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Christiansburg Blue Demon Wrestling Newsletter

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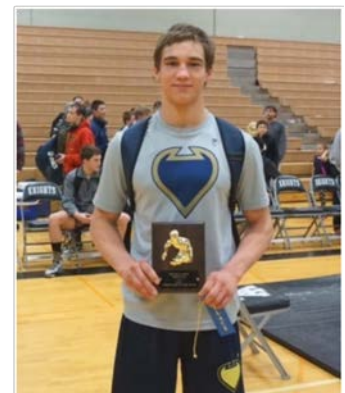
Blue Demon Wrestlers all posted marginal records while gaining irreplaceable mat time at Virginia Tech’s Team Camp. The response from most of the boys concerning camp was this, “Competition was great, but the dining hall was even better.” After a loss in day two of camp to Titusville, PA, the Demons bounced back to beat Brandon, a Florida powerhouse on day three. This earned the Demons a rematch against the Pennsylvania team in the finals on Friday night—center stage, primetime. The Blue Demons responded with a 42-24 beat-down, sending the Titusville Rockets back to PA with their tails tucked between their legs. Individual “All Star” winners [which are considered the best

wrestler in camp at their weight] included Brandon Crowder, Marshall Keller, Xander Whitehurst, and Nick Giantonio. Senior Erik Eva competed in the finals, losing in a very close match. Also on the mat for the Demons were Luke Robie, Garrett Kuchan, Will Hutchison, Andrew Morgan, Jaret Sebring, Jack Thompson and Andy Smith. Our wrestlers would like to thank parents and local die-hard fans for their support on Friday night of camp—everyone puts on a better show if there is an audience! Mark your calendars for next year’s finals & all-star matches. *Pictures from camp can be found on page 4.*



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INTRODUCING Coach Cliff Warden

Coach Warden comes to Christiansburg by way of Independence High School in Coal City, WV. There, he led the Patriots to four consecutive AA/A state team titles, while also earning WVSSAC Coach of the Year honors four times. He also was presented with the 2015 NFHS Mideast Section Coach of the Year Award. A graduate of Edinboro University, Coach Warden wrestled for the fighting Scots from 1994-1998.



INTRODUCING Assistant Coach Zach Epperly

Coach Epperly will be returning to his alma mater as one of the most decorated collegiate wrestlers to emerge from the Christiansburg wrestling program. While at Virginia Tech, Coach Epperly twice earned NCAA All-American honors and finished his career with a .816 winning percentage. Coach Epperly's career in Christiansburg included 173 wins, four individual state titles and a Beast of the East Championship.

Returning Coaches

Devin Biscaha—Devin is an assistant coach for the high school and club teams. He came from Jackson, New Jersey where he attended Jackson Memorial High School. He then continued his wrestling career at Springfield College. In 2013, Devin was a NCAA Division 3 wrestling national champ.

Chase Lowe—Chase has worked as an assistant coach with the high school team for more than 8 years. Coach Lowe earned his Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture Education and Economics from Virginia Tech, as well as obtaining a Master's Degree from Radford University in Educational Leadership. He currently teaches small-engine repair and welding at Christiansburg High School.

Tim Miles—Tim is an Assistant Coach at CBDW, working with both the Virginia Elite and the Christiansburg High School program. He grew up in Christiansburg and won the Virginia AA State Championship title in his weight class in 2006.

Hunter Bolen—Transitioning from a Blue Demon to a Hokie!

In a recent interview, we collected the following information on Christiansburg Wrestling's most recent superstar, Hunter Bolen. Hunter claimed that his most memorable moment on the mat as a Blue Demon was winning at the prestigious "Beast of the East" contest. "Placing second the year before made the moment special when I won it as a senior," responded Bolen. The Newark, Delaware tournament showcased 7 of the top 20 high school teams in the nation. Bolen proclaimed, "Wrestling everyday gave me the self-discipline and drive to help prepare myself for the next level."



By the end of his junior year Hunter was ready to make his commitment to VT. "It's always been close to me and I love the program." Hunter plans to major in renewable resources at Virginia Tech, become a national champion, and better himself not only as a wrestler but a person. Tony Robie's take on Bolen is this: "Incredibly excited about Hunter's future at Tech. He is a workhorse and exactly the type of student-athlete we want to have in our program". Robie also exclaimed, "I have no doubt that he will follow or even overtake the footsteps of other Hokie greats from CHS." CHS Wrestling would like to send a huge THANK YOU to Hunter and the Bolen Family for their contributions to our wrestling dynasty over the years.



