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Warrenton Wrestling

The Warrenton girls wrestling team, following their fourth place finish in the Jefferson Open in Portland.

Busy weekend for Knappa, Warrenton grapplers

By **GARY HENLEY**
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The Knappa and Warrenton wrestling teams took part in the Clatskanie Winter Classic, held Saturday at Clatskanie High School.

Warrenton placed fifth and Knappa was sixth in the nine-team invitational.

Rainier won the team title with 178 points, well ahead of Vernonia (137.5), St. Helens (135), Ilwaco (125), Warrenton (78) and Knappa (75.5).

"We didn't finish very far out from the top teams, and were missing a few wrestlers, but this was a great chance to keep getting better," said Warrenton coach Corey Conant, "and a bunch of our wrestlers took that opportunity."

For the second tournament in a row, Warrenton's Armin Rodriguez and Giovanni Martinez made the finals.

Rodriguez came up short in the title match at 126 pounds, and Martinez settled for second at 152.

"Armin has made some quality adjustments to his style lately, and it has been paying off," Conant said. "He beat a very good wrestler to make it to the finals and wrestled well in his finals match, but came up short. I know Armin is not satisfied with second place, so we will get back to work."

Martinez "also won some tough matches by being aggressive when he needed to, and wrestling smart," Conant said. "He won a close match, then capitalized in the semifinal and pinned a good wrestler to make it to the final."

Also scoring points for the Warriors were Austin Atwood (third at 120), Tyler Barefoot (fourth, 106) and Josh Niehuser (fourth, 145).

The Loggers had one individual champion in the girls' bracket, as Shadia Somoza went 5-0 and won the title at 120 pounds. Teammate Lakota Schaeffer was second at 110, and Jade Somoza was 4-1 for third at 115.

The Knappa boys had two second-place

wrestlers, both from the same family.

Luke Goozee went 1-1 to take second at 138, and Isaac Goozee was also 1-1 to finish second at 220.

Placing fourth for the Loggers were Jacob Morey (120), Robert Piña (126) and Nathan Hoikka (160).

"Shadia had a good tournament, pinning all five of her opponents," said Knappa coach Dan Owings. "Jade lost one match and pinned her other four matches in the first round."

Luke Goozee "had a thrilling match in the finals, losing by a decision in the final round," he said. "He lost to a wrestler that beat him earlier in the year from Ilwaco. He was leading going into the last round, but didn't hold on," losing a 12-11 decision.

Isaac Goozee lost in the finals to an opponent from Rainier.

The Warriors and Loggers compete Jan. 11-12 in Seaside's Pac Rim Invitational.

Team scores: Rainier 178, Vernonia 137.5, St. Helens 135, Ilwaco 125, War-

renton 78, Knappa 75.5, Corbett 63, Clatskanie 36, Wahkiakum 18.

Warriors in Portland

Meanwhile, Warrenton had other wrestlers competing Friday in Portland, where the Lady Warriors took part in the Jefferson Open and placed fourth out of 14 scoring teams.

Warrenton junior Jade Freniere won the 235-pound bracket with two falls.

Junior Brianna Quaschnick was 4-1 to place third at 155, and senior Libby Renhert took third at 190. Madison Kadera placed fourth at 115.

"Brianna wrestled the max number of matches and really had to work," Conant said. "She is learning more and more each week and we were proud of her this weekend."

"We took some knocks and wrestled some top competition, but our team is getting tougher all the time. They have responded really well to some challenging matchups and situations."



AP Photo/Tony Avelar

Oregon Ducks quarterback Justin Herbert (10) throws a pass during the first half of the Redbox Bowl NCAA college football game Monday in Santa Clara, Calif.

Herbert sparks Oregon past Michigan State 7-6 in Redbox Bowl

By **MICHAEL WAGAMAN**
Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Justin Herbert did just enough to keep his streak intact for consecutive games with a touchdown pass. Make it an impressive 28 and counting for Oregon's quarterback, the longest active streak in the nation among FBS schools.

That it turned out to be the Ducks lone score in their 7-6 win on Monday over Michigan State in the Redbox Bowl only emphasized why coach Mario Cristobal was smiling after Herbert's decision earlier this month to bypass the NFL draft.

Herbert shook off a sluggish day and threw a 28-yard touchdown pass to Dillon Mitchell in the fourth quarter, and Oregon held on after Michigan State botched a field goal attempt.

"We felt like it was going to be that kind of game just watching them on defense," Cristobal said. "We kept battling and battling. You take a victory whether it be one point, two points or 50 points. These guys found a way to get it done."

Herbert passed for 166 yards and extended his streak on a day when the Ducks' offense mostly sputtered.

"We kind of just shot ourselves in the foot the first few drives, and guys kind of settled down and making plays," Herbert said.

Oregon (9-4) crossed midfield only three times and couldn't get into the end zone until Herbert found Mitchell in the right front of the end zone for the deciding score. The Ducks' defense held up from there but

got some help from Michigan State's special teams.

The Spartans were lined up for a 50-yard field goal attempt when quarterback Brian Lewerke, who doubles as the holder, bobbled the snap, then attempted to run before hurriedly throwing an incompleteness near the sideline.

"It's one that I have to come up with," Lewerke said. "The ball kind of hit my hand on top of the ball. I tried to make something happen. That's what happens."

After Michigan State's defense forced a three-and-out on the following possession, the Spartans took over at their own 42, but Lewerke's long pass on 4th-and-12 was knocked down by Oregon cornerback Thomas Graham.

Lewerke completed 22 of 40 passes for 172 yards with one interception. It's the third time in four games that Michigan State (7-6) has failed to score a touchdown.

Running back LJ Scott ran for 84 yards on 24 carries, ending his injury-riddled season on a high note after being limited to five games. The senior running back declined to redshirt this year and declared for the NFL draft in early December.

Matt Goglin kicked a pair of 34-yard field goals but he also missed one from 50.

"We never got that bust-out play," Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio said. "You're not going to win many games scoring six points."

It was Oregon's first bowl victory since beating Florida State in the 2015 Rose Bowl.

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