

THE NORMAN J. HUBNER ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Matt Graham is one of only two LaPorte High wrestlers to win state championships with an unbeaten record. He captured the 189-pound title as a senior in 1994 with a perfect 41-0 record. His final year was so dominant that he had 140 takedowns and never was taken down himself.

Graham compiled a 124-21 record during his four-year career. He was 21-13 as a freshman at 140 pounds and 27-5 as a sophomore at 160 pounds. As a junior he posted a 35-3 record at 171 pounds and placed seventh in the state.

He also won the regional and semistate twice, the sectional four times and the Duneland Athletic Conference title three times. He was named Slicer MVP as a junior and senior. He won the Kray Takedown Award as a junior and a senior after sharing it as a sophomore. He was co-captain as a senior.

Graham was a two-way standout in football, starting for three years at safety and adding regular running back duties his final year. As a senior he led the Slicers in defensive points (159) and rushing (174 carries for 1,188 yards and 12 touchdowns). He also had two TD catches. As a junior he returned two kickoffs and two punts for touchdowns.

As a senior he was named first-team All-State on defense and played in the North-South All-Star game where he led with seven tackles.

Graham received a full football scholarship to Indiana State University and was given a fifth year due to a broken foot early in his sophomore year. He started 33 games on defense and also played on special teams. His final two years he had a combined 154 tackles.

He currently coaches eighth grade football at Kesling Middle School and is unit leader at the Juvenile Services Center.

