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PENDLETON

Bucks dominate Schimmel Memorial

Seven locals win titles at tournament named for former PHS coach

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East Oregonian

With three champions and 15 placers, the Pendleton wrestling team dominated the Rollin Schimmel Memorial on Friday with 298.5 points.

Morgan Holcomb, Alex Rendon and Chris Chambers all won titles while Scott Chambers, Caleb Tremper and Lane Evens also made it to the finals, and the Buckaroos easily outpaced second-place Willamina/Falls City and its 253 points.

But keeping in mind the former Pendleton coach the tournament is named after, Bucks coach Fred Phillips said the team has a little work left to do.

"My dad was a high school coach who'd coached against Rollin, so I'd known Rollin since I was a little kid," he said. "My first year here I was his assistant coach, and then the second year I was the head coach and he was my assistant."

"The biggest thing that I can remember is that he just wanted you to compete. He didn't care how good you were, he wanted you to go as hard as you could for six minutes and leave it all on the mat. That's a lot the same way I am. ... We're getting there, we're getting there. We're getting tougher and better, we're learning to wrestle for six minutes, and compete the whole time."

Holcomb, a 160-pound senior, said he'd rate the team's overall performance about 90 percent, but he was also proud of how some of the younger wrestlers finished.

"I'm actually really proud, it's a lot of young teammates and all that," he said. "A lot of new guys as well. We had at 220 (pounds) Sam Braddock, it's his first year and he took fourth, I'm pretty proud of



Pendleton's Chris Chambers wrestles Baker's Ian Feldmeier in the 120-pound final at the Rollin Schimmel Memorial on Friday in Pendleton. Chambers won the match 6-4.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris



Pendleton's Alex Rendon works on pinning Willamina's David Elwood in the 138-pound final on Friday in Pendleton.

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him. And Chris Chambers, he's a sophomore and he took first. He did really well."

Chambers took home the first tournament title of his high school career, though it wasn't the first

time he'd reached the final round.

He was able to outlast Baker's Ian Feldmeier for a 6-4 decision in the 120-pound final and was Pendleton's first champion of the evening.

Chambers started the third period trailing 4-3, but tied the score with a quick escape after choosing to take the down position. Like he had most of the match, Chambers spent the third period dodging and blocking Feldmeier's shots. Once midway through the period Chambers appeared to have countered for a take-down, but the action was outside the circle and score remained knotted at 4-4.

Then with :41 seconds Chambers blocked Feldmeier's attempt at a single leg and swung around behind him to take him to the mat for the winning points. A restart at :15 gave Feldmeier a chance to make something happen, but Chambers clamped down on his ankle and didn't let go until the buzzer sounded.

"It was kind of all over the place, that one was," Chambers said of the match. "One thing that I really tried to do on that one was really focus on staying in control. As long as I'm staying in control and stuff

and making sure he's doing what I want him to do. ... I felt like I was in control for a lot of the match."

Holcomb faced Chambers' senior brother Scott in his championship match, a low-scoring battle Holcomb eventually won 7-0.

"We are practice partners, every two hours for five days a week, we always practice together," Holcomb said of match-up. "We drill, do take-downs together, turns, stand-ups, we pretty much do everything together over in the wrestling room."

"It was let's just go at it, both go hard. And Scott, he's a tough kid. I've been wrestling him since I was in middle school."

Holcomb scored with a take-down early in the first period and went for an arm bar, but couldn't get Chambers turned. A near-fall provided his points in the second period, and an escape and take-down with 1:34 left in the third period gave the match its final tally as Chambers fought off Holcomb's repeated attempts at a pin.

Pendleton's other title came at 138 pounds when Rendon pinned Willamina's David Elwood a minute into the first period.

Rendon took control right away with a single shot and a hard take-down. A two-point near-fall gave him a quick 4-0 lead, and after a readjustment he was able to work Elwood onto his shoulders using an arm bar.

Pendleton's finals run started with two losses as Willamina's Jordan Reyes pinned Tremper in the first round at 106, and Enterprise's Shane Lund scored with near-fall with :45 seconds left and held on to beat Evens 9-8 at 113.

"It was nice to have five or six kids in the finals," Phillips said. "The matches we lost we can learn from. It wasn't anything glaring or terrible, it was all small stuff we can get better at and work and I'm pleased with how it went."

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The Pioneers placed fourth with 172 points, two champions and nine placers. Their titles were by junior Joshua Torres at 195 pound and senior Donnie Clark at 285.

Like Pendleton's Holcomb, See SCHIMMEL/2B

Prep Roundup

Eagles clamp down on Redsides

Defense keys win for Nixyaawii boys

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ECHO — Nixyaawii limited South Wasco to just seven points in the second half to pick up a 38-36 win on Friday night in the Bounc'n Cancer basketball tournament.

Chandler Case led a strong defensive effort against the Redsides, and also finished with 13 points. Mick Schimmel led Nixyaawii (4-4) with 19.

The Golden Eagles trailed 18-17 at half-time, but didn't waiver in their approach.

