

63rd. JC Gorman Wrestling Tournament

January 2 & 3, 2026

Mansfield Senior High School

Friday wrestling starts at 3:00 PM

Saturday wrestling starts at 10:00 AM

Finals Saturday night:

Recognition Program at 2:00 PM

Parade of Champions at 2:20 PM

Wrestling starts 2:30 PM

Ticket prices:

Per session – adults \$8.00, students \$6.00

2 session – adults \$15.00, students \$10.00

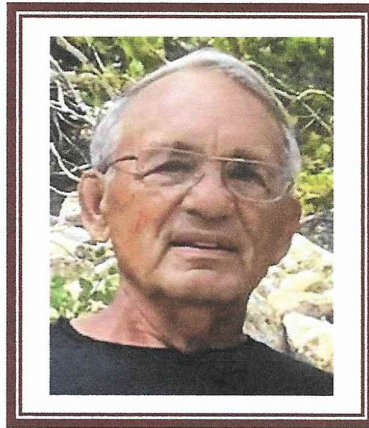
All session – adults \$20.00, students \$15.00

TEAMS FOR THE J C GORMAN 2026

- 1. ASHLAND**
- 2. BLACK RIVER**
- 3. BUCKEYE (MEDINA)**
- 4. BUCYRUS**
- 5. CAMBRIDGE**
- 6. CENTERBURG**
- 7. CLEARFORK**
- 8. CLYDE**
- 9. COLUMBIAN (TIFFIN)**
- 10. CRESTVIEW**
- 11. EAST LIVERPOOL**
- 12. ELGIN**
- 13. GALION**
- 14. INDIAN VALLEY**
- 15. LEXINGTON**
- 16. LOUDONVILLE**
- 17. MADISON**
- 18. MANSFIELD SENIOR**
- 19. MAPLETON**
- 20. MOHAWK**
- 21. MT. GILEAD**
- 22. NEW ALBANY**
- 23. NEW PHILADELPHIA**
- 24. ONTARIO**
- 25. RITTMAN**
- 26. SANDUSKY**
- 27. SENECA EAST**
- 28. SHELBY**
- 29. ST. MARY CENTRAL CATHOLIC**
- 30. UPPER SANDUSKY**
- 31. VERMILLION**
- 32. WASHINGTON (MASSILLION)**
- 33. WILLARD**

In Remembrance

Tom Wolff



Tom graduated from Madison High School in 1967, where he was a standout football and wrestling athlete. Tom won the Gorman in 1967 as well as being chosen MVP of the tournament. Tom continued his athletic and academic education at Akron University, majoring in biology and physical education and later earned his master's degree in School Administration from Ashland University. Tom excelled as a teacher, coach, and superintendent at Ontario and Crestline school district. As the coach at Ontario, his wrestling teams won 3 Gorman championships. Tom also coached numerous individual Gorman champions. He was a coveted mentor, friend, and guiding light to all who knew and loved him. Following his retirement, Tom and Glenda spent many years traveling the world, ultimately visiting 54 countries. He was an exceptionally gifted pickleball enthusiast, voracious reader, and avid woodworker and Tiffany glass maker. He also enjoyed going to dirt track races and spending time with family and friends.

63rd J. C. Gorman Wrestling Officials

TROY NICOL

MORGAN STANLEY

BRADY WEGESIN

JOSEPH KISE

JOHN HINTON

CARTER KROLL

ANTHONY SENTIERI

ROBERT JENNINGS

DENNIE UHL

GORMAN RECOGNITION PROGRAM 2026

1973 Individual Weight Class Champs

98	Bill Selmon	Mansfield Senior
105	Ray Shock	Ashland
112	Tim Shiltz	Mansfield Senior
119	Lloyd Tate	Mansfield Senior
124	Dan Hockley	Crestview
132	Steve Oswalt	Crestview
138	Mike Owens	Madison
145	Nate Johnson	Oberlin
155	Jim Clark	Oberlin
167	Brad Dalton	Crestview
175	Paul Johnson	Mansfield Senior
185	Anthony Blue	Mansfield Senior
HVY	Larry Stacco	Madison

1973 Gorman Team Champs Mansfield Senior

98	Bill Selmon
105	Mike Higgens
112	Tim Shiltz
119	Lloyd Tate
124	Charles Williams
132	Ben Williams
138	Bill Harkins
145	Bill Frontz
155	Paul Patrella
167	Jim Baehrens
175	Paul Johnson
185	Anthony Blue
HVY	John Hatcher

Steve Haverdill Crestview Head Coach

Steve Haverdill

I began wrestling as an 8 year old at West End YMCA in Willoughby, Ohio for Hall of Fame Coach Rich Hunter

1992 Graduate of Mentor Lake Catholic HS

- Member of the 1989 D2 State Championship Wrestling Team Coached by Hall of Famer Tim Armelli

1997 Graduate of the University of Rio Grande

Head Wrestling Coach

2000-2005 @ Delaware Hayes HS

2005-2009 @ Marion Elgin HS

2014-2023 @ Ashland Crestview HS

201 Career Dual Meet Wins

Assistant Coach

1999-2000 @ Delaware Hayes HS

2010-2011 @ Lexington HS

2011-2012 @ Galion Northmor HS

2012-2014 @ Ashland HS

JC Gorman history:

