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**NEWS RELEASE**

**Wrentham Wrestler Selected as Section Winner  
of NFHS National High School Spirit of Sport Award**

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (May 7, 2008) — **Connor David**, a junior at King Philip Regional High School in Wrentham, Massachusetts, has been selected as a 2008 section winner of the “National High School Spirit of Sport Award” by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

The “National High School Spirit of Sport Award” was created by the NFHS to recognize those individuals who exemplify the ideals of the spirit of sport that represent the core mission of education-based athletics.

David was one of eight section winners selected by the National High School Spirit of Sport Award Selection Committee. Tammy Dufford, cheerleading coach at Evergreen (Colorado) High School, and her freshman cheerleader, Megan Bomgaars, were subsequently selected as the national recipients of the award.

Days before the Division II Massachusetts Central Sectional wrestling tournament, David’s rival for the sectional championship was killed in an automobile accident while jogging along the side of the road. Frankie DeMeo, a senior at Nashoba High School in Bolton, Massachusetts, was a co-captain of his team and the defending sectional champion.

After being awarded the medal for sectional champion of the 112-pound weight class, David proceeded without hesitation to present the medal to DeMeo’s family. His exceptional display of sportsmanship makes him a model for all high school student-athletes.

His actions “(gave) all who were present a newfound sense of pride in our young athletes and a deeper appreciation for interscholastic wrestling,” said John Brucato, president of the Massachusetts Secondary School Administrators Association.

Nominations for this award were generated through NFHS member state associations and reviewed by the NFHS Spirit of Sport Award Selection Committee composed of state association staff members.

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#### **About the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)**

The NFHS, based in Indianapolis, Indiana, is the national leadership organization for high school sports and fine arts activities. Since 1920, the NFHS has led the development of education-based interscholastic sports and fine arts activities that help students succeed in their lives. The NFHS sets direction for the future by building awareness and support, improving the participation experience, establishing consistent standards and rules for competition, and helping those who oversee high school sports and activities. The NFHS writes playing rules for 17 sports for boys and girls at the high school level. Through its 50 member state associations and the District of Columbia, the NFHS reaches more than 18,500 high schools and 11 million participants in high school activity programs, including more than 7 million in high school sports. As the recognized national authority on interscholastic activity programs, the NFHS conducts national meetings; sanctions interstate events; produces publications for high school coaches, officials and athletic directors; sponsors professional organizations for high school coaches, officials, spirit coaches, speech and debate coaches and music adjudicators; serves as the national source for interscholastic coach training; and serves as a national information resource of interscholastic athletics and activities. For more information, visit the NFHS Web site at [www.nfhs.org](http://www.nfhs.org).

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