



THREE IN A ROW--Caldwell County senior David Richey won his third straight state championship this week at the state wrestling tourney in Louisville. Richey pinned Christian County's Antonio Earthman in the

finals to take first in the 112 pound class. It was the second time Richey won the 112 lb. class after taking first in the 105 lb. division as a sophomore.

(Times Photo by Anita Baker)

Richey Wins Third State Title

Caldwell County High School wrestler David Richey won his third consecutive state championship this past weekend in Louisville and was named the outstanding wrestler for the 1986 state tourney.

Richey won two of his three state tourney matches by pins and won a convincing decision in the other. He opened the tourney by pinning Scott County's Bill Redman in 2:32 and advanced to the finals by taking a 3-0 decision over Woodford County's Zack Means.

In the finals, Richey was pitted against Christian County's Antonio Earthman, an opponent who had

given him a little trouble earlier in the year. This time Richey won easily, pinning Earthman in 5:31.

Richey won his latest state title in the 112 pound class, the same class he placed first in last year. In 1984, he won the state title in the 105 pound class.

Richey's career high school record is now 145-8 and he has won 90 matches in a row, 72 by pins.

The following is a year-by-year review of David Richey's high school wrestling career.

6th grade: Started wrestling at the high school level.

7th grade: went 11-2 in high

school competition.

8th grade: Placed third in state in the 98 lb. class, finished the year with a 19-3 record.

9th grade: Again placed third in the 98 lb. class, finished year with a 27-3 record.

10th grade: Posted a 39-0 record in winning his first state championship at 105 pounds.

11th grade: Went 24-0 after moving up to 112 pounds and won a second straight state championship.

12th grade: Won third straight state title while posting a 25-0 record in the 112 lb. class and was voted the Outstanding Wrestler of the 1986 state tourney.

State's best

David Richey named outstanding wrestler

Caldwell County's David Richey established himself as the premier high school wrestler in the state last weekend. Richey won his third straight state high school championship and was voted the outstanding tournament wrestler.

No other Caldwell County High athlete has achieved that high a degree of success in any sport.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Richey, of Cumberland Drive, the CCHS senior hasn't lost a match since he was a freshman.

While he was considered the elite of the 112-pound field in state wrestling circles, it was his reputation and past record that put the pressure on him.

"I felt like I couldn't lose—I had to win everything," said Richey.

And although he was considered tops in his division, he didn't rest on his laurels.

"I've had people helping me—my brothers (Troy and Jeff) made me work all the time, and Paul

Faughn helped me quite a bit. When there was nobody for me to wrestle, he'd come up on his own time to work with me and push me."

He said Dennis and Micky Walls and Jim Hillerich helped contribute to his success.

The training was intense, involving three or four hours a day.

"Everytime somebody would see something new we'd talk about it and try it. I had more points scored on me this year, probably because we did try some new things. Too, the competition was better."

Richey began his wrestling career in the second grade, placing sixth in a national tournament in Erie, Pa.

He began wrestling on the high school level while still in the sixth grade.

As a seventh grader he went 11-2, then as an eighth grader was 19-3 enroute to taking third in the

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Caldwell
Richey
in the
champion



—Leader Photo

David Richey has piled up the wrestling trophies during his prep career. He won the state championship last weekend and was named the outstanding wrestler. Richey is undefeated in the last three years, and is the only three-time state champion in athletics.







—Leader Photo

Three Caldwell County High wrestlers competed in the state high school wrestling tournament last weekend. They are (from left) Jeff Boone, 185-pound class; David Richey, state champion in the 112-pound class, and Corey Wigginton, fifth in the 98-pound class.



—Leader Photo

Tiger wrestlers

Members of the Caldwell County wrestling team include (front, from left) William Dunn, Jeff Vickery, David Richey, Corey Wigginton, Dean Black, Todd Oliver, coach Jim Hillerich, (back, from left) Kerry Baker, Sidney Melton, Eric Martin, Kerry Wimberly, Lonnie Baker, Jeff Boone and Troy Richey. Not pictured are coaches Micky and Dennis Walls.



