

FRED MALOLEY



I began wrestling in the fifth grade for Dick and Bob Tallon. Since then, I've been personally influenced by several people and coaches. I truly believe that is one of the main reasons I turned out to be who I am today.

I became involved in coaching in the Lexington Wrestling Club run by Richard Brown. He came to me when I was a junior in high school and said, "Fred you know more wrestling now than I'll ever know, would you be interested in helping coach the kids club." I think he was smooching me to get me to help, it worked.

Over the next few years I realized what coaching wrestling had given me in confidence, success, opportunity, work ethic and many other attributes. I wanted to give that to every kid I could. As far as I'm concerned there is no other sport around that can teach an individual more about life itself than wrestling.

I feel my greatest accomplishments as coach are not the many state champions over 28 years in club wrestling and more importantly high school wrestling, but instead are all the great kids from all walks of life, troubled kids to just your average Joe and to see them become positive young adults. I don't believe some coaches realize just what kind of an impact they have on kids lives because they are so caught up in how it impacts themselves first. The KIDS come first.

I was a two time state place winner at 98 lbs and state champion at 112 lbs, wow that was a lot of pounds ago, at Lexington high school. I wrestled on a state foreign exchange team that toured Europe, and also wrestled on a Jr. olympic team where I was the only high school wrestler, the rest of my teammates were on college teams all over the United States. I signed on to wrestle at UNL, but family and farming and coaching wrestling became a priority in my life. My own accomplishments in the sport went to the backburner and just didn't seem as important as where I think God was leading me to go.

I got married to the most wonderful young woman Pam and we had three of the greatest kids, Tasha, Stephanie, and Neal [MY BOY] and two grandchildren and one on the way. They are the lights of my life. You couldn't ask for three better kids, the way they understood, embraced and involved themselves in what I was doing, and the time that I was spending away from them so I could do what I loved. That also includes my wife, who's been married to me for 30 years this September. I could have never done this all these years without the love and support of this sweet woman, who by the way was a state champion in basketball. We love going together to watch all the wrestling events near by including college. Hey what can I say wrestling just has that affect on anyone that experiences it.

I became involved in Huskerland the second year of its conception, and became a state director the following year, and was a director till 2005. I was involved in many aspects throughout the years. Being the only state director in the western part of the state for many years, I stayed fairly busy answering questions and starting new clubs. One of the best things being a state director was helping put on the state huskerland tournament. Except for not having the time to coach my kids wrestling in the tournament, I enjoyed the many years I did the awards and medals.

I also coached the Lexington wrestling club where we were a top 5 or top 10 team several years, and had several years we brought the most kids to the state meet. I also coached with Lexington High School from 1990 to 2004 where I also personally wrestled under Jerry Langdon and John Higgins my second dad. Oh by the way did I tell you that I bleed orange and black. I would also like to mention Tom McCann who was a big influence on my life at that time also and who I consider bar none the best coach that's done more for wrestling in this state than anyone I know.

What a great privilege it's been for me to have had this experience in participating and coaching so many young champions in the greatest sport ever, Wrestling. Whether it be the state champions or the ones who worked there butts off to win one match. I hope that I have given something to all I have been involved with, like I give to all the credit to all the people that influenced me that I am here receiving this acknowledgement here today.

Last but not least I would like to thank GOD, my MOM and DAD and my family who are the greatest influences in my life.

Thank You to everyone Fred Maloley

CONGRATULATIONS

2009 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

SCOTT & BRENDA WIENS

Scott and Brenda Wiens have been involved in the Beatrice Wrestling Club since 1984. Their twenty plus years of involvement in the club allowed them to reach many different people. The positive impact they made on the youth wrestlers and parents involved in the Beatrice Wrestling Club stretches very far and wide. Their influence on BWC will carry on for many years to come.

