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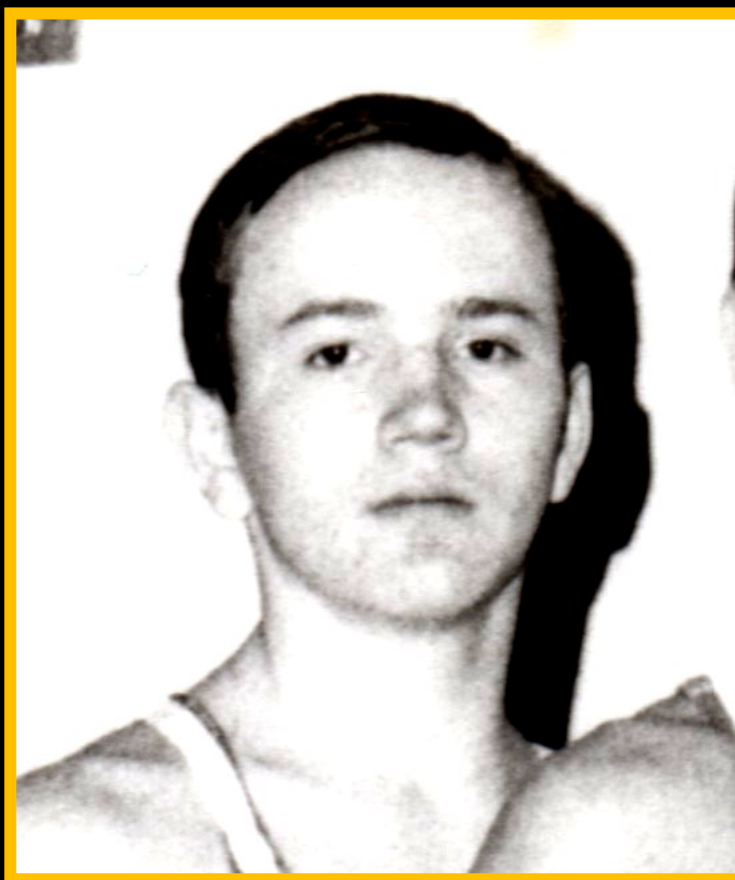
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SlipperyRockSM
University
of Pennsylvania

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BHS 1968



In 1978, Steve Heasley took over as both boys' and girls' head coach. Heasley was a native of Butler, a graduate of Butler High School in 1968, and a graduate of Slippery Rock University in 1972. Heasley was an honor student while earning his Bachelors' and Masters' degrees.

Steve Heasley started gymnastics as a ninth grader at Butler High School. He spent ninth and tenth grade with Coach Uram and Coach Williams.

He competed on Coach McKinnis' teams as a junior and senior, excelling on floor exercise and vault, and earning his varsity letters.

At Slippery Rock University, coached by Steve Banjak, Steve was a four-year letterman, the 1972 team captain, a two-time recipient of the Outstanding College Athletes of America Award, and an NCAA Division II All-American.

Heasley coached the boys' gymnastics program during the 1978, 1979 and 1980 seasons. He compiled a record of 24-6, losing only to a dominant and nationally ranked Ambridge team. Heasley's teams placed second in both the WPIAL and PIAA three years in a row, each time outscored only by Ambridge.

In addition to Heasley's team success. He coached many individual WPIAL and PIAA medal winners, some going on to successful collegiate careers. Perhaps the most successful was Bill Stanley. Stanley was a two-time WPIAL and PIAA pommel horse champ. He went on to Penn State where he was a four-year letterman, a three-time EIGL pommel horse champ, and a three-time NCAA All-American. In an international meet between Penn State and the Russian National Team, Stanley scored a perfect 10.0. Two of the judges awarding the perfect score were Russians!

Steve Heasley's greatest success as a BHS coach came with his girls' teams. Heasley coached the BHS girls' team for five years, 1978 through 1982. During that time, Heasley's teams accumulated a record of 54-2. Heasley's BHS girls' teams won five consecutive undefeated Section I championships. Heasley's teams placed second in the WPIAL and PIAA in 1978, 1979 and 1980. In 1981 and 1982 Heasley's BHS girls were back-to-back undefeated WPIAL and PIAA Champs.

There were also many Section I, WPIAL and PIAA individual medal winners and champions, some going on to successful collegiate careers. Among the many high achievers was Bev Fry. Bev had a great high school and collegiate career, then went on to a highly successful collegiate coaching career at the University of Michigan.

Steve Heasley ended his BHS gymnastics coaching career after the 1982 season.

He continued his teaching career at Butler High and also became a private businessman, founding, owning and coaching at Heasley's Butler Gymnastics Club.

Steve began at the old Chantlers' Bakery building, moved to the Hindman building and finally to his own building.

As the PIAA hybrid approach gradually destroyed high school gymnastics, Steve kept gymnastics alive and well in the Butler community.

