

## **“CUSHING WRESTLING HISTORY”**

High School wrestling was introduced in Cushing for the first time when Coach Matt Berg and Howard William's grapplers met Tulsa at the beginning of the season. Wrestling proved to be one of the best drawing cards of the year and ended when the boys went to Oklahoma A. & M. College to the state meet. Due to sickness only four men were entered, two of these: Everett McLaury and Jake Berry won state championships.

**1923** Everett McLaury (125) 1<sup>st</sup> and Jake Berry (158) 1<sup>st</sup> were Cushing High School's first two individual State Champions! The coaches were Matt Berg and Howard "Rabbit" Williams.

**1924** (The second year of wrestling the team Tied for 2nd place in State) Matt Berg and Howard Williams coached. Individual State Champions were Tommy Robbins(100), John Griffith (115), Everett McLaury (135), and Jake Berry (175).

**1925** \* This marked the first year that State Wrestling Tournaments were held at both Oklahoma A.& M. College (Stilwater) (now O.S.U.) and at Oklahoma University in Norman. \* Oklahoma A. & M. was the official State High School Wrestling Site. Cushing won its 1st High School Wrestling State Championship under Coach Berg.

### **(State Champions) A.& M.**

Tommy Robbins (108)1st

Harold DeMarsh (115)1st

Cloy Robbins (135) 2nd

Everett McLaury (158)1st

Bill Sayers (175) 3rd

Roland Kirchmeyer (Hwt) 1St

### **1926 (State Champions)A. & M.**

Robert Pearce (100)1st

### **State Tournament at O.U.**

Robert Robbins (108)1st

George Lafavour (125)1st

Sam Sayers (158)1st

Roland Kirchmeyer (Hwt) 1st

\* Coach Matt Berg

### **(State Champions) O.U.**

Robert Robbins (100)1St

Tommy Robbins (108)1st

Harold DeMarsh (115)1St

Louis Hough (125)1st

Cloy Robbins (135)1st

Everett McLaury (158)1st

Roland Kirchmeyer (Hwt) 1st

Robert Pearce (100)1St

Robert Robbins (108)1St

George Lafavour (125)1st

Lee Griffith (135) 3rd

Ivan Blair (145) 2nd

Sam Sayers (158) 2"

Chester Molher (175) 2"

Roland Kirchmeyer (Hwt) 1<sup>st</sup>

**1927 (State Champions) A. & M, (State Champions) O.U.**

Bobby Pearce (108) 1st Robert Lauderdale (100)1st

George Lafavour (115) 1st Robert Pearce (108)1St

Robert Robbins (125) 1st George Lafavour (115)1st

Roland Kircbmeyer (Hwt)1st Robert Robbins (125)1st

Jodie Roebuck (135)1st

Clyde Plummer (145) 2nd

Pennington (158) 3rd

\*Coach Matt Berg Chester Mohler (175)1st

Roland Kirchmeyer (Hwt) 1St

The members of the Tiger mat squad and their coach who last night carried the Cushing high school colors to victory in the United State high school wrestling chain Championship match, between Fort Dodge Iowa grapplers and the Cushing high school "eight," who for the past three years have held the State and Southwestern mat title without a defeat.

While the Cushingites hold the south and west tart of lie country in their control on the mat, the Fort Dodge team were acclaimed supreme in the east and the northern edge, and- so it brought many people from -all over the country- to-witness the bout. Lauderdale and Plummer, 100 and 145 pound men respectively, were the victims of the Iowa grapplers, Lauderdale losing by a decision and Plummer by a fall. Lauderdale, however the opinion was expressed, would have pinned his man had the bouts been extended to the usual length of time in which the local boys are used to working under.

Kirchmeyer and Robbins were the Cushing men to win their bouts by falls, Robbins coming in the late part of his bout and Kirchmeyer's in the first minute and 30 seconds

Captain Pontius of the Fort Dodge team, an all-state man in Iowa, was the victim of the hard work of Mohler, second year man of Cushing. Mohler rode Pontius through the eight-minute time period, and won a decision thus assuring the local men of victory.

Even though the Dodger grapplers lost to the local men it can be trustfully said that they put forth the strongest competition ever encountered by the local men. They fought from the very first to the very last and when it would look as though Cushing was about to get a fall, the Dodger would twist out and get free. They not only showed some real fight but also a very high degree of sportsmanship. No less could be expected from them since they have a very good coach in the person of Fred N. Cooper.

**(results)**

Robert Lauderdale (100) loss by decision

Robert Pearce (108) won by decision

George Lafavour (115) won by decision

Bobby Robbins (125) won by fall

Jodie Roebuck (135) won by decision

Clyde Plummer (145)lost by fall

Chester Mohler (158) won by fall

Roland Kirchmeyer (Hwt) won by fall

Coach Matt Berg

“Known as the “Father of Wrestling” at Cushing High School Matt Berg came to the city of Cushing from Minnesota, Michigan in 1915, accepting the position as a shop superintendent at the Cushing Motor Company. He had great interests in both how cars were designed and built. In his spare time when he was not at work at the Cushing Motor Company, he was designing and building race cars for himself and other race car drivers and racing them on the Cushing Speedway track.

