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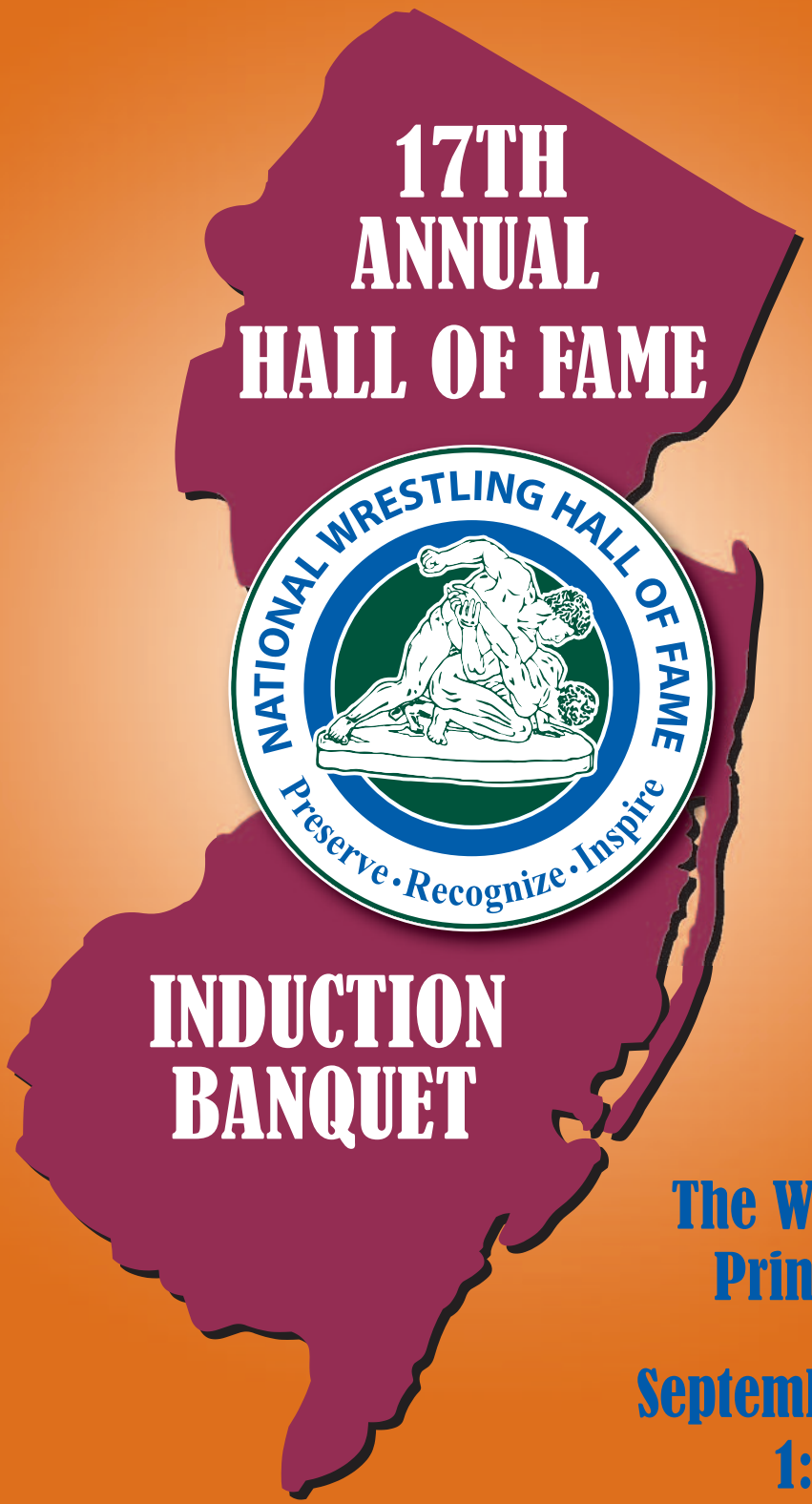
New Jersey Chapter



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"The Class of 2017"

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OPENING REMARKS/ SPECIAL AWARD PRESENTATION/ SPECIAL GUESTS' REMARKS

Steven John Jastrabek, President, NWHOF-NJ

BANQUET MEAL

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AWARDS PRESENTATION

Steven John Jastrabek, President, NWHOF-NJ

MEDAL OF COURAGE	***Ron C. Brooks***
OUTSTANDING AMERICAN	***Steven John Jastrabek***
LIFETIME SERVICE (College)	***Edward Kochajki***
LIFETIME SERVICE (High School)	***Roy L. Fennimore***
	Michael P. Frick
	Gary Kessel
	William Miron

CLOSING REMARKS

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The National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum

The future of America depends upon the existence of a society comprised of individuals with leadership qualities based on self-discipline, self-reliance, and self-confidence. The sport of wrestling helps build these characteristics in youth, regardless of their physical, economic, cultural or geographic backgrounds. The National Hall of Fame seeks to broaden the understanding and development of these values in the following manner:

1. Through recognition of those who have demonstrated these characteristics while achieving or developing excellence in the sport as wrestlers, coaches and contributors.
2. Through reognition of those who have demonstrated these characteristics while achieving excellence in other walks of life after participating in wrestling.
3. Through the maintenance of documentation of those memorabilia that depicts and preserves the history of the sport.
4. Through the stimulation and encouragement of those who establish and conduct wrestling activities at all levels nationwide.
5. Through the development of State Chapters that will continuously strive to enhance the image of wrestling at the state and national levels.

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Message from the Executive Director of the NWHOF

Welcome,

It is my distinct honor and pleasure to welcome you to our 2017 New Jersey Chapter banquet and induction ceremony. This year marks New Jersey's 16th class of inductees into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame's State Chapter program.

