

Wahoo Wrestling

7TH ANNUAL
AWARDS BANQUET
APRIL 24, 1998
CURRENT & CAREER RECORDS
TOP WRESTLERS AND
TEAM HISTORY

WAHOO WRESTLING CLUB

1998 RECORDS

WWC'S Top Twenty Wrestlers

	WRESTLER	Wins	Loss	Percent
1	Zach Akerson	22	1	95.65
2	Miles Negley	16	1	94.11
3	Neil Bowman	16	2	88.88
4	Paul Sutton	31	4	88.57
5	Arron Hotz	27	4	87.09
6	Tim Laudenback	17	4	80.95
7	Stevem Ruhe	18	6	75.00
8	Adam Machacek	18	6	75.00
9	Brian Nice	15	6	71.42
10	Andy Nordstrom	12	5	70.58
11	Westley Negley	7	3	70.00
12	Rusty Andresen	16	7	69.56
13	Tim Pokorny	11	5	68.75
14	Bobby Nordstrom	12	6	64.70
15	Jim Beaver	11	6	64.70
16	Kyle Asche	7	4	63.63
17	T.J. Sloup	5	3	62.50
18	Mike McLaughlin	18	15	54.54
19	Addison Negley	8	8	50.00
20	Austin Vermeline	8	8	50.00
21	Travis Bennett	7	7	50.00
22	Tim Mildenberger	6	6	50.00

1998 HUSKERLAND STATE
TOURNAMENT XIII
APRIL 4, 1998
WAHOO CLUB RESULTS

CHAMPIONS OF CHAMPIONS

ZACH AKERSON

NEIL BOWMAN

ARRON HOTZ

STATE CHAMPIONS

ZACH AKERSON

NEIL BOWMAN

ARRON HOTZ

MILES NEGLEY

RUNNER-UP

RUSTY ANDRESEN, TIM LAUDENBACK, STEVEN RUHE, PAUL
SUTTON

THIRD PLACE

KYLE ASCHE, JIM BEAVER, ADAM MACHACEK, ADDISON NEGLEY,
BRIAN NICE

FOURTH PLACE

JOEY, LEPORE, JIMMY LEPORE, MIKE McLAUGHLIN, AUSTIN
VERMELINE

RUNNER UP CLASS B

WAHOO WRESTLING CLUB

**4X'S CONSECUTIVE CHAMP
ZACH AKERSON**

TEAM STANDINGS - STATE HISTORY

1998 - RUNNER UP CLASS B (48PTS)
1997 RUNNER UP CLASS B (52PTS)
1996 - 1ST PLACE CLASS B (59PTS)
1995 - 3RD PLACE CLASS C
1994 - 7TH PLACE CLASS B (55PTS)
1993 - 6TH PLACE CLASS B (45PTS)
1992 - 14TH PLACE CLASS B (28PTS)
1991 16TH PLACE CLASS B (23PTS)

**WAHOO WRESTLING CLUB
HISTORY**

**4X'S CONSECUTIVE STATE CHAMPION - ZACH AKERSON
(95,96,97,98)**

2X'S CONSECUTIVE STATE CHAMPION - MATT OTTE (96,97)

2X'S STATE CHAMPIONS

2X'S STATE CHAMPIONS
JAKE AKERSON (94,96)
JOSH AKERSON (92,94)
DOUG CHISHOLM (92,95)
TYLOR BOTTORFF (92,94)
CORY HANKE (93,97)

WWC'S 1998 SEASON'S RECORDS

TD'S PINS RECORD TIME

KINDERGARTEN

JUSTIN JOHNSON	15	4	8-5	0.45
SEAN SMITH	10	2	3-6	0.32

FIRST GRADE

WESTLEY NEGLEY	15	4	7-3	0.34
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SECOND GRADE

TRAVIS BENNETT	19	1	7-7	0.40
TIM MILDENBERGER	17	1	6-6	
T.J. SLOUP	8	2	5-3	0.36
ADAM WIMER	2	2	3-5	0.34
CAMDYN KAVAN	9		1-6	