In 1922 Matt was christening a new car he had built, he called (#10) out at Cushing’s Speedway professional race track and suffered a “smash up” to what he called happened as a result of “carelessness”. The results were an injury to his shoulder and knee which gave him a severe (shake up) call! As a result, he then rebuilt his car and sold it to Dick Calhoun, his strongest competition on the race car circuit. Two years later in 1924 Dick Calhoun, with Berg’s car would set the world’s record for driving around a half mile dirt track two times in 55 seconds, breaking the old record by two seconds.

The story was told that “Matt Berg was undefeated by man his own weight for 15 years at the welter weight class” and that he was one of the best wrestlers in the USA. Besides designing, building, and racing cars, he also wrestled competitive in the area. The “smash up” with his race car ended his career wrestling competitively and pushed him into the wrestling arena at CHS, helping CHS principal, Howard “Rabbit” Williams.

In 1922 Mall Berg took over the coaching (wrestling) duties at CHS, a CHS wrestling program that had made no progress in the high school “mat game”. Now coach Matt Berg, was determined to change that. Coach Matt Berg laid the foundation for success at CHS with his consistent hard work with the young men and the youth in Cushing. He worked the next three years as a coach of the CHS grappling squad without compensation, never the less he spent every spare minute outside his (working at Cushing Motor Company) hours during those “years” with the youngsters. He had them all report to the CHS gym along with the regular CHS mat team.

He taught the young set the science of the mat game, the various holds and escapes from holds and instilled into them the “fight” that his high school squad showed. He was building both the CHS grapplers and young boys into one big wrestling family.

Matt Berg coached at CHS from 1922 to 1929. Traveling to both Oklahoma A.&M and Oklahoma University at “State Sites”, his teams racked (7) State Championships and (2) State Runner-Ups. He had (20) different CHS wrestlers win individual State championships. Those twenty together accounted for (46) individual championships! In 1927 the CHS team won a “National High School Wrestling Championship”. Harold DeMarsh and Frank Lewis won Collegiate Individual Championships while attending Oklahoma A.&M. and Robert Pearce won two titles there. Robert Pearce was Bantam weight Olympic Champion in 1932 and Frank Lewis was Middle weight Olympic Champion in 1936. Coach Matt Berg “Father of Wrestling” at CHS and Ed Gallagher “Father of Wrestling” at Oklahoma A.&M worked along helping one another through the glory years. Many times wrestling exhibitions were set up to raise money for the athletes to pay their way to the Olympic tryouts or to give them extra money to spend at the Olympics!

**1928 (State Runner-Up) A. & M. (State Champions) O.U.**

Frank Lewis (110) 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Pearce (115) 1st

Robert Pearce (115) 1<sup>st</sup> Cecil Scheider (125) 1st

Jodie Roebuck (135) 1<sup>st</sup> Jodie Roebuck (135) 1st

\* Coach Matt Berg

**1929(State Runner-Up) A. & M. (Did not go to state at O.U.)**

Ira Lauderdale (96) 1st

Frank Lewis (106) 1st

Russel Foster (115) 1st

Jodie Roebuck (145) 1<sup>st</sup>

\* Coach Matt Berg and Matt Hesser

**1930 (Did not place in State) A. & M. (State Champions) O.U.**

Frank Lewis (125) 3<sup>rd</sup> Harley Strong (95) 1st

Howard Lynn (155)1<sup>st</sup> Ira Lauderdale (105) 1st

Earl Cook (115) 1st

\* Coach Findley Collins Frank Lewis (125) 2nd

**1931 (3rd place in State) A. & M. (State Champions) O.U.**

Harley Strong (105) 2<sup>nd</sup> Clifford Fesler (95) 2nd

Earl Cook (125) 2nd Harley Strong (105) 2nd

Elmer Nazworthy (145)1st Billy Carr (135) 2nd

Frank Lewis (155) Earl Cook (135) 2nd

Elmer Nazworthy (145)1<sup>st</sup>

- Coach Findley Collins Frank Lewis (155) 2nd

**1932 (Co-State Champions with Tulsa Central) A. & M.**

Billy Carr (115)1st

Harley Strong (125)1st \* Strong (5th in the Olympics tryouts at 15yrs. old)

Harold Crumley (135) 3rd

J.M.Montgomery (Hwt) 3 rd Coached by Robert Pearce.

1932\* Robert Pearce an individual State Champion in 1926, 27, 28 for CHS, won a “Gold” medal in the bantam weight division (123) in the Olympics held in Los Angeles, California.

**ROBERT “IODINE” PEARCE**

**“THE ROAD TO OLYMPIC CHAMPION”**

\*\* In 1922 Robert Pearce was under the care of Dr. P.M. Richardson, who he had been seeing during a 55 day span of typhoid fever. Robert then was 14 years old and it was easy to see that he had a lot of things to overcome besides his youth before he could become a world title holder.

