

Laura MADDOCK

As a high school student in Farmingdale, Laura assisted Coach Irv Apgar becoming a scorekeeper for his wrestling team.

When Laura went off to college at the State University at Brockport, she approached head coach, Don Murray with the suggestion that her experience as a High school team scorekeeper might add to her ability to help out with Brockport's Varsity wrestling program. Soon Laura was fully involved with the daily running of the team. She posted practice every day, ran drills, played the music and kept time. Coach

Murray has often said that she kept the team and him in one piece. Laura traveled with the team as their manager. For the next four years, she was responsible for arranging the travel schedules, meals, and hotel accommodations.

As she became more knowledgeable, she was often sent to scout opposing teams, attend seeding meetings and tournaments. At that time, she learned how to run and score tournaments, and over her four year tenure, she had the opportunity to participate in the operation of the New York State College Championships, the NCAA Division III tournament, as well as the Eastern Regional Olympic Trials which were held at Brockport University. It was at Brockport that Laura met the 142 lb. wrestler from Valley Stream, Tom Maddock, who later became her husband.

As a team, Laura continued her interest in running



wrestling programs while Tom was coaching at Great Neck South High School, Floral Park High School, Valley Stream South High School, and finally at Valley Stream North High School. Laura began keeping the scorebook for Tom's teams. Over the years, she became more involved with Nassau County wrestling. It was in the 1993 season that she became the treasurer for the Nassau County Wrestling Coaches Association. Laura's duties included paying the bills, and making the appropriate purchases.

Laura also had the privilege of being part of

the Long Island Wrestling Officials Association, and a representative at the New York State High School State Championships. She has continued her role for Section 8 for the past five years working the Division 1 & 2 Tournaments in the State of New York.

Over the years, Laura and Tom Maddock have been a great team not only in the wrestling community, but also on the home front. They have two sons who became successful high school wrestlers. Scott, the eldest, was a captain of the Massapequa High School team and led them to a State Championship. Josh, also a Massapequa High School team captain, received All-County honors as well as the Outstanding High School Wrestler's Award during his senior year at Massapequa High School.