

SPORTS

WARRENTON WRESTLERS MOVING UP 3A RANKS

By GARY HENLEY
The Astorian

The Warrenton Warriors are working their way up the ladder of the state's best in 3A wrestling programs.

After a seventh place finish in last season's culminating event, the Warriors left this year's state tournament with a sixth place team finish — its highest placing since coach Dennis Warren led Warrenton to a fifth place showing in 1997-98.

The eastern part of the state showed its strength, as host La Pine racked up 199.5 points to win the team championship, ahead of Burns (166.5) and Harrisburg (110.5), followed by Nyssa (87), Willamina/Falls City (80.5), Warrenton (56.5), Dayton (52.5), South Umpqua (49), Rainier (48) and Pleasant Hill (47) to round out the top 10.

"The three teams from the eastern league ended up being a dominant force, taking three of the top four team spots, nine of the 14 individual titles and having a representative in every final," said Warrenton coach Corey Conant. "We had 10 qualifiers and wanted to improve on our seventh place finish from last year. We did that. Just as we had all season long, we scored points across our lineup, but not enough to lift us into the top tier."

Senior Alex Tapia was the big point-scorer for the Warriors, compiling 17.5 team points at 170 pounds.

After a bye, Tapia scored a technical fall (4:55, 20-3) over Corbyn Jones of South Umpqua in the quarterfinals, then posted a 13-10 decision over La Pine's Cache Montgomery in a semifinal.

In the championship



Corey Conant

Alex Tapia, second from left, scored big points for Warrenton wrestling, finishing second in his weight bracket.

match, Easton Kemper of Burns pinned Tapia in 2:25.

Tapia "showed a huge amount of determination and grit this season," Conant said. "He made the finals at a very tough weight and let it fly. We couldn't be prouder of his growth as a wrestler and as a person. He may be the most widely liked wrestler by teammates and opponents in all of 3A wrestling."

Warrenton senior Parker Greenawald finished fourth at 145 pounds, where, after a bye, he opened with a sudden victory over Irrigon's Jacob Ayala in a quarterfinal, before Kevin Peasley of Burns won by fall over Greenawald.

He went 1-1 in consolation, as Ayala bounced back with a 10-8 decision over Greenawald in the third-

place match.

"Missing nearly all of last year after an injury, Parker emerged as a leader and an example for our younger wrestlers," Conant said.

The Smiths on the Warrenton roster were responsible for most of the remaining points.

In only his third year of wrestling, senior Josh Smith took fourth at 220 pounds, with two wins by fall, over Riverside's Cameron Wittsberger (1:08) in the quarterfinals, and Yamhill-Carlton's Jesse Luttrell in a consolation semifinal (2:20).

Landen Roggenkamp of La Pine pinned Smith in the third place match in 1:46.

Elsewhere, Warrenton sophomore Max Smith took sixth at 160, and freshman

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY
Boys Basketball — 2A quarterfinal: Heppner vs. Knappa, 8:15 p.m., at Pendleton Convention Center

FRIDAY
Boys Basketball — 4A first round: Woodburn at Seaside, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY
Girls Basketball — 4A first round: Astoria at Madras, 3:30 p.m.

Kaison Smith was sixth at 220, as the Warriors will have plenty of point-scoring fire power returning next season, when Warrenton wrestling will look to take another step or two up the ladder.

"Max and Kaison were both a match away from placing and will return hungry for more," Conant said. "Freshman Brayden Greenawald at 126 and junior James Mickelson at 170 also won matches at state and will return next year."

He added, "the coaching staff is extremely grateful for all the work and energy that our families and wrestlers put into our team, all season long."

The girls state meet was last week in Culver, where Warrenton sophomore Grace Thoma competed at 100 pounds, going the distance but coming up short in both matches, as Warrenton's second-ever female state qualifier.

