



Wrestling USA

1998 Photographer Of The Year

Wrestling photographer Wyatt Schultz says he started taking pictures when his youngest son was in high school. "The local paper needed someone, so I volunteered to take pictures for football, wrestling, and baseball when I could. They let me learn at their expense."



When his son finished high school two years ago, Schultz was not yet ready to move on. To continue his involvement, he contacted Ron Seaman of *The Predicament*, a paper covering high school wrestling in Iowa.

"It was the best phone call I could have made," Schultz said. "Ron was delighted to have someone from the Cedar Rapids area to help him out with coverage."

Calling wrestling his "true love," Schultz can usually be found at tournaments every week during the season. He also provides photos to the wrestlers. At Cedar Rapids Jefferson High School - home of the University of Iowa two-time NCAA champ Mark Ironside; just down the road from Schultz - he also provides photos to the yearbook.

Schultz says, "the school gets all the pictures to select from, but then they must be sent to the kids. It is very satisfying when the kids come up to you and thank you for the pictures. To me that is payment enough."

Thanks Wyatt for adding more class and color to the sport of wrestling and *Wrestling USA Magazine*. Congratulations for being our 1998 Photographer of the Year.