

Prep Basketball

Nixyaawii's Stewart, Schimmel named Players of Year in OOL

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The Nixyaawii basketball programs were well represented on the Old Oregon League All-League basketball teams and swept Player of the Year honors the league announced Friday.

Junior guard Mary Stewart was voted by league coaches as the top girls player for the second season in a row, and freshman Mick Schimmel took the boys' honor and was the only freshman to make either list.

Stewart was joined on the All-OOL teams by teammates Milan Schimmel and Kaitlyn Melton, and senior Chandler Case made honorable mention for the boys.

Schimmel, a junior guard, was named to the first team in her first season with the undefeated league champion Golden Eagles. Melton, a junior wing, was named to the second team in what was also her first all-league selection.

Despite going 15-0 in league play, that was the extent of the Nixyaawii girls' all-league selections.

Second-place Powder Valley led the league with four selections (two first team) and third-place Joseph also had three.

Also earning recognition from local programs were Echo senior Hannah McCarty on the first team, Helix senior Macey Tullis and junior Sadie Wilson on the second team, and Echo senior Devin Tarvin with honorable mention.

Echo had two boys named to their second team in senior Klay Jensen and junior Morgan Marcum. Helix also had two representatives: senior John Shaw on the second team and senior Justin Williams as honorable mention.

2017 All-Old Oregon League Basketball Girls
First team
 Mary Stewart (Player of the year), jr., Nixyaawii
 Milan Schimmel, jr., Nixyaawii
 Alexis Skyora, jr., Joseph
 Sam Kearns, jr., Powder Valley
 Hallie Feik, sr., Power Valley



This Feb. 2, 2017, photo shows Nixyaawii's Mary Stewart drives around Echo's Lexie Cox and Taylor Swaggart in the Golden Eagle's 51-26 win in Echo.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris



This Jan. 5, 2017, photo shows Nixyaawii's Mick Schimmel (2) attempting to evade the reaching arms of Ty Mulder and Klay Jensen, of Echo, during a game in Mission.

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Hannah McCarty, sr., Echo
Second Team
 Macey Tullis, sr., Helix
 Hannah Tanaka, sr., Pine Eagle
 Kaitlyn Melton, jr., Nixyaawii
 Sam Short, sr., Cove
 Emma Hite, so., Joseph
 Sadie Wilson, jr., Helix
Honorable Mention
 Kim Williams, jr., Powder Valley
 Hannah Duby, jr., Cove
 Lauren Makin, sr., Joseph
 Savannah Nobles, sr., Wallowa
 Devin Tarvin, sr., Echo
 Savannah Stephens, sr., Powder Valley

Boys
First team
 Mick Schimmel (Player of the Year), jr., Nixyaawii
 Cayden DeLury, sr., Joseph
 Isaac Colton, sr., Powder Valley
 Christopher Nobles, so., Wallowa
 Gus McGinn, sr., Powder Valley
 Jake Chrisman, sr., Joseph

Second team
 Klay Jensen, sr., Echo
 Tanner Eubanks, jr., Powder Valley
 Trent Taylor, sr., Cove
 Morgan Marcum, jr., Echo
 Jon Shaw, sr., Helix
Honorable Mention
 Justin Williams, sr., Helix
 Caevan Murray, jr., Joseph
 Chandler Case, sr., Nixyaawii
 Tucker Gulick, so., Pine Eagle
 Ezekiel Elmer, sr., Cove

Prep Round-Up

Tigers roar past Oakers

Stanfield's big second half sinks Oakland

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STANFIELD — Playing their last game of the season on their home court, the No. 2 seed Stanfield Tigers weren't holding anything back as they jumped out to an early lead and never let it go to beat Oakland 90-56 in the first round of the 2A boys basketball state playoffs on Friday.

Dylan Grogan scored 32 points, Jose Garcia added 16, and the Tigers really pulled away in the second half where they outscored the Oakers 55-27.

