

# SPORTS

## IMC DISTRICT WRESTLING

# Tinajero wins IMC district title

Hood River sophomore Abraham Tinajero won the 195-pound boys wrestling Intermountain Conference championship Saturday at Redmond High School.

Tinajero had byes in the first two rounds then won his semifinal match by fall in 28 seconds over William Witcraft of Redmond. Tinajero caught Redmond's Kenyth Kettle early in the championship match and won by fall in 24 seconds to win the title.

The top finishers qualified for this week's 5A state meet, which will be held Friday and Saturday at Cottage Grove High School.

Tinajero was the top placer among Gorge wrestlers and will be joined at the state tourney by sophomore teammate Carson Farlow, who finished third at 132 pounds. Farlow won his first match in the quarterfinals by fall over freshman Colton Sawyer of The Dalles. Trevor Martin of Crook County pinned Farlow in the semifinals, but the HRV wrestler bounced back in the consolation round to win by fall against Angel Oregon of The Dalles. That put Farlow in the third-place match with a state tourney spot on the line; Farlow improved his short season record to 11-5 by defeating Redmond's Cutter Woollard by fall to earn the state berth.

HRV's Jaime Rodriguez fell one win shy of an automatic berth to state, losing by a 9-6 decision in the consolation final to Pendleton's Gabe Browning. Rodriguez won a 6-3 decision in the

quarterfinals against Jose Terrazas of Redmond but lost by fall in the semis to Steven Ware of Crook County. Rodriguez stayed in contention with a 10-8 decision over Coner Blair of The Dalles in the consolation semifinals.

Two other HRV wrestlers finished sixth: Lane Chandler at 138 pounds and Conner Tennant at 160. Chandler won two of four matches at district while Tennant went 1-3. Eagle teammates, Mason Steffers and Brian Flores, both freshmen, also competed at district.

Hood River finished fifth (73 points) and The Dalles (38) was sixth in the team competition. Crook County edged Redmond 396-363 to win the tourney.

The Dalles was led by fourth-place finishers Marquies Sagapolutele and Taylor Moorehouse, who each scored 16 team points for the Riverhawks.

Sagapolutele won two of his four 170-pound matches, including a quarterfinal win by fall over David Welch of Pendleton. Sagapolutele lost in the semifinals by fall to eventual runner-up Gage Hanson of Crook County. Moorehouse made it to the semis with a fall against Justin Reason of Ridgeview at 182 pounds, but he lost his next match to Ray Solis of Crook County.

Blair added a sixth-place finish for The Dalles at 126, as did Oregon at 132. Merik Peacock and Sawyer also gained district tourney experience for the Riverhawks.



Hood River sophomore Abraham Tinajero, second from left, won the 195-pound boys wrestling Intermountain Conference championship Saturday at Redmond High School. Contributed photo

# Three place second at regional wrestling tourney



The Dalles Sophomore 126-pounder Maize Bandal-Ramirez, in black, was one of three Gorge wrestlers that qualified for the girls state tournament. Mark B. Gibson photo/file

Three Gorge-area wrestlers finished in second place at last week's Girls North Regional Tournament at Tillamook High School.

Hood River's Lauraine Smith and Emily Sullinger, and Maisie Bandal-Ramirez of The Dalles were runners-up in their weight classes at the Friday tourney. They qualified for the girls state tournament Thursday, June 24 at Cottage Grove High School.

Smith was second at 155 pounds, losing by fall to Destiny Rodriguez of West Linn in the championship match. Smith won four matches to get to the final; three of the wins were by fall and the fourth was a 14-1 major decision.

Sullinger was second at 120 pounds, losing by fall to Newberg's Sophia Redwine. Sullinger won her other three matches by fall, including a 17-second pin in the quarterfinals.

Hood River Valley finished fourth in the team standings with 77 points, edging Estacada by one point. Hillsboro, with 13 athletes

competing, won the meet with 146 points.

Bandal-Ramirez was second at 125 pounds, losing to Hillsboro's Alice Rickett by fall. Bandal-Ramirez won three other matches en route to a spot in the final.

Teammate Summer Schellinger won her first-round match before losing her next two. The Dalles finished 26th out of 51 schools.

Hood River had five other wrestlers compete in the meet. Two of those wrestlers placed: Dulce Najera was fourth at 100 pounds and Karol Najera was fifth at 110. Dulce lost her first-round match to eventual runner-up Nina Deleon of Hillsboro and then battled back through the consolation bracket with three wins in four matches. Karol lost in the semifinals to eventual champion Daniela Vasquez of Century, then won one of two consolation matches.

HRV's Ximena Galvez and Fatima Munoz each won a regional match, while teammate Betzaida Rodriguez Nolasco was injured early in her first match.

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