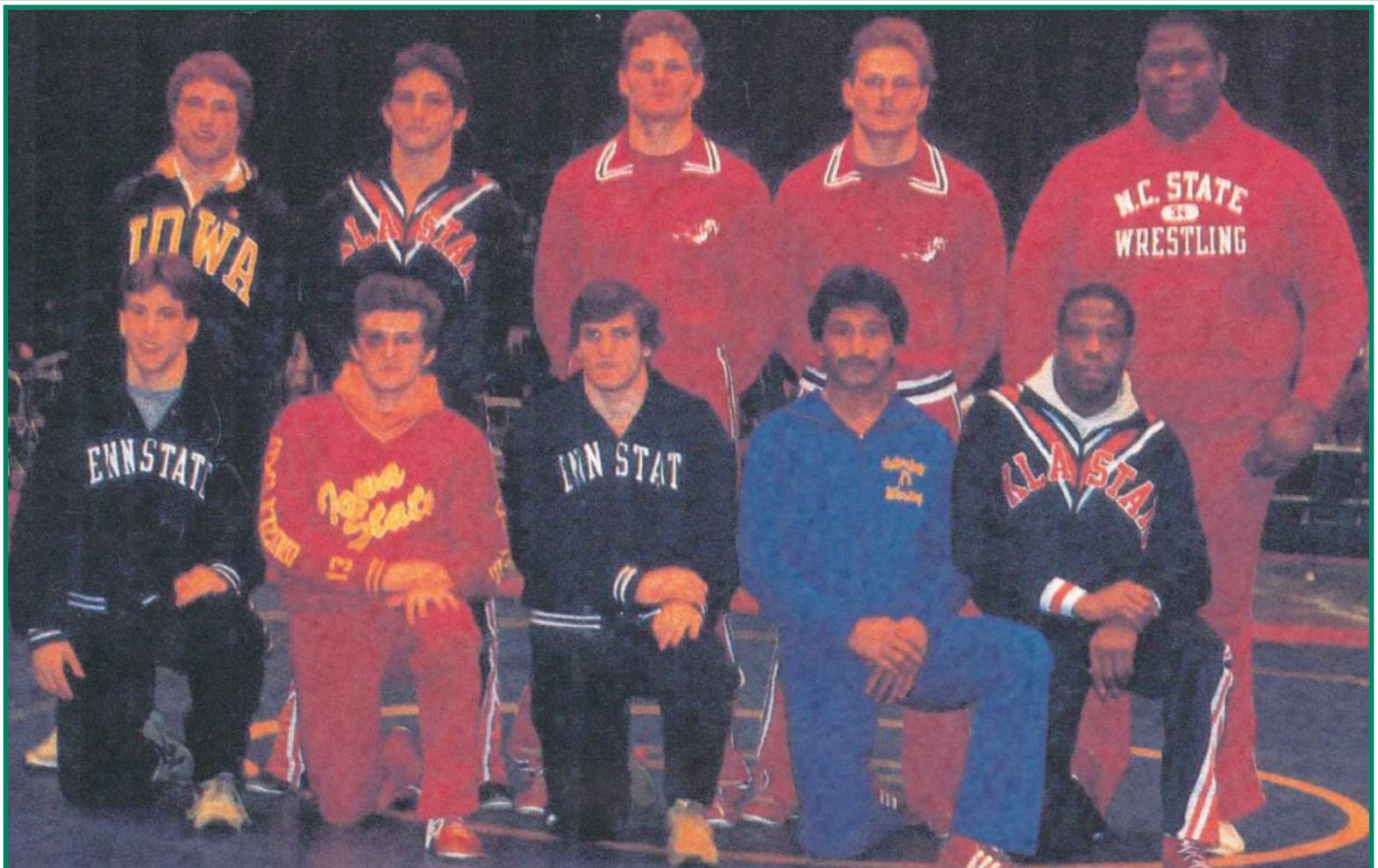
PENN STATE WRESTLING 1981-82



THE 1981-82 NITTANY LIONS: (Front) Carl DeStefanis, Scott Lynch, John Manotti, Bill Marino, Gary Kaschak, Eric Childs
(Middle) Steve Seftter, Jim Sleeper, Joel Johnson, Bob Harr, John Hanrahan, Chris Bilodeau, Eric Brugel
(Back) Ed Sulkowski, Dave Becker, John Seftter, Head Coach Rich Lorenzo, Strength Coach Joe Diange, Assistant Coach John Fritz

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Carl De Stefanis



1984 NCAA National Wrestling Champions

(L-R) - Front: Carl DeStefanis, 118 (Penn State); Kevin Darkus, 126 (Iowa State); Scott Lynch, 134 (Penn State); Jess Reynolds, 142 (Cal State-Bakersfield); Kenny Monday, 150 (Oklahoma State); (L-R) - Back: Jim Zalesky, 158 (Iowa); Mike Sheets, 167 (Oklahoma State); Jim Scherr, 177 (Nebraska); Bill Scherr, 190 (Nebraska); and Tab Thacker, Hwt. (North Carolina State)

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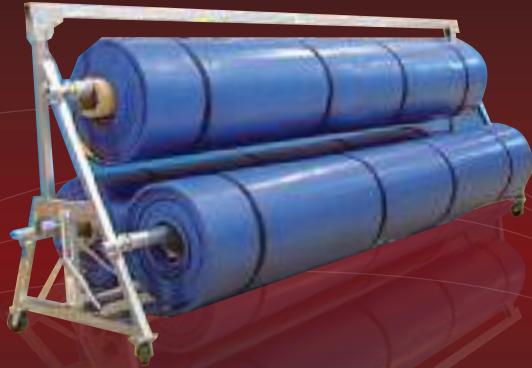


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DAVID FOXEN



A DEDICATED WRESTLER AND COACH

When Dave Foxen first stepped on the wrestling mat in 7th grade, he had something most other wrestlers did not have-Hall of Fame coach Reggie Jones Sr. in his corner. Dave took that initial positive experience and has dedicated himself to the sport of wrestling for the past 40+years. He has excelled in all aspects of the sport-as a wrestler, a coach, an official, and an administrator. Wrestling has taken him around the world, and all those who have worked with him have benefitted from his passion and expertise.

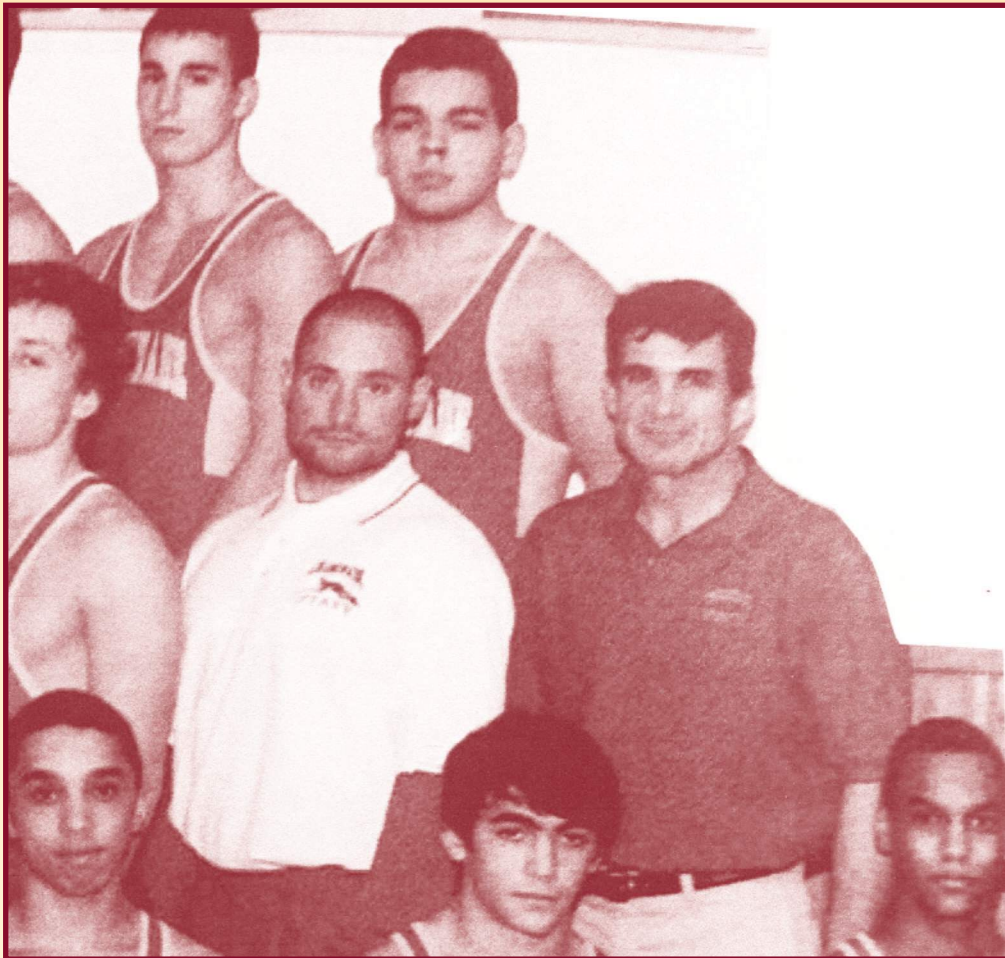
Dave graduated from Garden City High School as an All-County wrestler in 1970, and was fortunate to be able to continue wrestling for a number of esteemed coaches during his collegiate wrestling career. First, he competed for Larry Schechitano and Mark Piven at NY Maritime College. Later he was a 3-time NY State collegiate champion and team captain for Don Murray's SUNY, Brockport team. During that time, Dave started wrestling for the NYAC, where he was 10x AA/US Open place winner, and competed in the USA. Final Olympic team trials in 1972, 1976, 1980, and 1984.

Dave began his coaching career when he returned to SUNY Brockport from 1974-77, and helped his former coach guide the team to 3 SUNY Championships and the 1977 DIV III National Championship. The following year, he moved on to coach at Deerfield Academy and led them to the Team Runner-up in the New England Championships. While there, he also coached Abdullah Hussein, the 115 lb. New England champion and the current King of Jordan.

Attending graduate school at the University of Massachusetts in 1978-80, Dave did not use that as an reason to take time off from wrestling. Instead, he helped coach the UMass wrestling team to back-to-back runner-up finishes in the Div I NE Championships. In addition, a total of 5 wrestlers qualified for the NCAA Championships. The following year, as head coach of Amherst College, he produced the first undefeated team in the 50+ year history of the college program. For the past 12 years, Dave has shared his extensive experience and wrestling knowledge as an assistant coach at 3 different Long Island High Schools: Garden City, Chaminade and Port Washington.

In addition to competing and coaching, Dave has continued to serve the sport of wrestling in many other capacities. Following a stint as a USA Wrestling Official from 2000-2005, he has served as a Board member of the NY USA Wrestling from 2005-present. Since 2012, Dave has also served as Wrestling Chairman of the New York Athletic Club, where he supports a team of 50 senior level wrestlers in all the three styles: Greco-Roman, Women's freestyle and Men's freestyle. Under Dave's watch, the NYAC has won 5 overall National titles and placed 6 wrestlers on the 2016 Olympic Team.

DAVID'S INTRODUCTION TO WRESTLING WAS AT THE GARDEN CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM COACHED BY "HALL OF FAME" REGGIE JONES, SR. WHO GOT HIM STARTED ON THE RIGHT FOOT



HE ALSO ENJOYED HIS TENURE AS AN ASSISTANT COACH AT THE CHAMINADE SCHOOL



DAVID FOXEN



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DAVID FOXEN



THE BROCKPORT TEAM



(BACK ROW STANDING) THE TRAINER, FINCH, NOT IDENTIFIED, CALLIBRIA, BURNS,
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CONGRATULATIONS DAVE FOXEN



We wanted to congratulate you on an outstanding wrestling career highlighted by your latest Incredible achievement of being inducted into the National Westling Hall Of Fame. You have been a great coach and supporter of the Viking Wrestling program for many years and we feel very fortunate to have you as part of our extended wrestling family in Port Washington .

Sincerely,

CONGRATULATIONS AND GO VIKINGS

Anthony,Renee , Tony and Barbara Schettino



COACH GOLDSTEIN FEELS “THAT HIS WRESTLING ROOM IS ANOTHER CLASS ROOM WHERE STUDENTS CAN LEARN LESSONS OF LIFE THAT GO BEYOND THE FOUR WALLS”.

