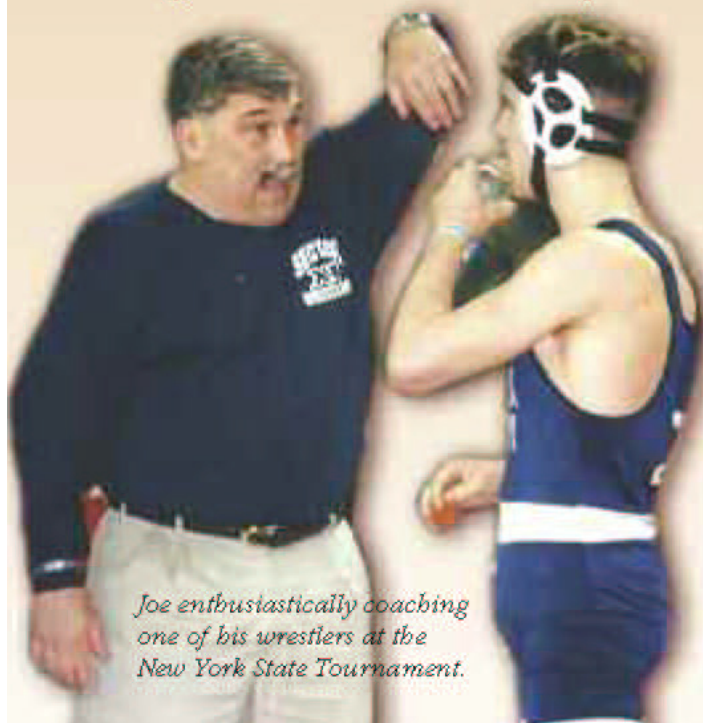


JOSEPH PATROVICH



Few Long Island coaches have spent more time in the epicenter of success than Joe Patrovich. Beginning his wrestling career in 1970 at Farmingdale High School, Joe competed on the mat for three years, finishing his career a Section VIII Champion.



Joe enthusiastically coaching one of his wrestlers at the New York State Tournament.

After college at C.W. Post and a football career cut short by a serious knee injury, his coaching debut began as a two year stint at the Plainview JFK High School. In 1978, Joe became Head Wrestling Coach at Levittown Division High School and had great success, coaching several Nassau County Champions and a New York State Champion in 1985.

From 1989 to 1996, he created and coached the Connetquot Club Wrestling Program and worked with the Middle School & High School programs at Islip. For the next fifteen years, he served as the Head Coach at Islip High School located in Long Island's Suffolk County.

It was at Islip that he began his efforts, "to meet the best of the best in America". Included among them were El Reno HS from Oklahoma; St. Edwards's Prep from Ohio; and Bergen Catholic from New Jersey. He also had his teams compete in the National High School Championships. Joe was recognized for his efforts by the National Wrestling Coaches Association and named Regional Coach of the Year at the NCAA Championships. Also listed among his many achievements are "Coach of the Year" in both Nassau and Suffolk Counties; and guest coach of the New York USA Junior Dual Meet Team.

Joe and his wife Kathy believe that among his greatest coaching achievements are the great success his sons Joe Jr., Mike, and Ryan had in their wrestling careers. All three were National High School Coaches Association Tournament Finalists. His determination to both compete with, and be the best, enabled him to establish Islip's program as one of the finest in the Nation.

During his tenure as a wrestling coach, he produced nine NY state Champions and thirteen of his athletes placed second in the NY State Championships. twenty four achieved "All-New York State" status. He is particularly proud of his nine High School All Americans. On a local bases, Joe's wrestlers produced 37 County finalists and 78 Suffolk County place winners. As a team they achieved the New York State Tournament Championship. Twice his wrestling teams were team runner-ups and once the New York State Dual Meet Championship team.

In addition to his family and coaching duties Joe has served on the Down State NY National Wrestling Hall Of Fame committee . He is a worthy inductee into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.