Mrs. Ed Pearce, mother of Robert was asked if they gave him any particular kind of diet to help him develop and regain his strength and she answered, “No, not after he got back to himself. Right at first we had to be careful, of course, but in the fall he took up “wrestling” and then it was quantity rather than quality he needed!”

Robert Pearce was one of a kind in the CHS wrestling record book as far as accomplishments. From 1926 to 1928, he just about won everything! He was not only on (5) State Championships teams and (1) State Runner-Up, He won (3) Individual State Championships at the Oklahoma A.&M. State Tournament site and (3) more Individual State Championships at the Oklahoma University site! Two Individual State Championships at (100) lbs, two at (108) lbs and two at (115) lbs. In 1927 he was a member of the “National High School Wrestling Championship Team” winning his match at (108)! Matt Berg, “Father of Wrestling at CHS” was his coach throughout his CHS career.

\*In 1928 he competed in the Olympic tryouts in Grand Rapids, Michigan and lost in the third round to Ralph Lupton, an NCAA National Champion that year from Northwestern University by a decision at (123) weight class. Victories in two more rounds would have sent him to the 9th Olympiad in Amsterdam, Holland!

In 1930 Robert was the National AAU Individual Champion at (118) weight class. In 1931 Robert won a second National AAU Individual Championship Title at (123). He also won an NCAA National Individual Championship Title at (125.5) wrestling for Oklahoma A.&M. and was on the Oklahoma A.&M. NCAA National Wrestling Championship Team as well. \* For his individual accomplishments that year at A.&M. he received the “Bernard T. Dodder” medal, an annual trophy to the A.&M. College wrestler scoring the highest number of points in a regular season.

In 1932 Robert repeated as NCAA Individual Champion at (123) pounds and his Oklahoma A.&M. team won Runner-Up at the NCAA Tournament.

While at Oklahoma A.&M. College, Robert Pearce compiled a (60-4-1) record! Legendary and “Father of Wrestling”, Ed Gallegher was his coach and mentor!

1932 Robert Pearce competed in the Olympic try outs in Columbus, Ohio and won(123) class "Championship to represent the U.S.A. in the 10th Olympiad held in Los Angeles, California,

\* 1932 Robert Pearce won the "Gold" medal in the bantam weight (123) division of the 10th Olympiad held in Los Angeles, California. He was the first American to own this title since George Meherth had it back in 1904 and 1908.

After the Olympics, Pearce wrestled professionally, then came back to CHS to coach.

1981 National Wrestling Hall of Fame and 2006 Oklahoma A.&M. "Hall of Honor".

**1933 (State Champions)** A. & M. Earl Cook (135)<sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup>, Harley Strong (145)<sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup>, J.M. Montgomery (Hwt) 3rd \* Coach Robert Pearce.

**1934** Alfred Wolf went to State and lost in first round. Lynn Yarborough was the coach.

**1936** 1936\* Frank Lewis an individual State Champion for CHS in 1929 won a "Gold" medal in the middleweight division (158) in the Olympics held in Berlin, Germany.

\* Harley Strong an individual State Champion for CHS in 1932 and 1933 won

5th place medal in the welterweight division (147) in the Olympics held in Berlin, Germany.

### **FRANK "STRANGLER" LEWIS**

#### **"THE ROAD TO OLYMPIC CHAMPION"**

"Many people here recall that he was an under-weight, lightly built lad," Dr. P.M. Richards, family physician said today that he recalls vividly his first sight of Frank. "I remember him because he was such a contrast to his brother Bob, slightly older. Bob was husky and healthy. At about eight to twelve, Frank seemed to have a lot of minor kid

ailments and was always underweight, but I judge he has overcome most of his

handicaps." (Cushing Daily Citizen, August 5, 1936, after Lewis won the "Gold Medal")

In 1928 Frank Lewis as a freshman, placed 2nd at the State Tournament at

Oklahoma A.&M. at the 110 weight class. His CHS team finished as State Runner-Ups. At the

State Tournament at Oklahoma University, Frank did not place but his team won the

State Championship. In 1929 Frank Lewis won his first and only Individual State Championship at

(106) pounds held at Oklahoma A.&M, his CHS team was State Runner-Ups. Matt Berg was Frank's CHS coach. In

1930 Frank placed 3rd individually at (125) pounds. At State at Oklahoma University, CHS won the State Championship and Frank finished 2nd individually in the (125) class. Frank's new coach was Findley Collins. In 1931 Frank's CHS team placed 3rd in State at Oklahoma A.&M. but Frank did not place. Frank Lewis finished his senior year placing 2nd individually at State at Oklahoma University in the (155) weight class. Frank and his CHS teammates won Coach Findley Collins his first State Championship. In 1932 and 1933 Frank wrestled at Oklahoma A.&M. under Ed Gallagher!

