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CLASS OF 1978

THROUGHOUT THE DECADES OF THE 1970'S AND THE 1980'S, NORTH OLMSTED HIGH SCHOOL WAS CLEARLY THE DOMINANT WRESTLING PROGRAM IN THE SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE. AFTER COMING OFF A STELLAR YEAR IN 1977 AND WINNING SUCH AWARDS AS SECTIONAL CHAMPION, SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE CHAMPION, BRECKSVILLE TOURNAMENT CHAMPION AND PLAIN DEALER WRESTLER OF THE WEEK, RAY WAS DETERMINED TO LEAD THE EAGLES TO ANOTHER SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP. THE PRESTIGIOUS SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE TITLE HAD ELUDED THE EAGLES SINCE 1975.

1978 WAS A NEW YEAR. A YEAR THE EAGLES AND RAY TUSICK WOULD NOT BE DENIED. IN 1978, RAY ACHIEVED MANY SIGNIFICANT AWARDS. PLAIN DEALER WRESTLER OF THE WEEK, SUN HERALD ALL STAR, BRECKSVILLE TOURNAMENT CHAMPION, SECTIONAL CHAMPION, DISTRICT CHAMPION, SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE TEAM CHAMPIONS AND THE OHIO STATE CHAMPION AT THE 155 LB. WEIGHT CLASS. WITH THE WIN AT THE STATE MEET, RAY CAPPED OFF AN OUTSTANDING YEAR WITH A RECORD OF 26-2-1. ADD TO HIS SENIOR YEAR BEING ELECTED AS THE HOMECOMING KING BY HIS FELLOW CLASSMATES AND HIS SENIOR YEAR AT NORTH OLMSTED HIGH SCHOOL WAS A PRETTY MEMORABLE ONE.

AFTER GRADUATING FROM NORTH OLMSTED HIGH SCHOOL, RAY ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA BEFORE TRANSFERRING TO THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY AND WRESTLED AT BOTH INSTITUTIONS.

RAY HOLDS DEARLY TO HIS FOND MEMORIES OF NORTH OLMSTED HIGH SCHOOL. THE LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS HE MADE AND INSPIRATIONAL COACHES, TOM PETERS AND DENNIS SCHURDELL WILL ALWAYS BE SPECIAL TO HIM.