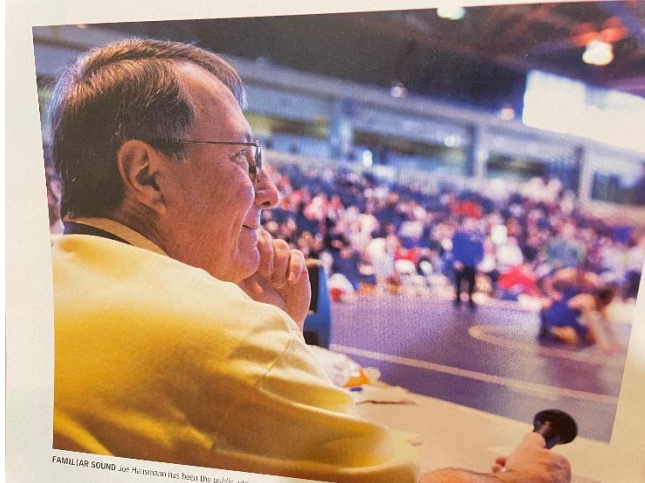


**THE 2026 WILLIAM F. POWLEY**

**MEMORIAL SERVICE TO WRESTLING AWARD IS PRESENTED TO**

**JOE HAUSMANN**

I JUST COMPLETED MY FORTY-FOUR YEARS OF COACHING AT FAIR LAWN HIGH SCHOOL AND MY 59TH YEAR OF ANNOUNCING BERGEN COUNTY ATHLETICS. I'M MOST PROUD OF MY COACHING EXPERIENCES EVEN THOUGH I'M MOST RECOGNIZED FOR MY VOICE. COACHING WISE IF YOU STAY AROUND LONG ENOUGH YOU'LL ACCUMULATE LARGE NUMBERS OF WINS AND LOSSES. MY COACHING CAREER INCLUDES OVER 200 WINS IN BOYS CROSS COUNTRY, 100 PLUS WINS IN GIRLS COUNTRY AND BETTER THAN 200 WINS



IN GIRLS BOWLING. INCLUDED IN THESE YEARS ARE NUMEROUS LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY AND GIRLS BOWLING.

AS FOR THE ANNOUNCING, I DESCRIBE IT AS "THE BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE TO WATCH THE MOST OUTSTANDING ATHLETES IN BERGEN COUNTY." I BEGAN IN 1966 WHEN I WAS DRAGGED KICKING AND SCREAMING

INTO THE FAIR LAWN HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM BY THE LONG TIME FAIR LAWN ATHLETIC DIRECTOR VIRGIL SASSO WHO HANDED ME THE MICROPHONE AND TOLD ME TO ANNOUNCE THE BERGEN COUNTY BASKETBALL JAMBOREE, WHICH THAT YEAR INCLUDED A FINAL GAME BETWEEN RIDGEWOOD'S DOUG COOK AND DON BOSCO PREP'S CHARLIE ADRIAN (MY SPOTTER THAT YEAR WAS HUBIE BROWN). FOR MUCH OF MY CAREER (30 PLUS YEARS) I WAS THE VOICE OF FAIR LAWN HIGH SCHOOLS ATHLETIC PROGRAMS (FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL AND WRESTLING). THE LAST 30 PLUS YEARS I'VE HAD THE PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH THE HIGHLANDERS OF NORTHERN HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL STARTING WITH ATHLETIC DIRECTOR HERB COHEN. DURING MY 59 YEARS OF ANNOUNCING BETTER THAN 30 PLUS YEARS I'VE HAD THE PLEASURE OF ANNOUNCING EITHER PART OF OR ALL OF THE BASKETBALL JAMBOREE GAMES AND 30 YEARS OF THE DISTRICTS, REGION 2 WRESTLING TOURNAMENTS AND THE GEORGE JOCKISH BERGEN COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

OVER THE YEARS I'VE BEEN FORTUNATE TO HAVE ANNOUNCED AT YANKEE STADIUM, MEADOWLANDS ARENA, ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY PLUS WAY TOO MANY HIGH SCHOOLS TO MENTION.

OVER ALL IT'S BEEN A LOT OF FUN JUST HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE AROUND SUCH FINE YOUNG ATHLETES AND GREAT COACHES. MY GREATEST PLEASURE IS WHEN A YOUNG ATHLETE COMES TO ME MANY YEARS LATER AND THANKS ME FOR MAKING HIM FEEL IMPORTANT EVEN IF ONLY FOR A FEW MINUTES.