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2005 Coach-of-the-Year Award  
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## Scott Legacy Mt. Anthony High School, Bennington, VT

**E**ditor's Note: The selection of the High School Coach-of-the-Year is always a difficult task. The hundreds of nominations we have received over the years have all been for outstanding coaches, some of them nominated because of a long and successful career. The Coach-of-the-Year Award, however, is not based only on longevity. It is the honoring of a coach for a significant accomplishment during the season just completed, often against considerable odds or in spite of significant hardship. Obviously, excellence over time is also a consideration. – Cal

The 2004-2005 wrestling season was one of great success for Mount Anthony Union High School in Bennington, Vermont. The Patriots finished 24-2 with five tournament championships, finished third in the Midwest Classic in Ohio, and won the school's seventeenth straight state championship.

Mt. Anthony Union, a small public school in the southwest corner of Vermont, has had a great deal of wrestling success for many years. This traditional domination of Vermont wrestling has been engineered by head coach **SCOTT LEGACY**. Legacy has coached 98 individual state champions, including eight this year, and has led the Patriots to 104 tournament victories. Three of his



wrestlers won the New England Championship in 2005, a tournament record which makes fifteen individual New England champions in Legacy's career.

Legacy is viewed by those who know him as a great coach because of the young men he has shaped into champions both on and off the mat. Ask him to define a champion and his definition will go beyond what it takes to win a

wrestling match. For Legacy, it is not only about shaping young wrestlers but also about shaping young men. Of Mt. Union's six seniors in 2005, all will be attending college. Scott has a vested interest in the education of all of his wrestlers. He inspires them physically and mentally, in and out of the wrestling room. He commits himself to his wrestlers year round. He demands that they involve themselves in the community and become good role models for younger kids.

Legacy's excellence has been recognized in the past. In 1996 he was named the NFICA National Coach-of-the-Year. In 2000 he was named NHSCA National Coach-of-the-Year, and in 2004 he was named NWCA Coach-of-the-Year for Region I (New Jersey and Vermont). He is also a five-time Vermont Coach-of-the-Year.

Scott Legacy has coached 41 All-Americans and had three wrestlers represent the USA in the Dapper Dan Classic. But if you were to ask Legacy what he is most proud of, it is the way his wrestlers conduct themselves when the match is over. Sportsmanship awards are as important as tournament titles.

*Wrestling USA Magazine* salutes Scott Legacy for a fantastic season and a tremendous career!!