"We stuck to the game plan," said coach Shane Rivera. "(South Wasco) has some really good size to we packed our zone in and forced them to shoot outside."

See PREPS/2B

Men's College Basketball

Brooks, Ennis lead No. 21 Oregon past No. 22 USC

By RON RICHMOND
Associated Press

EUGENE — Dillon Brooks scored a season-high 28 points and Dylan Ennis added 21 to lead No. 21 Oregon to an 84-61 victory over No. 22 Southern California on Friday night, the Trojans' first loss of the season.

Brooks, a preseason All-America, shot 9 of 10 from the field, including 4 of 4 on 3-pointers, and 6 of 6 from the free throw line two nights after his last-second 3 knocked off No. 2 UCLA.

The Ducks (13-2, 2-0 Pac-12) started the second half on a 21-3 run, featuring 14 points by Ennis, to race to their 11th consecutive win and extend the nation's second-longest home winning streak to 35 games.

Chris Boucher had 11 points for the Ducks in his second game after missing two with an ankle injury.

De'Anthony Melton led USC (14-1, 1-1) with 13 points and



AP Photo/Chris Pietsch

Oregon's Dillon Brooks, center, celebrates after scoring against Southern California during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game Friday in Eugene. At rear are Oregon's Dylan Ennis, left, and Southern California's Shaquwan Aaron,

Jonah Matthews had 11. Elijah Stewart and Jordan McLaughlin added 10 each.

Oregon's largest lead was 31 points with 8:07 to play. The Ducks turned a season-high 17 turnovers by the Trojans into 23

points and had a 38-22 edge in points in the paint.

Brooks, with 20 points, was the difference during a sloppy first half. Each team went 0 for 9 from the field for extended stretches as both struggled to find

any offensive flow.

USC's 7-minute drought ended with Melton picking Payton Pritchard's pocket at midcourt when the freshman point guard turned to look at Oregon coach Dana Altman for instructions. However, the Ducks finished the half on a 10-2 run to lead 38-29.

BIG PICTURE

USC missed its first road sweep of the Oregon schools since 2008 and falls short of the 16-0 start by the 1971 Trojans that finished 24-2.

Oregon scores a big home sweep by knocking off two unbeaten to re-establish itself as a Pac-12 force now that its seven-man core rotation is healthy for the first time this season.

UP NEXT

After playing nine straight games without leaving the state, Oregon plays at Washington on Wednesday in its first true road test since its loss at No. 4 Baylor on Nov. 15.

Sports shorts

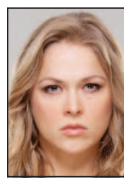
Rousey stopped short in comeback

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Ronda Rousey was stopped 48 seconds into her comeback fight Friday night, losing to bantamweight champion Amanda Nunes at UFC 207 on Friday night.

Rousey (12-2) returned from a 13-month absence and never managed to get her footing against Nunes (14-4), who rocked Rousey with her very first punches.

Rousey staggered and stumbled backward while Nunes relentlessly pursued her and landed multiple shots. Referee Herb Dean stopped the bout with Rousey still on her feet, and Rousey briefly protested the stoppage before leaving the cage in her mother's arms.

Cody Garbrandt also won the men's bantamweight title in the penultimate bout, battering champion Dominick Cruz to earn a surprising decision victory at T-Mobile Arena in the UFC's traditional end-of-the-year show in its hometown.



Rousey

"Over the next few weeks and months, I will reflect on not only my poor decision, but also my accomplishments during my career. I will learn from this and be a better man because of it."

— Jeremy Sprinkle

Arkansas tight end in an apology to his friends, family, fans and teammates for his actions the led to his suspension from the team's appearance in the Belk Bowl. Sprinkle was caught shoplifting at a Belk department store earlier in the week.

Seahawks sign Bennett to three-year contract extension

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — Defensive end Michael Bennett has agreed to a three-year contract extension with the Seattle Seahawks.

Bennett's agent Doug Hendrickson confirmed the agreement on Twitter on Friday morning, although the team had not announced the deal.

Bennett's deal will reportedly be worth up to \$31.5 million. Bennett's representatives have been working with the Seahawks on a long-term deal since last offseason and finally reached agreement just before the end of the regular season.

Bennett, 31 has been a standout since arriving in Seattle in 2013. He originally played on a one-year deal and helped the Seahawks win their only Super Bowl title.

In his four seasons with the Seahawks, Bennett has 29 sacks and seven forced fumbles.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1974 — Catfish Hunter, baseball's first free agent, signs with the New York Yankees.

2003 — Englishman Rhys Lloyd kicks a 42-yard field goal with 23 seconds left to give Minnesota a 31-30 victory over Oregon in the Sun Bowl. The Golden Gophers finish the year 10-3, their first 10-win season since 1905.

2004 — Louisville ends Boise State's 22-game winning streak in the highest-scoring Liberty Bowl. The Cardinals (11-1) hold off the Broncos 44-40 to match a school record for victories in a season.

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