



Head Varsity Coach - Scott Stoner

Coach Scott Stoner has completed his 28th season as the Head Coach of the Golden Tornado Wrestling Program. In 1993, Stoner inherited a two-year old program that had earned a 3W-23L dual record. Under Coach Stoner's direction, the Golden Tornado has won twenty-five tournaments, appeared in the WPIAL Team Championship Tournament eighteen times including 2020-21. This season the team finished with a 14 Win and 2 Loss dual meet season. The team was ranked as high as #6 in the WPIAL AAA, but had to withdraw from the tournament due to Covid-19 contact. He advanced 10 of 11 individuals from the Section 3 Tournament to the top 4 in the section, and four to the WPIAL Tournament. He has produced thirty-three Section 3 AAA champions, 174 WPIAL qualifiers, 2 WPIAL champions, ten state qualifiers, 3 PIAA state place

winner, and a 2X NCAA All-American. Coach Stoner was voted Section 3 AAA Coach of the Year in 1998-1999. Upon completion of the 2020-21 season, Coach Stoner has compiled a dual meet record of 393 wins and 181 losses. Coach Stoner currently ranks 1st in career wins in the WPIAL among active coaches, and is 5th all-time in WPIAL wrestling history.

Coach Stoner is a 1986 graduate of Southmoreland High School where he was a Section champion at 98 pounds and a Westmoreland County champion at 105 pounds during his senior season. Coach Stoner became a four-year starter at 118-126 pounds with the Division 1 Slippery Rock University Wrestling Team. During that time, he was under the direction of coaching legend and current Butler Coach Fred Powell. He compiled an 89-41-3 record in four seasons and was a Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) finalist his junior and senior seasons. In 1991, Stoner qualified for the Division 1 NCAA Championships by finishing second at 126 pounds in the D1 Eastern Regional National Qualifier. Stoner went 3 wins and 2 losses at the Division 1 National Championships at the University of Iowa, but came up short of All-American status by dropping an 8-5 decision in the medal round.

Coach Stoner graduated from Slippery Rock University in 1991 with dual B.S. degrees in Health and Physical Education Teaching, and Sport Management. Coach Stoner then coached for two seasons at SRU and earned a Master of Science Degree equivalency in Athletic Administration. He has been a Health and Physical Education Teacher in the Butler School District for the past 27 years. He lives in Oakland Township, with his wife Randi, his sons Saxon, Sutton, and his dog Hudson.





Varsity Assistant Coach – Fred Powell

Coach Powell has just completed his 11th season with Coach Stoner and The Golden Tornado. Coach Powell mentored Coach Stoner as a wrestler at Slippery Rock University from 1986-1991 and is credited by Coach Stoner as being one of the most influential figures in his life. He is thought by many to be one of the great educators in coaching wrestling, and is highly recognized by wrestling enthusiasts and historians in any gym he walks into. This season Coach Powell was voted the Section 3 Assistant Coach of the Year and also received the WPIAL Assistant Coach of the Year for his efforts!

He began wrestling in the 9th grade and was a Virginia State Champion for Granby High School in Virginia wrestling for legend Billy Martin Senior. Granby High School went on to win 21 state titles in 22 years. His collegiate career highlights are numerous and are topped by his 1964 NAIA Collegiate National Championship and the vote of Most Valuable Wrestler, and a 1964 NCAA Division 1 Collegiate National Championship while wrestling for Lock Haven. While at Lock Haven Coach Powell wrestled with, and was coached by friend and Granby Alum Gray Simons, who won 3 National Titles at Lock Haven and went on to wrestle for the United States in the 1960 and 1964 Olympics. Coach Powell went on to compete at the international level and placed 5th in the 1966 FILA World Freestyle Championships for the United States.

After a brief time coaching at West Point, Coach Powell went on to assume the duties of Head Wrestling Coach at Slippery Rock University. He held this position at S.R.U from 1967-1991. He completed his tenure there with a career with a record of 215-105-4 in 23 seasons. He coached eleven NCAA Division 1 All-Americans and twelve All-Americans in the Collegiate Division. One wrestler, [Stan Dziejczak](#) went on to win the Bronze Medal in the 1976 Olympics and was also a World Champion. Many of his former wrestlers have gone on to become successful coaches at the high school and collegiate levels.

