

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

WHO'S WHO LIST

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76. Mike Mason – 1988-88 1989-100 Williamstown Jr. High. Mike won two county titles before his distinguished high school achievements and national accomplishments at WVU. As a seventh grader Mike defeated Jackson's Terry Williams with a 6-0 decision for the 88 pound title in '88. The following year he defeated the Bobcat's Matt Deem with a 3-1 decision for the 100 pound crown. In high school, Mike won three state titles and one runner-up with a 114-1 overall record. His lone defeat came in the state finals of his freshman year to three time state champion Ed Neely of Weirton Madonna on a 5-4 decision. Mike's state title victories were against: 1991-119 decision Chad Harris, Greenbrier West 6-0; 1992-135 major Jason Unger, Berkeley Springs 15-3; and 1993 technical fall Scott Holcomb, Webster Springs 20-3. Mike was voted the Outstanding Wrestler at the 1993 tournament, shared the Dutton Award that year with North Marion's four time state champion Doug Moore and earned High School All-American status. With his undefeated Jr. High career, Mike finished his prep career at Williamstown with a 134-1 record. Mike continued wrestling at West Virginia University where he was a four year NCAA qualifier and two time All-American. Mike finished in 7th place at the 1997 National Championship and finished 3rd in 1998 losing in the semi-finals to eventual champion Eric Siebert of Illinois in a controversial 5-4 overtime decision.

77. Dustin Wright – 1989-88 1990-100 1991-112 Blennerhassett Jr. High. Dustin was the 16th grappler to be a three time county champion when he decisioned Franklin's Bobby Roberts 8-4 in the 112 pound finals. His first two county title both came at the expense of Jackson's Shawn Blevins, the first in the 88 pound finals with a major 13-0 decision in 1989 and again in 1990 with a 15-0 major decision in the 100 pound finals. In high school Dustin finished fourth at the state tournament at 112 pounds his sophomore year and finished fifth at 119 pounds his senior year.

78. Chad Smith – 1990-88 1991-100 1992-116 Franklin Jr. High. Chad was a two-time county champion and the second grappler to win two Outstanding Wrestler Award at the county championship. Chad won his first title and Outstanding Wrestler Award against Edison's Tim Ashley with a 41 second pin for the 100 pound title. His second title came in 1992 at the 116 pound championship. Chad was a three-time state high school placer for Parkersburg South finisher fourth at 112 pounds in 1993 and finishing third at 125 pounds in 1994. Chad won the state championship his senior year at South with an 11-3 major decision against Parkersburg's Buddy Butcher 11-3 in 1995.

79. Bill Mollohan – 1993 Coach Belpre Middle School. Bill Mollohan coached Belpre Middle School for 28 seasons from 1974 until his retirement in 2002. He brought Belpre into the Wood County League becoming the first non-county school along with Wirt County to wrestle in the league. Belpre took Franklins place in the league. Coach Mollohan's first team in the league were: 102 Greg McDonald 4th; 123 Keith Akerman 3rd; 135 Tim Grimm 3rd; 145 Jason Wentz; 155 Charlie McPherson; 165 J.R. Bailey 4th and HWT Robbie Alloway 4th.

80. Herb Toney – 1993 Coach Wirt County Middle. Wirt County joined the league in 1993 under Coach Herb Toney. Wirt replaced Washington Jr. High on the schedule. The team was organized the year before under the direction of the High School Coach Matt Ashley. Toby Ray coached the team in 1994 and Kenny Dye was the coach from 1995-2000. Jason Miller coached the team for one year before leaving for the military. After a one year absence, Herb Toney began his second term with the team and is still coaching. Wirt County Middle is celebrating their 20th season this year. Wrestling for Wirt County during their first season were: 75 Brad Moore; 83 Dave Drennen 4th; 90 Jason Miller; 95 Clint Mills; 102 Jason Pettry 3rd; 110 Shiloh Stanley; 116 Jason Hutchinson 4th; 123 Sean Maxwell; 128 Jamie Lott; 135 Jayme Kirby; 145 Byron Reed; and 155 Rick McClead 4th;

81. Shaun Dunn – 1993-83 Parkersburg Catholic Jr. High. Sean was the first wrestler from Catholic to place at the County Tournament. Shaun was a finalist in the 1993 83 pound championship and was decided by Blennerhassett's Robby Shank 4-1. Catholic's first wrestler to appear in the county tournament was Sean Greer in 1992. Greer won his opening match but then dropped two straight matches and did not place. Other Catholic wrestlers to appear in the tournament are: 1994-95 Andy Hattman 4th; 1995-90 Jeremy Herrman; 2009-102 Ryan Shriner; 2009-110 Riley Wines; 2009-123 Charles Shriner 4th; 2010-95 Neil Shriner 3rd; and 2010-116 Ryan Shriner.

