

Outlaws wrestler is Athlete of the Month

In the first Sisters High School coaches' poll of its kind, Tyler Surface was named Outlaws Athlete of the Month.

Surface is a senior Outlaws wrestler.

His coach John Downs said, "Tyler is deserving of this award because how hard he has worked. He has run into many roadblocks along the way in school and out but he has made efforts to not allow those to detour him."

Surface has wrestled since fifth grade. He competed in Freestyle and Folkstyle wrestling, played football for a few years.

"Even when grades and injuries started to affect his performance as an athlete, Tyler would make the tough decision on the sacrifices that needed to be made and the commitment it took to get back to the mat," Downs said.

Surface decided to join the National Guard's Oregon Youth Challenge Program during his junior year to help him with focus and be more disciplined. Returning to the Sisters wrestling team this year, Tyler made a commitment to himself to keep his grades at an acceptable level, continue physical therapy on his knee, and on his

return to the team he would follow his weight-loss plan and get down to 220 from 245.

"He did just that plus extra," Downs related. "By the end of the season Tyler was at 216. It has been great to see him walk with pride again knowing all he has accomplished this last year: earning a fourth place at the Wrestling Regionals Tournament, competing at the Oregon Wrestling State Championships, earning his varsity letter and earning All League Honorable Mention honors for the 220-pound weight class. Sisters High School is proud of Tyler and what he has overcome to become the



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Tyler Surface worked hard to attain recognition as SHS Athlete of the Month.

upstanding young man he is today!"

SCIENCE FAIR: Event is set for this Saturday at Sisters High School

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Design, Construct and Compete (DCC) contest. The elementary school mousetrap car competition is expected to excite the audience. The Design, Construct, Compete (DCC) competition for middle and high school students will pit the best of catapults against each other in a rousing contest. All events are held in the high school main gym. Registration for DCC is at 11 a.m. and for mousetrap cars at 1 p.m. Competition starts for mousetrap cars at 2 p.m. and for DCC 2:30 p.m.

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