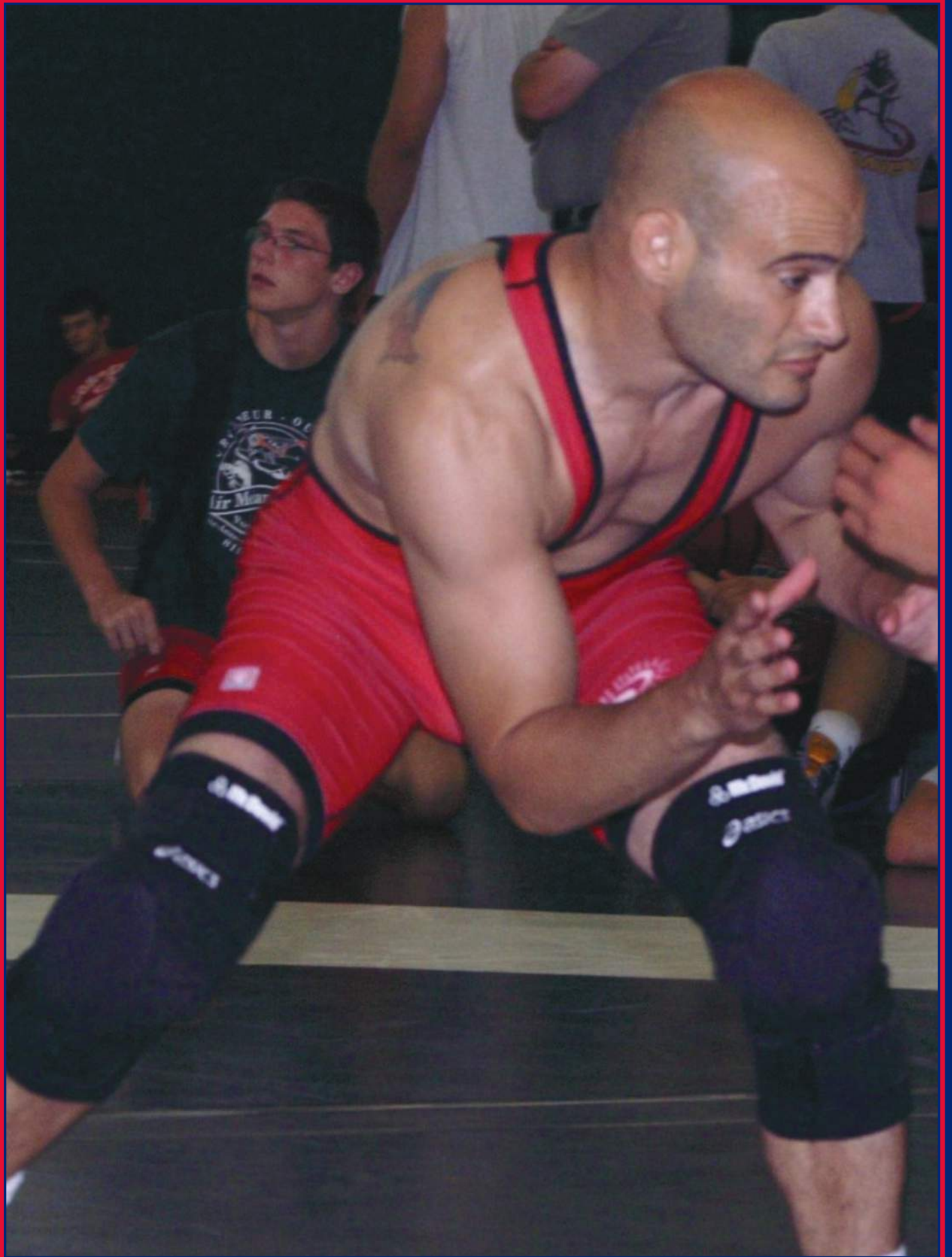
Darren Goldstein was an All League Wrestler and member of Port Jefferson State Cup Champion team in 1985 under Hall of Fame Coach, Bob Armstrong. After graduation he continued his wrestling under Hall of Fame Coach, Kevin Gallagher (Minnisink Valley-Section 9) at D-1 Wagner College. Still a bit small for 118 pounds, Darren concentrated on the international styles as a competitor where there was a more suitable 105 pound weight classification. He continued to wrestle for the NYAC becoming an eight time age group All American including a National Veterans Greco Roman Championship in 2003. In addition, Darren is the most winning athlete, in the now defunct Empire State Games, winning a record 42 medals, including 22 gold medals.

Darren started his coaching career at Rocky Point High School as a junior Varsity Coach under head coach Robin Winkel. It was here that he started the North Shore Wrestling Club on a Federally funded grant creating a club that opened its doors to everyone that wanted to attend. Darren later took a position under Paul Jendrewski and Don Jantzen as Shoreham Wading River Junior Varsity Coach for several years before he returned home to Mt. Sinai. At Mt. Sinai he worked with the man who started it all for Darren, Joe Colloca.

Darren's first head coaching position was at Longwood HS for three years from 2000 to 2002. He returned as JV Coach at Rocky Point for two additional years before Robin Winkel retired.

Currently Darren coaches with two of his former wrestlers, NYS Champions Billy Coggins (2010) and Anthony Volpe(2010) but he is grateful for having had some excellent assistant coaches that include D-1 all American Charlie Griffen and former NYS Champion Steven Hromada (HHHE). Coach Goldstein has amassed 232 dual meet wins. His teams have won five Dual Meet League Championships, seven League Tournament Championships, two Suffolk County Dual Meet Championships, a Suffolk County Tournament Championship and a 2010 New York State Championship. To date, Darren has coached 21 All State Wrestlers that includes 6 New York State Championships. He has coached 55 All County Wrestlers that include 12 Suffolk County Champions. Additionally he has coached one Olympian (Brandon Escobar for Honduras-London) and a female World Team member and National Champion: Jenna Burkett.

Darren Goldstein says: " The wrestling room is just another classroom, so like my classroom students, I want the wrestlers to learn lessons of life that go beyond the four walls of the classroom(or wrestling room)".



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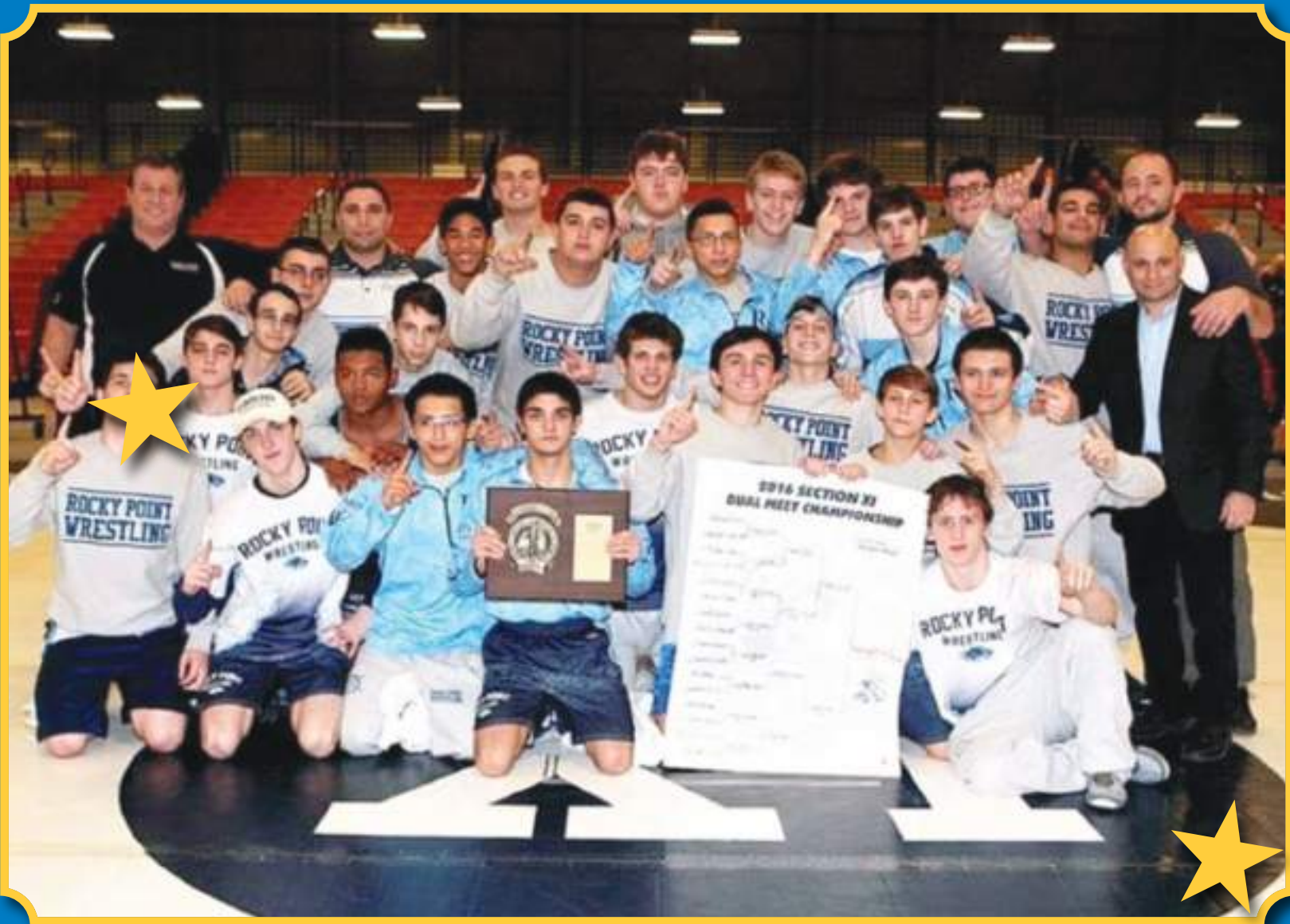
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COLONEL

Before Steven Hunte was a Soldier, he was a wrestler. He grew up in his father's Mephram wrestling room, then wrestled at cross town rival JFK High School. Steve won 3 Nassau County Championships and 2 N.Y. State Championships (1972 & 1973). He had a high school record of 101 wins, 61 by pins, 4 losses, and 1 tie, winning 17 wrestling championships, 6 Outstanding Wrestler Awards, and the Nassau County Outstanding Wrestler award in 1973. He won 2 NY State (USWF) freestyle championships, and took second place in the Junior National USWF Freestyle Tournaments in 1972 & 1973. Wrestling at the University of Iowa, on 4 Big Ten, 4 Midland, and 3 NCAA Championship teams, Steve won 100 matches for the University of Iowa. He won 2 Big Ten Wrestling Championships (1977 & 1978), was nationally ranked #1 his junior and senior years and victorious in the coveted 1977 East vs. West All Star Dual Meet. In his senior year, he was awarded the Nile Kinnick Scholarship Award as the #1 athletic department academic performer of all intercollegiate sports.

Graduating with a Bachelor of Science in 1978, Steve completed his Army Airborne Training and was commissioned as an Army officer in 1979 before completing his Physical Therapy degree at the University of Iowa in 1980. As the Assistant Wrestling Coach at the U.S. Military Academy, the Army team had a record of 86 wins, 21 losses, and 2 ties. Wrestling on the All Army Wrestling Team, Steve won the 1983 Senior National SAMBO Wrestling Championship.

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Steve Hunte

From 1985-1988 he served as a physical therapist at Brooke Army Medical Center then led and managed Army Physical Therapy Clinics at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Fort Stewart, and 121st General Hospital in Korea. From 1998 until 2002, he was Chief of the busiest Army PT Clinic and Asst. Chief, Department of Orthopedic & Rehabilitation at Fort Bragg where he was the Delta Force physical therapist.

LTC Steven Hunte's leadership qualities led to his selection as the first physical therapist to command the largest outlying healthcare clinic in Bavaria, Germany in 2002. The Schweinfurt Army Health Clinic provided daily health care to a military community of over 11,000 Soldiers and Families. His clinic's deployment medical readiness was so successful, Brigadier General Granger would write: "COL Hunte's performance as Commander of one of my 27 clinics ranks among the top 5% of all commanders I have observed in my 30 years of service."

In June 2005, Colonel Steven Hunte took command of McDonald Army Community Hospital leading all health-care operations, Soldier Medical Readiness, health promotion, and provision of care to over 60,000 beneficiaries in military communities. Steve led his hospital through a historic BRAC transformation. For his performance and leadership,

Steve received his first Legion of Merit and Major General Eric Schoomaker would write: "Steve Hunte is a top 5% officer and one of the best, most committed, and most productive Medical Activity and Health Center Commanders I have ever known."

In 2007, Colonel Hunte was hand selected by the Army Surgeon General to be the first Installation Management Command Surgeon at the Pentagon, coordinating all healthcare programs for wounded, ill, and injured Soldiers and their families on all Army installations and Joint Bases, worldwide. He enabled key decision making at the highest levels of the Army. General Robert Wilson, IMCOM Commander wrote: "Colonel Steve Hunte's actions greatly improved access and continuity of quality healthcare and behavioral health services for all Army Soldiers and Families. I select Colonel Steve Hunte, above all others to represent the command in some of the most difficult and complex initiatives and environments."

After serving 32 years, Colonel Steve Hunte retired with 2 Legion of Merit Medals, 6 Meritorious Service Medals, 2 Army Commendation Medals, Army Achievement Medal, Army Air Assault Badge, Army Parachutist Badge, and Army Staff Identification Badge. He has been honored with the Order of Military Medical Merit and Army Medical Department "A" Proficiency Designation.

