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Oregon State's Ronnie Bresser, left, takes on Ohio's Christian Moody in their 125-pound match in the first round of the NCAA wrestling championship, Thursday, March 21, 2019, in Pittsburgh. The Pac-12 Conference announced June 3, 2021, a series of measures to strengthen and grow the sport of wrestling in the conference, including an initiative to add members to its wrestling ranks beyond the current membership of six programs for the first time in more than a decade.

WRESTLING

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in the sport for the next generation of young athletes on the West Coast.

"This is an exciting initiative that not only stabilizes wrestling on the West Coast but shows the Pac-12 Conference's commitment to expanding Division I wrestling," Oregon State coach Chris Pendleton

said. "I'm looking forward to adding more teams, and together we can all push the Pac-12 Conference to new heights."

"It is our pleasure to join the Pac-12 Conference and its wrestling community in this important initiative to add future league affiliates," added Ray Anderson, Arizona State Vice President for University Athletics. "These measures outlined by the conference

are an important first step in making this happen. The sport of wrestling has always been an important part of Sun Devil athletics legend and lore. We must do everything in our power to strengthen and grow the sport of wrestling, especially on the West Coast where it is so essential to our stability. Arizona State University will do everything it can to assist in this effort."

BROTHERS

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early was a plus.

"It was very handy to have it figured out by then," he said. "I knew what I needed to work on."

Ransom followed in his older siblings' footsteps when it came to track, though he played soccer and baseball before ultimately trading those in for track spikes.

"My seventh-grade year I did track and realized I am way better than that," he said. "Because Jericho was a sprinter and my sister Hero was a sprinter, I felt like sprinting was my goal for track."

The COVID-19 pandemic has obviously lim-

ited many athletes, but the Peters brothers were able to work together, and Jericho teaching Ransom the ropes was rewarding for both.

"He's been helping me with my strides," the younger brother said. "He's always had a shorter one. He's also helped me with my blocks a bit. And then coach (Dan) Moody helped me with that. They are also helping me run on my toes. (Jericho) was training me in areas like that."

With that help, Ransom was able to make strides in the sport more quickly than Jericho.

"It was fun to be able to see him improve in those areas much faster than I did," Jericho said.

The concern of if

there would be a spring season after the rash of COVID-related cancellations, postponements and other changes was on the brothers' minds during the school year.

They both felt amazed that it did, indeed, take place, and that they got to share in several memorable moments in the shortened season.

"I do think it is amazing both of us were able to compete this year," Jericho said. "Going into my senior year, I didn't think it was going to happen. I didn't think I would get this opportunity."

Added Ransom: "It's exciting for me to think I just ran my (freshman) year despite COVID. I got to play in track (and) I got to hand off to him."



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ON THE SLATE

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

Prep boys basketball

Joseph at Pine Eagle, 5 p.m.
 Powder Valley at Imbler, 5:30 p.m.

La Grande at Baker, 7:30 p.m.
 Union at Enterprise, 7:30 p.m.

Prep girls basketball

Powder Valley at Imbler, 4 p.m.
 La Grande at Baker, 6 p.m.
 Union at Enterprise, 6 p.m.
 Joseph at Echo, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

Prep boys basketball

Burns at Powder Valley, 2:30 p.m.
 Joseph at Ontario, 6:30 p.m.
 Enterprise at Imbler, 7 p.m.
 Nixyaawii at Baker, 7:30 p.m.

Prep girls basketball

Burns at Powder Valley, 1 p.m.
 Burns vs. Union, at Powder Valley High School, 4 p.m.
 Joseph at Ontario, 5 p.m.
 Enterprise at Imbler, 5:30 p.m.
 Nixyaawii at Baker, 6 p.m.

Prep wrestling

McLoughlin/Weston-McEwen vs. La Grande Dual Meet, TBD
 Pendleton vs. La Grande Dual Meet, TBD

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

Prep boys basketball

Union at La Grande, 6 p.m.
 Enterprise at Joseph, 6:30 p.m.
 Powder Valley at Nixyaawii, 7:30 p.m.

Prep girls basketball

Union at La Grande, 4:30 p.m.
 Powder Valley at Nixyaawii, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11

Prep boys basketball

Union at Wallowa, 6:30 p.m.

Prep girls basketball

Union at Wallowa, 5 p.m.
 Ontario at La Grande, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

Prep boys basketball

Pine Eagle at Enterprise, noon
 Wallowa at Enterprise, 3 p.m.

Prep girls basketball

Wallowa at Enterprise, 1:30 p.m.

Prep wrestling

La Grande at 4A-SD4 District Wrestling Championship, La Grande, 10 a.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 14

Prep boys basketball

Powder Valley at Enterprise, 2:30 p.m.

Union at Nyssa, 4:40 p.m.

Nixyaawii at La Grande, 5:30 p.m.

Joseph at Grant Union, 6:30 p.m.

Prep girls basketball

Nixyaawii at La Grande, 1 p.m.
 Powder Valley at Enterprise, 1 p.m.

Joseph at Grant Union, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

Prep boys basketball

La Grande at Vale, 4:30 p.m.
 Union vs. Crane, Powder Valley High School, TBD

Crane at Powder Valley, TBD

Prep girls basketball

Vale at La Grande, 5:30 p.m.
 Union vs. Crane, Powder Valley High School, TBD

Crane at Powder Valley, TBD

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