



Wrestling USA

1998 Sportswriter Of The Year

EDITOR'S NOTE: The criteria for Sportswriter of the Year includes depth of coverage, photo accompaniment, human interest stories, and other factors. Depth of coverage requires that the writer go beyond the simple reporting of results and is able to capture the essence and personality of the sport of wrestling. This is sometimes a difficult task in a media world that places so much emphasis on the high profile sports of football and basketball. It is also a challenge to find the time it takes to write good local sports stories when many newspapers, due to economic considerations, are increasingly dependent upon wire services to provide material. *WUSA MAGAZINE* salutes these writers for their dedication and contributions to our great sport!!

Most people in New England know that in order to win the Massachusetts Division I State Championship the successful team must go through the northern part of the state, specifically the Merrimack Valley. Nine of the last ten Division I state championship teams are from the north. It is no surprise then, that the hotbed of wrestling in the north, Lowell, has claims on the best sportswriters our sport has to offer.

A review of the work of **Carmine Frongillo** of the *Lowell Sun* reveals excellent examples of the criteria on which the honor of Sportswriter of the Year is based. Frongillo's work features human interest stories, color photos, sports section front page and top center placement, and excellent style. He often, when meeting with his editor, suggests feature stories involving wrestling.

Carmine's dedication to the sport reaches a significant number of people...the *Lowell Sun* is an evening newspaper with a circulation of 55,000 that serves the Merrimack Valley of Massachusetts, southern New Hampshire, and portions of central Massachusetts. Frongillo has been a writer for the *Sun* for the past fourteen years. During that time he has been the beat writer for the Boston Bruins as well as providing coverage of the Boston Red Sox, Lowell Spinners minor league baseball team, and school sports in the area.

According to Tom Bartosek, *WUSA MAGAZINE* State Editor, "Carmine brings credibility to his writing. He takes the time to research material and find out about athletes. He seems to really love the sport of wrestling and the people involved in it."

WUSA MAGAZINE salutes Carmine Frongillo for his contributions to the great sport of wrestling!