FRANK "SPRIG" GARDNER & STEVE HUNTE

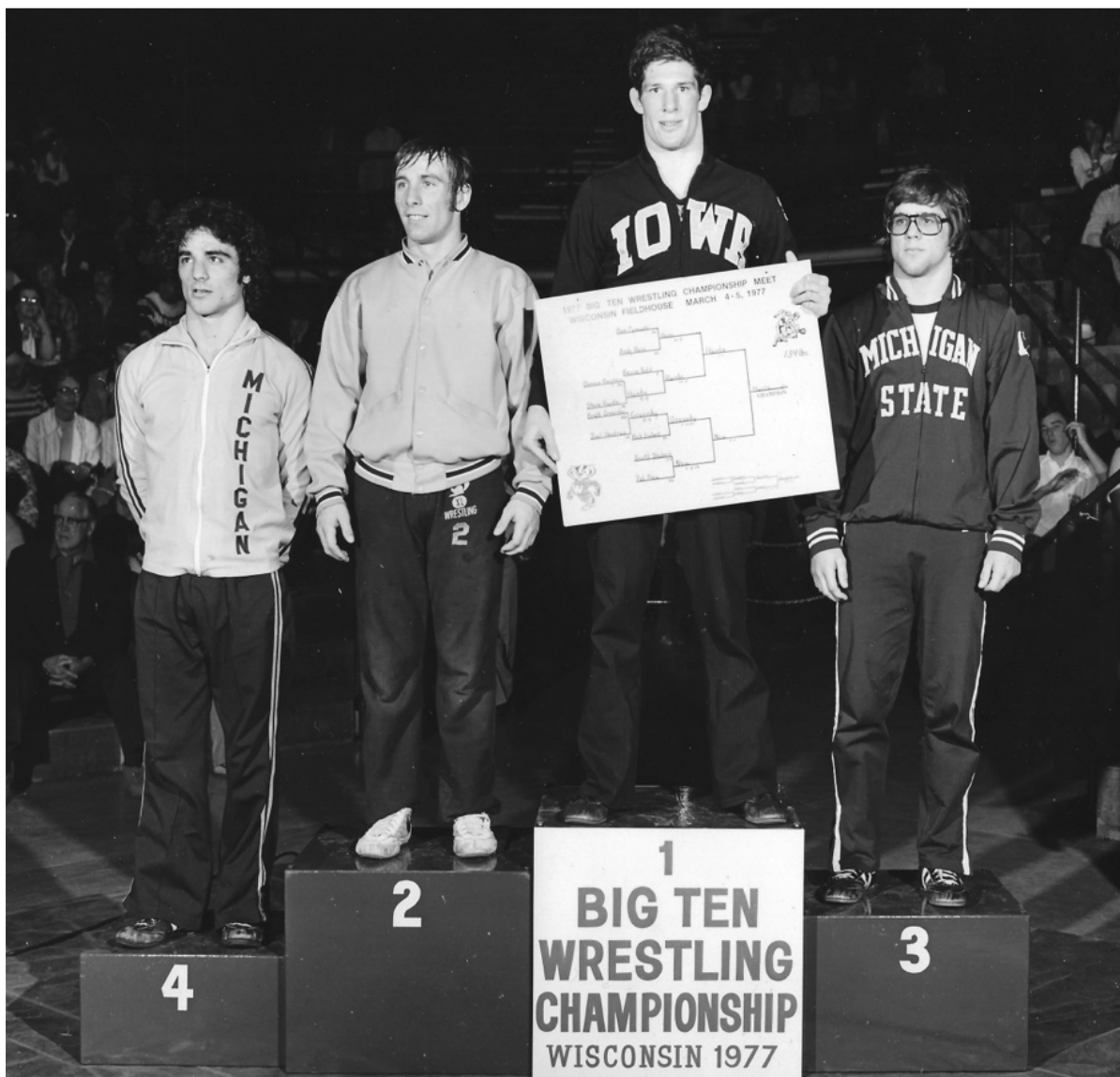


STEVE IS THE SECOND GENERATION OF GREAT WRESTLERS THAT "SPRIG" GARDNER PRODUCED. KEN HUNTE, STEVE'S FATHER, WAS A GREAT LONG ISLAND AND SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY WRESTLING CHAMPION AND GARDNER'S SUCCESSOR AS THE WRESTLING COACH AT THE AMAZING MEPHAM HIGH SCHOOL. STEVE WRESTLED AT JF KENNEDY HS LOCATED IN THE SAME SCHOOL DISTRICT.

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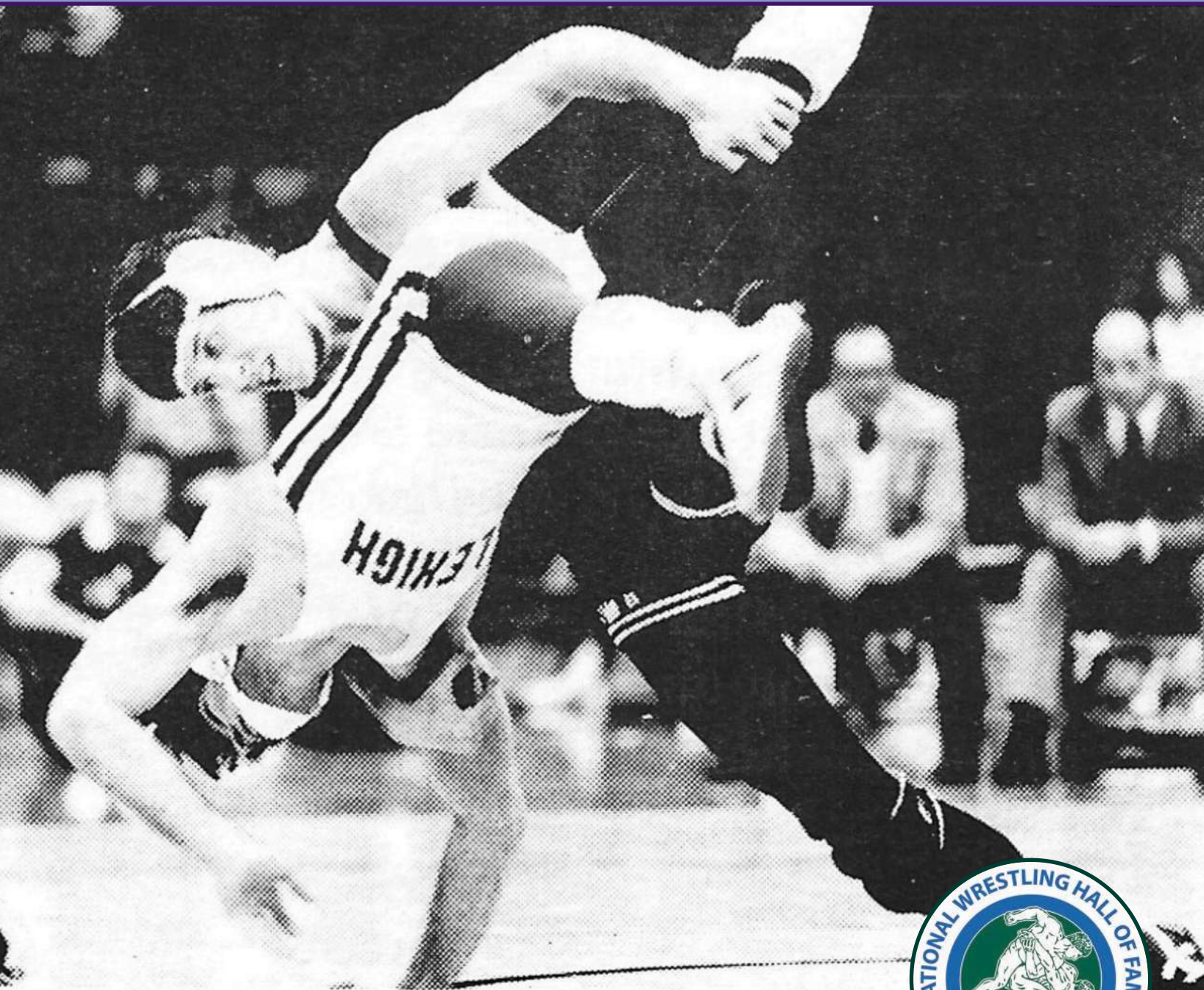
BIG TEN CHAMPION



Steve Hunte won 2 Big Ten titles, at Iowa U. matching the 2 EIWA Conference Titles won by his father Ken Hunte, for Syracuse U.

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"OUTSTANDING ATHLETE OF THE YEAR"

As a Calhoun HS, student Vin's love for wrestling began and has continued through today! In Gym class at the start of the wrestling unit with Hall of Fame coach Bob Bury Sr., as his teacher, Coach Bury's keen eye saw a talent that although raw, was also fierce! Recognizing that Vin's natural wrestling talent coupled with his intensity was very promising, he asked him to come out for the team. He did, and that upcoming season started what would become a lifetime involvement with and for this magnificent sport of wrestling.

By the end of his second season and Senior year, Vin was an undefeated Section 8 County Champion (1967), and runner-up in the NY State Championship. In his quest to reaching that state final match, Vin had pinned returning state runner-up, Steve Shields of Herricks HS, and four years later at the 1971 NCAA Championship Finals in Auburn, Alabama...both he and Shields (from Nassau's Section 8) were in the finals! This speaks volumes of the quality and skills of both of these wrestlers as well as the level of wrestling competition in the section!

During the summer, after his HS Senior year, Vin wrestled to the finals of the US Junior Olympic camp in Chicago after training at Hall of Farmer Sam Boone's camp with Syracuse University's Freshman Coach Dick Slutsky. He was accepted from both Syracuse University and the US Naval Academy. Vin chose to attend Syracuse as a result of the urging by Slutsky, Coach Bury, and Tom Schlendorf, (also a Calhoun HS grad, recent Syracuse University graduate, and 1967 NCAA Champion!)

As a freshman at S.U. he was not eligible compete at the Varsity level. Vin was undefeated and Plebe champion at the USMA at West Point. As a Sophomore, he wrestled to a 3rd place in the Eastern's, and for the three years, as a Varsity competitor, Vin was undefeated in dual meet competition with the outstanding record



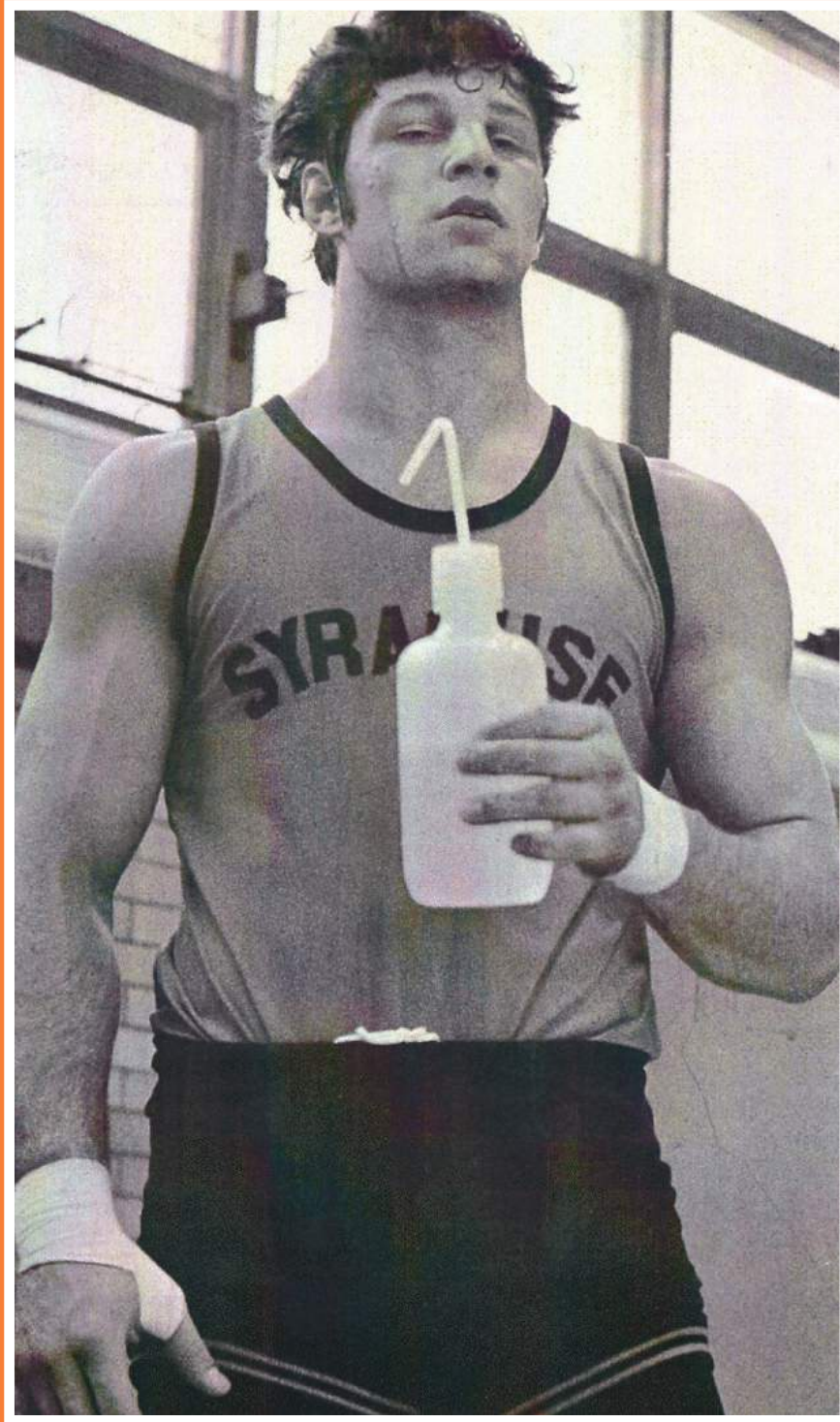
As a Senior, Vin was the Wilkes Champion where he defeated the 1971 NCAA Heavyweight champion, and was 3X Champion at the prestigious CW Post Summer tournament. He was seeded 1st in the Eastern's, but an overnight 32" Syracuse snowfall prevented the SU wrestlers from traveling and participating. Fortunately, the Eastern tournament was then encompassed into the one-time Eastern Regional Tournament which held two weeks later, and Vin, by being selected Champion of that one-time qualifier, became qualified for the 1971 NCAA Championships to be held in Auburn, Alabama. There, he wrestled to the finals where he was runner-up to the eventful 1972 Munich Olympics Gold Medalist, Ben Peterson.

