

Loggers Win State Championship! *continued from front page*

The Loggers were led in the championship game by Player of the Game, senior Robert Conner, who scored 17 points on 5 of 7 shooting from the field. Conner also hit 7 of 10 free throws, including 4 of 6 in the final 33 seconds of the game to help secure the win. Conner added 7 rebounds, 6 of them defensive, for the Loggers.



Robert Conner

"We just played hard all season long," said Weller. "With this group you knew when the ball went up they were going to give you a good effort. And the key guy who started that this season was Robert. He always worked hard, was vocal in the huddles and on the court and that inspired everyone around him to play up to that level."

"These guys played hard every night and when you do that you're going to compete at this level and you're going to win," said Weller. "Everybody that played in the games in Pendleton con-

tributed. They may have been a guy that came in and created energy or got down on the floor for a loose ball or had some impact while they were in there."

Winning the state championship was truly a team effort by the Loggers, who had three different leading scorers in the three game tournament, and three different individuals named Player of the Game. Weller used nine players in each of the three match ups. "They did a great job all season not worrying about personal stats or personal success," said Weller. "It was all about the team."

In the tournament final junior Tristan Adams scored 14 points for the Loggers, hitting 6 of 9 shots from the field, including 2 of 3 from 3 point range. Senior Arne Scheimann scored 10 points and grabbed 8 rebounds



Tristan Adams



Brett Elliott

Tournament. Junior Brett Elliott scored 4 points and grabbed 5 rebounds and was named Second Team All-Tournament.

Weller was also proud of the way his team played defense throughout the tournament. "It starts on defense," said Weller. "We told them if they focused on playing defense they could win the tournament."

Weller also expressed thanks to the community and all the fans who supported the team throughout the season and especially in Pendleton. "I love what our small town does for our athletes," said Weller. "Having the parade when they come home, having people fly into Pendleton airport or drive out for



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and senior Francesco Mian scored 10 points. Sophomore point guard Clay Sullivan, the Player of the Game in the tournament opener on Thursday, scored 2 points and added 6 rebounds and was named First Team All-

the day so they can watch us play in the championship game...for the community to make it into a big deal makes it that much better. It's just so great to see how a simple game like basketball can impact

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