

MERIDIAN MUSTANG WRESTLING

2015 – 16 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 wrestlers recorded 30 or more wins
(Baxter Beals 30, Joshua Traynor 42)
- Three wrestlers recorded 20 or more wins
(Joshua Traynor 42, Baxter Beals 30, Jacob Durflinger 25)
- 3 out of 4 wrestlers finished with winning records
(Joshua Traynor, Baxter Beals & Jacob Durflinger)
- Every wrestling team member earned their letter
- Placing 2nd as a team at Bob Oliver
- 3 wrestlers qualifying for the State Tournament in Omaha, Ne
(Joshua Traynor 152 lbs., Baxter Beals 160 lbs., Jacob Durflinger 285 lbs.)
- Joshua Traynor placing 5th at State Tournament
- Setting 2 individual school records : Wins in a season Joshua 42, Takedowns in a Season Joshua 77
- NSAA Academic All-State Wrestling - Joshua Traynor and Baxter Beals
- Nebraska Scholastic Wrestling Coach's Association Academic All-State Wrestling Team
Joshua Traynor and Baxter Beals
- **Most Improved Wrestler:** Jacob Durflinger
Most Physical Wrestler: Joshua Traynor
Most Sincere and Dedicated Wrestler: Joshua Traynor
Most Valuable Wrestler: Joshua Traynor

Individual Varsity Records

	<u>Tournaments</u>	<u>Duals</u>	<u>Team Points</u>	<u>Career Record</u>
Joshua Traynor	32 – 8	10 – 2	225.5	46 – 14
Baxter Beals	21 – 14	9 – 3	140.0	71 – 61
Jacob Durflinger	17 – 18	8 – 4	138.25	39 – 70
Micah Noel	7 – 19	5 – 6	57.25	12 – 25
Damian Cervantez	1 – 8	1 – 11	12.25	2 – 19

Mustang Wrestlers

Seniors:

Joshua Traynor 152 lbs.

Juniors:

Baxter Beals 160 lbs.

Jacob Durflinger 220 lbs.

Freshman:

Damian Cervantez 195 lbs

Micah Noel 170 lbs

Student Managers:

Nikki DeFrain, Soph.

McKenzie DeFrain, 8th

Lane Barton, 7th

Mo'Nae Moody, 7th

Captains:

Joshua Traynor, Baxter Beals & Jacob Durflinger

Head Coach:

Chris L. Placek

Assistant Coach:

Jacob Baber

2015 – 2016 Letter Winners

	<u>Year</u>	<u>Tournament Placing</u>
Joshua Traynor**	12	1st at Harvard, 1 st at Bob Oliver, 2nd at Elgin 2nd at Fillmore Central, 2 nd at Tri County, 1 st at Thayer Central, 3rd at Freeman, 3rd at Districts, 5 th at State
Baxter Beals***	11	3 rd at Harvard, 1st at Bob Oliver, 6 th at Fillmore Central, 4 th at Shelton/Kenesaw, 2nd at Thayer Central, 2nd at CRC, 4th at Districts
Jacob Durflinger***	11	4 th at Harvard, 4 th at Bob Oliver, 2 nd at Elgin, 6 th at Fillmore Central, 3 rd at Tri County, 2nd at Shelton/Kenesaw, 2 nd at CRC, 4 th at Districts
Damian Cervantez*	9	4 th at Bob Oliver
Micah Noel*	9	4 th at Bob Oliver, 4 th at Shelton/Kenesaw, 4 th at CRC
Nikki DeFrain**	10	Student Manager

*Denotes total wrestling letters earned



Season Schedule (Varsity Only)

Opponent

High Plains Quadrangular (Meridian, High Plains, Elkorn Valley & McCool Junction)
Harvard Invite
Bob Oliver Invite
Elgin/Pope John Invite
Fillmore Central Holiday invite
Tri County Dual Invite
Shelton/Kenesaw Invite
Thayer Central Invite
Freeman Invite
CRC Tournament
D-1 District at Freeman High School
State Tournament at Omaha

Results

3rd – (1-2)
 6th – 48.0 pts.
 2nd – 73.75 pts
 10th – 51.0 pts.
 15th – 38.0 pts.
 9th – (0 – 8)
 10th – 35.0 pts.
 9th – 45.0 pts.
 13th – 23.0 pts.
 4th – 37.0 pts.
 12th – 47.0 pts. (3 State Qualifiers)
 40th – 12.5 pts.

