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Northwood wins all-city swim meet



Northwood Swim Club won the all-city swim meet, which took place at Holiday in Keizer on Saturday, July 29.

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Northwood Swim Club's relays made sure the Dolphins repeated as all-city champs.

Winning seven relays, Northwood outscored Madrona 434-350 on Saturday, July 29.

Led by its girls, Holiday finished third with 274.5 points.

Northview Terrace had 217 points to place fourth. Cambridge and Jan Ree followed in fifth and sixth.

Pierce Walker, Davis Olsen, Jackson Alt and Zachary Harrington had the first win for Northwood, finishing the boys 11-12 medley relay in 2:06.06, more than 8 seconds faster than any other team. Walker, Alt, Harrington and Carson Biondi also won the freestyle relay in 1:51.25.

Jake Wyer, Parker Dean, Grant Biondi and Zander Rhoades took first in the boys 15-18 medley relay in 1:33.67 and the free relay in 1:20.10.

Northwood also won the girls 15–18 free relay as Haley Hughes, Grace Trammell, Rionna Zeller and Madison Alt finished in 1:38.51. Isabella Walker, Paris Boyd, Kennedy Buss and Eliana Dean had the fastest time in the girls 13-14 medley relay, finishing in 1:51.48. Hudson Hughes, Grant Schaffer, Ben Diede and Andrew Zeller won the boys 9-10 free relay in 2:03.05.

Individually, Andrew Zeller placed first in the 9-10 free in 27.20 and the breaststroke in 40.10. Rionna Zeller won the 15-18 breast-stroke in 31.03.

Wyer had the fastest time in the boys 15-18 free in 19.30. Rhoades won the 13-14 free in 22.51. Jeffery Olsen touched the wall first in the 8-and-under free in 16.23.

Alt won the boys 11-12 butterfly in 12.93. Boyd took first in the 13-14 girls fly in 22.93. Molly Eisele won the girls 9-10 fly in 14.73.

Dean had the fastest time in the boys 15-18 breaststroke, finishing in 25.34. Ethan Whalen won the 13-14 breaststroke in 26.99.

Holiday won three relays, including the first event of the meet, as Evelyn Hales, Alyna Gonzalez, Maggie Gerig and Claire Hicks finished the girls 8-and-under medley relay in 1:33.06.

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Ringside World Championships on July 24-29 in Independence, Mo. But that's not the number

rs won two more belts at the

Dunn keeps track of.

"I have 498 bachelor's degrees, 18 master's and five doctorate's from kids that have went through my program," Dunn said as of March. "That's what I'm most proud of. I've got national champions but it's not about the sport. It's about helping people become better people."

Dunn's two most decorated Wildcat boxers, Brittany Sims, of Salem, and Omar Murillo, Beaverton, are amateurs and waiting to finish school to turn pro. Sims is getting her master's in business administration online from the University of Phoenix. Murillo has one semester left in his bachelor's program from Portland State and then plans to move to Keizer.

"He's (Murillo) so good that the professional fighters they're always asking for him because they need sparring partners but the deal I have with them is I'm not going to turn them pro until they're done with college."

Dunn was first introduced to boxing as a student at Willamette High School in Eugene. The sport kept him out of trouble.

"I'd probably be in jail if it wasn't for boxing," Dunn said. "I was an extremely violent kid. I came from a broken home. It helped me focus my temper. Boxing coaches historically have been the consistent sport to help kids with temperament issues, focus issues from whatever economical background they're from."

After high school, Dunn decided to join the Army after watching *First Blood* in a second-run movie theater.

"The recruiting station was right there and I said, 'dude, I want to blow things up." Dunn remembers. "And then they found out I boxed."

Dunn took part in the Ar-



my's World Class Athlete Program and boxed wherever he was stationed—Fort Bragg in North Carolina and California.

Dunn chose a full-time military career and guaranteed retirement plan over becoming a professional fighter. He spent seven of his 25 years in the Army as a recruiter.

"It civilized me a little bit and gave me the chance to be in front of people," Dunn said.

But Dunn never planned on coaching.

"As a boxing coach, you're a public speaker, you have to be able to articulate," Dunn said. "I had no desire to be a public speaker. I had no desire to be in front of a crowd. I just wanted to hide and go do my thing, go hunting, go fishing. I was a classic country kid."

Dunn's first coaching opportunity came as a volunteer at King's Gym in Oakland after a rib injury forced him out of a bout.

"It (coaching) became this really freaky thing that I was naturally gifted at," Dunn said. "I didn't have a plan. Everybody has things that click. For me, it's organization, motivating, getting people to see beyond what their daily woes are."

Dunn then spent three years coaching Oregon State University students at the Corvallis Boxing Club. Again, he was a volunteer.

"I've never been paid to coach," Dunn said. "I've always been a volunteer. I've never really needed it. I'm not a money guy. My wife and I, we're fine.



ABOVE: Brittany Sims, with Wildcat Boxing Club head coach Dan Dunn, shows off the championship belt she won at a Golden Gloves national tournament in Florida on July 15. BELOW: Sims works out with Dunn at the Kroc Center.

Army was the job."

Two years ago, Dunn began getting phone calls from Quandray Roberts, a former professional boxer Dunn trained who was friends with Kendall Reid, director of operations at the Kroc Center in Salem.

Dunn had moved to Keizer in October of 2016.

After meeting with Reid, Dunn decided to open a 501(c) (3) nonprofit, Wildcat Boxing, in collaboration with the Kroc Center. Dunn had never started a nonprofit before.

"I wanted to make sure that the funding wasn't going to get twisted up," Dunn said. "I wanted to be able to fundraise on my own and manage my own accounts. We've had around \$20,000 donated. One guy donated \$10,000 and said they'll be more.

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