This year the NWHOF is celebrating its 40th Anniversary as a cultural institution for the sport of wrestling in the United States. The Board of Governors is grateful to our State Chapter volunteer leaders in New Jersey for representing our organization within your wrestling community, and for annually recognizing the heritage of our sport's most prominent legacy makers.

The individuals being honored here today are members of a great mission and legacy not just in their state, but in our sport. They are heroes to the people they have impacted through their work in the sport and beyond, and provide an inspiration to future generations. Their dedication, service, and leadership build and sustain our sport one individual, one program, and one community at a time.

Your state chapter and the honorees from the State of New Jersey are truly inspirational in their efforts to help grow and fortify our sport and their communities.

On behalf of the Board of Governors of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, I want to congratulate the honorees being inducted today. Their names will soon appear in the newly renovated National Wrestling Hall of Fame & Museum's John T. Vaughan Hall of Honors in Stillwater, Oklahoma. We hope that each of you have the opportunity to visit the Hall of Fame with your family and friends.

In the spirit of preserving, honoring and recognizing.

Very Sincerely,

Lee Roy Smith
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL WRESTLING HALL OF FAME

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Message from the President of the NWHOF – NJ Chapter

Welcome,

Our New Jersey Chapter is thankful and grateful for all of your support. Here in NJ with our golf outing, fundraisers, and of course our banquet, we are committed to honoring our inductees at the highest level possible. From our elementary school level, high school level, collegiate level and beyond, New Jersey wrestling has proved to be one of the best in the country. It is our intention at the NWHFNJ Chapter to Recognize, Honor and Inspire future generations with the enshrinement of these great men and women who have shaped the sport of wrestling here in New Jersey. Once again thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Steven John Jastrabek
PRESIDENT
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CLASS OF 2003

Roy Baker (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Frank A. Bennett (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Frederick F. Buechel MD (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Frederick K. Christ (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
David Edinger (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
John Goles (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Richard Alan Matarante (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Gerard R. Sachsel (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
John K. Welch (Lifetime Service to Wrestling))

CLASS OF 2004

Salvatore Peter Cascio (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Robert H. Dalling Sr. (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Francis James Dunn (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Gary W. Kehler (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
John Pepe (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
C. Norman Winter (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)

CLASS OF 2005

John M. Allen (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Vince Fitz (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Judge Julio M. Fuentes (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Anthony J. Gentile (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Joseph J. Krufka (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Jon Loysen (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Robert Mizerek (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)

CLASS OF 2006

Barry Burtnett (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
John DeMarco (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Harry E. Lake (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Arthur O. Marinelli (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Richard C. Mirshak (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
William Rehain (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
James Russell Wright (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)

CLASS OF 2007

Wilfred E. Cann (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Jan Dutt (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
John W. Harford (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Sam Mills (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Fred Pierro (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
John Sacchi (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Lt. Col. John R. Suter USMC (Ret) (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Harold Vandermark (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)

CLASS OF 2008

Gene D'Alessandro (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Jeff Hull (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Dave McMahon (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
John Nemetz (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
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Past Honorees

CLASS OF 2009

Gerry Bandola (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
John French (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Tony Grifa (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Mike Leta (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Harold "Howie" O'Neil Jr. (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
William "Bill" Savage (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Dr. Neil Thompson (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Raymond Vohden (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)

CLASS OF 2010

Joseph Cervino (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Paul Mauriello (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Herbert Palmer (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
George Reid (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Dr. Arthur J. Sachsel (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Gary Vittorio (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Jack Welch (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)

CLASS OF 2011

Gene Barber (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
George T. Coker, USN (Ret.) (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Greg DeMarco (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
David Dunlop (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Ken Scott (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Dennis Smith (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Len Zanowicz (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)

CLASS OF 2012

Howard (Joe) Foulk (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Ron Fox (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
David Icenhower (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Kenneth Pagach (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Warren Reid (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Dr. James Frederick Wenz (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Stanley Woods (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)

CLASS OF 2013

Ken Bernabe (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Harold Dow (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
David Kinney (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Gerry Nisivoccia (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Gary Papa (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Bernard Reider (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)

CLASS OF 2014

Denny D'Andrea (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
John Harmon (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
H. Clay McEldowney (Outstanding American)
Joel Melitski (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Russell Minuto (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Fred Stueber (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)

CLASS OF 2015

Michael J. Buggey (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
William J. Burke, Jr. (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Chester Dalgewicz (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Richard E. Iacono (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Frank A. Mosier (Outstanding American)
John Semar (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)

CLASS OF 2016

Samuel Appello (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Henry Boresch (Outstanding American)
William Henderson (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
G. Thomas Hutchinson (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
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Ron C. Brooks Medal of Courage

Born three months pre-mature in Philadelphia, weighing one pound with two severely deformed legs, no tibias or femurs and feet where his knees should have been.

He was given up for adoption and transferred to St. Edwards Home for Children in Rosemont, Pa. At an early age Brooks learned self -pity was a wasted emotion. At age, 10, doctors said he would need to have his deformed legs and feet removed. " I thought I would be like Six Million Dollar Man", he says, "But when I woke my legs were gone." I wondered why God let this happen to me.

For starters Brooks already had established a love for music and an affinity for singing. Thanks to Renee Froumy and her mother, at age 16, he had officially been adopted.

While attending Brick High School he joined the chorus , wrestling team and radio station. He advocated for people with disabilities and became the worlds 1st double amputee to earn the elite rank of Eagle Scout.

