

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

WHO'S WHO LIST

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46. Bob Miller – 1976 Coach Blennerhassett Jr. High. Coach Miller was Blennerhassett's first coach and led the Bobcats to its first county title in any sport when they won the 1977 Wrestling Championship. Coach Miller is currently tied for second in overall county titles with four championships. His other titles came in 1981, 1982 and 1984. Members of Coach Miller's first championship team in 1977 were: 75 Doug Chaney; 83 Chris Sams, 3rd; 88 Brent Sams, 4th; 95 Dave Rittenhouse, 1st; 100 Terry Shank, 3rd; 105 Bill Pickrell, 4th; 112 Dan Null, 2nd; 118 Mike Deskins, 2nd; 123 Mark Wilson; 127 John Rollyson, 2nd; 135 Ron Wines, 2nd; 145 Tim Wolfe, 1st; 155 Mark Wade, 1st; and UNL Greg Young, 3rd.

47. Dave Grande – 1976, 1984 West Virginia State Wrestling Sportswriter of the Year Award. Dave Grande won two West Virginia State Sportswriter of the Year Award. His first award came while on staff for the Parkersburg News and Sentinel in 1976. Dave was awarded the second time in 1984 while writing for the Marietta Times. He is the only person to win the award while writing for an out-of-state newspaper.

48. Randy Beatty – 1977-88 1978-95 Edison Jr. High, 2001 Coach Edison Jr. High. Randy was the first recipient of the Outstanding Wrestler award when he pulled one of the biggest upsets of the 1977 tournament by beating undefeated Roy Weaver of Hamilton. In a rare occurrence, Randy shared the OW Award with two other wrestlers in a three-way tie. Randy also won the 95 pound title in 1978 against Walters of VanDevender. Randy later coached Edison to the county title becoming the fourth double winner as wrestler and coach. Members of Coach Beatty's 2001 championship team were: 80 Matt Dunn 1st; 85 Ryan Keefe; 90 Shane Byers; 95 Aaron Kelley 2nd; 102 Tory Auth 3rd; 110 Dan Harshberger 2nd; 116 Andy Eaton 1st; 123 Jeremy Gayer 3rd; 128 Sean Smith 2nd; 135 Codi Norman 1st; 145 Kyle Walters 1st; 155 Robert Beatty 1st; 165 Curt Radcliff 1st; 190 Adam Province 2nd; and HWT Josh Davis 4th.

49. David Rittenhouse – 1976-83 1977-95 Blennerhassett Jr. High. David won the first Outstanding Wrestler award when he won what was considered the deepest, the most balanced weight class and a key match-up for the team title over Hamilton's Bob Schenerlein. David shared the OW award with two others in a rare three-way tie. David went on to win a high school title for South with a 4-0 OT decision against Artie Jenkins of Woodrow Wilson. Dave also assisted with small fry programs with Lubeck and Bridgeport.

50. Greg Bradshaw – 1976-88 1977-100 1978-112 Hamilton Jr. High. Greg became the county's seventh – three time county champion when he claimed the 112 pound title over Ed Gilchrist of Franklin during the 1978 Championship. Greg defeated Franklin's Greg Rejonis in 1976 and Jackson's Jim Allman in 1977. Greg later won two state titles for PHS and was named the 1981 Outstanding Wrestler. Greg's high school state finals results were: 1979-119 lost decision Carl Stanley, Wheeling Park 2-1; 1980-132 decisioned Larry Mazella, Brooke 2-0; and 1981-138 decisioned Eric Moore, Nicholas County 9-4. He was a High School All-American and received a scholarship to Ohio University.

51. Kraig Burke – 1976-123 1977-135 1978-155 Franklin Jr. High. Kraig won the Outstanding Wrestler Award when he defeated returning champion Ron Wines of Blennerhassett in 1977. The 135 pound class was considered the best match-up at the County as the two wrestlers had split during the regular season and Wines had defeated Burke at the 1976 Championship Kraig shared the OW Award in a rare 3-way tie that year. Kraig won the 155 pound title the following year against Britton of VanDevender to become a two-time county champion,

52. Scott Schenerlein – 1978-118 1979-135 Hamilton Jr. High. Scott was a two-time county champion. He won the 118 pound title in 1978 against Tim Windland of Edison. He won the 135 pound crown with a second period pin against the Eagles Forest Ash and was voted Outstanding Wrestler. Scott won the 1982 State High School 185 pound title and was state runner-up in 1981. He lost the 167 pound championship in 1981 to North Marion's Sam Tennant. His senior year in 1982, he was voted the state's Outstanding Wrestler while also being named to the All-American team. Scott's 1982 state high school finals victory came against B. McCool of John Marshall. Scott continued his wrestling career where he was a two-time NAIA National Finalist and All-American.

53. Rich Underwood - 1978-75 1979-75 1980-88 Franklin Jr. High. Rich became the county's eighth – three time champion when he defeated Jackson's Chris Schlarb at the 1980 Championship. Rich had defeated Hamilton's Dunham in 1978 and Williamstown's Eric Butler in 1979. Rich became a three-time state champion for South and became their all-time winningest wrestler with a 94-2 career record and a 97.9 winning percentage. In 1981, Rich decisioned Roger Kent of Wheeling Park 5-0 to win the 98 pound state title. In 1982, He majored future Olympian Ken Chertow of Huntington 10-2 to win the 105 pound title. Rich won his third state title pinning Dickens of Milton in 5:38. Rich was an Honorable Mention High School All-American.