Coached in the JC Gorman as a Head or Assistant Coach from 2010-2023

Highest finish as a Head Coach: 2020 (Ashland Crestview) 2nd Place - also the highest place in school history

Coached 5 JC Gorman Champions as a Head Coach

Outside of Wrestling:

Head Football Coach at Ashland Crestview HS 2019-Present

Truancy Officer at Mid Ohio Education Center

Son- Cole Haverdill is a Ohio High School Wrestling Official since 2015

Brother- Todd Haverdill is the Head Wrestling Coach at Brecksville HS

Oldest Niece attends Penn State University and is a wrestling manager for their program

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Jim Baehrens

Following in my older brothers' footsteps I began football and wrestling in 8th. Grade at Johnny Appleseed Junior High in 1968. We used to attend matches at Mansfield Senior and watch the Tyger wrestlers in action. In 1969 we saw the J C Gorman, Buckeye Conference, and Sectional tournament all at Pete Henry Gymnasium. Mr. J C Gorman attended the finals of his tournament and was introduced.

I had moderate success at Senior High at 167# and placed second in the Gorman my senior year and we won the team championship. We were loaded with a lot of underclass talent in the lower weight classes, who went on to great college success at Nebraska, Baldwin Wallace, and Ashland University.

Our big rivals were Madison Rams, Ashland Arrows, and the Sandusky Blue Streaks in the Buckeye Conference. These teams were also very talented, but we managed to beat all three. Two of those wins were home assemblies where our student body was there for us.

Wrestling for Coach Bill Flanagan for 3 years taught me several life lessons that have stuck with me today, even at 70 years old. He treated everyone the same; it didn't matter what color you were, what your parents economic status was, or even how talented you were at wrestling. Coach just wanted you to work hard, learn something, and enjoy any success you might have. We had tough practices like any successful team, but he was always enthusiastic and left time for us to have fun too, playing dodgeball after practice or swimming in our little windowless pool.

I played four years of football at Ohio Northern University but have always considered my wrestling years at Senior High under Coach Flanagan my most enjoyable and him the best coach. He taught us to never quit and to have a positive attitude. This advice has helped be build a successful career in the marine canvas fabrication business on Lake Erie where I continue to live and work today in Port Clinton.

Anthony Blue

I'm giving honor to God the head of my life and to the J. C. Gorman for recognizing the Mansfield Senior High wrestlers that won the 13th. Gorman Tournament.

Coach Flanagan called me the man with a thousand moves. I wrestled at the 185 lb. weight class with a record of 21 – 4. I had the most pins on the team, 8 pins. I placed second in the Buckeye Conference Tournament, first place in the Sectional, and second place in the District Tournament. I wrestled in the State Tournament, but it didn't go like I had planned it.

After graduation, Coach Flanagan had a few wrestlers go to a couple of freestyle wrestling tournaments. I took third place in both outings. I played football in the fall for the Clear Fork Wheels, a semi-pro football team. I played for two seasons. In 1974, I joined the United States Marine Corp. After my service ended I received an Honorable Discharge.

I would like to thank Mr. William (Coach) Flanagan for all he did for me. Coach Flanagan put together one of his best wrestling teams in 1973.

Lloyd L. Tate

I was introduced to wrestling at John Simpson Middle School. It was in the 98 lb. weight class that I won my first trophy! However, I lacked the confidence to continue playing basketball.

Wrestling provided me a chance to grow in character, mentally and morally. Very helpful in my Youth Specialist work. Being captain of our team taught me; ways of encouraging one to improve thru their strengths by focusing on attainable small goals and teamwork. As a Mental Health Therapist, I am able to tap into real needs of an individual or group.

Winning and losing in wrestling prepared me to accept both gracefully. I pinned a great wrestler, John Steele. The cradle was my closing move in a match. The ref would not deny me this victory. John was recognized as the best in the country, but that day I was. My records; 1973 (30 – 0), 1974 (30-1), and 1975 (30-1). I won the J. C. Gorman 3 times (1973, 1974, 1975).

Mary J. Tate always encouraged me to except others as they are, show compassion and above all do my best despite the odds! Now I share all my wrestling skills with and thru my daughter Zakiya and Grand Dudes, Derek, Isa, Yasir, and Salah. Nothing but love.

Paul Johnson Bio

- 1973 Buckeye Conference 175 wrestling champion
- 1973 district meet placer
- 1973 Mansfield Senior wrestling co-MVP with Anthony Blue
- 1973 Mansfield Senior Pete Henry Award winner
- Employed 39 years at Medcentral/OhioHealth as a Protective Service -Director
- Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Columbian Southern
- CPP board certification from ASIS security association
- CHPA board certification from IAHSS healthcare security association
- National commission member for IAHSS certification testing
- Member of North Central State Criminal Justice advisory board

Bill Selmon: Wrestling Legacy

Early Wrestling Achievements

It is truly an honor to be recognized for winning the JC Gorman Wrestling Tournament for three consecutive years. Looking back on my high school years, one of my earliest highlights was winning the first Mansfield Junior High City Wrestling Championships. During my sophomore year, I won the JC Gorman Championship at 98 pounds which marked the beginning of several notable accomplishments throughout my high school wrestling career.

