


  
**2005 SportsWriter-of-the-Year Award**

**Dave Dyer**  
**New England**

**E**ditor's Note: As is the case every year, we regret the fact that we do not have the space to print examples of the works of our SportsWriter-of-the-Year. Nominees for this award are evaluated on a number of factors, the two most important being the quality of writing and the breadth of coverage. What sets our nominees apart from the average sportswriter is the fact that they cover wrestling with passion and sincere interest, not just as another sport. They also cover wrestling in many ways . . . through editorials, columns, and human interest stories as well as the reporting of results. We applaud this year's nominees for the significant contributions they have made to the sport of wrestling in their communities. - Cal

Wrestling USA Magazine Massachusetts state editor Tom Bartosek began receiving suggestions about a "SportsWriter-of-the-Year" candidate early in the year. As the season progressed he kept hearing about the same person, from many coaches. At prestigious tournaments such as the Lowell Holiday Tournament and the New England Tournament, the same name kept being suggested. Tom began doing some checking on his own. The result is that he has nominated **DAVE DYER** of North Andover's *The Eagle Tribune* as writer of the year.



The bragging rights of wrestling in New England cross over the border between Massachusetts and New Hampshire. New England powers such as Timberlane (NH), Central Catholic (MA), Salem (NH), and North Andover (MA) compete each year for recognition as the best in New England. One of the keys to the success of wrestling in the area is *The Eagle Tribune*, a daily newspaper with a circulation of 55,000 in northern Massachusetts and southern New

Hampshire. Its readership covers five different high school leagues in two different states.

Dave Dyer makes a significant contribution to the area's high interest in wrestling. A review of his work shows knowledgeable and passionate interest in the sport. In addition to extensive and insightful coverage of meets and tournaments, his regular features "Takedowns" and "Kings of the Ring" provide in-depth information about all levels and all aspects of the sport. Barry Choolijian, coach of 2005 New England champs Timberlane High School in Plaistow, New Hampshire, states that "Dave is a friend of wrestling. Wrestling has gone from the back pages of the newspaper to the front pages under Dave. He actively promotes our sport in his columns."

Tony Sarkis of Greater Lawrence Tech (MA) and Bob Fitzgerald of Methuen (MA) are coaches who echo the comments of Choolijian. "The kids love to read Dave's "King of the Ring" every week. They run home after practice every Monday to see what he wrote."

After an extensive review of his work, we certainly agree. *Wrestling USA Magazine* applauds Dave Dyer for his contribution to the sport of wrestling in New England



**Runner-up**  
 Pat Galbincea  
*Cleveland Plain Dealer*  
 Cleveland, Ohio



**Runner-up**  
 Paul Adamski  
*Green Bay News - Chronicle*  
 Greenbay, Wisconsin