

# 2010-11 COACHES CORNER

## **Dick McCoy**

Head Varsity Coach

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This is Dick's 29<sup>th</sup> year as the head varsity coach on Elder's staff, the 2nd longest tenured head coach (current) at Elder. He has coached his teams to 7 G.C.L. titles, 14 Sectional titles, and 3 District titles, and several top-10 team finishes in the State Tournament. He has coached 26 individual state placers – including three STATE CHAMPS, two state runners-up, one 2-time STATE CHAMP, three 3-time state placers, and three 2-time state placers. Dick has compiled a 199-72-4 (72.8%) team dual record.

Prior to coaching at Elder, Dick coached at Western Hills as a varsity assistant from 1974-1978, at St. Xavier as a freshman head coach in 1979, and at Walnut Hills as the varsity head coach from 1979-1982.

Dick recently retired, after 30 years, from General Electric and now serves as the site manager at the (Elder) Panther Athletic Complex (PAC). Visit the PAC during the fall or spring and you will likely find Dick there!

Dick wrestled for Western Hills (1972 grad), was a 3x varsity starter, a 2x District Qualifier, and a 2x All-City Team member.

Dick is a member of the OHSAA Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame and the Western Hills Hall of Fame. Dick's most recent coaching honors came last season (2009-10) as he was voted the Coach of the Year in the G.C.L. South division, Coach of the Year in the city (by the SWOWCA), and the 2009-10 squad took home the SWOWCA team title.

He resides in Miami Heights Township with his wife and has two sons, a daughter (and son-in-law) and soon will have a grandchild.

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## **Sean Brady**

Volunteer Assistant Varsity Coach

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This is Sean's 4<sup>th</sup> year as a coach on Elder's staff as a volunteer varsity assistant.

Sean is a division manager for Specialty Interiors of Ohio, Inc.

Sean, a 1996 Elder graduate, placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the state his senior year. Sean was the captain of the '96 squad whose claim to fame is they were the first Cincinnati team to capture the Ohio All-Catholic Invitational Tournament (CIT) title. Sean was voted MVW (Most Valuable Wrestler) by his teammates and coaches his senior year and stands at #7 on the Elder Most Career Wins list.

He resides in .

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**Patrick “P” Hirth**  
Head JV Coach

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This is “P’s” 4<sup>th</sup> year as a coach on Elder’s staff and 2<sup>nd</sup> as the JV head coach.

“P” is a student at the University of Cincinnati, concentrating on Middle-Childhood Education as his major. He has been tutoring the past two years with H.O.M.E. (Hands on Math and Reading Education tutoring services).

“P”, a 2005 Elder graduate, was a 2x State qualifier and an Academic All-Ohio wrestler.

He resides in Delhi.

# 2010-11 COACHES CORNER

## **Steve Kurzhals**

Assistant Freshman Coach

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This is Steve's 7<sup>th</sup> year as a coach on Elder's staff. He currently is a freshman assistant.

Steve is a foreman for a masonry construction company.

Steve, a 2003 Elder graduate, was a captain his senior year and was voted Mr. Panther by his coaches.

He resides in Cheviot.

# 2010-11 COACHES CORNER

**Mike Masminster**  
Assistant Varsity Coach

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This is Mike's 23<sup>rd</sup> year as a coach on Elder's staff. He currently is a varsity assistant. Before returning to Elder, Mike coached Elder's Kids Club from 1980-1985 and Elder's Junior High from 1986-1988.

Mike is employed by Proctor & Gamble as a Site Integrated Planner for Febreze Noticeables.

Mike, a 1978 Elder graduate, started his wrestling career as a sophomore. He was a 3x varsity starter and a Sectional champ his senior year at 119#.

He resides in Price Hill (for 50 years!) with his wife and has 2 daughters and a son-in-law.

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## **Rob Oberjohann**

Head Varsity B Coach

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This is Rob's 17<sup>th</sup> year as a coach on Elder's staff; his 8<sup>th</sup> year working with the varsity and junior varsity heavy weights. Rob is also responsible for web-casting the home matches.

Rob is in his 6<sup>th</sup> year as a faculty member of the Mathematics Department at Elder.

