

Paulson wins fourth District title; takes fourth at State

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Donald Paulson, senior, achieved something only four other wrestlers in the history of the school have done; he won his weight class during Districts for four consecutive years. He placed at State, along with two others, where he eventually placed fourth.

"I am really proud of him. There was a huge amount of pressure on him to repeat which he handled well," Geoff Bingham, assistant wrestling coach, said. "He is one of our best defensive wrestlers."

According to Doug Samarron, head wrestling coach, Paulson has joined an elite group of hall-of-famers including Lance Johnson, Chael Sonnen, Matt Kim and Prescott Garner.

"It was one of my big goals this year to be a four time District Champion and a four time State place winner," Paulson said. Although Paulson was proud of his efforts at Districts, he would have like to have advanced further at State.

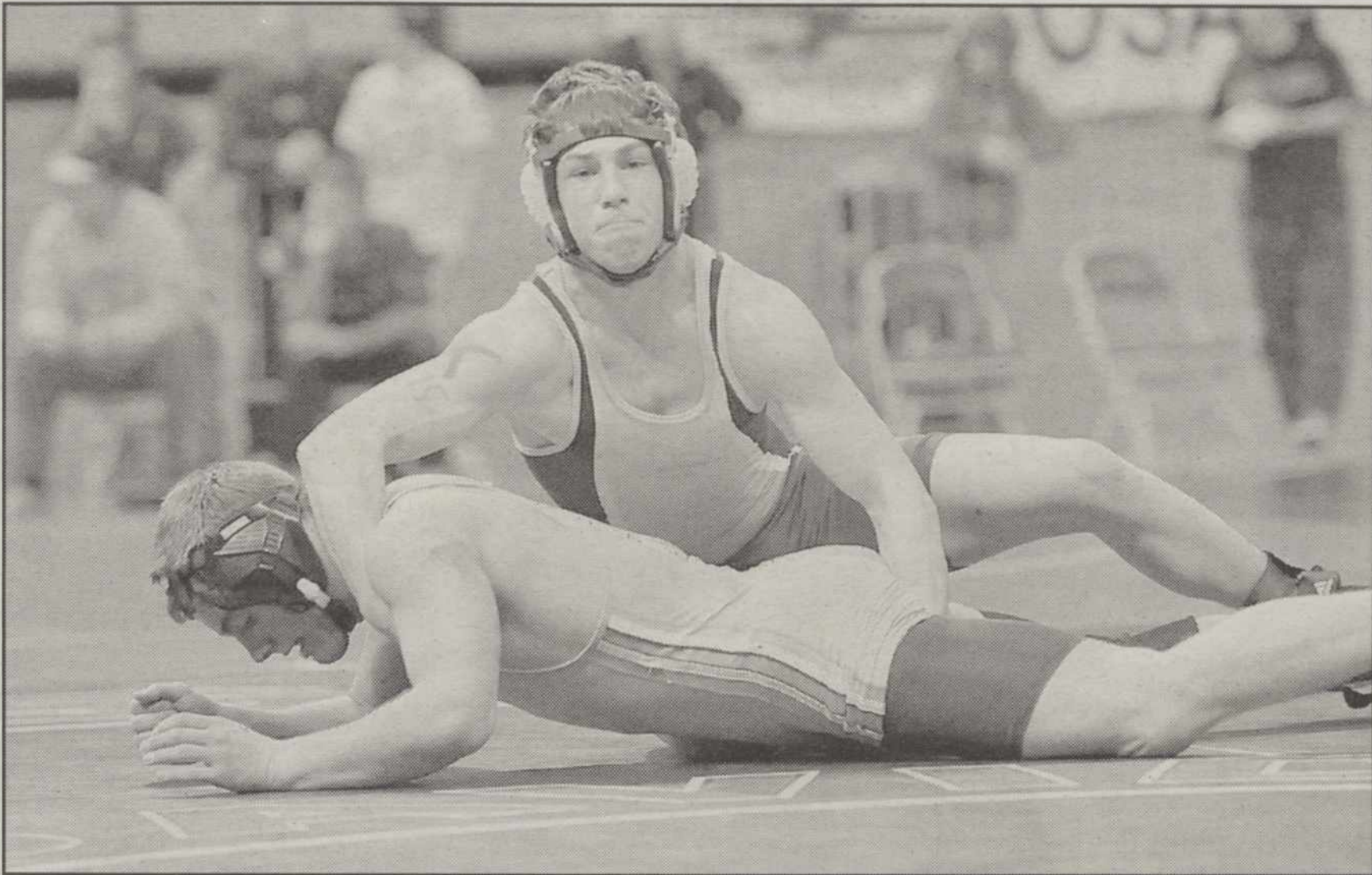


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Donald Paulson, senior, wrestles his way to fourth place at the State meet. Paulson led the wrestling team to a successful season, winning his weight class at Districts for the fourth year in a row.

