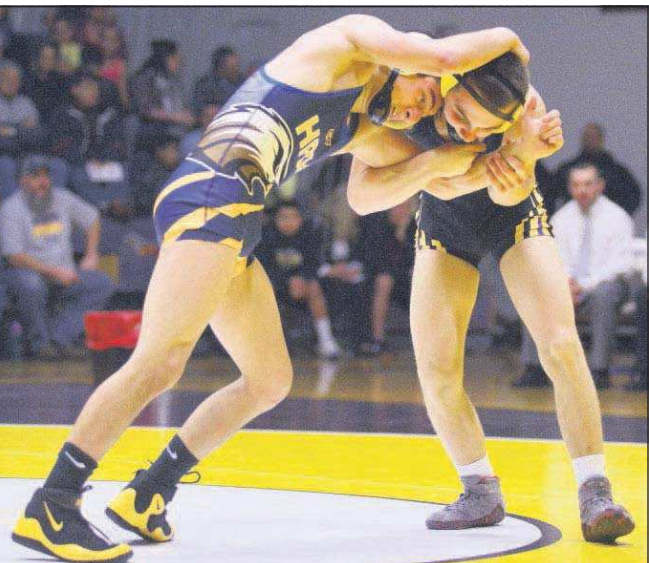




Staff photo by E.J. Harris
Hermiston's Andy Wagner locks up with Hood River's Jason Shaner during the Bulldogs' 72-4 win against the Eagles on Thursday in Hermiston.

DAWGS: Hood River forfeits six matches

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Then after five-straight forfeited matches from Hood River from 132 pounds to 160 pounds, Julio Leiva picked up right where the team left off, earning a 9-4 decision win over Oscar Villegas to put the 'Dawgs up 48-4.

Hermiston then closed out strong with four-straight pins to finish out the dual, with Brock McDonough at 182 pounds, Bob Coleman at 195 pounds, Sam Colbray at 220 pounds, and Beau Blake at 285 pounds to vault Hermiston to the 72-4 win.

All-in-all, Hood River forfeited six matches.

Hermiston has just two meets left in the regular season

before districts begin, and it starts Saturday when they travel to Oregon City for a tournament that begins at 10 a.m.

HERMISTON 72, HOOD RIVER 4
109 — Ryan Zeller (HR) def. Ruben Madrigal by 5-0 dec. (15-4)
113 — Liam Tarvin (HE) pins Noah Wachsmuth, 3:37 (6-4)
120 — Isaiah Aguilar (HE) wins by forfeit (12-4)
126 — Andy Wagner (HE) def. Jason Shaner by 5-0 dec. (15-4)
132 — Jadon Estes (HE) wins by forfeit (21-4)
138 — CJ Hendon (HE) wins by forfeit (27-4)
145 — Will Sharkey (HE) wins by forfeit (33-4)
152 — Valen Wyse (HE) wins by forfeit (39-4)
160 — Devin Bosner (HE) wins by forfeit (45-4)
170 — Julio Leiva (HE) def. Oscar Villegas by 9-4 dec. (48-4)
182 — Brock McDonough (HE) pins Trystan Fisher, 1:36 (54-4)
195 — Bob Coleman (HE) pins Mark Reyes, 1:27 (60-4)
220 — Sam Colbray (HE) pins Max Lane, 1:39 (66-4)
285 — Beau Blake (HE) pins Justin Wilson, 4:37 (72-4)

BOUNCIN' CANCER: All proceeds stay local

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Even for those with medical insurance, the hidden costs of battling cancer can be crippling.

With that in mind, Nixyaawii Community School Athletic Director Aaron Noisey was faced with a tough decision recently.

For the past seven years his school had teamed with Echo High School for Bouncin' Cancer, an event that raises money for cancer charities and had grown in recent years to include other schools and a tournament-like format with basketball at the center.

But when the other schools that had participated declined to get involved this season, Noisey thought it might be the end of an event that raised more than \$40,000 to date.

"It was kind of disappointing for the other schools to pull out and we almost canceled the event," he said. "But we thought, 'You know what? This is a great cause and it helps a lot of people out.' So we went ahead with it."

That decision was made about a month ago, and after securing Echo's partnership once again, Noisey scrambled to find local businesses willing to donate raffle items. The response, Noisey said, has reinforced his belief that Bouncin' Cancer is not only a worthwhile endeavor, but one the local community wants to keep going and supports.

Noisey was able secure raffle items from businesses like Wildhorse Resort & Casino, Cayuse Technologies, Airport Antiques & The Furniture Lady, Sorbenots Coffee, Sundown Bar and Grill, and several individual donors, that will be raffled off at tonight's girls and boys basketball games at Nixyaawii.