Returning to Syracuse U. after the NCAA tournament, Vin was awarded the Syracuse University Athlete of The Year for 1971 to take his rightful place among Syracuse U's outstanding athletes, including Jim Brown, Ernie Davis, Richard Slutsky, Jim Nance, Dave Bing, Floyd Little, Larry Csonka, and Bob Rust. Vin was the final recipient of the prestigious award, which was retired after his 1971 presentation ceremony.

After his outstanding Collegiate wrestling career, Vin represented the NYAC for the next 7 years, wrestling for Bill Farrell, the 1972 Olympic Coach, and was an alternative for the '72 and '76 Olympic games. He represented the USA Freestyle World Team and traveled to wrestle in Tblisi, Russia in '73, and then in '74 to Istanbul, Turkey with that team, coached by Dan Gable.

For the past 25 years, Vin has continued with his love of wrestling by officiating with the Long Island Wrestling Officials Association, where he has been an Executive Board Member for 15 years, and has served as its President for 3 terms.

VINCENT PAOLANO



**PAOLANO NCAA WRESTLING RUNNER UP
BECAME A MEMBER OF THE USA WORLD TEAM
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AN AMERICAN STORY

Christopher Soukas

By Jimmy Soukas & Carol Cornell



Christopher Soukas was born in a village called Orinon in the state of Ioannina, Greece. He spent his first thirteen years in the country that was the birthplace of the Olympics.

Moving to the United States in 1932 when he was thirteen years old, he began his wrestling career that would span over 35 years. Those 35 years gave birth to a local and national wrestling champion and a wrestling dynasty.

As a teenager he joined the Greek/American Harmon Club and from 1934 to 1966, Chris wrestled the best the world had to offer, winning an inordinate number of championships. Among them were the 145 lb. National Freestyle Championship and New York State 155 lb. Championship. He won the Senior Metropolitan Championship several years in a row, The National YMCA Championships twice. These are just a few of the titles that he captured in his career.

As a national champion, he was among the very best in the United States. The champions in the same national meet included such greats as Joe McDaniel, three-time National Champion and Syracuse University coach, Lehigh's great coach Jerry Lehman, a national runner-up. Also competing, was Harry Wittenberg, the multiple time National AAU Champion and America's greatest Olympian for the first half of 20th Century.

Christopher's story is the journey of a young man coming to America and becoming a champion on and off the mat. He was able to compete, coach, and lead in the great American tradition. He was even able to correspond with one of his great mentors on the mat, Donald Burnfield!

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
November 16, 1977

Dear Chris:

It was certainly a pleasure to hear from you. I can still remember my match back in 1936. I know what an outstanding record you have had as a wrestler and I must say I felt very fortunate to win that exceedingly close match.

I was delighted to learn that you had seen Dick Oliver recently. As you may recall, Dick and I went to high school and college together and are very close friends. He is now at the Orinon State and doing a wonderful job. I was amazed to learn that you are still wrestling well. I had had my wrestling days well past and in most of the physically-demanding life I lead. I can't imagine wrestling a week today.

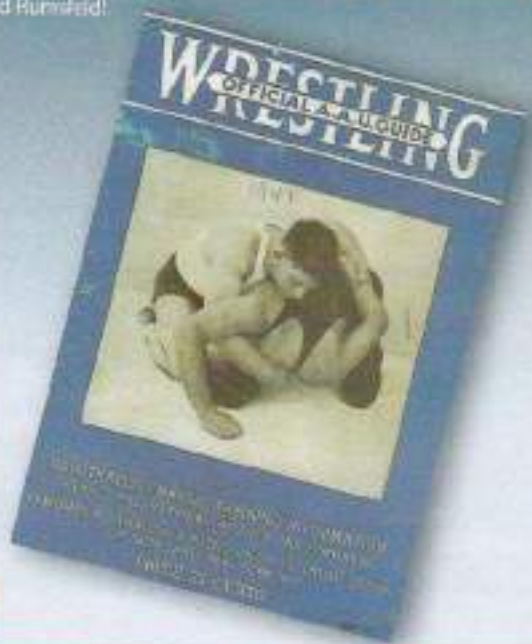
The dinner that was held in your honor would be a wonderful event and I do congratulate you on it. It was wonderful that the members of The Greek-American Sports Athletic Club honored you in this way. Certainly the honor was well-deserved and I do congratulate you for your outstanding record.

I do hope our paths will continue to cross in the coming years. With my best personal wishes to you,

Sincerely,

Donald Burnfield
Assistant to the President

Mr. Chris Soukas
342 Culler Avenue
Syracuse, New York 13203



NATIONAL CHAMPION CHRISTOPHER SOUKAS

CHRIS SOUKAS BEGAN HIS WRESTLING IN 1932 AND RETIRED
IN 1960. HE WON HUNDREDS OF FREE STYLE TOURNAMENTS
IN HIS MOMENTOUS CAREER AND MENTORED HUNDREDS
OF YOUNG WRESTLERS .



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Christopher Soukas



Partial Wrestling Record

National AAU Champion	145 lb	1941	New York Senior Metropolitan Champion	155 lb	1949
New York State Champion	155 lb	1947	New York Senior Metropolitan Champion	155 lb	1950
New York State Champion	155 lb	1949	National YMCA Champion	155 lb	1949
New York State Champion	155 lb	1950	National YMCA Champion	155 lb	1950
New York State 2nd Place	134 lb	1940	National YMCA Champion	Heavyweight	1966
New York Junior & Senior Metropolitan Champion	145 lb	1937	Pan-Hellenic Champion	125 lb	1933
New York Senior Metropolitan Champion	145 lb	1941	Pan-Hellenic Champion	125 lb	1934
New York Senior Metropolitan Champion	145 lb	1942	Pan-Hellenic Champion	145 lb	1935
New York Senior Metropolitan Champion	165 lb	1946			
New York Senior Metropolitan Champion	155 lb	1947			

Also winner of other open AAU Tournaments

CHRIS SOUKAS AND TEAM MATES



THE MC BURNEY YMCA TEAM OF CHAMPION WRESTLERS
JOE KISSANE MURRAY ADELMAN CHRIS SOUKAS

Between the years of 1935 and 1955 the places where you could work out were the YMCA gymnasiums or the New York Athletic Club, in the city of New York.

Above are three Freestyle wrestlers who competed in every tournament.

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CHRIS SOUKAS ACCEPTING A CHAMPIONSHIP

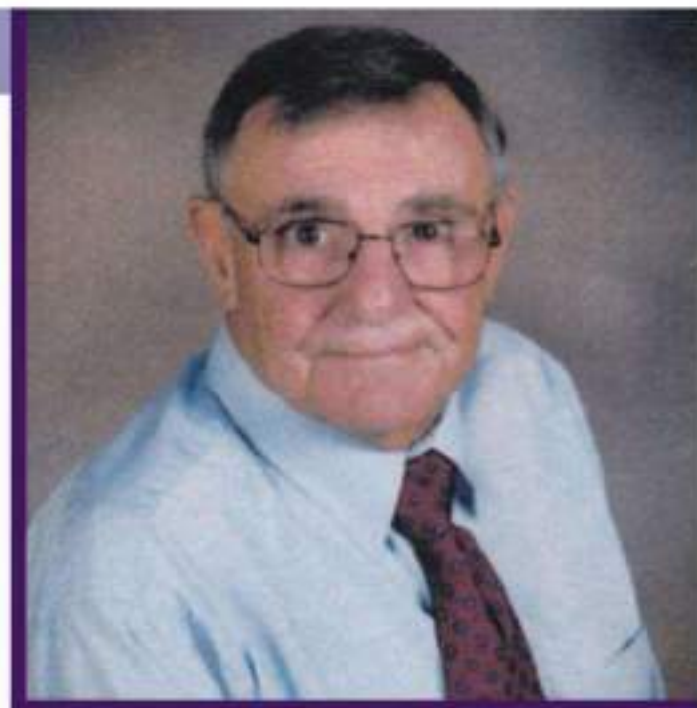
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JOHN ZABATTA PENN STATE

John Zabatta got the wrestling bug in 1954. As a 7th grader he was herded into the famed VSC wrestling room by Hall of Fame Coach Harold Earl. Since that time wrestling has always been a big part of his life. John was a well rounded athlete. In 1961 he was an All County Football player and captain of his team. He was on both Valley Stream Centrals' Nassau County Wrestling Championship teams in 1960 & 1961 and captain of the 1961 team. As a wrestler for Central High he was a 3 time league finalist 1 time champ. In 1960 he was runner up in the Nassau County Championship and in 1961 he was undefeated 19-0 and was the 158 Nassau County Champion. He earned a scholarship to Penn State University and wrestled for 3 years under Hall of Fame coach Charlie "Doc" Speidel.

He entered the Army in 1966 and served two years as a physical therapist technician and coached the Ft. Sam Houston Freestyle team in the All Army meet in El Paso, TX 1967. After the Army, he started coaching at VS South HS with Hall of Fame coach Bill Linkner. In the 10 years with Bill they won all 10 league championships without a loss. John then coached VS Memorial Jr. HS, with Hall of Fame Coach Nick Nannos then VS North Jr HS with Hall of Fame Coach Tom Maddock. He then went back again to VS South Jr. HS. In 1991, Bill stepped down and John took over as head coach. After two years and two more league championships, he had to step down due to lung disease at the age of 49. In 1993 he won the Ted Petersen award as Nassau County Coach of the year.

After his retirement, John became involved with Friends of Long Island Wrestling as a member of the Board of Directors and the membership

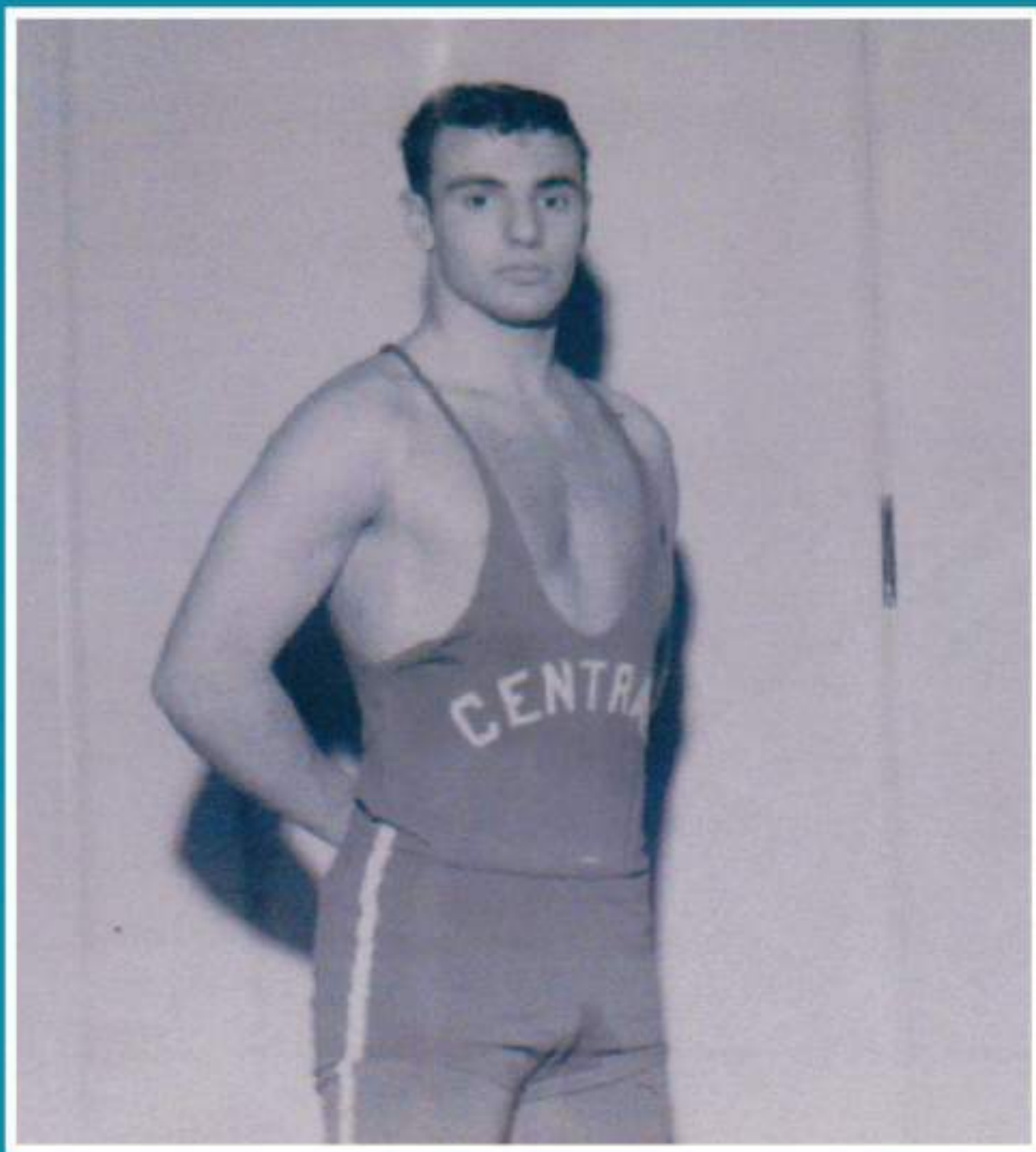


chairman. He also worked on the golf committee, phone-a-thon and other committees. John worked with Tom Ryan at Hofstra to promote wrestling and raise support funds.