It was the 19th straight win for Stanfield (20-1), which hasn't lost to a 2A team all season.

"We just came out fast from the start," said first-year Tigers coach Jason Sperr. "They came out with the mindset, 'We're not going to lose in our house.' They were going to outwork the opponent."

Sperr said No. 15 seed Oakland (17-10) was no pushover though, and Stanfield (20-1) was up just 35-29 at halftime.

"We missed some open shots that could have broken it open a little sooner," Sperr said, "but the guys continued to battle getting offensive rebounds. We were sending as many guys as we could to the glass."

Sperr said overall, it was the best four quarters the team has played this season. The Tigers will look to maintain that high level of play next week at the state tournament's final site in Pendleton.

The Tigers are slated for a quarterfinals match-up with No. 7 seed Oakridge, which beat No. 10 Regis 50-49 on Friday.

Stanfield will play Oakland on Thursday at Pendleton High with an 8:30 p.m. tip.

OHS	14	15	16	11	—	56
SHS	20	15	23	22	—	90

OAKLAND — N. Freeman 11, N. Chastain 10, C. Benzal 8, B. Wimberly 6, S. Wint 6, A. Harrington 4, C. Brownson 4, J. Brooksby 3, A. Saddler 2, A. Brown 2, R. Carson.

STANFIELD — D. Grogan 32, J. Garcia 16, T. Monkus 7, T. Flores 7, R. Bailey 7, B. Woods 7, E. Esquivel 2, C. Hernandez, N. Sanchez, A. Gomez.

3-pointers — OHS 2; SHS 4. Free throws — OHS 12-23; SHS 15-26. Fouls — OHS 23; SHS 21. Fouled out — C. Benzal (OHS).

SALEM ACADEMY 82, IRRIGON 57 — At Salem, the Knights shot nearly 78 percent from behind the arc, but couldn't shoot their way out of a 23-point hole at the end of the first quarter.

"We just came out a little flat," said Irrigon coach Davy Salas. "They brought the game to us. We weren't taking care of the ball very well and they got some easy layups off that."

Salas said the Knights (15-9) were able to get into the flow starting in the second quarter, where they outscored the Crusaders 13-11, but weren't able to get within striking distance.

Irrigon was 7-of-9 (77.8 percent) from three-point range, and Daniel Vera and Austin Rice scored 12 and 11 points, respectively. Irrigon was led by post Hayden White with 17 points.

The Crusaders (21-4) were paced by Kyle Haslebacher with 21 points, and three others scored 14. Salem Academy led 64-35 after three quarters.

The loss ends the first season at Class 3A for Irrigon, which will graduate two seniors — Rice and White.

"There was a learning curve this season, for myself as a new coach, new league," said Salas. "It was just one of those seasons that came together at the right time."

"It was a great season and

I'm proud of the kids. They finished hard today and I'm really proud of them."

IHS	4	13	18	22	—	57
SA	27	11	26	18	—	82

IRRIGON — H. White 17, D. Vera 12, A. Rice 11, J. Phillips 5, A. Roa 5, E. Carrillo 3, A. Gomez 2, L. Covarrubia 2, O. Vera.

SALEM ACADEMY — K. Haslebacher 21, Z. Aldrich 14, M. Moser 14, S. Williams 14, M. Strunk 4, C. Daniels, K. McCallum, M. Jenkins, J. Miller.

3-pointers — IHS 7; SA 5. Free throws — IHS 6-7; SA 9-12. Fouls — IHS 9; SA 10.

SANTIAM 78, WESTON-MCEWEN 62 — At Mill City, the Weston-McEwen boys basketball team gave all the effort they had, but it was not enough to overcome an efficient shooting night for the Santiam as the No. 4 seed Wolverines ousted the No. 13 TigerScots in a 2A first round playoff game on Friday night.

"We played a great first quarter, but then we went cold midway through the second quarter," Weston-McEwen coach Brian Pickard said, "and they (Santiam) were hitting shots. We got down by 10 or 12, and then could never get any closer than that."

