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GIRLS WRESTLING

Warriors take 10th in state meet

By **GARY HENLEY**
The Daily Astorian

SPRINGFIELD — The Warrenton girls wrestling team took a trip to Springfield last Friday and Saturday, to compete in the Oregon Girls Wrestling State Championships at Thurston High School.

And out of the 91 teams with wrestlers competing, Warrenton tied Sweet Home for 10th in the team standings. Host Thurston won the team title, ahead of Century and Hood River Valley.

A total of 277 girls were registered, and due to large bracket sizes, the first day of competition went past 10 p.m.

Sophomore Jade Freniere became Warrenton's first female placer at state, as she took fourth place in the 220-pound weight bracket. As a result, she qualified for a trip to Portland to compete at Memorial Coliseum in the upcoming OSAA state championships.

"We are so proud of Jade," said Warrenton coach Corey Conant. "She is really light for the weight class and had to wrestle back to earn true fourth. She is such a tough kid and has come a long way as a wrestler."

The Warriors did not have any other placers, but used their depth to score points.

Warrenton junior Sahanna Rodriguez fought off a 7-0 deficit to win 11-10 in the final seconds of her consolation match at 100 pounds.

At 125, junior Anna Schenbeck bounced back from a loss with a pin in her consolation match.

Warrenton's other wrestler at 125, senior Alma Bolanos, won two championship bracket matches before heart-breaking losses in the quarterfinals and the consolation round knocked her from the tournament.

Warrior sophomore Isabella Carr was 2-2 at 135, scoring two falls to help with team points.

At 160, Warrenton junior Noel O'Bryan suffered a first round loss, then bounced back with three straight falls. She was one round from placing before a tough loss in consolation Round 5.

Elsewhere, Dom Verley and Libby Rehnert both went 1-2, each contributing bonus fall points at 180.

"Getting knocked from the championship bracket meant a long trip through the consolation side, which is one of the toughest things to do in wrestling," Conant said. "Our girls were true consolation warriors and scrapped for points wherever they could score them."

There were nearly 45 wrestlers in each bracket at 125 and 135, "which is great for girls wrestling in Oregon, but makes for a tough-as-nails tournament," he said.

"This year's state team was the biggest Warrenton has ever had, and has set the bar for next year," Conant said. "The girls should feel proud of themselves and their accomplishments."

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY

Boys basketball — Astoria at Scappoose, 6 p.m.; Seaside at Banks, 6 p.m.; Warrenton at Oregon Episcopal, 6 p.m.; City Christian at Knappa, 7:45 p.m.; Jewell at Perrydale, 7 p.m.; Washington School for the Deaf at Naselle, 7 p.m.

Girls basketball — Astoria at Scappoose, 7:45 p.m.; Seaside at Banks, 7:45 p.m.; Warrenton at Oregon Episcopal, 7:30 p.m.; City Christian at Knappa, 6 p.m.; Jewell at Perrydale, 5:30 p.m.; Washington School for the Deaf at Naselle, 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Girls basketball — Naselle at Willapa Valley, 6:15 p.m.

Boys basketball — Naselle at Willapa Valley, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS WRESTLING

Castle Rock wins Ilwaco Beach Brawl

By **GARY HENLEY**
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ILWACO, Wash. — Castle Rock knocked Ilwaco off the top spot, and made off with the team title in this year's "Beach Brawl," last Friday and Saturday at Ilwaco High School.

The Rockets had four individual champions and scored 189 points to finish first ahead of Ilwaco. The defending champion Fishermen racked up 155 points for second. Rainier was the top Oregon school, placing third.

Other local schools competing included Knappa (10th), Seaside (11th), Warrenton (15th) and Astoria (17th).

Ilwaco had three wrestlers reach the championship finals, with Keegan Kemmer (113 pounds), Ghannon Whelden (126) and Brandon Duke (152) all placing second. Joe Thompson finished third at 120.

Knappa had two wrestlers place third — Jade Somoza at 106 and Isaac Goozee at 182. Somoza was 3-1 for the day, while Goozee finished 2-1.

"The team came through again, doing well with small numbers," said Knappa coach Dan Owings. "Jade Somoza did remarkably well, since she wrestled in the boys bracket."

"Luke (Goozee, who went 3-2 to place fifth at 132) had to wrestle a tough Rainier wrestler and lost to him

once in the championship side and again in consolation," Owings said. "He lost the second time by a 5-4 decision."

For Astoria, senior Juan Jimenez won the individual title at 106.

In the semifinals, he defeated Somoza by technical fall, 19-3. Jimenez faced R.A. Long's Ivan Mendoza in the championship bout, and trailed 2-0 after the first two rounds.

In the third round, Mendoza chose the neutral position which led to Jimenez scoring a takedown and putting Mendoza on his back, resulting in a 5-2 victory for Jimenez.

Fishermen senior Trey Hageman was 3-1 at 160, the most competitive

weight class of the tournament. Hageman opened with pins over Woodroe Kiser of Adna and Noah Martin of Ocosta.

In the semifinals, he faced Wayne Baker of Castle Rock and lost by fall. Hageman bounced back in the third-place tie match, pinning Greg Petit of Ilwaco in the first round.

Team results: Castle Rock 189, Ilwaco 155, Rainier (OR.) 122.5, Adna 119, Mark Morris 99.5, RA Long 97.5, Kelso 95, Neah-Kah-Nie 85, Willapa Harbor 80, Knappa 72, Seaside 70, Lincoln 67, Ocosta 64.5, Toledo/Winlock 62.5, Warrenton 54, Clatskanie 45, Astoria 44.5, Nestucca 26, Life Christian 18.



