

# Warrior wrestlers travel far for fifth place

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HERMISTON — The Warrenton wrestling team traveled 275 miles to take part in their district tournament, where the Warriors placed fifth in the team standings.

Nyssa was the team championship for Class 3A District 1, as the Bulldogs racked up 482 points to top second-place Vale (258.5).

Riverside (175.5) was third, followed by Clatskanie (115) and Warrenton (88).

The Warriors qualified four wrestlers (all seniors) for the state tournament (Feb. 26-27 in Portland), with one district champion.

The No. 1-ranked wrestler in the state at 106 pounds, Warrenton's Colton Walker did not have to do much wrestling to win the district title.

With only five wrestlers at 106, Walker had byes in the first two rounds, pinned Dominick Madrid of Nyssa in 20 seconds, then took down Mickio Luna of Nyssa in final at the 3:36 mark.

Also headed to state for Warrenton will be Levi Lewis, who had a first round bye, then was pinned by Ismael Valentin of Nysaa (1:54).

Lewis bounced back in consolation with two wins by forfeit, then pinned Josh Arritola of Vale (3:13) and pinned Valentin (1:19) in a rematch to finish third out of five wrestlers to qualify for state.

Warrenton's Forrest Vaughn pinned Nate Marquez of Nyssa (2:37) to take third at 195; and Justin Watson qualified for state for the third-straight year by taking fourth at 152.

"Coach (Trent) Klebe and I are very proud of the way our seniors represented us," said Warrenton first-year coach Corey Conant. "They all faced adversity and pushed through, earning their spots at state."

Walker "continued his undefeated season at 106 and is focused on a state title,"



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**Knappa's five state qualifiers: front row, left to right: Luke Goozee, Cody Hobbs; back row: David Patterson, Reuben Cruz, Andrew Goozee.**

Conant said. "He finished second last year and has been on a mission all season."

Watson is "so explosive and dangerous from any position," he added. "I'm excited for him to let it all out at state and do some damage."

Lewis placed in every tournament this season "and could surprise some people in Portland," while Vaughn "spent much of last season injured and has come on very strong."

**Team results:** Nyssa 482, Vale 258.5, Riverside 175.5, Clatskanie 115, Warrenton 88, Rainier 81.5, De La Salle 53, Echo/Stanfield 40, Colton 22.

**Loggers send five to state**  
CLOVERDALE — Nestucca was the host team and also the team champion in the Class 2A/1A District 1 wrestling tournament, Friday and Saturday.

The Bobcats collected 285.5 points to easily win the title over Monroe (172) and third-place Knappa (144.5).

The Loggers had one individual champion and qualified five for the state tourna-

ment, Feb. 26-27 in Portland.

At 160 pounds, Knappa's Reuben Cruz followed a first round bye with a pin over Colton Burr of Siletz Valley (5:52); scored a major decision over Nestucca's Fabian Niemi (19-6); then pinned Bryce McKillip in the championship match (2:32).

Other Knappa wrestlers only had to win one match to reach the state meet.

With just four wrestlers at 106, Knappa's Cody Hobbs had two byes, then scored a technical fall over Ashley Jackson of Vernonia, 17-0, to qualify for the state quarterfinals.

Hobbs was pinned by Willard Neary of Nestucca in the title match (3:31).

Knappa's Luke Goozee followed a similar path at 113 pounds.

With only four wrestlers in the bracket, Goozee had byes in the first two rounds, then pinned Amanda-Ros Sicard of Vernonia in 52 seconds, advancing Goozee to the state quarterfinals.

Goozee lost by fall to Gabe Garcia of Nestucca in the final (5:24).

Andrew Goozee placed second out of four wrestlers at 182, where he had byes in the first two rounds, then pinned Jack Remington of Nestucca (1:31) to qualify for the final eight at state.

Goozee lost a 7-4 decision to Greg Jones of Waldport in the title match.

At 195, David Patterson went 1-1 on the mat to qualify for the state quarterfinals.

With just four wrestlers in the bracket, Patterson had two byes, then pinned Josh Seals of Nestucca (2:12) for his state-qualifying win.

Patterson lost by pin (1:15) in the final against Chase Cook of Nestucca.