Ethan Reger had a big performance in his last game as a TigerScot (14-11), pitching in 19 points and 11 rebounds while fellow seniors Shaw Broncheau (13 points, six assists) and Garrett Hungerford (9 points) each did their part as well. Jonah Downey led Santiam (21-4) with a game-high 28 points.

"It's obviously a disappointing loss, but I'm very proud of the kids," Pickard said. "For the six seniors ... they left it all on the court and I can't be more proud of them."

W-M	17	14	13	18	—	62
SHS	21	20	18	19	—	78

WESTON-MCEWEN — E. Reger 19, S. Broncheau 13, B. Speed 11, G. Hungerford 9, B. Dearing 4, B. Rudolph 3, J. West 3, J. Speed, K. Broncheau, Z. Mann, P. Munk, G. Smith.

SANTIAM — Jo. Downey 28, R. Nicot 15, Ju. Downey 15, N. Butler 11, A. Fawcett 6, J. Fawcett.

3-pointers — W-M 10, SHS 8. Free throws — W-M 5-10, SHS 11-19. Fouls — W-M 16, SHS 17.

STATE WRESTLING: Both of Heppner/Ione's wrestlers advance to semifinals

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a disappointment. "It's a crappy feeling, but I don't plan on ever having that feeling again," Rockwell said.

Rockwell is the lone Riverside wrestler still in the hunt for a title, though Andrew Barker (120), Kevin Altamirano (126), Anthony Kernal (220) and Ruben Villa (285) are still in contention for a podium spot.

In 4A competition, Mac-Hi sits in 10th place with 35.5 points. Riley Chester (138), Spencer Wells (220) and Donnie Clark (285) all advanced to the semifinals, while Jesse Jones (106) moved on to Saturday in the consolation bracket.

Class 3A Irrigon saw six of its seven wrestlers lose their first matches, but four of them won their consolation matches to stay alive in the tournament. Brady Harrington and Colby Krogh (170), Tucker McAllister (195) and Luke Myers (285) all remain in contention for a place on the podium when competition resumes Saturday morning.

In 2A, Heppner/Ione senior and No. 1 seed Cord Flynn, who was a state runner-up at 195 last season, won his lone match of the day over Cylus Hoke of Culver. Flynn trailed 4-1 early, but came back to win



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Pendleton's Alex Rendon wrestles Lebanon's Mitchell Alley in his 132-pound quarterfinals match win on Friday in Portland.

a 7-4 decision. Flynn will face Lowell senior Zachary Kintzley in the semifinals tomorrow. With reigning state champion, Jaiden Jones of Culver, also moving on to the semis, the two could meet up for a rematch in the finals.

The tournament resumes today at 8:30 a.m.

CLASS 5A Team Scores	
1, Crater	106
2, Sandy	91
3, Hermiston	77
4, Dallas	70.5
5, Redmond	65
13, Pendleton	30

HERMISTON
 Oscar Lopez (132) — Quarterfinal,

Brawley Lamer (Crescent Valley) won by fall, 2:00; Cons. Round 2, Shane Teigen (Thurston) won by fall, 2:42.
 CJ Hendon (138) — Quarterfinal, Hendon won by fall over Joseph English (Dallas), 5:57.
 Wade Kirkpatrick (145) — Quarterfinal, Adrian Tuia (Hermiston) won by decision, Dec 5-0; Cons. Round 2, Kirkpatrick won by decision over Matt Roeser (South Albany), 6-3.
 Adrian Tuia (145) — Quarterfinal, Tuia won by decision over Wade Kirkpatrick (Hermiston), 5-0.
 Valen Wyse (170) — Quarterfinal, Wyse won by fall over Markus Bennett (Crater), 1:41.
 Julio Leiva (170) — Quarterfinal, Leiva won in sudden victory-1 over Cody Janssen (Dallas), SV-1 6-4.
 Joey Gutierrez (182) — Quarterfinal, Clay Coxen (Dallas) won by fall, 4:28; Cons. Round 2, Gutierrez won by fall over Caleb Wynn (Lebanon), 1:20.
 Kenny Bevan (220) — Quarterfinal, Bevan won by decision over Colton Albertson (St. Helens), 4-0.
 Beau Blake (285) — Quarterfinal, Blake won by fall over Drafis Santer (Wilsonville), 1:55.

