



## McLean, Keillor repeat as Cato champs

*HRV ski team out the gates at 25th and final Cato Memorial Race*

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Lucy McLean successfully defended her (unofficial) title as "Queen of the Cato Race" Saturday at Timberline Lodge, where the Hood River Valley High School senior blew away the competition to win the varsity girls race for a fourth consecutive year. Also defending his title, senior Austin Keillor posted the fastest time of the day to win the varsity boys race for his second year.

The annual Christine Cato Memorial Race is held at the beginning of

each year to kick off the Oregon high school racing season, and although focused around fun, team building and school spirit, the event is also a good way of sizing up competition from the state's seven alpine leagues, most of which won't meet again until the state championships in March.

After a full day of slalom racing, the Eagles finished runner-up in overall boys and girls categories; the boys were just barely edged by West Linn and the girls by Lakeridge for team titles.

"Great conditions, great weather, a great course and a great race," coach Scott Keillor said in summary. "This was the final Cato race. It's been a great event to be a part of and I hope they replace it with something."

After 25 consecutive years, this was the last of a legacy started in 1990, in memory of Christine Cato, a young ski racer from Beaverton who died at Timberline in the summer of 1989, just before her senior year of high school. Although still a race, the "fun" aspect of the event is stressed. Teams are awarded with prizes for most spirit and costumes are judged prior to the race, with many racers electing to keep their costumes on as they fly down the hill. HRV's theme was garden gnomes, which they sported with white bandanas and colorful, pointy caps.

On a more serious side, Keillor and McLean return to the slopes for their final year of high school rac-



Photo courtesy Mike Juliana Photography

**CATO WINNERS:** During the post-race dinner and awards ceremony, Lucy McLean and Austin Keillor, both seniors, pose with a Gnome painted with the UO logo in honor of the Ducks' Rose Bowl appearance the same days as the race. As is tradition with the race, teams wear costumes, and HRV's theme was garden gnomes.

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## Wrestlers roll into busy stretch of season

*Eagles 4-4 at last week's Northwest Duals; team ready for eight events in next two weeks*

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Hood River Valley High School wrestlers stayed busy over the winter break, traveling to Reno for the three-day Tournament of Champions before Christmas and to Westview High last week to close out 2014 with the annual Northwest Duals, which pitted 28 teams against one another for two full days of combat.

With four duals each day, HRV wrestlers had up to eight matches during the weekend, which provided valuable mat time before the few days rest they got for the New Year holiday. The team picks up this week with back-to-back meets on the road; the first Wednesday in Stevenson for the annual Battle for the Bridge dual and the second Thursday when the Eagles get their first shot at Columbia River Conference rivals, the Pendleton Buckaroos.

At NW Duals the Eagles went 2-2 each day for an overall tournament record of 4-4. On Monday the team defeated Cleveland and Lakeridge and lost to West Albany and Snohomish. The following day HRV beat Westview and Lake Oswego and lost to Sweet Home and Glencoe.

Individual highlights (complete results below) include Christian Marquez going undefeated with seven wins, including five by fall, in the 132 and 138 weight classes, Oscar Villegas winning three of three to finish undefeated at 182 and 195 pounds, Steven Swafford winning four of his seven matches and freshman Jason Shaner finishing 5-2 at the 120 and 126 weight classes.

The tournament format consisted of four pools of seven teams, with all teams in their respective pools wrestling one another. Hood River ended up in third place in its pool, with Snohomish finishing first and Sweet Home second. That result put HRV in the third-tier bracket for the final round, where the team finished in a tie for fourth.

### Complete results

(WBF is win by fall, LBF is loss by fall)

■ 106: Justin Lane, 2-4 (forf., forf., LBF, inj., inj., LBF)

■ 113: Angel Jones, 4-3 (6-1 loss, LBF, forf., 9-1 win, LBF, 10-3 win, 7-3 win)

■ 120/126: Jason Shaner, 5-2 (LBF, 4-0 win, 16-4 win, WBF, 27-14 win, WBF, 13-2 win, 9-4 loss)

■ 132/138: Christian Marquez, 7-0 (12-7 win, WBF, WBF, 11-6 win WBF, WBF, WBF)

■ 132/138: Sam Ahrens, 2-5 (WBF, LBF, LBF, LBF, 20-4 loss, WBF, LBF)

■ 145: James Estes, 2-5 (forf., 17-2 loss, forf., LBF, loss, 19-3 loss, 7-5 loss)

■ 152: Chris Castro, 3-3 (5-2 loss, LBF, win by fall, 10-8 win, 10-4 loss, forf.)

