

# Jenny's Pride

## Member's Son Wins National Collegiate Wrestling Championship

Jenny Moore remembers how her son Derek decided to concentrate on wrestling.

"All of our six children were heavily involved in a variety of sports," said Moore, who is a Meat/Deli Manager at Raley's 248 in Redding. "Derek was into soccer, softball and gymnastics, as well as wrestling.

"I ran all over the area taking him from one event to another. I finally got tired of it and told him he would have to choose one sport and he chose wrestling."

Moore said his choice surprised her.

"Derek was already competing at the state level in gymnastics, so I thought he would concentrate on that," she said. "But he's got these really long arms and legs. That is more of a hindrance than a help in gymnastics. But it's a tremendous advantage in wrestling."

Derek wrestled in middle school and at Shasta High School. He decided to attend UC Davis but was not offered a scholarship and had to walk-on to the wrestling team.

"He really blossomed in college," Moore said. "By his

senior year, he was undefeated."

Derek was named an All-American that year, setting the stage for his victory in the 141-pound category at the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships in 2007. He was also named the tournament's outstanding wrestler.

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"It's like an incredible dream come true," Derek said after his victory. "To become a national champion and be named outstanding wrestler is an awesome experience."

Jenny is proud of Derek's accomplishments, not only in wrestling but also in life.



Derek Moore poses with trophies from the 2007 NCAA tournament.



Derek Moore competes on his way to winning the 2007 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championship.

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Derek received his bachelor's degree in biochemistry and molecular biology last year. Because he

was on an ROTC scholarship, he joined the Army after graduation. He hopes to continue with wrestling and make the U.S. Olympic team one day.

Jenny Moore is also proud of her Union membership. She has worked both non-Union and Union during her 24 years in the industry and says there is no comparison.

"In a non-Union store you're at the mercy of your manager," she said. "When you work at a Union store you have a contract and people to back you up if you have a conflict. You call your Union representative and it gets resolved.

"Plus there are benefits that you can't get non-Union. With six children those health benefits have come in handy over the years." ☐