Cost of admission is \$5 with no exceptions, which will be added to the pot with all proceeds going to Friends of Pamela Faye, an organization that will disperse funds

as needed to local cancer patients to cover non-medical expenses associated with their cancer battle.

"The family of the patient or themselves will contact the organization and then the organization will make sure they receive a gas card or a meal card or whatever it may be," Noisey said. "All the money goes back to local cancer patients. We don't keep any of the money for anything at all."

Other ways funds are being raised for Bouncin' Cancer include a coin drive at Nixyaawii and Echo schools this week and what Noisey calls "A Sticky Situation", which entails the athletic director allowing himself to be taped to a wall.

"People can buy an arm's length of tape and we're going to see how much tape it take to stick me to the wall," he said. "I'll be standing on a chair or a bucket and when they think there is a enough tape they'll kick out the chair. I think it's going to take a lot of tape so I think we'll raise a lot of money."

Community member and cancer survivor Herb Bitting has been invited to talk about his experience with the disease, and Noisey said the microphone will be open to anybody wishing to share their own personal story as well.

"If a community member wants to speak we'll open it up to a community member too, but we know with some people it may be a touchy issue and they may not want to speak about it yet, so we don't want to put any pressure on anybody," he said, "but if they want to speak we'll open it up."

It all will get started tonight at 6 p.m. when the Nixyaawii and Echo girls tip off in Mission. The boys follow at 7:30 p.m.

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BRIEFLY

Big River men's club to hold meeting

UMATILLA — The annual Big River Golf Course men's club kickoff meeting will be held Tuesday, March 1, at 6:30 p.m. at Desert Lanes Bowling Alley in Hermiston.

All men's club members are invited and encouraged to attend. All men who have an established handicap through the course are men's club members, regardless of whether they play in the Thursday night league.

A lot of information will be covered including 2016 men's club registration, Thursday night league, tournament dates, and election of officers.

All those who attend will be entered into a drawing for a free men's club membership for the 2016 season and given one free drink coupon.

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Men's Basketball

Payton powers Oregon State past Utah

Associated Press

CORVALLIS — Gary Payton II had 20 points, seven assists and six rebounds as Oregon State made a furious second-half rally and defeated Utah 71-69 on Thursday night.

The Beavers trailed 69-68 when Stephen Thompson Jr. was fouled on a last-second half-court shot. He made all three free throws.

Thompson scored 13 points for the Beavers (13-8, 4-6 Pac-12).

Jakob Poeltl had 20 points and nine rebounds and Kyle Kuzma added 17 points for the Runnin' Utes (17-6, 6-4), who had a five-game winning streak snapped.

Oregon State trailed by as many as 10 in the second half, but the Beavers went on a 9-3 run late, and a Jarmal Reid lay-in put the Beavers up 68-66 with 16 seconds left.

But Reid fouled Utah's Jordan Loveridge on a 3-point attempt with 2.2 seconds left. Loveridge sank all three free throws before Thompson was fouled with 0.1 second left on his desperation heave.

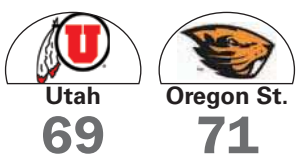
The first half was back-and-forth and about midway



AP Photo/Timothy J. Gonzalez
Oregon State's Gary Payton II, left, grabs a rebound from Utah's Lorenzo Bonam during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in Corvallis, Ore., on Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016.

through, Utah went on a 9-2 surge, fueled by three Kuzma lay-ups, to lead 27-24 with 9:01 left.

The Utes shot only 2 for 10 the rest of the half, though, and Oregon State went to the break ahead



35-31.

Utah repeatedly went to Poeltl down low to regain the lead. He scored seven of the Utes' first nine points in the second half. His jumper with 16:35 left put Utah up 40-39.

With 7:44 remaining, Poeltl made a lay-in, was fouled and sank the free throw to put Utah ahead 60-50.

Oregon State responded with a 7-0 run, capped by a Thompson breakaway lay-in and free throw after being fouled.

TIP INS
Utah: Poeltl has four straight 20 point games and was averaging 17.3 points and 8.9 rebounds on the season.

Oregon State: Reid, suspended four games after tripping a referee in Oregon State's loss at Utah on Jan. 17, returned to action on Thursday and scored eight points. Payton was named one of 10 finalists for the Bob Cousy Award, which honors the nation's top point guard.

BUCKAROOS: Oregon City tournament next

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sharp to get the win.