(Joshua Traynor 5th place State Medalist)

Season Statistical Leaders

Most Wins: Joshua Traynor (42)

Most Loses: Micah Noel (25)

Most Pins: Joshua Traynor (28)

Most Wins By Decision: Joshua Traynor (10)

Most Takedowns: Joshua Traynor (77)

Most Reversals: Baxter Beals (15)

Most Escapes: Micah Noel (14)

Most Near Falls: Baxter Beals (24)

Most Penalty Points Received: Joshua Traynor & Micah Noel (2)

Quickest Pin: Baxter Beals (:11) **Fewest Pins Given Up:** Joshua Traynor (6)

Most Medals Earned: Joshua Traynor (9)

Most Team Points: Joshua Traynor (225.5)



2015-16 Meridian Mustang Wrestling Stats (Varsity)

<u>Name:</u>	TDs	NFL	RV	ESC	PEN	C	W	FOR	DEC	TF	PIN	QPIN	Total Win
Joshua Traynor	77	16	12	11	2	13	8	3	10	1	28	:32	42
opponent	19	11	6	49	5	4	7	0	5	0	6		11
Baxter Beals	56	24	15	13	1	0	1	2	9	0	19	:11	30
opponent	24	12	14	18	2	0	1	0	3	0	14		17
Micah Noel	15	5	8	14	2	2	0	2	0	0	10	:24	12
opponent	39	7	9	5	2	1	0	0	1	0	24		25
Damian Cervantez	3	1	1	4	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	:51	2
opponent	19	2	6	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	19		19
Jacob Durlinger	22	9	10	12	1	0	4	3	4	0	18	:15	25
opponent	33	14	8	10	0	1	1	0	2	0	20		22
total	173	55	46	54	8	15	13	12	23	1	76	:11	111
opponents	134	46	43	84	11	6	9	0	11	0	83		94

Key: TDs-Takedowns; NFL – Near Falls; RV – Reversals; ESC – Escapes; PEN – Penalty; C – Caution; W – Warning; FOR – Forfeit; DEC – Decision; TF – Technical Fall; PIN – Pin Fall; QPIN – Quick Pin Fall;

All Opponent Team: (Voted by Mustang Wrestlers)

- 106 lbs.** open
- 113 lbs.** open
- 120 lbs.** open
- 126 lbs.** open
- 132 lbs.** open
- 138 lbs.** open
- 145 lbs.** open
- 152 lbs.** Drew Loberg (Randolph) Class D State Champion
- 160 lbs.** Zemua Baptista (Friend) Class D State Champion
- 170 lbs.** Skyler Ratkovec (East Butler) Class D State Medalist 3rd
- 182 lbs.** open
- 195 lbs.** Travis Likens (Tri County) Class D State Qualifier
- 220 lbs.** Houston Hornby (Palmyra) Class D State Medalist 3rd
- 285 lbs.** Zaine Gallegos (Bayard) Class D State Champion



Perfect Practice Attendance

Coach Placek

Coach Baber

1 Missed Practice

2 Missed Practices

Baxter Beals

Joshua Traynor

Jacob Durlinger

3 or More Missed Practices

Damian Cervantez

Nikki DeFrain

McKenzie DeFrain

Mo'Nea Moody

Lane Barton

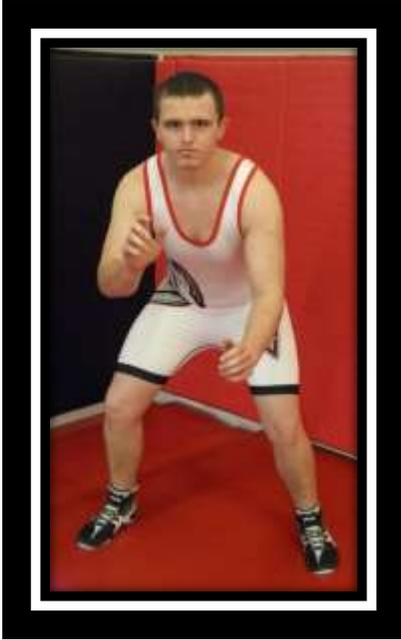
Team and Personal High Points of the 2015-16 Wrestling Season:

People made improvements and worked hard, 75% of the team went to State, I improved my wrestling, making it to State, I made it to State, Set new records, ¾ of the wrestlers made it to State, Josh got a medal, We all worked together as a team, I had fun, I had a winning record, Placed at State, None of the student managers flirted with boys at meets, The team kept pushing each other to get better, had a good record, Did the flying squirrel on Josh.

