

SPORTS



Warrenton Wrestling

The Warrenton Warriors celebrate a fourth-place team finish at the Oregon Wrestling Classic in Redmond.

Local wrestlers compete in Oregon Classic

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The Warrenton boys wrestling team took part in the Oregon Classic, held Friday and Saturday at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds in Redmond.

The two-day event — canceled last year — serves as the dual meet state championship. Warrenton also missed the 2020 event due to weather, so the No. 6 seed Warriors made up for lost time this year with dual wins over Sutherlin, along with No. 2 seed Rainier and Yamhill-Carlton, both league rivals. Harrisburg topped the Warriors 44-30 in a semifinal, and Burns defeated Warrenton 47-30 in the third-fourth place match.

“We had some close ones that could have

gone either way, but they mostly went Burns’ way,” said Warrenton coach Corey Conant. “Our losses are a giant opportunity to get better as individuals and as a program. It is never a good feeling to end on a loss, but fourth place is the best we have finished at the classic in recent memory, and our team can be proud of their efforts and growth as a team so far this year.”

Warrenton’s wins over the Columbians and Tigers both came down to the upper weights, where Josh Smith pinned his opponent from Rainier at heavyweight for a 47-36 team win.

Against Yamhill-Carlton, Warrior juniors Raul Molina and Brandon Runolfson “stepped in and performed very well while scoring points for the team,” Conant said. “The rest

of our wrestlers bumped up a weight class, so we were able to keep our lineup intact and dangerous. Our depth is a luxury that not a lot of 3A teams have.”

Warrenton’s Alex Tapia received a forfeit at 195, freshman Kaison Smith pinned his opponent at 220 and Josh Smith won to finish off the win.

“Our guys were terrific for each other all weekend,” Conant said. “Nobody let anyone stay down, and our seniors proved their leadership qualities over and over again. They led in their aggressive wrestling, but also after the matches, in huddles and on the bench. We have a lot of technique and strategy that we need to keep improving on, but they are as fearless a group of wrestlers as I

have coached.”

Young Knappa wrestlers place

The Knappa kids wrestling team sent six youth wrestlers to the Oregon Classic, with four placers.

Knappa’s Mina Myers took third in the girls 10U 65-pound division — the first Knappa wrestler to place in the classic’s girls division.

Elsewhere, Easton Bartlett was third in the 10U 77-pound weight class; Carl Isom placed fifth (8U, 43 pounds); and Sitka Myers was sixth (12U, 135 pounds).

Other Knappa competitors included Gary “LG” Newberry (8U, 49 pounds) and Tanner Delay (8U, 53 pounds).

Knappa boys sink the Pirates, 66-32

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In the first of two meetings between the Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates and the Knappa Loggers over the next couple days, the Loggers — even on an off-night — pounded the Pirates 66-32 in a Northwest League boys basketball game in Rockaway Beach on Monday.

The Loggers missed their first 14 3-point attempts, and finished the first half 0-for-11, but still held a 33-15 lead at the break. Knappa turned an early 4-2 deficit into a 24-8 lead late in the first quarter. The Loggers also missed 11

free throws over the second and third quarters. But, as always, numerous blocked shots and offensive rebound baskets by the Morrill brothers (Carter and Logan) helped Knappa build an eventual 56-24 advantage going into the fourth period.

The Loggers finished 4-for-19 from the 3-point line, as Nicolai Ogier and Raymond Ramirez both hit two treys off the bench in the second half, which finished under a running clock.

The No. 3-ranked Loggers improve to 10-1 overall, while the Pirates fall to 3-2.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Neah-Kah-Nie tops Knappa, 34-25

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Still looking for their first league win of the season, the Knappa girls basketball team will have to wait a little longer, as Neah-Kah-Nie escaped with a 34-25 win over the visiting Lady Loggers in a Northwest League game Monday night.

Knappa’s one lead of the game was at 12-11, following consecutive scores from Taylin Regier and Taryn Barendse. The Pirates answered with a 6-0 run, and never trailed again.

Knappa was still within 23-19 midway through the fourth quarter, before a 5-0 run by Neah-Kah-Nie put the game out of reach.

Warrenton teams split with Riverdale

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Riverdale had the hot hand from the outside Tuesday night at Warrenton, where the Mavericks hit five 3-pointers over the first three quarters on their way to a 48-33 non-league girls basketball win over the Warriors.

Riverdale’s Jolynn Tripi and sophomore Cosette Milla hit two 3-pointers apiece, and Milla finished with a game-high 20 points for Riverdale, 8-6 overall. Avyree Miethe led Warrenton with 15 points.

Riverdale led 22-6 following two treys from Tripi, before Warrenton’s London

O’Brien and Jamie Annat hit back-to-back three’s and fought back to within 22-14.

