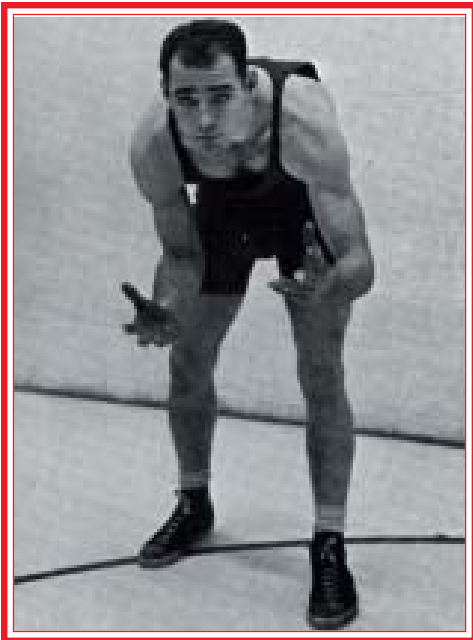


NORTHWEST WRESTLING

Hall of Fame



~ John Hoeft ~

Class of 1965

John Hoeft was a member of the first Northwest wrestling team in 1962-63. In 1962, as a sophomore, John reported with his foot in a cast to the first practice day of the newly created Northwest program. In two weeks, he won by a pin the first of five matches on a way to a 7-5 record. He continued his winning ways over the next three years, placing in the biggest local tournaments of that era. John placed at the Hiram Invitational (34 teams) and the Orrville Tournament (17 teams). In 1965, his senior season, John was selected as team captain and helped guide the Indians to their first team winning season. John became one of the first two Northwest Invitational champions. He was also an Orrville

Sectional champion, in an era when all schools competed in only one division. At the annual banquet, John captured the team High Point Trophy and his third varsity letter. John won three varsity letters in both football and track. He was the anchor man on the record setting 880 relay team. After high school, John continued contributing to Ohio wrestling by becoming a certified official calling all the way to the state meet. In 1968, John became a Marine. He qualified as an Expert Rifleman and served 393 combat days in Vietnam. John owned and operated a Canal Fulton roofing company for 18 years and WHAPATOO Archery Lanes. John married Cathy Konya and raised son John and daughter Christy. John has become an expert in archery. He has taken many big game trophies. John competes in archery and placed 7th in the nation and 20th in the world in 2007. He and his son have a professional guide service. "John was the strongest man, pound for pound, in the first twenty years of Northwest wrestling." - Coach A.W. Mayfield.

Class of 2008

