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2011 Contributor Inductee Russ Smith - (Journalism)



Few journalists were as well-known or highly regarded for their coverage of the sport of Wrestling at the Olympic, Collegiate and High School Levels.

In a 47-year career at the Waterloo Courier, Smith covered three Olympic Games, 30 NCAA Division I Championships and 36 Iowa State High School Tournaments. His work appeared in The Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier on a regular basis during his 47-year career as a sports writer and sports editor, but it also graced the pages of national publications from coast to coast.

Additionally, Smith authored a book about Waterloo native and Olympic gold medalist, Dan Gable. "Sometimes, whatever sport you're involved in ... you're limited on what kind of coverage you get," said Gable. "I give Russ a lot of credit for our sport. He carried the ball, not only locally, but in the state of Iowa and nationally. In Iowa, as far as wrestling, Russ Smith stood alone.

[2011 Battle of Waterloo Hall of Fame Inductee - Russ Smith \(PDF\)](#)

2011 Waterloo Central Inductee Gene & Larry Luttrell – Coaching/Wrestling



Prior to its closing in 1988, Gene and Larry Luttrell left their mark on the Charger wrestling program.

Gene, very well could be entered as a Battle of Waterloo Hall of Fame nominee for Waterloo West as he was a three-time state qualifier, finishing third in 1955 at 127. He went on to become a Big Ten champion for Iowa twice at 137, before moving onto a 25-year coaching career with stops at Jesup and New Hampton, where he directed the Chickasaws to the 1963 state title. He also coached for 10 seasons at both Marshalltown and Central. All accumulated, he coached 10 state champions, 10 runners-up and 14 other top-four place winners. As an official of 43 years, he officiated at the state meet 23 times.

Larry was a three-year letter winner at Central from 1975-78, placing fifth at 119 in 1976 as a sophomore before runner-up showings at 126 and 138 his junior and senior seasons. He went onto become a four-year letter winner at Northern Iowa.

[2011 Battle of Waterloo Hall of Fame Inductee - Gene & Larry Luttrell \(PDF\)](#)

2011 Contributor Inductee Bill Roths - (Officiating/Wrestling)



Accomplishments:

- New Hampton Native and State Runner Up in High School Wrestling
- Member of the Upper Iowa Hall of Fame for Wrestling
- Began his officiating career in 1973
- Selected to officiate Sectionals and Districts in 1975
- Officiated in every Iowa State Wrestling Meet from 1985 to 2007 - State Supervisor of Wrestling Officials from 2007 to present.
- Two Times State of Iowa Referee of the Year in 1989 and 2004
- Collegiate Work
 - * Nationals in Divisions I, II, III, NIAA
 - * Big Ten Official 8 years
 - * Iowa Conference 23 years
 - * Refereed (4) Iowa State/Iowa matches

Bill has great tonal range, and it should be noted that Bill was an All State Vocalist in High School. It has been duly noted in jest by his contemporaries at the Awards Presentation, that "Bill was a much better singer than official." [2011 Battle of Waterloo Hall of Fame Inductee - Bill Roths \(PDF\)](#)

Don Huff - 2011 Waterloo West Inductee – Coaching/Wrestling



A two-time state champion at West High, Huff also distinguished himself as a superlative coach. After winning individual state titles for the Wahawks in 1956 and 1957, Huff wrestled at both Colorado State (Greeley) and Iowa.

He began his coaching career at Estherville and had a stint at New Hampton before returning to his alma mater in 1968. After serving as Bob Siddens assistant coach for 10 seasons, he became head coach in 1978 and led the Wahawks for the next 20 seasons. During his tenure at West, Huff coached 13 state champions, 12 runner-ups, 62 place winners and led West to its last state title in 1989, when he was named 3A coach of the year. Huff is a member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame (2001) and the Iowa High School Hall of Fame (2002).