Knappa's Roe sixth

In the 2A state meet, Saturday at Culver High School, Knappa's Corbin Roe won two consolation matches by fall, then lost a 4-1 decision to Bailey Thompson of Myrtle Point in a consolation semifinal.

Gulls 14th in 4A wrestling meet

The Astorian

In the 4A state wrestling meet at Cascade High School in Turner, Seaside scored 39 points to finish 14th and Astoria had seven points for 29th.

La Grande (275.5 points) won the team title, ahead of Sweet Home (250.5) and Tillamook (187), with Banks eighth.

Everett Rollins had to wrestle six times to score 22 points for the Gulls.

Competing at 160 pounds, Rollins scored a major decision over Baker's Ryan Brown in the first round, before a loss in the quarterfinals.

Rollins bounced back with four straight victories

— a 38-second fall over North Marion's Roberto Ibarra; a 16-3 major decision against Eli Bisenius of La Grande; a fall (4:47) vs. Tillamook's Gilbert Whitlatch; and Rollins won the third-place match by injury default over Sweet Home's Ethan Spencer. Rollins was the victim of an illegal throw and ended up in the emergency room, but is expected to recover.

Seaside's Lawson Talamantez won three and lost two at 220, scoring a pin over Mishael Mauch of Banks in the fifth-place match.

Astoria's Will Hofmann was 2-2 on the mat to score seven points for the Fishermen.



Rachel Rollins

Seaside's Everett Rollins wrestled his way to a third-place finish at 160 pounds.

OBITUARIES

Ruth Cotter Pratt

Warrenton

Sept. 28, 1931 — Feb. 20, 2022

Ruth Pratt, 90, died peacefully in her sleep on Feb. 20, 2022, at home in Warrenton.



Ruth Pratt

She was born in Bandon, along with her twin brother, Richard Elson Doyle, to Elson Leroy Doyle and Edith Cordella Scott.

After marrying Larry Cotter on Halloween, in 1953, they enjoyed vacations with their girls. They later divorced.

Ruth met and married James Pratt at the Warrenton United Methodist Church. James preceded her in death along with her twin brother, Richard, and her "besties" Jessie Wallace and Leila Vernor.

Ruth is survived by her three daughters, Carolyn Roberta Young, of Warrenton, Eileen Collier, and her husband, Gene, of Warrenton, and Sandra Kelley, and her husband, Birchard, of Warrenton; and two sisters, Carolyn Ketchum, of Coos Bay, and Rose Mintzer, of Tillamook. She also has numerous nieces and nephews whom she loved.

Along with her awesome three daughters, she had the joy of five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren: Geoffrey Hitchman and his wife, Aimee, and their daughter, Raegan, of Klamath Falls; Julie Hitchman Dunaway, and her husband, Kraig, and their daughters, Kasadie and Kindle, of Johnson City, Tennessee; Joshua Young, and his wife, Tamara, of Vernonia; Roberta Kelley, of Reno, Nevada; and David Kelley, of Edmonds, Washington. Ruth is also

survived by her cousin, Lolland "Lucky" Schork, of Astoria.

Ruth, and her husband at the time, owned Cotter's Floor Covering in Warrenton in the 1970s, 1980s and early 1990s. They both were avid Booster Club supporters of Warrenton High School for many years.

She was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and volunteered to help with many Masonic gatherings. She was on the Warrenton Planning Commission in the 1980s. In 1981, she was given the "First Citizen" award, along with a letter from U.S. Sen. Mark Hatfield.

Ruth enjoyed following her kids in sports throughout the years. She even got ejected from one of Geoffrey's Little League games. Not sure how Sen. Hatfield would have felt about that.

Ruth was an avid crafter, and made ceramics in the basement of her church, the Seaside United Methodist Church, and made her famous pepper jelly in the kitchen close to heaven, up on the third floor. She was an avid student of the Bible, and attended a weekly Bible study at her church.

Ruth loved her family, including her church family. There will be a memorial service on Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the Seaside United Methodist Church.

