

Mac-Hi Pioneers

Head coach: Chad Kilburg
Assistant coach: Scott Skramstad, Jeffery Jones, Beau Birdwell
Returning starters: Riley Chester (152 lbs), sr.; Kaden Kilburg (182), sr.; Donnie Clark (285), sr.; Brandyn Chaney (220), jr.; Josh Torres (220), jr.; Spencer Wells (220), jr.; Alejandro Saldana (182), jr.
Other returners: Chase Larson (145), sr.; Alfredo Lopez Jr. (170),



jr.; Patton Wright (182), so. Newcomers: Anthony Hardesty, jr.; Jesse Jones (113), fr.; Devon Cothey (126), fr.; Marcellus Brinkley (120), fr.
Expectations: "Our teams goals are to win a district Championship, and to place top fouras a team at state."
2015-16: 6-3, 3-0 GOL (The Pioneers had five district champions last season with Chaney and Wells the only two back for the squad this season.)

2016-17 Schedule			
Dec. 3	at Estacada Tourney	5th place	
Dec. 9	at La Grande Tourney	2 p.m.	
Dec. 10	at La Grande Tourney	9 a.m.	
Dec. 17	Mac-Hi Tourney	10 a.m.	
Dec. 30	at Nampa (ID)	TBD	
Dec. 31	at Nampa (ID)	TBD	
Jan. 6	at Joseph	TBD	
Jan. 7	at Joseph	TBD	
Jan. 13	at Oregon Classic	TBD	
Jan. 14	at Oregon Classic	TBD	
Jan. 20	at Parma (ID)	TBD	
Jan. 21	at Parma (ID)	TBD	
Jan. 27	at Ontario*	6 p.m.	
Feb. 2	at La Grande*	6 p.m.	
Feb. 4	at Heppner Tourney	TBD	
Feb. 7	vs. Baker*	6 p.m.	
Feb. 11	GOL Districts (at Baker)	10 a.m.	



Mac-Hi's Riley Chester is one of seven returning starters for the Pioneers in 2016-17.

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Irrigon Knights

Head coach: Jason Dunten, 8th year
Assistant coaches: Ken Thompson, 2nd year; Ken Kraus, 5th year.
Returning starters: Ammon Byers (126 lbs), sr.; Jose Romero (138), sr.; Franco Sanchez (170), sr.; Tucker McAllister (195), jr.; Kevin Murguia (182), jr.; Damon Sawyer (132), so.; Josue Aguilera (145), so.; Alex Miranda-Walls (152), so.; Brady Harrington (160), so.
Other returners: Cristian Michaels (182), so.; Reece Sheller (170), so.; Kaleb Kendrick (285), so.; Justin Iveson (152), sr.
Necomers: Keegan Krogh (145), sr.; Colby Krogh (170), sr.; Alexis Williams (106), sr.; Michael Brantley



(113, transfer from Montana), so.; Silvester Olguin (120, transfer from Riverside), so.; Michael Fuzi (138, transfer from Virginia), so.
Dunten's expectations: The Knights lost some strong leadership from last season's district champion team due to graduation, but return a bevy of productive wrestlers that scored the bulk of the team's points to give Dunten and his coaching staff every reason to believe the Knights can top last season's two state qualifications as they make the move up to Class 3A.
2015-16: 4-3 (Won District 4 title with 14 placers and one champion, heavyweight senior Cougar Kroske.)



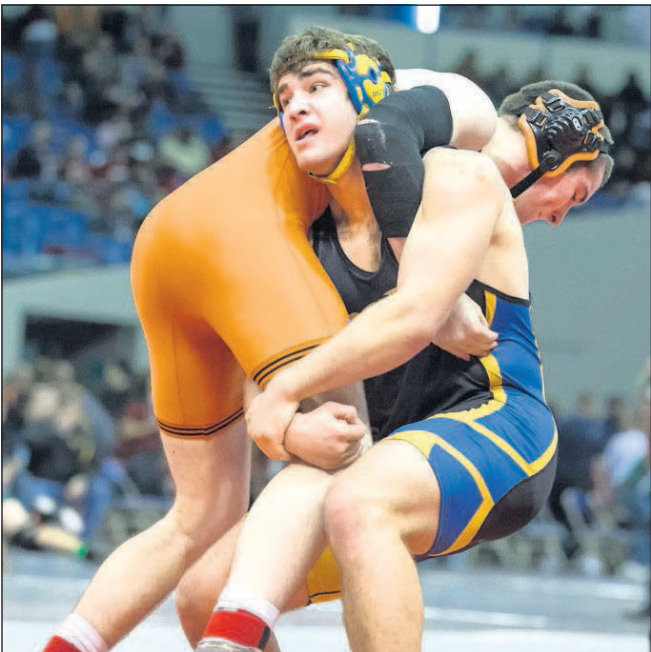
Damon Sawyer is one of nine returning starters for Irrigon.