[2011 Battle of Waterloo Hall of Fame Inductee - Don Huff \(PDF\)](#)

Mike VanArsdale - 2011 Waterloo West Inductee – Wrestling

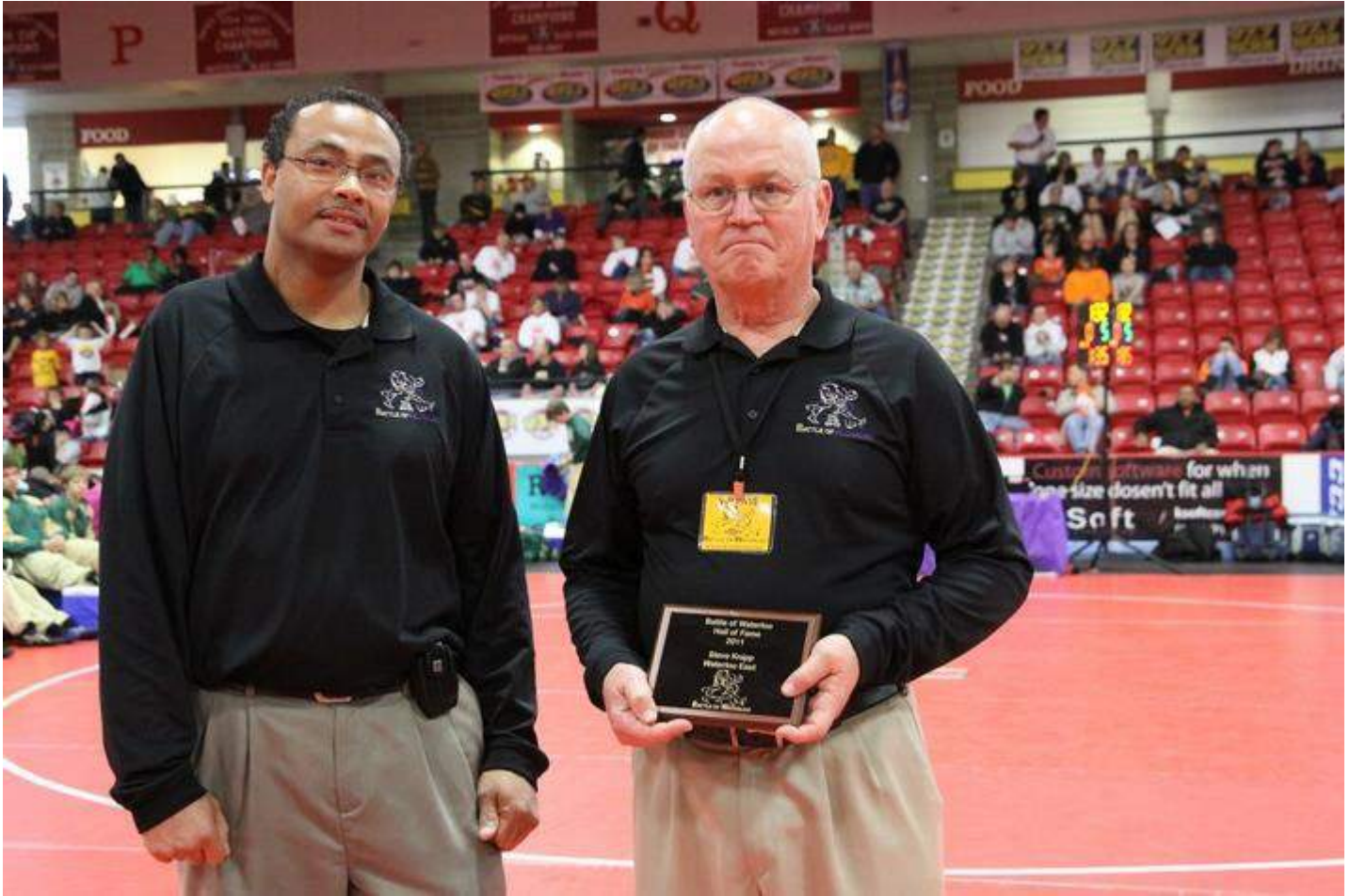


Van Arsdale was the 1982, 145-pound state champion for the Wahawks and was a state runner-up in 1983. He went on to Iowa State where he was a member of the 1987 NCAA championship team and won an individual title in 1988 for the Cyclones.