Ranked #7, Bolen won by decision over #14 Merola of Blair, 3-2. Photo Courtesy of Amy Bolen.

PIGEON FORGE DUALS IN JUNE

On June 2nd & 3rd, Christiansburg light weights took the mat at Pigeon Forge High School. This outing marked the first time Coach Warden sat at the corner of the mat as a Blue Demon. Warden's Indy team had wrestled against our Blue Demons a couple of years ago at the VA Duals, but on this particular weekend the two teamed up on the competition. Brandon Crowder, Garrett Kuchan, Will Hutchison, and Andrew Morgan joined the Patriots to battle teams from 3-4 different states.



Mixed team at Pigeon Forge Dual; photo courtesy of Cliff Warden.

On June 23rd and 24th, the Blue Demons made another trip to Pigeon Forge, adding Luke Robie, Marshall Keller, Nathan Warden, Jack Thompson, Maston Stanley and Erik Eva to the roster. These two duals combined included 16 matches and were a great opportunity for Coach Warden's transition from a Patriot to Blue Demon.

Senior Spotlight—ERIK EVA



Favorite Food? Pizza

Favorite Animal? A tiger

Your best moment at CHS? Taking 1st place at our Big Blue Tournament last year

Goals after graduation? To go to college



Virginia Elite Placed THIRD in Junior Division at VAWA

On May 6 & 7, starting the summer with a bang, your Christiansburg wrestlers put on a show at Riverbend High School in Fredericksburg, VA. The team was led by Marshall Keller and Nick Giantonio, who won in their respective weights. Brandon Crowder, Garrett Kuchan, Xander Whitehurst and Erik Eva all finished runner-up in the event.

Virginia Elite Youth Wrestling Camp, June 24-28

Hawkeye Hall hosted the 2017 summer youth camp, headed up by Zach Myers. A typical day of camp started at 8AM and ended at 4PM for little guys. Tire flipping, agility work, technique, and live wrestling action were highlighted exercises throughout the week. Your Blue Demon wrestlers taught and mentored this group of youngsters. **The Big Demon-Little Demon concept—should and will—keep titles rolling for years to come.**

DARYL WEBER'S ATTACK STYLE CAMP, JUNE 25-29

Just a day after getting home from the duals at Pigeon Forge, it was time for your Blue Demons to get back to work. A typical day at Coach Weber's camp started with a 7AM Lift/Run and ended with the 3rd wrestling session at 9PM. Each day was jam-packed with blood, sweat, and bruises—all in the quest of one common goal.



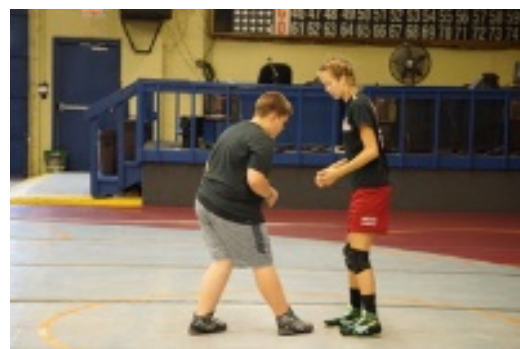
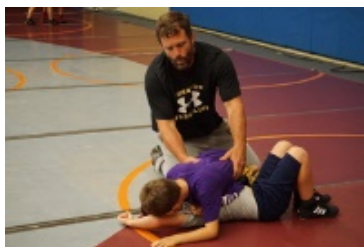
Wrestlers from all across the Commonwealth, as well as neighboring states came to Hawkeye Hall for this five day training camp. Weber's Attack Style Camp is led by the Blue Demon's former coach, Daryl Weber and the current Blue Demon Coaching Staff.



Snapshots of the Virginia Elite Youth Wrestling Camp, held at Hawkeye Hall on June 24-28.

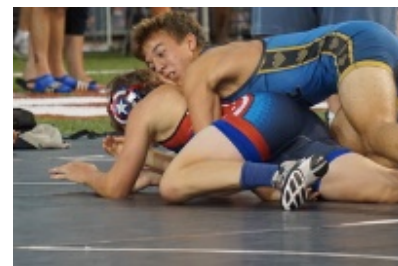


Photos courtesy of the CBDWC.



