

William DAVEY JR.

William Davey Jr., (Bill) was born into a true wrestling family. While growing up, furniture was often cleared to hold impromptu clinics amongst his cousins Dale, Rocky, Jimmy, Mike and Tim. These were lead by his father, Bill Sr., and uncles Ed, Jim and Kenny. In the early 1970's, Bill's biggest challenge was finding a practice room. His junior high school did not have a team so he would stay after school and practice with the Commack North High School team in the basement. Some evenings, Bill had the good fortune to workout at Bay Shore's 5th Avenue Elementary School Kid Wrestling program run by Bill Knapp and "Jumper" Leggio.

Moving on to high school, he made all-league. At CW Post College, he wrestled for his Uncle Jim Davey and cousin-in-law, Bob Stack, who taught him a great deal about wrestling and coaching. Using the tools and philosophy provided, Bill became a productive and successful coach.

He started the Kings Park Kid Wrestling Program and was the Varsity coach for the next 11 years. His teams accumulated 101 varsity wins, 89 All-league wrestlers, including 25 champions. His teams placed 3 times in the



top 10 of the Section XI Tournament.

Bill then assisted Joe Colloca at Mt. Sinai High School and helped him develop a powerful wrestling program that culminated with an undefeated League 6 team along with a Suffolk County championship. This feat was only the second time that a "small" school was able to claim the county title.

While at Mt. Sinai, he also became involved with the Smithtown Kid Program, with more than 150 youngsters participating

each year.

In 2006, he became varsity coach T.J. Brockings' assistant at John Glenn High School. In the span of five years, this coaching team produced a D2 County title and two D1 titles. One of Bill's career highlights was when John Glenn dominated the Upstate teams, at the Union/Endicott Duals.

After retiring from coaching, Bill is still involved with the wrestling community. He now spends much of his time rooting for his son Bill's Half Hollow Hills East Wrestling team. He is also enjoying the Golden Years with wife, Denise, and daughters, Danielle and Andrea.