Those who wish to remember Ruth in a special way may make gifts in her memory to the Seaside United Methodist Church, 241 N. Holladay Drive, Seaside, OR., 97138.

OBITUARY POLICY

The Astorian publishes paid obituaries. The obituary can include a small photo and, for veterans, a flag symbol at no charge. The deadline for all obituaries is 9 a.m. the business day prior.

Obituaries may be edited for spelling, proper punctuation and style. Death notices and upcoming services will be published at no charge. Notices must be submitted by 9 a.m. the day before publication.

Obituaries and notices may be submitted online at DailyAstorian.com/obituaries, by email at ewilson@dailyastorian.com, placed via the funeral home or in person at The Astorian office, 949 Exchange St. in Astoria.

For more information, call 503-325-3211, ext. 1257.

Follow us on Facebook!

[FACEBOOK.COM/DAILYASTORIAN](https://www.facebook.com/dailyastorian)

SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
50 40	50 40	51 36	52 39	52 38	50 37	49 36
A shower in places	Mostly cloudy	Low clouds breaking	Partly sunny	Low clouds	Showers possible	Showers possible

ALMANAC

Astoria through Tuesday

Temperatures

High/low 56/48
Normal high/low 52/38
Record high 67 in 1947
Record low 22 in 1971

Precipitation

Tuesday 0.37"
Month to date 0.37"
Normal month to date 0.28"
Year to date 19.40"
Normal year to date 18.05"

Forecasts and graphics provided by **AccuWeather, Inc.** ©2022

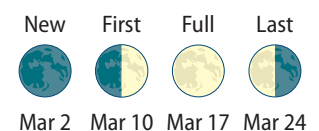
UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: New moon (9:36 a.m.)

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 6:51 a.m.
Sunset tonight 6:04 p.m.
Moonrise today 7:44 a.m.
Moonset today 7:27 p.m.



TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
1:47 a.m.	8.3	7:47 a.m.	1.3	
1:33 p.m.	8.7	8:12 p.m.	-0.5	
Cape Disappointment				
1:23 a.m.	8.2	6:54 a.m.	1.5	
1:08 p.m.	8.8	7:20 p.m.	-0.4	
Hammond				
1:34 a.m.	8.5	7:15 a.m.	1.3	
1:22 p.m.	9.1	7:39 p.m.	-0.5	
Warrenton				
1:42 a.m.	8.7	7:31 a.m.	1.4	
1:28 p.m.	9.1	7:56 p.m.	-0.4	
Knappa				
2:24 a.m.	8.5	8:48 a.m.	1.1	
2:10 p.m.	8.9	9:13 p.m.	-0.4	
Depoe Bay				
12:36 a.m.	8.4	6:23 a.m.	1.5	
12:22 p.m.	9.1	6:48 p.m.	-0.5	

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Fri.
Atlanta	77/52/s	76/52/pc
Boston	37/13/pc	31/22/s
Chicago	34/26/c	43/38/c
Dallas	78/54/s	73/62/pc
Denver	71/42/pc	67/35/pc
Honolulu	81/66/sh	82/65/pc
Houston	76/55/pc	78/59/pc
Los Angeles	72/52/c	56/47/r
Miami	81/69/pc	81/72/s
New York City	44/22/pc	38/28/pc
Phoenix	87/60/c	70/49/pc
San Francisco	58/49/r	54/44/pc
Wash., DC	55/29/c	46/36/pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

City	Today	Fri.	City	Today	Fri.
Baker City	44/29/r	44/30/sn	North Bend	51/40/pc	47/41/c
Brookings	53/41/c	48/40/c	Roseburg	52/41/c	48/42/c
Ilwaco	49/42/pc	50/40/c	Seaside	49/40/pc	51/39/c
Newberg	52/41/c	53/34/pc	Springfield	52/38/c	49/38/c
Newport	48/39/pc	47/40/c	Vancouver	52/41/c	55/36/c