



Philip Roy Brown Jr. was a three-year Kingston High School Varsity wrestler from 1974-1977. He is widely considered to be one of the most accomplished wrestlers in the history of the school's program. Coached by Dean Short, Philip quickly became one of the Tigers top grapplers due to his dedication, work ethic, and love for the sport. During his career, he achieved many individual honors, along with helping his team to its first ever DCSL (Dutchess County Scholastic League) and Sectional Wrestling Titles.

As a sophomore in 1975, Philip earned the number three seed in the 112 lb. weight class for the DCSL Wrestling Tournament, where one of his victories was over the second-seeded wrestler, Gordie Winters of John Jay. He lost in the finals to Arlington's Paul McGough by the score of 8-4. At the Section One Northern Divisional Tournament, Philip placed in the top three by again defeating Winters 3-2 in the consolation finals. This victory earned him a trip to the Section One Open Wrestling Championships the following week. After winning his opening match, he was eliminated by eventual runner-up Dave Vendetti from Ossining. The experience gained in the tournaments set the stage for the next two years to come. Philip was selected to the DCSL Division One Wrestling All-Star second team.

In 1976, Kingston won the DCSL Wrestling Tournament team title outright and was declared the Co-Champions of the DCSL Mid-Hudson Conference together with Saugerties. Both schools ended with 4-1 records in the conference dual meet competition. The Tigers finished the season with an overall record of 13-1. This was the first year that the DCSL officials decided to have both a dual meet team champion and a separate tournament champion. Interestingly, the league also discontinued giving individual awards such as the quick pin award and the outstanding wrestler. But this did not deter Kingston nor Philip. The team crowned three individual champions starting with Philip at 119 lbs. and brothers Doug Reedy (132 lbs.) and Ron Reed (138 lbs.). Philip pinned all three opponents to take the crown. Two other KHS wrestlers, football and soccer standouts Phil Razey and Emile Jordan, both lost in the finals.

At the Section One Division One Class AA Wrestling Championships, Philip continued his winning ways by pinning Nick Santagate of Ketcham High School to win the 119 lb. crown, helping to propel the Tigers to a second-place finish behind perennial power Mount Vernon High School. Philip shared the tournament's Most Valuable Wrestler award with future college teammate Bucky Smith of Mount Vernon. Other Tiger champions were Emile Jordan at 126 lbs. and Doug Reedy at 132 lbs. Philip then went on to place third at the Section One Open Championships, losing to the eventual champion from Ossining in the 119 lb. weight class. For the season, he had a record of 24-3.

Philip started off his senior year by earning a third-place finish in the tough Mid-Hudson Wrestling Tournament by dominating Baldwin's Ed Nolan in the wrestle backs in the 119 lb. weight class by a score of 10-1. It was Nolan who put a damper on Brown's dream of winning a championship by decisioning him 4-0 in an opening round upset. Philip became a two-time DCSL Champion at the 119 lb. weight class, again leading Kingston to another DCSL regular season dual meet title. This time they shared the crown with John Jay. The Tigers then repeated as champions of the DCSL Tournament with Philip winning the quick pin award by becoming the only wrestler to pin all three opponents. The Tigers then captured their first ever Section One AA Divisional Championship, with Philip successfully defending his Section One AA Divisional 119 lb. crown. He earned the tournament's Most Valuable

Wrestling Award with teammate Emile Jordan finishing second. At the Sectional Open AA Tournament, Philip again won the 119 lb. weight class, becoming the first wrestler in Kingston High School history to qualify for the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Championships in Syracuse, NY. Kingston High became the first non-Westchester County school to ever win the Section One Open Championships. He entered into the state tournament with a 24-1 record. After an opening round bye, Philip lost a highly controversial match by the score of 7-6. During the wrestle backs he dominated his opponents, culminating with the pinning of Tappan Zee's Bob Hirt in 2:30. His 3rd place finish was the best of any Section One wrestlers. For his effort, he was selected to the All-State Wrestling Team. Philip ended the season with a sparkling 27-2 record. His record for the past two years was 51-5. He was named the Most Outstanding Wrestler in the DCSL and was a first team selection in the 119 lb. weight class. In the spring, he lettered in Track and Field competing in the 110 high hurdles and pole vault.

Philip earned a full wrestling scholarship to Division II Morgan State University where he continued to excel in the sport. He was a two-time Eastern Regional Champion in the 150 lb. weight class (1980,1981) after being the runner-up in 1979 tournament. In 1981, his senior year, the Golden Bears captured the Eastern regional title. Philip was a four-time NCAA Division II qualifier and a two-time All-American, placing fifth and eighth in the nationals.

After graduating from Morgan State and from its ROTC program, he continued to wrestle while serving in the Army. There he won the United States European wrestling championships in two styles (Freestyle and Greco-Roman). He was on the All-Army Wrestling Team (1987-89) and was placed into the Army World Class Athletic Program (1990-92). Philip qualified for two Olympic trials, one in 1988 (Seoul) and the other in 1992 (Barcelona). He was selected as an alternate for the Barcelona games at 163 lbs. in Greco-Roman where he lost a match in the last 15 seconds to the eventual USA wrestling representative.

At the age of 42 in 2001, he won his first gold medal at 187 lbs. while competing in the New York State Empire Games in Greco-Roman wrestling. Two years later, 2003, Philip captured double gold medals by taking both the Greco-Roman and Freestyle titles.

After his military service career, Philip returned to KHS as a Physical Education teacher where he coached track and field and wrestling. He continues to give back to the community after forming the Dark Corner Wrestling Club for area athletes, which is registered with USA Wrestling. The program, which was started in the 90's, is still going strong today.