



Wrestling USA Magazine's 1998 State-Man-of-the-Year Award

Neil Dewitt Pima, Arizona

Principal

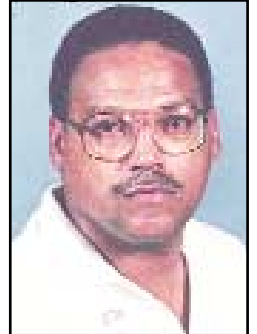
Neil has been involved with Arizona wrestling for over three decades. Except for two of his college years, DeWitt has had a direct involvement in Arizona wrestling as a wrestler, referee, coach, or State Tournament Director for 34 years. As a school administrator for 22 years, (currently Principal at Pima High School), DeWitt has been able to enhance Arizona wrestling by supporting and promoting the sport through a leadership role.



Edgar Fullwood Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Coach

Coach Fullwood has been a main force in the sport in Baton Rouge, as well as the state for over 20 years. His work with the inner city youth in Baton Rouge is tireless. He was the first coach to take young men to compete in the National Wrestling Championships in Pittsburgh, PA. He actively promotes the sport of wrestling on the elementary and middle school level.



Steve Knight Longmont, Colorado

Coach

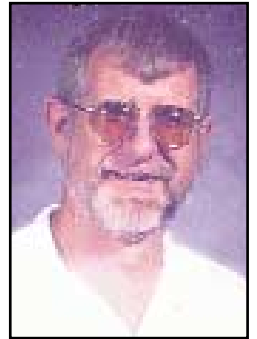
Steve has given his life to improving wrestling in the state of Colorado. He holds numerous coaches clinics, technique sessions for wrestlers, drills incessantly, holds special national/international talent duals, and many other things all with the goal of raising the interest level of wrestling statewide. In 2 years, he has managed to elevate the performance of some of the best wrestlers in the state to national prominence. With his guidance, Colorado wrestling will continue to improve in quality and quantity. He is Colorado's Man of the Year.



Dave Woodsom Maine

Coach/Teacher

Dave was a two-time state and New England champion (hwt) in the 1960's. In 3 decades, he coached teams to state championships in Classes A and B and a state and New England Prep School. Highly-respected, 2-time state coach-of-the-year, 4-time president of coaches association and liaison to Maine Principal Association. He's organized/coached Pee Wee and Jr. High programs in two districts and organized the Tournament of Champions (Maine Open).



Arturo Holmes Atlanta, Georgia

Coach/Instructor

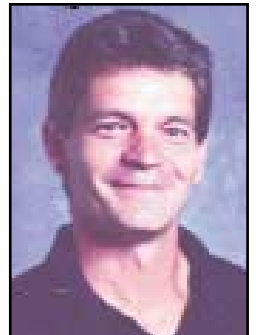
Arturo is the single biggest reason that the state of Georgia has made such great strides in improving it's wrestling programs. Every year he donates his time to coach the Cadet and Jr. team at the nationals. He also travels all over Georgia and North Carolina conducting clinics. Arturo has become a legend in Georgia wrestling. He is the most respected and looked-up-to coach and father figure in our state.



Phil Tomkiel Agawan, Massachusetts

Teacher

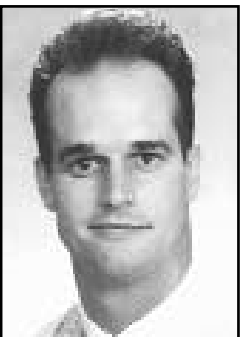
We are proud to recognize the achievements of Phil Tomkiel. Phil is the founder and the only coach that Agawan High School has ever had. During his 24 years he has accumulated a 179-66 record including two state titles and 3 state runners-up. Phil has coached 12 state and 2 New England champions and one All-American. In 1997 Phil was recognized as the National High School Wrestling Coach-of-the-Year.



Shawn Garing Louisville, Kentucky

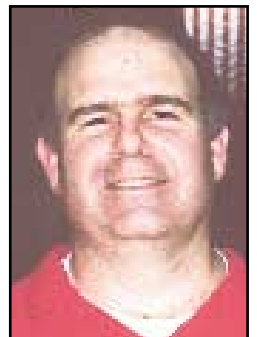
Coach

Coach of both dual and individual team state championships for 1998. Also coach of River City Wrestling Club.



Jim Maher Brockton, Massachusetts

Jim has hosted the City of Champions Tournament for 3 years. The Top three teams in New England, four returning team state champs were invited and competed and he organized the All-State Meet (3 div-top 6). He also is instrumental in the Bay State Games in Boston. He holds the National High School record of highest dual team score for his 1990 Randolph Massachusetts team. He coached team and individual state champions.



