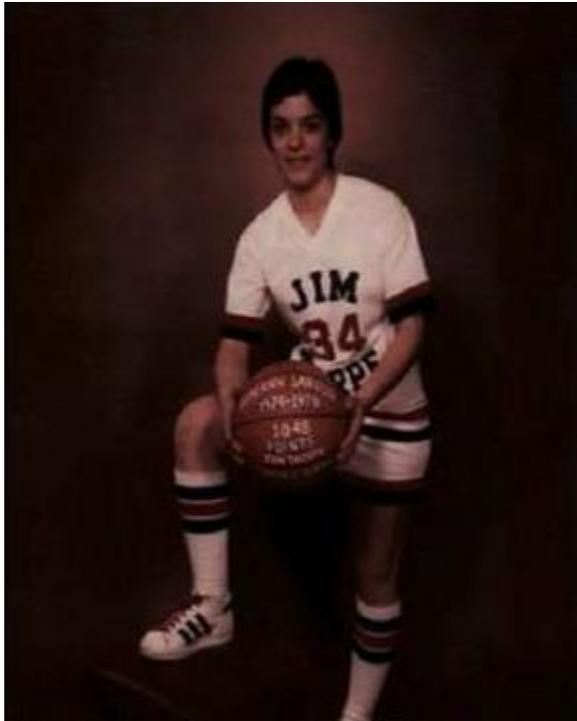




Roseann Sarullo Sincavage



Rose Sarullo, a 1978 graduate of Jim Thorpe, Became the first female basketball player in the school's history, to score 1,000 career points.

Before transferring from New Brunswick, NJ, to Jim Thorpe in 1973 she was an accomplished CYO basketball player and was the high scorer in the 1972-1973 State Tournament. During her four-year career as an Olympian her offensive skills increased and on February 11, 1978, she amassed her 1,00th point against Weatherly.

Playing at the guard position, during her career at JT she was named to the Panther Valley All-Tournament Team in 1977 and 1978

selected to play in the West Hazleton All-Star game and the WAZL All-Star Classic. In 1978 she was named the girls basketball MVP and finished her career with 1,048 points.

The late Joe Boyle legendary Sports Columnist, co-founder of the Jim Thorpe Area Sports Hall of Fame, and chief architect of the community of Mauch Chunk assuming the name of Jim Thorpe, wrote of Rose.

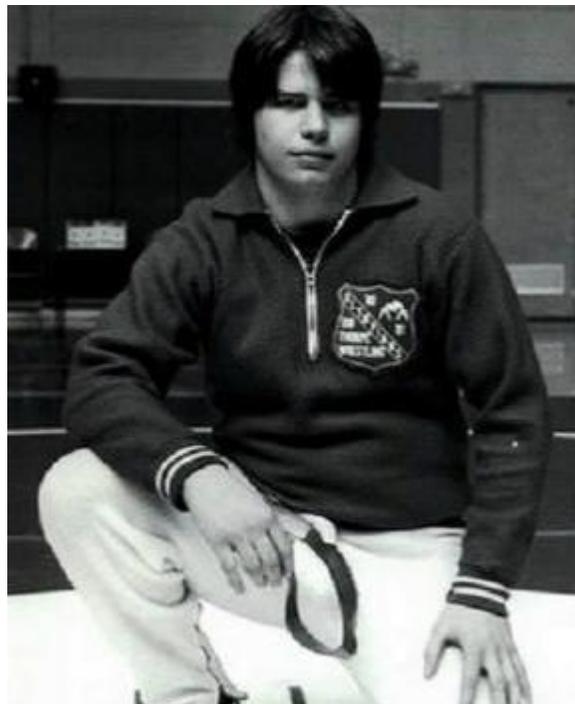
“No doubt you have heard at one time or another the time-honored adage: “It’s nice to be important, but it’s more important to be nice”. This applies, particularly, we think, to a young lady, Miss Roseann Sarullo, the Jim Thorpe High School senior who last Saturday night became the first Olympian gal to go over the 1,000-mark in scoring.

