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## Local wrestlers perform well in Oregon Classic

### Knappa youth win big

By **GARY HENLEY**  
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The North Coast sent a number of wrestlers to central Oregon over the weekend to compete in the Oregon Classic, a three-day tournament for all ages at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds in Redmond.

The boys' and girls' teams from Warrenton finished tied for seventh in their respective brackets of the dual meet championships, while Knappa had three wrestlers score big points for Knappa Kids Wrestling.

Warrenton competed in Pool 3 of the Class 3A high school round-robin tournament, where the Warriors scored a 40-37 win over Riverside in Round 1, lost to Scio 56-18 in the second round, then defeated South Umpqua 48-24 in Round 3 to finish second in their pool.

In the championship bracket, Warrenton lost its opener to Burns (66-18), dropped a 72-9 decision to La Pine, then finished in a tie for seventh (out of 16 teams) with Rainier.

"Triston Scott (heavyweight) went 4-1, and his pin in the Riverside dual clinched it for us," said Warrenton coach Corey Conant. "He really turned it on and took care of business. He is turning a competitive corner and is beginning to expect to win."

Warrenton has dual meets with Dayton and Taft (Thursday at Dayton), then takes part in Ilwaco's annual "Beach Brawl" on Saturday.

The Warrenton girls placed fourth in Pool A of the dual meet girls' tournament, with a 30-18 loss to 5A Thurston, a 42-6 loss to 6A Century, and a 36-12 loss to 5A Hood River Valley.

The Lady Warriors ultimately finished the championship bracket in a seventh-place tie with 5A Hillsboro.

"It was the first time there was a team tournament for the girls, and we were honored to

compete," Conant said.

The Lady Warriors had to wrestle schools from the 5A and 6A levels, "and fought hard," Conant said. "We even tied second-place Bend, 24-24, but lost on the seventh tiebreaker."

Still, "it was awesome to see our girls wrestle under the big lights," he said. "Jade Freniere (190 pounds), Brianna Quaschnick (155 pounds) and Isabella Carr (145 pounds) all scored big wins. We look forward to coming back next year and improving on our finish."

For now, the Warriors are "setting our sights on the girls' North Regional state qualifier," Conant said, Feb. 2-3 at Liberty High School in Hillsboro.

Overall, "we learned a ton this weekend and we're proud of the way we responded when faced with tall odds," Conant said. "These are really great kids and they represented Warrenton well."

#### Logger wrestlers take fourth

Knappa competed in Pool 1 of the 2A/1A bracket, taking fourth behind Culver, Lowell and Monroe.

In Round 2, the Loggers lost to Lowell, 48-30. In Round 5, Knappa defeated Illinois Valley, 48-30, followed by a 42-36 loss to Monroe.

Knappa finished the day in the 2A/1A consolation bracket, where the Loggers opened with a 54-30 win over Neah-Kah-Nie, before falling in a 54-24 semifinal match to Crane. Grant Union defeated Knappa 48-30 in the third-place match.

Culver was the eventual team champion of the 2A/1A bracket, scoring a 54-24 win over over Glide in the championship dual.

Knappa also had three wrestlers in the Classic Kids youth tournament, held Sunday. And all three — competing for Knappa Kids Wrestling — scored points in the 8U (age 8 and under) Bantam division, with one advancing to a championship match.



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**Wrestlers (from left to right) Axel Barendse, Easton Bartlett and Cutter Barendse showed the strength of Knappa wrestling in this weekend's Oregon Classic in Redmond.**

In the 56-pound weight bracket, Easton Bartlett scored 23.5 team points, as he opened with a 32-second fall over Noah White of Team Bucs Wrestling, followed by a technical fall (15-0) against Jack Simms of Lakeview.

Bartlett continued his roll with a 12-5 decision over Uriah Zable of Askeo International in the quarterfinals, then defeated Jase Whatley of John Day, 9-5, in the semifinals.

In the championship match, David Gonzalez of Yakima Cadet Wrestling topped Bartlett 6-0, giving Bartlett the second-place medal.

Knappa's Cutter Barendse took fifth place in the 70-pound division.

After opening with a loss, Barendse went on a tear, scoring pins over Garrett Lee of Hidden Valley (in 1:24), a 50-second pin against Noah Valencia, and a 22-second pin over Gage Bergh.