THIRD GRADE

NEIL BOWMAN	33	10	16-2	0.20
MIKE McLAUGHLIN	33	4	13-11	0.25
TONY GRABOWSKI	1		0-10	
ROBBIE HOTZ	8	1	4-11	

FOURTH GRADE

KYLE ASCHE			7-4	
MILES NEGLEY	27	10	16-1	0.19
DANIEL BAXTER			4-7	

FIFTH GRADE

AUSTIN VERMELINE	11	5	8-8	0.17
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SIXTH GRADE

PAUL SUTTON	47	6	17-1	
ARRON HOTZ	21	13	16-2	0.08
TIM POKORNY	21	7	11-5	
ADDISON NEGLEY	14	6	8-8	
CARSON TAYLOR			4-12	
BRIAN DENNEHAY			0-6	

SEVENTH GRADE

PERCENTAGE

ZACH AKERSON	39	17	22-1		95.65
RUSTY ANDRESEN	29	4	16-7		69.56
BRIAN NICE	20	9	15-6	0.15	71.42
BOBBY NORDSTROM	14	9	12-6		66.66
JIM BEAVER	14	7	11-6		64.70
JOEY LAPORE	12	4	9-15		37.50
JIMMY LAPORE	14	7	11-12		47.82
JUSTIN HITZ	1	1	1-8		11.11
RYAN DEMMERAY	8	4	4-10	0.19	28.57

EIGHTH GRADE

TIM LAUDENBACK	25	6	17-4		80.95
STEVEN RUHE	33	13	18-6	0.10	75.00
ADAM MACHECEK	24	13	18-6	0.09	75.00
ANDY NORDSTROM	14	9	12-5		70.58
JOSH HANSON	12	0	5-5		50.00
JESSE ALBERS	22	3	5-7		41.66
JUSTIN STRAIT	5	2	4-4		50.00
CHRIS JONAS	8	2	3-4		42.85
JASON CROMWELL	1	0	1-3		25.00

OPEN SEASON OVERALL RECORDS

MIKE McLAUGHLIN	43	7	18-5
PAUL SUTTON	77	10	31-4
ARRON HOTZ	30	18	27-4

WWC HISTORY

1998

MOST WINS:

+20 WINS

MOST TAKEDOWNS

+30

CORY HANKE	53	1997
CORY HANKE	47	1996
JOSH AKERSON	33	1994
PAUL SUTTON	31	1998
JAKE AKERSON	31	1996
JOSHUA HUTSON	30	1996
JAKE AKERSON	30	1995
DOUG CHISHOLM	30	1995
DUSTY NOHA	30	1991
RUSTY ANDRESEN	28	1997
ARRON HOTZ	27	1998
NICK LAUSTERER	27	1995
CORY HANKE	26	1995
ALEX OLSON	25	1997
CORY HANKE	25	1994
JAKE AKERSON	25	1994
STEVE RUHE	24	1997
MITCH REEVES	24	1994
JOSH HUTSON	24	1995
BRIAN NICE	23	1997
DERIC HANKE	23	1994
ZACH AKERSON	22	1998
CASEY RODGERS	22	1995
THAD JONAS	21	1997

MOST PINS

+10

CORY HANKE	46	1997
CORY HANKE	31	1996
JAKE AKERSON	27	1996
JOSH HUTSON	25	1996
DOUG CHISHOLM	22	1995
JOSH AKERSON	22	1994
JAKE AKERSON	21	1994
MITCH REEVES	19	1994
ARRON HOTZ	18	1998
CORY HANKE	18	1995
JOSH HUTSON	18	1995
TYLOR BOTTORFF	18	1994
ZACH AKERSON	17	1998
JAKE AKERSON	17	1995
DERIC HANKE	17	1994
JOSH AKERSON	17	1992
CASEY RODGERS	16	1995
DOUG CHISHOLM	16	1994
CORY HANKE	16	1994
TIM LAUDENBACK	16	1994
ZACH AKERSON	15	1997
PAUL SUTTON	15	1997
JAKE AKERSON	15	1996
CASEY RODGERS	15	1993
TIM DAVIS	14	1994
RYAN WATTS	14	1995
STEVE RUHE	13	1998
ADAM MACACEK	13	1998
DOUG CHISHOLM	13	1993
DOUG CHISHOLM	12	1991
NEIL BOWMAN	10	1998
PAUL SUTTON	10	1998
PAUL SUTTON	10	1996
TIM LAUDENBACK	10	1996
AUSTIN VERMELINE	10	1996

