



# MIGHTY BLUEBIRDS



## NEWSLETTER



**Congratulations!**

### Mighty Bluebird Girls Basketball Team



The Mighty Bluebird Girls 4th Grade Basketball team won the 41st Annual Reverend Rodgers Pre-Holiday Basketball Tournament 4th & 5th Grade Champions!

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Life Champs Football  
Champions 2006, 2007  
and 2008

Wrestling State  
Champions  
2009 & 2010

Soccer State Cham-  
pions 1999, Oops,  
2001, 2002, 2003,  
2004, 2005, 2006, 2007,  
2008, 2009 and 2010

**"Just as your car runs more smoothly and requires less energy to go faster and farther when the wheels are in perfect alignment, you perform better when your thoughts, feelings, emotions, goals, and values are in balance."**

— **Brian Tracy:** Personal development author and speaker



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## *Bluebird Player Spotlight*

**Richard Buzzitta**

**DATE, PLACE OF BIRTH:** 7 Jan 1998, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida

**TO MY FANTASY DINNER I WOULD INVITE:** Kaka

**I WANT TO GO DOWN IN HISTORY AS:** A 4 time NCAA wrestling champion and a soccer superstar

**IF I COULD CHANGE ONE THING IT WOULD BE:** to lower gas prices

**MY GUILTY PLEASURE IS:** eating candy

**THE MOST FUN I'VE EVER HAD IS:** Going on my first deer hunting trip getting a buck on my first shot

**MY PET PEEVE IS:** talking to someone who you think is paying attention to you but they really are not listening

**IF I HAD TO CHOOSE A CAREER FIELD NOW I WOULD:** become a fighter pilot

**THE BOOK I MOST RECENTLY READ AND LIKED WAS:** Twelfth Grade Kills

**ON MY NIGHTSTAND I KEEP:** a knife, watch, sunglasses, pens and pencils

**IF I WERE STRANDED ON A DESERTED ISLAND, THE THREE THINGS I WOULD HAVE TO HAVE WOULD BE:** A solar powered computer with internet access, an unlimited supply of food and a dog

**ONE WORD TO SUM ME UP:** Beast

**MY FAVORITE THING AT BLUEBIRD PRACTICE:** King of the mat in wrestling and scrimmaging at soccer

**MY FAVORITE T.V. SHOW:** Dirty Jobs

**MY FAVORITE SONG:** Dynamite my Taio Cruz

**MY FAVORITE SIGN AT BLUEBIRD:** Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard

Richard was a born competitor. He started attending his older brothers sporting events shortly after he was born and he wanted to get on the field to participate as soon as he could walk. Richard started playing organized soccer on a team at age 3 and has played both spring and fall seasons every year. He has also played baseball and basketball. He is a member of the summer swim league and this year for the first time in his six seasons he reached the status of gold swimmer. Richard began his Bluebird career as a wrestler. Just like soccer his early exposure to wrestling was watching his older brother. He sat and watched his brother wrestle and wanted to give it a try. His chance came last year and he has made the most of it winning a majority of his matches proving that the Bluebirds have the best coaches in the world. His next venture into the Bluebird organization was joining the soccer team. The team was going to a tournament and didn't have enough players he was asked if he would help. He guest played with the team for that first tournament, after that weekend we knew that Bluebird soccer was right for Richard. He has become a full time Bluebird in his first tournament since becoming a regular member the team; they won it all at the GIT in Memphis TN. While sports are an important part of his life academics have always come first. He has won numerous awards in school for academic achievement and participation in science fairs, talented and gifted programs. He is a member of the Northwood Choir and was selected to participate in the All Regions program for Central Arkansas. He is a active member of Boy Scout Troop 542, which has been involved in many community projects. We would like to thank Greg Hatcher for his generosity and dedication to youth sports, without him wrestling wouldn't exist in Arkansas.



## Setting Goals My Way...



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### Chapter 14 – Setting Goals My Way

When I was growing up especially by the time I got to high school I was always setting goals. The goal might be to be first team All-Conference in wrestling or to be the most valuable player on the baseball team. My goal might have been to make the National Honor Society, or to be named the Outstanding Senior Graduate. Sometimes my goals might have been to lead the team in batting average or to win the cross-country race, it seems like all my goals had something to do with receiving an award or getting some kind of accolade. During those high school years what I learned was that when I set my goal to be first team All-Conference I'd end up getting second team All-Conference. When my goal was to win the cross-country race I might end up finishing second. When my goal was to make the National Honor Society and it required a 3.5 grade average I ended up with a 3.46 and when my goal was to be the most valuable player in baseball I'd end up getting the second most votes.

The problem with setting goals that are based on awards or accolades is that we tend to work just hard enough to reach that level and invariably something always goes wrong along the way. Maybe somebody has a better day that day, you have a bad game or two along the way, but the number one thing that goes wrong along the way is that when you set a goal like these you tend to work just hard enough to get there instead of working so hard to shoot way past the goal. The other problem is that the goal you set may have been lofty, but still short for your potential. After having a series on near misses on goals as a younger man I decided to change my goals to a very simple one. That goal was to do the best that I could at everything I did, to absolutely lay it all out on the line and in each game I played be the best that I could be.

