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## Astoria wrestling has middle school state qualifier

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The Astoria Middle School wrestling team took part in a regional qualifier last weekend in Woodburn, and came out with one qualifier for the state meet this Saturday.

The Oregon middle school state meet will also be at Woodburn High School, where Astoria's Will Hofmann will compete in the 275-pound weight class.

Hofmann scored 13 points and finished fourth in his division in the regional qualifier, winning three matches, with two losses.

The Vikings had five other wrestlers who competed, with four scoring team points.

Hofmann — who actually weighs 234, but competes in the 275 division — lost his first match to Jacob Boone from LaCreole Middle School.

He bounced back with three straight wins in consolation. He scored an 8-2 decision over Terin Natividad, also from LeCreole, then pinned Alex Jones of Butternut Creek in 59 seconds.

In the consolation semifinals, Hofmann posted a 5-0 decision against Omar Alvarado of Claggett Creek, but his luck ran out in the third-place match, where Teagen Allen of Cascade won by fall (2:09).

Elsewhere, Astoria teammate Gunnar Olson won his

first match in the championship bracket at 110 pounds (18-2 technical fall over Derek Bond of Scappoose), followed by a loss.

Olson had one victory in consolation, a 53-second pin over Natalie DeLeon of South Meadows.

Astoria's Aiden Giles scored eight team points with two wins in the championship bracket at 175, including a 17-second pin over Angelis Arreguin of Lebanon, and a win by injury default.

Giles lost by fall to Owen Rice of Neil Armstrong in the quarterfinals.

Astoria's Jacob Bandelt (117) had two wins in consolation for 5.5 team points, and Max Bandelt (140)

added one victory in consolation for two points.

Warrenton had 10 wrestlers competing.

Aracin Rodriguez scored 15 points in the 110-pound weight class, where he lost by fall in the third round, then won three straight by pin in consolation.

James Mikkelson added two wins at 132, and teammates David Niehuser (102), Raul Molina (125), Richard Bolanos (132), T.J. Hicks (132) and Kaison Smith (160) all finished with six team points each.

Ryder Sturgell (102) had a win over a Scappoose wrestler, Branden Rinolfson (140) added two points, and Alexander Horrace competed at 195.



Lisa Hofmann

Astoria Middle School wrestler Will Hofmann, following his fourth-place finish in last week's regional qualifier.



AP Photo/Sue Ogrocki

White Sox second baseman Nick Madrigal makes a throw to second base in spring training.

## Polished Madrigal could make quick rise to majors

By JAY COHEN

Associated Press

LENDALE, Ariz. — Listed at 5-foot-7 and 165 pounds, Nick Madrigal doesn't look like a major leaguer. Then he takes the field.

Madrigal was right at home in his first training camp with the Chicago White Sox. He was sent Tuesday to minor league camp, but may not remain there long.

"I feel comfortable out here," he said. "I wasn't nervous at all or anything. I was just excited to be out here, kind of just back on the field. That was the longest offseason I had ever in my life."

Madrigal was selected by the White Sox with the No. 4 pick in last year's amateur draft and signed for a bonus of just over \$6.4 million. The second baseman then led Oregon State to the NCAA title before playing 43 games in Chicago's minor league system, finishing at Class-A Winston-Salem.

Madrigal made a smooth transition to pro ball, showing off his impressive approach at the plate by hitting .303 with more walks (seven) than strikeouts (five). Whether he returns to Winston-Salem or begins the season with Double-A Birmingham, he could make his major league debut at some point this summer.

"He's a very polished player," White Sox manager Rick Renteria said. "I think now it's probably just experience, you know, getting to play professional base-



AP Photo/Darron Cummings

Nick Madrigal signed for \$6.4 million.

ball at a different level, allowing his skills to play and you know, as we mentioned before, guys like that, if they put it together they move pretty quickly. They pretty much tell us where they should be. We're hoping that he's one of those guys.

"He's very calm, very collected, very confident, quietly confident. And we hope that plays well, it should play well for him."

It has played well for Madrigal all his life, from his prep career at Elk Grove High School near Sacramento, California, all the way through to his time with the Beavers.

"Throughout my life I've always played in the biggest games," said Madrigal, who turns 22 on March 5. "I've won at every single level I've ever been at, going back to high school, I mean even Cal Ripken league. I've played in the biggest games that I could possibly play in and I plan on continuing to do that moving forward."

Madrigal was drafted by Cleveland in the 17th round coming out of high school, but he decided to go to Oregon State. He hit .367 with three homers, 34 RBIs and 15 steals during his final season with the Beavers, rebounding nicely after being sidelined by a broken left wrist.