In 1934 Frank Lewis was the NCAA Individual Runner-Up at (155) pounds and his Oklahoma A.&M team won the NCAA National Championship. In 1935 Frank Lewis was the NCAA Individual Champion at the (155) weight class and led Oklahoma A.&M to a NCAA National Championship. Frank Lewis had a (45-5) record while wrestling for Oklahoma A.&M College. Frank also won the National AAU Individual Championship at the (155) held in Oklahoma City.

In 1936 Frank Lewis won the AAU National Individual Championship in the (155) weight class at the Olympic tryouts held in Bethlehem, Penn. To qualify and represent the U.S.A. in the 11th Olympiad held in Berlin, Germany.

In 1936\* Frank Lewis won the "Gold" medal in the middle weight division (158) at the 1936 Olympics held in Berlin, Germany. Frank Lewis was the only American to win a gold medal. In 1979 Frank Lewis was inducted in to the "National Wrestling Hall of Fame in Stillwater, Oklahoma. In 2001 Frank Lewis was inducted into Oklahoma State University Athletic "Hall of Honor".

**1937** Milton Mansfield was 4th at State. Emory Cotton was the coach.

**1938** Zeke McClure 105, Vinder Gabbard 115, Oliver Holderread 120, Harold Grant 125, Delbert Haskins 135, Milton Mansfield 155, Harvey Stone 165, and Glen Wilson Hwt all qualified for the state tournament held in Weatherford, Ok. Only Harold Grant placed taking third in state at the (135) weight class. Emory Cotton coached the team.

**1939** Milton Mansfield was State Champion (150). Harvey Stone was State Runner-Up. (170) Oliver Holderread (120) had to forfeit in the 1<sup>st</sup> round due to a broken elbow. A.T. McClure (148) lost in first round of State. \* Coach Emory Cotton..

**1940** A.T. McClure (155) 3<sup>rd</sup>, Harvey Stone (Hwt) 2nd \*Coach Emory Cotton.

**1941** Delbert Meeker (133) lost in first round of State. Wayne Chadwick (165) lost in quarter-finals of State. \* Coach Emory Cotton.

**1959** Wrestling started back up at CHS. Richard Adkins, Zed DeVaughan coached.

### **1960**

**1961** Bill Simpson (115) and Charles Harmon (124) qualified for state, but didn't place. Their coach was Kieth Plummer.

**1962** John Phillips (98), Stan White (157), Dale Wells (106), Jim McCrackin (115), Glen Stiles (123), Stanley Slaughter (168), Oliver Carter (136) qualified for state. John Phillips (98) and Glen Stiles (123) both placed 4th in state. Coach Cotton

**1963** Jim McCrackin (130) qualified for state and didn't place. Coach Emory Cotton.

**1964** Dale Wells (123) placed 3rd in state. Emory Cotton was the coach.

**1964\*** Wrestling was dropped this year after the season!

**1972** Bill Simpson, a state qualifier on the 1961 team, started up a youth program through the Cushing Youth Center. Bill was instrumental in reestablishing the wrestling program back in the school system in 1975. The Cushing Youth Program has continued to strive to this day thanks to Bill Simpson. Many of Bill's former wrestlers have coached and continue to coach the youth of Cushing today.

**1975\*** Wrestling started back up in "Jr. High" under Coach Buddy Moore.

**1976\*** Wrestling started back up in "High School" under Coach Sam Pellisier.

### **1978**

**1979** Rick Ahrberg (130) 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jay Frisbie (168) 4<sup>th</sup>, Bill Wattenburger (Hwt) 2nd. Tom Trigalet was coach.

**1979\*** Frank Lewis, 1936 Gold Medal Olympic Middleweight Wrestling Champion was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in Stillwater, Ok.

**1980** Alan Cates (101) 4<sup>th</sup>, Paul Olesen (123) 3<sup>rd</sup>, Rick Ahrberg (136) 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jon Wattenburger (141) 4<sup>th</sup>, Jay Frisbie (168) 4<sup>th</sup>. Tom Trigalet was the coach.

**1981** Jim Olesen (136) 1<sup>st</sup>, Jon Wattenburger (141) 2nd. Mark Harris, Jim Shields, and Mark Brown were the coaches.

Jim Olesen was Cushing's first State Wrestling Champion since Milton Mansfield in 1939.

**1981\*** Robert Pearce, 1932 Gold Medal Olympic Bantamweight Wrestling Champion was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

**1982** Barry Patterson (101) 2<sup>nd</sup>, Alan Cates (123) 1<sup>st</sup>, Jon Wattenburger (157) 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bill Busby and Jim Shields were the coaches.

**1984** Barry Patterson (130) 1<sup>st</sup>. Eric Methvin and Steve Richards coached.

**1985** Barry Patterson (141) 3<sup>rd</sup>. Eric Methvin and Steve Richards coached.

**1986** Kelly Shenold (108) 2<sup>nd</sup>, Kasey Simpson (130) 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jack Jacobs (190) 4<sup>th</sup>. Eric Methvin and Steve Richards coached.