Team and Personal Low Points of the 2015 – 16 Wrestling Season:

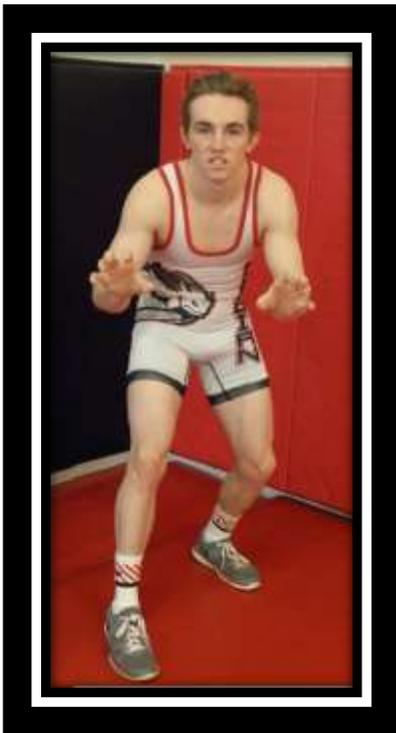
I didn't make it to State, Didn't win conference, We had to kick people off of the team, Damian got hurt, We lost two of the wrestlers, Didn't medal, People quitting, Didn't get a .500 record, Got 11 losses this season, We had some quitters, Had to dismiss some wrestlers from the team for not following team rules, 3 of the starting wrestlers didn't make it to districts, Baxter and Durf didn't get wins at State.

Individual Post Season Awards (As Voted On By Teammates)



Most Improved Wrestler: Jacob Durflinger, jr.

Jacob was a unanimous winner being voted for the most improved wrestler. Jacob has come a long way in three short years. If you were to ask him his freshman year if he would qualify for State, he probably would of said no, but with hard work, dedication and a decision to bump up a weight class that is just what Jacob did this year. Not only did he qualify for State he ended the season with a winning record, doubling his amount of wins from last season. With a year left, Jacob has time to improve more and better himself for his senior season, and who's to say maybe next year a return trip to State and a medal too.



Most Physical Wrestler, Most Sincere and Dedicated Wrestler, Most Valuable Wrestler: Joshua Traynor, sr.

Josh was voted as the recipient of these three awards based on what he did on the mat this year for Meridian. After learning from last year, Josh was better prepared for this season as a scoring varsity team member. Josh's most memorable matches will be the ones during the wrestlebacks at State during the 2015-16 season. Josh's never give up attitude and great work ethic allowed him to come from behind and win those close matches. Some of which are the best in Meridian's wrestling history. Josh's fifth place medal marks the fifth straight year that Meridian has brought home a State medal. He will also join the other two time State Qualifiers from Meridian. Josh set Meridian Wrestling school records this year, Most Wins in a Season with 42 and Most Takedowns in a Season with 77. Even though Josh's time here was short he will

leave a lasting impact on the Meridian Mustang Wrestling Program as well as the Nebraska State Wrestling History. Thank you Josh for two years of dedication and hard work to the Meridian Mustang Wrestling Program. Good luck with your studies next year and you road to becoming a pharmacist.

