

Steve Tomaras Class of 1975 Male Athlete Inductee

Steve Tomaras, a 1975 graduate of Holton High School, helped establish the strong tradition of Holton wrestling. In 1975, Tomaras would become a state champion in the 126 pound weight class. Tomaras won three matches to earn the title. The first match Tomaras won by pin in 2:28. The next match, he defeated his opponent 8-4. The championship match was a 5-4 overtime victory earning Tomaras the state champion title. The state championship meet was held at Holton High School that year.

Tomaras and his teammates went on to compete for the team state title ultimately earning a  $4^{\text{th}}$  place finish at the Class "D" tournament defeating Elk Rapids 36-18. It was the success of Tomaras and his fellow wrestling teammates that helped establish the winning tradition of Holton wrestling as we know it today. Holton wrestling has become a successful program with currently more than 42 athletes having earned all-state honors in the history of the program.

Tomaras continues to live in the area operating a small business. He continues to exemplify the qualities of excellence that we honor in those that we induct into the Holton Athletic Hall of Fame.