1988 ARMED FORCES WRESTLING CHAMPIONS

<u>Weight</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Branch of Service</u>
FS 105.5	David Richey	US Army
GR 105.5	Eric Wetzel	US Marines
FS 114.5	Jeffrey Mallett	US Air Force
GR 114.5	Lou Dorrance	US Marines
FS 125.5	Rob Hermann	US Navy
GR 125.5	Rob Hermann	US Navy
FS 136.5	Kenneth Popelka	US Army
GR 136.5	Anthony Lee	US Marines
FS 149.5	Doug House	US Army
GR 149.5	Craig Pollard	US Marines
FS 163.0	David Butler	US Navy
GR 163.0	David Butler	US Navy
FS 180.5	Steve Klock	US Navy
GR 180.5	Randy Couture	US Army
FS 198.0	Tod Giles	US Marines
GR 198.0	Derrick Waldroup	US Army
FS 220.0	Larock Benford	US Marines
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FS 286.0	Craig Pittman	US Marines
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OUTSTANDING FREESTYLE WRESTLER - David Richey, US Army
 OUTSTANDING GRECO-ROMAN WRESTLER - Larock Benford, US Marines

FREESTYLE TEAM STANDINGS

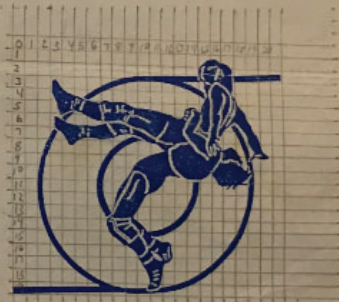
1. US Army	41 points
2. US Marines	39 points
3. US Navy	22 points
4. US Air Force	8 points

GRECO-ROMAN TEAM STANDINGS

1. US Marines	51 points
2. US Army	31 points
3. US Navy	24 points
4. US Air Force	4 points



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Fort Campbell, Kentucky



SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

WASHINGTON

September 21, 1988

Private First Class
David D. Richey
227th General Supply Company
Fort Campbell,
Kentucky 42223

Dear Private Richey:

Congratulations on your participation in the 1988 United States Olympic Freestyle Wrestling Trials held in Pensacola, Florida.

The national recognition you have gained and will continue to receive is a source of great pride for all members of the United States Army and our Nation. Your dedication to excellence in wrestling reflects great credit upon yourself, your Command, and the United States Army.

Thank you for all your efforts in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

John O. Marsh, Jr.
John O. Marsh, Jr.

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

CARROLL HUBBARD
MEMBER OF CONGRESS
FIRST DISTRICT
KENTUCKY

I read the attached
article about you and
I extend to you my
congratulations.

I thought you might
like an extra copy.

Best wishes to you!

Sincerely,
Carroll Hubbard



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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION (AIR ASSAULT) AND FORT CAMPBELL
FORT CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY 42223-5000

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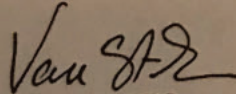
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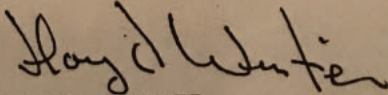
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SUBJECT: 1987 All Army Wrestling Trial Camp

PFC David Richey
227th GS Co, Box 121
Ft. Campbell, KY 42223

1. Your selection and participation in the 1987 All Army Wrestling Trial Camp was an honor limited to the finest soldier athletes in the Army. The skills you demonstrated proved you were worthy of consideration for a position on this team.
2. While the selection process involved intense training and hard competition, we trust you found this opportunity to be challenging and meaningful. Hopefully, you are now in a position to share your experiences with your fellow soldiers and offer assistance in the development of a unit program. Above all, we hope you continue your interest and participation in wrestling at the highest level.
3. Appreciation is also extended to your unit commanders for providing the opportunity to participate in this program. Without their support, our goal in offering a balanced program would be difficult to attain.
4. Please accept our best wishes for your future in the Army Sports Program.


