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Great Bridge Wrestling Club

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### WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Doug Smith was a four-year letterman for the Wildcat wrestling team. During his

time as a Wildcat, Doug was a Southeastern District Champion and All-Region wrestler. After graduating from Great Bridge in 1979, Doug continued his academic and wrestling career at Chowan Junior College and then at Virginia Tech. Upon graduating from college, Doug would return to Great Bridge and coach and teach before retiring from the profession to pursue a career in construction.

*1. What were your accomplishments as a GB wrestler, and what were you most proud of?*

He was most proud of as a Great Bridge wrestler by winning the District Championship and becoming a Regional Tournament qualifier. After high school, he wrestled at Chowan Junior College and later at Virginia Tech. "I coached GB Jr High for five years, winning 4 City championships. I'm most proud of watching my son wrestle at GBHS for his coach I helped coach in high school, namely Matt Small. Matt and Steve have helped Harrison, so he now has an opportunity to wrestle in college at VA Tech."

*2. What did you learn from your time as an athlete at Great Bridge HS?*

"I learned a work ethic that I have used in my personal life and business. Also, I learned how to handle adversity and change it to a positive."

*3. How did you apply the work ethic you learned as a wrestler to your job, family, and life?*

Doug knew no boundaries in his quest for success in life. "I run my own business, and I look for people who are athletes because they understand how to manage their time to complete the job at a high standard. I like wrestlers the best because they take doing the job right." For them, business "is personal, like a competition."

4. *What was the best advice given to you by the GB coaching staff?*

“Take a loss as a learning experience. You will learn more from a loss than you will ever learn from a win. You don’t have to accept the loss, but learn from it and correct what caused it, so it will not happen again.”

Doug has carried his wrestling experience with him in every facet of his life. He credits much of his success to the determination and persistence he developed as a wrestler.



**SENIOR SIGNING DAY SENDS FOUR TO COLLEGE**

On Wednesday, November 10, Great Bridge High School held its annual college signing night. Our wrestling program is proud to recognize our four seniors, Jack Hawbaker, Ty Chittum, Max Martin, and Caleb Chandler, for signing National Letters of Intent to pursue academics and athletics at four prestigious universities. Senior Caleb Chandler, 152 LBS, will travel to Lexington, VA, to become a Keydet at the Virginia Military Institute. Senior Jack Hawbaker, 152 LBS, will begin his fall semester as a camel in Boone, NC, at Campbell University.

Senior Max Martin, 120 LBS, will venture to Chapel Hill, NC to become a Tarheel at the University of North Carolina, and senior Ty Chittum, 152 LBS, will attend Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC as a fierce Scottish warrior “Blue Hose.” Congratulations to the Chittum, Chandler, Hawbaker, and Martin families!

We look forward to watching our student-athletes continue to pursue their dreams at the next level.





## **GREAT BRIDGE FINISHES PRESEASON SCHEDULE**

The Wildcat wrestlers finished up their preseason schedule at the NHSCA Fall Duals in Ocean City, MD. The Wildcats wrestled some of the best teams on the east coast, finishing with an overall record of four wins and two losses. The Wildcats would begin the tournament in Pool 7, beating Seahawk Elite 50 -12, before losing to Ironhorse Blue 42-10, and then finishing out the day with a tough loss to Team Nauman 38-16 [DAY 1 RESULTS](#). On day two, the Matcats would get on a roll going 3-0 and placing first in Pool G. The Wildcats would beat the

Maryland Headhunters 36-19, Milton PA 34-30, and RL Lions 41-21 [DAY 2 RESULTS](#). Our three senior leaders were undefeated on the weekend, Max Martin at 120 LBS, Ty Chittum at 160 LBS, and Caleb Chandler at 152 LBS. For photos of the event click [HERE](#).

### **BE PART OF OUR QUEST TO BE THE BEST**

For news on competition schedules, club announcements, fundraising, and social events, visit our [website](#).

Are you interested in being a part of our journey?

The Great Bridge Wrestling Club, a nonprofit 501c3 organization, has supported our high school program financially. Our needs include but are not limited to funds for sponsoring athletes faced with economic hardships, college scholarships, equipment, lodging, travel, and providing quality wrestling clinicians to our program. We are currently providing invaluable opportunities for our athletes to travel to the wrestling hotbeds of Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Maryland to train and compete in folkstyle and freestyle wrestling. Each of these endeavors places a financial strain on our club. To meet the needs of our program, we have determined that \$100,000 must be raised annually by the club. Please consider becoming a member of the [Great Bridge Wrestling Booster Club](#) and making a charitable [DONATION](#). You may also donate on VENMO: @gbwrestling. All donations are tax-deductible, and you will be provided a receipt.

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athletes and coaches as they continue on their quest to be the best!

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