



2002 SPORTSWRITER-OF-THE-YEAR

Paul Adamski

Green Bay News Chronicle, Green Bay, Wisconsin

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 the dedication and contribution to our great sport! – Cal Johnson

The efforts of this year's Sports-writer of the Year have provided the kind of coverage wrestling deserves and have raised the standard for reporters throughout the state of Wisconsin.

Along with being a reporter for the Green Bay News Chronicle, again voted as one of the top sports sections in the state, **PAUL ADAMSKI** contributes to other wrestling media such as The Crossface,



Wisconsin's amateur wrestling newspaper. He has contributed photos to this magazine, including a cover photo in the spring of 2000.

Adamski, who was the runner-up for this award last year, demonstrates a great passion for the sport. In addition to this year's WUSA honor, Paul has been

voted the top wrestling reporter by the Wisconsin Wrestling website and recipient of the Wisconsin Wrestling Coaches' Association Media Award.

Terry Manning, the Pulaski Middle School wrestling coach who nominated Adamski, recently made this observation: "At the 2002 Wisconsin State High School Wrestling Tournament I noticed that when Paul speaks, other reporters listen. There were many times over the weekend that members of the media turned to Paul to confirm a record, check a score, or provide insight into a wrestling situation. The fact that others rely on him says a great deal about Paul's status as a wrestling writer in our state."

Adamski writes insightful columns, in-depth feature stories, and "call it like you see it" analysis articles. He's not afraid to express an educated opinion about controversial situations or rules changes. And throughout all the many column inches of reporting, his work is interesting and well written even to the casual fan.

Wrestling USA Magazine salutes Paul Adamski for his continued commitment to the promotion of our fine sport!

RUNNER-UP

Dave Walters
Free Lance Correspondent
Covers wrestling for
four major newspapers
in central Florida

Nominated by
John Lawton
Florida State Editor