AP Photo/Luca Bruno

Lindsey Vonn of the United States shows the gold medal she won in the women's downhill at the Vancouver 2010 Olympics in Whistler, British Columbia.

Vonn eyes some unfinished business at 2018 Olympics

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**
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Associated Press

Lindsey Vonn couldn't wiggle her fingers or move her wrist. Understandably, she wanted to be reassured everything would be OK.

A crash during training had left her screaming, then passing out from the pain, on the side of a Colorado mountain, 15 months ahead of the Pyeongchang Olympics. Just one of a series of serious injuries that has interrupted the American's illustrious ski career, this required delicate surgery to insert a plate and more than a dozen screws into her broken right arm while trying to avoid nerve damage.

"She looked up at me: 'Buddy, you're going to fix this, right? You've got this?'" her longtime

sports physical therapist, Lindsay Winger, recalled in a recent telephone interview with The Associated Press. "I confidently said, 'Yes.' But at that point in time, I didn't know if I (could). That was hard from Day One. ... We were putting in almost eight hours a day on that arm, to try and revive the nerve a little bit and get things done as fast as possible. That was a big one."

There have been several big ones for Vonn along the way, no real surprise given that she spends day after day hurtling herself down icy slopes at speeds that can top 75 mph.

"The thing is, everyone asks me if I'm afraid after so many crashes. Do I take my foot off the gas pedal? ... You try to manage risk as much as you want," she said. "But at the end of the day, it's a danger-

ous sport."

Concussions. Broken fingers. Torn ligaments. A fractured ankle.

The lengthy list includes the ripped-up right knee that held her out of the 2014 Sochi Games and prevented her from defending her downhill gold medal from four years earlier, when she also collected a bronze in the super-G.

"Eight years has been a very long time. Obviously, I was very ... disappointed and devastated and frustrated that I missed Sochi," the 33-year-old Vonn said. "I've been waiting for this for a long time. I'm ready."

So it's only natural that as she looked ahead to the 2018 Winter Games, which open in South Korea on Feb. 9, Vonn voiced one primary concern — and it was not related to making sure her racing would be at its best.

Indians to remove Wahoo logo from uniforms

By **TOM WITHERS**
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CLEVELAND — A smiling reminder of lazy summer days. An ugly depiction of racism.

Beloved by some, reviled by others.

Chief Wahoo — the grinning, wide-eyed, feather-wearing logo that has divided baseball fans and even families in Cleveland — is being tossed from the game.

Major League Baseball announced Monday that starting in the 2019 season, the Indians will no longer have the polarizing Wahoo logo — used by the club since 1947 — on their jersey sleeves or caps.

Following discussions over the past year between Commissioner Rob Manfred and team owner Paul Dolan, the sides agreed that the cartoonish caricature is "no longer appropriate for on-field use."

It's being applauded as a significant step by some Native American groups, who hope the move pushes other major league franchises, like the NFL's Washington Redskins, to abolish logos or change nicknames deemed offensive.

"It's a step in the right direction,"



AP Photo/Tony Dejak

A Chief Wahoo logo is shown on a baseball at the Cleveland Indians team shop in Cleveland.

said Philip Yenyo, executive director of the American Indian Movement of Ohio.

While Yenyo was elated when the AP informed him of Wahoo's diminishing status, he also expressed deep disappointment that the Indians will continue to wear the logo during the upcoming season and sell merchandise featuring the big-toothed emblem.

"I don't understand why they're drawing this out," Yenyo said. "It

doesn't make any sense to me, unless they want to continue to make what's basically blood money. Just make the leap already."

It may be more complicated than that in Cleveland. Although the club won't acknowledge it publicly, there were financial reasons to consider in banning Wahoo. The team will still profit from its use by selling caps, T-shirts and others products featuring Wahoo in the Cleveland area.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Ilwaco boys hold off North Beach

OCEAN SHORES, Wash. — Ilwaco jumped out to a 17-7 lead after one quarter, then had to withstand a big North Beach rally to score a 60-54 win over the Hyaks in a Pacific 2B League boys basketball game Friday.

Daniel Whiting scored 14 points and teammate Reese Tynkila added 12 for the Fishermen, who improve to 10-5 in league play.

Ilwaco girls cruise to win at North Beach

OCEAN SHORES, Wash. — Makenzie Kaech scored 27 points, and the Ilwaco girls basketball team had all the points it would need after just one quarter Friday, in a 67-16 win at North Beach.

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Oregon reaches No. 6 in AP women's basketball poll

NEW YORK — UConn continues to lead the way in The Associated Press women's basketball poll.

The Huskies (20-0) are once again the unanimous No. 1 team, receiving all 32 votes from the national media panel Monday. UConn cruised to easy wins over Memphis and Tulane. Next up is a trip to South Carolina on Thursday to face the No. 7 Gamecocks.

The top five remained unchanged this week with Mississippi State, Baylor, Louisville and Notre Dame following UConn.

DUCKS FLY TOGETHER: Oregon's climb up the poll has reached new heights as the Ducks are No. 6. Oregon has never been ranked that high. Before this season, ninth was the best the team had ever achieved. Oregon hosts Stanford and Cal this weekend in games that could put more room between the Ducks and the rest of the Pac-12.

Pistons land Griffin from Clippers in blockbuster deal

The Detroit Pistons dramatically shook their struggling roster by acquiring one of the NBA's top players in Blake Griffin in a trade with the Los Angeles Clippers.

The deal for the five-time All-Star forward was announced early Tuesday, giving Detroit a player who has been the face of the Clippers but whose career has been undercut by injuries.

Detroit sent forward Tobias Harris, guard Avery Bradley and center Boban Marjanovic to Los Angeles, with the Clippers also receiving draft picks. Detroit also acquired forward Brice Johnson and center Willie Reed.

— *Associated Press*