54. Dave Poe – 1978 State West Virginia State Wrestling Sportswriter of the Year Award. Dave attended his started State High School Tournament as a youth in grade school in the 1960s and as a sportswriter, he has covered numerous state tournaments. Dave was first hired by the Parkersburg News and Sentinel in 1976. From 1978 to 1983 he worked for the Charleston Daily Mail. Dave returned to the Mid-Ohio Valley and worked for the Marietta Times from 1983-87. He returned to the News and Sentinel in 1987 and was named Sports Editor in 1990s. In 1978, Dave was awarded the West Virginia State Wrestling Sportswriter of the Year Award.

55. Frank Marcinko – 1979 Coach Williamstown Jr. High. Coach Frank Marcinko brought Williamstown Jr. High into the Wood County League in 1979 after leading Jackson Jr. High for several years. Coach Marcinko later became the Athletic Director at Williamstown and promoted many local wrestling tournaments. His first Jr. High team from Williamstown were: 75 Eric Butler 2nd; 83 Frank Fenton 4th; 88 Dan Rowell 1st; 95 Mike Uhl; 100 Kevin George 4th; 105 Jeff Smith 2nd; 112 Wayne Cunningham 1st; 118 Dwight Congrove; 123 Rod Zide; 127 Richard Stark 1st; 135 Jeff Miracle; 145 Gene Butler; 155 Matt Marshall; 167 Ron Bayless; and UNL Chris Province.

56. Greg Pettit – 1979 1980-105 1981-118 Washington Jr. High, 2x Deaf World Champion, 3x Deaf National Champion, Greco Roman Wrestler and Coach. After an average prep career at Washington Jr. High and Parkersburg High School, Greg Pettit made his mark on the wrestling world by capturing the Gold Medal at the 1988 Deaf World Championship in Moscow and then duplicating the feat at the 1991 Championship in Turkey. He has been a three time Deaf National Champion in 1988, '89 and '91. Since then he has excelled in wrestling and coaching Greco-Roman. He has won the AAU Sombo-Greco Nationals, the California Greco-Roman Championship and Outstanding Wrestler, and the 2004 US National Veterans Championship where he has been a four time finalist. Currently living in Irvine California, he has coached at Fallbrook, Poway and currently at Calvary Chapel. He has coached three California High School Champions, a runner-up finisher and one third place finisher. Since 2004 he has coached a year-round Greco-Roman club that has produce seven national champions and currently has two wrestlers ranked number 1 in the country. At PHS, he finished fifth in the States his senior year in 1984.

57. Dan Rowell – 1979-88 Williamstown Jr. High. Dan was Williamstown's first individual county titlelist when he won the 88 pound crown with a major decision over Jackson's Jeff Clinton. He was joined by teammates Wayne Cunningham (112) and Richard Stark (127) during that first year. Dan went on to become a three time state high school champion for Williamstown and a High School All-American. Dan high school state tournament finals results were: 1980-98 lost finals to John Beech Hurricane 11-7; 1981-105 pinned Mike Walker, Sissonville 2:52; 1982-119 decisioned Jim Bird, Spencer 12-6; 1983-126 decisioned Greathouse, Spencer 9-5. Dan was a four year letter winner for WVU and currently is commissioner of the Burtonsville Recreation Wrestling League in the D.C. area and coaches the B&O Outlaws Travel Team.

58. Dave Miller – 1980-75 1981-83 1982-88 Franklin Jr. High. Dave won the first overall Dutton Award in 1985 while wrestling at South. A two-time county champion, Dave swapped titles with Blennerhassett's Mike Bolten, defeating Bolten 11-10 in 1980 in the 75 pound finals and losing to Bolten 11-3 in the 1981 championship. Dave won the 88 title against the Bobcats' Mike Morrison with a 9-6 decision. Dave had an 88-2 career record at South for second place on the all-time winningest list, winning two state crowns and one runner-up. He was named Honorable Mention All-American in High School. His state high finals matches results were: 1983-98 lost Todd Rowe, Wheeling Park 11-8; 1984-105 pinned Rich Vargo, John Marshall; 1985-112 pinned Jay Moore, North Marion 1:50.

59. Darren Moore – 1980-95 1981-100 1982-112 Blennerhassett Jr. High. Darren was a two time county champion and went to become an All-American wrestler and three time state champion at South. Darren's only Jr. High lost came in the finals of the 1980 tournament to Franklin's Craig Echard, a 7-3 decision. In the 1981 finals he pinned Williamstown Todd Burkhammer in the second period and in the 1982 finals pinned Washington's Stan Holland also in the second period. In three years at South, he only lost three matches to rank third on their winningest wrestler list with a 96.6 winning percentages. Darren's high school state championship matches were against: 1983-105 pinned Vida, Weirton 3:36; 1984-119 decisioned Rick Brown, Oak Glen; 1985-132 decision Frank Crain Oak Glen 5-2.

60. Gary Porter – 1981-75 1982-83 Blennerhassett Jr. High. Gary placed third in the county tournaments he wrestled in both 1981 at 75 pounds and 1982 at 83 pounds. He was a reserve for two years at Parkersburg South and started his senior season when he won the 119 pound state championship with an 8-7 decision over Timmy Griffith of Stonewall Jackson. Gary has been an assistant coach at Parkersburg South since 2003 and was an assistant before that at Blennerhassett. He has been involved with the Jr. Patriots since 1993 and has been Head Coach for the club for the past eight years.