



...On Youth Coaches with the Right Philosophy

By William Welker

I have always been impressed with those youth sports coaches who have done the "right thing for all the right reasons." Today's column pays tribute to all such dedicated mentors by spotlighting two individuals I have personally had the opportunity to observe -- wrestling's

Donnie Bauer and baseball's Dan Taylor.

Let's begin with Coach Donnie Bauer. I have known Donnie since the early '70s as a very enthusiastic youth wrestling coach. He was one of the founding coaches of the Greater Wheeling Smallfry Wrestling League which was initiated in 1977 -- an

organization that is still in operation.

An all-state wrestler for old Wheeling High School, Donnie Bauer has coached at every level of the game -- from youth to high school wrestling. Presently, Bauer is assistant coach at Wheeling Park High School. A teacher of fundamentals and