

# Wrestlers compete at invitational

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The Outlaws competed in the Perry Burlison Invitational, held at Cascade High School on Saturday, December 2. Sisters had only 11 varsity matmen at the tournament, and finished 17th out of the 24 teams in attendance.

Crook County took first, Thurston placed second, The Dalles took third, Cascade finished fourth, and Sweet Home was fifth.

Sophomore Ethan Martin (195 pounds) was one of the Outlaws' stand-out players, and fought his way to a fifth-place finish. Sophomore Dylan Vantress (106) also had a good showing, and finished sixth.

Senior Casey Warburton (285 pounds) won three of his five matches. Warburton was one match away from the placing rounds, and was in a heavyweight class, giving up 20 pounds to other wrestlers.

"We may not have had many wrestlers place in the tournament, but we had many wrestlers win matches, which helped our team score," said Head Coach John Downs. "I told the team at the beginning that every point counts. I was very proud of the team."

The JV squad brought 13 wrestlers to the competition, and did well in the JV tournament.

The Outlaws have many upper-classmen who are competing for varsity spots, two



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Casey Warburton, second from right, made the podium with a third-place finish.

of which (seniors Damian Wills and Chayce Sproat) were in the JV tournament. Sproat pulled off a dominating first-place finish at 195 pounds, and Downs noted he should have wrestled in the 182-pound weight class. Wills (152 pounds) took third in the tourney.

Downs was pleased with his freshmen wrestlers, especially Jesse Peskin (113 pounds), who had never wrestled before, and who posted a second-place finish.

Sophomores Anthony Randolph (145 pounds) and Sal Gibney (195 pounds) finished third, and junior Jackson Robinson (220 pounds) finished fourth. Fifth-place finishers were: freshmen Chad Patterson (126 pounds) and Hunter Spor (160 pounds), sophomore Austin Pade (138 pounds), and junior Collin Harris (132 pounds).

"These tournaments are always a great starter for the season because it helps the team understand at what caliber they need to be wrestling at for the rest of the season," said Downs. "It definitely helps pick up the tempo in practice and helps the wrestlers set goals."

The Outlaws were to compete in a match at Summit on Tuesday, December 5, and were to attend the Culver Invite on Friday and Saturday, December 8 and 9.

# Outlaws beat The Dalles on the hardwood

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The Outlaws' team effort resulted in a 57-43 victory over The Dalles at home in Sisters on Friday, December 8. It was a fairly even contest the first half of the game, but Sisters outscored The Dalles in both the third and fourth quarters to seal the win.

Sisters started out a bit slow and were down 8-10 at the close of the first quarter, but battled hard in the second and held the Riverhawks to six points in the quarter. The Outlaws would have held them to just three, but The Dalles knocked in a three-pointer as the buzzer ended the first half. Sisters was on top 25-16 at the half.

The Outlaws controlled the game in the second half, extended their lead, and outscored The Dalles 32-27.

Three Outlaws finished the game in double figures, including Zach Anderson, who led the way with 18

points. Noah Richards scored 14 points, and Jack Berg contributed 13. Isaiah Rush had five points, Brad Eagan scored four, and Austin Lake added three.

Sisters was stellar at the free-throw line. They went 10-for-10 in the first half, and 13-for-14 in the second.

**Our goal is to basically play hard, play smart, and play together... — Coach David Godfrey**

The Riverhawks pressed and pressured the Outlaws throughout the contest, but the Outlaws handled it well.

"We're playing well as a group, and we played solid defense tonight," said Coach David Godfrey. "Our goal is to basically play hard, play

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