

WOOD COUNTY WRESTLING
Jr. HIGH – MIDDLE SCHOOL
2011 50th ANNIVERSARY

WHO'S WHO LIST

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31. Granville 'Dale' Ray – 1969-127 1970-155 Franklin Jr. High, 1985 Ohio-West Virginia Wrestling Official Board. Dale wrestled for two years at Franklin Jr. High and finished 3rd at 155 pounds in the 1970 County Championship. He has been an official for over 25 years having started in 1985. Dale has officiated in two State High School Championships. For the past 15 years, Dale has done all the scheduling of officials for the Wood County Recreation and Jr. High/Middle School League. A Class I official, Dale enjoys officiating the pee-wee leagues the most. He has been president of the local official board for all but one year since 1998.

32. Dike Goff – 1969 Coach Washington Jr. High, 1976 Coach Franklin Jr. High, 1977 County Athletic Director. Coach Goff led Washington Jr. High to its only title in 1969. The school closed after the 1992 season. In 1976, Coach Goff won his second title with Franklin Jr. High becoming the first coach to win titles for two different schools. Coach Goff then served as the County Athletic Director from 1976 to 1985 and established the Outstanding Wrestler Award at the 1977 Championship. Coach Goff finished his career as Athletic Director for Williamstown High School from 1985 to 1996. Wrestling for Coach Goff at Washington for their first championship were: 80 Buttermore; 90 John Curry, 1st; 100 Parsons, 3rd; 105 Dye, 4th; 112 Carr, 3rd; 118 Davis, 2nd; 123 Clyde Lipscomb, 2nd; 127 Waterman, 2nd; 135 Jackie Thorton, 1st; 145 Tomlasini, 2nd; 155 Wroten, 2nd; 165 Layner, 4th; and UNL Davis, 3rd. Members of Coach Goff's championship team at Franklin in 1976 were: 75 Brian Schuck 4th; 83 Rocky Ray; 88 Greg Rejonis 2nd; 95 Rick Rejonis 2nd; 100 Keith Underwood 3rd; 105 Roger Hite 2nd; 112 Rick Hite 2nd; 118 Butch Barton 3rd; 123 Kraig Burke 2nd; 127 Dan Nesbitt 4th; 135 Steve Tefft 1st; 145 Rocky Kendall 1st; 155 Doug Fox 1st; and UNL Jeff Wroten 3rd.

33. Burton Rogers – 1969 Ohio-West Virginia Wrestling Official Board, 1995 Ohio Wrestling Officials Hall of Fame. Burton Rogers was a senior at DuPont High School and won the state heavyweight title in 1961 with a 5-3 decision over Keyser's Mel Evans. He started officiating in the Charleston area in 1966 with his first match being a dual between Stonewall Jackson and Charleston High Schools. He later officiated the regional tournament in Shady Spring as a rookie that year. Rogers relocated to Parkersburg in 1969 and has been involved in officiating at all levels in the Mid-Ohio Valley. Under the direction of WVSSAC Director Sam Williams in 1972, the Ohio-West Virginia Wrestling Officials Board was formed with Rogers serving as President for many years and Rules Interpreter in his later years. Rogers retired from officiating in 1998 after 30 years. He refereed in 18 West Virginia High School State Tournaments and was inducted into the Ohio Wrestling Officials State Hall of Fame in 1995.

34. Jimmy Weatherholt – 1970-90 1971-90 1972-100 Edison Jr. High. Jimmy becomes the fifth – three time county champ when he defeats Fred Pepper of Jackson for the 100 pound title in 1970. His first title came against Bob Schuck from Franklin and his second title came at the expense of Newell from Hamilton. Jimmy would later become South’s first three time state champion and was voted the Outstanding Wrestler at the 1975 State Championship. Jimmy’s state finals wins were: 1973-105 decision David Litton, Nitro 8-2; 1974-119 decision Bill Cole, Parkersburg 4-2; and 1975-126 decision Riley, Fairmont Senior 8-2. Jimmy was voted West Virginia’s Wrestler of the Year in 1975, the predecessor of the Dutton Award, and was also named a High School All-American.

35. Paul Jackson – 1970-135 Franklin Jr. High, Coach Parkersburg South High School. Paul Jackson wrestled for Franklin in Jr. High winning the 135 lb. title with a 3-0 decision over Smith of Hamilton. He started coaching at Parkersburg South in 1978, becoming the head coach in 1989 and led the Patriots for nine years. He then returned back to head coaching duties at South in 2007. His teams have won seven State Team titles and Coach Jackson has been named West Virginia Coach of the Year on six occasions. He has coached 22 individual state champions and 110 place winners. His 1995 team was ranked 20th nationally. Coming into the 2010-11 season, Coach Jackson has an overall 254-55 dual match record with a streak of 43 consecutive wins. Coach Jackson has also been named the U.S. District 2 National Coach of the Year.

