



## 2003 Co-Coaches-of-the-Year

### Scott Roher

Hoover High School  
Hoover, Alabama

**E**ditor's Note: The selection of the High School Coach of the Year is always a difficult task. The hundreds of nominations we have received over the years have all been for outstanding coaches, some of them nominated because of a long and successful career. The Coach of the Year Award, however, is not based only on longevity. It is the honoring of a coach for a significant accomplishment during the season just completed, often against considerable odds or in spite of significant hardship. Obviously, excellence over time is also a consideration. -Cal

Successful coaches have many characteristics in common as well as distinguishing styles and methods. Our readers will find many similarities in the stories of our 2003 Co-Coaches of the Year, **VICTOR BALMECEDA** and **SCOTT ROHER**. Both were assistant coaches in their current programs. Both lead teams known as the Buccaneers. And both quickly built their teams into state powers that have not only won championships but have also fashioned a reputation for positively impacting the lives of their wrestlers. *Wrestling USA Magazine* congratulates these two fine men for a job well done!!



Coach **SCOTT ROHER** of Hoover High School in Hoover, Alabama, took over the Buccaneer reins in 1999 after seven years as an assistant at the school, which was named Berry High School at the time. The former University of Minnesota wrestler immediately began to build a storybook team, one that after

constant improvement would reach the pinnacle of the sport in four short years.

Those years saw a steady climb for the Hoover program. After a 5th place state finish in his first year, Rohrer led the Buccaneers to 4th in 2001, 2nd in 2002, and to the Alabama 6A State title in 2003. It had been thirty-one long year since the last, and only, Hoover High state wrestling championship. The 2003 team also crowned five individual state champions.

Like many successful coaches, Scott does more than just coach wrestling technique. He has extended the program to out of season camps and competition, conducted fundraisers to help finance wrestling activities, and has demonstrated a sincere interest in the lives of his wrestlers. Says senior Tyler Preston, in one of the numerous nomination letters submitted, "Coach Rohrer has done so much more than just coach. He has greatly impacted the lives of every guy on our team." Parents Gary and Wendy Koon add another line to that theme by saying, "Our son is a better person for having an outstanding man like Coach Rohrer as his mentor and leader these past four years."

Scott was nominated by Danny and Carol Milster.