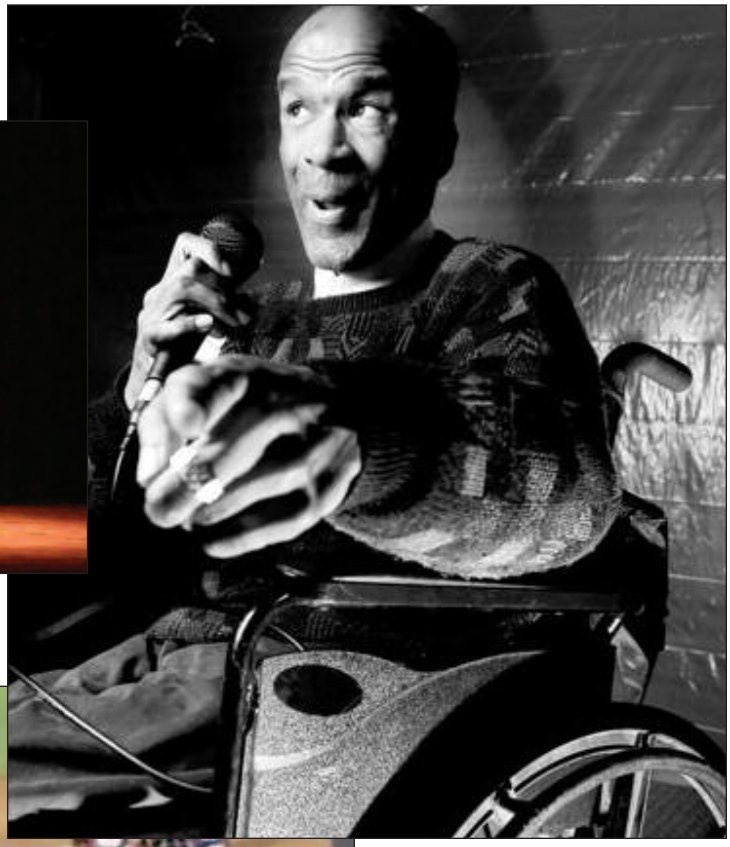
After graduation in 1985, Ron attended Villanova University and graduated as a communications major. One month later he was invited to the White House by President George H.W. Bush, to speak on volunteerism.

But for Ron Brooks its all about the music. The bands and artists he has performed with include the B-Street Band (Formally Backstreet), Steel Mill, Dr. Cheeko Island Music, The Mango's, Mosquito Coast, The Nerds, The Party Dolls, Mission Dance, Danny Rourke & Bobby Osborne, Shorty Long and the Jersey Horns.

Currently Ron works in communications for Wal Mart. He has sang the National Anthem at Philadelphia Phillies games, 76er's Basketball games, Wings Lacrosse, Villanova athletic events, and various high schools in New Jersey.

He is the recipient of the Outstanding Young American Award in 1988, motivational speaker for the United Way of Burlington County, and featured in Ripley's Believe it or Not 1985.

The National Wrestling Hall of Fame proudly inducts Ron Brooks as the Medal of Courage award recipient Class of 2017.



Steven John Jastrabek — Outstanding American

Steven John Jastrabek grew up with two passions, Hairstyling and wrestling. He wrestled for Pope John High School in Sparta,NJ where he was All-State and took a 3rd in the state championships his senior year, 1978. He was captain of the post graduate wrestling team at Blair Academy in Blairstown, NJ in which he won a National championship in 1979. Steven John wrestled at Nationally ranked powerhouse Clarion State University in Clarion, PA from 1980-82 compiling a 32-7 career record and was a Freshman All-American 1st Team selection along with several prominent tournament individual championships. Steven John's freestyle record after college was 35-3, including State and National Freestyle titles and a selection to a World Cup Trial invitation in an effort to make the 1988 Olympic Team, only to fall short in the 3rd round of action. Jastrabek's career mark after 11 seasons sits at 205-24-1.

Steven John credits wrestling for giving him the confidence to build a celebrity clientele at Steven John Salons in Bernardsville, NJ. Steven John is considered one of the best hairstylists in the world and Ranker.com selected him for its All-Time Hall of Fame hairstyling list, along with being on a Who's Who list of prominent hairdressers and being named an Elite salon in America. He has never lost his love for the sport of wrestling and was instrumental in fundraising for the 2000 United States Olympic wresting team. He founded the New Jersey Night of Champions program, which raised more than $1 million for amateur wrestling in 2004. Steven John is also the executive director of the Night of Legends Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds for amateur wrestling.

Steven John's earliest roots to raising funds can be traced back to 1981, where he began working with Children International and underprivileged kids. “Three decades of children have been very rewarding”. Currently Steven is president of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame's New Jersey Chapter and is on the Board of Governors at the NWHOF Museum in Stillwater Oklahoma. Steven resides in Bernardsville NJ with his wife Dr. Lin Jastrabek (Vice President of NWHOF NJ Chapter) and Lin's daughter who attends Liberty University.

Congratulations to Steven John Jastrabek on being inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, Class of 2017.

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CLARION STATE 134-POUNDER STEVE JASTRABEK has a leg hold on Bloomsburg State's Don Reese in the finals of the Bloomsburg Invitational Nov. 21. Jastrabek could not score and Reese was the eventual winner, 6-2. Photo by Bill Hughes.

Missouri Winner In Lehigh Invit.

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Five individual champions by host Lehigh was not enough to hold off a well-balanced Missouri Tiger team in the 3rd annual Sheridan Invitational Dec. 4-5.

Missouri, with four champs, a runner-up, and three thirds scored 127¼ points in a two-team race with Lehigh, who finished with 119¾. Bloomsburg State, with six place winners, edged North Carolina State for third in the eight-team meet.

Missouri winners were Wes Roper, 158; Rick Romeo, hwt., and the brother combination of Bob and Bill Porter at 134 and 142. Dave Young was runner-up at 177. Bob Porter upset Bloomsburg's Don Reese, 7-5, in the finals.

Lehigh champs were Bob Weaver, 118; Tom Husted, 126; Tom Bold, 150; Jeff Turner, 177; and Colin Kilrain, 190. Husted, who defeated N. C. State All-American Chris Wentz [illegible] in the finals, was named [illegible] Wrestler.

The only non Missouri-[illegible] champion was Chris Mondragon, 167, N.C. State.