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2016-17 SCHEDULE			
Dec. 3	vs Irrigon Duals	10 a.m.	
Dec. 9	at Calhoun Classic (Nyssa)	TBA	
Dec. 14	vs Hood River	1 p.m.	
Dec. 15	vs. Heppner	4 p.m.	
Dec. 16	at Riverside	6 p.m.	
Dec. 17	at Mac-Hi Invite	TBA	
Dec. 30	at Pendleton Tournament	TBA	
Jan. 13-14	at Oregon Classic	TBA	
Jan. 20	at Grant Union Tournament	TBA	
Jan. 26	vs. Riverside	TBA	
Feb. 3	at Echo Duals	5 p.m.	
Feb. 4	at BEO Tournament (Heppner)	TBA	
Feb. 11	at Pine Eagle Invite	TBA	

Heppner Mustangs

Head coach: Mark Lemmon, 8th year (10th overall)
Returning starters: Cord Flynn (220 lbs), sr.; Trevor Antonucci (113), so.; Tim Jaca (182), sr.
Other returners: Leo Waite (126), so.; Carson Brosnan (152), so.; Jacob Wallace (182), so.; Zach Bredfield (160), so.; Charles Cason (160), so.
Newcomers: JD Lehn (182), jr.; Ethan Holmgren (195), so.; Xavier Bohanon (220), fr.
Lemmon's expectations: Low overall turnout will keep the Mustangs from being a strong dual team, but Lemmon expects them to make a good run at extending the program's streak of four straight years finishing in the top 10 at state.
"Last year we were very young and inexperienced," Lemmon said. "We are still young but hopefully can build on last year's learning. I believe some of our young athletes are going to surprise people."
2015-16: 4-6-2 (Had two district champions — Flynn and the graduated Ryan Smith. Both wrestlers finished second at state and the team took ninth.)



Heppner's Cord Flynn (in blue) took second place at 220 pounds at last year's state tournament, and is hungry to improve and take the title for his senior season.

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2016-17 Schedule			
Dec. 3	at Irrigon	10 a.m.	
Dec. 9-10	at Muilenburg Invite (La Grande)	4 p.m./9 a.m.	
Dec. 15	vs. 5-way dual (Echo, Irrigon, Pomeroy, Riverside)	3 p.m.	
Dec. 17	at Mac-Hi Invite	10 a.m.	
Jan. 6-7	at Joseph Tournament	2 p.m./10 a.m.	
Jan. 13-14	at Oregon Classic (Deschutes County Fairgrounds)	TBA	
Jan. 20	at Grant Union Tournament	Noon	
Feb. 4	vs. BOE Tournament (at Heppner)	10 a.m.	
Feb. 11	at Pine Eagle Invite	10 a.m.	
Feb. 17	vs. Districts (at Heppner)	TBD	

Echo Cougars

Head coach: Monte Toombs, 3rd year
Returning starters: Kyle Ranger* (126 lbs), jr.; Damien Curiel (160), jr.; Ian Faulkner (195), jr.
Other returners: Kevin Bara (145), jr.
Newcomers: Trinity Bishop (120), fr.; Hayden Hilliard (145), jr.; Mason Smith (170), fr.; Logan Butler (195), jr.; Nick Bither (285), jr.
*-denotes state qualifier
2015-16: 1-3 (The Cougars took nine wrestlers to districts and placed six of them. Kyle Ranger and Jason Fitzpatrick each finished fourth to qualify for the state meet.)



Kyle Ranger (front) is Echo's lone re-turning state qualifier.

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2016-17 SCHEDULE			
Dec. 3	at Irrigon Duals	10 a.m.	
Dec. 9-10	at Calhoun Classic	3 p.m.	
Dec. 16-17	at Dobbs (ID) Invitational	3 p.m.	
Jan. 6-7	at Joseph Tournament	TBA	
Feb. 3	vs. Echo Duals	5 p.m.	
Feb. 4	at BEO Tournament (at Heppner)	TBA	
Feb. 11	at Pine Eagle Invite	TBA	

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