

# MIGHTY BLUEBIRDS

**HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!**



## UPDATED PRACTICE TIMES

Mighty Bluebird Wrestling Practice will occur from 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, all boys age 4 through 15 are welcome to attend.

Mighty Bluebird Girls Basketball Practices – will be held from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

Mighty Bluebird Soccer Practices – will be held on Wednesdays from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Mighty Bluebird Baseball Practices – will be held on Wednesdays from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. and Fridays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. (weather permitting)

Mighty Bluebird Football ( Quarterbacks and Receivers )- on Mondays with Clint Stoerner 5:30-6:30 p.m.



## REMINDERS

### EMAIL ALERTS

Don't forget the best way for us to contact all the parents about game changes or rain outs is through email. Please continue to check your email and blackberry's for updates! If you are not on our contact list, please email your information to Shannon Wooley at [shannon@hatcheragency.com](mailto:shannon@hatcheragency.com)

### SOCCER CHRISTMAS CAMP

Coach Chris Owen will be holding a camp at Bluebird Field on Monday December 21-23, from 9 -10:30 a.m., the cost is \$50 per child.



Soccer State Champions 1999, Oops, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008

Wrestling State Champions 2006, 2007 and 2008

Life Champs Football Champions 2006, 2007 and 2008

# Bluebird Spotlight

## SAMMIE MACK



### FUN FACTS

- **Date, Place of Birth:** 5/20/94 in Hinsdale, IL
- **To my fantasy dinner, I would invite:** Taylor Lautner and Channing Tatum
- **My guilty pleasure is:** Dove Chocolate
- **My pet peeve is:** when there are little dry erase marks on the board that don't get erased
- **If I had to choose a career field now, I would choose:** forensics
- **My favorite meal:** steak and baked potato
- **My favorite athlete:** David Beckham
- **If I were stranded on a deserted island, the 3 things I would have to have would be:** my cell phone, my laptop and lots of food
- **One word to sum me up:** high-maintenance!!

Sammie Mack was born in Illinois, and eventually made a move by way of Virginia to Arkansas in the middle of her Kindergarten year. She has been at Pulaski Academy since arriving in Little Rock and is determined that she will graduate high school from PA as well. She has always been involved in athletics and really excelled in competitive gymnastics before she decided to hang up her leotard a few years back when it became impossible to fit the gymnastics workouts in between soccer and volleyball. She is on the PA soccer and volleyball teams and plays Junior Olympic volleyball over the winter season. It's a good thing she has had some physical outlets into which she can channel her energy or life would be hard on both her and the rest of the Mack Family. Two things in life Sammie needs are constant activity and FOOD. If any of you have been around her when she's hungry, it's not a great place to be.

Sammie is the oldest of three girls, all 2-1/2 years apart. Delanie and Julianna are walking in their big sister's footsteps and have come to love the sports of soccer and volleyball after spending so many years watching. Sammie is also a strong Christian, is on the yearbook staff at PA, loves to hang out with her friends and has a great rapport with little kids (excluding her sisters...haha). She has twin nephews that are 2-1/2 and Sammie loves to spend time with them, and the feeling is mutual. Finally, there are a couple of boys in the family to hang out with.

Sammie has been a Mighty Bluebird soccer player for about 6 years now and it is honestly one of the best decisions we ever made. When we got a Bluebird tryout flyer in the mail, we were undecided about whether or not this would be the right thing for Sammie. We had heard all the rumors of the "torture" the Mighty Bluebirds went through to play on the team, but decided to go see for ourselves. Needless to say, the rumors were not true, but as I have told every parent that has asked since then, the Mighty Bluebird program is not for everyone. Those that stick with it and buy into the philosophy will be stronger and better prepared for whatever life throws at them later in life. As far as Sammie's first exposure to the Mighty Bluebird philosophy, the memory is still clear and we can laugh about it to this day. Chris Owen was out of town and Greg Hatcher was running the tryouts. As is often the case, the girls were running laps and most of them coming to the Bluebirds for the first time were pretty out of shape. After the required laps were complete, Greg offered up that the girls could do one more "voluntary" lap. Most took him up on it, but not Sammie...she had survived the run and was perfectly satisfied to sit down on the bench and have a little rest. It wasn't until after she made the team that she realized that the "voluntary" lap wasn't exactly voluntary, not that it would have changed her mind at the time anyway. As usual, Greg wanted the girls to go above and beyond to push past what they thought they could stand. Now that several years have passed, the lessons learned through the Mighty Bluebird experience are still paying off. Sammie is strong-willed, sassy, determined, well-rounded and has developed friendships that will live on and that have made her a better, stronger person. With all of the other alternatives in a teenager's life, it's amazing that this group of great 15 and 16 year old girls is still together and that they still think hanging out with each other at soccer tournaments on the weekends is a pretty great thing. It's also amazing that Chris Owen doesn't have a full head of gray hair after working with these girls for so long. The teenage years are an adventure for all those that have the opportunity to spend any time at all participating in a teenager's life. And just like the Mighty Bluebird organization, it is not for everyone.