Van Arsdale also had international success as a wrestler, winning the 1991 World Cup Championship, a CISM (Military) World Championship, and a University National Freestyle Championship. He was also a two-time Olympic alternate. Van Arsdale also found success in Mixed Martial Arts, and most recently assisted at Waterloo East. Van Arsdale was inducted into the Iowa Wrestling Hall of Fame in April.

[2011 Battle of Waterloo Hall of Fame Inductee - Mike Van Arsdale \(PDF\)](#)

Steve Knipp - 2011 Waterloo East Inductee – Coaching



Knipp wrestled as a prep at Waterloo Columbus and collegiately at the University of Georgia and Northern Iowa. After his athletic career, Knipp embarked on a long and successful coaching career.

Knipp was head coach at East for 28 years, coaching seven state champions, 33 state place winners and led the Trojans to the 1983 3A State Title. In addition to his coaching, Knipp made an even greater mark on the sport as an ambassador. He has served as tournament director for more than 60 USA Wrestling Regional and National events. He is a member of the East High Hall of Fame and the IHSAA Hall of Fame, and received the 2010 Russ Smith Community Service Award from the National Wrestling Hall of Fame/Dan Gable Museum. [2011 Battle of Waterloo Hall of Fame Inductee - Steve Knipp \(PDF\)](#)

Jim Miller - 2011 Waterloo East Inductee – Coaching/Wrestling



After a standout career at Waterloo East, Miller won a two NCAA Division II titles for Northern Iowa and was a two-time Division I All-American. After his successful collegiate career, Miller has embarked on a Hall of Fame coaching career beginning in the prep ranks, first as an assistant at Riceville and then as Head Coach at Charles City. He was the 1979 Iowa High School Coach of the year.

Miller left the prep ranks to spend eight seasons as an assistant coach at Northern Iowa, before taking over at Wartburg in 1991 where leading into the 2011-12 season, Miller had compiled a 350-33-4 dual meet mark while leading the Knights to 19 consecutive Iowa Conference championships and eight NCAA Division III titles since 1996. Miller is a member of the National Wrestling Coaches Division III Hall of Fame, the Division II Hall of Fame, the Glen Brand Wrestling Hall of Fame of Iowa, Northern Iowa Athletics Hall of Fame, East High Hall of Fame, and the Iowa Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame.

[2011 Battle of Waterloo Hall of Fame Inductee - Jim Miller \(PDF\)](#)

Bill Tate Jr. - 2011 Waterloo Columbus Inductee – Wrestling



Tate was part of the legendary Waterloo Boys Club in the 1970s, one of the top kids clubs at the time that produced many state and national champions. As a prep, he was a state high school champion for the Sailors in 1983 at 155 pounds before moving on to Iowa State.

As a Cyclone, he was a two-time NCAA qualifier and won a Big Eight Conference championship in 1986 and was a member of Iowa State's 1987 National Championship team. After serving as an assistant coach at Columbus upon graduating from Iowa State, Tate served as the Sailors head coach for 10 seasons before stepping aside in 2002. [2011 Battle of Waterloo Hall of Fame Inductee - Bill Tate Jr. \(PDF\)](#)

Stewart Carter - 2011 Waterloo Columbus Inductee – Wrestling



Carter was the 138-pound state runner-up in 1982 for Columbus and also went onto Iowa State where in 1987, he captured the 158-pound national championship over Ken Haslerig of Clarion. Carter did not allow an offensive point to an opponent in the tournament. His victory helped the the Cyclones win the national title, snapping a string of nine consecutive team titles by Iowa.

In 1988, he wrestled at the Olympic trials finishing behind a pair of standouts named Dave Schultz and Jim Zalesky. Carter graduated from Southern University with a degree in mechanical engineering and earned a Masters degree from Northern Iowa in 1999.

[2011 Battle of Waterloo Hall of Fame Inductee - Stewart Carter \(PDF\)](#)