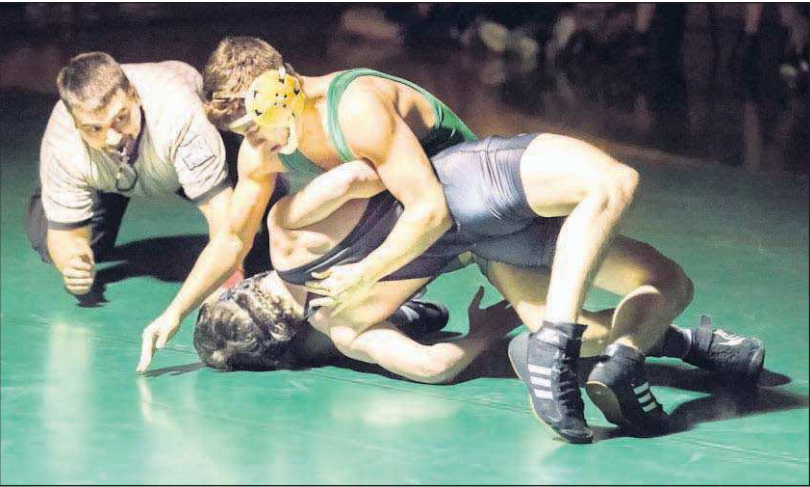
"You've got to have a little bit more technique around the guy," he said, then added, "Strength doesn't really matter that much in matches."

Freshman 120-pounder Blake Davis then won his first home dual match with a pin over The Dalles' Cole Davis to secure Pendleton's victory. Freshman Alex Rendon followed with a win by pinfall at 126, and sophomore Brendon Bedolla came next for his first home win with a major decision at 132 over pounds.

That brought up Pendleton's other first-time varsity wrestler, freshman Shawn Yeager at 138.

"I was a little nervous," he said of facing The Dalles sophomore Logan Manciu. "He was pretty strong, he's definitely beating me in the weight room but I did what I had to do."

Yeager held off Manciu to win on points, then Pend-



Pendleton's Brendon Bedolla (in green) wrestles to victory against Logan Manciu, of The Dalles, at Warberg Court in the 132-pound class.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

leton's first upperclassman of the night brought the score to 36-0 when junior Morgan Holcomb pinned Glenn Breckterfield at 145 pounds.

Four Riverhawks forfeits followed to make it 66-0 before Pendleton seniors Jeff Priester and Jacob Banks lost to close out the action.

"It was too bad, but as far as that goes it is what it is," said Phillips. "Jeff (Priester) fought to the end and

(Jacobs) Banks was wrestling a kid that is a pretty solid kid, so it's alright. I'm OK with the way things went tonight."

It wasn't Priester and Banks' last chance to wrestle at home, although it was Senior Night. The Bucks will host on Feb. 11.

Next up for Pendleton is the Oregon City tournament this weekend.

PENDLETON 66, THE DALLES 9
106, Chris Chambers (P) win by forfeit 6-0
113, Lane Evens (P) def. Josiah Anders-

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120, Blake Davis (P) pins Cole Davis 17-0
126, Alex Rendon (P) pins Sam Tyler 23-0
132, Brendon Bedolla (P) def. Logan Manciu, MD 27-0
138, Shawn Yeager (P) def. Andrew Richman 30-0
145, Morgan Holcomb (P) pins Glenn Breckterfield 36-0
152, Taylor Williamson (P) wins by forfeit 42-0
160, JD Peters (P) wins by forfeit 48-0
170, Alex Gear (P) wins by forfeit 54-0
182, Gabe Goad (P) wins by forfeit 60-0
195, Marcus Taylor (P) wins by forfeit 66-0
220, Michael Parrish (T) def. Jeff Priester, 9-6 66-3
285, Joe Linebarger (T) pins Jacob Banks 66-9

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Athlete of the Week

Twenty questions with Heppner's Ryan Smith

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East Oregonian: Favorite sports team?
Ryan Smith: Oregon Ducks
Favorite athlete?
Dan Gable
Favorite sport to play?
Football
Favorite moment as a Mustang?
Winning my first state title in wrestling
Favorite movie?
Invincible
Favorite TV show?

SportsCenter
Favorite music genre?
Hip-Hop & Rock
Favorite spot in Heppner?
Murray's
Favorite restaurant?
Red Robin
Favorite fast food restaurant?
Dairy Queen
Favorite candy bar?
Snickers
Favorite family recipe?
My dad's homemade pies
Coca-Cola or Pepsi?
Coca-Cola

Favorite color?
Gold
Favorite subject in school?
Language Arts
Dogs or cats?
Dogs
Dream vacation?
Anywhere in the Caribbean
Favorite thing to do on weekends?

When I'm not wrestling, spend time with family and friends
Something people might not know about you?
Love doing extra curricul-lars other than sports, like drama.
Biggest life influence?
My dad.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

RYAN SMITH

Senior, Heppner Wrestling

Smith won the 113-pound title at the Bank of Eastern Oregon Invite in Heppner last weekend. Smith beat Riverside's Sylvestre Vazquez 12-0 in the championship to improve to 28-0 on the season. Smith is the last undefeated wrestler in the region.

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