In college I actually ended up becoming a better athlete than I was in high school. I don't think it was that my body changed, I think it was that my goal changed. When I changed my goal to simply be the best I could be I ended up achieving the goals I would have set plus so much more. I actually accomplished things that I would have never even thought I could achieve simply by just deciding to be the best that I could be and unleash my entire potential.

It's tempting when you're young to want those accolades and those awards, but in the end the greatest goal and the most satisfying goal is to lay it all on the line and be the best that you can be. This is not a cop out being the best you can be, as it is so many times after you play a bad game and a parent or somebody will say, oh, you played good, you did your best. No, this is the kind of best that only a Warrior and a competitor can understand. One who truly holds themselves accountable for maximum effort on every play doing your best at this level is much, much harder than that or winning any particular award. The funny thing is when I wasn't shooting for all those awards I ended up winning them anyway and a few extra I never would have even thought of. Doing your very best, achieving your maximum potential, is the hardest goal you'll ever achieve.



## BLUEBIRD WRESTLING SEASON HAS BEGUN

### 2011 Cotton Bowl Nationals

### Allen, TX

Allen Event Center

200 East Stacy Road, Allen, TX 75002

DATE: FRIDAY-SATURDAY—January 7-8th, 2011

**WOW!**

Seth Spataro wins Cotton Bowl Nationals with a fan heated 9-8 bloody victory. He will now put his name up on the National Championship Wall!

**WOW!**

Layne Hatcher wins Back to Back Cotton Bowl Nationals with a 7 to 2 victory against a very strong wrestler.

The Bluebirds sent 20 wrestlers to this prestigious tournament. They came away with 2 Champions, Jackson Merchant and Joshua Ayliffe Third Place, Michael Crockett and Richard Buzzitta finished 5th.

Other wrestlers competing included, Cooper Griffin, Cameron Boardman, Hunter Jones, Collin Coats, Ethan Bennett, Jacob Beene, Dregen Smith, and Braden Zini in a very tough national tournament.

**WAY TO GO!!**



## COACHES CORNER



### **Bluebird Batting Cages are Finished and the Pro Shop Should be finished by February 1<sup>st</sup>**



The Mighty Bluebirds newest 9,000 square foot facility which includes a Pro Shop, Julian Owen's soccer office, and an indoor practice facility equipped with four batting cages and two pitchers mounds are almost to 100% completion. We expect to open the Pro Shop on February 1<sup>st</sup> with all kinds of Bluebird memorabilia and gear available for athletes and parents. When the Pro Shop opens up on February 1<sup>st</sup> we will have gear for soccer, wrestling, baseball, and Bluebird gear that you can buy on the spot and order as well. Items that will be in the Pro Shop will include letter jackets, travel jackets for parents, warm up suits for kids, Bluebird bumper stickers, lapel pins, All State patches, umbrellas, t-shirts, and many other fun Bluebird items. We look forward to showing off Julian's new office and the Pro Shop shortly.



### **New Lighting**

I don't know if you have noticed, but we've improved the lighting at Mighty Bluebird Field to improve safety when people are driving at night. We certainly don't want any kids to get hurt coming out of the gym and so a new flood light has been put on Bluebird Gym and new bright lights on each of our buildings to help people to better see when all the lights are off at night.

# Summer Camps



## CAMP INFORMATION 2011 Summer 2011 Soccer/Sports Camps

*Conducted by Julian Owen, USSF A, NYL  
& Chris Owen, FA Preliminary Badge*

### Sports Camp

June 13-17

Time: 8:00—3:00 p.m.

Session Cost: \$150

### Elite SOCCER Camp

Dates: June 20-24th and

June 26-July 1<sup>st</sup> – two week camp

Time: 8:30—10:00 a.m.

Cost: \$150 or 8:30 a.m. to 12 pm - \$225

### Sports Camp

July 18-22<sup>nd</sup> 8 am to 3pm

Cost: \$150

### Elite Soccer Camp

July 25-29th and Aug. 1-5<sup>th</sup>

8:30-10am

Cost: \$150 or

8:30 to 12pm \$225

### Camp 5

4 Weeks – June 6-30<sup>th</sup>

“Nobody Ever Drowned in Sweat”

Bluebird Adult Fitness Camp

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$125

### Camp 6

3 Week Fitness & Speed Training

Mon, Tues, and Thursday 6:00-7:00 p.m.

July 18<sup>th</sup> – August 5<sup>th</sup>

# New Bluebird Items For Sale!

## New Bluebird Items For Sale!

See Coach Owen for All New Bluebird Pro Shop Gear!

They have all sizes available to try on. Just Fill out your order form, leave your check, and your items will be to you as soon as possible!