Warriors 57, Riverdale 33

In the boys game, Riverdale played Warrenton close for two-and-a-half quarters, before the Warriors pulled away late in the third quarter for a 57-33 win, snapping a two-game losing streak.

Warrenton’s Dawson Little scored 14 of his game-high 28 points in the fourth quarter.

Now 5-7 overall, Warrenton returns to league play Friday at Taft (3-12), followed by a big showdown on Tuesday at home vs. Rainier.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

Girls Basketball — Neah-Kah-Nie at Knappa, 6 p.m.

Boys Basketball — Neah-Kah-Nie at Knappa, 7:45 p.m.

Swimming — Tillamook at Astoria, TBA

FRIDAY

Boys Basketball — Tillamook at Astoria, 6 p.m.; Warrenton at Taft, 5:30 p.m.; Jewell at St. Paul, 7 p.m.

Girls Basketball — Tillamook at Astoria, 7:45 p.m.; Warrenton at Taft, 7:30 p.m.; Jewell at St. Paul, 5:30 p.m.

BASKETBALL

COACHES POLLS

4A Boys

(First place votes in parentheses)

1. Junction City Tigers (6) 92

2. Marshfield Pirates (3) 88

3. Cascade Cougars (1) 79

4. Philomath Warriors 65

5. Seaside Seagulls 59

6. Stayton Eagles 55

7. La Grande Tigers 22

8. Banks Braves 21

9. Henley Hornets 18

10. Woodburn Bulldogs 10

10. Corbett Cardinals 10

Others: Marist Catholic 8.

2A Boys

1. Western Christian (3) 91

2. Knappa Loggers (5) 81

2. Salem Academy (1) 81

4. Jefferson Lions 63

4. Kennedy Trojans 63

6. Illinois Valley Cougars 49

7. Regis Rams 29

8. Bandon Tigers 27

9. Heppner Mustangs 24

10. East Linn Christian 21

Others: Sheridan 11.

Oregon startup investment doubles

By MIKE ROGOWAY
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Oregon entrepreneurs netted a cash windfall last year, raising \$1.6 billion in venture capital for their young companies, according to new industry data. That’s the most in state history by a wide margin and nearly doubles Oregon startups’ haul from 2020.

Nearly half of Oregon’s venture funding in 2021 went to just two businesses: Dutchie, a Bend company with technology to help manage marijuana businesses; and NuScale, a Portland company that is developing a new class of nuclear reactor based on innovations pioneered at Oregon State University.

Oregon’s investment totals mirrored a broader boom in

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venture funding, according to PitchBook and the National Venture Capital Association, which tallied the latest numbers.

They reported that venture capitalists invested \$330 billion nationwide in 2021, also roughly double the prior year’s total.

“A fair portion of the new investment records can be attributed to the record levels

of capital washing through the system,” said John Gabbert, CEO of PitchBook, a Seattle-based investment research firm.

Venture capital is outperforming other investment options, Gabbert said, so he forecast another record year nationally in 2022. That doesn’t necessarily mean another big year for Oregon, since so much of Oregon’s funding was concentrated with two companies that raised unusually large amounts.

Venture investment has seldom been a major part of Oregon’s economy in the way it is in Seattle or the Bay Area, which routinely sprout big new companies out of thin air. But there are signs that Oregon may again be growing large businesses.

To test? Or not to test? WHEN TO GET A COVID-19 TEST

You’ve had a known COVID-19 exposure but don’t have any symptoms. What’s next?

If you were fully vaccinated with Pfizer or Moderna or had their booster within the last 5 months OR you received the initial J&J dose within the past 2 months:

- 🕒 Testing is recommended at day 5.
- 👤 Wear a mask around others for 10 days. No quarantine needed.

If you were fully vaccinated with Pfizer or Moderna more than 5 months ago or have not had their booster within the last 5 months OR you received the initial J&J dose more than 2 months ago:

- 🏠 Quarantine at home for 5 days.
- 🕒 Testing is recommended at day 5.
- 👤 Continue to wear a mask for another 5 days.

Regardless of vaccination status, if you test positive:

- 🏠 Isolate at home for 5 days. You must be fever-free for 24 hours without medication before leaving your home.
- 👤 If symptoms are resolved or improving, continue to wear a mask for another 5 days.



COVID-19 TESTING INFO

Please remember county Emergency Rooms and Urgent Care Clinics are for treating emergencies and illnesses. We need to keep them open for those who need care. **They are not the place** for people simply looking for COVID testing.

If you need a COVID test or are wondering where to get one, please call the Clatsop County Public Information Call Center at 503-325-8500. They will triage your case and help you find the right testing resource.