**1989** Ryan Vratil (101) 2<sup>nd</sup>. Kolin Knight and Ralph Wilson coached.

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**1991** Jason Yaunt (108) 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ryan Vratil (115) 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jason Risley (178) 2<sup>nd</sup>. (Team place 6th in State) Koln Knight and Ralph Wilson coached.

**1992** Ryan Vratil (130) 1st. Koln Knight and Ralph Wilson. (Team placed 11th in State) Ryan Vratil goes on to have a very successful college career, becoming a two time Division II All-American for the University of Central Oklahoma.

**1993** Jason Yaunt (130) 1<sup>st</sup>, Jon Dudley (157) 3rd. Knight and Wilson coached.

**1994** David Nelson (140) 2<sup>nd</sup>. Koln Knight and Ralph Wilson coached.

**1995** Tommy Hoang (100) 3<sup>rd</sup>. Koln Knight and Ralph Wilson coached.

**1996** Tommy Hoang (103) 3<sup>rd</sup>, Matt Ward (140) 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jason Ward (171) 2<sup>nd</sup>. (Team placed in State) Koln Knight and Ralph Wilson coached.

**1997** Tommy Hoang (103) 1<sup>st</sup>, Josh Longbrake (130) 4<sup>th</sup>, Matt Ward (145) 4<sup>th</sup>. (Team placed 10th in State) Koln Knight and Barry Patterson coached.

**1997\*** Coach Koln Knight was inducted in the NCAA II Wrestling "Hall of Fame" for his accomplishments as a wrestler at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He was a (3) time Div.II All-American, and (2) time Div. I All-American.

His career wins (155), his single season wins (49), and his (20) career technical falls are all a school record at Augustana, College.

**1998** Tommy Hoang (112)1<sup>st</sup>, Josh Longbrake (130) 4<sup>th</sup>, James Gillespie (145) 3<sup>rd</sup>, Koln Knight and Barry Patterson coached. Tommy Hoang, a two time State Champion, went to the University of Duke on a wrestling scholarship and became a 3 time NCAA Division I qualifier.

**1999** Bryan Odle (103) 2<sup>nd</sup>, Randy Pickle (140) 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Koln Knight and BarryPatterson coached.

1999\* (Coach Koln Knight was awarded the "Ed Jacobson Memorial Award" by the Oklahoma Wrestlers Association in appreciation of his good conduct, effort and class he consistantly displayed on and off the court.

**2000** Michael Leverich (103) 4<sup>th</sup>, Bryan Odle (112) 3<sup>rd</sup>. Knight and Patterson coached.

2000\* (Coach Koln Knight coached the small east All-State wrestlers.)

**2001** Bryan Odle (125) 1<sup>st</sup>, Rusty Morgan (189) 4<sup>th</sup>. Barry Patterson and Kyle Fry were the coaches.

2001\* Frank Lewis was inducted into Oklahoma State University Athletic "Hall of Honor". Frank overcame a minor heart condition to lead then the "A. & M. team in 1935 to a Collegiate National Championship. He was individual NCAA National Champion (155) that year. He has a (45-5) record . In the 1936 11" Olympic he won the "Gold" medal in the middleweight division (158) Berlin, Germany.

**2002 (State Champions)** Cushing wins 1<sup>st</sup> State Championship in wrestling since 1933. Michael Leverich (112) 3<sup>rd</sup>, Bryan Odle (130) 2<sup>nd</sup>, Rusty Morgan (189) 2<sup>nd</sup>, Zach Cook (215) 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tanner Munsell (Hwt) 1<sup>st</sup>. Barry Patterson and Kyle Fry coached. \*Patterson was 3A Coach of the Year. Bryan Odle later became an NAIA All-American for Bacone University.

**2003** (3rd place State) and **(Dual State Champions)** Cushing wins its 1<sup>st</sup> Dual State Title in school history. To qualify for Dual State you must win your 4 team district. There are 8 teams which qualify for dual state. Cushing won 58 to 11 over Deer Creek Edmond in the 1<sup>st</sup> round. Cushing won 55 to 18 over Blackwell in the Semi Finals, and 54 to 15 over

Weatherford in the finals. At the State Tournament Seth Duckworth (103) 4<sup>th</sup>, Michael Leverich (112) 1<sup>st</sup>, Dakotah Simpson (119) 3<sup>rd</sup>, Zach Simpson (145) 4<sup>th</sup>, Rusty Morgan (189) 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tanner Munsell (Hwt) 1<sup>st</sup>.

Barry Patterson and Kyle Fry coached.

2003\* (Coach Barry Patterson coached the small east All-State wrestlers.)