■ 152: Derrek Flora, 0-1 (LBF)

■ 170: Ian Rand, 2-1 (8-5 win, WBF, 11-2 loss)

■ 160/170: Trystan Fisher, 1-6 (LBF, forf., LBF, LBF, LBF, LBF)

■ 160/170: Chris Lane, 0-3 (17-8 loss, 16-9 LBF, LBF)

■ 182/195: Oscar Villegas, 5-0 (10-5 win, WBF, forf., 7-3 win, forf.)

■ 182/195: Steven Swafford, 5-3 (12-3 win, 14-3 loss, LBF, LBF, WBF, WBF, WBF, forf.)

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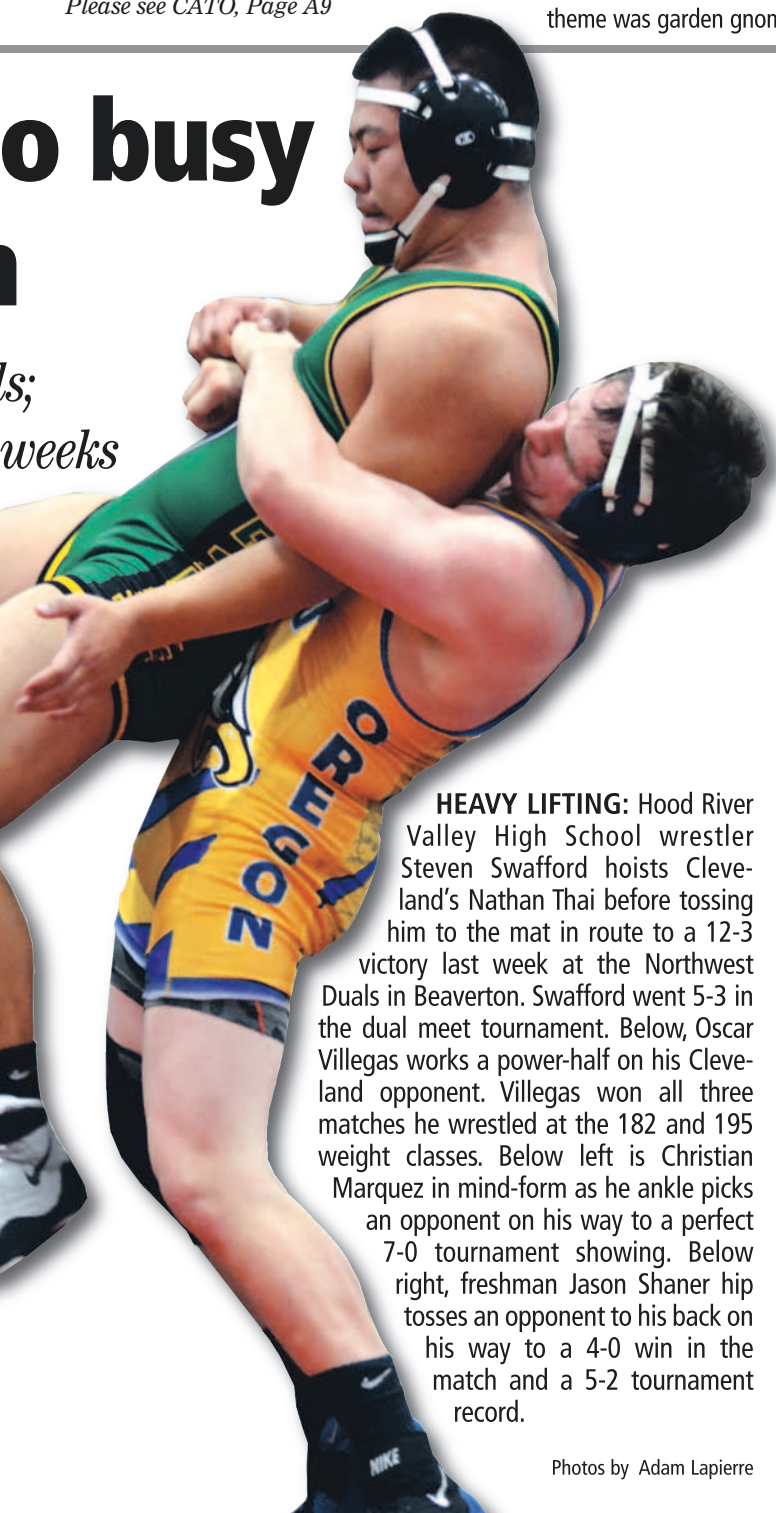
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**HEAVY LIFTING:** Hood River Valley High School wrestler Steven Swafford hoists Cleveland's Nathan Thai before tossing him to the mat in route to a 12-3 victory last week at the Northwest Duals in Beaverton. Swafford went 5-3 in the dual meet tournament. Below, Oscar Villegas works a power-half on his Cleveland opponent. Villegas won all three matches he wrestled at the 182 and 195 weight classes. Below left is Christian Marquez in mind-form as he ankle picks an opponent on his way to a perfect 7-0 tournament showing. Below right, freshman Jason Shaner hip tosses an opponent to his back on his way to a 4-0 win in the match and a 5-2 tournament record.