TEAM SCORING: Missouri 127¼, Lehigh 119¾, Bloomsburg 87½, North Carolina State 69, Lock Haven 75, Slippery Rock 57, Trenton State 35, Oregon State 19.

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Iowa Breezes In UNI Open

Hawks Take Six Titles

CEDAR FALLS, Ia. — The Iowa Hawkeyes dominated the Northern Iowa Open held here Dec. 5 taking six titles and placing 12 wrestlers. Wisconsin had no finalists but also placed 12 in the top six. The tournament attracted 210 entries.

Host Northern Iowa pushed four to the finals but could not convert any into champions.

Iowa winners were Barry Davis, 118; Mark Trizzino, 126; Jeff Kerber, 134; Lenny Zalesky, 142; Ed Banach, 177; and Pete Bush, 190. The Outstanding Wrestler award went to Hawkeye WC entry Chuck Yaglia the champion at 158. Yaglia pinned four straight.

Other champs were Scott Trizzino (Hawkeye), 150; Roye Oliver (Neb-Om WC), 167 and Eric Neilly (Ohio St), Hwt.

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS: 118—Barry Davis (Ia) d. Dave Tuner (Ob St) 14-5; 126—Mark Trizzino (Ia) [illegible] with Tim Riner (Ia); 134—Jeff Kerber (Ia) d. Dave Mitchell (UNI) 5-1; 142—Lenny Zalesky (Ia) d. Ken Gallagher (UNI) 4-3; 158—Scott Trizzino (Hawk) d. Al Freeman (Ind) 7-5; 158—Chuck Yaglia (Hawk) pin Jim Zalesky (Ia) 5; 167—Roye Oliver (Neb-Om WC) d. Joe Llewellyn (UNI) 7-3; 177—Ed Banach (Ia) d. Joe Gerardi (UNI) 11-4; 190—Pete Bush (Ia) d. Bill Poncher (Ob St) 6-1; Hwt.—Eric Neilly (Ob St) d. John Kyrtis (UNI) 5-2.

CONSOLATIONS: (Hawk & Ohio) 118, Joe Sparanza (Mo) d. Brian Morris (Ohio) 15-2; Bob Hellman (UNI) d. Bill Colman (UNI) 6-4; 126—Chuck Lankester (Wisc) d. Tom Thompson (BSU) 9-1; Paul Gruen (Ia) d. Jim Gerlach (B-Vaal) 15-5; 134—John Gaige (Wisc) d. John Lemmon (Wisc) 5-1; David Rau (Ia) d. Jeff Schaeffer (Hawk) 5-2; 142—Brian Kaufman (UNI) d. John Morris (Ob St) 14-6; Jim Lord (Ind) d. Bruce Weinstein (UNI) 6-1; 158—Mark Schmidt (Wisc) pin Ted Slater (UNI) 4-36; Kevin Mathews

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Top Collegiate Wrestling Teams

1. Oklahoma (4-0)
2. Iowa (5-0)
3. Iowa State (2-0)
4. Oklahoma State (6-1)
5. North Carolina (0-0)
6. Syracuse (2-0)
7. Missouri (2-0)
8. Lehigh (1-0)
9. Michigan State (1-0)
10. Wisconsin (0-0)
11. Minnesota (2-0)
12. San Jose State (7-0)
13. Northern Iowa (2-0)
14. Oregon (3-0)
15. Nebraska (2-1)
16. LSU (0-1)
17. Indiana State (3-1)
18. Bloomsburg (2-0)
19. Clarion (3-0)
20. Michigan (1-1)

Edward Kochajki — Lifetime Service (COLLEGE)

Ed Kochajki is one of the most decorated wrestlers in New Jersey history. He is one of only three North Jersey wrestlers to win three Bergen County and three State Championships. Ed was the Harry E. Lake award recipient in 2012 and inducted into the National Junior College Hall of Fame. "It's a wonderful recognition", said Kochajki the head coach at Bergen Community College from 1977 – 1992, and again from 1996 – 2004, when the program was revived.

Ed coached four NCAA All Americans at BCC: Rob Young ('82), Tim Doherty ('83), Mike Indorato ('89), and Mike Massenzio ('03-'04), who won it all in 2004.

Ed measures his coaching success in other ways. " I felt it was my job to keep the sport alive for those athletes that may not get a Division I scholarship."

Ed worked for the Bergen County Special Services School District, doing job placement and training students with special needs.

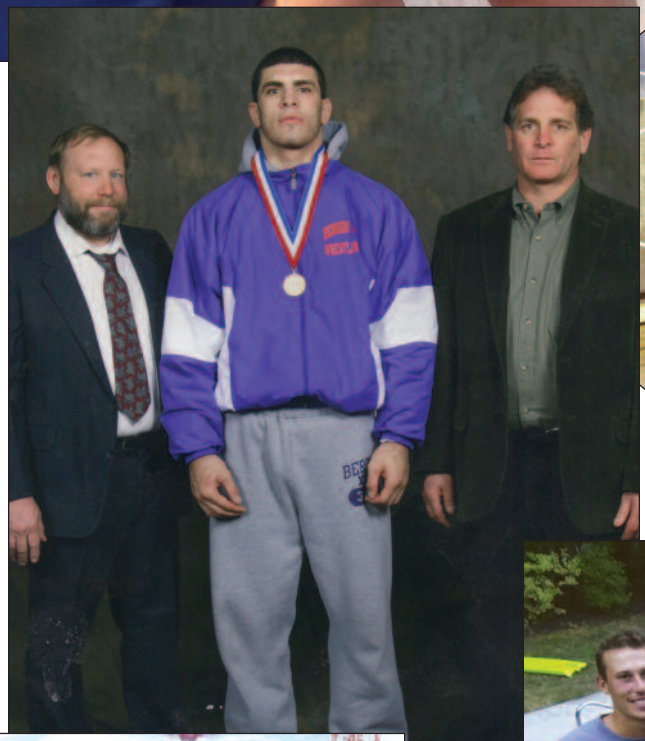
Ed has had a host of wrestlers go into coaching including Mike Messenzio, Tim Doherty, Frank Guadagnino, Ken MacIver, Don Spataro and Chris Bitetto.