In 1977, with his son Danny coming of age 5, he started the Valley Stream Youth program then called "Kiddie Wrestling." When he moved to Florida in 2004, for health reasons, he jumped right in with the Buffalo Wrestling Club youth program. He is still a USA card member and the club president.

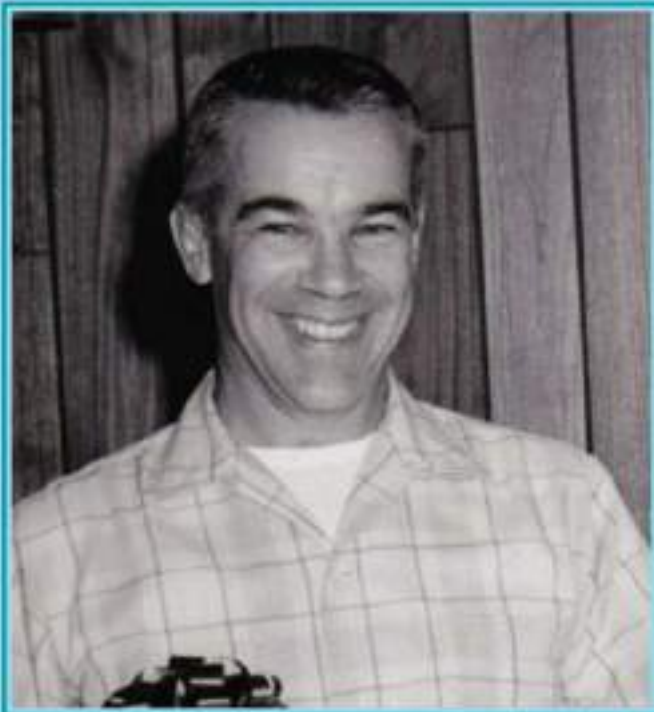
John has always been involved with running tournaments. He ran many league, qualifying, and Christmas events. He also scored and ran the clock for many events and worked the head table at the Section VIII Tournament. He was the first to put the Section VIII wrestling tournament brackets on the computer. He is still doing the same work in Florida. Coach Z did a great deal for the wrestling in all three Valley Stream schools, but his lasting legacy will be the wrestlers who enjoyed the sport of wrestling. He was always able to get the most out of his athletes by believing in them. He built the confidence in wrestlers who were unsure of themselves. He was able to make them feel they could do and they did.

JOHN ZABATTA
NEW YORK STATE CHAMPION



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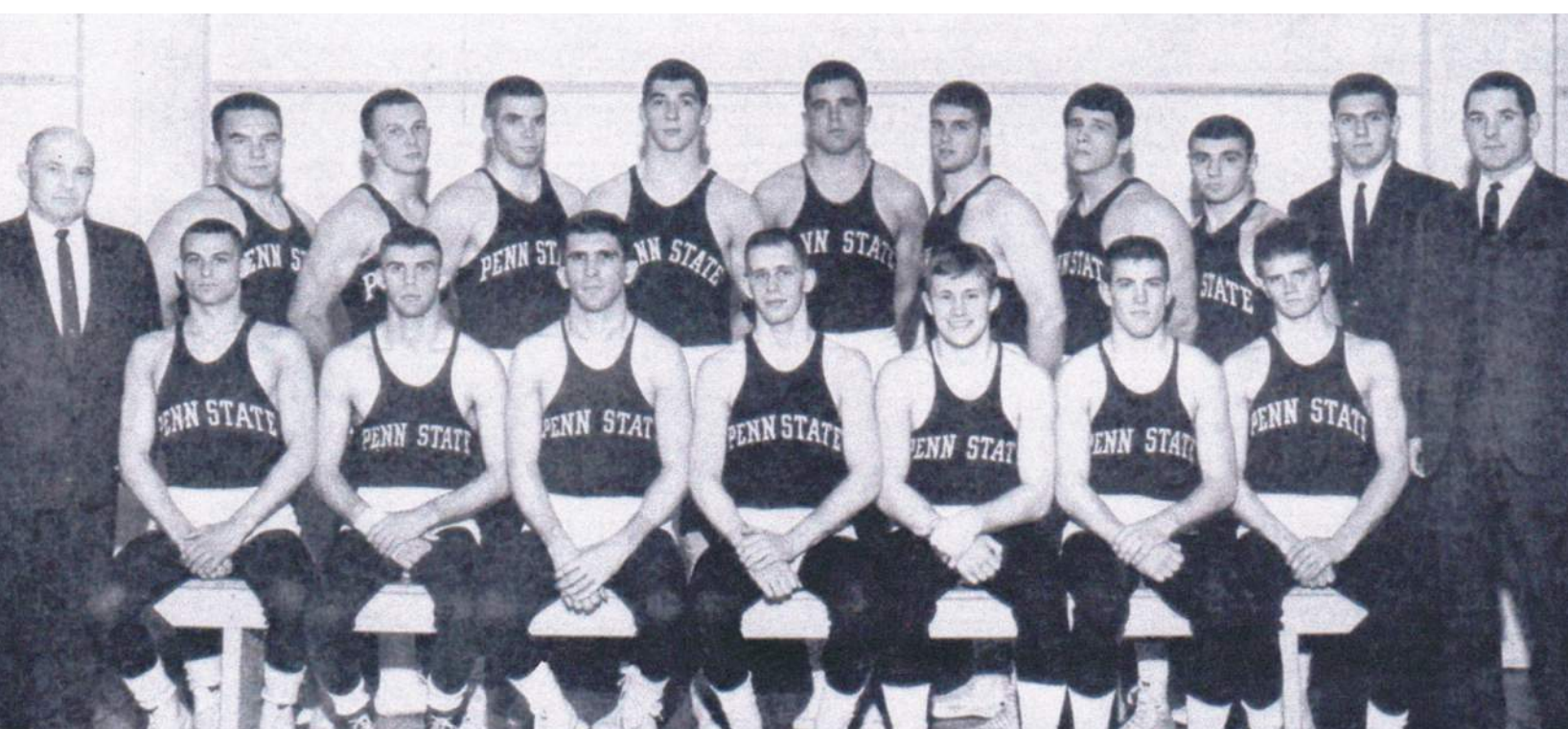
HALL OF FAME COACH HAROLD
EARL ENJOYING ONE OF HIS
MOST SUCCESSFUL TEAMS



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PENN STATE
JOHN ZABATTA
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PROUD OF THE
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FROM VALLEY STREAM
SOUTH HIGH THAT HE AND
BILL LINKNER COACHED**



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2017-2018 Hofstra University Wrestling Projections

Entering his fourth season in charge of the Hofstra Wrestling program, Pride Head Coach Dennis Papadatos is more optimistic than he's ever been! Armed with seventeen returnees including ten starters...eleven if you include red-shirt senior Michael Hughes, the Pride will be looking to make some noise during the 2018 season.

For possibly the first time in his Hofstra tenure, Coach Papadatos has depth in almost every weight class, which is no small feat with a nineteen man roster. "We have some key people from last year returning to the lineup and our younger guys gained valuable experience last season. "Although we're still young, I'm confident that we've improved and we are all looking forward to 2017 and 2018."

125 pound class features Jacob Martin returning to his starting role after posting fourteen victories at 133 and a New York State Collegiate Championship last season. **133** Vincent Vespa returns to the starting spot as a sophomore after a season that saw him win 18 matches and claim a fifth in the EIWA Championships. **141** Red-shirt sophomore Connor Burkert is expected to return to his starting job after posting nine wins last season. He could face a strong challenge from Red-Shirt freshman Charlie Kane, a two-time New England champion. **149** Junior Ryan Burkert's twin brother Connor also returns to a starting role after posting a record of 20 wins and 14 losses. We hope that Ryan makes another jump this season and gets closer to 30 wins.

157 Rickey Stamm was 29-11 last year and is a welcome surprise with his continued improvement since his arrival at Hofstra. **165** After winning twenty three matches as a freshman at one seventy four last season, sophomore Sage Heller will drop to 165 pounds this year. Heller earned a bronze medal as part of the USA team at the Maccabean games in Israel last summer. He will be challenged by freshman Tristan Gordon, a former Indiana Greco-Roman Scholastic champion. **174** junior Bobby Fehr is expected to do well and will be challenged by Anthony Olivier.

184 "We are expecting to start Cory Damiana who started last season and has shown great development, and signs that he can win at a pretty high level with more consistency on the mat." **197** Two starters will battle it out! Last year's starter Nezar Haddad, who had 15 wins last year will be challenged by last year's 184 starter Michael Oxley. **285** Will be occupied by red-shirt senior Michael Hughes. The three-year starter for the Pride was impressive. On the open tournament circuit last season, he posted 29 - 2 record, winning titles in the New York State Open Division, The Mat Town Open, The Wilkes Open and The National Collegiate Open, and a 5th place in the Southern Scuffle! Hofstra is looking for great things from our heavyweight Michael Hughes.

Hofstra Wrestling and Hofstra's National Champion Nick Gallo are proud to welcome the EIWA Championship to Long Island



It is a first for Long Island wrestling.

Hofstra University will be the host of the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA) end-of-season championship tournament on their Hempstead campus on March 3 & 4, 2018. It is the first time that the prestigious tournament will be held on Long Island in the 114 years of its existence.

The EIWA, college wrestling's oldest conference, is made up of 16 teams in the Northeast section of the country – American, Army, Binghamton, Brown, Bucknell, Columbia, Cornell, Drexel, Franklin & Marshall, Harvard, Hofstra, Lehigh, Navy, Penn, Princeton, and Sacred Heart. The tournament, affectionally known as 'The Easterns' by many long-time followers, serves as a qualifier for individual wrestlers to be eligible to compete in the NCAA National Championships which will be held in Cleveland, Ohio two weeks later.

EIWA Executive Director Greg Strobel describes how Hofstra ended up hosting this season's championships. "Hofstra, Binghamton and Drexel joined the EIWA several years ago as new members. The conference coaches are always looking for new venues for their championships, so we asked the newly-admitted schools if they would be interested in hosting the tournament in 2018 or 2019. Both Hofstra and Binghamton said that indeed they were, and each submitted a bid. The coaches liked both bids and thus awarded Hofstra the championship for 2018 and Binghamton for 2019."

The EIWA championships will be held in the David S. Mack Sports and Exhibition Complex, commonly known as "The Mack," a 5,023-seat arena that features full chair back seating for spectators.

Strobel expresses his excitement for potentially selling-out the tournament. "The 2018 EIWA Championships at Hofstra offers a rare opportunity for the many wrestling fans on Long Island to attend this tournament without having to travel to Pennsylvania or New Jersey. It is also a great opportunity for member school's alums and fans that live or work in Manhattan to go to the Championship on the train."

Hofstra is not new to hosting significant events. Besides hosting several Presidential Candidate debates, the wrestling program is one of the hosts of the annual "Grapple at the Garden"

wrestling tournament and was co-host of the 2016 NCAA Wrestling Championships – both held at Madison Square Garden.

Head Coach Dennis Papadatos is excited that his school will be the center of activity during the 2018 conference championships. Papadatos explains, "When we joined the EIWA, we let it be known that Hofstra wanted to be 'a player' in the league. We thought it was important to be a host school; we wanted to show our support of the EIWA. We are now able during the recruiting process to demonstrate that we are serious about wrestling. And we are able to give our alumni and fans the chance to see outstanding college wrestling right in our own great arena."

Hofstra's team is led by senior heavyweight Michael Hughes, who was a New York State high school champion while wrestling for Smithtown West in Suffolk County. Hughes finished third in the EIWAs during his junior season, 2015-2016. Last year Hughes took a redshirt year, yet still compiled a 29-2 record while wrestling unattached.

Coach Papadatos is optimistic that his team will be competitive. "We expect to have a breakout year this season. Our heavyweight (Hughes) is one of the pre-season favorite to capture a league title. We will have several others in the lineup that can place and hopefully qualify for Nationals. I think our fans will be excited."

Cornell University, coached by Rob Koll, has dominated the EIWA Championships in recent times. They have won the team title 11 straight years. However, going into the season, most wrestling experts are looking for Lehigh University to dethrone the Big Red.