82. David Drennen – 1993-83 1994-102 Wirt County Middle. David won three State High School titles and was voted the States Outstanding Wrestler in the AA-A State Tournament in 1998. In the Wood County League Tournament, David finished 4th in 1993 losing to Edison's Ryan Frazier with a 11-1 major in the opening round then again to Frazier in the consolation finals on a 7-3 decision. In 1994 he finished 3rd defeating Blennerhassett's Josh Dearth with a 6-4 decision in the consolation finals after being pinned by Williamstown's Brian Jones in 1:24 during the semi-finals. In High School, David won three state titles and a third place finish his freshmen year. His freshman defeat came by disqualification at 103 pounds in the second round to Shady Springs' John Pilkington, who he later came back to beat in the consolation finals on a 17-2 tech fall. David's state titles came against: 1996-112 pinned Andrew Richards, South Harrison 3:07; 1997-125 decision Shaun Dunn, Parkersburg Catholic 1-0; and 1998-160 decision Adam Blevins, Iaeger 3-2 and was voted Outstanding Wrestler.

83. Jason Johnson – 1993-102 1994-116 1995-128 Edison Jr. High. Jason won two County Jr. High Titles before winning three High School State titles at South. Jason was County Runner-up his seventh grade year losing the county finals to Blennerhassett's Jeremy Sandy by tech fall 17-2. Jason won his first county title against the Bobcats' Brent Payne with a pin in 54 seconds in 1994. As a ninth grader Jason defeated Belpre's Jerrod File with a second period pin in 38 seconds. Jason was also voted the County's Outstanding Wrestler that year in a tie with the Bobcat's Brent Payne. In High School, Jason was voted the State Tournament's Outstanding Wrestler as a Sophomore when he upset State Champion Rashaan Bates of Fairmont Senior in a pin of 3:50 for the 140 pound title. Jason defeated Cabell Midland's Jason Ward in 1997, defending his 140 pound title with a 2-0 decision. In 1998, Jason won the Dutton Award after his third state title winning the 145 pound class with a 5-4 decision over Ripley's Mike Hosaflook.

84. Bob Moore – 1993 Coach Edison Jr. High. Bob Moore has coached in the Wood County area for 18 years for Edison Jr. High and Parkersburg South. In 1993 he took over head coaching duties for Edison and set two county records in his five year tenure. With Coach Steve D'Angelo title in 1992, Coach Moore's 1996 team won the school's fifth consecutive title and broke a 30 year record held by Jackson Jr. High for most consecutive titles by one team. Jackson Jr. High had won four titles from 1962 to 1965. The following year in 1997, Coach Moore won his fifth title and broke Franklin's Dan Clevenger and Blennerhassett's Bob Miller record of four titles by a coach. Edison won another title in 1998 under the leadership of Marvin Pickens for their record setting seven consecutive titles by one school. Coach Moore has been involved with 12 Championship Teams, 14 Regular Season Champions and 85 Individual County Champions. He was the first lay coach in the county to win a title and credits Mike Litton of the Parkersburg Cougars Club Team for influencing him while an assistant from 1981-83. Before returning to Wood County, Bob coached at Greenwood Middle and Whiteland High School in Indiana from 1972-74. He helped Steve Key start a pee-wee program at Herbert Hoover in 1976 and helped Sissonville start a pee-wee program in 1977 with Larry Shamblin and Steve Angel. He also officiated from 1973-92. Members of Coach Moore's 1997 record breaking fifth title were: 75 Justin Conley 1st; 83 Jeremy Layner 2nd; 90 John Duncan 1st; 95 J.J. Schmitt 1st; 102 Nathan Pickens 1st; 110 Matt Mulinex 1st; 116 Josh Cross 1st; 123 James Eddy 2nd; 128 Keith Pratt 1st; 135 Casey Daggett 4th; 145 Ben Smith 3rd; 155 Jesse Barton 3rd; 165 Josh Shamblin 4th and HWT John Bosley 2nd.

85. Mike Miller – 1994-83 Wirt Middle School. Before his four State High School titles, Mike finished in third place at the 1994 County Championship with a technical fall over Blennerhassett's Adam Munson in the consolation finals. He was defeated in the semi-finals by Williamstown's Zac Johnson on a 10-6 decision. Wirt County did not participate in the league championship during Mike's seventh grade year. In High School, Mike claimed four individual state titles, was awarded the Outstanding Wrestler at 1999 State Championship and was voted the Dutton Award winner that same year. Mike state titles came against: 1996-103 major decision Jason Allard, Independence 11-2; 1997-119 decision Jason Jones, Oak Glen 8-2; 1998-125 decision Matthew Valles, Weir 2-1; and 1999-140 decision Jeff Hughes, Cameron 8-2. Mike is currently an official with the Ohio-West Virginia Board..

