



MIGHTY BLUEBIRDS



NEWSLETTER



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MIGHTY BLUEBIRD WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONS!

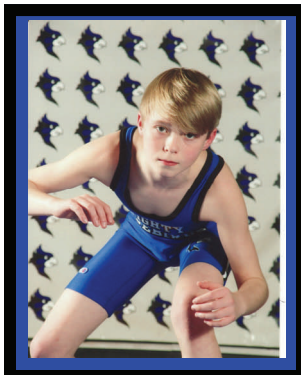
Life Champs Football Champions 2006, 2007 and 2008

Wrestling State Champions 2009, 2010, 2011

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



LRFC Rock Soccer Challenge
MBB Gold Boys
U11 Gold Division & MBB Silver Boys U10 Gold Division CHAMPIONS!



Player Spotlight

Hunter Jones

DATE, PLACE OF BIRTH: 4/11/97, Little Rock, Arkansas

TO MY FANTASY DINNER I WOULD INVITE: My grandfather who passed away in 2003

I WANT TO GO DOWN IN HISTORY AS: A legendary wrestler and great contributor to the sport

MY GUILTY PLEASURE IS: Eating when I'm trying to maintain weight for wrestling

THE MOST FUN I'VE EVER HAD IS: Going to Atlantis

MY PET PEEVE IS: When others do not do what they say they are going to do

IF I HAD TO CHOOSE A CAREER FIELD NOW I WOULD: An Orthopedic Surgeon or a Veterinarian

THE BOOK I MOST RECENTLY READ AND LIKED WAS: Hatchet

ON MY NIGHTSTAND I KEEP: A Bible

IF I WERE STRANDED ON A DESERTED ISLAND, THE THREE THINGS I WOULD HAVE TO HAVE WOULD BE: Water, My dog, my Parents

ONE WORD TO SUM ME UP: Ambitious

MY FAVORITE SIGN AT BLUEBIRD: "There's no off switch on a tiger"



Hunter has always enjoyed the outdoors and is most comfortable, playing golf, hunting, fishing, swimming, playing baseball and or football. Like most parents, we have enjoyed hours of pleasure watching Hunter play sports, including 5 years of soccer, 4 years of baseball and basketball, all offered thru the YMCA and other leagues around town. But it was in the Summer of 2007 when Greg pulled up to our boat dock on a Sea-Doo towing Michael Pugh, Layne Hatcher and Kevin Knox on a tube. After some general small talk, Greg asked Hunter the question that may have changed his life forever: "Hunter, will you consider wrestling for me"? As a 10 year old weighing only 58 pounds and knowing nothing about the sport, Hunter responded "NO Thank you". I quickly reminded Hunter that it may be a great opportunity to try something new since Hunter enjoyed most sports that were primarily fast paced and active. With the sport just getting started, I knew that Greg would develop this program to the size it is today. That following Monday, we joined Greg at the Bluebird Gym and to Hunter's surprise, he enjoyed the practice and the introduction of many of the "Bluebirds", only to form friendships and memories that will last a lifetime.

Although Hunter is still relatively new to this sport compared to many wrestlers his age in other states, his accomplishments after his fourth year includes, three Arkansas State Championships, a four time ALL-AMERICAN status along with many other victories throughout AR, OK, MO, KS, TN and TX. Every day as a bluebird, Hunter continues to build confidence, discipline and the work ethics required to succeed and win in the game of life. For that Greg, we thank you, Pat, Bruce and the entire Bluebird program for your contributions that will continue to make the difference with not only Hunter but to all of those who have taken on the challenge that it takes to be a Bluebird.



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““Just Win, Baby!”

- Al Davis, Oakland Raiders

Warriors help their teams win – period. There are many times over the years in sports when I’ve gone out to play a basketball game, a soccer game, or a football game, when what was needed from me was totally different from one game to another. Sometimes I would be one of the best players on the field or the court and I needed to be counted on to score. At other times I was perhaps the weakest player on the team, and I needed to be counted on to block or to screen or to play fantastic defense to help stop a key player. Sometimes when I played I wasn’t anywhere near the best player, but we didn’t have any leadership on the team and our team needed someone to help keep people organized and to communicate. It was my job to help the team win that way.

I have played games in, say a 4-on-4 basketball game where I was clearly the worst shooter, and we had three great shooters on our team. In those games I realized my role would be to take only a wide-open easy shot and to get the ball to these other three to take as many shots as possible. I also figured out that the way to help my team win was to be scrappy and get a couple extra rebounds per game to give those guys a couple extra shots that the players on the other team weren’t willing to fight for. A warrior will analyze the game they are playing in and figure out what role they need to take and then do everything possible to help their team win. In close games it’s always the little things, the loose ball, the turnover, the extra rebound, the screen, or tough and gritty defense that can make the difference.

In the end it’s not how many points you scored, how many rebounds you got, or the number of touchdowns you ran for. It’s whether your team wins. And warriors find a way to make their team win a lot more often than anybody else.



