



MASTER-OF-WRESTLING AWARD

SCOT DAVIS

Owatonna, Minnesota

Scot Davis, head wrestling coach at Owatonna High School set the standard this season for high school wrestling coaches with his 900th varsity coaching victory in February. His 903 wins gives him the most career wins made by any wrestling coach in US history and the only coach with over 800 dual victories. Now for 23 years in Owatonna, Scot has built a powerhouse from top to bottom, which has led to ten "Top 25" nationally ranked Owatonna wrestling teams.

Scot came to Owatonna in the 1986-87 season following successful stops in Belcourt, ND, Bird-Island-Lake Lillian, MN, Hutchinson, MN and the University of Wisconsin-Superior, WI. He is a graduate of Augsburg College, MN (B.A.-'74), where he was an All-American and Team Captain for the Auggies in 1973. He also holds Masters Degrees from the University of Minnesota (M.Ed-'82) and the University of St. Thomas (M.A.-'95).

Additionally, Coach Davis has assembled an outstanding coaching staff and one of the strongest wrestling boosters clubs in the nation, The Owatonna Wrestling Association. Many members of the coaching staff have earned National Awards through Scot's hard work and efforts in nominating these outstanding people for their invaluable contributions including his wife Mary for *Wrestling USA Magazine's* "Coach's Wife of the Year."

Several individual coaching honors include the National High School Coaches Association "National Coach of the Year" award in 1998, the Minnesota State AAA "Coach of the Year" award in 2005, and *Wrestling USA Magazine's* "National Coach of the Year" award in 2007. Scot is a member of The Dave Bartelma Minnesota Wrestling Coaches Hall Of Fame and a Charter Member of the Region I Wrestling Hall Of Fame. Some of his other top honors are Bloomington Kennedy's "Distinguished Alumnus" in 1998 and NWCA 25-Year Service Award. Scot was most recently selected as the 2009 Dream Team Classic coach in Oklahoma. A honor more



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than deserving for a man that has devoted his whole life to this great sport of wrestling not only in Minnesota but around the country.

In 1987, Scot organized his winter youth wrestling program, now called the OWA Youth Wrestling Program. Under his supervision and direction this program has grown to 270 wrestlers (K-6), and more than 40 female (K-6) wrestling cheerleaders. This successful youth program has seen junior high (Grades 7 & 8) wrestling numbers reach almost 60 wrestlers with high school (Grades 9-12) wrestling numbers that can topple 70+ in a season.

Coach Davis, overall career mark of 903-135-4, eleven state tournament team appearances, two team state team championships, and numerous state team placings are impressive, but what Coach Davis is most proud of is his "high school total participation" numbers in Owatonna. Behind Scot's success, is the fact that he loves to teach kids how to wrestle and he has a tremendous passion and love for the sport. Scot has always promoted the whole program working together like a family to get everyone involved,

"Parents, fans, and boosters, the whole nine yards," as he would say.

Scot has long been the frontrunner in the promotion and publicity of wrestling in the state of Minnesota. His creativity is endless when it comes to finding ways to promote Owatonna Wrestling. Owatonna Wrestling merchandise includes team watches, team posters, socks, blankets, pens, seat cushions, license plate holders, sunglasses, mugs, tote bags, t-shirts, sweatshirts, glow light bracelets, matching hooded sweatshirts, stocking caps, State Championship rings and even cereal boxes branded with team photos. He has also initiated the design of team trading cards that features not only wrestlers, managers, coaches, cheerleaders, but custodians, administrators, teachers, bus drivers, and the guest speaker at the wrestling banquet each year. On the local level, Scot has his own televised program, "The Owatonna Wrestling Show," he has an outstanding Wrestling Newsletter and the OWA's annual "Owatonna Wrestling Book". Finally, he started the annual "Owatonna Open" that has drawn over 1200 wrestlers yearly in all age groups, including an "old timers" division.

Building the success of the Owatonna wrestling program is a vocation that Scot loves and works at 365 days a year, however the real testimony to Scot's dedication is that wrestling is his third priority; Scot's first two loves are his faith and family, a devoted Christian and family man. Scot and his lovely wife, Mary, have been married for 32 years and are quite proud of their family. Their oldest daughter, Alyssa, is a graduate of Wheaton College, IL and is currently finishing a Master of Public Health degree at Emory University, GA. Their son, Colin, is majoring in Business Administration at Winona State University, MN. Their youngest daughter, Ashley, is a Senior at Owatonna High School, Team Captain and pitcher for the OHS Softball Team, and was selected "Snow Queen" this past winter for "Snow Week" at OHS.