Great gift ideas!

\$65 Youth  
\$75 Adult



\$55



\$90 Youth  
\$95 Adult



\$20



\$45



\$55



Beanies  
\$16

PRO SHOP TO OPEN BY FEBRUARY 1st!!

\$18



# NEW Website!



[www.mightybluebirds.com](http://www.mightybluebirds.com)

NEW & IMPROVED MIGHTY BLUEBIRD WEBSITE

Pro Shop Items



Send pictures!



Mighty Bluebird Girls Basketball Trip to Memphis Grizzlies Game in December!



Mighty Bluebird Boys Wrestling  
River Valley Wrestling Tournament  
Saturday, December 11, 2010



### Tentative 2011 Baseball Schedule

March 4-6	"Road to the Show"	Springdale, AR
March 11-13 Championships)	"CASM Sports"	Cabot (Youth State Wrestling
March 25-27	"Early Bird Classic"	South Haven, Miss
April 9-10	"Best of the South"	South Haven, Miss
April 15-17	"Conway Classic"	Conway, AR
May 1-3	"Summer Slam"	Hot Springs, AR
May 6-8	"Mothers Day Classic"	Conway, AR
May 21-22	"Memphis Madness"	Cordova, Tenn.
May 27-29	"Wally Hall Classic"	Benton, AR
June 10-12	"State Warm-Up"	Cabot, AR
June 17-19	<b>State Tournament</b>	
<b>July 5-</b>	<b>World Series if Qualified</b>	



# **MIGHTY BLUEBIRDS Wrestling**

**RESULTS  
Congratulations  
Bluebird Wrestlers!**

## **Allen Tourn. of Champions**

December 11, 2010

- Jackson Marchant—2nd Place Div. IV Open 90 lbs.
- Layne Hatcher—1st Place Div. III open 100 lbs.
- Layne Hatcher—2nd Place Div. IV Open 100 lbs.
- Hunter Jones—2nd Place Div. IV Open 80 lbs.
- Seth Spataro—1st Place Div. III Open 110 lbs.
- Michael Crockett Jr.—2nd Place Div. III 95 lbs.
- Joshua Ayliffe—4th Place Div. III 85 lbs.

## **4th Annual Rumble in Rogers**

December 18, 2010

- Tripp Landers—1st Place Div. I 65 lbs.(2 Pins!)
- Layne Hatcher—1st Place Div. III open 100 lbs. (4 pins!)
- Layne Hatcher—1st Place Div. IV Open 100 lbs.
- Rhett Noel—1st Place Div. II 68 lbs.
- Seth Spataro—1st Place Div. III Open 110 lbs.
- Michael Crockett Jr.—1st Place Div. IV 95 lbs.
- Richard Buzzitta—1st Place Div. IV 105 lbs.
- Richard Buzzitta—2nd Place Div. V 110 lbs.
- Jackson Marchant—2nd Place Div. IV 94 lbs.
- Collin Coats—2nd Place Div. III 75 lbs.
- Jakob Beene—2nd Place Div. III 64 lbs.
- Ethan Bennett—2nd Place Div. IV 130 lbs.
- Nick Noel—3rd Place Div. V 94 lbs.



# MIGHTY BLUEBIRD SOCCER

## Windstream Bluebird Spring Classic

### Windstream Bluebird Spring Classic

April 30th & May 1st, 2011

Burns Park Soccer Complex  
Little Rock, AR

Ages:  
U9-U14 Boys and Girls

Team Entry Fee:  
U/9 - U/10 - \$300  
U/11 - U/12 - \$425  
U/13- U14- \$450

### Information

17 Incredible Fields  
3 Full-Length Games Guaranteed  
Well-matched competition!  
schedule requests!

For More information Contact: Chris or Julian

## Upcoming Wrestling Events...

### Mighty Bluebird Wrestling

Fri.-Sat., Jan. 21-22 Cliff Keen Tulsa Nationals & Novice Nationals  
Tulsa, OK

Sat. Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>

Monett Youth Wrestling Tourn. Monett, MO

## CURRENT PRACTICE TIMES

**Mighty Bluebird Wrestling Practice** will occur from 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, all boys ages 4 through 15 are welcome to attend.

**Mighty Bluebird Girls Basketball Practices** – will be held from 5:15 – 6:30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.

**Mighty Bluebird Soccer Practices** – will be held on Wednesdays from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

**Mighty Bluebird Baseball Practices** – will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

**Mighty Bluebird Football ( Football Quarterbacks/Receivers )-** on Mondays with Clint Stoerner 5:30-6:30 p.m.



2011 Little Rock Marathon  
Greg Hatcher, Chairman  
March 6, 2011

## EMAIL ALERTS

**Don't forget the best way for us to contact all the parents about game changes or rain outs is through email. Please continue to check your email and blackberry's for updates! If you are not on our contact list, please email your information to Shannon Wooley at [shannon@hatcheragency.com](mailto:shannon@hatcheragency.com)**

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