Rob, a 1994 Elder graduate, was a GCL champ and a 2x District qualifier. Rob was voted Mr. ZIP (Zeal-Inspiration-Perseverance) by his teammates and coaches his senior year.

He resides in Mack with his wife and 2 daughters.

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## **Kurt Ruffing**

Assistant Varsity Coach

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This is Kurt's 26<sup>th</sup> year as a coach on Elder's staff. He currently is a varsity assistant after spending 20 years as the freshman head coach.

Kurt is in his 26<sup>th</sup> year as a faculty member at Elder, having taught math and computer programming. Currently, he is an assistant principal (Dean of Students) and teaches an honors-level Calculus class.

Kurt, a 1981 Elder graduate, placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the state, was a 3x varsity starter, a 3x District qualifier, and a 2x GCL champion. He was a captain on the 1980-81 team that captured the GCL team title and was crowned city champs. Kurt was voted Mr. ZIP (Zeal-Inspiration-Perseverance) his senior year by his teammates and coaches. He was also an All-City Team member.

He resides in Delhi Township with his wife and 4 children (son and 3 daughters).

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## **Jim Schultz**

Assistant Varsity Coach

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This is Jim's 22<sup>nd</sup> year as a coach on Elder's staff. He is currently a varsity assistant. Before returning to Elder, Jim coached Elder's Junior High (the old LaRosas' sponsored, Our Lady of Lourdes team) from 1975-1988.

Jim is part owner of Schultz Brothers Plumbing Company.

Jim, a 1974 Elder graduate, was voted Mr. ZIP (Zeal-Inspiration-Perseverance) by his teammates and coaches his senior year.

He resides in Green Township with his wife and has 3 sons.

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## **Jimmy Schultz**

Assistant Freshman Coach

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This is Jim's 7<sup>th</sup> year as a coach on Elder's staff. He is currently a freshman assistant.

Jim is in his 4<sup>th</sup> year as a plumber for Schultz Bros. Plumbing.

Jim, a 2003 Elder graduate, was a 4x varsity starter and is one of only three wrestlers in Elder's history to claim the title of Ironman (varsity starter for 4 years and never missed a match). He was a captain his senior year and was voted MVW (Most Valuable Wrestler) and Mr. ZIP (Zeal-Inspiration-Perseverance) by his teammates and coaches. Jim stands at #6 on Elder's Most Career Wins list with 102.

He resides in Price Hill with his wife.

# 2010-11 COACHES CORNER

## **Nick Spatola**

Assistant Varsity Coach

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This is Nick's 3<sup>rd</sup> year as a coach on Elder's staff.

Nick is in his 2<sup>nd</sup> year working for the Norwood City School District as a long-term substitute teacher. He has also conducted the **Spatola's Skills and Drills Wrestling Camp** for the past ten years.

Nick, a 2001 Elder graduate, was Elder's first 3x State placer (1998-5<sup>th</sup>, 1999-4<sup>th</sup>, 2001-3<sup>rd</sup>). While competing in the District tournament his junior year (2000), Nick suffered a severe ankle injury and was unable to finish the tournament, thus ending his goal of becoming a 4x State placer. He was voted MVW (Most Valuable Wrestler) by his teammates and coaches each of the four years he wrestled at Elder. Nick was a captain on the 2001 squad and finished his illustrious career at Elder with a 142-24 record and stands at the top of the Elder's Most Career Wins list.

After graduating from Elder, Nick furthered his education at Indiana University where he was a member of the varsity wrestling team from 2002-2006.

Nick resides in northern Kentucky.

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## **Pete Suer**

Head Freshman Coach

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This is Pete's 8<sup>th</sup> year as a coach on Elder's staff. Pete coached one year (2007-08) at Princeton before returning back to his alma mater.

Pete is in his 3<sup>rd</sup> year as a faculty member of the Science Department at Elder.

Pete, a 2000 Elder graduate, was a State qualifier his senior year. He was a captain on the 2000 squad and was voted MVW (Most Valuable Wrestler) and Mr. ZIP (Zeal-Inspiration-Perseverance) by his teammates and coaches.

He resides in Green Township with his wife.