

Youth wrestlers bing home state hardware

A selection of Hood River's toughest young wrestlers were in Parkrose last weekend for the 2015 Oregon Wrestling Association Kids State Folkstyle Championships. After the full day of wrestling, eight local boys found themselves on the podium and two were hailed state champions.

Noah Wachsmuth claimed his fifth straight state folkstyle title, this year in the Schoolboy 105 pound division, while his brother, Jeremiah, claimed his second straight title in the Intermediate 50 pound class. The two brothers were representing the Cobra All Stars club out of Portland.

Representing Elite Edge Wrestling Academy out of Hood River were six podium finishers, highlighted by runners-up Tysen Baker, Cole Cantrell, John-

ny Garcia and Jason Shaner. Complete results are as follows:

Tysen Baker, PeeWee 46-50: 2nd, 2-1 (WBF, 10-0 win, DQ)

Tristin Baker, Bantam 55: 3rd, 6-1 (6-0 win, 10-4 win, LBF, WBF, WBF, WBF, 6-0 win)

Cole Cantrell, Intermediate 70: 2nd, 4-1 (WBF, WBF, WBF, WBF, 7-0 loss)

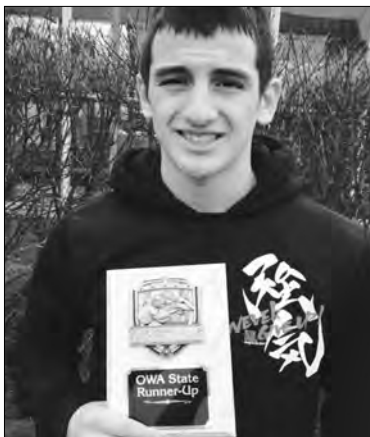
Raul Vega, Novice 85: 6th, 3-3 (2-0 win, 2-0 win, 9-4 win, LBF, LBF, LBF)

Johnny Garcia, Novice 105: 2nd, 3-1 (6-0 win, WBF, WBF, 3-0 loss)

Jason Shaner, Cadet120: 2nd, 5-1 (16-4 win, 13-2 win, LBF, 8-7 win, 10-6 win, 6-2 win)

Jeremiah Wachsmuth, Intermediate 50: 1st, 4-0 (WBF, 7-5 win, 4-0 win, 5-3 win)

Noah Wachsmuth, Schoolboy 105: 4-0 (11-2 win, WBF, 2-1 win, WBF)



STATE CHAMPS (above, from left) Jeremiah and Noah Wachsmuth pose after winning state wrestling titles in their divisions last weekend. At left, HRVHS freshman Jason Shaner finished second at the tournament.

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TEAM

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sive) led by Buckley with six and Kaydin Gibbs, Tyrone Stintzi and Scottie Ziegner with four each. Noah Noteboom had a game-high five assists and Austin Clarke had four to help break up Hermiston's defense and create scoring opportunities, while the team shot 50-percent (7-14) from three-point range, led by Hunter who was four for six and Buckley who was two for two.

Areas of improvement were accentuated in the final quarter, when Hermiston went on a run to cut their deficit from more than 20 down to just ten.

"During the fourth quarter we talked about better ball movement and eating up more of the clock," Noteboom said. "I don't feel like we did a very good job of that. We took quick shots and our defense was lacking. We allowed Hermiston to get to the basket, which

we had not allowed the first three quarters."

After Friday's game at The Dalles (results unavailable as of press time) the Eagles are on the road next week at Pendleton Tuesday and Hermiston Thursday for what will likely be the team's most important week of the season. As of this week, the conference title is still very much up for grabs, and with the top three schools in the conference earning spots in the playoffs, HRV is all but guaranteed its first post-season appearance in many years.

Player highlights:

Dallas Buckley: 16 pts, 6 rbd, 1 steal; Sklyer Hunter 14 pts, 2 rbd, 5 steals; Scottie Ziegner 8 pts, 4 rbd, 2 steals; Kaydin Gibbs 7 pts, 4 rbd, 2 steals; Colin Tegman 4 pts, 2 rbd, 1 steal; Tyrone Stintzi 3 pts, 4 rbd; Zak Ellsworth 2 pts; Clarke 2 pts, 1 rbd and 4 assists; Dan Kuechmann 2 pts, 1 steal; Kam Walker 3 rbd, 1 assist; Noah Noteboom 2 rbd, 5 assists, 2 steals, 4 deflections

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league action at Hood River's Orchard Lanes. He started in the Monday night Industrial league by rolling a mighty fine scratch 639 series that was capped by a nice 246 game. That effort was 96 pins over his average. Then, in the Wednesday afternoon senior Colts and Fillies league, he fashioned a solid scratch 619 set, which was 85 pins over his average. Apparently, just getting warmed up, Len saved his best performance for last. In the Wednesday evening Fraternal league he really got hot, notching a huge scratch 287 game and finishing up with a super scratch 672 series which was 141 pins over his average, the most at the lanes last week.

Joyce Ebersole has also been on a roll lately. She

just missed making the team of the week last time by one single lonely pin. Her left handed slants stayed on the money last week and she didn't miss this time, beating her average by 112 pins in the Colts and Fillies to take the second spot on the team of the week.

Randy Nieto takes the third slot on our fab five this week after a sterling outing in the Industrial where he painted the town with a lofty scratch 656 set that was 107 pins over his average.

It's always a pleasure to welcome a new face to stardom and that's just what we're going to do now for Rita Schneeberg. Rita was a strike machine, terminating the ten pins with her every shot on her way to a beautiful scratch 213 game in the Thursday County league last week. She ended up 87 pins over her average for the three game session, good enough to grab the clean-up spot on the team of

the week.

And, finally, how about this for an anomaly, Nancy Asai, one of our best women bowlers made the team of the week for the first time this season after splashing the sticks with her usual talented aplomb in the Tuesday Nite Mixed league.

Nancy notched a sparkling scratch 663 set that was 84 pins over her average to grab the anchor slot on our big five. It's much more difficult for our high average bowlers to beat their averages by a margin great enough to make the team of the week.



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Athlete of the Week



Noah Wachsmuth

HRV wrestling

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