36. Fred Halbert – 1970 Coach Franklin Jr. High. Coach Halbert led Franklin to its first county championship in 1970 and to its second title in 1973. Members of Franklin’s first championship were: 80 Bruce Schuck, 1st; 90 Bob Schuck, 2nd; 100 Ron Buck; 105 Mike Lakarie; 112 Randy Marlow; 118 Steve Bosley, 1st; 123 Kenny Dunbar, 4th; 127 Allen Harlow; 135 Paul Jackson, 1st; 145 Scott Feathers, 1st; 155 Dale Ray, 3rd; 165 Mike Kibbee, 1st; and UNL Steve Raber, 1st.

37. Jerry “Woody” Burns – 1971 1972 1973-100 Franklin Jr. High, 2002 State Outstanding Wrestling Official of the Year. Woody wrestled for two years as a reserve for Franklin Jr. High and wrestled in the 1973 county tournament at 100 pounds. Woody continued wrestling in high school for Parkersburg South and finished 5th at 105 pounds in 1975 and was state runner-up in 1976, losing to Weirton’s Terry Weigel in a 6-0 decision for the 105 pound title. Woody started officiating in 1978 and for the most part has refereed for 30 years with only a few years off. Woody has officiated in eight high school state tournaments and in 2002 was voted West Virginia’s Outstanding Official of the Year.

38. Vernon “Tiny” Marlow – 1970s Administration Scorekeeper, 2006 National Wrestling Hall of Fame Inductee. Tiny Marlow was the official scorer of the Wood County Junior High Tournament for many years as well as directing many other K-12 wrestling competitions. Tiny first got his start in wrestling when his brother Alfred asked him to be weigh-master for the Wood County Small Fry Association. Soon after he became president and treasurer of the association and turned it into a self-supporting program. He established the Jr. State Championships in 1978, which is its major fundraiser. After “retiring” from the small fry association in 1984, he became involved with the PHS Wrestling Boosters and the 1991 program was dedicated to him. He is known as “Mr. Wrestling” in West Virginia and in 2006 he was inducted into the State Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame with a Lifetime Service to Wrestling.

39. Brad Dornick – 1972-90 1973-105 Franklin Jr. High, 1974-123 South Freshmen. Brad was the first wrestler to win titles for two different teams. After a second place finish in his seventh grade year, Brad won the 105 pound title his eighth grade at Franklin with a 23-4 superior decision against VanDevender's Richmond and the 123 pound title for South Freshmen with a 5-3 decision against Jackson's Denny Rexroad. Brad excelled on the mats in high school as the second wrestler to win three state titles for Parkersburg South. Jimmy's state finals wins were: 1975-132 decisioned J. Nicholson, Wheeling 5-2; 1976-132 decisioned Ron Hardsouk, Weir 3-2; and 1977-145 majored Tim Muscaro, Weir 12-2. He was voted the state's Outstanding Wrestler in 1977, the West Virginia Wrestler of the Year and named a High School All-American.

40. Pat Sole – 1973-80 1974-90 1975-100 Edison Jr. High. Pat was a two-time county champion for Edison and finished second his seventh grade year. In 1974 he avenged his loss from the previous year's finals and defeated Franklin's Dan Underwood with a 3-2 decision. In ninth grade he defeated Dan's younger brother Keith with a third period pin. Pat was a High School All-American for Parkersburg South winning two state crowns and a runner-up. Pat's high school state finals results are: 1976-98 decisioned Steve Brooks, Parkersburg 6-2 OT; 1977-112 lost decision Terry Weigel, Weir, 3-0; and 1978-105 decisioned Bob Weigand, Wheeling Park 3-2. Pat won the 1978 Junior World Championship and was a member of the 1978 USA Junior World Team travelling to Russia, Poland and other European countries. While wrestling for Liberty University, Pat was an NCCAA All-American, 1980 Olympic Trials Regional Champion and an alternate for the 1980 Olympic Team. Pat served as an assistant coach for 18 years at Parkersburg South and was part of 13 State Championship, 3 Runner-up and 5 Nationally Ranked Teams. He has coached seven High School All-Americans and 13 of his wrestlers went on to wrestle in college. Pat served as an asst. coach at Liberty University that won three Eastern Regional Championships and qualified 14 wrestlers to the National Tournament. Currently he has founded the wrestling program at Ohio Valley University and is their head coach.

