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Lowell Red Devils win 2a Championship First time to State Finals



Story by Scooter Brown

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LOWELL, Ore. Lowell High School has won the 2023 2A State Championship. After last week's 32-18 win over the Oakland Oakers, the Red Devils found themselves playing in their first Championship game on Saturday 25 November. JaMar Thurman rushed for 266 yards and scored five touchdowns on 29 carries and catching three passes for 30 yards and one score. For the season, Thurman rushed for a state-leading 2,958 yards and 44 touchdowns.

The Devils toppled Weston-McEwen/Griswold 74-42. Led by junior tailback JaMar Thurman, Lowell steamrolled 618 total yards. "We just had that fire in us. We really wanted to beat them," Thurman said. The first championship for the Devils was the icing on the cake. Lowell has been known as a wrestling school, winning 14 team state championships from 1971 to 2013.

Lowell took a 15-0 lead in the first quarter and never looked back. Weston-McEwen was close at 22-21 in the second quarter, then 29-28 in the third, but Lowell kept up the pressure to 51-28 on three consecutive touchdowns, a 31-yard pass from Carter Harris to Rowan Files and runs

of 63 and 46 yards by Thurman.

Files had three catches for 73 yards and two touchdowns and senior Justus Thurman, JaMar's brother, had four catches for 146 yards and one score.

Carter Harris had been out with a neck injury, but returned to action and completed 11 of 17 passes for 270 yards and four touchdowns without an interception. He also rushed for 83 yards and one score on eight carries

It is the first title for Coach Ray Yarbrough, who moved from assistant Coach to take over when Pat Todd resigned after 12 seasons as coach. Yarbrough had previous head-coaching positions at Illinois Valley (2008-14), Churchill (2015) and Oakridge (2019).

Last week, after the Oakland game, Yarbrough said, "We've been a wrestling school here for a long time and it's awesome that we have all those state championship banners," Yarbrough continued. "I'd love to hang a football one right next to them."

Congratulations to the Red Devils and to Coach Yarbrough and to that hard earned and well deserved Championship banner.

North Douglas Elementary & Middle Schools Students of the Month

Kimber Colley, 2nd Grade

Lucy Traylor, 6th Grade



Kimber shows appreciation to those around her. She is very well mannered and is a great friend and classmate to all. -Miss Jo



Lucy is an enthusiastic student. She is very concerned about doing her best work, is good to her friends, and her teachers. -Mrs. Shipley



Congratulations to Wyatt Humphrey who finished in 4th place and qualified for the state meet! And congratulations to Natalie and Marley who ran against a field of 1A, 2A, and 3A runners finishing 17th and 56th respectively. Natalie finished with the top 1A time!

Highlights from 2023 OSAA 1A State Championship North Douglas 2nd Round at Adrian High School

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Wyatt Humphrey while competing in the state XC meet held at LCC a couple of weeks ago.

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