But Junior College wrestlers are getting fewer opportunities today, as the number of programs has dwindled from 18 to just four.

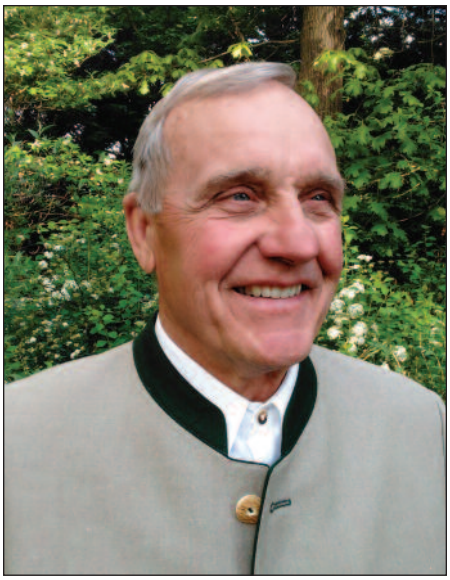
Ed Kochajki was very fortunate to wrestle for Hall of Fame coach Sal Cascio at Bergenfield High School, where he compiled a record of 80 – 2. The one match he will never forget (neither will we) was the state final in 1968, in Asbury Park, where he had to fight off his back in the 1st period to defeat an outstanding P'burg wrestler.

Ed lives in Montvale, New Jersey, with his wife Debbie and their daughters Justine and Kaitlyn.

Congratulations to Edward Kochajki on being inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, Class of 2017.



Roy L. Fennimore — Lifetime Service (High School)



A 1962 graduate of Triton Regional High School, Roy has been involved in all aspects of wrestling. As a varsity wrestling coach at Williamstown High School from 1967 – 1973, and won the conference championship in 1973.

As a wrestler he was a two time Olympic Conference Champion, and won a NJSIAA District Title in 1961 under Coach Al Paolone at Triton Regional H.S. in Runnemede, New Jersey

After receiving his bachelor degree at Tusculum College in Greenville, Tennessee, he returned to New Jersey to coach wrestling, soccer, tennis and football. As a tennis coach he won eleven conference championships, Group II and Group III state titles.

Roy was a wrestling official for 30 Years (1976 – 2006), officiating in Region 7 and 8 for 27 years. He truly understands all facets of wrestling and is one of the most respected officials, working the State Tournament for 17 years including the prestigious State Finals. He traveled across the state to officiate some of the most competitive meets including Phillipsburg/Highland, and Pemberton/Paulsboro.

One of Roy's most memorable state matches was to officiate Damian Covington of Overbrook vs. Pat Lynch of Ocean City.

Some of Roy's accolades include Wrestling Official of the Year in South Jersey 1987, and he was the recipient of the prestigious Richard Mirshak Award in 2006.

As a representative and promoter of amateur wrestling in New Jersey, Roy Fennimore distinguished himself as an able ambassador of the sport.

During the 1980's Roy was inducted in both the Triton High School and the Williamstown Hall of Fame. Mr. Fennimore received his Masters Degree from Glassboro State College (Rowan) in 1971. In 2001 he was named Tri-County Athletic Director of the Year.

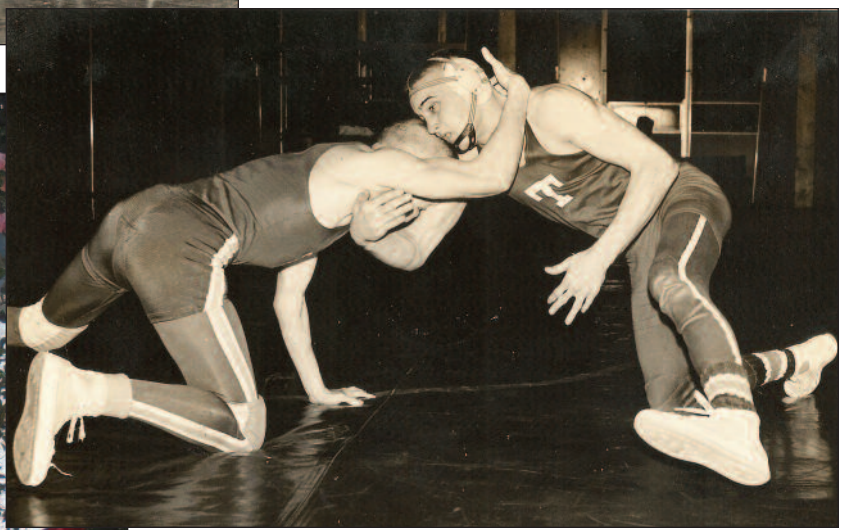
He retired from education in 2008 after 42 years of service and currently resides in Williamstown, NJ with his wife Kathy Eley.

Congratulations to Roy Fennimore on being inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, Class of 2017.

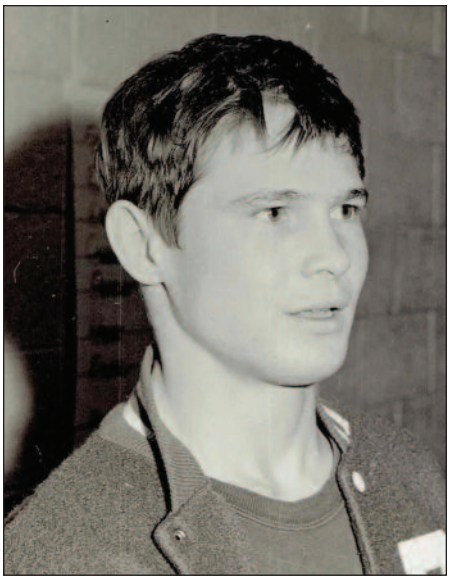
All eyes on Paulsboro's state championship

Staff photo by Christopher Barth

Paulsboro's George Wilson controls his 140-pound match as referee Roy Fennimore looks on during Sunday's Group I state final. See Page B-1.



