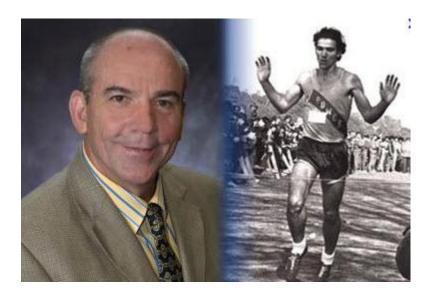
MATTHEW CENTROWITZ



Matt Centrowitz is a two-time Olympian, a four-time United States Champion, a collegiate all-American and, as we all know so well, a nationally renowned high school runner.

Born in New York City, Matt transferred into Power Memorial Academy in his sophomore year. It was here that he won state championships in the 800m, one mile and two mile events. He became the first New Yorker to break nine minutes in the two mile run. In 1973, he was ranked the country's number one high school mile runner. He has the fourth best 1500m time ever run and still holds the NYS record in the 1500m and one mile events.

Matt was a member of the US Olympic team in 1976 and 1980, competing in the 1500m. He won a gold medal in the 5000m run at the 1979 Pan-American games and followed that with four United States Championships in the 5000m. He set an American record in 1982 and his time still stands as 6th best of all time.

Matt is currently coaching at American University in Washington DC and is a member of the U.S. Olympic Development Committee. In 1998, he was inducted into the University of Oregon Athletic Hall of Fame and in 2005, he was named the Mid-Atlantic Coach of the Year. Since restarting the track program at American University, he has coached 3 Olympians, 7 All-Americans and his teams have won dozens of championship events.

This past summer, his son, Matt Centrowitz Jr., qualified for the United States Olympic team in the 1,500m. Young Matt, a rising star in the world of international track and field, finished 4th in the 2012 London Summer Olympic Games in the 1,500 meter race. He missed the bronze medal by .04 seconds, finishing with a time of 3:35.17.

And the beat goes on...