

2014 Battle of Waterloo - Hall of Fame Inductees

Waterloo East High School

- Don Buzzard Jr.

Waterloo West High School

- Lowell Lange - Wrestling

Waterloo Orange High School

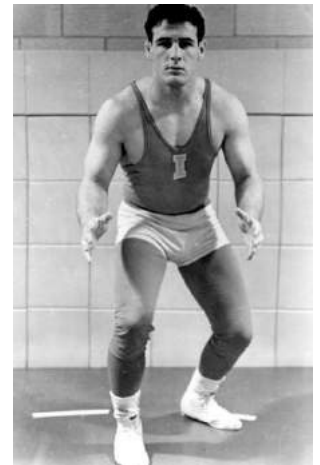
- Bruce Woolsey - Wrestling **Waterloo Youth Wrestling**
- Bill Tate Sr. - Wrestling/Coaching
- Marty Dickey - Coaching

2014 Inductee - Don Buzzard-Wrestler (Waterloo East)

Don Buzzard, Jr.'s interest in wrestling started by watching his older brother wrestle in junior high school and continued from encouragement he received from his father to take up the sport. As a 3rd grade student attending Francis A. Grout Elementary school in Waterloo, Buzzard started practicing with the McKinistry Junior High School wrestling team afterschool.

Buzzard wrestled throughout junior high and his talent was quickly noticed. As a 9th grade student he was invited to wrestle on the East High School varsity team at 120 lbs. That year he placed second at the state championship. Buzzard was undefeated his junior and senior year and won the state title at 165 lbs. and 180 lbs. He was a part of the East High wrestling team that received the state championship team title two years in a row. The 1964 championship team had five state tournament qualifiers who all became state champions.

After high school he received a wrestling scholarship from Iowa State University. In 1966 and 1967 he was the NCAA National Wrestling Runner-up. Buzzard's senior year he moved to Michigan and joined the Michigan Wrestling Club. In 1969, he placed 3rd at the National AAU Wrestling Tournament. Buzzard resides in Waterloo, Iowa.



2014 Inductee - Lowell Lange-Wrestler (Waterloo West) ([Click Here for Video](#))

Lowell Lange began his wrestling career as a 7th grade student at Oelwein Junior High before his family moved to Waterloo. As a wrestler at West High, Lange placed second at the state tournament in 1944 and was the back to back State High School Champion in 1945 and 1946. The summer before starting college at Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Lange traveled to New York to compete at the national AAU championship where he won his first national title.

While attending Cornell College, Lange was a three-time NCAA National Wrestling Champion and a three-time National AAU Champion. He was poised to become a four-time national champion but was forced to sit out the 1947-1948 wrestling season due to an injury from a car accident. Lange was a member of the 1947 Cornell College wrestling team Cinderella story, where the school was the first small, private college to win the NCAA Team Wrestling Tournament title and the National AAU Team wrestling title.

After college, Lange was invited to wrestle in Japan for a United States vs. Japan wrestling tournament. He coached one season as the Head Wrestling Coach a Cornell College. Later he moved to Georgia and was the Head Wrestling Coach for Georgia Tech University from 1964 – 1993. Lange is a member of the Helms Foundation Hall of Fame, Iowa Wrestling Hall of Fame, and The National Wrestling Hall of Fame and has been elected to the NCAA Rules Committee and National Wrestling Coaches Executive Committee. Lange currently resides in Canton, Georgia.

2014 Inductee - Bruce Woolsey-Wrestler (Waterloo Orange) ([Click Here for Video](#))

Bruce Woolsey began his wrestling career as a sophomore at Orange High School in 1961. That same year was the first year Orange had a wrestling team which was led by Coach Ron Burnell. Woolsey was

recruited to be a lightweight wrestler at 103. The school did not have a wrestling room for practice so the team would often go to West High School to practice with the West High team and Coach Bob Siddens. As a senior in high school, Woolsey became the first state champion for Orange High School. He was honored as the high schools most valuable athlete for wrestling and track.

In 1965, Woolsey was drafted into the United States Army, where he continued to wrestle. He wrestled as a post champion and took 2ndplace at the Fort Manmouth Services Tournament. Woolsey resides in Chandler, Arizona.

2014 Inductee - Bill Tate Sr.-Wrestler/Coach (Youth Wrestling) ([Click Here for Video](#))

Bill Tate, Sr. is no stranger to the Waterloo Wrestling community. He first became interested in wrestling as a Junior High student after being encouraged by his YMCA swimming coach. He continued to wrestle in high school for Waterloo East High and was a third place finisher at the 1961 state wrestling tournament where he wrestled at 138 pounds.

After high school he had a short wrestling career at UNI before entering the workforce at John Deere to support his family. As his children entered elementary school they began attending the Boys and Girls Club where his sons learned of other elementary students interested in wrestling. As a former wrestler, Tate decided to check out the program and see if he could help the young boys with their wrestling skills. In 1971, Tate started a youth wrestling program at the Boys and Girls club. Tate was a volunteer coach for hundreds of young boys until 1980.

They held practices 3 times a week from 5-7 p.m. and traveled to tournaments on weekends. Tate coached students from Waterloo, Cedar Falls, Hudson, Dysart, Independence and many other surrounding communities. His teams had many place winners at elementary and junior high level, many of whom went on to become state champions or place winners. In addition, the Waterloo Club received National club honors, was two time National champions and had a few students compete in the world championship. His influence and volunteerism earned him the Sartoma Award which was a service award given to individuals who exhibit positive characteristics while giving back through service to mankind. Tate resides in Waterloo, Iowa.

2014 Inductee - Marty Dickey-Coach (Youth Wrestling) ([Click Here for Video](#))

Marty Dickey began his wrestling career in 1963 at Edison School. In high school he wrestled at West High School and became a State Champion in 1966. He wrestled for two years at Iowa State and wrestled for a year in the Army while stationed in Germany.

In 1983, he alongside Don Huff started the Junior Wahawk wrestling club. The goal of the club was to extend the wrestling club that was started at the Boys and Girls Club and include freestyle techniques into the program.

Dickey volunteered with the Junior Wahawk Club until 1994 and the club grew to over a hundred youth during the season. The club helped young wrestlers from across northeast Iowa, many of whom went on to be state place winners, champions and colligate athletes. The club focused on preparing athletes mentally and physically so when they became freshman they could compete with seniors. Dickey resides in Waterloo, Iowa.