Michael P. Frick — Lifetime Service (High School)



When you think of New Jersey wrestling certain names come to mind like Mike Caruso (St. Benedicts Prep), Chris Campbell (Westfield), Gene Mills (Depaul), Darryl Burley (Pemberton), and Bruce Baumgartner (Manchester Reg.). This list would not be complete without Mike Frick (Pope John), Sparta, New Jersey.

Mike was a four time District and Region Champion, and four time finalist in the NJSIAA State Tournament. Mike joins a distinguished list of three time state Champions. His high school career W/L record was an impressive 97-1.

He continued wrestling at Lehigh University where he was a three-time EIWA Champion (1973, 75, 76) and twice was voted the Outstanding Wrestler. Mike was a two-time National Champion, winning the OW in 1975, and one of his other significant accomplishments was defeating 7 past or future NCAA Champions at five different weight classes.

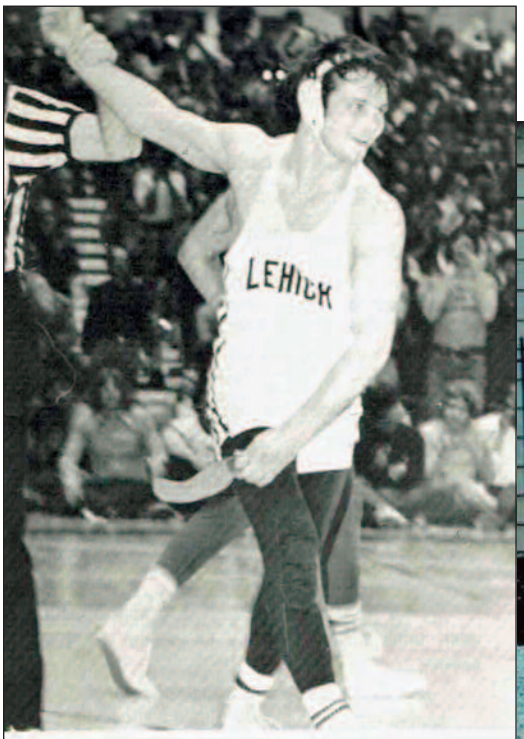
After graduating from Lehigh University his freestyle career is highlighted by winning a bronze medal at the prestigious Tbilisi Tournament in Russia.

Mike's coaching experience included being an Assistant Coach at Arizona University, Lehigh University and the Naval Academy.

Mike was a head coach at Bellevidere H.S in New Jersey, and at William Allen H.S. in Pennsylvania. Later he became an assistant coach at Nazareth H.S. under Hall of Fame coach Ray Nunamaker. In 1998 he became the Junior High Coach in Nazareth and led his team to two League Championships only losing one match in three years.

Mike feels that much of his success was a tribute to many outstanding coaches like Ed Perry, and Thad Turner to mention a few. Mike and Linda reside in Nazareth PA. and raised a wonderful family of four young men, Travis, Eric, Colin, and Thad.

Congratulations to Mike Frick for being inducted to the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, Class of 2017.



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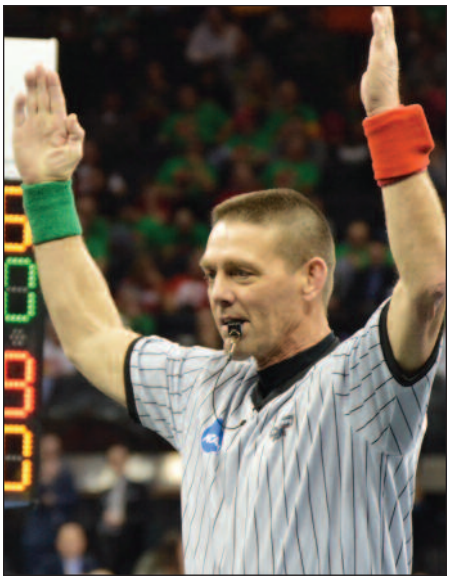
Gary Kessel

Lifetime Service (HIGH SCHOOL)



Gary Kessel is a graduate of Hopatcong High School where he was a District and Regional Champion. He later went on to East Stroudsburg University graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health and Physical Education. While wrestling at ESU, Gary was a two-time NCAA Division II All American, and was ESU's first EIWA Champion, a most prestigious accomplishment. Gary would later compete for the New York Athletic Club where he would become a Freestyle All-American.

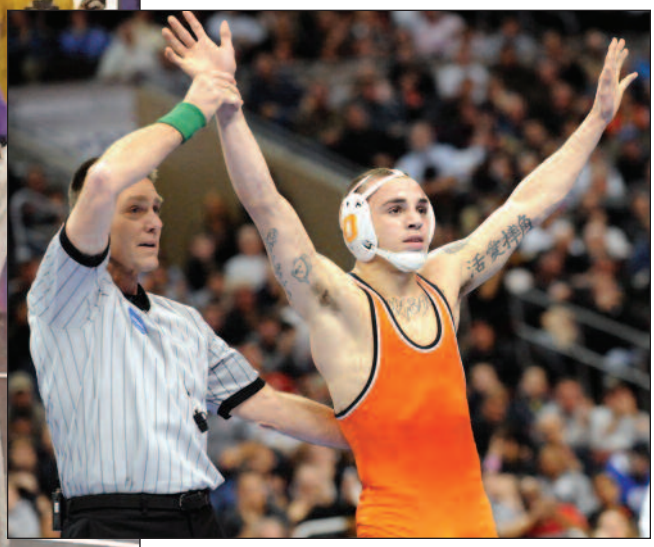
Mr. Kessel was inducted into the Hopatcong High School, and East Stroudsburg Halls of Fame. Following graduation Gary joined the ESU coaching staff as an assistant and coached for twenty years. While on staff he enjoyed coaching a three-time All-American, and two-time NCAA Champion Jack Cuvo.

