

Cresco's First Undefeated Dual Meet Wrestling Team 1924-25



Front, left to right - Blair Thomas, Tom Murray, Ernest Smolik, Glen Daskam and Bob Hess. Back, left to right - Coach Dave Bartelma, Dean Terry, Albert Pederson, Harvey Reuter, Alvin Bigalk and Wallace Kent.

Thank you to our keynote speaker, Jim Gibbons.

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CHS TEAM
100
YEARS
OF WRESTLING

1921
2021

Cresco 100 Wrestling Banquet

Saturday
July 31, 2021

Exhibits	3:00pm
Dinner	6:00pm
Program	7:00pm

Expo Center • Howard County Fairgrounds • Cresco

Program

Exhibits open.....3:00pm

Welcome.....Darin Svenson

Invocation.....Elaine Bencke

Dinner.....Catered by Reno's Smokehouse.....6:00 pm

Cresco's 100 years of wrestling

1921-1946.....Jerome Hruska
1946-1971.....Craig Bencke
1971-1996.....Keith Carman
1996-2021.....Keith Slifka

Recognition

Coaches, State Champions, Place-Winners, Lettermen

Silent Auction Announcement

Keynote Speaker

Jim Gibbons

As competitor and coach for Iowa State University, under Cresco native Harold Nichols, Gibbons was a 3-time state champion, 1981 NCAA champion, 3-time All-American, 2-time Big Eight champion and went on to amass an impressive ISU coaching career with a 1987 NCAA team title, a 2003 Iowa Wrestling Hall of Fame Inductee and is currently a TV color commentator for collegiate wrestling.

Closing Remarks.....Darin Svenson

Silent Auction

1. **Framed Singlets**

42"x42" framed commemorative Cresco Team 100 singlets

2. **State Champion Trophy**

Metallic sculpture engraved with Cresco's 70 state champs
Created and donated by Jason Bye

3. **NASCAR package**

2 tickets to any NASCAR race including pit passes
Donated by Mike Galvin/Featherlite

A Century of Dominance

State team titles won: 1928, 33, 35, 48, 58, 60, 64

2nd place state teams: 1939, 43, 49, 53, 59

3rd place state teams: 1927, 34, 57, 61, 83

4th place state teams: 1929, 41, 56, 82, 85, 2015, 2021

State Dual finishes: 4th in 2019, 2nd in 2021

Individual state champions: 69 males, one female
Fourteen 2-time state champions

Three 3-time state champions:

Don Maland, Tom Peckham, Carter Fousek

Chris Flanagan: 4 state championship teams,
6 runner-ups, 34 individual champs, 10 NEIC team titles.

Dave Bartelma: 17 individual state champs,
6 yrs undefeated in dual meets and won 34 straight dual meets.

Tom Peckham: 3-time state champion, 2-time NCAA champ
for ISU and a 1968 Olympic wrestler.

Don Henry: the only CHS wrestler (for now) to
wrestle in 4 state championship matches. Don won 2 titles.

Dr. Harold Nichols: never won a state title but won a
NCAA title for Michigan in 1939. As a coach, led ISU to
6 national titles and 11 runner-up finishes.

Bob Hess: won 2 state titles at Cresco at 135 lbs and
won 2 NCAA titles for ISU at 175 lbs. Cresco's first Olympic
wrestler.