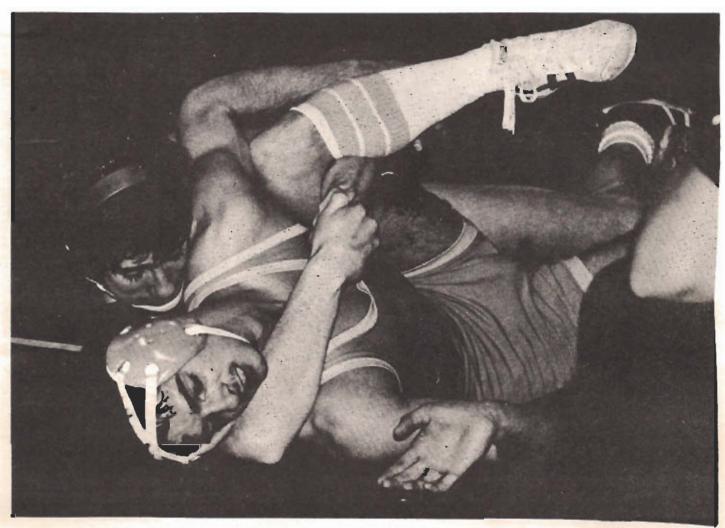
39th Annual



WEST VIRGINIA STATE Wrestling Tournament

WHEELING CIVIC CENTER
Thursday ,Friday, Saturday
February 27, 28, and March 1, 1986

Official Program
\$2.00

CITY OF WHEELING



WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA 26003

Welcome:

On behalf of the City of Wheeling and Wheeling City Council, we welcome all the wrestlers of West Virginia to the City of Wheeling and to the Wheeling Civic Center for the 1986 West Virginia State Wrestling Championships,

We congratulate all of you for your efforts and hard work which have advanced you this far and wish each and every one of you the very best of luck.

We hope that you enjoy your visit to Wheeling and that you will find time to return and visit us again.

Again, congratulations. In our eyes, you are all CHAMPIONS.

Best regards.

William H. Muegge, Mayor John W. Lipphardt, Vice Mayor Clyde A. Thomas L. Lloyd Stenger Stanley J. Woicik Donald McCormick Verner J. Spohn John W. Carenbauer W. Alex Wilson II

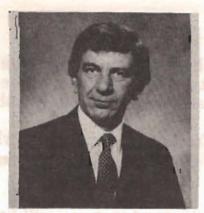


WELCOME

State Tournament participation is certainly the objective of all interscholastic participants. We know the motivation to do well in the spirit of good sportsmanship has prevailed on these fine athletes or they would not be representing their school and community in this State Tournament.

We should not forget to thank those individuals who make these type events "first class": coaches, officials, tournament directors, workers, and the many individuals who volunteer their time and talent for our youth.

> Bill Hanlin, Executive Secretary WVSSAC



On behalf of the Board of Appeals of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission it is my pleasure to welcome you to the State Wrestling Tournament.

Your support and involvenient in high school athleties make events such as this possible. Many student athletes will have an opportunity to enrich their lives and extend their educational and athletic opportunities because of your support.

Those involved in the preparations and planning of events such as this contribute many hours of hard work for the enjoyment and advancement of athletics. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for this labor of love.

We would especially like to thank the fans, the schools, and communities for their support throughout the season. Without this support these student athletes could not have achieved this pinnacle of success.

Vincent Paoletti President WVSSAC

West Virginia
Secondary School Activities Commission
Board of Appeals



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INFORMATION

WHEELING CIVIC CENTER - FEBRUARY 27, 28 MARCH 1, 1986

1st Session Thursday, February 27 8 mats (A-AA) AAA First Round Championship

6:30 p.m. (3½ hours) 192 matches

2nd Session Friday, February 28 8 mats 12:00 noon (5 hours)
(A-AA) AAAQuarter Final Championship Round 96 matches
1st and 2nd Round Consolation 192 matches
1st Round Consolations will be wrestlers simultaneous with Championship Quarter Final matches.

