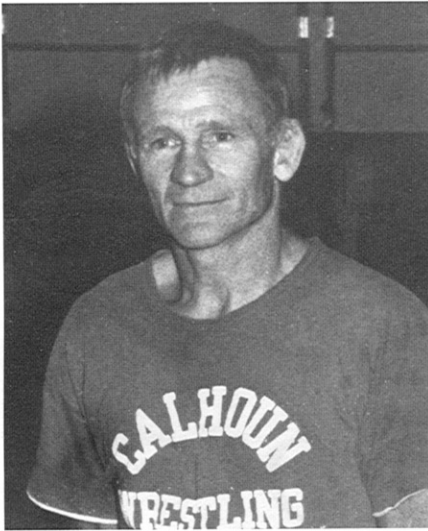


BOB BURY



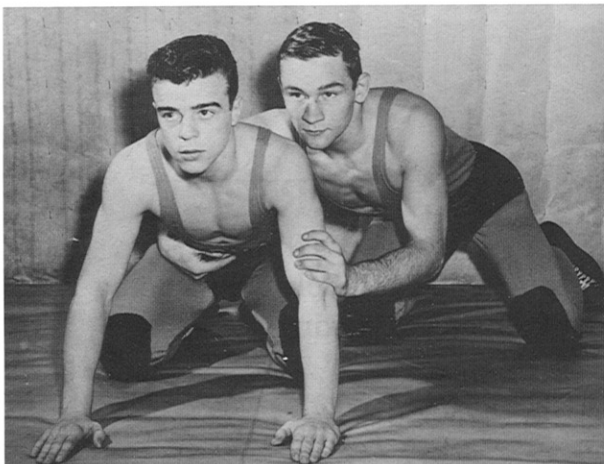
Bob Bury began his wrestling career at Mepham High School in 1945 under the tutelage of Coach Sprig Gardner. Bob earned the Long Island Championship Title for three years. Utilizing a wrestling scholarship, Bob then held an outstanding record at Syracuse University. He was a place winner in the National AAU Championships and wrestled for the United States Army as well.

With this distinguished background, Bob Bury the wrestler became Bob Bury the coach in 1958. He began his coaching career in the same District he began his wrestling career at the newly opened Calhoun High School. Bob also coached the football, soccer, track, gymnastics and rifle teams and inspired some of these athletes to become champions. However, his true love for wrestling led him to coach the sport for 23 years!

The outstanding achievements of his teams and individual wrestlers are unquestionable. Coach Bury's teams compiled an overall record of 200-77-6. Bob coached 61 Division Champions, 23, County Champions and 8 State Champions. Many of his wrestlers earned scholarships and went on to wrestle at college level. Two of his wrestlers, Tom Schlendorf and John Walter went on to win NCAA Championships. Several of his wrestlers followed in his footsteps and became coaches themselves.

Bob's love of wrestling continues today. Currently he practices with the Bellmore-Merrick teams and serves as Director for the Sprig Gardner and Nassau County Tournaments.

Coach Bob Bury has dedicated more than 50 years to the sport of wrestling and he is admired for his knowledge, skill and devotion. He was inducted into The National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 1997 with a Lifetime Service award.



**Mepham High School Teammates,
Dick Lemyre (left and Bob Bury (Right)**