

# JOHN SCHAEFER

## BELLMORE - KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL



### **Coach Schaefer receives congratulations from Nick Sabetto.**

During his four years at Springfield College, John lettered in football, wrestling and track while pursuing a B.S. in Physical Education. After he graduated from Springfield, he pursued his Master's in Physical Education at Penn State.

After a brief coaching stint in New Jersey, John came to the Bellmore Merrick school district in 1965, where he learned coaching techniques and philosophy from legendary coaches Sprig Gardner and Ken Hunte. John was the head coach at Grand Avenue Junior High School where he coached two undefeated teams. The 1968-69 season was John Schaefer's first year as head coach of Bellmore-Kennedy High School. That year John won his first Nassau County team championship and Coach of the Year honors. From 1969 to 1979, Sch-

aefer's teams won four Nassau County Championships and had three undefeated seasons.

When he retired in 1995, John finished with an overall dual meet record of 244-86-9, won twenty league, conference, division, and qualifying championships and 8 holiday championships. Coach Schaefer had 73 league and division champions, 26 county champions, 5 *in one season*, and 3 New York State champions including Steve Hunte who went on to a successful career at Iowa University under coach Dan Gable. He also coached 87 county place winners and 13 state place winners (5 runner-ups) including Steven Cavayero who went on to become a two-time NCAA Champion at SUNY Binghamton University.