3rd Session Friday, February 28 8 mats 8:00 p.m. (1½ hours)
(A-AA) AAA Semifinals Championship Matches 4 mats Center 48 matches
3rd Round Consolation Matches 1st Round 4 mats 48 matches
3rd Round Consolation will be wrestled simultaneous with the Championship
Semifinal matches

4th Session Saturday, March 1 4 mats 1:00 p.m. (3½ hours)
(A-AA) AAA Semifinal Consolation Round 48 matches
(A-AA) AAA Consolation for 3rd and 5th places 48 matches

5th Session Saturday, March 1 2 mats (A-AA) AAA Championship Finals 6:30 p.m. (2½ hours)

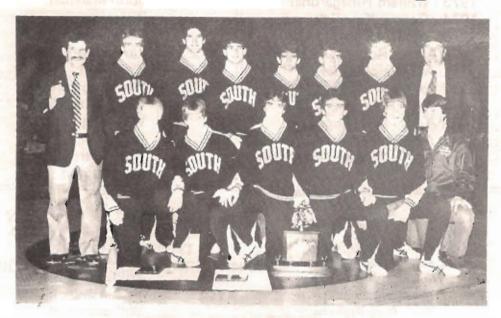
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MAT SET-UP COORDINATOR Eric Carder and Crew Wheeling Park High School	
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MAT SUPERVISORS Dick Cameron	
Pat Doyle	
Gene Monteleone Bridge Street Junior Ken Steiner Wheeling Park High	
Ron White	
ON DECK SUPERVISORS	
Larry Shank West Liberty State College	
Dr. Vince Monseau West Liberty State College	
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AAA Warm-Up Area	
Fred Tweedle John Marshall High School Ed Watkins Brooke High School AA-A Warm-Up Area Bob Butts Flushing Junior High School Mickey Duffey Wheeling Central	
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SCORE TABLES	
Jules Adams Oak Glen High School	
Bill Donohew Warwood Junior High	
Jim Rodgers	
Tom Wood	
Bob Straight Cameron	
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BOUT SHEETS Bill Valko John Marshall High School Andrew Bartolovich John Marshall High School Mike Hince John Marshall High School Gary Davis Beallsville High School
WALL CHARTS Chris Carder
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WITHOUT THESE VOLUNTEERS, IT COULDN'T BE DONE!

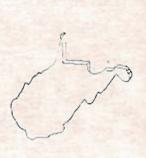
Parkersburg South 1985 AAA Team Champions



St. Marys 1985 AA Team Champions



1985 AAA State Champions





Front Row (Lt. to Rt.): 98 - Rick Davis, East Bank; 105 - Allen Masters, North Marion; 112 - Dave Miller, Parkersburg South; 119 - Gary Porter, Parkersburg South; 126 - Billy Simon, Ripley; 132 - Darren Moore, Parkersburg South.

Back Row (Lt. to Rt.): 138 - John McIntyre, Parkersburg; 145 - Mike Knox, John Marshall; 155 - Mike Lantl, Parkersburg; 167 - Marvin Lawson, Woodrow Wilson; 185 - Jim Lamb, Fairmont Senior; HWT. - Frank Jezioro, Fairmont Senior.

1985 AA State Champions





Front Row (Lt. to Rt.): 98 - Mike Wells, Williamstown; 105 - Denny McMillion, Shady Spring; 112 - Jon Bain, Wirt; 119 - Lester Hughart, St. Marys.

Middle Row (Lt. to Rt.): 126 - Dave Hinerman, Cameron; 132 - Rich Greathouse, Spencer; 138 - Ron Trowbridge, Cameron; 145 - Ken King, Mullens.