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Some Wish For It, We Work For It





**2016 Nebraska State Wrestling Tournament Results
(Meridian Common Opponents)**

Championship Matches

Third Place Matches

Fifth Place Matches

Meridian Mustang Wrestling
(1971 – 2016)



The Facts:

Dual Records: 52 – 76 – 1 since 1971 – 2016

Losing Dual Seasons: 1972 (4-5), 1979 (0-1), 1998 (1-2), 2000 (0-4), 2004 (0-5-1), 2005 (0-7), 2006 (1-5), 2007 (1-3), 2010 (1-4), 2014(1-4), 2015 (4-7), 2016 (1-11)

Over the years the Meridian Mustangs have been:

Adams Invitational Champions: 1972-73, 1973-74, 1975-76, 1976-77, 1977-78, 1987-88, 1988-89

Deshler Invitational Champions: 1972-73, 1975-76, 1976-77

Meridian (Bob Oliver) Invitational Champions: 1973-74, 1974-75, 1975-76, 1976-77, 1977-78, 1981-82, 1987-88, 1988-89, 1993-94, 1996-97, 2013-14

Dorchester Invitational Champions: 1976-77, 1977-78, 1978-79

Clay Center Invitational Champions: 1977-78, 1979-80

Odell Invitational Champions: 1987-88

Thayer Central Invitational Champions: 2013-14

Turkey Creek Invitational Champions: 1979-80, 1988-89, 1989-90,

Pioneer Conference Champions: 1976-77, 1977-78

District Champions: 1976-77

District Runner-up: 1977-78

Wrestling Trophies Earned:

36 – First Place Trophies

32 – Second Place Trophies

37 – Third Place Finishes (11) 3rd Place Trophies

79 – Total Trophies

Since 1971 Meridian Wrestling teams have produced:

2 State Champions

3 State Runner – ups

2 State Third

5 State Fourths

4 State Fifths

5 State Sixths

*Over 196 different individual wrestlers have taken part in Meridian's wrestling program since the first team in 1971.

Meridian Mustang Wrestling District Records 1971-2016

Individual Records

District Champions:

Terry Busing	138 lbs.	1973
Randy Joe	98 lbs.	1976
	98 lbs.	1977
Mark Kujath	HWT.	1977
Tim Summers	167 lbs.	1980
Alan Orf	140 lbs.	1990
Mike Nickel	152 lbs.	2003
Brandon Bartels	160 lbs.	2009
Riley Noel	182 lbs.	2014
Brandon Jackson	182 lbs.	2015

Team Records:

Team Champions: 1977

Team Runner – up: 1973, 1978



Meridian Mustang State Wrestling Qualifiers:

One Time Qualifiers:

Name:	Weight Class:	Year:
Larry Joe	98	1973
Dave Kerwood	112	1973
Gary Ratkovec	126	1973
Terry Busing	138	1973
Tim Bartels (Class C)	119	1974
Mike Sullivan (Class C)	HWT.	1975
Jay Meyer	105	1976
Gregg Buchli	119	1976
Rex Stewart	145	1977
Dan Bartels	132	1977
Scott Bartels	138	1977
Robert Durflinger	155	1977
Bruce Sims	119	1978
Dave Endorf	155	1980
James Wheeler	105	1986
Jamie Pribyl	NA	1987
Bill Aldrich	NA	1988
Mark Schmidt	NA	1988
Ryan Barton	NA	1990
Lowell Miller	152	1994
Andy Schoenbeck	189	1996
Ed Raney	152	1999
Steve Campbell	215	2001

Mike Nickel	152	2003
Jason Buchli	119	2009
Garrett Hofstetter	125	2009
Ryan Meyer	160	2010
Brandon Sales	285	2010
Guadalupe Dimas	113	2012
Trenton Dunn	195	2014
Triston Voight	170	2015
Jacob Durflinger	285	2016

Two Time Qualifiers:

Name:	Weight Class:	Year:
Allen Henry	167	1972
	185	1973
Randy Joe	98	1976
	98	1977
Mark Kujath	HWT	1976
	HWT	1977
Lymon Hamm	185	1977
	185	1978
Tim Summers	167	1979
	167	1980
Rod Stewart	145	1980
	155	1981
Brian Schwisow	HWT	1981
	HWT	1982
Matt Roesler	155	1982
	155	1984
Tim Bachle	145	1984
	145	1985
Brad Jackson	185	1985
	167	1986

Kurt Kapperman	NA	1988
	NA	1989
John Jackson	NA	1988
	NA	1989
Scott Buchli	NA	1989
	NA	1990
Alan Orf	140	1989
	140	1990
Tony Mau	171	1992
	171	1993
Josh Pollock	HWT	1997
	HWT	1998
Brandon Bartels	160	2009
	171	2010
Brant Stewart	189	2011
	182	2012
Liam Noel	106	2012
	120	2015
Cody Lundholm	195	2013
	195	2015
Joshua Traynor	138	2015
	152	2016
Baxter Beals	145	2015
	160	2016