My achievements include becoming the Buckeye Conference Champion in my junior year and being voted the Most Outstanding Wrestler. Also, I was voted the Most Improved Wrestler on my team by the coaching staff. As a senior, I was proud to win the JC Gorman Championship for the third time, at 105 pounds.

Collegiate Career and Honors

After high school, I continued my education at Grand Rapids Junior College (GRJC) and was named an NJCAA All-American finishing 4th in the nation at 142 pounds. I received a full scholarship to the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and earned the distinction of being named a member of the exclusive "N" Club.

Coaching, Mentorship, and International Experience

Upon graduating from Nebraska in 1982, I remained in Lincoln, NE, joining the academic staff at Lincoln High School and contributed to both the wrestling and football coaching teams for several years. I founded Selmon's Take Down Wrestling Club that provided training for over 100 youths which produced numerous state champions and numerous state-placed winners. A memorable highlight from this period was traveling with the Nebraska International all-star wrestling team as a coach, taking them on a remarkable trip to China.

Family and Professional Life

In 1986, I relocated to Atlanta, GA, where I accepted a director position at the historic Butler Street YMCA. In 1991, I married my wonderful wife, Angela Selmon. Together, we raised two accomplished sons, Billy Jr. and Kenny, each with their own accolades. Notably, my youngest son, Kenny, became a USA Olympian and participated in the 2021 Olympic Games in Tokyo. Billy Jr. was team captain of Bates Basketball Team which earned an Elite Eight appearance in the 2015 NCAA tournament. We are also proud grandparents to our beautiful granddaughter, Billie.

Professionally, I am the founder and CEO of Preferred School Care, an organization established in 1996. For nearly three decades, we have provided affordable childcare in the Atlanta area, serving over 50,000 families.

The Significance of the JC Gorman Wrestling Tournament

The JC Gorman wrestling tournament, which has endured for 63 years, holds tremendous cultural, social, and athletic significance for the community and its young athletes. Participating in individual sports like wrestling throughout high school and college offers benefits that extend beyond physical fitness, such as discipline, self-motivation, personal growth, and self-confidence.

Athletes in individual sports must rely on their own determination to train, improve, and compete, fostering a strong work ethic and resilience. These qualities are essential not only in sports but also in academic and professional environments, preparing young people to face future challenges and equipping them with the necessary tools to navigate life's obstacles successfully.

In summary, the JC Gorman wrestling tournament and its legacy serve as a platform for athletic competition while also nurturing community spirit and personal development. Winning this tournament three years in a row is a significant milestone that I will always remember fondly.

Ben Williams Jr.

I wrestled John Simpson Middle School and Mansfield Senior High School. I qualified for the State tournament in my junior year, and I qualified for the District Tournament my senior year. After graduation I went on to coach wrestling at John Simpson Middle School for several years and helped at other schools in the community. I am no longer coaching but I help in the community by taking people to doctors' appointments and helping with home repairs. I still find myself helping at the J C Gorman Tournament.

Bill Frontz

I graduated from Mansfield Senior High School in 1973, graduated from University of Dayton in 1977, U. S. Navy honorable discharge in 1981; sales until 1987, retired from Myrtle Beach Police Department in 2009, private security until 2015, Associate Judge for City of Myrtle Beach Municipal Court until retirement in 2020.

Paul Patrella

1975 MHS Graduate. Captain of Football and Wrestling teams. 3rd at 167 lbs at the 1975 State Wrestling tournament.

1979 Baldwin-Wallace University Graduate, Berea, Ohio. Two time wrestling All-American at 177 lbs. First National Champion in BW's history, 1978. Third place in 1979.

Three year starter at defensive tackle on the BW football team. All-American in 1978. Our team won the 1978 National Championship. I have taught high school Math for 45 years as well as coaching football and wrestling. I am the father of 6 children and have been married to my wife Barbara for 29 years.

My oldest son Kevin was a runner-up in the State in 2003 at Bishop Hartley High School and played football at Ohio Dominican. He is currently the head wrestling coach at Bishop Watterson High School as well as a Columbus firefighter.

Daughter Kristin is an ICU nurse at Mount Carmel Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

Son Tony was also a runner-up in the State in 2006 and 4th in the nation while wrestling for Gannon University in Erie, PA. Tony is a State policeman in Elkins, WV.

Son Vincent was a state qualifier in 2008 and walked on to the Ohio State football team in 2009. He was on the team for 3 years. Vincent is a first Lieutenant in the US Army stationed in Hawaii.

Son Michael was a 2 time State placer in 2018 and 2019. Michael went on to become a 3 time National Champ while attending Baldwin-Wallace University from 2020-2025. He is currently an assistant coach at BW. His twin brother, Joey was a State Qualifier as was his brother in 2020 when the State tournament was cancelled. Joey was 4th in the nation last year at Baldwin-Wallace and has one year of eligibility remaining.