86. Richard Ogden – 1995-165 Belpre Middle School. Richard became Belpre's first league champion in 1995 when he won the 165 pound title against VanDevender's Rick DeBerry with a second period pin. In ten years of league competition Belpre had 36 league placers. They were: 1993-102 Gene McDonald 4th; 1993-123 Keith Ackerman 3rd; 1993-135 Tim Grimm 3rd; 1993-167 J.R. Bailey 4th, 1993-HWT Robbie Alloway 4th; 1994-123 Mike Kanitz 3rd; 1994-Matt Sowards 3rd; 1994-145 Steve Cox 4th; 1995-90 Josh Gibson 3rd; 1995-128 Jerrod File 2nd; 1995-145 Justin Wright 3rd; 1995-155 Chris Pierce 4th; 1996-83 Brad Dotson 3rd; 1996-95 Matt Locke; 1996-102 Scott Henthorne 4th; 1996-110 Josh Gibson 3rd; 1996-116 Josh McDonald 2nd; 1996-128 Mitch Gates 4th; 1996-155 Chris Pierce 2nd; 1997-116 Jesse Kanitz 3rd; 1998-102 Travis Gates 3rd; 1998-123 Jesse Osburn 3rd; 2000-75 Eric Gates 3rd; 2000-90 Jake Deal 3rd; 2000-190 Jerrod Jones 4th; 2001-80 Kyle Herwald 4th; 2001-85 Chris Reyes 4th; 2001-155 Eric VanFossen 4th; 2001-165 Jeff Wettengel 2nd; 2001-190 Kevin Cox 3rd; 2002-75 Ryan Taylor 4th; 2002-95 Chris Reyes 3rd; 2002-125 Greg Joy 4th and 2002-135 Josh Harvey 4th 100 lbs.

87. Kim Trusty – 1995-110 1996-116 Jackson Jr. High. Kim made county history when she defeated Belpre's Josh McDaniel with a 7-0 decision for the 1996 116 pound title to become the county's first female champion. She had finished the preceding year undefeated and seeded number one in the 1995 tournament but lost a decision in the semi-finals to VanDevender's Gary Hanes. She preceded her Jr. High titles with two County Recreation Titles. She had previously won the 81 pound title in 1993 and the 76 pound title in 1994 for Vienna Recreation. She remains the only girl champion in the Wood County League Jr. High-Middle School history.

88. Erica Dye – 1998-75 Wirt County Middle School. After winning the WSAZ Championship in 1998, Erica was top seed and favored to win the Wood County Championship in 1998 when illness caused her to forfeit the finals. Her win at the county would have been the first for Wirt County and the second girls' title. She went on to a stellar High School career with 100-21 record. She was a two time LKC and Regional Champion and finished fourth place at the state tournament in 2001 and was state runnerup in 2002. Erica was a five time National Champion which includes the 2000 Women's FILA Cadet National Championships. Erica was a five time place winner at the United States Girls Wrestling Association National Championship and finished as runner-up twice to Saginaw Michigan's Gina Heinzelmann, with the 2002 title lost on a 4-4 overtime decision. Erica finished in fourth place at the Junior World Championship in Switzerland and won the gold medal in 2001 at the Klippan Lady Open in Klippan Swedan. Erica had qualified for the Junior World Championship in Istanbul, Turkey but did not attend due to political unrest.

89. Zach Taylor – 1998-83 Wirt County Middle School. Zach became Wirt County's first league champion when he claimed the 83 pound title against in 1998 against Williamstown's Casey Biddle with a 9-2 decision. Wirt County has claimed seven league champions in 13 years of participation in the tournament. Their other league champions are: 2000-110 Matt Dye; 2000-155 Jeremy Lott; 2003-145 Josh Schrader; 2004-145 Matt Littleton; 2006-78 Drew Smith and 2010-123 Jake Linville.

90. Nathan Pickens – 1997-102 1998-123 1999-135 Edison Jr. High. Nathan was the 17th wrestler to win three Jr. High County titles. His first title was won against Williamstown's Tim Haddox with a 5-4 decision for the 102 pound title in 1997. His next two titles came against Williamstown's Adam Walk, in 1998 with a second period pin and in 1999 with a pin in 1:32. Nathan finished the 1999 season undefeated and unscored upon with all pins for the year. Nathan won a State high School Championship in 2002 over Huntington's Jason Mays with a pin in 4:32. As a sophomore in 2000 he finished as state runner to Parkersburg's Brandon Williams and in 2001 Nathan lost a 10-9 decision in the semi-finals to defending and repeat champion Adam Schindler of Ripley.