Gary's outstanding officiating career includes 39 years with the NJSIAA and 11 state finals. As an NCAA official he worked 16 NCAA Division I Tournaments, with 12 National finals. Gary also officiated the NCAA Division III finals (8 times), the National Duals (9 years), and Virginia Duals (18 years).

Other honors include the Vincent Russo Golden Whistle Award (2016). Richard Mirshak Award (2016) and New Jersey Official of the Year (2007). He was also the President of the EIWOA, New Jersey State Rules Interpreter for 2 years, as well as the Secretary/Treasurer of the National Wrestling Officials Association.

Since 1977, Gary has been the owner of GAK Construction in East Stroudsburg, Pa., where he currently resides with his wife Debra Coursen Kessel, who is a health and Physical Education teacher at Warren County Technical High School. They also have twins, Greg and Brielle, who graduated from Lafayette College and East Stroudsburg State University, respectfully.

Congratulations to Gary Kessel on being inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, Class of 2017.



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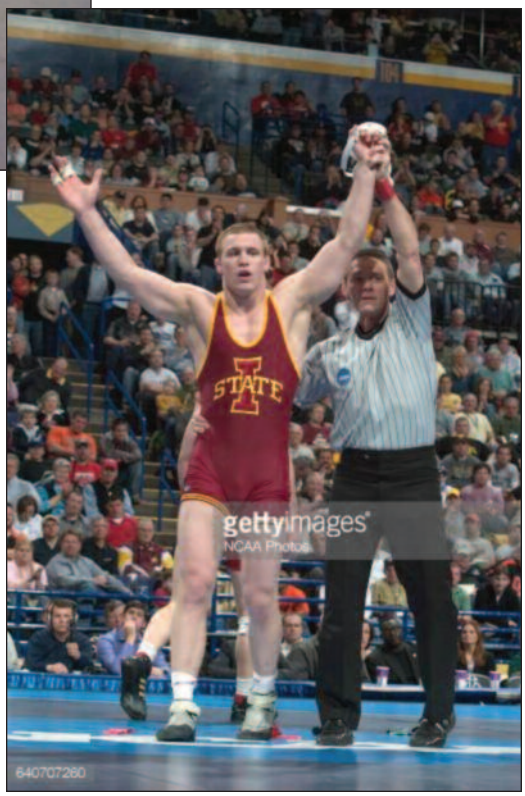
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William Miron — Lifetime Service (High School)

Wrestler, clinician, coach, gentleman, scholar, and class act are words to describe Bill Miron. Anyone fortunate enough to watch him compete remembers his strength, aggressiveness, knowledge of skills and exceptional conditioning.

Millburn High School's first State Champion amassed records most wrestlers can only dream. Sophomore year (71-72), an 11-0-1 record in dual meets, district title, and 2nd in Region III to the eventual state champion. At this time only the Region Champions qualified for the state tournament.

As a Junior (72-73) 12-0 dual meet record, repeats as District 10 Champion, Region III Champion, and 157lb. State Champion with a 27-0 record.

As Senior Captain (73-74) 12-0 dual meet record, District Champion, Region Champion, but on his way to the state finals suffers a serous rib injury and was not advised to continue. He ignored the medical advice and lost in the finals 7-2. The young man who defeated Bill was also awarded the Outstanding Wrestler Award. Later in college Bill had the opportunity to revenge that loss and the result was 8-2 in Bill's favor.

Bill Miron went on to wrestle for Johnny Johnston at Princeton University where he had an impressive dual meet record of 52-14-6 and qualified for the NCAA Tournament as a freshman. He gained All Ivy, (1st Team) honors three times. He was also a three-time EIWA place winner. As a senior his dual meet record was 15- 0-1 and led Princeton's undefeated team that won the EIWA Championships.

After graduating Bill went on to teach Math and Coach Wrestling at his alma mater, Millburn High School where he finished with career record of 207-109 -1 over 20 years. His teams amassed five Conference Championships, two District Championships, and Sectional champions in 1987. Mr. Miron was voted Coach of the Year 4 times, and Region III Coach of the year 1992.

Dr. Miron's professional career included teacher of mathmatics from 1981-2000, Math Supervisor from 2000-2004, Vice Principal 2004-2007, Principal for 2007- to present.

Bill and his wife Debra live in Millington, N.J. It is an honor to add William Miron to the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, Class of 2017.

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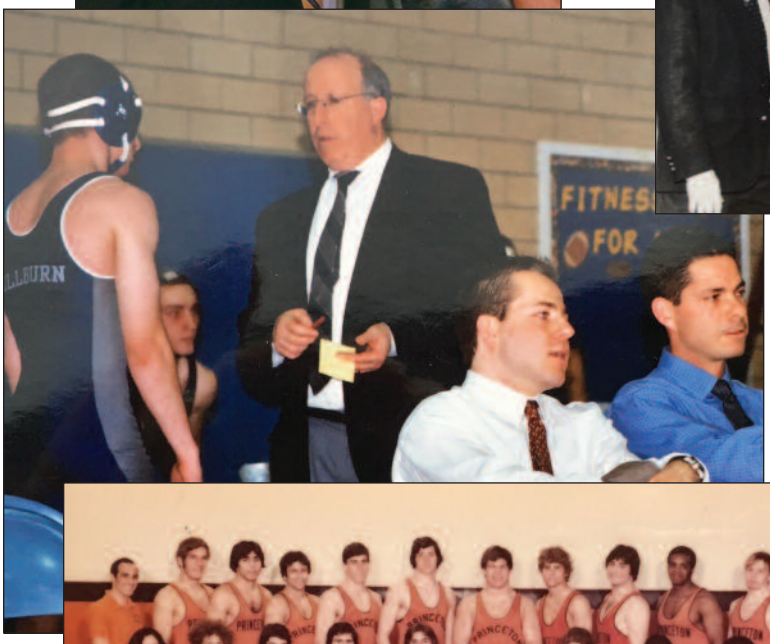

