



Shari Oslos
 Minnesota State University
 Moorhead, Minnesota

Heather Stevenson
 J.F.K. High School
 Iselin, New Jersey

2001 WRESTLING MANAGERS OF THE YEAR

Editor's Note: Over the years this award has evolved. In the past Wrestling USA Magazine has honored wrestling managers in addition to what was commonly called "mat maids", a group of young ladies who helped score and run duals and tournaments. Although "mat maids" still exist in some schools, most of the nominations we receive are for individuals who take care of a variety of duties, from statistics, uniform care, and publicity to managing tournaments and dual meets. In many cases they know wrestling well enough to act as assistant coaches. All of this year's nominees fit into this category ... and all are the type of individuals who play a significant role in their programs. Their leaving after four years can be as big a loss to the program as is the graduation of a top wrestler. This year we are honoring two such individuals, one college student and one high school student. -Cal



SHARI OSLOS and HEATHER STEVENSON both exemplify the ideal in wrestling managers. Oslos, a senior at Minnesota State University-Moorhead, and Stevenson, a senior at J.F.K. High School (Iselin, NJ), are essential components in the programs they serve.

Shari came to Minnesota-Moorhead after serving four years as manager at national powerhouse Apple Valley High School. She has found time in college to continue her service to wrestling while playing college volleyball and doing her student teaching. Her duties ranged from the usual keeping of team and individual statistics, operating the whistle and stop-watch at practice, keeping the scorebook, to essential college program duties like making hotel reservations for away matches, securing referees for matches, and conducting tours for visiting recruits.

Assistant Coach and Wrestling USA Magazine State Editor Spencer Yohe, who nominated her, says of Oslos, "Without a doubt Shari has been one of the top wrestling managers in the country over the past eight years. Her love for the sport and her strong work ethic for promoting the sport make her a prestigious and deserving nominee."

Heather, who started four years ago after encouragement by her older sister, quickly found herself enamored with the sport. According to Head Coach Mike Volpe, who nominated her, Stevenson "is a joy to have around. Her contributions to the team and to me personally cannot be overstated. She understands the wrestling 'hard work' ethic. She is not the type of person one can replace."

In addition to the usual managerial duties, for the past two years Stevenson has served as assistant tournament director for J.F.K.'s invitational tournament.

She also maintains a 3.5 grade point average and is a member of National Honor Society. In addition she was starting catcher on the softball team and served as cheerleading captain.

Heather's commitment to the sport is exemplified by the fact that, upon learning there were going to be conflicts between her cheerleading competition schedule and the wrestling schedule, she made the difficult decision of giving up the cheerleading. "Wrestling is infectious," she says. "For four years I've watched how hard my friends work out there on the mat. There was no question about what I would be giving up."



1st Runner-up
 Dana Keliin
 Superior HS
 Superior, WI
 Nominated by
 Coach William Gedde



2nd Runner-up
 Elizabeth Greenwood
 Smithsburg HS
 Smithsburg, MD
 Nominated by
 Lawrence Fasick



Honorable Mention
 Emily Nielsen
 Hesperia HS
 Hesperia, MI
 Nominated by
 Coach Doug Baird