

"One last go on the recognition of CHS wrestling accomplishments:

There is one overlooked area that further, and more objectively, recognizes the extraordinary achievements of CHS grapplers, i.e., inductions into many wrestling halls of fame. To wit:

National Wrestling Hall of Fame: Dr. Dave Bartelma, Dr. Norman Borlaug, Chris Flanagan, Joe Frank, MA, First Lieutenant Dale Hanson, Dr. Bob Hess, Gary Kurdelmeier, MA, principal and coach Garth Lappin, MA, United Airlines pilot Don Nichols, Dr. Harold Nichols and Tom Peckham.

Iowa Wrestling Hall of Fame: Bartelma, Borlaug, Cecil "B" Cameron, Flanagan, Frank, Hanson, Hess, Kurdelmeier, Gene Lybbert, Don Nichols, Harold Nichols, and Peckham.

Minnesota's Dave Bartelma Wrestling Hall of Fame: Bartelma, Borlaug, Frank, Hanson, Lappin, and Lybbert.

Iowa High School Athletic Association Wrestling Hall of Fame: Bartelma, Borlaug, Cameron, Flanagan, Hanson, Dr. Don Henry, PhD, Hess, Kurdelmeier, Lybbert, Dr. Don Maland, MD, Don Nichols, Harold Nichols, and Peckham. This is the most or second most in Iowa high schools.

Iowa University, Iowa State University, Michigan University, Minnesota University, Northern Iowa University and Winona State University Halls of Fame: Borlaug, Hansen, Hess, Kurdelmeier, Lappin, Lybbert, Harold Nichols, Don Nichols, Peckham, and Merle Sovereign.

Astoundingly, the combined number of inductions into these various Halls of Fame is 53 earned by 16 CHS wrestlers. It also should be noted that Bob Hess and Tom Peckham were on Olympic teams, and both placed fourth. Dale Hanson made the 1940 Olympic team, but the games were cancelled because of the war (in which Hanson was tragically killed when his bomber was shot down).

Such a legacy.

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