



2004 Photographer-of-the-Year Award

 MAGAZINE

Robert Preston New Jersey

Robert Preston from Hampton, New Jersey, has been an amateur photographer covering the sport of wrestling for the better part of the last eight years. As a former midget coach in the North Hunterdon, New Jersey Wrestling Club, Rob began taking pictures as a hobby for the NHWC Grade School Team. As his son, Robbie moved up to Blair Academy and then onto Harvard, Rob continued his hobby shooting many of the major high school folkstyle and freestyle events as well as some college events. Rob continues to follow his Robbie's career, in pictures, at Harvard, as well as his second son, Todd, who is a fifth grader in the North Hunterdon and Red Hawk Wrestling Clubs.

Most will agree that it is an honor to participate in and be associated with the great sport of wrestling. The hard work, determination and dedication of our wrestlers captured in pho-



tography is a living testament to what is precious in our youth. Wrestling photog-

raphy affords the photographer an opportunity to be involved in a great hobby, to be close to these wonderful athletes and to enjoy, mat-side, the best seats in the house! Great pictures also capture a moment in time that passes so quickly. From the movie *Gladiator*, "What we do in life..... echoes in eternity!". Photography assures this.

Action wrestling photos have been seen on the cover and in the content of *Wrestling USA Magazine*, *USA Today* newspaper, *Disney Wide World of Sports* brochure, Steve Knight's book "Winning State-Wrestling", and on the Blair Academy, InterMat and NHSCA Websites.

Rob uses a Nikon D1X-5.7 megapixel body with an 80-200/2.8 Nikor lens and an SB-28D speed-light for digital photos. For film, a Nikon F5 body with a Nikor 300/2.8 and a SB-26 speed-light is used. Copies of photos used in *Wrestling USA Magazine* may be obtained by contacting Rob Preston at Robert.Preston@mancel.com.