Roseann is as humble as she is talented and she deserves a deep bow from the waist for the commendable record of achievement she has compiled in her four years for the Red, White, and Blue School”.





John McGowan



A 1981 graduate of Jim Thorpe Area High School, John McGowan excelled at football and wrestling at the varsity level for three years. During and after high school he became an accomplished Power Lifter but perhaps, his most significant accomplishments have been as a coach.

In his senior year he was the football team's MVP, led the team in tackles and sacks, and was named to the All East Central Regional Team and the Southern Division, Easter Conference Class B squad at the offensive tackle position.

He was the wrestling MVP his senior year and won first place in the Jim Thorpe Christmas Tournament in 1979 and 1980. During those seasons he won the "Most Pins Award" and in 1981 set the school record for the most pins (16). That same year

he won the award for the most team points, the Bruce Pollock Award (most dedicated wrestler) and was District 11 Quarter Finalist.

In his sophomore year he began power lifting and from 1981 to 2004 has won numerous awards:

1981 – Wyoming Valley Power Lifting Championship – 3rd place, 220 lb. weight class

1981 – Pennsylvania Cup – Best Novice

1982 – Pennsylvania Teenage Power Lifting Championship-3rd place, 220 lb. weight class

1982 – Pennsylvania Cup – 1st place, 220 lb. weight class

1983 – FVM Open - 3rd place, 220 lb. weight class

1984 – ADFP Pennsylvania State Championship – 3rd place, 242 lb. weight class

1987 – North American Championship - 3rd place, 242 lb. weight class

1987 – ADFP US Bench Press Championship – 6th place, 242 lb. weight class

1988 – ADFP US Bench Press Championship – 3rd place, 242 lb. weight class

1990 – ADFP US Bench Press Championship – 6th place, 242 lb. weight class

1993 – Upper Dauphin Bench Press Championship – 2nd place, 242 lb. weight class

1997 – USAPL Iron Man-Iron Woman Bench Press Championship – 2nd place, 220 lb. weight class

2003 – ADAU Catasauqua Classic Bench Press Championship – 1st place, 242 lb. weight class

2004 – Ninth Annual Catasauqua Bench Press Championship – 1st place, 242 lb. weight class

(Master Division)

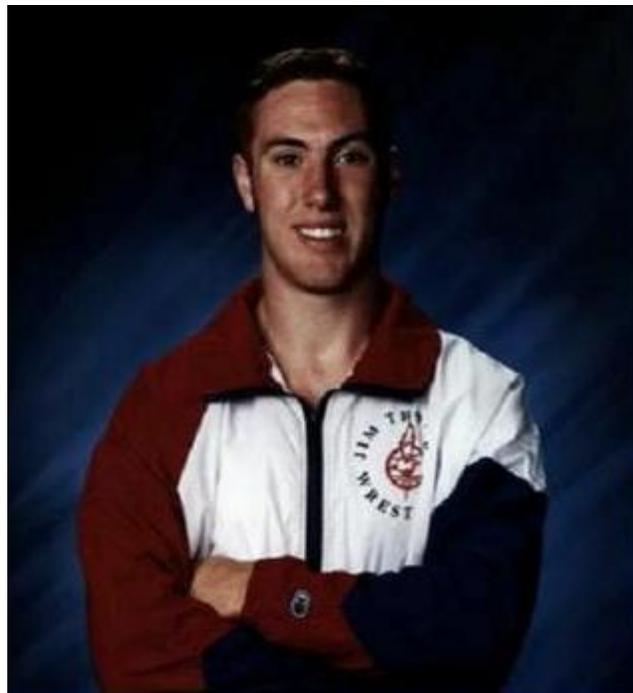
He began his coaching career in 1981 in football and weight training on a voluntary basis. In 1996 he became the official power lifting coach of Jim Thorpe Area High School and has been the school's official strength and weight training coach since that time. Since his teams commenced participating in power lifting competition in 1990, they have won nine 1st place awards, thirteen 2nd place awards, and one 3rd place award in the same competition. Individually, his lifters have won, literally, hundreds of awards statewide during that time, and the majority of them were first place finishes.