Back Row (Lt. to Rt.): 155 - Larry Childers, St. Marys; 167 - Tom Schindler, Ravenswood; 185 - Rich Cokeley, Harrisville; HWT. - Steve Hescht, Williamstown.

"Bill Van Horne-A Patron of the Mats"

by Bill Welker, Wrestling Columnist
Wheeling News-Register * Steubenville Herald-Star * East Liverpool Evening Review
1981 and 1985 West Virginia Wrestling Sportswriter of the Year

William Frederick (Bill) Van Horne was born on March 9, 1921 in Martins Ferry, Ohio. He was the son of James F. and Adria McGlumphy Van Horne. Bill graduated from Martins Ferry High School in 1939 and then furthered his education at the National Journalism Institute of Northwestern University (Evanston, IL) on an academic scholarship.

Bill Van Horne began his brilliant career in writing as the Sports Editor for the TIMES-LEADER at Martins Ferry in 1941. After 25 years of service to the newspaper, Van Horne relocated to the WHEELING NEWS-REGISTER, again

taking on the responsibilities of Sports Editor, in 1966.

In a sense, Bill Van Horne (always a sports editor) has never been "demoted or promoted" during his 44-year marriage to the fourth estate. Still, Van Horne's selfless contributions to the sports world through his reportorial skills, integrity, fairness, and insatiable desire to search for knowlegde takes him far beyond being just another sports writer. The biographical sketch that follows will vividly



demonstrate how much Bill Van Horne has given of himself to Ohio Valley Sports for over four decades.

To begin with, during the late 1949's and early 1950's Bill Van Horne broadcast play-by-play accounts of local football and basketball games on WTRF Radio (now WOMP). Furthermore, for five years Bill hosted the "Saturday Sports Page of the Year Show" on the same station. Likewise, he announced numerous OVAC and District Wrestling tournaments and also served as official scorekeeper for these events.

Now note: Bill Van Horne personally took charge of running the TIMES-LEADER Baseball League for 20 years. He was the orginator of the "All Ohio Valley Track and Field Team" and has been selecting it since 1943. His end of the year "Thanks for the memories" column in the SUNDAY NEWS-REGISTER has received statewide recognition. Moreover, in 1978 Bill sponsored and has always edited N-R's weekly "Mat Talk" series, which is the first sports column devoted exclusively to wrestling in the Mountain State.

Needless to say, Bill Van Horne has received accolades of alpine proportions during his illustrious tenure as

a sports scribe. Some of the more prestigious awards and honors include;

*1972 WEST VIRGINIA SPORTSWRITER OF THE YEAR AWARD

*MR. MAT AWARD FROM THE OHIO VALLEY WRESTLING COACHES ASSOCIATION

*GENE MOREHOUSE MEMORIAL AWARD FOR CONTRIBUTIONS IN SPORTS WRITING THROUGHOUT WEST VIRGINIA

*HONORARY CHAIRMAN OF THE 14TH ANNUAL UPPER OHIO VALLEY DAPPER DAN CHARITY

SPORTS AWARD BANQUET

*CHAIRMAN'S AWARD FOR THE ELBY'S DISTANCE RACE

*TWO-TIME WEST VIRGINIA WRESTLING SPORTSWRITER OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER

*R.S' McKELVEY MEMORIAL AWARD FROM THE UPPER OHIO VALLEY DAPPER DAN CLUB

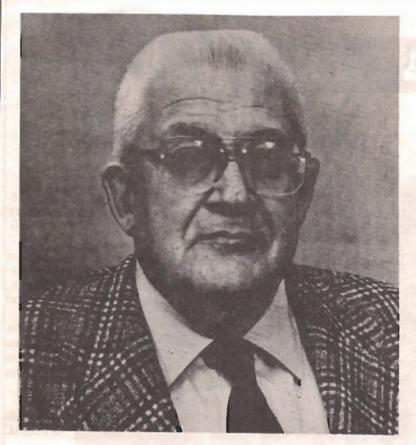
*CALVIN GIFFIN TRACK AWARD

Throughout his sportswriting career, Bill Van Horne greatly valued the close friendships he has nurtured with athletic personalities on the local and national scenes. His most notable acquaintances include Joe and Phil Niekro, John Havilcek, Lou Groza, Tom Keane, Fred Bruney, Bill Mazeroski, and Bobby Douglas — two time Olympic Wrestler.