Tom Borrelli Central Michigan Univ.

Coach

Tom has developed Central Michigan University into a national power. This year at the Mid-American Conference tournament Central put all ten of their team members into the finals. Central currently has 3 individuals ranked in the top eight and the team has been ranked as high as 14th.



Bill Swink Stafford, Virginia

Teacher/Coach

Bill started a state Web site for wrestling in Virginia. The Web site is one of the nation's best with up to the moment rankings and scores.

Bucky Maughn Fargo, North Dakota

Head Coach

Bucky led North Dakota State University to an overwhelming 34 point victory in the NCAA Division II National Championship. This is his 2nd national championship team. Also in his 34 years as head coach, he has captured 4 runner-up finishes, 6 thirds, and 26 top ten finishes. This year the Bisons won the title with two champions and 6 other All-Americans.



Keith Kerbaugh Fargo, North Dakota

Small Business Owner

Keith is the Founder of State Greco-Roman Championships, Triple Crown Championships, North Dakota Amateur Wrestler-of-the-Year and the ND State Poster. In his 23 years as a coach, Keith has coached many state champions and All-Americans.



J Robinson Minnesota

Coach

J has turned the University of Minnesota Wrestling program into a top three contender for the NCAA I National Championship. J's Gophers just recently won the National Duals title in Cedar Falls, Iowa. J has kept the top wrestlers in Minnesota wrestling for the Gophers and was the originator of Minnesota's first 30-minute *Minnesota TV Wrestling Weekly Magazine* featured on Midwest Sports Channel throughout the 1997-98 season.



Jay Swegarden Beulah, North Dakota

Teacher/Coach

Coach Swegarden was 1998 Coach of the Year. He has been very successful in Beulah with several state champs. Jay coached Brian Biehl, a three-time state champ this year. Jay has cancer and has undergone many chemotherapy treatments. He is the classiest head coach I know of in North Dakota.



Bob Hirsch Milbank, South Dakota

Teacher/Coach

In South Dakota wrestling, Bob Hirsch has done it all. He was a state champ at Vermillion High, an All-American at Northern State, and coached Milbank to a state A championship in 1990. Bob has been a member of every South Dakota National Jr. team since his freshman year in high school, as a participant or coach. For the past several years Bob has served the dual role of team leader and coach. Bob is also an official and Silver Level USAW coach.



Michael Ondich Bronx, New York

Coach

Michael is a teacher of the deaf and wrestling coach at Harry Truman High School. He has coached them to seven consecutive New York City championships in nine out of the past 10 years. He has produced 57 sectional champs in 15 years as coach, including four state place winners. He has had five wrestlers chosen as best in NY City in their sport. Recently Michael was named teacher of the year. He has taken part in six cultural exchange trips.



Tom Canavan Erie, Pennsylvania

Retired

Tom has been involved in Pennsylvania Amateur Wrestling for most of his adult life. He was very instrumental in involving Pennsylvania in freestyle and Greco wrestling. He has become a household name in Pennsylvania wrestling.



Mike Kendall Chapel Hill, No. Carolina

Coach

Mike Kendall serves as the Director and coach of the "Cardiac Kids" Wrestling Club. The Club produced at the 1988 State Tournament: 11 State champions, one runner-up, two at third place, and one at 4th, representing seven different high schools. Five other club members qualified for the state meet. He has also helped to develop many successful NC wrestlers.



Mike Rossetti Phillipsburg, New Jersey

Coach

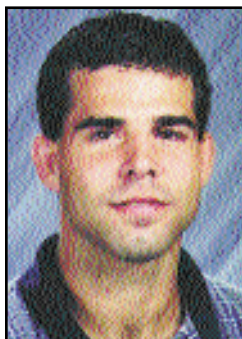
Mike has won four straight championships with no losses to any New Jersey school team.



Eddie Pendoski Valparaiso, Indiana

Coach

Eddie helped to establish Portage High as one of the top teams in the state. In the last 3 years he has had over 60 dual victories, 3 sectional, regional, semi-state championships, and 3 top 5 team finishes. He has spearheaded the vast improvement in Indiana's junior freestyle and Greco programs by his coaching dedication and development strategies.



Steve Logsdon Cleveland, Tennessee

Coach

Steve's Bradley Central High School won both the duals and traditional state championships this year, becoming only the third team in Tennessee to accomplish this. In 7 years as head coach Logsdon compiled a 137-16 dual meet record, 7 regional championships, 3 dual state championships and one traditional state championship. He coaches a club freestyle team.