Written By: Janet Mack



## Bluebird Coach Spotlight

### BRUCE DICKEY

Bruce joined the Mighty Bluebirds staff in the fall of 2007. Bruce was hired for his experience and versatility to coach five different sports: soccer, football, baseball, wrestling, and basketball. Bruce wrestled and played baseball in college and has been a successful Head Coach in College with his teams being Nationally Ranked in baseball and wrestling. He is currently a member of the Coaching Hall of Fame at Alma College. Bruce also coached 20 years in high school and is a member of the Michigan Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame. Bruce has taught all age groups: elementary, middle school, high school and college. He has also been an Athletic Director and Principal in High School. Currently Bruce works at The Hatcher Agency and is married to the former Donna Harris.

#### FUN FACTS

**FULL NAME:** Bruce Gaylord Dickey

**FAVORITE FOOD:** Barbecued Chicken or Broiled Fish

**FAVORITE ATHLETE:** Brett Farve

**FAVORITE QUOTE:** "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"

**FAVORITE MOVIES:** Rudy or The Miracle

**ONE WORD THAT SUMS ME**

**UP:** Competitive

**WHAT MOTIVATES ME:** Helping others achieve their goals

**I WANT TO GO DOWN IN HISTORY**

**AS:** A good and caring teacher/coach who cared more about helping others than himself.

#### COACHING CONTACT LIST

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# 4 SCHEDULES AND RESULTS

## MIGHTY BLUEBIRD BASKETBALL 2009-2010

<b>Nov 18-22</b>	Pre Christmas Rev. Rodgers Tournament	UALR
<b>Dec 4-6</b>	NLR Boys & Girls Club Pre Season Tournament	NLR
<b>Jan 2-3</b>	2010 Tip-Off Tournament	Searcy, AR
<b>Jan 8</b>	NLR Boys & Girls Club begins (Wetherington Unit)	NLR
<b>Jan 15</b>	League Game– Bluebird (Wetherington Unit)	NLR
<b>Jan 29</b>	League Game– Bluebird (Wetherington Unit)	NLR
<b>Jan 30-31</b>	Hot Hoops Tournament	Searcy, AR
<b>Feb 5</b>	League Game– Bluebird (Wetherington Unit)	NLR
<b>Feb 12</b>	League Game– Bluebird (Wetherington Unit)	NLR
<b>Feb 19</b>	League Game– Bluebird (Wetherington Unit)	NLR
<b>Feb 20-21</b>	President's Day Tourn.	Searcy, AR
<b>Feb 26</b>	League Game– Hatcher (Wetherington Unit)	NLR

**\*All league games are played at the Wetherington Boys and Girls Club  
1212 Jim Wetherington Place  
North Little Rock, AR 72114  
(501) 374-0309**

