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Editorial

By Lanny Bryant

Some interesting wrestling facts and history has been sent to us from the Baldwin High School wrestling program, and we would like to pass them along to our readers. As most of us know wrestling is the world's oldest sport and it IS for everybody...the big, the small, and everyone in between...there is a weight class for everyone regardless of size. The great thing about wrestling is that a wrestler's success is not determined by the size of his biceps, but instead by the size of his heart. Some of our nation's most famous men wrestled, and did so with great pride. Some wrestlers win with talent, others with technique, all lose at one point or another...but all COMPETE with great pride. Win or lose, wrestling is a challenging, fun, and character-building sport that helps develop "tools for life."

Some Famous Americans Who Wrestled are:

Ken Kesey --- One flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest author

Robin Williams --- actor

Abraham Lincoln --- 16th President

Jay Leno --- talk show host

John Irving --- The World According to Garp author

the Baldwin brothers --- actors

Norman Schwarzkopf --- U.S. General - Desert Storm

George Washington --- 1st President

Theodore Roosevelt --- 26th President

Tom Cruise --- actor

Michael Collins --- Apollo 11 commanding pilot

William Howard Taft --- 27th President

George Patton --- WW11 General

Mr. T --- actor

Bruce Jenner --- Olympic track star

Sugar Ray Leonard --- boxer

Donald Rumsfeld --- U.S. Secretary of Defense and Head of FBI

Norman Borlaug --- Nobel Peace Prize winner

Kirk Douglas --- actor

William Kerslake --- co-inventor of NASA's first ion thruster

Dennis Hastert --- Speaker of the House

The first NCAA Wrestling Tournament was held in Ames, Iowa, at Iowa State University in 1928. There were 49 wrestlers who competed on two mats. Tickets were \$1.50 (50 cents for students) per session, with all session reserved seats costing \$3.00. The first and second place finishers automatically qualified for the United States Olympic Trials.

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Cover Photo

2002 Cadet National Duals Freestyle 160 lb. Missouri Wrestler Michael Moore gives Michigan's Jeremy Bloom some air time before delivering Bloom to the mat for a fall at 1:30. Missouri defeated Michigan 38-32 for the fifth place match. Twenty-eight teams from twenty-three states competed for two days at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colorado. Photo by Dean Vande Berg.



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