41. Troy Owens – 1973-80 1974-80 1975-90 Washington Jr. High. Troy finished in 3rd and 4th place at the County Tournament while wrestling the light weights for Washington Jr. High. As a Junior in High School he turned the corner and won the 105 pound state crown and finished as state runner-up his senior year at 119 pounds. Troy's high school state finals results were: 1977-105 decisioned Tim Hanlin, Wheeling Park 3-2; and 1978-119 lost decision Terry Weigel, Weir 6-0. He wrestled for West Liberty and where he was an NAIA All-American in 1979. From 1983 thru 1990 he wrestled for the U.S. All-Army first team and finished fourth at the 1988 Olympic Trials. He was the head coach at Columbus Northland High School from 1994-96 and has been an assistant at PHS since 1997.

42. Gig Dornick – 1973-90 1974-100 Franklin Jr. High, 1975-118 South Freshmen. Gig becomes the county's sixth – three time champion when he defeated Jackson's Dan McCoy while wrestling for South's Freshmen team. His first two titles were won while wrestling for Franklin, the first against Eric Moore of Edison and the second was against Craig Hill of Jackson. Gig was South's first 4-year letter winner with classmate Danny Underwood and won the 132 pound state championship in 1978 against Huntington's Richmond with a 7-6 decision. Gig placed 5th in 1975 at 112 pounds as afreshman for South and was state runner-up in 1977 at 132 pounds, losing the finals to John Marshall's Jeff Morris on an 8-6 decision.

43. Dan Adams – 1974 1975 Coach South Freshmen. Coach Adams led the south Freshmen Team for two years. In their initial season, they finished as county runner-ups and place fourth during the second years. Six individual won county titles for South. They were: Rick Mercer 1974-118 ; Brad Dornick 1974-123; Rich Rollyson 1974-165; Gig Dornick, 1975-118; Matt Williams 1975-123; and Frank Rejonis 1975-127. Team members for the first South Freshmen team are: 80 Chris Miller, 2nd; 90 Mark Newlon; 100 Jimbo Fitcher; 105 Dan Nutter, 3rd; 112 John Tefft, 2nd; 118 Rick Mercer, 1st; 123 Brad Dornick, 1st; 135 Barry Wolfe, 4th; 145 Jeff Tracewell; 155 Mike McGee, 3rd; 165 Rich Rollyson, 1st; and UNL Don Marks, 4th.

44. Randy Patton – 1974-80 1975-105 Franklin Jr. High, 1976-100 Blennerhassett Jr. High. Randy won the first individual crown for Blennerhassett when he claimed the 100 pound title over Mark Campbell of Hamilton. Randy was joined by Blennerhassett teammates Dan Shank (118), Ron Wines (123) and Tim Wolfe (127) in the winner's circle. Randy wrestled for Parkersburg South and wrestled on the Cultural Exchange Team in 1979. Randy later became a Class 1 official and refereed in the State High School Tournament. Other members of Blennerhassett's first team were: 75 Brent Sams, 3rd; 83 Dave Rittenhouse, 2nd; 88 Bill Pickrell; 95 Brett Robinson; 105 John Rollyson; 112 Roger Hudkins, 4th; 135 Tom Borich, 2nd; 145 Jim Hammond, 4th; 155 Rusty Wilson, 3rd; and UNL Ted Towner, 4th.

45. Tom Borich – 1975-112 Franklin Jr. High, 1976-135 Blennerhassett Jr. High, 1979 Silver Medalist AAU Jr. Olympics. Tom won the 112 pound title for Franklin in 1975 when he defeated Edison's Larry Atkinson at the County Championship and finished runner-up to Steve Tefft of Franklin in 1976 at 135 pounds. At South, Tom finished as state runner-up at 185 pounds in 1979 to two-time State Champion Jeff Morris of John Marshall. While travelling with the West Virginia Cultural Exchange Team to Germany in June of 1979, Tom placed 2nd at a national tournament in Chicago and was selected to attend the National Olympic Training Camp in Squaw Valley. There was 200 16-18 year olds selected for the camp which was labeled "The Olympic 2000 Project". From Squaw Valley, Tom qualified to attend the Sports Festival in Colorado Springs where he finished third. He later wrestled in the National Jr. Olympics and earned a silver medal with his only loss coming to his Squaw Valley roommate, National Champion Robert Rechsteiner of Bay City, Michigan. After the summer of 1979, Tom wrestled on scholarship at Eastern Illinois University and was a two year letter-winner. Tom's roomamte Rechsteiner went on to be a standout wrestler for the University of Michigan and later wrestled professionally under the ring name of Rick Steiner of the Steiner Brothers.