Clockwise from top: Marshall Keller, Xander Whitehurst, Andrew Morgan, Nick Giantonio, and Erik Eva.

These photos were taken at the Virginia Tech Camp and are courtesy of Amy Bolen.



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The CBDWC would also like to thank the faithful Blue Demon Bingo Patrons!

The coaching staff and wrestlers would like send a special THANK YOU to the parents, CBDWC affiliates, and alumni parents who volunteer countless hours to the Christiansburg Blue Demon Wrestling program.

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FALL SCHEDULE

September 16 th	Morehead Super 32 Qualifier	Eden, NC
September 23 th	Skyline Super 32 Qualifier	Front Royal, VA
September 30 th	<i>Overflow Qualifier to Journeymen</i>	Schenectady, NY
October 1 st	<i>Journeymen Fall Classic</i>	Schenectady, NY
October 7 th -8 th	Columbus Day Duals	York, PA
October 14 th	Blue Demon Fall Brawl	Christiansburg, VA
October 27 th -29 th	Super 32	Greensboro, NC

Blue Demon Wrestling Bulletin

Homecoming Parade

October 11th CHS wants to celebrate our 16 years of excellence. ***All Blue Demon Wrestlers past to present are invited to join us in the parade.*** Please pass along this info to any alumni you might know. Coaching staff, current wrestlers and parents welcome alumni to join us around 5:00 at Amelia's Pizza for dinner before the parade. More info will be posted at bluedemonwrestling.com

Blue Demon Fall Brawl

October 14th Christiansburg will host a tournament for wrestlers ages K-12. See the attached flyer for more info. Registration is open on trackwrestling. Come out to CHS and support your favorite wrestler. Grades K-5 will wrestle at 9:00, and 6-12 will start at 1:00.

Youth & Middle School Season

October 30th will be the first official day of regular season practice for both middle school and youth league. More details will be posted at: bluedemonwrestling.com Please feel free to contact Coach Brugh or Coach Myers with any questions or concerns.

Twitter

Now you can follow high school results as they happen on twitter, just follow @cбургwrestling. A great way to keep up when you can't make it to the match.

Sponsorships and Donations

Any contributions big or small are always greatly appreciated by the staff, wrestlers and their families. If you would like to donate or sponsor visit bluedemonwrestling.com and be a part of #17.

Bingo

We would like to welcome all to play bingo on Fridays 10 AM or 6:30 PM. Saturdays at 6:30 PM at Hawkeye Hall. Come support the Blue Demons and win some cash doing it!

Volunteering

Right now we have several fundraisers lined up with mainly high school parents operating them. Everything we do will be more effective and efficient with more involvement. (even winning championships) Blue Demon Wrestling is a K-12 Program that will benefit everyone more if we can get connected. **Bingo help is greatly needed from our wrestling families and there are great incentives in place for those who work.** Contact Coach Warden if you want to get involved.



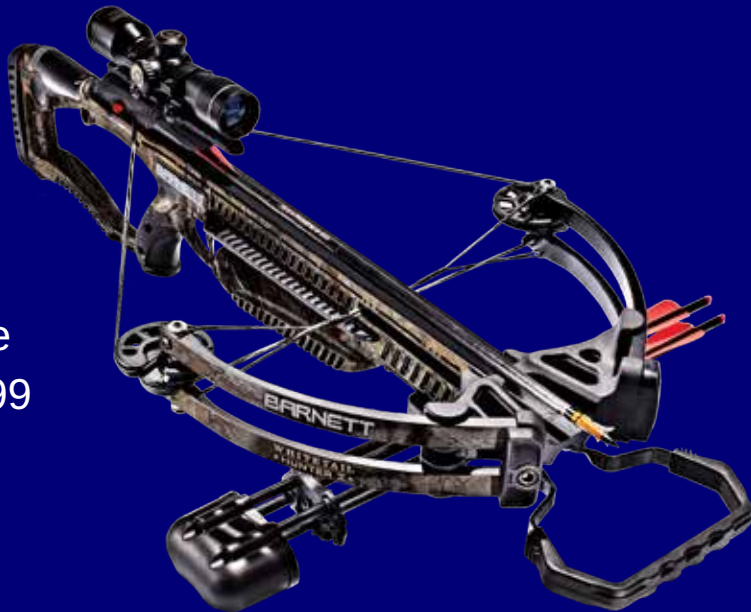
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AND MUZZLE LOADER.
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