It is for these accomplishments that he is recognized as one of the best athletes and coaches in the history of Jim Thorpe Area High School.





Michael Wernett, Jr.



While attending Jim Thorpe Area High School, Michael Wernett, Jr., participated in wrestling, football and cross country. But it was on the mats that he distinguished himself - his all time grappling record is 115-30.

He participated in football during his freshman, sophomore and junior year winning two varsity letters. In his senior year he ran cross country on the division winning team. He was named to the Schuylkill League Division II Cross Country All-Star Team and won the Cross Country Senior Award and the Delrose Sportsmanship Award.

He began his wrestling career in Junior High School and won the 8th Grade Jr. High

District Championship at 138 lbs. In his freshman year he wrestled at 140 lbs., compiled a record of 18 wins and 13 losses, and won the Bruce Pollock Award for most dedicated wrestler.

During his sophomore year, wrestling at 152 lbs., he was 27-8, was the recipient of the Pennsylvania Wrestling Coaches Association Academic All-Star Award, and again won the Bruce Pollock award. He won 1st Place in the William Tennant and Jim Thorpe Christmas Tournaments, 2nd Place in the District 11 Tournament and 3rd Place in the Regional Tournament. He won team awards for the best record, most points (61), most pins(9), and fastest pin 9 seconds.

His success continued his junior season with a record of 33-4 and he was undefeated in dual meets (12-0), wrestling at 160 lbs. He won 2nd Place in the District 11 Tournament, 3rd Place in the William Tennant Tournament and 1st Place in the SCIAL League Tournament. He was the MVP and again was the recipient of the Bruce Pollock Award, the C & D Award, most team points (57), best record (30-4) and undefeated dual meet record (12-0).

As a senior he was 37-5 overall and undefeated in dual meets (10-0). During the regular season he won the Jim Thorpe Christmas, William Tennant, and Pius X Tournaments; he placed 3rd in the Penn Cambria and SCIAL Tournaments. He became the second wrestler in Jim Thorpe history to win the District II Tournament, placed 2nd in the Regional Tournament and placed 4th in the PIAA State championships with a record of 4-2. In the post season he qualified for the Challenge of the Champions, which pitted the top Class AA wrestlers with the top Class AAA grapplers. Team awards in 2000 included C&D & MVP Awards, most team points (54), most takedowns (115). He was selected to the first team of the Morning Call, Reading Eagle and Times News All-Star Wrestling Squads and was a nominee for the District XI Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete.

He received Division I Wrestling and Academic Scholarships to Drexel University and wrestled for two years. While at Drexel he majored in Business Administration, Made the Dean's List numerous times and was inducted to the PHI ETA Sigma National Honor Society.





1956-57 District XI Championship Boys Basketball Team



The Community of Jim Thorpe has been noted for its basketball teams – the 1962 State Championship Team, the 1963 Eastern State Championship Team, the 1966 Eastern State Championship Team – to name just a few. But the team that began this dynasty was the 1956-57 District XI Championship Team. This team led the way for the 1959 Team's capture of the second District XI Championship and all of the subsequent basketball success in the years to follow.

Playing a difficult schedule, this team had quality wins against top-notch teams, including Cass Township, which ranked as one of the top teams in the Schuylkill League, defeating them in the District final 62-46 and a Tamaqua team that won its second consecutive Black Diamond League Championship. They played Fleetwood in the PIAA State Tournament, losing by a score of 55-43 – Fleetwood was the eventual State Champion.

The Team was led by Dave Anewalt the leading scorer with a 16 point per game average. Other team members were Jim Pompa, Dale Allen, Tom Ackerman, Jim Maehrer, Jim Kroclic, Glenn Confer, Bill Bechtold, Conrad Bincarosky and Morgan Haak.

Ken Kline was the head coach and Assistant Coaches were Jack Heycock and Frank Andreas. James "Stopper" Smith served as manager