Three Time Qualifiers:

Randy Joe	98	1976
	98	1977
	112	1978
Bill Buchli	126	1977
	132	1979
	138	1980
Jeff Joe	98	1978
	105	1979
	119	1980
Pat Johnson	105	1981
	105	1982
	105	1984
Tim Joe	105	1980
	112	1981
	112	1982
Matt Buchli	98	1980
	126	1982
	126	1983
Brian Jackson	145	1987
	152	1988
	152	1989
Rob Mau	215	1995
	215	1996
	215	1997
Riley Noel	152	2012
	152	2013
	182	2014
Bryce Schweer	285	2012
	220	2013
	220	2014
Brandon Jackson	170	2013
	170	2014
	182	2015

Four Time Qualifier:

Rick Henry

138

1986

152

1987

160

1988

160

1989

Nebraska State Tournament Records Meridian Mustang State Medalists 1971-2016



Randy Joe	98 lbs. 4 th place	1976
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Mark Kujath	HWT 4 th place	1977
Tim Joe	105 lbs. 6 th place	1980
Rod Stewart	145 lbs. 2 nd place	1980
	155 lbs. State Champion	1981
Tim Joe	112 lbs. 5 th place	1982
Brian Schwisow	HWT State Champion	1982
Matt Roesler	155 lbs. 4 th place	1984
Brad Jackson	167 lbs. 4 th place	1986
Rick Henry	152 lbs. 6 th place	1987
	160 lbs. 5 th place	1989
Brian Jackson	152 lbs. 4 th place	1989
Alan Orf	140 lbs. 2 nd place	1990
Josh Pollock	HWT. 6 th place	1998
Brant Stewart	182 lbs. 6 th place	2012
Brandon Jackson	170 lbs. 5 th place	2013
	170 lbs. 2 nd place	2014
	182 lbs. 3 rd place	2015
Riley Noel	182 lbs. 3 rd place	2014
Bryce Schweer	220 lbs. 6 th place	2014
Joshua Traynor	152 lbs. 5 th place	2016



State Wrestling Tournament Statistics 1971 – 2016



- *Meridian's first State qualifier was Allen Henry at 185 pounds in 1972.
- * Meridian's first match won at State was Gary Ratkovec at 126 pound in 1973.
- * Meridian's first State medalist Randy Joe 4th place at 98 pounds in 1976.

State Champions: Rod Stewart 155 lbs. in 1981, Brian Schwisow HWT in 1982

Two – time State Champion:

Undefeated State Champion:

State Champion to pin in the finals:

Three – time State placer: Brandon Jackson 170 lbs. 5th in 2013, 2nd in 2014, 182 lbs. 3rd in 2015

Two – time State placer: Randy Joe 98 lbs. 4th in 1976 & 1977, Rod Stewart 145 lbs. 2nd in 1980, 155 lbs. State Champion in 1981

Total Wins at State: 51

Total pins at State: 21

Total Loses at State: 53

Total pins against MHS at State: 35

Most medals won in a single year: 3 – 2014, 2 1977, 1980 & 1982

Total medals won at State: 22

Most State Qualifiers in a single year: 7 in 1977, 6 in 2015

Total number of individual State qualifiers: 67 (1971-2016)

Highest Team Placing at State: 8th in 2014 48 pts.

12th in 1982, 20th in 1989, 23rd 26 pts. In 2012

Top 10 Finishes at State: 8th in 2014 with 48 pts.