Lehigh, with 34 first-place team trophies overall, has won the most EIWA championships since the tournament began in 1905 at the University of Pennsylvania. The Mountain Hawks are led by their NCAA 125-pound champion, Darian Cruz, who will be seeking his third EIWA title, along with the 133-pound returning EIWA champion, Scott Parker.

Other defending EIWA champions looking to repeat are Matt Kolodzik of Princeton, Brandon Womack of Cornell and Columbia's heavyweight, Garrett Ryan.

Nick Gallo, Hofstra's most decorated wrestler in its long history, is thrilled that Hofstra is hosting the EIWA championships. He thinks back to his days on the mat.

"Ever since I wrestled at Hofstra (1974-1977) I always wanted to be part of the EIWA. I wanted to be a part of this prestigious conference, but at the time Hofstra was in the East Coast Conference. I was begging to be there – they had so many strong wrestlers."

He continues, "When Hofstra joined the EIWA in 2013, it was the culmination of a dream that I had 30 years ago. And now that they are hosting the league championship, it really brings the program up a notch. We'll be competing against some great teams like Cornell and Lehigh. It's amazing that the folks at Hofstra could accomplish this so soon. Dennis had a great idea and it just adds credibility to the progress of the program."





Ticket Information

All-Session Passes

Adult (in advance) - \$80

Adult (day of event) - \$900

Student/Youth (in advance) - \$40

Student/Youth (day of event) - \$45

Single-Session Tickets

Session 1: Adult (\$35) / Student & Youth (\$20) - Purchase Tickets to Session 1 Online

Session 2: Adult (\$35) / Student & Youth (\$20) - Purchase Tickets to Session 2 Online

Session 3: Adult (\$30) / Student & Youth (\$15) - Purchase Tickets to Session 3 Online

Session 4: Adult (\$30) / Student & Youth (\$15) - Purchase Tickets to Session 4 Online

Single Session Tickets will go on sale on January 16, 2018.

Please note - all seating in the David S. Mack Sports and Exhibition Complex is General Admission.

Tickets to the 2018 EIWA Championships can be purchased online by visiting HofstraTickets.com, where you may print your tickets at home. You can also purchase tickets by calling the Hofstra Athletics Ticket Office at (516) HOF-TIXX (463-8499), or by visiting the Hofstra Athletics Ticket Office in the David S. Mack Sports and Exhibition Complex.

Event Schedule

Saturday, March 3

Session 1:

- 11 a.m.: Championship First Round

- 2:15 p.m.: First Round Wrestlebacks

Session 2:

- 6 p.m.: Championship Quarterfinals

- 7:30 p.m.: Wrestleback Quarterfinals

Sunday, March 4

Session 3:

- 10 a.m.: Semifinals

- 11:45 p.m.: Wrestleback Semifinals

- 12:35 p.m.: 7th-Place Matches

Session 4:

- 3 p.m.: EIWA Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies. 1st, 3rd, and 5th Place Matches

Parking

Parking is free and open to the public on the Hofstra University campus on a first come, first served basis.



COACH JOE PATROVICH AND HIS LIU POST GRAPPLERS ARE PREPARING FOR A BIG SEASON

Brookville, N.Y. – The LIU Post wrestling team begins its 2017-18 season in a little over two weeks, with its first match scheduled for Sunday, November 5 at the Drexel Duals in Philadelphia, Pa.

LIU Post head coach Joe Patrovich starts his fourth season in charge of the Pioneers' fortunes and has a full line-up of 15 returnees, all who started a season ago.

The Pioneers also return All-America NCAA National Qualifier Joe Calderone. Calderone posted a team-leading 32-11 record at 133 lbs back in 2015-16 season. The Huntington Station, N.Y. native rattled off a 16-match winning streak and was ranked as high as No. 2 nationally in the InterMat Division II 133-lb. ledger. Anthony Sparacio, who impresses during his rookie campaign, returns to the team after being named NCAA All-American at 133 lbs. The NCAA Qualifier posted a 23-10 record at 133 lbs. last season, and finished fourth at the NCAA Super Region I Championships.

Patrovich adds a bevy of newcomers including junior transfer East Moriches, N.Y. native Peter DeTore to his squad. DeTore, a transfer from Hofstra University, looks to compete in the 141 lbs. weight class this season. Freshmen Damien Caffrey (heavyweight), Greg Hodulik (197 lbs.), Hunter Scutellaro (125 lbs.), and Bryan Romero (125 lbs.).

Caffrey, the 2017 Eastern States and League VI Champion, compiled a career record of 106-20 at Elwood-John Glenn and placed fourth at the 2017 New York State Championships.

Hodulik, a two-time League VI Champion, finished out his senior year with a 44-6 record and was the 2017 Suffolk County Section XI Runner-Up.

The 2017-18 season will feature four Division I matchup which includes Drexel, Clarion, Purdue, and Air Force.

LIU Post will conduct its annual Wrestle-Offs on Thursday, October 26 at the Pratt Recreation Center.

The Pioneers open the season on Sunday, November 5 at the Drexel Duals before traveling to the Roger Williams Invitational .

Nassau Community College Athletics

First in the State to Offer Women's Wrestling for Junior College Athletics



Garden City, NY - The Nassau Community College Athletics department is taking a big step forward for a new generation of women athletes. Women's Wrestling will be coming to Nassau this fall as a varsity sport.

NJCAA Wrestling Hall of Famer, Paul Schmidt will oversee the new women's wrestling program. Under Coach Schmidt's direction Nassau Community College Men's wrestling team is a nationally recognized wrestling program that consistently produces national champions, All-Americans, and professional fighters like Chris Weidman. Coach Paul Schmidt has, for more than 30 years, been part of the Coaching staff. Since he has become the head coach he has led teams to 8 National titles, been named the National NJCAA Coach of the year 7 times and had been inducted into the National Wrestling hall of fame in 2015. Coach Schmidt has been the driving force in bringing the women's wrestling program to our campus.

"I am very excited about bringing women's wrestling program to NCC". As the head Coach of the men's program Coach Schmidt has made sure to always surround himself on his staff with talented and experienced coaches. He continued "We will share the talents of our entire men's wrestling coaching staff to build our new women's wrestling team. We are all committed to the success of the women's program."

Nassau Community College has announced that Sam Thomas, NCC alum, and former NCC wrestler himself, has been named as the new head coach for this team. He brings years of his own experience as both a former athlete and NCC Coach. Additionally, former two-time World Champion, European Champion and Olympian, Coach Vougar Orounjov will be working hand-in-hand with training and coaching our women's wrestlers.

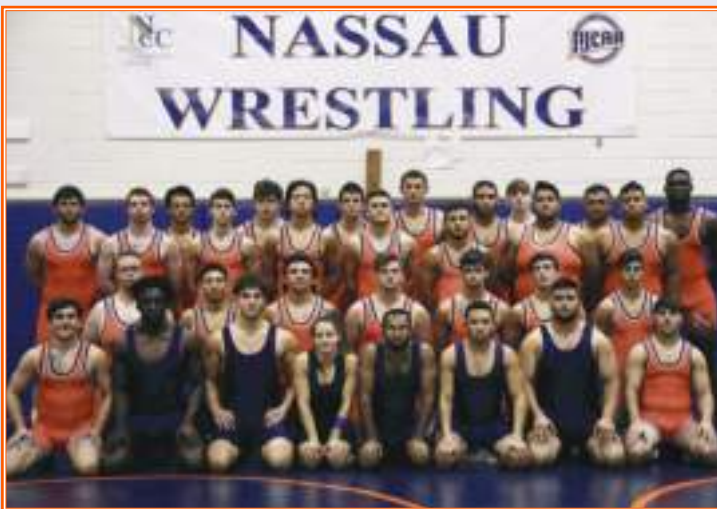
NCC Athletics Athletic Director Kerri Ann McTiernan stated "We are committed to be in the forefront for women's athletics", she continued "women's wrestling is a growing sport and we are proud to have this team be part of our National award winning wrestling family".

Women's wrestling has been gaining a lot of traction nationally as the NCAA is now reviewing adding the sport to its list of varsity programs.

For more information about this new program or any other Athletic programs, visit Nassaulions.com or call 516-572-6641.

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS LOOKING TO WIN THEIR NINTH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Even though the Nassau Lions didn't win a team National Championship last year they did have their 13th Individual National Champion in their 60 year history. Freshman Nick Casella cruised through the NJCAA tournament by winning the 141lb National Championship. Nick will continue his wrestling career at the University of Buffalo this upcoming season. This year's team is once again very talented, with four New York State Champions and one North Carolina State Champion on the roster. Besides the unprecedented number of state champions, the team has five NJCAA National Qualifiers returning along with some of Long Islands best wrestlers. The strength of this year's team is the team's depth. At 125lbs returning National Qualifier Chris Pereira, is currently ranked 6th in the first NJCAA rankings. Chris is a former Uniondale HS standout that



has a lot of talent to earn All American honors this year. At 133lbs freshman Paul North will be looking to crack the lineup and will be challenged by Kyle Mock another returning NJCAA National Qualifier. Paul is a Suffolk County Champion from Connetquot High School. The next few weight classes (141,149,157lbs) will be a fierce battle for the starting job. Returning sophomores John Arceri and Chris Meloni have a year of college wrestling under their belt. John is one of the NYS Champions on the roster and

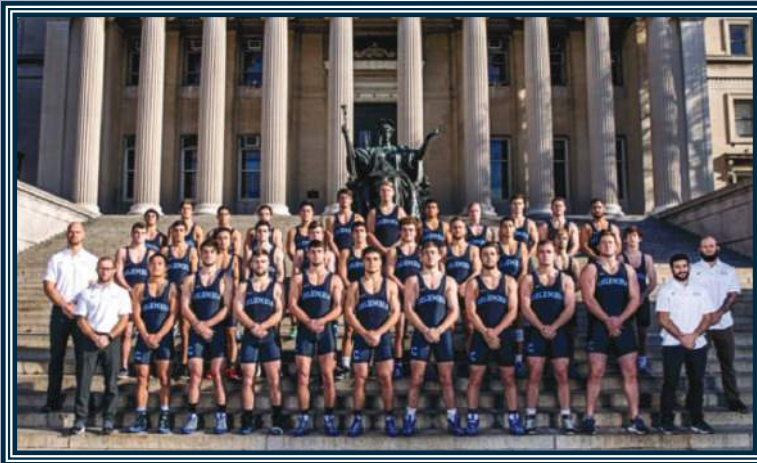
should be a favorite to win a NJCAA National Championship. Chris is a very talented National qualifier that has the ability to place high at the National Tournament. They will be challenged by some really talented freshman; Lucas Pincus, a Nassau County Champion and NYS place winner and Byron Bryce also a NYS place winner from Long Beach High School. At 157lbs Antonio LaRocca from William Floyd High School and NJCAA National Qualifier is prepared to have a very good season. He is currently ranked 6th in the nation. At 165, freshman AJ Batista from Copigue H.S. is a very talented wrestler that won the Suffolk County Championships last year. At 174, returning starter Jeremy Hughes who got hurt last season should make his way on the podium. At 184lbs freshman Mike Abidin is lighting up the wrestling room with his smile and ability. Michael is the brother of former NJCAA National Champion Anthony Abidin who transferred to the University of Nebraska from Nassau Community College. The upper weights are loaded with returning National Qualifier Jonathan Solorzano and three NYS Champions. Competing at 197lbs, there are two NYS state champions, Zack Kingston -Ward and Terren Robinson who competed against each in the NYS finals last year. They will also have Suffolk County Champion Gilberto Bonilla to compete against. At 285 there are two more State Champions, University of Virginia transfer Edwin Rubio a former NYS Champion and John Royle a North Carolina State Champion .

COLUMBIA WRESTLING

Season two for the Andrew F. Barth Head Coach of Wrestling Zach Tanelli should furnish some excitement, as the Columbia Wrestling team returns a pair of NCAA qualifiers among a deep senior class of nine wrestlers. Senior heavyweight Garrett Ryan comes into the season ranked as high as No. 15 depending on what publication you put stock into. The Scottsdale, Arizona, native along with his classmate and fellow graduate of Wyoming Seminary, Tyrel White, both have a chance to do something special this season. Ryan and White, who is making the bump from 165 to 174, enter the season with 72 and 73 wins, respectively. Although it will be quite a challenge for the pair to get to 100, the goal is certainly within reach, and would give the duo bragging rights within the deep Columbia wrestling history books. The two most recent All-Americans, 2013 grad Steve Santos, who is the current John Huemer Assistant Coach, finished his career at Columbia with a 91-37 record, while two-time All-American Matt Palmer '07CC concluded his career at 87-26.

The career-best win total for Ryan came last year, aided by a EIWA Championship in the heavyweight division, and another victory at the NCAA Championships when he went 27-9. For White, a 27-11 mark his sophomore season was his best tally, as he has joined his prep and college teammate at the NCAA Championships all three seasons thus far. Aside from Ryan and White, Jacob Macalooloy put together his best season as a junior last year, finding his spot at the podium during the EIWA Championships in the 141-pound bracket. The Union City, California, native is also making a bump to 149 this year, providing experience in the middle of many tests during the dual season. Also in the senior class the three Tyler's, Oberg, Ponte, & Zimmer, should compete for time at 157, while seniors Grant Fetchet (165), Andrew Psomas (174/184), and

Matt Doggett (197) also provide the room with a great deal of senior leadership. The lower weights will produce at least one first-year starter, with a great deal of talent returning. At 125 pounds, rookies Hunter Dusold and Spencer Good both enter the room with impressive pedigrees. A local product from Long Island, Dusold became the all-time winningest wrestler in the history of Locust Valley High School with 196 victories, as he was a four-time all-state performer. Good, who hails from Michigan, was the state runner-up last year at 119 pounds, and also holds a state title at 112 pounds during his junior season.