VAN STOKES
All Army Wrestling Team
Project Officer


FLOYD WINTER
All Army Wrestling Team
Coach

CF:
HQDA, USACFSC (Mr. Dove/Mr. Garrett)
Unit Commanders
Installation Sports Directors

Bill Sykes

To: davidrichie193@gmail.com
Subject: Recommendation for KHSAA:

Mr. Bill Sykes
102 Patrick Court
Elizabethtown, KY

January 10, 2021

Kentucky High School Athletic Association
2280 Executive Drive
Lexington, KY 40505

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter of recommendation for David Richey of Princeton Kentucky to be nominated for the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. I have known David and his family for years as a coach and neighbor, I was the head wrestling coach of Caldwell Co. High School from 1972-1976 and officiated wrestling for KHSAA for several years. David's wrestling accomplishments are even more amazing starting at the age of 2nd grade with AAU from there he went to winning the National Tournament, Jr Olympics, and the State Championship in two different styles of wrestling, Freestyle and Greco-Roman. By his 6th grade year, he had attended the Jr World Team Camp, and traveled to New York for the JR World team trials. He continued through his high school career, and as well afterwards wrestling for the Army. He compiled over five state championships, in both freestyle and Greco-Roman.

By his 7th grade year he was ask to join the Caldwell Co High School Collegiate (also called Folk Style) wrestling practices. His 8th grade year he started varsity in the 98 pound weight division, and qualify for the State Tournament and **placed 3rd with a 24-6 record**. With 16 of those wins being pins. In his 9th grade year, he qualify for the state tournament at the 98 pound weight division and again **placing 3rd at the State Tournament, with a 25-3 record, with 17 being pins.**

During his 10th grade year, he qualified for the State Wrestling Tournament, **placing 1st with a record of 39-0, with 35 being pins. In his 11th grade year he returned** to the State Wrestling Tournament at the 112 pound weight division, **he placed 1st with a record of 36-0, with 32 pins.** Then during his 12th grade year in 1986 he returned to the State Tournament at 112 weight pound weight division and **placed 1st with a record of 25-0, with 21 being pin.**

11th and 12th grade years was voted MVW (most valuable wrestler) at the Regional Tournament 12th grade he was voted MVW (most valuable wrestler) at the State Tournament
His high school record is 149-9 with 121 being pins. (1986 All-American) In his 3 years at the State Tournament only 4 matches went the full 3 periods, he pinned all three opponents in the state finales, with one being a defending state champion.

David went the Army after High School for where earned a spot on the All Army Wrestling Team (which is part of the World Class Athletes Program).

1987-1989 He was on the All Army Wrestling Team for three years, until his Army Contract was fulfilled.

1988 He won the Inter-Service games and was voted MVW (most valuable wrestler) for the US Military, which put him as a Olympic Team trialist.

1988 He attended the Olympic Training Center

Went undefeated at all the open college tournament (such as the Southern Open at UT in Chattanooga, Tenn.)

It is my pleasure to recommend David Richey for the Kentucky Hall of Fame. In the mid-seventies through eighties, I coached Elementary students in AAU wrestling. David was one of about eighty wrestlers. We went to about 8 tournaments a year. This included tournaments in Florida, South Carolina, Lake Placid, New York, Erie, Pennsylvania, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, and Lincoln, Nebraska, just to name a few. David won most of the tournaments in his weight class, and if not, he placed in the top three. This included Regional, Zone, and Nationals. I also coached David in high school at Caldwell County.

He would come in at the beginning of the year in better shape than most of the wrestlers at the end of the season.

I can remember David asking me "If I win, can I do a back flip?" just before he went out on the mat in the state finals, and I told him "Yes." He won and he did one! He was also named Outstanding Wrestler of the State Tournament.

David, to my knowledge, is the only three time Kentucky State Champion or any Kentucky wrestler to make any Armed Forces Wrestling Team. The Armed Forces Teams are, by far, above any college team. Wrestlers are not limited to four years and travel to other states to compete with other teams.

David winning the Armed Forces Championship and being named Outstanding Wrestler of the Tournament was a once in a lifetime opportunity. David is the only Kentucky wrestler to do this, but hopefully not the last.

Submitted By: Jim Hillerich