

To show it was no fluke, Simons' team successfully defended its title the following year, but this time without a champion, winning on the performances of five runners-up. Klamath Union extended the string of state titles to four in 1950 and 1951, winning three individual titles each time. Hillsboro broke the string in 1952. In 1953, Newberg won their first state title, taking four weights in what is rated the second most dominating AAA team performance in state history. This team, coached by Earl Gillis, had several wrestlers that went on to achieve further prominence in Oregon wrestling. Doug Umfleet was a three time state champion, Ray Green became a two time champion, Mike Clock was an outstanding wrestler and then later about standing coach at Pacific University, and Ralph Staley was a long-time each in Hillsboro. Besides these four who won state championships in 1953, the team included Joel Neuschwander, Wes Newby, Al Christie and Harry McAdams.

As strong as the Newberg team was, they couldn't match the performance of the 1954 champions, Klamath Union. The Pelicans returned to the top with a performance unmatched by any team in state history, by taking five individual crowns against the best in the state. This marked the fifth and last time the Pelicans were to win the state championship, although they would remain near the top for several more years.

Canby, Newberg and Sweet Home were to lead the state's best in the next four years. Then, in 1959 the OSAA divided the schools into the big schools (A-1 and the smaller schools (A-2 & B). The tournament had previously been all one big tournament since its inception by a group of Oregon coaches in 1925. The first tournaments under the new format were won by Redmond (A-1) and Sutherlin (A-2 & B).

1963 was a banner year in Oregon wrestling. The first high school freestyle tournament was held in Corvallis. Most of the state's wrestlers have very limited experience in the style, only recently being exposed to it by a visiting all-star team from Japan that winter. 420 wrestlers entered, however, and ten championships were decided. From these, a team was chosen to make a return exchange with Japan that summer. The team was led by John Dustin and DeLance Duncan. The team included some of the best wrestlers to ever compete in the state. Rick Sanders, Lincoln HS, and Fred Fozzard, Marshall HS, both won world titles in 1969. Another member of the team, Henk Schenk, Silverton HS, won a bronze medal at the same world tournament. Other members of this outstanding group were: Harold Weight, Don Kauffman, Rollin Schimmel, Don Dykstra, Keith Flack, Grant Humphrey and Rich Henjyoji.

In 1965, the post-season tournament was expanded to include Greco-Roman. Jim Blackford, Corvallis HS, was the first Triple Crown winner, taking state championships in folk style, freestyle and Greco-Roman.

By 1969, wrestling in the smaller schools had grown to such an extent that it was split in two. Maupin became the first OSAA Class B champion, and Myrtle Point won the A-2 championship. This was not the first Class B state championship, however. In January of the previous year a 16 team invitational tournament was held at Crow HS and an unofficial state championships were awarded in all weight classes. Maupin was awarded the state champion for that year, also.

In 1971, Lowell HS, coached by Jerry Dilley, won the team title. By 1991, the Lowell Red Devils had added twelve more titles to this to beat Benson's tenuous claim of eleven (nine of which were won in Oregon wrestling's "infancy" ) Coach Dilley's record of twelve team championships is one very likely to last a long time.

Riddle, Enterprise, Scio, Willamina, Dayton and Waldport would also win Single-A/ 2A championships, but Lowell has remained the power to beat. They have never been lower than ninth place since the start of the series in 1969. Besides eleven championships, they have been runners-up three times and third twice. All three Single-A four-time state champions (Scott Cardwell, Jeff Cardwell and Dan Casarez) have been from Lowell. One honor that had eluded the Red Devil wrestlers for over twenty years was finally earned in 1987 when Mike Ward became the school's first Triple Crown winner. The only other Single-A Triple Crown winners have been Ray King, Stanfield HS in 1971; Gary Baker, Corbett HS in 1975; Rick O'Shea, Harrisburg HS in 1980; and Trent Flack, Lowell HS in 1988.