**2004 (State Champions) and (Dual State Champions)** Seth Duckworth (112) 2<sup>nd</sup>,

Brent Smith (119) 4<sup>th</sup>, Matt Leverich (125) 4<sup>th</sup>, Dakotah Simpson (130) 1<sup>st</sup>,  
Brett Stallworth (135) 4<sup>th</sup>, Rusty Morgan (189) 1<sup>st</sup>, Bryan Golemon (215) 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**2004 Dual State**

Cushing 46

Collinsville 23

Cushing 42

Vinita 20

Cushing 47

Marlow 15

- First year to win both championships. Patterson and Fry were coaches.
- Coach Patterson was 3A Coach of the Year.

**2005 (State Champions) and (Dual State Champions)** Brannon Frank (103) 3<sup>rd</sup>,

Seth Duckworth (112) 2<sup>nd</sup>, Brent Smith (125) 2<sup>nd</sup>, Matt Leverich (130) 1<sup>st</sup>,  
Brett Stallworth (140) 4<sup>th</sup>, Dakotah Simpson (145) 1<sup>st</sup>, Bryan Golemon (215) 4<sup>th</sup>,

Leo Martinez (Hwt)

**2005 Dual State**

Cushing 45

Ft. Gibson 24

Cushing 35

Collinsville 30

Cushing 40

Marlow 24

Patterson and Fry coached. \*Patterson was 3A Coach

of the Year & National Wrestling Coaches Association Coach of the Year. 2006\* Robert Pearce was inducted into Oklahoma State University's Athletic "Hall of Honor". He led then A.&M. to a National Championship and he was the NCAA individual Champion at (123) in 1932. His record was (60-4-1). He was also the "Gold" medal winner in the 1932 Olympiad in Los Angeles California in the bantamweight division (123).

**2006 (State Runner-Up) and (Dual State Semi-finalist)** Jarrod Patterson (112) 1<sup>st</sup>, Brannon Frank (119) 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dakota Shadowen (125) 1<sup>st</sup>, Dakotah Simpson (152) 1<sup>st</sup>. Barry Patterson and Jonathon Huseman coached. Dakotah Simpson became Cushing 1<sup>st</sup> 3-Time State Champion since Olympic Champion Bobby Pearce in 1928.

**2007 (State Runner-Up) and (Dual State Champions)** Garrett Evans (103) 2<sup>nd</sup>,

Jarrod Patterson (112) 1<sup>st</sup>, Josh Myers (119) 4<sup>th</sup>, Brannon Frank (125) 2<sup>nd</sup>,

Tyler Evans (135) 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**2007 Dual State**

Cushing 38  
Sallisaw 26  
Cushing 34  
Bristow 22  
Cushing 34  
Locust Grove 32

Barry Patterson, Jonathon Huseman, and Dusty Hancock coached.

**2008** (State Runner-Up) and **(Dual State Champions)** Ty Fittje (112) 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jarrod Patterson (119) 1<sup>st</sup>, Garret Evans (125) 4<sup>th</sup>, Brannon Frank (135) 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tyler Evans (140) 4<sup>th</sup>, Ethan Simpson (160) 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**2008 Dual State**

Cushing 66  
Jay 12  
Cushing 48  
Bristow 21  
Cushing 34  
Tuttle 30

Barry Patterson, Jonathon Huseman, and Dusty Hancock coached.

**2009** (State Runner-Up) and **(Dual State Champions)** Kyle Knight (103) 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ty Fittje (119) 1<sup>st</sup>, Garrett Evans (125) 1<sup>st</sup>, Jarrod Patterson (130) 1<sup>st</sup>, Josh Myers (135) 1<sup>st</sup>, Ethan Simpson (189) 3<sup>rd</sup>. Barry Patterson, Jonathon Huseman, and Dusty Hancock coached.

**2009 Dual State**

Cushing 45  
Sallisaw 21  
Cushing 34  
Bristow 26  
Cushing 31  
Tuttle 30

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**Wild Finish Gives Cushing Another Dual State Title**

Wayne Bishop

As I said Saturday morning before leaving for Cushing, Dual State wrestling tournaments are special. I've seen my share. I don't think I've ever witnessed one with as many ups and downs and thrills and heartaches as the Class 4A meet this weekend.

There was no drama in the Class 3A tournament. Perry wrestled three duals and lost a total of three individual matches: 70-0, 70-6 and 57-9 in the finals over Newkirk.

They left the drama to the host school Friday and Saturday. Cushing had to rally to beat Sallisaw Friday night, then staged an even bigger rally Saturday afternoon to edge perennial rival Bristow, 34-26, after a pin by Garrett Evans in the next-to-the-last match gave them a 28-26 lead.

That was nothing compared to Saturday night when Tuttle and Cushing staged another of their battles of the Tigers to decide where the state title trophy would reside. These two are no strangers to winning state championships. Tuttle won three of the first four Dual State crowns when the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association started the event in 1990. The Tigers also won it in 1997, 1998 and 2002. Tuttle won the traditional state tournament in 1990, 1996, 1997, 2002 and 2003.

