



# Wrestling USA

## 1999 Coaches' Wife of the Year

### Mary Davis - Minnesota

**E**ditor's Note: This is always one of our favorite awards. Look behind the scenes in most high school programs and you will find a coaches' wife who serves as part-time mother, assistant coach, and biggest fan. We let the nomination letter do the speaking for this award, but have to edit due to space limitations. The following is an edited version of the letter sent by Scot Davis of Owatonna High School in Minnesota. - Cal Johnson

I would like to nominate the most unselfish, loyal, caring and hardworking individual I have ever known, my wife MARY DAVIS, for the 1999 Coaches' Wife of the Year.

The many successes of being a wrestling coach since 1971 were ultimately enjoyed in 1998 when our Owatonna team won the Minnesota Class AAA State Championship. The team finished with national rankings in several publications. It was a real dream come true!

Last season's successes did not happen overnight. It has been a long process with many sacrifices along the way. When I think about how we finally got to this point I think mostly of my wife. Five teaching/coaching relocations, a fire in which we lost everything we owned, liv-



ing in remote small towns, and enduring the travel necessary during the year as a college coach...yet she has always encouraged me and made the most of our situation.

Over the years she has put up wrestlers overnight, sewn banners, served as treasurer of the Owatonna Wrestling Association (which raised over \$100,000), collected registration fees, been in charge of youth program uniform rental, and helped sell souvenirs. She helps recruit tournament help, and

has helped move, clean, and tape wrestling mats.

Mary never wants recognition, and shys away from any credit due. In fact, I am secretly writing this letter for fear she'd destroy it. Mary brings joy to so many peoples lives, and the success of the many teams I've coached over the years could not have happened without my wives' efforts. I am so proud to say she is my wife!!

*Wrestling USA Magazine* congratulates Mary Davis for a job well done!!

#### COACHES' WIFE OF THE YEAR

##### Honorable Mention

**Lynn Smith**

Brawley Union High School

Brawley, CA

Nominated by Keith Smith



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**Meredith Witulski**

Pius X High School

Lincoln, NE

Nominated by Ted Witulski

