



Wrestling USA

**1999 Manager of the Year
Kari Werk - Minnesota**

Editor's Note: *The wrestlers receive the publicity and trophies. Coaches get the credit and resulting accolades. But behind any successful wrestling team are the managers and other "behind the scenes" people who help put the entire experience together. Wrestling USA Magazine is proud to recognize wrestling managers for their unselfish contributions to the sport of wrestling. - Cal Johnson*

KARI WERK, a student at Morris Area High School in Morris, Minnesota, has served as the head manager for the past four years. Her inspiration, dedication, and motivation has helped transform the Tiger wrestling program into a successful one.

Kari's enthusiasm developed because of two brothers that wrestled.....older brother Kevin and twin brother Korey, the latter of which happened to be the team captain this past year.

She has been the workhorse of the managerial staff. She handled most of the normal managerial duties such as keeping the computer stats, video taping matches, keeping score for matches, maintaining the record book, and making sure that all equipment, from the

medicine kit to the uniforms, were organized and ready to go.

Werk's involvement in the sport extends far beyond the regular season. She assists with the elementary school wrestling program, the summer freestyle and Greco programs, and the summer wrestling camp. "Kari is part of our summer camp team," says camp director and assistant coach Spencer Yohe.

Kari maintains a 3.79 grade point average while managing. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Target Program, and Capella Choir. She serves as a Sunday school and Bible school teacher, Youth Peer Counselor, and volunteers for day care and meals-to-elderly programs. She has won three letters in volleyball, wrestling managing, softball, and choir. She has acted in two school plays.

"Kari is an example of an outstanding individual who has succeeded in every aspect of her life," says assistant coach Mick Rose. Her contributions to the wrestling program have made a significant impact on the quality of the program. It is the little things she does that



most people never even notice. They make her an inspiration to be around.

Kari was nominated by Head Coach Paul Court and Assistant Coach Spencer Yohe.

**MANAGER OF THE YEAR
Runner-up
Jenni Schmidt**
Pius X High School
Lincoln, NE
Nominated by Ted Witulski



**MANAGER OF THE YEAR
Honorable Mention
Jessica Yoder**
Newton High School
Newton, KS
Nominated by Patrick Kelly