Photos by Adam Lapierre



### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### An action packed week for prep sports

Hood River Valley and Horizon Christian athletes hit the ground running as they return from winter vacation this week. Here's what's on the docket:

Jan. 6: HRV girls basketball hosted South Albany, (varsity 7 p.m.) while the boys were away against the same school. Horizon basketball also hosted Sherman, girls at 6 p.m. and boys at 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 7: HRV wrestling went on the road to Stevenson to take on the Bulldogs in a cross-river rivalry called Battle of the Bridge. Wrestling started at 7 p.m.

Jan. 8: HRV swimming hosts Hermiston, Pendleton and The Dalles in a home meet at the Hood River Aquatic Center starting at 2:45 p.m. HRV wrestling travels to Pendleton to take on the Buckaroos in the team's first conference dual of the season.

Jan. 9: HRV freestyle skiers are at Meadows for their first event of the season, HRV boys basketball hosts Woodburn (varsity at 7 p.m.) while the girls are on the road against Saint Helens and Horizon basketball is on the road at Dufur.

Jan. 10: HRV swimmers host The Dalles for a meet starting at 10:15 a.m., HRV girl wrestlers are in Kelso for a two-day tournament and boys basketball hosts Heritage, varsity at 6 p.m.

Jan. 12: HRV wrestling hosts a special dual against the Japanese National Team, 1:20 p.m. at HRVHS.

## Mid-season leaders at the Lanes

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We're just about at the mid-season point in league action at Hood River's venerable Orchard Lanes, so as we normally do this at this time in the bowling season, let's see who our top bowlers are right now (all scores are scratch):

#### Men top averages

- 1st: Pat Olson, 217
- 2nd: Roger Montavon, 217
- 3rd: Mark Chabotte, 215
- 4th: Greg McDaniel, 214
- 5th: Gordon Sim, 214
- 6th: Jeff Miller, 213
- 7th: Josh Worth, 212
- 8th: Jeremy Bloom, 211
- 9th: Bryan Mason, 211
- 10th: Dan Wahl, 210

#### Women top averages

- 1st: Nancy Asai, 193
- 2nd: Sandy Holmes, 186
- 3rd: Bernie Keys, 178

#### High series

Men: Pat Olson, 832  
Women: Nancy Asai, 676  
Senior men: Lynn Spellman, 750  
Senior Women: Charlotte Severns, 565

#### High game

Men: Rick Nishimoto, 299; Jeremy Bloom, 299; Pat Olson, 299  
Women: Nancy Asai, 289  
Senior men: Gordon Sim, 268; Lynn Spellman, 268  
Senior women: Polly Bull, 234

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## Wrestlers host Japanese National Team, community invited to Jan. 11 dual

In a unique cultural opportunity, Hood River Valley wrestling hosts members of the Japanese National Wrestling Team for a three day next week as part of the 2014 Oregon Wrestling Cultural Exchange program. The group of 13 wrestlers and three coaches will arrive in Hood River on the

night of Jan. 10 and will home stay with members of the Hood River Valley High School wrestling team.

On Jan. 11, the group will spend a day sightseeing in the area and hanging out with host families. On Monday, Jan. 12 the group will attend the first two periods of school

at HRVHS before a special dual meet between the Japanese team and a selection of HRV wrestlers and three others from outside schools. Members of the public are invited to attend this dual, which will showcase Japan's lineup of all-star wrestlers from across the country (school visitors must

check in at the front office). An opening ceremony at 1:20 p.m. will kick off the dual meet; wrestling starts at 1:30 p.m. and is expected to finish at about 3:15 p.m.

The group will leave Hood River later that evening and will be handed off to members of Prairie High School's wrestling program.