CORY HANKE	135	1997
PAUL SUTTON	77	1998
CORY HANKE	62	1996
PAUL SUTTON	53	1997
JAKE AKERSON	53	1995
JOSH HUTSON	49	1994
JAKE AKERSON	48	1994
RYAN WATTS	47	1995
DERIC HANKE	46	1994
CASEY RODGERS	45	1995
JOSH HUTSON	44	1995
MIKE McLAUGHLIN	43	1998
ARRON HOTZ	43	1996
DOUG CHISHOLM	43	1995
CORY HANKE	43	1995
CORY HANKE	43	1994
CHRIS BRADLEY	43	1994
JOSH HUTSON	41	1996
KYLE KRONBERG	41	1995
CORY HANKE	41	1992
JOSH AKERSON	40	1994
ZACH AKERSON	39	1998
TIM LAUDENBACK	39	1994
ARRON HOTZ	38	1997
JAY DUNBAR	38	1992
RONALD MACH	37	1996
JOSH HUTSON	35	1994
NEIL BOWMAN	33	1998
STEVE RUHE	33	1998
ANDY NORDSTROM	33	1996
BRIAN MILLER	32	1996
MITCH REEVES	32	1994
ARRON HOTZ	30	1998
JAKE AKERSON	30	1996
JEFF PRICE	30	1996

WWC CAREER RECORDS THRU 1998
STATISTICS BEGINNING 1991
TD'S NOT TAKEN 91 & 93
APRIL 24, 1998

AKERSON, ZACH	7TH	110	168	70:17
ALBERS, JESSE	8TH	5	22	3
ANDRESEN, RUSTY	7TH	61	92	15:23
ASCHE, KYLE	4TH	11	10	2
BAXTER, DANIEL	4TH	4		
BEAVER, JIM	7TH	26	27	15
BENNETT, TRAVIS	2ND	7	19	1:40
BOWMAN, NEIL	3RD	35	74	18
CROMWELL, JASON	8TH	1	1	0
DEMMEHARRY, RYAN	7TH	7	13	5
HANSON, JOSH	8TH	5	12	0
HOTZ, ARRON	8TH	47	102	29:08
HOTZ, ROBBIE	3RD	10	31	3
JOHNSON, JUSTIN	K	14	30	8:24
JONAS, CHRIS	8TH	3	8	2
KAVAN, CAMDYNN	2ND	10	25	6:45
LAPORE, JIMMY	7TH	11	14	7
LAPORE, JOEY	7TH	9	12	4
LAUDENBACK, TIM	8TH	84	132	42:13
LYNN, BRIAN	5TH	10	25	6:05
MACHACEK, ADAM	8TH	61	103	38:09
MACH, RONALD	4TH	20	55	6
McLAUGHLIN, MIKE	3RD	20	51	6:06
MILDENBERGER, TIM	2ND	6	17	1
NEGLEY, ADDISON	8TH	34	38	21
NEGLEY, MILES	4TH	38	58	12:18
NEGLEY, WESTLEY	1ST	7	15	4:34
NICE, BRIAN	7TH	38	42	18:08
NORDSTROM, ANDY	8TH	26	66	13:22
NORDSTROM, BOBBY	7TH	37	47	23:13
POKORNY, TIM	8TH	51	107	25:19
RUHE, STEVE	8TH	38	83	19:10
SLOUP, T.J.	2ND	10	24	8:38
SMITH, SEAN	K	3	10	2:32
STRAIT, JUSTIN	8TH	9	18	4
SUTTON, PAUL	6TH	109	198	50:11
TAYLOR, CARSON	8TH	34	79	11:08
VERMELINE, AUSTIN	5TH	58	81	35:05
WIMER, ADAM	2ND	3	2	2:34

