



NEAL SKAAR graduated from Albert Lea High School in 1965. After an outstanding high school career for the Tigers, he wrestled at Luther College. While at Luther, he finished fifth, sixth and third in the NCAA Division II individual wrestling and is in Luther's Athletic Hall of Fame.

After graduating from Luther in 1968, Neal returned to Albert Lea where he joined the wrestling program as an assistant coach for 11 years. In 1979 he became head coach of the Tigers and guided them to Big Nine Conference championships in 1979, 1980, 1981, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1990 and 1991. In 1981 he led the Tigers to the state championship, and in 1991 he was named the Big Nine Coach of the Year.

Neal remains as an assistant coach in the wrestling program and resides with his wife Jean in Hayward, Minnesota.