Top 15 Finishes at State: 12th in 1982

Top 25 finishes at State: 20th in 1989, 23rd in 2012, 25th in 2013





Top Ten Club
(Established 2003-04)

Career Wins

1. Brandon Jackson 146 – (2011-2015)
2. Riley Noel 133 – (2010-2014)
3. Brandon Bartels 122 – (2006-10)
4. Guadalupe Dimas 109 – (2011-15)
5. Bryce Schweer 97 – (2010-2014)
6. Jason Buchli 90 – (2006-10)
7. Rick Henry 89 – (1985-89)
7. Garrett Hofstetter 89 – (2007-11)
7. Brant Stewart 89 – (2008-12)
10. Ed Raney 85 – (1995-99)

Career Pins

1. Brandon Bartels 112 – (2006-10)
2. Brandon Jackson 106 – (2011-15)
3. Riley Noel 105 – (2010-14)
4. Guadalupe Dimas 85 – (2011-15)
5. Bryce Schweer 78 – (2010-14)
6. Brant Stewart 76 – (2008-12)
7. Jason Buchli 75 – (2006-10)
8. Ryan Meyer 72 – (2007-10)
8. Garrett Hofstetter 72 – (2007-11)
10. Rick Henry 61 – (1985-89)

Most Career Takedowns

1. Brandon Jackson 206 – (2011-15)
2. Brandon Bartels 181 – (2006-10)
3. Riley Noel 179 – (2010-14)
4. Ed Raney 165 – (1995-99)
5. Guadalupe Dimas 153 – (2011-15)
6. Ryan Meyer 111 – (2007-10)
7. Jason Buchli 104 – (2006-10)
8. Brant Stewart 92 – (2008-12)
9. Rob Mau 91 – (1994-98)
10. Garrett Hofstetter 89 – (2007-11)

Meridian Mustang Individual Wrestling Records



Category	Holder	Record	Year
Wins-Season	Joshua Traynor	42	2015-16
Wins-Career	Brandon Jackson	146	2011-15
Pins-Season	Brandon Bartels	34	2008-09
Pins-Career	Brandon Bartels	112	2006-10
Takedowns-Season	Joshua Traynor	77	2015-16
Takedowns-Career	Brandon Jackson	206	2011-15
Near Falls-Season	Brandon Bartels	34	2008-09
Near Falls-Career	Brandon Bartels	92	2006-10
Escapes-Season	Mike Jess	32	2003-04
Escapes-Career	Guadalupe Dimas	74	2011-15
Reversals-Season	Bryce Schweer	40	2011-12
Reversals-Career	Bryce Schweer	94	2010-14
Fastest Pin	Josh Lundholm	: 06	2010-11

Meridian Mustang Team Wrestling Records

Most Tournaments Won in a Season: 6 1977 & 1978

Most Tournament Champions in a meet: 6 Pioneer Conference Tournament 1976

Most Points Scored in a Dual: 66 versus Odell 1973

Least Amount of Points Allowed in a Dual: 0 versus Dorchester 2013

Most State Qualifiers in a Season: 7 1977 & 1980

Consecutive Years of Winning a Tournament: 5 Meridian Invite now Bob Oliver Invite

District Tournament Champions: 1977

District Tournament Runner – up: 1973 & 1978

State Tournament Champion:

State Tournament Runner – up:





**End of Season Results, Statistics &
Records
2015-2016**

Meridian Mustang Wrestling Schedule

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Thurs. Dec. 3, 2015.....High Plains Quad (High Plains, Meridian, Elkorn Valley & McCool Junction) @ Clarks

Sat. Dec. 5, 2015.....Harvard Invitational @ Harvard 10 am

Sat. Dec. 12, 2015.....Bob Oliver Pin Tournament @ Meridian 10 am

Sat. Dec. 19, 2015.....Elgin/ Pope John Invitational @ Elgin 10 am

Fri. Jan. 2, 2016.....Fillmore Central Holiday Invitational @ Geneva 9 am

Fri.-Sat. Jan. 8 & 9, 2016..Tri County Dual Invitational @ DeWitt TBA

Sat. Jan. 16, 2016.....Shelton/Kenesaw Invitational @ Shelton 10 am

Fri. Jan. 22, 2016.....Thayer Central Invitational @ Hebron 4 pm

Thurs. Jan. 28, 2016.....Freeman Invitational @ Adams 3 pm

Thurs. Feb. 4, 2016.....CRC Tournament @ East Butler HS Brainard 5 pm

Fri.-Sat. Feb. 12-13, 2016.....D-1 District @ TBA

Thurs. – Sat. Feb. 18-20...State Tournament @ CenturyLink Center Omaha

Sat. Feb. 27, 2106.....State Dual Tournament @ UNK Kearney, Ne