PAST TOP CLUB CAREER RECORDS:

HANKE, GORY	WHS	209	324	142:06
AKERSON, JAKE	WHS	186	152	99:08
HUTSON, JOSHUA	WHS	104	161	67:18
CHISHOLM, DOUG	WHS	86	88	65:08
RODGERS, CASEY	WHS	79	83	46:05
LAUSTERER, NICK	WHS	67	70	29:21
WATTS, RYAN	WHS	62	74	38:08
DAVIS, TIM	WHS	51	61	37

Huskerland State Placers

State Champions
1998

Neil Bowman, Zach Akerson, Arron Hotz, Miles Negley

1997

Tom Dunbar, Zach Akerson, Matt Otte, Cory Hanke

1996

Jake Akerson, Zach Akerson, Josh Hutson, Adam Macheck,
Addison Negley, Matt Otte, Paul Sutton

1995

Zach Akerson, Doug Chisholm, Nick Lausterer

1994

Jake Akerson, Josh Akerson, Tylor Bottorff,
Mitch Reeve, Cody Rodgers

1993

Tim Divis, Cory Hanke

1992

Josh Akerson, Tylor Bottorff,
Doug Chisholm, Tyson Chisholm

1991

Casey Rodgers

1990

Jay Dunbar

Fourth Place

1998

Jimmy Lepore, Joey Lepore, Mike McLaughlin, Austin Vermeline

1997

Korwen Kronberg, Kyle Asche, Josiah Wood,
Alex Olson, Thad Jonas

1996

Thad Jonas, Andrew Nordstrom

1994

Chris Bradley

1993

Brad Schutt, Tad Anderson, Nick Lausterer, Jayme Iverson

1992

Ryan McDermott, Nick Lausterer, Casey Rodgers, Tim Davis

1991

Jayme Iverson

1990

Deric Hanka

Runner-Up

1998

Rusty Andresen, Tine Laudenback, Steven Ruhe, Paul Sutton

1997

Miles Negley, Austin Vermeline, Paul Sutton,
Aaron Hotz, Brian Nice, Bobby Nordstrom

1996

Rusty Andresen, Aaron Hotz, James Mather, Jeff Price

1995

Kyle Kronberg, Paul Sutton, Dustin Drews,
Cory Hanka, Casey Rodgers, Ryan Watts

1994

Tim Laudenback, Adam Machacek, Nick Lausterer

1993

Alex Olson, Ryan McDermott, Doug Chisholm, Josh Akerson,
Shawn Rouse, Jovan Lausterer, Nate Noha

1992

Jay Dunbar, Jake Akerson, Shawn Rouse

1991

Jake Akerson, Doug Chisholm, Brian Sanderson, Dusty Noha

Third Place

1998

Kyle Asche, Jim Beaver, Adam Machacek, Addison Negley, Brian Nice

1997

Tim Pokorny, Addison Negley, Rusty Andresen,
Jim Beaver, Adam Machacek, James Mather

1996

Kyle Kronberg, Austin Vermeline, Brian Miller,
Cody Rodgers, Tim Laudenback, Cory Hanka

1995

Jacy Watts, Tim Laudenback, Alex Olson,
Jake Akerson, Josh Hurtson

1994

Cory Hanka, Alex Olson, Doug Chisholm

1993

Jake Akerson, Jay Dunbar, Casey Rodgers

1992

Mitch Reeves, Dustin Drews, Cory Hanka, Steve Walia

1991

Tim Davis, Shawn Rouse, Tyson Chisholm

To Wrestling Club Booster Parents and Wrestlers:

Another wrestling season has come and gone. It sometimes seems like a long season to those of us involved with the High School team. But in looking back at Mid-November, the start of High School practice it really went fast.