In addition to his collegiate coaching career, he also coached internationally. Coach Powell coached the Australian National Team, and coached in Hungary and New Zealand. In addition, he coached a High School World Elite Freestyle Team to two World Championships. Coach Powell was inducted into Slippery Rock University Hall of Fame, the Lock Haven University Hall of Fame, and was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame for Lifetime Service to Wrestling. This past year he was elected to the Butler County Hall of Fame. He was named NCAA College Division 1 Coach of the Year in 1971.

After he resigned from his collegiate coaching career, he began a wrestling program at Slippery Rock High School in 1998 and continued there until 2006. He developed many Sectional, Regional, and District Champions, along with several outstanding State Place Winners.



Varsity Assistant Coach – Trevor Gallo

Coach Trevor Gallo completed his 4th season as an assistant wrestling coach with the Golden Tornado Wrestling Program. Coach Gallo started his wrestling career at Butler in the youth wrestling program. Coach Gallo then went on to compete at Slippery Rock High School under the direction of Butler Coach Fred Powell.

During his high school career, he was a three-time section champion, a district champion, and a regional champion. He was a three-time PIAA State Tournament qualifier and placed at the PIAA State Tournament in 2004 and 2005 earning a 6th place and 3rd place respectively.

After high school, Coach Gallo attended Mercyhurst University, and wrestled under Coach Mike Wehler where he was a national qualifier. He was a four-year starter for the Lakers wrestling at 184 and 197. Coach Gallo graduated from Mercyhurst College in 2005 with a Bachelor of Arts

Degree in Business. He then went on to Indiana University of Pennsylvania to earn his Master of Education in Business.

Coach Gallo began his coaching career in Virginia where he was the Head Wrestling Coach for Louisa County High School for three years. During those three years, he compiled a 70-23 dual record. He also had 13 Virginia State qualifiers and 4 state placers during the three-year stint.

He currently lives in Summit Township and teaches at Moniteau High School.



Varsity Assistant Coach – Alex Evanoff

Coach Alex Evanoff joined our staff for his 3rd season this year. Coach Evanoff was a standout at Butler High School from 1998-2002. Evanoff was a three-time section placewinner & WPIAL Qualifier and won a Section 3 title in 2002. That season he placed 4th in the WPIAL meet and just off the third-place finish at the time that would have punched his ticket to the PIAA State Tournament. Evanoff finished his high school career with 101 victories, one of only ten wrestlers to reach the 100-win plateau at Butler.

After high school, Evanoff moved on to earn his degree at Waynesburg University and was a four-year starter for the Jackets. There, he was voted a team captain three times. While at Waynesburg, he also won a Presidents Athletic Conference Championship.

Upon graduation from Waynesburg, he began his career as a youth minister and coached at Jefferson Morgan High School. In 2015, he assisted in coaching Jefferson Morgan to a 6th place finish at the state tournament. Jefferson finished as the section champions three times and a team top four WPIAL finish three times. Individually, he coached a four-time PIAA State Champion, as well as several others to multiple state place winning performances.

Alex currently lives in Butler with his wife Sara, his son Luca, and his daughter Mila. He is currently employed as a youth minister at United Methodist's Crossfire Church.



Varsity Assistant Coach - Blake Caudill

Coach Caudill joined the staff this season for his 2nd year as a full-time volunteer assistant. Coach Caudill is a Butler Graduate and a Butler success story. Blake joined the wrestling program in junior high in 7th grade. Blake went on to win 128 varsity matches as a 4-year starter with the Golden Tornado despite his late start. He currently ranks as number 2 on Butler's all-time win list with those 128 victories, and is also 2nd in career pins with 75 falls. Blake was a 4-time section place winner and WPIAL Qualifier and won the section his sophomore and junior year. He placed 3rd at the WPIAL Tournament his senior season and was a PIAA State Qualifier that year.

Coach Caudill went on to wrestle at Division 1 Eastern Michigan University where he was a 2-year starter for the Eagles at 125. While at Eastern Michigan he was recognized for All-Academic Team Honors by the Mid-American Conference (MAC). He currently is a Registered Nurse at North Hills Passavant Hospital. He is also working on earning a degree as a Nurse Anesthetist.

Varsity Assistant Coach - Josh Forbes

Coach Forbes was an additional bonus to this year's staff. Josh came on as an assistant on a part time basis and added another coach to the heavyweight side of the room. His background brought him from successful program at Greenville in District 10. He is also the Head Baseball Coach at Butler.