PENDLETON

Alex Rendon (132) — Quarterfinal, Rendon won by decision over Mitchell Alley (Lebanon), 7-3.
 Jeff Kovach (138) — Quarterfinal, Cameron Alley (Lebanon) won by decision, 11-7; Cons. Round 2, Kovach won by decision over Isacc Ogden (South Albany), 10-4.
 Morgan Holcomb (160) — Quarterfinal, Holcomb won by fall over Christopher Polanco (Central), 1:37.
 Scott Chambers (160) — Quarterfinal, Tanner Earhart (Dallas) won by decision, 7-0; Cons. Round 2, Chambers won by decision over Devon Floyd (Dallas), 11-4.

CLASS 4A Team Scores	
1, Sweet Home	95
2, Crook County	90.5
3, Marshfield	75.5
4, North Marion	75
5, Baker/Powder Valley	67.5
10, McLoughlin/Weston-McEwen	35.5

MAC-HI/WESTON-MCEWEN
 Jesse Jones (106) — Quarterfinal, Hunter Mode (Crook County) won by major decision, 8-0; Cons. Round 2, Jones won



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Hermiston's Valen Wyse pulls Crater's Markus Bennett back down to the mat during his 170-pound match win on Friday in Portland.

by decision over Johnny Niehaus (Baker/Powder Valley), 6-3.
 Riley Chester (138) — Quarterfinal, Chester won by major decision over Robert Cobb (Crook County), 15-2.
 Spencer Wells (220) — Quarterfinal, Wells won by decision over Michael Sierra (Hendley), 7-4.
 Donnie Clark (285) — Quarterfinal, Clark won by decision over Macey Christian (Cascadia), 1-0.

CLASS 3A Team Scores	
1, Nyssa	93
2, Willamina/Falls City	83.5
3, Dayton	74.5
4, Glide	69
5, La Pine	56
11, Riverside	24
14, Irrigon	17

IRRIGON
 Brady Harrington (170) — Quarterfinal, Cayden Kangiser (Glide) won by fall, 4:56; Cons. Round 2, Harrington won by medical forfeit over Sabino Corona (Dayton).
 Colby Krogh (170) — Quarterfinal, Layten Briggs (Harrisburg) won by fall, 1:06; Cons. Round 2, Krogh won by decision over Maxwell Castillo (De La Salle), 8-2.
 Tucker McAllister (195) — Quarterfinal, Blake Larsen (Dayton) won by tech fall, 5:16 (20-4); Cons. Round 2, McAllister won by decision over Tanner Cavan (Willamina/Falls City), 6-2.
 Luke Meyers (285) — Cons. Round 2, Meyers won by fall over Mohamad Nadaf (Glide), 2:10.

RIVERSIDE
 Andrew Barker (120) — Champ. Round 1, Isaiah Vazquez (Rainier) won by decision, 7-0; Cons. Round 1, bye; Cons. Round 2, Barker won by decision over Orlando Paz (Vale), 8-3.
 Kevin Altamirano (126) — Champ. Round 1, David Kerr (La Pine) won by fall, 2:20; Cons. Round 1, bye; Cons. Round 2, Altamirano won by decision over Sebastian Johnson (Burns), 6-3.
 Aristotle Rockwell (132) — Quarterfinal, Rockwell won by fall over Jacob Mask (Clatsop), 4:28.
 Anthony Kernal (220) — Quarterfinal, Josue Martinez (Dayton) won by decision, 10-5; Cons. Round 2, Kernal won by major decision over Zach Vigil (Glide), 12-1.
 Ruben Villa (285) — Quarterfinal, Jacob Lowther (Scio) won by decision, 5-0; Cons. Round 2, Villa won by fall over Savannah Taylor (Creswell), 0:26.

