

Thompson Sports
Presents a Classic new production for 2008

Iowa Sports Heroes
Inspirational stories of five Iowa athletes

Cael Sanderson 2000's Wrestling

Cael's college wrestling career is one of the two greatest in NCAA history. Unbeaten in college, winner of four straight NCAA Championships, Cael climaxed his wrestling career with an Olympic Games Title in 2004. Now in his 2nd year as Iowa State coach, Cael has already proven to be an excellent recruiter and coach. Sports Illustrated named his accomplishments as the second greatest individual performance in NCAA history.

Randy Duncan 1950's Football

In the early 1950's Randy was one of the purest passers to ever come out of Iowa high schools. At the University of Iowa, the Iowa Hawkeyes' 1956 – 1958 stretch was probably the greatest three years in modern Hawkeye Football history. Coached by Forrest Evashevski, Randy was an important factor in 1956 when Iowa went on to a Rose Bowl win and led the Hawkeyes to two more sensational years, including a Big Ten Title in 1958 and Rose Bowl victory January 1, 1959.

Bob Feller 1936 - 1956 Baseball

One of the greatest pitchers in major league history, Bob Feller went right from Van Meter High School to the major leagues at 17 years of age. Feller had one of the most explosive fastballs ever and he had a remarkable curve. Iowa can also take great pride in Feller because on December 8, 1941, he was the first major professional athlete to volunteer for military service that resulted in his losing four prime pitching years.

Natasha Kaiser Late 80's-1990's Track

"Tash" was a track star at Des Moines Roosevelt and Missouri University. She was terrific in mid-distance races in high school and in college. In the 1992 Olympics, she was a Silver Medalist in the 4 x 400. In the 1993 World Games, Natasha won the Silver Medal in the 400 Meter Run and the Gold in the 4 x 400. Natasha did all this while battling painful stress fractures in her feet. She is now the Women's Track Coach at Drake.

Chad Hennings Late 80's & 90's Football

All-state in football and with a Wrestling title at Benton Community Outland Trophy Winner at the Air Force Academy, four years active duty as a pilot, including Mideast tour of duty, followed by nine years with the Dallas Cowboys' defensive line and thee Super Bowl Rings. Chad is now President of Hennings Management Corporation, is a motivational speaker at a high level, including as a keynote speaker at various national conventions.

Stations scheduled to broadcast 2008 Iowa Sports Heroes

WOI-TV	Des Moines	ABC-TV Tuesday, April 8 @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
KCRG-TV	Cedar Rapids-Waterloo- Iowa City-Dubuque	ABC-TV Tuesday, April 8 @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
WHBF-TV	Quad Cities	CBS-TV Tuesday, April 8 @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
KCAU-TV	Sioux City	ABC-TV Tuesday, April 8 @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
KIMT-TV	Mason City, Austin & Rochester	CBS-TV Sunday, April 6 @ 9:00 -10:00 p.m.

Host: John Walters

Weekend daytime second run

WOI-TV	Des Moines	ABC-TV Saturday, April 12 @ 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
KCRG-TV	Cedar Rapids--Waterloo Iowa City- Dubuque	ABC-TV Saturday, April 12 @ 3:00-4:00 p.m.
WHBF-TV	Quad Cities	CBS-TV Sun, April 13 @ 11:30 a.m.-12:30p.m.
KCAU-TV	Sioux City	ABC-TV Saturday, April 12 @ 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
KIMT-TV	Mason City-Austin- Rochester	CBS-TV Sun, April 13 @ 11 a.m. - Noon