

## Small Outlaws squad performs well on mat

The Outlaws grapplers were among 13 teams competing at the Bend Invitational last weekend. Ridgeview High School took first place with 256 points, Mazama took second with 170, Bend High earned 3rd with 132.5 with Siuslaw High taking fourth and Willamette High finishing with fifth.

The Sisters wrestling team finished in eighth place with only six wrestlers competing.

"I was very proud of these six individuals that wrestled," said Coach John Downs. "Our only JV competitor, freshman Henry Rard, had a good tournament in the 220 weight class. He won one and lost one, but for Rard, any time he can get mat-time makes him a better wrestler."

Sophomore Wyatt Maffey performed well in his new weight class of 132 pounds. Maffey lost his first match but did very well in the consolation rounds, wrestling back and winning the rest of his matches and earning fifth place.

At 138 pounds, junior Chaz Patterson struggled through his matches but was able to finish the day with a 1-2 record, just one win short of getting into the placing rounds.

In the 145-pound weight class, senior Anthony Randolph had one of his best days competing, earning a third-place medal in a weight class of 13 competitors.

"Anthony is starting to really step it up in this second half of the season," Downs reported.

Senior Dillon King placed sixth in the 160-pound weight class.

"King was fighting an illness the last couple weeks

and seemed tired and weak, but he pulled out some great wins," Downs said. "I am glad to see he is starting to feel better and be back practicing hard."

In the 195-pound weight class, senior Ethan Martin won his first two matches, earning himself a place in the finals, but had a tough match versus Shenk from Ridgeview. Martin and Shenk met earlier in the season, with Martin winning by one point, but this time Shenk was able to beat Martin.

"Still, I was very excited for Ethan earning the silver medal," said Downs.

"Our big guy, Damien King, wrestled very strong in the 285-pound weight class. King won his first match easy, with a pin in 41 seconds, and then he faced the second-seeded wrestler, Horrillo from Siuslaw High. For King, going to the third round was very tough. This is the case for most bigger guys. But with 29 seconds into the third round of the match, King was able to throw Horrillo and pin him."

It was a big upset for King, and this sent King to the first-place match versus the number-one seed, Martin from Ridgeview. King was able to get to the second round with Martin, but his energy was spent from his last match and Martin was able to get the better of King. Still for King it was an amazing day bringing home the second-place medal.

In the girls tournament, Tyler "Daisy" Patterson battled it out in the 125-pound weight class, earning a fourth place.

"Daisy seems to be gradually getting better every week," Downs said.

## Lady Outlaws struggle at tourney

By Rongi Yost  
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The Lady Outlaws matched up against tough opponents at home at the Sisters Holiday Tournament held Friday through Sunday, December 27-29. They lost all three of their games. They lost 15-64 to Molalla, and then fell 21-50 to Cottage Grove, and finished with a 25-60 loss to Junction City.

Sisters first

played against the Molalla Indians, a highly ranked and very athletic squad, who were very good shooters. Hallie Schwartz gave the Outlaws solid minutes at the point-guard position, and in the fourth quarter, freshman Hadley Schar gave the Outlaws a spark with her defensive efforts and points at the end.

Schwartz finished with five points, Josie Patton scored four from the low post, and Schar added three.



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Josie Patton puts up two against Mollala.

Coach Brittane Brown said, "Hadley had great efficiency during all the minutes she played, both offensively and defensively."

Brown told *The Nugget* that the coaches felt the girls played with heart and energy in their game against Cottage Grove. Schwartz had another solid game and finished with 14 points.

"We handled the pressure from Cottage Grove much better the second time around," said Brown. "I was really proud of our girls for working as a team to get the ball up the court through their pressure."

Sisters started off slow in their final game against Junction City, but did come back and perform better in the second half.

Schwartz scored 13 points, her second consecutive game with a double-digit finish.

"Hallie put together another complete game and continues to be a leader from the point-guard position," said Brown.

Brown added, "We continue to see some encouraging signs on the offensive and defensive end from many of our players. We're looking forward to a week of practice before we head to Klamath Falls."

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