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Gorge wrestlers compete at boys state tourney

Four Gorge wrestlers competed at last week's 5A boys state tournament in Cottage Grove, where Hood River Valley sophomore Carson Farlow led area placers with a fourth-place showing.

Farlow (15-7 record) won his opener 6-5 against North Eugene's Andrew Salinas, the No. 8 seed at 126 pounds. The HRV wrestler lost in the quarterfinals to eventual fifthplace finisher Elijah Southern of Thurston before reeling off three successive wins in the

consolation rounds. Farlow, who finished third in the Intermountain Conference tourney and scored 16 team points at state, lost in the third-place match at by technical fall to West Albany's Derek Sossie. ...

HRV's Abraham Tinajero (12-9), who won the 195-pound IMC championship, finished sixth at state, losing two one-point matches in the consolation round. Tinajero, seeded third, advanced to the semifinals

with wins over Thurston's Nathanial Brown (injury default) and Crater's Ethan VanHook (fall). The Eagle sophomore lost in the semis to Willamette's Bryce Indell by fall and then lost again in his first consolation match. 8-7, to Jaden Echeverria of Hillsboro. VanHook and Tinajero tangled again in the fifth-place match, but this time the Crater sophomore won, 9-8.

HRV's Jaime Rodriguez (7-7) split his four, state-tourney matches at 126 pounds. He won 5-3 in his opener against Wilsonville's Kaden Kramer, but lost in the quarterfinals to Dallas' Jose Romero, 6-0. Rodriguez remained in contention to place in the consolation round with a win over Diego Perez-Montes of South Albany, but his tourney ended in his next match, a loss by fall to Silverton's Jacob Moore.

The Dalles had one wrestler compete in the tourney — junior Taylor Moorehouse (9-5) won two of his 185-pound matches. Moorehouse faced top-seed and eventual winner James Rowley of Crescent Valley in the first round, losing by fall. Moorehouse won his first two consolation matches by decision before losing to Cutter Woodworth of North Bend. Moorehouse earned a bit of redemption in his second consolation win by defeating Anthony Lochner of Ridgeview. Lochner had defeated Moorehouse at the IMC championships the

prior week.

... Hood River finished 16th with 30 points. Crescent Valley of Corvallis won the meet in dominating fashion with 365.5 points. The Raiders had 10 individual champions among the 14 weight divisions. Crook County and Redmond of the IMC finished third and fourth.

Sullinger, Smith finish runners-up at girls wrestling tourney

Hood River junior Emily Sullinger and sophomore teammate Lauraine Smith finished in second place at Thursday's Oregon girls state wrestling tournament at Cottage Grove High School.

The tournament included wrestlers from Oregon schools of all enrollment classifications. Sullinger was second at 120 pounds and

Smith second at 155. The Dalles sophomore

Maisie Bandal-Ramirez was fourth at 125 pounds. Hood River's Dulce Najera also competed at state, but she did not place. Bandal-Ramirez won

her opening match by decision but lost in the

semifinals to eventual champion Cailee Hallett of Thurston. Bandal-Ramirez (8-3) won one of two matches in consolation to earn fourth place.

Sullinger (8-2) won two matches before

losing in the final, 8-2, to Sophia Redwine of Newberg. Those two also finished 1-2 at the North Oregon qualifying tournament in Tillamook a week before state. Smith (9-3) won by fall in

the first round and semifinals before losing in the championship to West Linn's Destiny Rodriguez. Hood River finished 10th in the team race; 91 schools had wrestlers participate in the tourney.

HRVHS basketball camp offers place to compete and grow

By Noah Noteboom olumbia Gorge News

Hood River Valley coaches and players put a on a weeklong basketball camp for elementary and middle school athletes.

Cancellations and delays due to COVID-19 have made organizing athletic events a challenge. With Hood River County being one of the

leaders around the state, in term of vaccinations, sports have become a welcomed distraction. Last week, the Hood River basketball program held its first youth camp in a year and a half.

Girls basketball Coach Steve Noteboom and boys assistant Juan Zuniga put together a youth camp for athletes in grades three through eight through the Hood River Valley Parks

and Recreation District website. "We had 49 kids register," said

Noteboom. "It was a really good turnout."

Participants worked on dribbling, footwork, and shooting skills. HRVHS athletes were present to help the kids and offer a sense of guidance. Zuniga says having the counselors working with the younger athletes offers a benchmark to strive for. He added

that watching the high schoolers compete in games keeps the kids motivated to keep working on their craft.

To register, or to get questions answered about upcoming basketball events, contact Noteboom (steve. noteboom@hoodriver.k12.or.us) or Zuniga (juan.zuniga@hoodriver.k12. or.us).

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