The Lions return a starter at 133 pounds in Alec Kelly, who boasted some impressive performances during his rookie campaign of 2016-17 by posting 10 victories including four pins. A deep group of returners will battle for other spots between 133 and 149, including JP Ascolese,

Christian Briody, Will Kui, Val Miele, Tom Miers.

The home season gets under way on Saturday, Jan. 6, when Buffalo visits the Blue Gym in Dodge Fitness Center for a 7 p.m. dual. Those interested in checking out that match, or any of the other home duals, can get in for free, while all seven home contests and various road matches can be seen on the Ivy League Network.

For more information on the Columbia wrestling team, visit gocolumbialions.com, or follow the team on:

Twitter and Instagram @ColumbiaWR.

NYU REPORT FROM COACH BRUCE HABERLI

Bruce Haberli reports that New York University is looking to produce another outstanding run with the momentum of Nathan Pikes 133 National Championship last season. Over the last three seasons the team is 53 - 13 and has finished 15th, 17th and 12 respectively at the NCAA championships they will be looking to break the top 10 this season with an outstanding recruiting class and a wealth of returners from last year's team. The schedule has always been one of the toughest in Division III. Highlights of the schedule include the end NWCA National Duals, New York State Collegiate Championships which include all divisions, The Citrus invitational in Florida and some of the top Division III teams in the country.



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**TOM REYNOLDS, BILL YOUNG,
GERARD ARMENGAU, RICH SMITH,
ROB AQUILINA,
BILL STARKE**

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FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)

GREG MAZZOLA, BOB KIKIS, RICH BOSCARINO, UMBERTO FASOLINO

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THE MAT SLAP'S

2017-2018 LONG ISLAND WRESTLING PREVIEW

By Jim & Tony Nordland

Long Island wrestling returns four state champions and a group of talented state place-winners as they embark on the 2017-18 campaign. LI will be led by four-time champion Jacori Teemer (178-5 career mark) of Long Beach, now a senior at 138 pounds. Teemer will take his mat skills west next season and compete for Arizona State. Nassau's other returning state winner is Justin Vines (132) of perennial team power Wantagh HS. Suffolk boasts two returning champions: junior Adam Busiello (184-8) of Eastport-South Manor at 126. The Penn State-bound Busiello has claimed three state crowns, is a four-time finalist and recently claimed a prestigious Super 32 mat title. Dylan Ryder (84-3) of Hills West, a senior is now in the 113-pound class and will wrestle locally at Hofstra in the fall.

Five state finalists return to seek redemption, including Nebraska-bound Jake Silverstein (145) of Hauppauge and gridiron star Deonte Wilson (285) of Amityville. Division Two runners-up are freshman Justin Titus (106-113) of Center Moriches, the Bokina twins from Mattituck; Luke at 126 and Jack in the 132-pound class.

Other state placers are in the field for the upcoming season include state bronze medalists: Zach Redding (ESM) and Matt Campo (Mt. Sinai), both at 113, two-time state medalist Anthony Sciotto (126-133) of Rocky Point, who will wrestle for the Naval Academy next season, three-time placer junior Kyle Mosher (145) of South Side, the North Babylon tandem of Anthony Sobotker (152) and David Miele-Estrella (160), along with Cornell prospect Jonathan Loew (182) of Wantagh and John Glenn's Joe Franzese in the 195-pound class.

Returning state place-winners include sophomore Josiah Encarnacion (106) of Wantagh, Joe Constrastano (113) of Carle Place-Wheatley and Pat-Med's Chris Gomez in either the 138-145 class. Other top prospects on Long Island are lightweight standouts Joe Becker (113) of Lynbrook, Christian Gannone (ESM) at 113-120, both are juniors, Jared Altan (120) of Plainedge, Joseph Simons (126) of Farmingdale and tough Elijah Rodriguez (195/220) of Long Beach, that elite group all won county titles last season.

MAT SLAP OUTSTANDING SENIORS



Dylan Ryder, Half Hollow Hills



Jake Silverman, Hauppauge



Adam Busiello, East Port South Manor



Jack Bokina, Mattituck



Justin Vines, Wantagh



Jacori Teemer, Long Beach

THE MAT SLAP cont.



Deonte Wilson
Amityville

Anthony Sciotto
North Babylon



Elijah Rodriguez
Long Beach

THE MARK PIVEN SCHOLARSHIP



Jerry Szekler President of the Friends of Long Island Wrestling presenting the
"MARK PIVEN " SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
to Vugar Arujau who is accepting the check on behalf of his son
Vito who has begun his college career at Cornell.

The "Mark Piven Award" is made annually by Mr. Mark Piven,
CLASS '60, wrestled for Sprig Gardner and Ken Hunt. He finished his career at
Mepham H.S. as a Long Island Champion.
Mr. Piven went on to Penn State where he became an "All American Wrestler".
He has been inducted into the National Wrestling Hall Of Fame
for his Life Time Achievement as a wrestling official.



**TYSHAWN SCARLETT, PAUL SCHMIDT,
TERREN ROBINSON , PASCAL PERRI,
VOLGAR ORIUNJOV**

THE PASCAL PERRI CUP

LONG BEACH H.S.

WINS THE CUP FOR THE SECOND TIME



Ray Adams, Long Beach H.S. head coach, accepting The Pascal Perri Award from Tom Ryan, Ohio State head wrestling coach, at the April 2017 Friends of Long Island Wrestling Dinner. This is the second consecutive year that Long Beach has been selected as the top Division 1 Team in New York State. Pascal Perri is at the podium.

THE PASCAL PERRI CUP



**Pascal Perri presenting "THE CUP" to
Mattituck Wrestling Coach Cory Dolson
recognizing the "Tuckers"
as the number one
Division II High School Wrestling Team
in New York State 2017**

THE PASCAL PERRI CUP

The Pascal Perri Cup is awarded, each year, to the outstanding High School wrestling team in Division I and Division II, in New York State. The award is determined by an independent selection committee based on dual meet and tournament records, level of competition, plus team sportsmanship/deportment.

This year's winners are:

Division I - Long Beach High School

Coached by Ray Adams

Division II - Mattituck High School

Coached by Cory Dolson

Both teams enjoyed great success through the year.

Long Beach High School Record: 16-0 Dual Meet record

DIVISION I

- Plus*
- Nassau County Dual Meet Champs
 - League 2 A Dual Meet Champs
 - Eastern States Tournament Champs
 - Union-Endicott Dual Meet Champs
 - Massapequa Tourney Champs

**Mattituck High School Record:
Undeclared Division II Dual Meet record**

DIVISION II

- Plus*
- 44 D2 Straight Dual Meet Wins
 - Suffolk County D2 Champs, 5th year in a row
 - 3rd place, Eastern States Tournament
 - 15 All County wrestlers - 10 finalists - 8 champs

The presentation of these awards are made annually at either the Up State or DownState Hall of Fame Chapter Induction Dinner.

LONG BEACH WRESTLING

2017-18

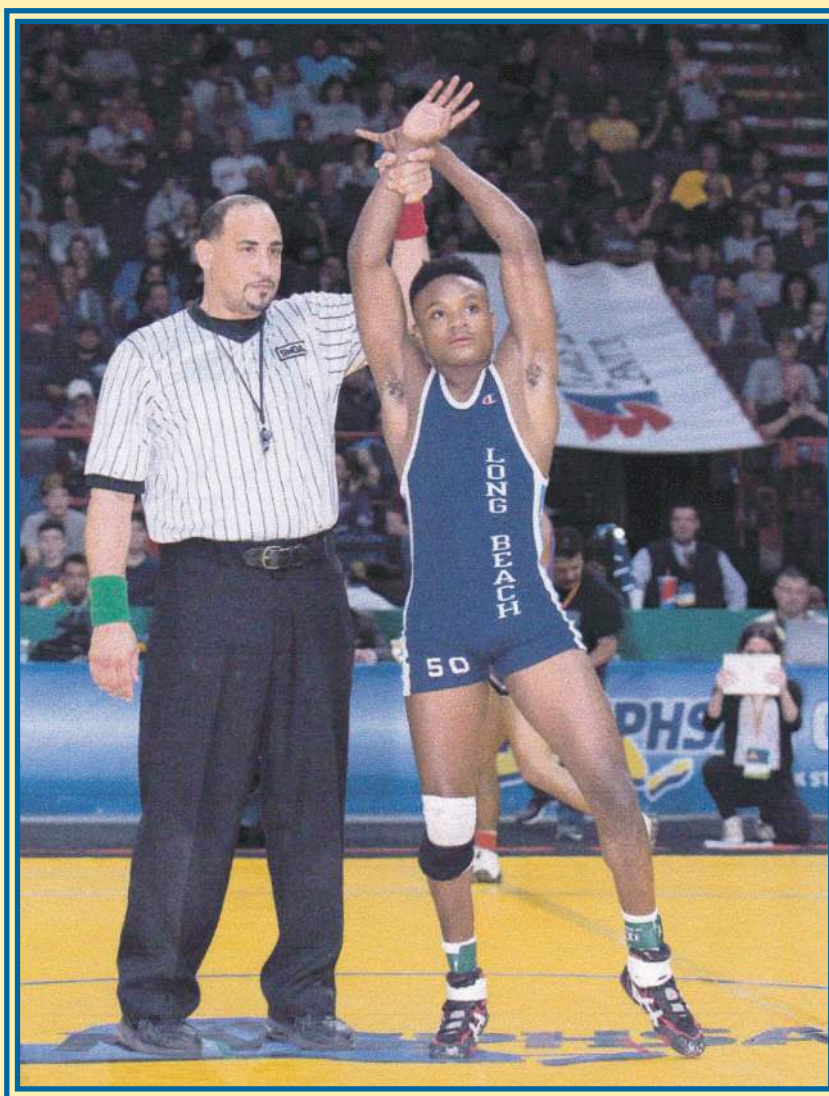
“Back to Back”

Last season, the Long Beach Wrestling team won their second straight Pascal Perri Cup as the number one ranked high school team in New York State. On the strength of 13 seniors the Marines ended the season with a 17-0 dual meet record. This followed up a 2016 season in which the team went 16-0. In both seasons, the team won the prestigious Union-Endicott Duals in dramatic fashion. In 2016, it was Mark Rivera's takedown with less than one second left that notched the win in the last match of the dual with the team score tied at 31. The 34-31 victory over Section Five powerhouse Hilton High school coupled with the Marines winning the Nassau County Dual Meet tournament cemented them as the top squad in the Empire State. In 2017, it was Jeffery Alvarez at 285 lbs. who had to win for Long Beach in the winner take all match against Suffolk County Champion Rocky Point in the finals of the U.E. Duals. Alvarez battled it out and came up victorious in overtime to help the Marines cement their “back to back” number one ranking as the top high school team in New York. In addition, the team was ranked in the top 40 in the United States. The graduating class of 2017 will go down as one of the most successful teams in Long Beach history. Their resume includes: three straight Nassau County Dual Meet titles, Nassau County Tournament Champions, four straight League Championships, Eastern States Team Champions (2017), the first team in Nassau County tournament history to eclipse 300 points in the team race (2016), a 48 dual meet winning streak and 17 tournament titles over the last four years. This season, the Marines return a number of All-County and county tournament qualifiers to the mat. Leading the way is 4X New York State Champion Jacori Teemer. He was the first wrestler in Nassau County history to win four New York State titles last year and will look to become the first Long Islander to win five state titles in Albany in February. This past September, Jacori represented the United States of America in the Cadet World Championships in Athens, Greece. Teemer went 4-1 in the tournament and won the world bronze medal. He has committed to further his education and wrestle for Arizona State University next year. Elijah Rodriguez, will shore up the upper weights for the Marines. Last season, Rodriguez was 29-0 after winning the Nassau County Championships. Unfortunately, a broken ankle in state practice hindered an opportunity to win a state title in Albany. He is back and looking

to win that elusive state crown. Junior Dylan Martinsen, who was a county place-winner in 2016, will be a force to reckon with and will be in the mix for a county title this year. Qualifying tournament champions Max Maquet and Amir Hodge, both sophomores, will look to get on the podium at Hofstra University in February. Tough Trey Sofield lost in overtime last year in the blood round in the county championships. He is looking good and ready to take that next step. Other wrestlers who will contribute and look to make a name for themselves are county qualifiers: Michael McCabe, Wally Sofield, Alexander Michelman, Luke Mantia, Ty Yanowitch, Luis Garcia-Portillo and Joel Vega. A number of tough freshmen join the squad and will look to make some noise and continue the storied history of Long Beach Wrestling.

In addition, last year Long Beach Wrestling alum, Dylan Palacio earned his second Division One All-American honors for Cornell University. Palacio becomes the 11th wrestler from Long Beach to earn Division One All-American honors.