Madrigal was among three Oregon State players to go in the first round last year, joining outfielder Trevor Larnach and shortstop Cadyn Grenier. He said his experience in Corvallis plays a huge role in how he approaches the game.

"I was very grateful for all the stuff they taught me at Oregon State," he said.

One of the biggest concerns about Madrigal is his lack of power. He had only seven extra-base hits during his first stint in the minors last year.

Getting stronger was one of Madrigal's biggest offseason goals. He hit the weight room while he anxiously waited to play ball again.

"Baseball's been my life, no matter if we're in season or out of season," he said. "When you don't play that many games, you're ready to get back to it."

## Washington holds off Oregon State 81-76 in OT

By TIM BOOTH

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Noah Dickerson scored seven of his 22 points in overtime, David Crisp added a key 3-pointer with 48 seconds left in the extra session, and Washington held off Oregon State 81-76 on Wednesday night for its 15th conference victory.

The Huskies (24-6, 15-2 Pac-12) have already wrapped up the regular season conference title and No. 1 seed at the conference tournament next week in Las Vegas. But it was another uncomfortable night for the league champs, being forced to overtime for the first time this season by the Beavers.

Oregon State (17-12, 9-8) struggled to slow Dickerson most of the night and he carried Washington in the extra session, twice scoring over a defender and adding a dunk off a nice feed from Crisp. His basket with 1:42 left gave Washington a 74-69 lead, but Tres Tinkle answered with a 3-pointer to pull the Beavers within 74-72. Crisp hit fourth 3-pointer of the game from the wing to push the lead to five and the Huskies escaped.

Crisp finished with 22 points and Jaylen Nowell added 16. Dickerson also grabbed 17 rebounds.

Tinkle led the Beavers with 31 points, one off his career-high, and scored 19 of the final 22 points for Oregon State in regulation and overtime. Kylor Kelley added 16 points, but Stephen Thompson Jr., who has tormented Washington in the past, was held to nine points on 3 of 10 shooting. Oregon State needs a win over Washington State on Saturday to clinch a first-round bye in the conference tournament.

Washington seemed on the verge of putting the Beavers away after taking a 54-48 lead, only to watch Ethan Thompson score underneath and Zach Reichle complete a 4-point play to pull Oregon State even at 54-all with 7:03 left. Washington pushed the lead back to six but was unable to pull away.

Tinkle scored eight straight points, capped by a deep 3 to pull Oregon State even at 62-all with 2:14 remaining. Crisp answered with a driving layup that counted due to basket interference, but fouled Stephen Thompson at the opposite end and his two free throws kept the game tied with 95 seconds left.

Dickerson scored underneath to put the Huskies back in front, but Tinkle answered while being fouled with 53 seconds left. He was unable to complete the 3-point play and kept the game tied at 66.



AP Photo/Ted S. Warren

Oregon State guard Stephen Thompson Jr. (1) gets a pass off next to Washington guard Matisse Thybulle (4).

## Oregon sinks Washington State 72-61

By RICKY HESTER

Associated Press

PULLMAN, Wash. — Paul White scored 21 points and grabbed six rebounds and Oregon defeated Washington State 72-61 on Wednesday night.

Payton Pritchard added 15 points and seven assists for the Ducks (18-12, 9-8). Victor Bailey Jr. had 14 points shooting 4-5 from 3-point range.

Robert Franks scored 16 points with seven rebounds on 3-of-13 shooting for Washington State (11-19, 4-13). Marvin Cannon added 12 points and seven

rebounds.

Oregon took control of the game with an 11-2 run late in the first half. A 3-pointer from Louis King and back to back 3's from Bailey sparked the run that gave the Ducks a 37-26 lead. Pritchard followed with a layup at the buzzer for Oregon, extending the lead to 11 at the break.

In the first five minutes of the second half WSU committed five turnovers and go scoreless for four minutes. Bailey hit back to back 3's for Oregon within 51 seconds for a 54-39 lead midway through the second half.

### BIG PICTURE

Oregon: With only one game remaining the Ducks look to position themselves in the top four seeds for Pac-12 tournament play.

Washington State: Has now lost four in a row with one game remaining. Since the Cougars are second to last in the Pac-12 standings they have no chance of moving up in seeding for the tournament.

### UP NEXT:

Oregon: At Washington on Saturday.  
Washington State: Home against Oregon State on Saturday.

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

#### Boys basketball

#### 4A state quarterfinals

(at Pacific University)

Today's schedule:

1:30: Marist vs. Banks

3:15: Marshfield vs. Woodburn

6:30: Henley vs. Stayton

8:15: North Marion vs. Seaside