COACHES CORNER



Add Bluebird Wrestling to the List

For years Mighty Bluebird Soccer has been well known as the strongest soccer club in the state and one of the strongest clubs in the south and in the nation. Two times Mighty Bluebird Soccer teams have been ranked the #1 team in the United States of America. Pretty impressive when you have thousands and thousands of youth teams nationwide. Bluebird soccer players have been named Arkansas High School Player of the Year, dozens have been named All-Arkansas, All-State, and over 10 players from our first graduating class went on to play college soccer or basketball as many were multi-sport athletes and the next graduation crop will send just as many.

It's now time to add Mighty Bluebird Wrestling to the list. The past two years the Mighty Bluebird Wrestling team has claimed the Arkansas State Youth Wrestling Championships as a team winning each year while competing with over 30 different youth wrestling clubs. Bluebird wrestlers spend most of their time wrestling out of state going to Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Tennessee, and Iowa. No matter where the Mighty Bluebirds go they are well known and now respected. Coach Pat Smith with his four NCAA Titles spends his Saturdays not only coaching, but signing autographs for kids from other clubs who want to get their singlets or their wrestling shoes autographed by one of wrestling's legends. Pat was named to the All Century Team where they honored the 15 greatest wrestlers ever. He's also a member of the Oklahoma State Wrestling Hall of Fame and the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

This past weekend the Bluebirds turned in their finest performance ever having 12 Bluebirds being named All American at the prestigious Brute Adidas Nationals held in Kansas City and Layne Hatcher and Seth Spataro both won National Titles to put icing on top of the cake. Yes, it's time to add Bluebird Wrestling to the list of the elite programs in the country. USA Wrestling ranks the Mighty Bluebird Wrestling team the 9th best wrestling club in the United States. Not bad for just getting going just 5 years ago.

New Bluebird Pro Shop Items For Sale!

\$25 Shorts



\$40



\$20



\$65



\$35



\$50



\$50

\$2



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\$25



Tote
\$5



\$25



\$55



\$50



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(for wrestlers ages 5 & up)

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TAKEDOWN CLINIC

June 3-4th, 2011

Pat Smith Wrestling Clinic @ Arkansas Wrestling Academy facility. Price: \$60 per athlete and coaches
Sign Up at the door Friday, June 3rd 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Session Times: Friday, June 3rd 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 4th 9:30 - 11:00 p.m.
& 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

TUFF ON TOP

July 15-16, 2011

With Pat Smith 4-Time NCAA Champion @ Arkansas Wrestling Academy facility.
Price: \$60 per athlete and coaches

Sign Up at the door Friday, July 15th 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Session Times: Friday, July 15th 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Saturday, July 16th 9:30 - 11:00 p.m.
& 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

BOTTOM POSITION / DEFENSE COUNTERS

July 29-30, 2011

With Pat Smith 4-Time NCAA Champion @ Arkansas Wrestling Academy facility.
Price: \$60 per athlete and coaches

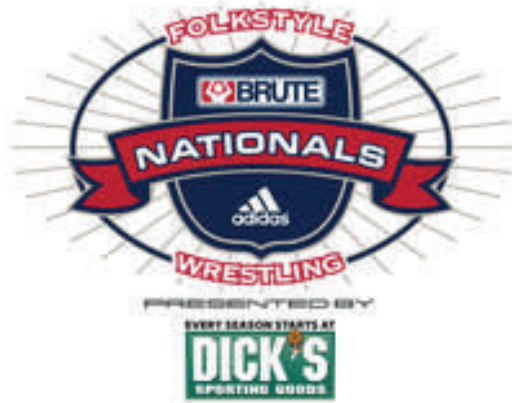
Sign Up at the door Friday, July 29th 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Session Times: Friday, July 29th 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Saturday, July 30th 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
& 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

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HATCHER, SPATARO WIN NATIONALS, 12 Bluebirds named All-Americans

Layne Hatcher won his 5th consecutive Brute Adidas National Championship this past weekend in Kansas City and Seth Spataro won his 1st Brute Adidas National Championship. Both wrestlers have been tearing it up all season and both finished 2nd the weekend before at the 2011 ASICS USAW Folkstyle Nationals with both winning over 95% this season when wrestling in their age group.

The Brute Adidas Nationals wrestling event is based on their grade and weight and Hatcher has won the event as a 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grader. Spataro won his first Brute Adidas Nationals in his first try and pinned all of his opponents throughout the tournament. Congratulations to these two Mighty Bluebird wrestlers. Other wrestlers who became **All Americans** at the tournament include Ethan Bennett 2nd place, Michael Crockett Jr. 3rd place, Hunter Jones, Nick Noel, Cooper Griffin, Richard Buzzitta, and Cameron Boardman all took 4th place in their divisions, Jackson Marchant and Jakob Beene 5th place, and Joshua Ayliffe 7th place.



CURRENT PRACTICE TIMES
BEGINNING, MONDAY, April 11th

Mighty Bluebird Wrestling Practice will occur from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. on Mondays, 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 from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Mighty Bluebird Soccer Practices – will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Mighty Bluebird Baseball Practices – will be held on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 5:15-6:30 p.m.

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

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



2011 Mighty Bluebird 5K
 Saturday, June 11, 2011
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