## BLUEBIRD WRESTLING SCHEDULE 2009-2010

<b>Nov 20-21</b>	Cliff Keen Kick-Off Classic	Tulsa, OK
<b>Nov. 28</b>	Bixby Open	Bixby, OK
<b>Dec. 5th</b>	Maumelle MatHog Youth Tourn. (new wrestlers)	Maumelle, AR Community Center
<b>Dec. 6th</b>	Seneca Youth Wrestling Tourn.	Seneca, MO
<b>Dec. 20</b>	Wrestling Tournament (Experienced Wrestlers)	TBA
<b>Dec.27</b> (John Tademy)	Evangel Youth Dual Meet	Shreveport, LA
<b>Jan. 9</b>	Wrestling Tournament	TBA
<b>Jan. 16</b>	Wrestling Tournament	TBA
<b>Jan. 22-23</b>	Cliff Keen Tulsa Nationals & Novice Nationals	Tulsa, OK
<b>Jan 30</b>	Wrestling Tournament	TBA
<b>Feb. 6</b>	Wrestling Tournament	TBA
<b>Feb.13</b>	Wrestling Tournament	TBA
<b>Feb 19-20</b>	AR High School State Tourn (UALR Need wrestler to volunteer)	Little Rock, AR Stephens Center
<b>Feb 27</b>	Wrestling Tournament	TBA
<b>March 13</b>	State Youth Wrestling Tourn.	Little Rock, AR Pulaski Academy

### *Altus Youth Tournament, Altus, OK October 17th, 2009*

- Tyler Mann, 2nd Place 15 & Under 120 pounds, 3-1
- Hunter Jones, 5th Place, 12 & Under 70 pounds, 1-2
- Layne Hatcher, 1st Place, 10 & Under 100 pounds, 3-0
- Layne Hatcher, 3rd Place, 12 & Under 100 pounds, 2-1
- Joshua Ayliffe, 5th Place, 10 Man Bracket, 2-2
- Joshua Ayliffe, 3rd Place, 12 & Under, 73 pounds, 1-2
- Michael Pugh, 3rd Place 12 & Under 84 pounds
- Jackson Marchant, 3rd Place 12 & Under 88 pounds, 2-2

### *Poteau Youth Wrestling Tournament, Poteau, OK November 7th, 2009*

- Tyler Mann, 1st Place 15 & Under 120 pounds
- Tucker Mann, 1st Place, 12 & Under 140 pounds
- Richard Buzzitta, 2nd Place, 12 & Under 92 pounds
- Layne Hatcher, 1st Place, 10 & Under 100 pounds
- Layne Hatcher, 1st Place, 12 & Under 96 pounds
- Joshua Ayliffe, 1st Place, 10 & Under 73 pounds
- Joshua Ayliffe, 2nd Place, 12 & Under, 76 pounds
- Michael Pugh, 1st Place 12 & Under 84 pounds
- Jackson Marchant, 2nd Place 12 & Under 84 pounds
- Michael Crockett, 1st Place 10 & Under 75 pounds
- Michael Crockett, 1st Place 12 & Under 75 pounds



# WAY TO GO!!!



## Mighty Bluebird Gold U9 Team

Written By: Charlie Roberts

The Mighty Bluebird U9 Boys team won their first title of the Fall 2009 season by capturing the Lakewood Fallfest tournament. Their dominate performances throughout the tournament are direct results of their hard work and dedication on the practice field. They have discovered that a pass first mentality accompanied with communication and proper movement without the ball makes the game much easier regardless of the size/age of their opponent. They started out with victories over the ASC Heat (9-0) and the Jonesboro Tornado (6-1) on Saturday to win their bracket and move to the semi's on Sunday. They met a team from Heber Springs in the semi's and had another strong performance winning 9-0. They again jumped on their opponent early in the final and finished with a 6-0 victory over the IC Puma's. This is a group of boys who love the game and have a great desire to improve. Sure does make it easy for a coach.



## Mighty Bluebird Pink U9 Team

Written By: Greg Hatcher

## Mighty Four get it done at Lakewood Fallfest

The Mighty Bluebirds U9 Girls team got the job done at the Lakewood Fallfest with just four soccer players. The group of Anna Converse at goalkeeper, Presley Southerland at sweeper, Parker Gunn at mid-field, and Mattie Hatcher at forward played four against six for five tournament games with no subs while other teams played with six players and subbed players freely throughout the tournament. The Bluebirds won their first game 10-1, their second game 8-1, their third game 7-3, the semi-finals 7-0, and the final 7-1. This marked a new day in Bluebird history by winning the tournament in such dominant fashion without even fielding a full team. These four girls each played their positions perfectly and each knew their role. Despite playing three games on Sunday at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. they were still in better shape and were tougher in the end than the opposing teams with substitutions. We call that Bluebird tough!



