



# Wrestling USA

## 1998 State Editor Of The Year

### Archie Randall - Oklahoma

**A**rchie Randall is currently the head wrestling coach and teacher at El Reno High School, El Reno, Oklahoma. He teaches Psychology, coaches football, and is the Assistant Athletic Director. He has been a state editor since 1993. He began sending information to *Wrestling USA Magazine* because he felt that Oklahoma is one of the top wrestling states in the nation and was not getting the recognition they deserved. He began his wrestling career at Andress High School in El Paso, Texas. The first day of wrestling practice was the most influential in his career. On that first day, "I can remember Coach Witt walking into the wrestling room and locking the door. I thought it was to keep people from coming in, I soon learned it was to keep us from leaving. At that time I knew that wrestling was the sport for me. I loved the hard work and dedication it took to be a wrestler." Archie has coached or been involved in all levels of wrestling from Kids Programs to College Programs.



As a Kids coach for the Satellite Athletic Association his program had over 150 youth wrestlers involved in the program per year. In his last year he qualified 59 wrestlers in 4 divisions to the Kids State Tournament and won two Division State Titles.

Archie is also the USA Oklahoma State Chairman. He has served as the State Chairman from 1992 to the present. In this capacity, he has raised competitor and club membership. He has instituted Kids, Cadets, Junior programs, and wrestling training camps. Under his leadership Oklahoma has won 4 USA National Dual Freestyle championships and has been one of the most competitive states in the nation in Freestyle and Greco wrestling. He was named USA

State chairman of the year in 1996, has won the Steve Combs Cup for best State Organization 1995, 1997 and was named Southern Plains developmental coach of the year in 1996.

Both his sons Zachory and Preston have wrestled all their lives. Zachory who wrestled for the University of Oklahoma has graduated with a BS in Psychology and is now attending graduate school at the University of Central Oklahoma. Preston wrestled for the University of Central Oklahoma and is now pursuing a career in electronics. His daughter Heather who eleven is a gymnast and enjoys the one on one competition that gymnastics has to offer.

Archie feels all the success he has had is from the lessons he has learned as a wrestler along with the support of his wife Kathy and family. The lessons learned in wrestling have enabled him the chance for his success. "Wrestling is a sport about life. The hard work, dedication, the determination to win are the same ideals that you need to succeed in life."

Thanks Archie for not only your dedication to the sport of wrestling but for your years of service to *Wrestling USA Magazine* and the state of Oklahoma.

Archie was hired at El Reno High School on the first day of school August 1993. From 1993-to the present time he has accumulated a dual record of 69-6. He has won 3 consecutive Dual State Championships, 3 Individual State Championships, one Dual State Runner-up, and one Academic State Championship. He has produced 14 state champions, 27 state placers, and has had 7 wrestlers named to the Oklahoma All-state Team. His teams have been ranked in the top 10 teams in the nation for the last two years. He has been selected Daily, Oklahoma Big School Coach Of the Year in 1996, 1998, Oklahoma Wrestling Coaches Association Coach of the year 1996, 1998 and has received the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Athletic Association coaches achievement awards in 1995, 96, 97, 98.

As junior high coach at Western Oaks Jr. High from 1987-93, he had a 71-14 dual record. In 1993 Western Oaks won the Jr. High All-state Tournament. He was awarded the All-state Wrestling Association Jr. High Coach of the Year in 1993 and the Oklahoma Coaches Association Jr. High Coach of the Year in 1993.