



## Muncy High School Athletic Hall of Fame

Dana Balum

Class of 1967  
Induction year 1982

Dana was one of the best matmen ever to wrestle for Muncy. He went undefeated in dual meets his junior and senior years, while also winning District IV titles both years. His senior year as Co-captain he helped lead the Indians to a perfect 14-0 season and a West Branch Championship.

Dana, wrestling at 133 lbs his senior season won Regionals before losing to Daniels from B.E.N. in the State Finals.

Dana also excelled in high school football as he lettered his sophomore, junior and senior years. He was Co-captain his senior year and was an All-league performer at halfback. Dana received a wrestling scholarship to Penn State and lettered three years, while compiling a 39-18-5 record. He was a national qualifier in 1970 and 71.

Dana went on to become one of the best high school wrestling coaches in Pa. In 34 years coaching the AAA Wilkes-Barre Coughlin matmen he has rolled up an outstanding 438-177-1 record while winning 8 Wyoming Valley League titles and 10 District 2 team titles. His 1978 team went 18-0.

Dana was also tabbed 10 times a District 2 AAA Coach of the Year and 3 Sportsmanship Awards by the Wyoming Valley Wrestling officials.

Dana has officiated PIAA Track for 25 years.

He is a member of the West Branch Valley Sports Hall of Fame.

Dana has indicated that 2007, his 35<sup>th</sup> year will be his last as a coach and teacher. Coughlin will have some big shoes to fill.

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