

# DISTRICT

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Vincent then defeated Sprague junior Luke Merzenich 11-3 in the finals to win his second straight district championship.

"I just had to know if I was just lucky last year or not," Vincent said. "Apparently I wasn't. He (Merzenich) was a little bit more cocky than I was but at the same time he was messing up a lot that I happened to see and catch."

McNary senior Blake Norton (220) won the Celtics third district title, defeating Sprague junior Jacob Luna by forfeit. Norton found out before faceoff that Luna had suffered a concussion in a 6-5 win over McMinnville Juan Contreras in the semifinals.

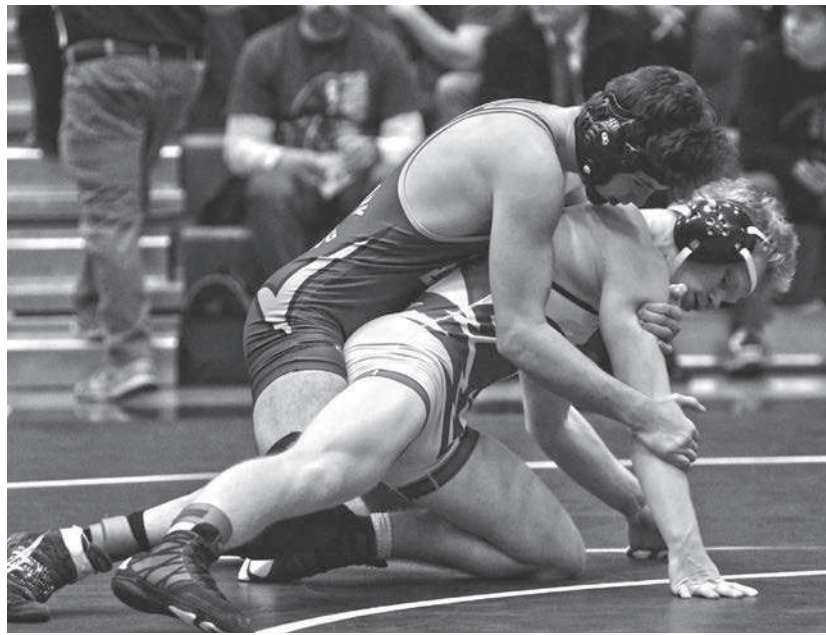
Norton's toughest match came in the semifinals, where he defeated Sprague senior Austin Schreefer, who dropped down from 285, by a 4-3 ultimate tie-breaker. Tied 3-3 after three overtime periods, the match came down to Schreefer grabbing Norton's head gear.

"It was probably my best match all season," Norton said. "I was pretty happy about it."

Two more wrestlers punched their tickets to the state tournament, joining Ebbs, Vincent and Norton.

Nick Hernandez, a junior, finished third at 138 pounds.

Hernandez, seeded seventh, lost to No. 2 seed Andre Mushombe of McMinnville in the second round but bounced back with two pins to advance to the consolation semifinals.



McNary junior Nick Hernandez, left, placed third at 138 pounds at the district wrestling tournament held at McKay High School Feb. 2-3. Freshman Grady Burrows finished fourth at 106 pounds.

"I just wrestled hard and took it one guy at a time, focused on the guy in front of me and just kept wrestling on," Hernandez said. "You really can't think much of it. You just have to keep pressing forward and focus on the next match."

Hernandez then defeated Sprague senior Chance Bacheller 7-4 to qualify for state.

"It was a little nerve-racking," Hernandez said. "I was definitely nervous. It was either make it or break it for state. I just wrestled smart. I listened to my coaches. You've just got to wrestle strategically. I got the take down. I rode him on top and just came out with the win on top."

Hernandez topped West Salem senior Kaleb Fegles-Jones in the third place match.

"I just kept taking him down, cutting him," Hernandez said. "I knew he was a

strong dude. I knew he was good on top and he rode me. I was down by two at one point. Chose down, got the escape and took him down."

Hernandez began the season at 152 but dropped down to 138 for the district tournament.

"I knew how good a wrestler I was and just made it happen," Hernandez said.

McNary freshman Grady Burrows (106) will be going to state in his first high school season.

Burrows lost to Sprague senior Bollong Joklur, No. 1 seed and eventual district champion, in the semifinals. Burrows pinned Aaron Joklur of Sprague in the consolation semifinals.

He was then pinned by West Salem sophomore Cedric Snider in the third-fourth place match.

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Nary finished third as a team behind Sprague (459.5) and West Albany (229).

Noah Grunberg placed fifth at 145 pounds. Garrett Wampler took fifth at 170. Anthony Garcia Reyes finished fifth at 195. Tony Castaneda placed sixth at 106 pounds. Daniel Hernandez took sixth at 120 pounds. Jerry Martinez finished sixth at 132.

The OSAA state tournament is Feb. 16-17 at Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland.



McNary wrestler Anthony Garcia Reyes defeated Kyle Daily of Forest Grove on Saturday, Feb. 3 at McKay High School to finish fifth in the district at 195 pounds. KEIZERTIMES/Derek Wiley

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