

DUFFY BRELSFORD

COACH



PORT WASHINGTON HALL OF FAME
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Duffy Brelsford has given outstanding contributions as a wrestling coach and has profoundly shaped the success and spirit of the Port Washington High School Wrestling Team. Prior to coaching at Port High, Duffy Brelsford himself played a valuable role in Milwaukee Pulaski's 1961 Wisconsin State Wrestling Championship team as he placed second at 165 lbs. Upon graduation from high school he accepted a partial wrestling scholarship at the University of Illinois.

After wrestling in college and completing his college degree, Duffy found himself in California at Miraleste High School from 1968-1973. Duffy started the wrestling program from scratch at Miraleste, where he coached two Division 1 All-Americans Oklahoma State. In 1973 his high school team captured the Southern California State Championship. Duffy also earned individual honors being named Southern California "Coach of the Year" in 1973.

Duffy's return to Wisconsin found him at Brown Deer High School and finally at Port Washington High School in 1976. The Port Washington wrestling program has a rich wrestling tradition and Duffy has done nothing but enhance that tradition. His teams have won seven conference championships, in both the North Shore and Braveland Conferences, and have compiled a 130-67 dual meet record while wrestling some of the best competition in the state. In 1984, Port Washington captured the State Championship, bringing Duffy the unique distinction of winning a State Championship in two different states.

Duffy owns a 201-118 dual meet record in his coaching career. He has coached five wrestlers to the WIAA State Finals, with two of them winning State Championships. In addition, Duffy has coached seven other state place winners. For his overall coaching efforts he was inducted into the George Martin Wisconsin Wrestling Hall of Fame in 1991 and in 2005 Duffy was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

What the record does not show is the countless hours Duffy has devoted to the sport and the wrestling program at Port Washington High School. His dedication influences every aspect of the team's success and fosters a culture of excellence and camaraderie. You can't think of Port Washington High School wrestling without thinking of Duffy, whose impact resonates in the heart of every match, every practice, and every athlete. His legacy is woven into the very fabric of the program, embodying the spirit of commitment and passion that defines Port Washington High School wrestling.