Even vacation time finds Bill Van Horne taking in a few sporting events. Further, he has a high interest in the performing arts, which includes the theater and symphony orchestra concerts. Bill reads constantly and is a walking encyclopedia of athletic memorabilia. Likewise, Van Horne has always prompted his journalistic associ-

ates to learn to spell, use the dictionary, and never stop seeking insights on sports at all levels.

Yes, Bill Van Horne's dedication to Ohio Valley athletics has traversed almost half a century — and because of his close associations and affection for the sport of wrestling, Bill Van Horne can truly be dubbed — "A Patron of the Mats."



A Tribute to Jim Snyder

By Ross Snyder

Of The Parkersburg News

Just one mention of the word

"wrestling" turns Jim Snyder's memory into motion.

After covering the sport for more than 20 years, the former Sports Editor of The Parkersburg News loves to reminisce about the great wrestlers he watched and the valued friendships he developed during years and years of association with wrestling in the state of West Vir-

"Back in the 1950s, I was the only newspaperman at the state wrestling tournament," Snyder said. "I remember covering the tournament in Morgantown when the number of participants exceeded the number

"They moved the tournament down to Parkersburg in the early 1960s and we started to pick-up coverage from the Charleston papers. Also, Bill Van Horne moved over to Wheeling from Martins Ferry (Ohio) and he was instrumental in developing coverage in the northern part of the state.

"As far as modern day coverage goes, I'd have to say that Carroll Jett is by far the best wrestling writer and also the most interested in it.

Snyder's love of wrestling grew because of the individual aspect of the sport.

"I just enjoyed the man-to-man thing," he said. "When that match starts, it's you against the other guy and there's no one else to bail you

"It's a fascinating sport," Snyder

added. "I've seen some outstanding athletes and mel some dandy coaches in my day.

Snyder's compassion for wrestling was enhanced by the many outstanding coaches he was fortunate enough to be associated with in the Mid-Ohio

"I was always very fortunate to have guys like Bob Dulton to work with." Snyder said. "What a superb job he did! He's probably had more individual champions than anyone in

And Rod Oldham, as a coach and individual, was unbeatable. I first met Oldham through football when I heard this growling outside and it turned out to be this bald-headed guy who sounded like a drill instructor. DI (short for drill instructor) is what I've called him ever since.

Snyder added, "I don't think I've ever seen anyone get as much out of kids as Dutton and Oldham; they're

very much alike in that respect.

"Their kids respected them, and because of that respect, gave 110 percent all the time. If there's such a thing as here-worshipping among students and coaches, that's what they had."

According to Snyder, wrestling in and around the Parkersburg area has been successful because of the dedication among coaches from the Pee Wee ranks all the way through the high schools.

We have fine Pee Wee programs here and also good junior high wres-tling. The interest in wrestling is unbelievable, it's like a religion to some people."

Snyder added, "I was blessed during the time I was covering wrestling because we've always had good wrestling in the area."

Among the names that popped into Snyder's head when asked to remember the best wrestlers he had wit-nessed were: Larry Dupuy (3-time state champion at Charles Town) and leammate Vince Bracciale (who later became a jockey); Parkers-burg's George 'Pancho' Nedeff (who won a state title as a junior and then lost in overtime as a senior); Jimmy Mattern (state champ in 1958-59); Joe Handlan Jr. (who replaced Dutton as wrestling coach at PHS); Pat Riggs (138-pound champ in 1968); Daniel 'Buddy' James (currently the football coach at his alma mater) and Paul Hoblitzell (who captured the heavyweight title in 1957 despite never weighing more than 167 nounds).

