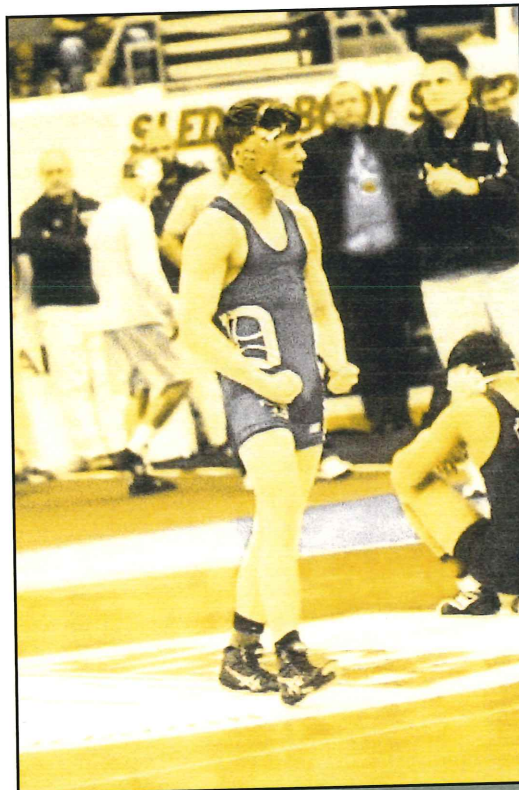


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B LAKE BOSHELL BEGAN HIS WRESTLING CAREER IN 2007 AT 13 YEARS OLD. HE WAS ASKED TO

attend wrestling practice and when he did, he was hooked. From that day forward, he dedicated himself to the sport, wrestling in individual tournaments, as well as with his team, attending several wrestling camps each summer, and traveling all over the United States to compete on the national level to learn his sport and perfect his strategy, and also club wrestling so he could get more time on the mat. His first couple years of wrestling he fought hard and learned a lot. He won over half of his matches and even qualified for the State Tournament his freshman year. His sophomore year, his record was 61-5. He won 5 tournaments and helped his team win or place in many. He was voted MVP in the Oak Grove Tournament and placed 2nd in the Sectional Tournament. He won his first State Championship making him the third State Champion and also the youngest person at Dora High School to hold the title and helped his team to win their first ever second place finish in the State Tournament. He also won Best Match of the tournament. He became an All-American that summer by placing second in the Dixie Nationals Wrestling Tournament. He attended and also helped conduct wrestling camps for his fellow teammates and to help promote wrestling in the community.



His junior year, his record was 51-1 with numerous tournament wins, including the Sectional Tournament. He also won his second State Championship making him the first person at Dora High School to ever win two State Championships in any sport. The summer of his senior year he conducted wrestling camps in Walker and Jefferson Counties to help other wrestlers improve in the sport and also introduce wrestling to more kids in the county.

His senior year, Blake joined the football team at Dora High School. He suffered a potentially devastating knee injury during kickoff in the Homecoming game when he made a tackle. He tore his ACL and meniscus and had surgery the following week. In spite of his injury he was awarded Special Teams Player of the Year.

Just 11 weeks post surgery he won the Sectional Tournament. One week later he won his third State Title becoming the first person in DHS and Walker County history to win three State Championships. His record that year was 20-1, due to wrestling the minimum matches required to qualify for sectionals because of his injury. Throughout his wrestling career he accumulated over 200 wins, over 150 pins, numerous MVP and Best Match Awards along with Tournament Champion accolades.

He was awarded over \$250,000 in scholarship money from various schools to wrestle and further his education. He ultimately signed with Newberry College in Newberry, South Carolina where he majored in business. He was inducted into the Sigma Kappa Delta Honor Society for leadership on and off the mat. He is currently enjoying a successful career with Publix Supermarkets.