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Warrenton places eight on all-league team

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The team that came up short in the Class 3A baseball state championship in 2019 could be the favorite to win it in 2020.

The Warrenton Warriors had eight players selected to this year's Coastal Range all-league team — one sophomore, five juniors and only two seniors.

Four of the juniors were on the first team, with junior catcher Jake Morrow named as the league's Player of the Year.

John Karns of Rainier was selected as the Coach of the Year, after leading the Columbians to a co-league championship with the Warriors.

Rainier had nine all-league selections, which included six seniors.

Warrenton's other first-team players are juniors Gabe Breitmeyer, Devin Jackson and Austin Little.

Sophomore Duane Falls and senior Dalton Knight were named second team, with junior Alec Herrera and senior Kale'o Kapua earning honorable mention.

Warrenton's league Players of the Year since 1994: Todd Kobrzycki (1994), Ben Hartley (1996), Brian Bruney (1999-2000), Dan Gates (2001), Tyler McGrorty (2003), Nate McBride (2004), Michael Moore (2008), Reese Johnson (2011), Jake Morrow (2019).



Warrenton catcher Jake Morrow was the first Warrior baseball player named league MVP since 2011.

COASTAL RANGE ALL-LEAGUE

Player of the Year: Jake Morrow, Warrenton

Coach of the Year: John Karns, Rainier

First team

Jake Morrow, Jr., Warrenton
Gabe Breitmeyer, Jr., Warrenton
Austin Cantrell, Sr., Rainier
Eli DeMello, Jr., Taft
Tyee Fisher, Sr., Taft

Devin Jackson, Jr., Warrenton

Jordan Kangas, Jr., Rainier
Cody Knott, Sr., Taft
Austin Little, Jr., Warrenton
Kaleb Reid, Sr., Willamina
Joey Tripp, Sr., Rainier
Cade Warren, Jr., Clatskanie
Jackson Young, Sr., Catlin Gabel

Second team

Nick Colton, Sr., Willamina
Dawson Evenson, Jr., Clatskanie

Duane Falls, So., Warrenton

Trent Fisher, Jr., Taft
Wyatt Hoke, Sr., Catlin Gabel
Logan Keizur, Sr., Rainier
Bleiz Kimbrough, Sr., Taft
Dalton Knight, Sr., Warrenton
Braden Marcum, So., Rainier
Luke Roth, Sr., Clatskanie
Kenney Tripp, Fr., Rainier
Kellen Woodcock, So., Catlin Gabel

Honorable mention

Hunter Boulch, Sr., Rainier
Tanner Chapman, Sr., Rainier
Jonathan Edelman, Sr., Catlin Gabel
Foster Evenson, Sr., Clatskanie
Mike Hart, Fr., Catlin Gabel
Nick Hawk, Sr., Willamina
Alec Herrera, Jr., Warrenton
Kale'o Kapua, Sr., Warrenton
Fco Ramos, So., Taft
Jayden Robb, Sr., Rainier



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Warrenton infielder Austin Little was one of four Warriors named first team all-league.



F2W

Warrenton's Jacoby Marshall, left, battles with Joey Meador of Portland in a jiu-jitsu match.

Marshall tops Meador in Portland showdown

By GARY HENLEY
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Warrenton's Jacoby Marshall won a one-match Brazilian jiu-jitsu showdown last Friday in Portland, where he defeated Portland's Joey Meador in the purple belt division as part of a "Fight to Win" (F2W) promotional event at the Oregon Convention Center.

"It was a great show," Marshall said. "For the first time in five years, I think the promotion came to a new city. I applied under the direction of my professors, Nathan and Zachary Adamson, a few months back and never heard anything."

Eventually, Marshall said, "I had a message from Seth Daniels (CEO and promoter of F2W) asking if I wanted to accept a fight with Joey Meador at 215 pounds. I gave him a thumbs up right away, even though I really had no clue what I was getting in to."

Marshall, 38, had to drop some pounds to make weight to battle against Meador, 26.

"I knew I could recover from a cut to 215," Marshall said. "I walk around at 227-230, but I train five to six days a week."

As fight time neared, however, "I had to worry about ticket sales and sponsorships



Jacoby Marshall

Warrenton's Jacoby Marshall is declared the winner following Friday night's match in Portland.

and that dreaded weight cut," he said. "I knew at weigh-ins I had the advantage of experience and I knew I was in fantastic shape."

"I am sure Joey is the big guy at his gym who scares people or intimidates folks, so he probably has the same struggles as I do getting training partners to prepare for a big stage."

But, Marshall said, "I was super lucky to have a great team with amazing training partners that were willing to come in and train at any time. We also have had some high-level instructors in the area helping me work on my game plan."

As for Friday's six-minute match, "I did nearly every-

thing I set out to do," Marshall said. "I pulled guard and set up my 'Lasso.' I maintained control throughout the entire match. (Meador) did what the promoters said not to do. He clamped down my leg in a 'lock down' position and stalled out about three minutes of the match."

Marshall maintained control the entire fight, "and it came down to the referee's decision. I bested him two/three."

Marshall spent the spring as an assistant baseball coach at Warrenton, which played for a state title the previous Saturday.

"Mixing in trying to win a state title made camp a little more interesting," he said.

Summer season opens Saturday

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The 2019 summer season opens Saturday for local junior (17-and-under) baseball teams, in a two-day, four-team tournament at Warrenton.

Games begin at 10 a.m. both days.

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

10 a.m. — Astoria vs. Warrenton
12:30 — Santiam Christian vs. Warrenton
3:00 — Knappa vs. Santiam Christian
5:30 — Astoria vs. Knappa

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

10 a.m. — Astoria vs. Santiam Christian
12:30 — Santiam Christian vs. Warrenton
3:00 — Knappa vs. Astoria
5:30 — Knappa vs. Warrenton



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