Among team accomplishments, Snyder cited Wirt County's championship in 1968 as one of the more memorable events during his spor-

twriting tenure.

"I remember that Wirt County was the smallest sehool to ever win a state championship. They didn't have any outstanding wrestlers (no indi-vidual champions), but they had enough quality to win it before the finals even started."

Snyder, 57, covered sports from 1951-1972. Since that time he has served as City Editor of The Parkersburg News.

A TRIBUTE TO





WHEREAS, Mr. Sam Williams has served the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission as Assistant Executive Secretary and Executive Secretary from July 1, 1968, to December 31, 1985 and

WHEREAS, throughout his service to the Commission, he did diligently strive to promote the welfare and interest of the Commission, and in his professional relationships has been fair, honest, courageous and wise in performing his duties in the spirit of good sportsmanship and justice.

sportsmanship and justice.
THEREFORE Be It Resolved That, the Board of Appeals of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission expresses its greatest appreciation for the outstanding service Sam Williams has rendered for the Commission and extends to him its very best wishes for continued health and happiness.

Board of Appeals WVSSAC

Rod Oldham

"A Master of the Mats"

Head Wrestling Coach

Parkersburg South High School

(1968-1985)

ROD'S RECORDS

West Virginia State Championships: 4

Consecutive State Championships: 3 (1983-85)

(ties state record)

Regional Team Championships: 7
Dual Record, 1968-1985: 185-21-2
Consecutive Dual Wins: 68 (state record)
Tournament Team Championships: 41
Individual State Champions: 30
Individual Regional Champions: 58
High School All-Americans: 7

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

1985 — Won third straight state title (192 pts.) 1984 — Won second straight state title (142 pts.)

1983 — Won state title (177 pts.) 1975 — Won first state title (96½ pts.)

1968 - First season at South

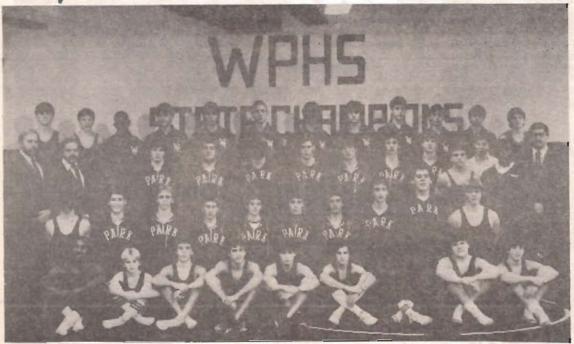
OLDHAM'S HONOR ROLL

State Champions
Mike Deem (1971), Dan Clevenger (1971), Jim Weatherholt (1973, 74, 75),
Steve Bosley (1973, 74), Brad Dornick (1975, 76, 77), Pat Sole (1976-78), Gig
Dornick (1978), Dan Underwood (1978), Roger Hite (1979), Dave Rittenhouse
(1980), Rick Hite (1980), Keith Underwood (1980), Rich Underwood (1981,
82, 83), Darren Moore (1983, 84, 85), Jerry Wright (1983), Dave Miller (1984,
85), Ed Porter (1984), Lee Rhodes (1984), Gary Porter (1985)





WRESTLING



Good Luck Patriots
Colors: Red, White and Blue

Nickname: Patriots
Principal: Phillis Beneke
Athletic Director: Eric Carder

Coaches: Buzz Evans, Steve Shaffer, Rich Shane, Jim Copney

Booster Club Officers:

President Dick Cameron; Vice President Dick Maidens & Bob Dunley; Treasurer Harlene Carroll; Secretary Eleanor White

Good Luck
Wheeling Park Wrestlers
in the
1986 WV State Wrestling Championships
Compliments of
Wheeling Park Wrestling Parents