Cushing won Dual State in 2003, 2004, 2007, 2008 and now 2009. Those Tigers won the "other" state meet in 2002, 2004 and 2005. Of course, there were the Cushing Tigers of the 'good ol' days," who won three in a row from 1926 to 1927 (before it was an official OSSAA meet), and then in 1932 and 1933 -- the former when they tied with Tulsa Central.

It's hard to imagine any state wrestling tournament that's not exciting. It's also pretty difficult to imagine one with a more exciting finish than Saturday night's 31-30 Cushing win over a Tuttle team which seemed to have the championship locked up a couple of times.

Tuttle had eliminated Clinton in the semifinals, 51-18, after leading just 25-18 through nine matches.

Barry Patterson was wondering, too. The veteran Cushing coach knew his team had a tough mountain to climb. "All three of our matches this weekend were tough," said Patterson Sunday from his office. "We had beaten Bristow earlier, but they always get ready for Dual State and they had a couple of kids that they didn't have when we faced them before. Tuttle is Tuttle. They are really a great dual team. We beat them last year, 34-30, in an exciting match. But it was nothing like this one."

Little things made a big difference -- and not just on the mat. Cushing won the coin toss before last year's match and again Saturday night. "People don't realize just how important that is," said Patterson. "We had control of lineup adjustments. And I think that's what it came down to both years."

Cushing got off to a 4-0 start with a major decision, but Tuttle won the next six matches, including a forfeit at 152 to two-time state champion Bobby Williams. The first big turning point came at 171 pounds (the dual started with the 140-pounders) when Ethan Simpson of Cushing used a double leg takedown at 1:08 to lead, 2-0, then locked up a cradle and nearly pinned Cole Gracey before the first period ended. He led 5-1 in the second when Gracey, a defending state champ, reversed Simpson to his back and, with the Tuttle fans and bench going wild, got the pin with :53 still left in the second.

Tuttle's lead was 18-4, and a decision at 189 padded the lead to 2 1-4. Tuttle coach Matt Surber moved one of the state's top wrestlers, Shane Woods, from 189 to 215 and he responded with a fireman's carry that led to a pin early in the second. The lead was 27-4, and Cushing was down to six matches.

Patterson moved Chris Hartshorn from 215 up to heavyweight. He had to make something happen. Hartshorn weighed in at 209 that day. His opponent, Heath Long, weighs a little over 250. The Cushing lad led 3-1 at the start of the final period, but he needed a pin. And he got it. Hartshorn headlocked Long to the mat, squeezed tight and got the pin with 1:30 still left. Kyle Knight, wearing a face mask for protection, led 6-0 at 103 pounds when he stuck Kyle Birdwell with a reverse body press at 1:16 of the second. Four matches left and Cushing had pulled within 27-16.

David Wilson wrestled a smart match against Colton Roberts, trailing only 2-1 as the final seconds ticked away. Then he got in deep on a single leg which would have won it. Cushing fans roared. Roberts silenced them when he countered on the edge of the mat with only seconds left for a 4-1 victory. The Tuttle crowd could feel the championship with a 30-16

lead. Cushing's Ty Fittje won 6-2 over Sterling Hawkins at 119, but couldn't turn the Tuttle wrestler. No bonus points. Tuttle led 30-19. Three matches left.

Evans, who had been the hero against Bristow, came back from a 2-0 deficit against D. J. Boles to take a 5-2 decision at 125, with Patterson the Coach moving Jarrod Patterson, the wrestler, up to 130. Jarrod will be going for his fourth state title in a couple of weeks and had 32 pins his junior year and was hoping to get his 19th this season. His opponent was Seth Hutchinson.

"When Jarrod took the mat," said his father Barry, "we thought that if he got a technical fall (five team points), we could win the last match and get a tie, and that we'd win on criteria. But during the match, we realized Tuttle would win if we tied. We didn't see any way we could get bonus points in that last match. Those kids are so evenly matched. So we motioned to Jarrod to go for the pin."

Jarrold had been taking his foe down and letting him up, trading one for two in building a 17-7 lead. He needed a 15-point margin for a tech fall. And now the tech fall isn't going to cut it. Time was running out. So the younger Patterson tried something "we work on in practice to use when we're behind and in desperation."

He gave Hutchinson a leg, and then, in an explosive move that caught everyone by surprise, Jarrod rolled through and had the Tuttle Tiger on his back. The pin came in an instant. What had been a 27-4 deficit was now just 30-28.

Cris Smith used a pair of takedowns in the first period to take a lead over Tuttle's Dallas Gracey. The Cushing fans and bench were going just a little crazy as the 135-pounder used another takedown for a 6-2 lead, and then fought off repeated attempts by Gracey to turn him for back points -- the last close call with half a minute remaining. The 7-2 decision was worth three points that left Cushing on top, 31-30, and in possession of another Dual State championship.

Long after the final cheers had ceased, the Cushing field house was still loaded with fans and parents, waiting for the wrestlers and coaches to emerge from the locker room. Another chapter had been added to the school's wrestling history.