## SHOWER FOR COACH CHRISTY SMILEY!

The U9 and U10 girls are hosting a bridal shower for Christy on December 17th, 2009 at 6:30-8:00 p.m. The shower will be held at the Bluebird gym. R.S.V.P. to shannon@hatcheragency.com. *Christy is registered at Bed Bath & Beyond*

*Christy & Joe France*



## Rev. Rodgers Pre-Season Holiday Invitational Basketball Tournament Schedule for Nov. 18th- 23rd @ UALR Trojan Field House

**WON!**

- November 18th @ 5:00 p.m. vs. Miss Selma's 4th grade
- November 22nd @ 3:30 p.m. 4th Grade Bracket Championship
- November 22nd @ 1:30 p.m. Championship vs. Miss Selma's 3rd Grade Bracket

**NEW ITEMS FOR  
CHRISTMAS ORDERS!!!!!!**

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**The Mighty Bluebird Sweatshirt is \$65.96, please fill out order form and get to Shannon before December 1st and we will get your sweatshirts back to you for Christmas!**



**Get your BLUEBIRD gear here!!!**



**Get your golf sized Mighty Bluebird umbrella for only \$41.50! Order by emailing Shannon at [Shannon@hatcheragency.com](mailto:Shannon@hatcheragency.com) or Coach Chris Owen at [chris@mightybluebirds.com](mailto:chris@mightybluebirds.com) to get yours while supplies last! We will make sure you'll get it before the**

**Get the new Bluebird Dry-fit long sleeve shirt with the Bluebird logo on the chest. Only \$ 25, just fill out the order form and send in with your check!**



# CHRISTMAS WARMUPS

\*\*\*Prices includes tax\*\*\*

Each year around Christmas time we like to come up with some warm-ups that people can buy for kids or for adults for Christmas. This year we have three different options. They are:

1. You can purchase a warm up for the players that would have a blue and white top with black and white pants. This combination warm up suit would cost \$120 including tax and monogramming. On the warm up suit it would have the player's # on the jacket and the pants and it would have a Bluebird logo on the left chest and on the back behind the collar. (Youth & Adult Sizes)



2. We also have a grey premier fleece zip top and pant sweat suit for \$105.00. This fleece warm up suit would have the player's # on the top and the bottom as well along with the Bluebird logo on the front chest and behind the collar of this fleece warm up. The fleece warm up is not as uniform looking and it is designed to be a little bit more casual of a warm up, but at the same time it is very nice and has a half zip front. I have enclosed copies of both warm ups for you so that you can see them. (Adult Sizes Only)



3. The Therma Fit top also can be purchased for \$60 if you want just the top only. This option might be liked by a lot of the parents who might just want a nice Bluebird warm up jacket, but not the pants. Again this would be lettered in the same manner and sales tax is included. (Youth & Adult Sizes)



Attached is a order form giving you the option to purchase the blue and black warm up combination for \$120, the fleece warm up suit for \$105, or the Therma Fit top only that comes in black or royal blue and comes in youth sizes that is very similar to a North Face fleece, this Therma Fit top would be \$60. A picture of all three is enclosed.

The deadline for ordering is December 1<sup>st</sup> and everybody will pick up their orders at Sportstop and pay Sportstop directly. Please email [Shannon@hatcheragency.com](mailto:Shannon@hatcheragency.com) your order form, fax to 501-375-0446 or mail to The Hatcher Agency, Attn. Shannon Wooley, P.O. Box 3505, Little Rock, AR 72203 We hope this helps you with your Christmas shopping.

# Christmas

## 2009 Bluebird Christmas Order Form

Fill out this form and mail it with your check to the address listed.

**Please Print Clearly!**

Player's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip / Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### BLUEBIRD SPORTSTOP ORDERS

**\*\*\*Prices includes tax\*\*\***

Quantity	Player Uni-form #	Description	Price	Size	Amount
		<b>Nike Sweat Suit</b>	120.00		
		<b>Nike Premier Fleece Sweat Suit</b>	105.00		
		<b>Nike Therma Fit Top</b>	60.00		
		<b>Sweatshirt</b>	65.96		
		<b>Nike Dry Fit Bluebird shirt</b>	25.00		

**DEADLINE TO ORDER: Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009**