I can't think of any way I would rather spend my free time than with hard working, goal oriented kids and supportive parents and coaches. All working to achieve the best performance possible for every individual. This point was driven home to me when I was giving two high school wrestlers a ride home from the grueling second day of the Nebraska State Wrestling Tournament this season. These guys dieted hard and were extremely dedicated and hard working. They truly lived and breathed wrestling. Both had lost earlier than expected at the state meet and would not place as high as they had hoped. I was surprised when they started talking about how disappointed they were that the season was almost over and how fast it had gone. They both wished the season was about twice as long. This made me very proud of our program and it also shows that hard work can be fun. Those kids hold their heads high when they say they wrestle for Wahoo. They can do that because they know in their hearts they have worked hard for their success.

I am seeing this same pride in many of our club wrestlers. They are confident, mentally tough, and proud of their identity. These are kids that make it to every practice and meet. These kids think about wrestling when they aren't on the mat. These kids work on moves at home, and go to bed early the night before the meet. They know the names and wrestling style of their tough competition. They do push ups and situps and jump rope at home. As they get older they're the first to lift weights. These kids aren't just out for wrestling, they are WRESTLERS !! There is a huge difference between going out for wrestling and being a wrestler. All wrestlers don't win all the time and many lose as much as they win, but all wrestlers can walk tall and be proud of their commitment to a very demanding lifestyle.

In today's society it would be so easy to allow TV, video games and other activities that don't require a lot of self-motivation and hardwork to dominate our lives. I think any kid or parent that take the harder road and work for something that builds character and perseverance deserve a great deal of credit.

For the athlete it takes hard work, time away from more leisure activities and pain. Both physical pain from competing and mental pain from losing.

For parents it costs money, time away from work, household duties, and free time. After coaching at the High School level for almost 15 years and watching the development of young adults who aren't afraid of commitment and hard work, I think every thing that is done is worthwhile.

All parents and athletes need to evaluate what they expect of the sport they participate in. About 3,000 kids went out for High School Wrestling in Nebraska this year. 832 qualified for the State Tournament, 56 won state championships and 14 were undefeated. Those 56 state champions were not the only successful wrestlers in the state. Almost every kid that completed the

season will be able to find a measure of success. Even if it was just finishing the season when the going got tough.

I take comfort in the message that Tom Osborne always pushed. His philosophy that "The important lesson is the journey not the destination. The preparation not the result. The lessons that were learned along the way not the final Score."

My family and my son, Paul, were very disappointed that Paul did not win a Huskerland State Championship, after the season he had this year. But I know as a parent and a coach that he gained so much from the work that he put in this season, that one loss cannot wipe it all away, or even diminish the season.

To explain what I think philosophy of this wrestling club is, I will conclude this soapbox message with my view on the wrestling life of Josh Akerson.

Dale and Linda helped start this club when Josh was in kindergarden. It was obvious that Josh had talent from an early age. He was always one of the top wrestlers in the club. He was always flashy and fun to watch. But wrestling was also hard for him. He got so nervous before matches that he often threw up. He hated to lose more than he loved to win. Several times he talked of not going out at the beginning of a new season. His parents, coaches, and something inside of Josh kept him going for 13 years. There was always a lot expected of Josh and when he was young people started talking about how many High School State Championships he would win. Not IF he would win one, but how many! Josh hit high school and has had an excellent career including 109 career wins and a Wahoo record 91 career pins. He also earned two state medals, one 5th Place, and one 6th Place. This is excellent by any standard but I don't think it met the goal, Josh or his family worked at for 13 years.

My point is—Josh and his family gained so much from all the years that were put into wrestling. Josh can always be proud that he was a wrestler. His parents can always be proud that they supported him through good times and bad.

I am a firm believer that this kind of family behavior repeats. I have no doubt that someday in some way Josh will attempt to teach kids of the next generation that hard work pays off, pain is temporary and that quitters never win.

I know that I can say this about any wrestler who comes through this program. If this is true then we are accomplishing a lot more than just teaching one kid to beat another kid in wrestling.

John Sutton