A loss to Blake Panuke of Silverton put Barendse in the fifth-place match, where Barendse scored a fall (2:31) over Isaac Toomey of Culver Mat Club, earning Knappa 16 team points.

Elsewhere, Knappa's Axel Barendse scored nine points in the 85-pound division.

### HOOPS ROUNDUP

#### Knappa boys win Logger showdown with Vernonia

Ever since Vernonia scored its upset win over Knappa in last year's state tournament, the Battle of Loggers has not been much of a battle.

Knappa won the first meeting this season 88-66 on Dec. 12. And Knappa completed the season sweep over Vernonia by winning game No. 2 Monday night, 74-44, in a Northwest League boys basketball game at Knappa.

Knappa has won five in a row and nine of its last 10 games, and also has a solid lock on second place in the NWL standings. Knappa improves to 13-5 overall, 8-2 in league.

Timber Engblom led the home Loggers with 21 points in Monday's game, followed by Eli Takalo with 20, as Knappa built a 22-8 lead after one quarter.

It was 36-13 midway through the second period, and 43-17 by halftime.

Knappa coach Paul Isom said his team "came out with a ton of energy tonight, and were able to use our athleticism to get some easy buckets. Timber had 21 and really led the charge defensively."

Knappa will be out to avenge its toughest league loss (at Portland Christian), when the Loggers host the Royals on Wednesday.

#### Vernonia defeats Knappa girls, 53-26

Vernonia freshman Brooklynn Walters scored 21 points and junior teammate (and sister) Jordan Walters added 15, helping the Loggers of Vernonia to a 53-26 win Monday night over the Loggers of Knappa in a Northwest League girls basketball game at Knappa.

Vernonia remains in second place in the Northwest League standings at 8-2, one game behind Portland Christian, which visits Knappa on Wednesday.

Madelynn Weaver led Knappa with 12 points, nine rebounds and three assists, and Hannah Dietrichs scored 10 for Knappa, which was missing three players to injury and another to vacation.

Vernonia led just 11-5 after one quarter, but upped the lead to 43-16 after three quarters.

#### Blanchet cruises by Warrenton girls, 54-20

The Warrenton girls basketball team took a tough test Monday morning, to see how they measured up against Blanchet Catholic, the No. 1-ranked team in the state in the latest 3A girls coaches poll.

And the fifth-ranked Warriors didn't score too well. In fact, Warrenton was held to just five points in the second half of a 54-20 loss to the Cavaliers, who led 26-15 at halftime, then outscored the Warriors 28-5 over the final two quarters.

"We rebounded well, we played good defense ... we did everything well for two-and-a-half quarters except score," said Warrenton coach Robert Hoepfl. "It was very much like the first time we played Salem Academy. But it is what it is. They're a very good team, and we learned some lessons."

The game was part of the "MLK Showcase," a daylong schedule of high school basketball games at Corban University and Chemeketa Community College, featuring top-10 teams from around the state.

In the top 3A girls' games of the day, Blanchet and Warrenton squared off in the Monday morning game at Corban, and Salem Academy defeated Clatskanie 41-40 in an afternoon contest at Chemeketa.

The Warriors trailed Blanchet by just nine points following a score by Warrenton's Fernanda Alvarez late in the second quarter.

But the Cavaliers outscored the Warriors 15-1 in the third quarter, and Blanchet pulled away in the fourth.

Hailey Ostby scored 24 points and Ana Coronado added 19 for Blanchet, while Alvarez led Warrenton with nine points.

The Warriors return to Coastal Range League action tonight at Rainier.

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## Martinez, Rivera, Halladay seem set for Hall election

Associated Press

**N**EW YORK — Edgar Martinez of the Seattle Mariners seems likely to be elected to the Hall of Fame in his 10th and final appearance when voting is announced today.

Martinez received 36.2 percent support in his first ballot appearance in 2010, well short of the 75 percent needed. He rose from 27 percent in 2015 to 43.4 percent the following year, to 58.6 percent in 2017 to 70.4 percent last year, when he fell 20 votes shy of the 317 needed.

"We are trending up, next year may be the year," he tweeted after the 2018 vote.

Martinez hit .312 with 309 home runs in 18 seasons with Seattle. He was tracking at 90.8 percent support this year; players' final totals usually drop by 5-7 percent from the vote-tracker.

