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Dan Adams

Dan graduated from John Glenn High School in 1985 and Ohio University (Bachelor of Science in Sports Science) in 1990. He later earned Master's degrees from both Ohio University (Athletic Administration) and Muskingum College (Educational Administration).

He started his twenty-two year career as a high school athletic director at New Lexington High School in 1994. Dan led the NLHS Athletic department for 13 years before returning to his high school alma mater (John Glenn) to lead the athletic department in 2007. In his 20 plus years as an MVL AD, he served as league President four times and was the senior AD in the league at the time of his passing.

Beyond his duties at these respective schools, Dan served in many leadership capacities in the MVL, Southeast & East District Athletic Boards and the executive committee of the Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, where he was President from 2007-09. Dan served a two year term on the OHSAA Board of Control in 2005-2007 and was voted State Athletic Director of the year by his peers in 2013.

Dan played football, basketball and baseball in high school earning two letters on the grid iron. He found his calling as an athletic administrator and took great pride in this leadership role. Dan was a true ambassador for interscholastic athletics, specifically the lifelong lessons and relationships fostered through athletic competition.

He cherished the lifelong relations that he established in his 13 year career at New Lexington High School, specifically Mr. Leckrone for his guidance and loyal support.

A special thanks to the coaches, teachers, boosters, athletes and district administration for making this time special in his life. Dan was extremely proud of the growth and success of the athletic program at New Lex in his tenure as he strived to make better opportunities for student-athletes.



Bob Seals

Robert "Bob" Seals was a 1972 NLHS graduate. He is absolutely honored to be selected by his friends and community for his induction into the NLHS Athletic Hall of Fame. Bob has many great memories and stories from his athletic career that he often shares with his sons and now his grandsons. He feels that he wouldn't be at this point in his life if it wasn't for the many coaches who invested their time and knowledge with him. Seals acknowledges that he was very lucky to have had many great team members to share the gridiron with. The many hours the coaches and teammates have instilled stewardship in Bob in which he continues to live by today.

Bob was a part of great teams that have instilled positive influences and helped him succeed in life and his business. It was easy to put the life lessons he learned on the field into his career. Seals has been a Lumber Jack Logger for the past forty plus years. Bob learned early on it that it takes hard work to reach your goals. The teamwork, discipline, perseverance, work ethic and goal setting are great assets Bob has. Most importantly he was able to finish what he started and learn selflessness from his experiences. These qualities will be with Seals forever and are qualities he instilled in his family.

In 1964, at the age of 11, he received his first Punt, Pass and Kick First Place Championship Award in the competition sponsored by Ford. Bob returned in 1965 to win the award again! Seals continued to work hard and improve his playing skills throughout his career participating in track (discus and Javelin) and football.

From 1968-72 he was a four-year starter on the football team. Bob was chosen First-Team All-Ohio twice, three-time All-SEO and three-time All-MVL award winner. Seals was a member of a State Championship and three MVL Football teams. He was captain of the 1971 team.

In track he was a member of two MVL Championship teams and was a two-year letterman and set the MVL Record in the Discus and Javelin events.

Bob is proud to be former NLHS athlete in which he feels has had and continues to have many great athletes who are qualified to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. He is humbled by his induction into this elite group.



Brett Wycinski

I am incredibly honored and humbled to be inducted into the New Lexington High School Athletic Hall of Fame. I want to thank everyone who was involved in my induction and let you know that you will never know how much this nomination truly means to me. To be mentioned in the same group of athletes, coaches, and individuals inducted into the Hall of Fame before me is one of the most rewarding feelings I think I've ever experienced.

New Lexington, Ohio, especially New Lexington High School, will always hold a special place in my heart. This town and this high school helped make me into the man I am today. My parents, family, coaches, teachers, and teammates always pushed me to be the best I could possibly be; whether they knew it or not. Being from New Lex taught me many lessons in my life; but the most important one was, that if I want something, I am going to have to work extremely hard to get it. Everyone automatically counts you out if you're from a small town or a small high school like New Lex, especially in sports. That always drove me to be the best possible athlete and person I could be. Whether it was football, basketball, or baseball, I always gave everything I had. My blood, sweat, and tears were poured out into every practice and every game I ever played in.

I wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for some of the coaches I had along the way. Especially Coach Brown and Coach Nutt. Those two, along with all my other coaches, helped mold me into the athlete I became. They saw the potential I had as an athlete and always pushed me to be the best I could possibly be, never letting me settle and never giving up on me. Playing football at New Lex made me into a mentally and physically tough athlete and person. It taught me more about life and how to be a man than anything else, and I cannot thank this football program enough for what it did for me.

Like Coach Brown always told us, you have to bleed orange and black. During high school I always thought I knew what that meant. I thought it was just giving everything you had in games and practices, and being able to count on each other as teammates and coaches; but I learned later in life that it was so much more than that.

I never realized how lucky I was to be from New Lex until after I suffered my traumatic brain injury, August 18, 2012. The outpouring of love and support my family and I received from this school and this town was absolutely incredible; and you will never know how much that truly means to me. I will never be able to thank you all enough for what you did for me. To be honest, all you Wycinski Warriors all saved my life. I wouldn't be where I am today if it wasn't for all of the prayers, love, and support I received from all of you; and for that I am eternally grateful. To me that's what bleeding orange and black it all about. It's about having a sense of pride in being from New Lex, a sense of pride in being a member of this tight knit community, and not only do you give everything you have for the team and the school; but you give everything you have for anyone lucky enough to be a part of our New Lexington community.

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.