

Butte Falls/Prospect Wrestling

State Wrestling Tournament

Senior Luke McGonagle 195 lbs

February 26 & 27

@ Memorial Coliseum Portland, Oregon



February 6 - 6 Butte Falls/Prospect wrestlers placed in the top four at the 2A/1A Special District 3 Pre-district meet Thursday. Butte Falls/Prospect came in fourth place in 87 points, one point ahead of Bonanza. Culver won with 326 points, followed by Oakridge (137.5) and Central Linn (98). Eleven schools completed.

Luke McGonagle led the way for the Loggers, placing second at 195 pounds.

Earning thirds for Butte Falls/Prospect were Alex Neville (120), Spencer Scofield (160), and Billie Tucker (195).

Christian Suarez was fourth at 152, as was Collin Stephens at 220.

On Saturday our middle school wrestling team finished the season by competing in the Southern Oregon Middle School Athletic Conference (SOMSAC) Wrestling Championships hosted by Fleming at North Valley High School. Almost every middle school in Southern Oregon and two in Klamath Falls are members of SOMSAC. Included are teams that feed 5A and 6A high schools like North Medford, South Medford, Grants Pass, Crater and Eagle Point. There is no higher competition in our region.

The meet ran very smoothly in a chaotic beehive sort of way with at least 2000 people scurrying back and forth between seven wrestling mats observing, eating, cheering and generally having a great time. The wrestlers are split up into 6th, 7th and 8th grades, then further broken down into weight classes. Our middle school team is headed by Coach Manny Valdovinos and assisted by Coach Kim Smith, two men with many years of wrestling experience. Some squads have close to 50 athletes or more. We took eight. One was a 5th grader and wasn't allowed to wrestle until next year, and one had poison oak and was kept out of the tourney. But our numbers were definitely not a drawback for the success that they worked so hard for all season long. Many of us who observed the changes in these young men over the season are impressed and inspired by the fortitude each one built inside themselves and the bonds they created among their teammates. Wrestling is hard. But if one works through the grind, a tough, focused individual emerges. Perfect for Butte Falls, and our boys gained respect around the valley.

These are the results:

Jack Worman—2nd Place

Wyatt Carlton—2nd Place

Ben Worman—6th Place

Wyatt Ulrey—1 out of placement

Jimmy Jordahl—1st Place, Conference Champion

Gabe Williams—1st Place, Conference Champion