Year after year, Heasley's programs have produced many national caliber gymnasts while Steve continues to pursue his love of gymnastics.



**BACK TO BACK UNDEFEATED PIAA
STATE CHAMPIONS 1981-1982**



COACH HEASLEY:

BOYS' TEAMS: 24 WINS – 6 LOSSES.

3 SECOND PLACES IN WPIAL SECTION.

3 SECOND PLACE FINISHES IN WPIAL.

3 TOP FOUR TEAMS IN PIAA.

GIRLS' TEAMS: 54 WINS – 2 LOSSES.

4 UNDEFEATED WPIAL SECTION

CHAMPIONSHIPS.

2 UNDEFEATED WPIAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS.

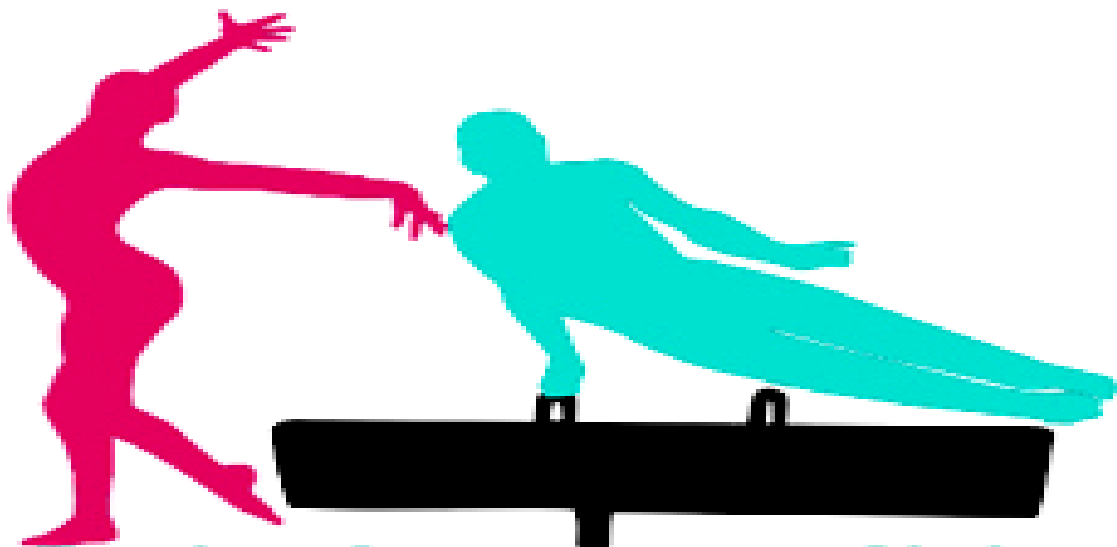
3 WPIAL SECOND PLACE TEAMS.

2 UNDEFEATED PIAA STATE CHAMPION TEAMS.

3 PIAA SECOND PLACES.

BUTLER GYMNASTICS CLUB

EST. 1974



Butler Gymnastics Club
Inc.



The History of our Family's Gym

IT ALL STARTED WITH OUR FATHER, STEVE HEASLEY,
WHEN HE OPENED
BUTLER GYMNASTICS CLUB IN MARCH OF 1974.

He competed as a member of the Butler High School gymnastics team before pursuing competitive gymnastics at Slippery Rock University. Steve excelled at SRU as he was a four-year letterman and Team Captain. He also earned the Outstanding Athlete of America Honors (All-American). His coaches and mentors included well-known gymnastic talents such as Bud Williams, Paul Uram, Dave McKinnis, and Steve Banjack.

Steve began his coaching career, where he started as a young man, the Butler Senior High School! He coached both the boys and girls gymnastics teams. During his 5-year tenure, Steve coached the girls gymnastics team to an unprecedented record of 54-2! *This record stands today as the Most Winning Percentage Overall of Any Sport at Butler High School.*

Thanks to Steve's hard work and dedication the Butler gymnastics teams qualified for the WPIAL

STEVE HEASLEY, HIMSELF ALWAYS A HIGH ACHIEVER, HAS EARNED MUCH WELL-DESERVED NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR HIS WORK IN THE PRIVATE WORLD OF GYMNASTICS. AT HOME, STEVE HAS BEEN HONORED WITH INDUCTIONS INTO THE BUTLER HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS HALL OF FAME AND THE BUTLER COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME. SINCE THE DEMISE OF HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASTICS IN PENNSYLVANIA, STEVE HEASLEY HAS BEEN THE EXCLUSIVE DRIVING FORCE TO KEEP GYMNASTICS ALIVE AND WELL IN THE BUTLER AREA. FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS, STEVE HAS BEEN A BUTLER GYMNAST, COACH, CLUB OWNER AND GYMNASTICS ENTHUSIAST EXTRAORDINAIRE. STEVE WILL ALWAYS BE A BUTLER GYMNASTICS LEGEND.