"I would have liked to be in the finals again, but I did my best."

Three wrestlers placed at State including Paulson, Logan Krellwitz, senior, who placed fifth and Anthony Chay, junior, who placed seventh. Overall the team

place was 14th.

"We weren't at our best as a team at the State meet. There was room for improvement and too many close losses," Samarron said.

Other State qualifiers for State included Grant Morril, freshman, Anthony Lucero,

Michael Skoczylas, Braden Krellwitz, sophomores, Brian Schiewe, Christian Wilson, juniors, and Michael MacClanathan, senior.

According to Samarron and Bingham, they performed well, but they believe that they could have done much better at the District Meet.

"We did okay. We didn't have the tournament we had hoped for. If we had wrestled at our full potential we would have done better, but we ended up wrestling ourselves," Bingham said. Because the team lost some of the preliminary rounds, the brackets forced them to wrestle members of their own team to qualify for state.

According to Samarron, the team will return seven of the 10 qualifiers and others who will most likely be qualifiers next year.

"We have the potential to be a trophy team again next year if we have a good number of guys train in the off-season wrestling, lifting and competing as much as possible," Samarron said. "The success for next year is established in the off-

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In a low scoring affair, in which the Lions scored 24 points less than their season average, the Lakers were victorious, winning 49-41. However, West Linn rebounded with a win at home over Clackamas, winning 73-63.

Next, the Lions faced off against Rex Putnam. Going into the game, the Kingsmen were 0-9 in league and were looking for their first win since Dec. 29. After a slow start, the Lions took care of business, winning 83-51.

For their last league game

of the season, the Lions had a rematch against Oregon City. The Lions already had a guaranteed playoff spot going into the game, but a win would secure the number three spot in the league and a home game for their first playoff match-up. The Lions again played the Pioneers close, but could not secure the win. The Lions fell 65-56 to finish their season with a 7-5 regular season league record and a 16-8 overall record.

Although the Lions finished fourth in the TRL, behind Oregon City, Lake Oswego and Clackamas, Viuhkola didn't see his team that far away from

first place.

"We were in most of our games and we had a shot at winning (the league title)," Viuhkola said.

Bagetta echoed that sentiment.

"We were a good team, and the loss to Central Catholic was disappointing," Bagetta said.

Even though a tough loss to the Rams ended the Lion's season, the team had a successful season. They hung tough with the best teams they played. The Lions worked hard in the off-season for this success, according to Viuhkola.

"The guys deserve all of their success," Viuhkola said.

WINTER SPORTS STATS Academic and Athletic Excellence

In addition to advancing to playoffs, many of the winter sports teams recognized by the OSAA succeeded in the classroom as well. Multiple teams made the Dairy Farmers of Oregon Academic All-State 3.0+ list.

Varsity Sport	GPA	State GPA Rank
Cheerleading	3.74	2nd
Boys' Basketball	3.7	4th
Wrestling	3.65	8th
Boys' Swimming	3.38	12th
Girls' Basketball	3.35	T13th
Dance & Drill	3.27	T14th
Girls' Swimming	3.65	T15th

Vancouver 2010

Apollo Ohno, Team USA speed skater, most decorated athlete in winter Olympic history.

Nodar Kumaritashvili was thrown from his sled during the final turn of a luge practice run which resulted in his death.

Joannie Rochette, Olympic figure skater for Team Canada, moved the audience, performing only two days after her mother passed away from a heart attack.

Shaun White, Team USA snowboarder, won his second gold medal in half-pipe with a Double McTwist 360.

Shen Xue and Hongbo, figure first Chinese skaters to win

Zhao skaters, figure gold.

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