Scott was an Alumni of Beatrice High School where he was a state medalist in 1978 at 105 lbs in Class A. His passion for the sport started at an early age when he competed in AAU meets across the state of Nebraska. He and his younger brother Shawn who is currently BWC Board President grew up on a farm and found the sport much safer than the living room brawls or the feed lot yards.

Wrestling for the Wiens family has been a way of life. Together the family has made a great impact on the wrestling community in the city of Beatrice and the State of Nebraska. Scott and his wife Brenda have served on the youth wrestling club board for over twenty years. During that time they have both served in many capacities such as: Board President, Secretary, Treasurer, Head Coach, Camera Technician, Video Technician, Banquet coordinator, Promoter, Concession stand director, Tournament director, Awards, and host of other duties.

The Wiens family were apart of many of the Huskerland Tournaments with son Josh competing in the 80's and sons Jarrod and Andrew competing in the 90's. All three boys went on to be outstanding high school wrestlers. They each served as captains for their respective teams and together they qualified for ten Nebraska State High School Tournaments and eight state medals. Jarrod and Andrew currently compete for Hastings College where both qualified for the NAIA National Tournament in 2008.

Todd Fentress, Head Wrestling Coach, Beatrice High School

We are honored to accept this induction into the Huskerland Hall of Fame, however there are truly many more deserving individuals/families. Youth wrestling has provided us with countless memories, cherished friendships and opportunities for our sons. Thanks to Coach Fentress for this nomination, his passion and dedication to the sport, and for all his support and mentoring throughout the years.

DAVE ETHERTON

I started my wrestling career at Marysville High School in Marysville, Kansas in the early 1970s. After high school, I wrestled in community college and also wrestled a year on the Kansas State University wrestling team, the year before they dropped their wrestling program. I had a very good high school coach and learned early the importance of quality coaching. I fell in love with the sport and wanted to give something back to it, so I helped start the Marysville Kids Wrestling Club in the 1970s and was one of their coaches for about 3 years. I relocated to Lincoln and was away from coaching for a few years but occasionally wrestled in tournaments until the age of 35.

I have two sons, Ryan and Drew who when they started school, they got involved in several sports. I didn't push my sons to wrestle, but told them if they ever wanted to try it, that I could help them more with that sport than any other. When Ryan was in second grade, he decided he wanted to try wrestling. I took Ryan to Lincoln Wrestling Club and became a volunteer coach in 1995. Drew started wrestling the next year. Ryan and Drew both wrestled for Lincoln East High School and they currently are both members of the University of Nebraska at Kearney wrestling team.

This season make the 15th season as a coach at Lincoln Wrestling Club. Combined with the years coaching with the Marysville Wrestling Club and LWC, I have been coaching youth wrestling for 28 years. I believe wrestling builds character and I enjoy helping kids learn new moves and improve their wrestling skills.

Thanks to Nebraska youth wrestling for this honor.

STEVE PALMER

Steve began wrestling in the 4th grade, following his brothers into the sport. He was a successful wrestler through elementary and jr. high. In high school, he was a varsity starter at Lincoln East every year and qualified for State in his Jr. and Sr. year. While in high school, noticed many of his teammates had never been on a mat before the 9th grade and had a disadvantage due to a lack of experience. Steve began helping at Lincoln Wrestling Club 13 years ago when his son Josh was in 1st grade. Steve developed a friendship with Dave Etherton as assistant coaches. 4 years later, Steve and Dave were approached to become head coaches. Both agreed to become co-head coaches, sharing their knowledge, passion, commitment and love of the sport at LWC.

In the last years we've tried to share our knowledge and more importantly build character both on and off the mat. It is exciting to see kids continue to have success at their various high schools but are prouder when the kids maintain their character and become successful productive and positive adults in their post high school levels.

The friendships and relationships developed throughout the wrestling community are priceless. We appreciate the trust and support from the partners that entrust us with their children to develop them into young adults of character through wrestling.

Thank you to the Huskerland Board and to LWC for this recognition. A special thank you to our families for sacrificing family time and supporting us through the years.