Martinez would join 2014 inductee Frank Thomas as the only players in the Hall who played a majority of their games as a designated hitter. David Ortiz is likely to make it three when he becomes eligible in 2022.

New York Yankees relief pitcher Mariano Rivera figures to make quick work of his Hall of Fame ballot appearance, just as he did of opposing batters, and could even set another record: for highest percentage of ballots.

Rivera set the career saves record with 652 in 19 seasons plus 42 more in the postseason. No one has ever been a unanimous Hall of Fame selection. Ken Griffey Jr. holds the mark for the top percentage at 99.32 when he was on 437 of 440 ballots two years ago.

Roy Halladay also appeared headed to election in his first appearance on the Baseball Writers' Association of America ballot. Mike Mussina also could gain the honor, but Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens and Curt Schilling probably



AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

**Seattle Mariners hitting coach Edgar Martinez in 2017.**

will fall short while getting closer.

Halladay's election will be tinged with melancholy. The two-time Cy Young Award winner died in November 2017 at age 40 when the airplane he was piloting crashed into the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Florida. He went 203-104 with a 3.38 ERA in 12 seasons with Toronto and four for Philadelphia.

In 2010, he pitched a perfect game against the Marlins in May, then threw a no-hitter against Cincinnati in the NL Division Series opener — only the second no-hitter in postseason history after Don Larsen's perfect game for the Yankees against Brooklyn in the 1956 World Series.

Six players were inducted last year, included four voted in by writers — one shy of the record set in the first year

of balloting in 1936.

Pitcher Lee Smith and designated hitter/outfielder Harold Baines were elected last month by the Today's Game Era Committee and will be inducted on July 21. Rivera and Smith will increase relievers at Cooperstown by 25 percent to eight, joining Hoyt Wilhelm (1985), Rollie Fingers (1992), Dennis Eckersley (2004), Bruce Sutter (2006), Rich Gossage (2008) and Hoffman.

Including Smith and Baines, 25 people have been voted in since 2014.

Mussina was 39 when he retired after going 20-8 in 2008 and becoming the oldest first-time 20-game winner. He was 270-153 with 2,813 strikeouts in 18 seasons for Baltimore and the Yankees, and had he remained active he had a chance to reach 300 wins and 3,000 strikeouts.

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

**TODAY**  
**Girls basketball** — Tillamook at Astoria, 7:30 p.m.; Warrenton at Rainier, 7:30 p.m.; Jewell at Oregon School for the Deaf, 5:30 p.m.; North Beach at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.  
**Boys basketball** — Tillamook at Astoria, 6 p.m.; Warrenton at Rainier, 6 p.m.; Jewell at Oregon School for the Deaf, 7 p.m.  
**Swimming** — Valley Catholic at Astoria, 4 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

**Girls basketball** — Portland Christian at Knappa, 6 p.m.  
**Boys basketball** — Portland Christian at Knappa, 7:30 p.m.  
**Wrestling** — Astoria/Seaside at Estacada, 5:30 p.m.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Blanchet Catholic 54, Warrenton 20**  
 WAR (20): Fernanda Alvarez 9, Dejesus 4, M.Heyen

3, Bussert 2, Marchello 2, Ramsey, Diego, BC (54): Hailey Ostby 24, Coronado 19, Hittner 4, Salang 4, Phipps 3.

Warrenton 11 4 1 4 — 20  
 Blanchet 15 11 15 13 — 54

### Vernonia 53, Knappa 26

VER (53): Brooklynn Walters 21, J.Walters 15, Hartman 10, Ely 5, Butcher 2.  
 KNA (26): Madelynn Weaver 12, Dietrichs 10, Miller 3, Corcoran 1, McCall, Nicholson, Rilatos, Hellberg.

Vernonia 11 18 14 10 — 53  
 Knappa 5 8 3 10 — 26

### BOYS BASKETBALL

**Knappa 74, Vernonia 44**  
 KNA (74): Timber Engblom 21, Takalo 20, Ramvick 8, Wallace 6, Vanderburg 6, Hoover 5, Phillip 4, Lackey 2, Westerholm 2.  
 Vernonia 8 9 17 10 — 44  
 Knappa 22 21 21 10 — 74