

District IX

Chapter of the Pennsylvania Wrestling Coaches Association (PWCA)

Wrestling Hall of Fame

2009 District IX Hall of Fame Inductees

ROBERT BADER(Wrestler)

Bob was a 1939 Dubois graduate. While competing for the Beavers he was a 2X District 6/9 Champion 1938, 39 at 155 and 165, and a State Champion at 165 in 1939.

JASON GILLIGAN(Wrestler)

Jason was a 1999 graduate from Brookville High School. While competing for the Brookville Raiders Jason amassed an overall record of 118 wins and 23 losses. He was a 4X District Champion 1996-1999 at 130, 135, 140, 145. A Regional Champion in 1999 at 145, a 2x State Place Winner 1997, 98, 135 (3rd), 140 (3rd), respectively, and a State Champion in 1999 at 145. Jason attended Lock Haven University where he was a 3x NCAA Division I National Qualifier. Jason credits his success and gives sincere thanks to his father Jerry and Hall of Famer Coach (2000)Lenny Ferraro. Jason currently resides in Allentown, PA.

WILLIAM THOMSON(Wrestler)

As a sophomore he was not only undefeated he was also not scored upon while winning the State Title at 95 lbs in 1943. His overall record was 15-2 with both losses during his freshman year. He had a 14 meet winning streak including the first match of his junior year before a heart condition, with the doctor's advice, ended his career. William entered the Navy until the end of the war. He wrestled a few times for the Clearfield YMCA during the 1950's. At the time of his death in 1979 he was a district engineer for Penelec in Clearfield.

DEAN SEESE(Wrestler)

Dean was a two time District 6-9 Champ having won titles in 1951 at 103 and 1953 at 120. He was also a two time Regional Champ the same years. His road to the State Championship his senior year in 1953 at 120 lbs was one that was talked about for years. In the state finals he met up with Ed Perry from Shaler Twp. (son of the University of Pittsburgh's head wrestling coach) Perry was a returning two time State Champ and undefeated and having never lost a match in his career. Seese won the match in overtime by a referee's decision after a 2-2 tie. Dean joined the Navy and won the All Service Title. While in the service he tried out for the Olympic team. There again in the finals he met up with Ed Perry. He defeated Perry again to make the team but, later in practice suffered a broken foot which ended his wrestling career in the service. He later wrestled for the Clearfield YMCA. Dean is now retired after having a long career with Babcock and Wilcox.

PAUL SWALES(Wrestler)

Paul was a two time District 6-9 Champ. In 1945, his junior year he lost in the State Finals to Robert Miller at 120 lbs by a 5-3 score. His senior year 1946 he won the State Title at 127 lbs. in overtime by referee's decision after a 1-1, 0-0 tie. Paul's overall record is 30-7-1. That same year Paul won the Allegany Mountain Association Championship at 135 lbs. while wrestling for the Clearfield YMCA. Paul continued to wrestle for the YMCA through 1950 until he joined the Army and was in the Korean War. In 1990, after working for Kurtz Bros. in Clearfield for 46 years he retired. He now enjoys making and selling oak patio furniture in his wood shop

GILBERT MAUIRO(Referee/Contributor)

Gil was a PIAA referee for over 25 years. During that 25+ year period he refereed at all the levels of competition, J.O.s to Varsity. He refereed multiple PIAA District and Regional Tournaments spanning from 1989-2000, and in 1999 and 2000 he refereed the PIAA Championships in Hershey. The District IX Coaches Association thank and honor you for your years of service to the District IX wrestling community. Gil and his wife Brenda reside in Meridian, Idaho with their youngest of 7 children Carley and Savannah. Gil is an Industry Relations Manager at Northwest Lineman College