Knappa's Jared Parks will be an alternate for state at 220 pounds, placing third out of four wrestlers.

"It was exciting, as some of last year's state qualifiers did not make it this year from our district," said Knappa coach Dan Owings. "But it just shows you that you have to earn it each year."

**Team results:** Nestucca

## SCOREBOARD

### TODAY

**Girls Basketball** — Knappa at City Christian, 6 p.m.; Onalaska vs. Ilwaco, 8 p.m., at Black Hills HS, Olympia.

### THURSDAY

**Girls Basketball** — Valley Catholic at Astoria, 6 p.m.; Tillamook at Seaside, 6 p.m.

**Boys Basketball** — Valley Catholic at Astoria, 7:45 p.m.; Tillamook at Seaside, 7:45 p.m.; Knappa at Nestucca, 6:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY

**Swimming** — OSAA State Meet, Mt. Hood CC, TBA  
**Wrestling** — District 1/4A Regionals, Crook County, 10 a.m.

### SATURDAY

**Boys Basketball** — Life Christian or City Christian vs. Knappa, TBA, at Dayton HS

**Girls Basketball** — Faith Bible or Neah-Kah-Nie vs. Knappa, TBA, at Dayton HS

**Swimming** — OSAA State Meet, Mt. Hood CC, TBA  
**Wrestling** — District 1/4A Regionals, Crook County, 10 a.m.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

**Seaside 61, Astoria 44**

**AST (44):** Kyle Strange 11, Fridtjof Fremstad 11, Jarrett 10, Fruith 6, Arnsdorf 3, Palek 2, Englund 1, Gohl, Williams, Loughran.

**SEA (61):** Hunter Thompson 20, Januik 14, Eagon 8, Marston 8, Smith 6, Babb 3, Lewis 2, C. Januik.

**Astoria 13 10 147-44**

**Seaside 19 15 1314-61**

**JV: Seaside 52, Astoria 33**

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Seaside 51, Astoria 30**

**AST (30):** Chloe Hunt 9, Alexis Wallace 9, Mickle 4, Hemsley 4, Mitchell 2, DeMander 2, Rogers, Abrahams, Dalton, Gimre.

**SEA (51):** Sydney Villegas 16, Utti 15, P. Ideue 6, J. Ideue 4, Trott 3, West 3, Westerholm 2, Babbitt 2, Smart, Bodner, Brown.

**Astoria 6 9 78-30**

**Seaside 20 13 108-51**

**JV: Seaside 34, Astoria 27**

285.5, Monroe 172, Knappa 144.5, Neah-Kah-Nie 119, Vernonia 115, Siletz Valley 99, Triangle Lake 82, Waldport 41.

### Jimenez wins Cowapa title

SCAPPOOSE — Astoria had one league champion, a second place and a trio of third-place finishers over the weekend, at the Cowapa League wrestling championships, hosted by Scappoose.

Tillamook won the team title with 355 points, followed by Scappoose (304.5), Banks (243), Astoria (126) and Seaside (35).

Astoria's Juan Jimenez finished first out of three wrestlers at 106 pounds, as he pinned Brendyn Wollette of Scappoose at the 1:41 mark in the championship match.

Astoria teammate Trey Hageman advanced to the finals at 138, where Caleb Werner of Tillamook scored the win.

The Fishermen added points with three third-place finishes: Kaden Gilbert (182), Jeff Stutznegger (195) and Andrew Poplin (285).

Seaside's Shane Smith fin-

ished third out of four wrestlers at 120.

The Fishermen and Gulls both compete this weekend at the Super Regionals, hosted by Crook County.

### Ilwaco wins regional title

ADNA, Wash. — With high hopes for a state championship next weekend, the Ilwaco boys wrestling team captured a Class 2B/1B regional championship Saturday, their first in school history.

Ilwaco will send seven wrestlers to the Tacoma Dome Friday and Saturday, including two individual champions.

Riki Thompson won the regional title at 138 pounds, while teammate Daylin Kemmer took first at 160.

Three Ilwaco wrestlers took second in their weight divisions: Jack Kaino (152), Brandon McMullen (160) and Alec Bell (195).

The Fishermen will send two others to state: Joe Lopez (third at 152) and Joe Thompson (fourth at 113).

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