


  
**2005 Manager-of-the-Year Award**
  
 MAGAZINE

# Maggie Shumaker

## Virginia

**E**ditor's Note: Over the years this award has evolved. In the past WUSA 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. Their leaving after four years can be as big a loss to the program as is the graduation of a top wrestler. - Cal

The wrestling program at Lafayette High School in Williamsburg, Virginia, is going to be suffering a huge gap next year. That gap will be created by the fact that senior **MAGGIE SHUMAKER** will graduate this spring so will not be serving the program next year.

Maggie has been a wrestling manager and the team's official scorekeeper since the sixth grade, but as the daughter of a coach has been around the sport all her life. She has not missed a state tournament since she was three years old. She is well versed in wrestling technique and rules, and has an excellent memory for statewide wrestling results. She



tracks results on the state's wrestling websites each night. Her father, Coach Bruce Shumaker, uses her knowledge of match results to decide when to move someone up on the line-up.

Maggie handles all the usual practice duties . . . mopping mats, sorting uniforms, and filling water bottles. She keeps time for drills and edits bouts onto a personal video tape for each wrestler. She also creates the end-of-the-season power point slide show.

Maggie's involvement in the sport, however, goes beyond the normal practice and meet duties. She has operated the camp stores at the George Mason Team Camp and the Virginia Military Institute All-America Camp. She has served as a student trainer at the James Madison Team Camp. In 2001 Maggie served as a trainer/manager for a wrestling team that went to Australia to compete in the Down Under Games.

Early in this season Maggie realized one of her lifelong dreams . . . to meet Dan Gable. She fulfilled that dream when she got to talk to Gable at a clinic at North Carolina State University. She has even named her new puppy "Gable".

Maggie is certainly not finished with the sport. She intends to attend a college, either at Edinboro or a school in the state of Iowa, with a good wrestling program.

Coach Shumaker says of Maggie, "She has been around wrestling her entire life and has made high school wrestling a priority. She understands the excitement of the big matches and knows that she is part of the preparation for those matches. She loves wrestling . . . and it shows!"

*Wrestling USA Magazine* salutes Maggie Shumaker for her contributions to the Lafayette wrestling program!!



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