

Wrestlers second at Oregon City

In their final tournament of the season before this weekend's 5A Special District 4 Championships (Friday afternoon and all day Saturday in Hood River), Hood River Valley High School varsity wrestlers traveled to Oregon City on Saturday for a nine-team tournament. The Eagles placed second overall with 223.5 points; Hermiston was first with 304. Individual results are as follows:

Team Results (top five)	Jorge Ortega, 138: 2-2 (WBF, LBF, LBF, 17-12 win)
1st: Hermiston, 304	Jordan Jones, 182: 3-1 (LBF, 8-7 win, 5-2 win, 11-6 win)
2nd: Hood River, 223.5	Steven Swafford, 182: 3-1 (WBF, 4-2 win, 3-1 win, 7-0 loss)
3rd: Lake Oswego, 203	Alex Pedroza, 195: 1-2 (WBF, LBF, LBF)
4th: Oregon City, 200.5	Yoric Infante, 220: 1-1 (LBF, 11-9 win)
5th: Forest Grove, 147	Adrian Ramirez, 285: 2-2 (WBF, LBF, WBF, LBF)
HRV results:	Justin Wilson, 285: 1-2 (LBF, LBF, WBF)
Angel Jones, 113: 1-2 (LBF, WBF, LBF)	Max Lane, 285: 2-1 (4-3 win, LBF, WBF)
Jason Shaner, 120: 3-0 (WBF, WBF, 8-3 win)	
Dylan Peterson, 126: 2-2 (WBF, WBF, LBF, WBF)	
Sam Ahrens, 126: 1-2 (3-2 loss, LBF, injury def.)	
Christian Marquez, 132: 1st, 3-0 (WBF, WBF, 16-1 win)	
Mario Medina, 145: 2-1 (9-7 loss, WBF, WBF)	
Chris Castro, 152: 2-2 (WBF, 7-0 loss, 11-4 loss, WBF)	
Trystan Fisher, 160: 1-3 (WBF, LBF, LBF, 17-12 loss)	
Ian Rand, 160: 2-1 (WBF, LBF, WBF)	
Jesus Gordian, 160: 2-2	

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second half, which is when we usually play our best and we don't have a problem whenever we fall behind. We sometimes prefer it that way so that we have more of a challenge. It sure hurts losing a close game like this though, especially since we could've won."

Utilizing their now familiar up-tempo, quick shooting offensive attack, the Eagles continued firing in threes (11 total). Back-to-back bombs by Stintzi and senior guard Skyler Hunter (12 pts.) narrowed the Buck lead to 24-20 midway through the second quarter. Pendleton then had an 8-0 run to take its largest lead of the game at 32-20 with three minutes, 17 seconds left in the quarter.

"Pendleton is a good team and I just think that they wanted the win a little more than we did," said Hunter. "We're having a good season and we'll just have to continue playing strong and hopefully we'll get a win against Hermiston."

The resilient Eagles came back with an 11-2 run, capped by a Hunter three, to trim the margin to 34-31. Pendleton answered by scoring the final four of the quarter to take a

38-31 halftime lead.

The teams traded baskets throughout the third, with Pendleton holding on to a 47-41 margin after three quarters. The final quarter was packed with excitement as both teams fought tooth and nail for the win. Just 11 seconds into the fourth, the Eagles pulled to within two points on a four-point play by junior guard Noah Noteboom (12 pts.). Noteboom was fouled after connecting on a three from the corner and he sank a free throw to get HRV within 47-45 with 7:49 on the clock.

Pendleton upped its lead to 51-45 with 5:08 left in the game. HRV fought back, slicing the deficit to 57-54 on a clutch three pointer from the top of the arc by Hunter with 2:06 remaining. After Persinger's shot in the post made it 59-54, a Noteboom layup with 38 seconds left

made it 59-56. Ziegner's driving shot in the lane was a huge basket late in the game, trimming it to 59-58.

The Eagles shot 11-for-25 from the three-point line (44 percent), they were 8-for-20 from the field (40 percent) and 9-for-12 (75 percent) from the free throw line.

HRV Girls

The Hood River Valley Eagles girls basketball team (0-4, 5-14) lost a Columbia River Conference game 71-36 to the No. 6 ranked Pendleton Buckaroos Friday in Pendleton. The Eagles played tough in the first quarter, trailing just 21-13 after the first eight minutes. The Bucks (3-1 CRC, 13-6 overall) took control in the second and third quarters, outscoring the Eagles 36-14 to take a commanding 57-27 lead after three. HRV senior Kelsey Wells led the Eagles in scoring with 13 points.

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boys and two girls on the podium. The result put the HRV boys at second in team scoring behind Summit and the HRV girls were third behind Summit and Bend.

Nils Engbersen came in third overall with a time of 14:27, to narrowly beat teammate Daniel Fischer, who finished fifth with a time of 14:33. A tick behind, in sixth, was Jesse Wiley, who put in a time of 14:34. Leif Bergstrom followed in eighth place with a time of 15:10. Muir Emons had a strong 15th place finish (16:35), followed by Elkin Parker in 20th (16:54) and Luke Serra in 21st

(17:10).

Proving the team's great depth against the 60-man field were additional finishers Joey Slover, Jake Bromham, Alex Chadney, Conner Truax, Emmett Becker, Alec Mathews, and Mason McDowell.

On the girls side, in a 50-person field, HRV's top racer was Valerie Fischer, who finished fourth overall in a time of 16:58. Daisy Dolan came in tenth (18:42) and was followed closely by Denali Emons in 11th (18:50) and Lauren Robinson in 12th (19:08). Terri Hewitt, Hannah Hill, Ella Van Cott and Zoe Shepard rounded out the girls finishes.

"HRV has had minimal on-snow time lately, and we know Bend teams have been

running that course all week long," coach Joe Dolan commented. "It was a super technical and challenging course and the HRV team rocked it!"

The team hopes to be able to access snow at Mt. Hood Meadows in the next few weeks in order to prepare for their state meet Feb. 27-28 at Mt. Bachelor.

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As of nomination deadline for the award, Crompton had a 3.93 GPA and had advanced placement history, government, calculus and physics on his resume. Athletically, Crompton was a two-year

captain for the varsity football team and earned all-league honors for his senior and junior seasons. As a senior he scored 16 touchdowns and was the team's leading rusher (444 yards). Crompton is a three-sport athlete and was a varsity letterman his sophomore and junior years for the ski team in winter and the track team in spring.

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