**JACORI TEEMER
A FOUR TIME
STATE CHAMPION
IS LOOKING
FOR HIS FIFTH
NEW YORK
CHAMPIONSHIP**



Nassau Division 1 Champions

2017 NASSAU COUNTY DIVISION 1 WRESTLING CHAMPIONS



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99-Josiah Encarnacion, 106-Joe Becker, 113-Jared Altan, 120-Hunter Scutellaro, 126-Justin Vines, 132-Jacori Teemer
138 Vito Arujau, -145-Lucas Pincus, 152 Peter Pappas, 160, Jonathan Loew, 170 Joseph Giorlando, 182
Brandon Van Cooten,
195-Elijah Rodriguez, 220-Zachary Knighton-Ward, 285-Ryan Oshea

Nassau Division 2 Champions

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NASSAU COUNTY DIVISION 2 WRESTLING CHAMPIONS

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99-Vito Rodriquez, 106-Joe Constrastano, 113- Keith Cassar, 120-Gage De Natale,
126-Jon Gomez, 132-Hunter Dusold, 38-Jack Ward, 145-Christian Tartaglia,
152-Austin Carman, 160-Bailey O'Brien 170-Shawn Mosca,
177-John DeRidder, 195-Anthony Buffolino,
220-Tareq Ibrahim, 285- Joseph Libretti

SUFFOLK COUNTY COACHES ASSOCIATION SALUTES THE DIVISION 1 SECTION XI CHAMPIONS 2017



Front Row (left to Right) CHRISTIAN GANNONE, Eastport South Manor, DYLAN RYDER, Half Hollow Hills West, ANTHONY SCIOTTO, Rocky Point, ADAM BUSIELLO, Eastport South Manor, BEN TEPPERMAN, Hauppauge, CHRIS GOMEZ, Patchogue Medford, JAKE SILVERSTEIN, Hauppauge, ANTHONY SOBOTKER, North Babylon, Second Row (left to Right), DAVID MIELE-ESTRELLA, North Babylon, NICK MUNSCH, Commack, ZACH ANCEWICZ, John Glenn, JOE FRANZESE, John Glenn, SAM SCHUYLER, Kings Park, TERRON ROBINSON, Walt Whitman, DEONTE WILSON, Amityville

SECTION XI "NEW YORK STATE TEAM CHAMPIONS" 2017

NEW YORK STATE CHAMPIONS:

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THIRD PLACE:

ZACH REDDING, ESM, ANTHONY SCIOTTO, RPT., BEN TEPPERMAN, H., ANTHONY SOBOTKER, NB, SAM SCHUYLER, KP.

FOURTH PLACE:

DAVID MIELE-ESTRELLA, NB., JOE FRANZESE, JG., DAMIEN CAFFREY, JG.

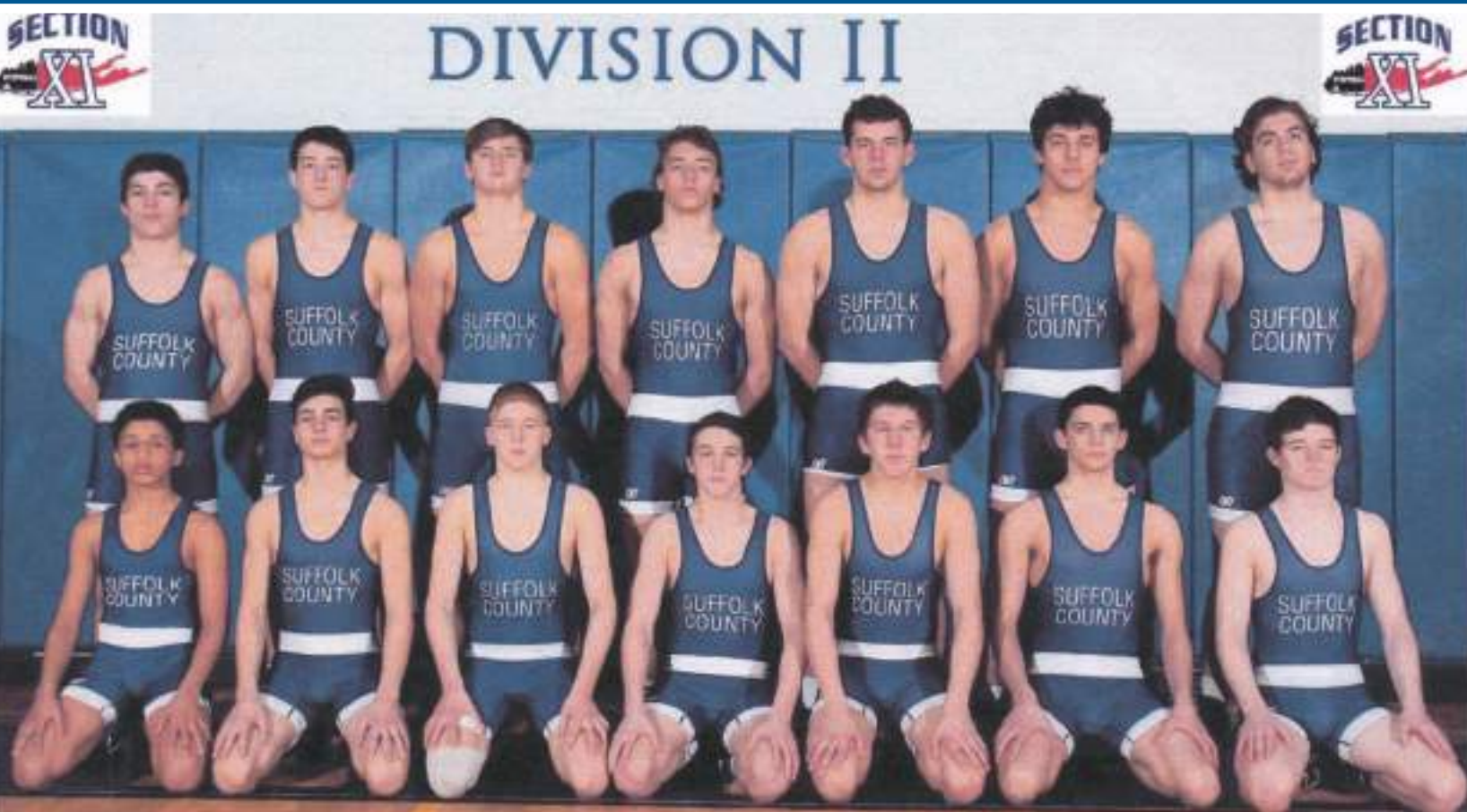
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LUKE BOKINA, Mattituck, JACK BOKINA, Mattituck, JOE O'BRIEN, Mt. Sinai, TJ BEEBE, Mattituck,
2nd Row, (L-R) CARMINE VERGARI, Mattituck, THOMAS HOEG, Mattituck, JAKE SKREZEC, Mattituck, JASON SHLONSKY, Mt.
Sinai, JAMES HOEG, Mattituck, TANNER ZAGARINO, Mattituck, ROBERT CHRIST, Mt. Sinai



*MIKE SABELLA, MT. SINAI 182lbs. (NOT IN PICTURE)

NEW YORK STATE D-2 PLACEWINNERS CHAMPIONS

JAMES HOEG, Matt., TANNER ZAGARINO, Matt.

Runner-ups

JORDAN TITUS, CM., LUKE BOKINA, Matt., JACK BOKINA, Matt.

Third Place

MATT CAMPO, MT. S.

HAUPPAUGE RUNNER-UPS IN 2017

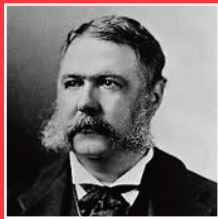
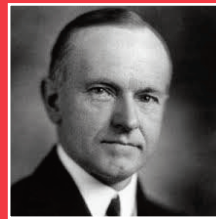


SUFFOLK WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

The Hauppauge Eagles completed the 2016-2017 by falling short of their quest for a third consecutive Suffolk County Championship placing second in the Suffolk Dual meet and tournament Championships to Rocky Point. In addition, the Eagles finished fifth as an individual team in the NYS Wrestling tournament. Finishing with a 16-2 dual meet record the Eagles won the League Five Tournament over Rocky Point by a close 4.5 pts. Champions in the League tournament included Seniors, Ben Tepperman, 126lbs., Darren Brophy, 145lbs., Steven Holder, 160lbs. and John Munro, 285lbs.. Junior Jake Silverstein won his weight class at 138lbs. with Runner-up finishes by Junior Nick Smith, 152lbs. and Senior Rich Dailey, 182lbs. Placing Third for Hauppauge included Freshman, Luke Smith, 99lbs., Anthony DiBartolo, 113lbs. and Danny Mauriello, 132lbs., Junior Nick Trentini, 195lbs. and Senior, Cristian Galarza, 220lbs. Eight grade standout, Chris Boudreau completed his season with a fourth place finish at 106lbs. Steven Holder brought home the "Most Outstanding Wrestler" honors with his head to head win over Rocky Point wrestler, Nico Ziccardi, in the finals. It was Tepperman's fourth consecutive League Championship.

Hauppauge finished the Suffolk County tournament with four place winners with Ben Tepperman and Jake Silverstein both winning championships at 126lbs. and 138 lbs. respectively. Tepperman was voted "Champion of Champions" by the County Finalists. Senior 285 lbs John Munro finished as runner-up with a close 1-0 loss in the finals. Freshman Luke Smith, at 99lbs. was Hauppauge fourth and final Suffolk place winner finishing in fourth place. Jake Silverstein ended the season with a second runner-up performance in the New York State Tournament and a fourth place finish in the NHSCA Nationals at Virginia Beach. Ben Tepperman moved up from his fifth place NYS finish last year placing third at 126lbs.. John Munro's sixth place finish in the NYS tournament made him Hauppauge's first 285lb. Heavyweight to place in the NYS tournament. Hauppauge completed the season winning the Somers individual and West Islip Dual Meet tournament's

Graduating eight wrestlers, Hauppauge will be hard pressed to continue wrestling at the level they have for the past several years, however Coach Messina is not worried. According to Coach Messina, "In dual meets we may be a step or two behind but the Eagles Tournament team should be strong once again.



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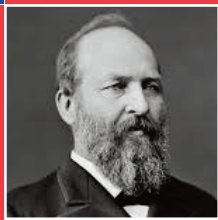
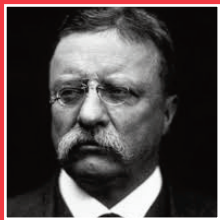
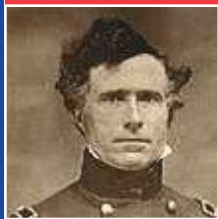
**HERE ARE SOME SHORT STORIES ABOUT AMERICAN
PRESIDENTS WHO WRESTLED, AUTHORED BY BOB DILLINGER
DIRECTOR EMERITUS OF THE NATIONAL WRESTLING HALL OF FAME.**

The English in the colonies and the French in Canada made wrestling a popular sport at their social gatherings in early pioneer days. Before long, practically every settlement had its own champion. There would be contests, but it proved too dull and wrestling evolved into a more wide-open style. During the eighteenth century wrestling became a spectator sport, a bit on the rough and ready side, but legitimate. It was a physical contact sport among men of all classes.

Perhaps the earliest finishing school for "Scuffers" was the Rev. James Maury's Academy at Fredericksburg, Virginia, an institution that turned young gentry into scholars and, as in the case of young George Washington, into able wrestlers. Washington held the Collar and Elbow countywide Championship. Washington never lost his touch and at the age of 47, before he became president of the United States, the Commander of the Continental Armies still had enough left to defeat seven consecutive challengers from Massachusetts volunteers.

Even more renowned for his wrestling skills was young Abraham Lincoln, who was the Wrestling Champion of his county. It was at this time that Lincoln had his celebrated bout with Jack Armstrong, the local tough wrestling champion. From the start Lincoln handed the local champion a thrashing. Armstrong started to foul Lincoln, who took it for a while, but eventually lost his temper. Lincoln picked up his opponent, and dashed him to the ground, knocking him out. Lincoln's Wrestling record was 300 wins and 1 loss.

This was typical of the wrestling careers of Andrew Jackson, Ulysses Grant, Zachary Taylor and Chester Arthur. William Taft, the heaviest wrestler of the presidents, was a champion at Yale and the fourth generation wrestler in the Taft family. Other wrestling presidents were Calvin Coolidge, John Adams, Dwight Eisenhower, Franklin Pierce, James Garfield and Teddy Roosevelt.



THEODORE ROOSEVELT

"He wrestled regularly ..., even as Governor of New York,"

A complex man of many talents, Theodore Roosevelt was at home in politics. He became the youngest President shortly before his 43rd birthday in 1901, upon the death of President McKinley, and was reelected in 1904.



A frail youngster beset by asthma, Roosevelt built a strong physique by teaching himself to ride, shoot, box and wrestle. He wrestled regularly for exercise, even as Gov. of New York, but finally had to give it up.

THE MAN IN THE ARENA

"The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, who strives valiantly, ...who errs and comes up short again and again, .. but who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself for a worthy cause, who, at the best, knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat."

Theodore Roosevelt



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