



## 2002 PHOTOGRAPHER-OF-THE-YEAR

*Jack Stanbro*  
*Binghamton, New York*

**J**ack Stanbro of Binghamton, New York is not your typical photographer. If you have been reading *Wrestling USA Magazine* over the past ten years, you have seen Jack and Sonja Stanbro's photos on the cover and throughout the magazine. They work together as a husband and wife team to cover wrestling from the high school level to the Olympic Games.

Jack is also not your typical high school wrestling coach, he promotes the international style of wrestling by teaching large groups of boys and directing both junior high and junior age level wrestling tournaments. One of his outstanding accomplishments in coaching was to be selected as Freestyle Coach of the United States Junior World Championship Team.

As coach at Lindenhurst High School, where his teams were New York State Section XI champions, five consecutive years, their record totals were 249-27-4 in both varsity and junior varsity competition in the highest calibre competition obtainable.

Jack's personnel record as a wrestler totals 225-13-5, wrestling for Ithaca College and the New York Athletic Club. He won championships at Eastern



A.A.U., Senior Mets, National YMCA, and many lesser tournaments. He was the runner-up in both the NCAA and the

National AAU, and was a member of two U.S. world teams. He is a past president of the Section XI and the Section IV Wrestling Coaches Association, and has a lifetime coaching record of 349 wins, 69 losses and 11 ties.

Jack was an outstanding wrestler at Ithaca College, earning All-American honors in 1960 by finishing second in the nation at 191 pounds. He was an alternate on the 1960 United States Olympic wrestling team.

He coached wrestling for 18 years at Johnson City High School, winning many section and state honors along with serving on several national councils. He also coached United States national teams that toured Japan in 1971, Poland in 1973, and Russia in 1989. Jack is the past-president of the National Wrestling Media Association; the NYS chapter president for the National Wrestling Hall of Fame State Chapters as well as the Northeast co-chairman, with his wife, Sonja, for the Hall of Fame State Chapters.

We appreciate the quality of photos Jack has contributed to *Wrestling USA Magazine* over the years, and his contribution to wrestling.