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# WRESTLING USA MAGAZINE LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

## Celebrating 45 Years of Covering Amateur Wrestling By Cody Bryant, Managing Editor

It's hard to believe that with this September 15th issue is the beginning our 45th year of publishing *Wrestling USA Magazine*. Back in 1965, formerly known as *Scholastic Wrestling News*, was the start of a dream to honor the sport of wrestling that has had a lifetime influence on millions of coaches, wrestlers, parents and fans of this great sport, including my father who was involved with *Scholastic Wrestling News* from the very beginning.

Our goal was to make wrestling a household name throughout the United States. In many ways this goal has been accomplished as we continue to see wrestling grow across the United States, particularly at the high school level. Figures aren't out yet but I do expect to see the athlete participation numbers for wrestling at the high school level to be up for the 20th consecutive year. What this is telling me is that wrestling is truly having an influence in more ways than one.

Those of us that have had the privilege to wrestle at the high school level and beyond can easily concur that the attributes of wrestling have definitely shaped our lives for the better. I believe that success on the mat is irrelevant to the success off the mat but there is a common denominator - wrestling in general - that leads to success in other aspects of a wrestler's life. We do live in a society that thrives on the success of a sport regardless if it is wrestling, football, basketball, track, etc. The real question is there a better expression of an individual than wrestling? Some sports may come close to wrestling but in my opinion there is none better. Now that football season is upon us, wrestling continues to show its presence in the NFL with over 11% of the current players with a high school wrestling background including 2x Florida state wrestling champion and All-Pro linebacker Ray Lewis. Even as other sports like Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) emerge, the background of wrestling has had a significant influence on those MMA fighters that are successful.

Wrestling, as the world's oldest sport, has helped shape countries for thousands of years from the Egyptian pharaohs to 13 United State Presidents which includes our very first American president, George Washington. Today wrestling continues to shape individuals into successful coaches, teachers and business people that have a direct influence in the lives of others.

We at *Wrestling USA Magazine* want to continue to recognize those individuals that excel in the sport of wrestling at all levels. This is all made possible thanks to coaches, wrestlers, parents and fans that continue to support *Wrestling USA Magazine*. Just as important is our advertisers that promote their products among these pages. Without the support we can't continue to promote the World's Greatest and Oldest Sport, this great sport of wrestling!

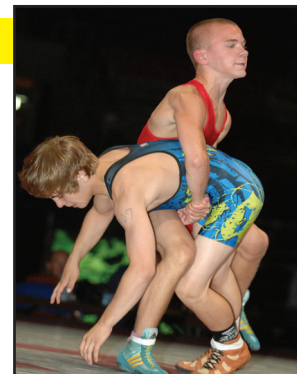
As Always, "Let's Be On The Go Together,"

*Cody Bryant*

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