Barry Patterson said Sunday he was exhausted after the two days of wrestling and all the preparations of hosting a tournament of that magnitude. "But I didn't get much sleep. Something like that will leave you wound up pretty tight."

And now he can get ready for regionals at Clinton and another state tournament in Oklahoma City.

2009\* Jarrod Patterson became the **(21<sup>st</sup> four-time Individual State Wrestling Champion in Oklahoma High School Wrestling History).**\*\*

**2010** (3rd place in State) and (Dual State Semi-finalist) Kyle Knight (119) 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ty Fittje (125) 1<sup>st</sup>, Garrett Evans (130) 1<sup>st</sup>, Josh Myers (140) 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jarod Bass (171) 4<sup>th</sup>. Jonathon Huseman and Dusty Hancock coached.

20 10\* (Coach Jonathon Huseman coached the small east All-State wrestlers.)

**2011** (Dual State Semi-finalist) Daniel Hood (103) 4<sup>th</sup>, Kyle Knight (135) 2<sup>nd</sup>, Gage Stallworth (140) 2<sup>nd</sup>. Coaches were Jonathon Huseman and Dusty Hancock.

**2012** (2nd place in State) and (Dual State Semi-finalist) Daniel Hood (106) 1st, Kyle Knight (138) 1st, Gage Stallworth (160), Brock Hubble (225) 2nd. Coaches were Chad Short and Dusty Hancock.

### **CHS "INDIVIDUAL" STATE WRESTLING CHAMPIONS**

EVERETT MCLAURY 1923, 1924, 1925

JAKE BERRY 1923, 1924

TOMMY ROBBINS 1924, 1925

JOHN GRIFFITH 1924

CLOY ROBBIS \* 1925

LOUIS HOUGH \* 1925

HAROLD DEMARSH 1925

ROLLAN KIRCHMEYER 1925, 1926, 1927

ROBERT PEARCE 1926, 1927, 1928

GEORGE LAFAVOUR 1926, 1927

ROBERT ROBBINS 1926, 1927

SAM SAYERS 1926

ROBERT LAUDERDALE 1927

CHESTER MOHLER \* 1927

JODIE ROEBUCK 1928, 1929

CECIL SCHIEDER \* 1928

IRA LAUDERDALE 1929  
RUSSEL FOSTER 1929  
FRANK LEWIS 1929  
HOWARD LYNN 1930  
ELMER NAZWORTHY 1931  
BILLY CARR 1932  
HARLEY STRONG 1932, 1933  
EARL COOK 1933  
MILTON MANSFIELD 1939  
JIM OLESEN 1981  
ALAN CATES 1982  
BARRY PATTERSON 1984  
RYAN VRATRIL 1992  
JASON VAUNT 1993  
TOMMY HOANG 1997, 1998  
BRYAN ODLE 2001  
TANNER MUNZELL 2002, 2003  
MICHAEL LEVERICH 2003  
DAKATOH SIMPSON 2004, 2005, 2006  
RUSTY MORGAN 2004  
MATT LEVERICH 2005  
LEO MARTINEZ 2005  
JARROD PATTERSON 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009  
DAKATOH SHADOWEN 2006  
TY FITTJE 2009, 2010  
GARRETT EVANS 2009, 2010  
JOSH MYERS 2009  
DANIEL HOOD 2012  
KYLE KNIGHT 2012  
GAGE STALLWORTH 2012

**CHS WRESTLING COACHES**

HOWARD "RABBIT" WILLIAMS 1922-1924  
MATT BERG 1922-1929  
FINDLEY COLLINS 1930-1931  
ROBERT PEARCE 1932-1933  
LYNN YARBOROUGH 1934-1936.

EMORY COTTON 1937-1941

RICHARD ADKINS 1959-1960

ZED DEVAUGHAN 1959-1960

KEITH PLUMMER 1960-1964

SAM PELLISIER 1976-1977

TOM TRIGALET 1978-1980

MARK HARRIS 1980-1981

MARK BROWN 1980-1981

BILL BUSBY 1981-1982

JIM SHEILDS 1981-1983

STEVE RICHARDS 1984-1988

ERIC METHVIN 1983-1988

KOLN KNIGHT 1989-2000

\*\* (ED JACOBSON MEMORIAL AWARD WINNER IN 1999)

(SMALL EAST ALL-STATE WRESTLING COACH IN 2000)

RALPH WILSON 1989-1998

BARRY PATTERSON 1999-2009

\*\* (SMALL EAST ALL-STATE WRESTLING COACH IN 2003)

\*\* (3A COACH OF YEAR IN 2002, 2004, 2005)

\*\* (NATIONAL WRESTLING COACHES ASSOCIATION COACH OF THE YEAR IN 2005)

KYLE FRY 2001-2005

JONATHON HUSEMAN 2006-2011

\*\* (SMALL EAST ALL-STATE WRESTLING COACH IN 2010)

DUSTY HANCOCK 2007-

CHAD SHORT 2012- Present