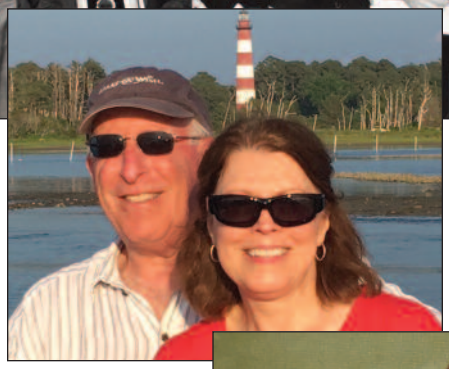

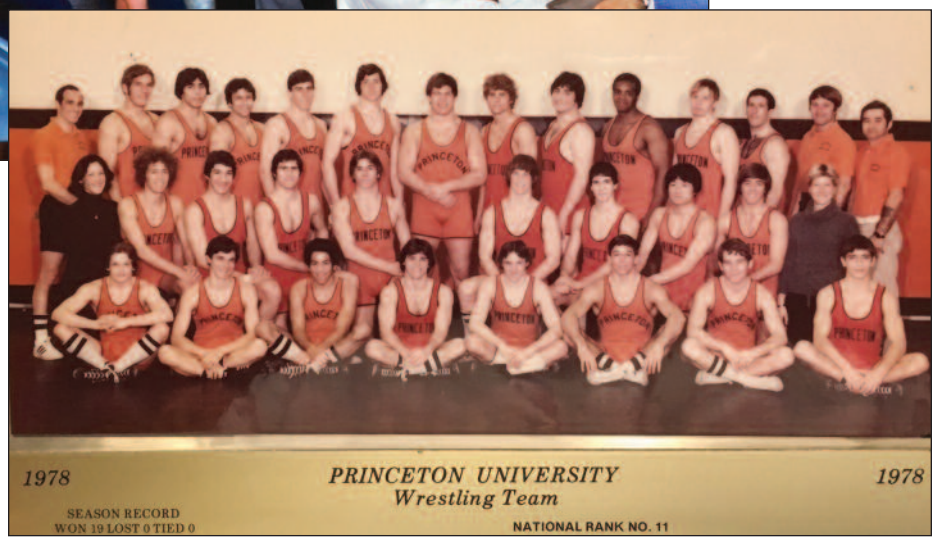
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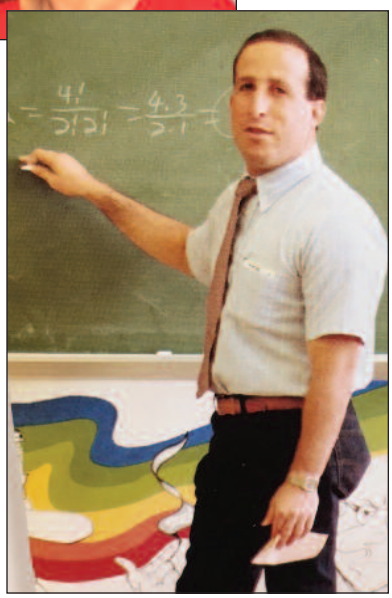

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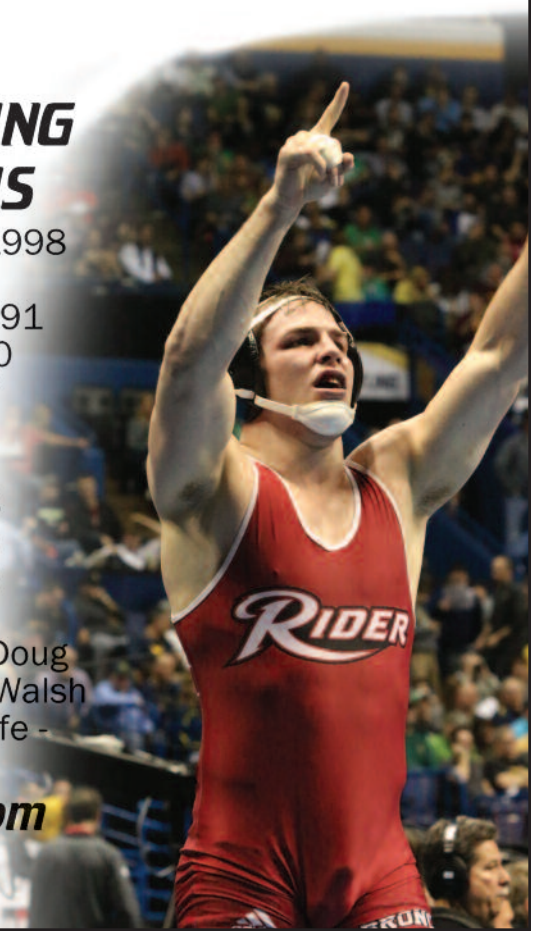

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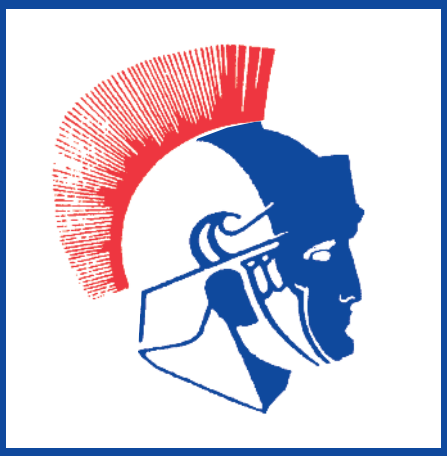

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