

Sports

ALL-MID-VALLEY WRESTLING

Local standouts grapple their way towards top



Sprague's Santos Cantu III is a finalist for Mid-Valley wrestler of the year. STATESMAN JOURNAL FILE

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A trio of Greater Valley Conference wrestlers put on quite a showing at OSAA state championships this season, two of whom had done it before, and another who made a name for himself on the biggest stage.

North Salem's Ein Carlos, Sprague's Santos Cantu III and McKay's David Rubio all won state titles, and they are finalists for Mid-Valley wrestler of the year.

Carlos (152 pounds) and Cantu (195 pounds) found their way to the top of the medal stand at Portland's Memorial Coliseum once again, and Rubio gave the Royal Scots' wrestling program its first state champion since 2003.

The winner will be awarded at the Statesman Journal Mid-Valley Sports Awards, presented by Donofrio Dealerships, set for June 4 at the Salem Convention Center.

Here is the All-Mid-Valley team for wrestling:

Santos Cantu III

School: Sprague
Year: Sophomore
Weight class: 195 pounds
State results: OSAA Class 6A state champion



Ein Carlos

School: North Salem
Year: Junior
Weight class: 152 pounds
State results: OSAA Class 6A state champion



Landon Davis

School: Sprague
Year: Junior
Weight class: 170 pounds
State results: OSAA Class 6A state runner-up



Treve Earhart

School: Dallas
Year: Senior
Weight class: 182 pounds
State results: OSAA Class 5A state runner-up



Bo Joklur

School: Sprague
Year: Senior
Weight class: 106 pounds
State results: OSAA Class 6A state champion



Jacob Jones

School: Dallas
Year: Junior
Weight class: 145 pounds
State results: OSAA Class 5A state champion



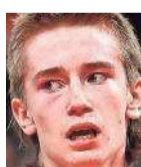
Kaden Kuenzi

School: Silverton
Year: Sophomore
Weight class: 120 pounds
State results: OSAA Class 5A state runner-up



Daniel McClung

School: Sprague
Year: Junior
Weight class: 132 pounds
State results: OSAA Class 6A state runner-up



Kane Nixon

School: Cascade
Year: Sophomore
Weight class: 126 pounds
State results: OSAA

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ALL-MID-VALLEY BOYS SWIMMING

Talent abounds in boys division

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A group of outstanding male swimmers were concentrated in big programs this season.

Sprague senior Colby Evenson, South Salem senior Tyler Cook and Sprague junior Ian Shultz each had career seasons for their teams, and all three are the finalists for the Mid-Valley boys swimmer of the year.

Evenson won a perfect four district championships and placed in the OSAA Class 6A state meet in all four events in which he competed, including a best of third in the 500 free.

Shultz also won four district championships and placed in four events in the state meet with a best of third in the 100 breaststroke.

Cook placed second in the Greater Valley Conference in four events and competed in the state meet in all four.

The swimmer of the year winner will be presented at the June 4 Statesman Journal Mid-Valley Sports Awards presented by Donofrio Dealerships at the Salem Convention Center.

This is the All-Mid-Valley team for boys swimming:



Tyler Cook

School: South Salem
Year: Senior
District results: Second in 100 free (48.34) and 50 free (21.88), second in 200 medley relay (1:42.34) and 400 free relay (3:18.57)

State results: 13th in the Class 6A state meet in the 50 free (22.23), 100 free (49.55), 200 medley relay (1:43.82) and 400 free relay (3:22.40)



Colby Evenson

School: Sprague
Year: Senior
District results: GVC champion in 200 IM (1:57.47), 500 free (4:50.64), 200 medley relay (1:40.40) and 400 free relay (3:15.42)

State results: Third in the Class 6A state meet in the 500 free (4:43.67), sixth in 200 individual medley (1:58.05), third in 200 medley relay (1:39.20), eighth in 400 free relay (3:16.91)



Jason Orr

School: Silverton
Year: Senior
District results: Second in Mid-Willamette in 50 free (22.63), 100 back (54.52), 200 medley relay (1:42.45) and 200 free relay (1:33.67)

State results: Second in the Class 5A state meet in the 100 back (54.41), fourth in 50 free (22.50), 200 medley relay (1:43.77) and 200 free relay (1:32.92)

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ALL-MID-VALLEY GIRLS SWIMMING

Ladies make a big splash this season

Bill Poehler Salem Statesman Journal
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This year's group of female swimmers in the Greater Valley Conference did big things.

Sprague sophomore Alexis Smith, West Salem senior Alaina Otterstrom and South Salem senior Anna Despain won a lot of races and set a lot of records.

The three are the finalists for the All-Mid-Valley girls swimmer of the year.

Otterstrom placed in the Greater Valley Conference district swimming meet in four events and swam in the Class 6A state meet in three.

Despain continued her record-breaking pace by winning three GVC district championships and placed in the state in four events as well as breaking nearly every South Salem school record.

Smith established herself among the state's elite by winning the GVC championship in the 100 free and placing fifth in the state meet in the 50 free and 100 free.

The winner will be presented at the June 4 Statesman Journal Mid-Valley Sports Awards presented by Donofrio Dealerships at the Salem Convention Center.

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Lucky Rogers coached the Foxes to meet their program bests by placing second in the Mid-Willamette Conference district meet in both the boys and girls divisions. ANNA REED/STATESMAN JOURNAL