

# RIVER VALLEY WRESTLING HALL OF FAME

## Paul Nooyen

**Athlete - Class of 1976**

**Inducted 2017**



### **River Valley High School**

**1975** (Record 21-4)

- Wisconsin Heights Invitational, 1<sup>st</sup> place, 155 lb weight class
- Conference Champion, 155 lb

**1976**

- Led River Valley through its most successful wrestling season in the school's history. He scored 143 points, won 3 tournaments, and placed 5<sup>th</sup> (155 lb weight class) in the WIAA State Wrestling Tournament to culminate a brilliant high school career. His season record was 29-5, and his career record was 56-15.

### **U.W. Center-Richland Campus**

**1977**

- Roadrunner Invitational Champion, 177 lb
- Wisconsin Junior Collegiate Association (WJCAA) State Tournament Champion, 177 lb

**1978**

- Lawrence University Wrestling Tournament Champion, 177 lb and received Outstanding Wrestler Award
- Region XIII Wrestling Tournament Champion, 177 lb
- Wisconsin Junior Collegiate Association (WJCAA) State Tournament Champion, 177 lb
- March 4, 1978, made wrestling history by becoming Wisconsin's first National Junior Collegiate Athletic Association (NJCAA) Champion. During the season, he compiled a 35-1 record, won 2 Invitational Championships, a Wisconsin Junior Collegiate State Championship, was named First Team All-American by the NJCAA and was invited to participate in the Pan American Junior Games.
- While attending the U.W. Center-Richland Campus, he put together a career record of 53 wins and 10 losses.

### **South Dakota State University**

**1978**

- University of Nebraska-Omaha Invitational, 3rd place, 177 lb

**1980**

- National Collegiate Champion, 190 lb
- North Central ....., 190 lb