CLASS 2A/1A Team Scores	
1, Culver	43
2, Lowell	33.5
3, Myrtle Point	34
4, Central Linn	13
5, Grant Union/Prairie City	11
5, Monroe	11
20, Heppner/Ione	6

HEPPNER/IONE
 Trevor Antonucci (106) — Quarterfinal, Antonucci won by fall over Kailia Jackson (Vernonia), 5:35.
 Cord Flynn (195) — Quarterfinal, Flynn won by decision over Cylus Hoke (Culver), 7-4.

VIKINGS: Horizon Christian held sizable advantage in posts

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just couldn't miss," Lete said. "And anytime you dig yourself that big of a hole in a state playoff game, it's hard to dig yourself out."

The Hawks were able to use their size advantage across the board to work their offense to near perfection, led by 6-foot-7 junior Anthony Sprauer inside who finished with a game-high 28 points, 18 of which came in the first half alone.

Overall, the Hawks had just two of the eight players that saw the floor that checked in at 6-1 or shorter, while

Umatilla had seven. "We knew they were bigger than us, we had scouted them pretty well," Lete said. "We knew them inside and out, and I still believe we do. It's just they shot well, they rebounded well and they're tough to defend. It just wasn't our night."

Umatilla did not hit its first 3-pointer of the game until the 3:44 mark of the third quarter when Moises Garcilazo swished one from the left wing, ending an 0-18 start. Sebastian Garcia then hit 3-4 attempts

in the fourth quarter to help him finish with a team-high 12 points.

It was a disappointing way for Umatilla's three seniors in Justin Maret, Sean Miller and Tyrone Morris to go out, but Lete said as a coach he is proud of the effort those three and his team overall gave throughout the season.

"It's been fun, probably one of the best seasons I've had," Lete said. "All the kids are very coachable, they work hard day-in and day-out in practice and not in game action. There's

a lot of mixed emotions now, but we return a lot and hopefully we'll get after it in the offseason and see what next year brings."

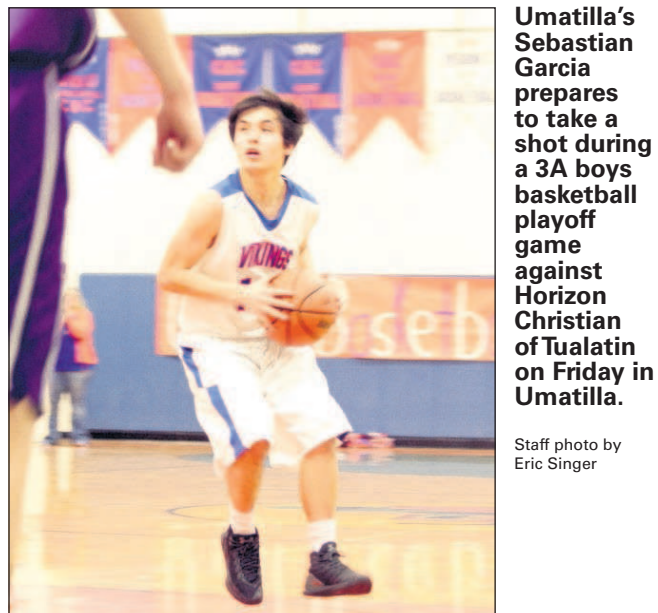
HC	22	17	9	18	—	66
UHS	6	10	9	15	—	40

HORIZON CHRISTIAN — A. Sprauer 28, T. Schiele 10, C. Zralika 6, C. Wyatt 6, J. Belan 5, B. Egger 4, K. Free 3, H. Wakefield 2, T. Olson 2.

UMATILLA — S. Garcia 12, K. Webb 10, T. Durefy 6, S. Cranston 5, J. Maret 4, M. Garcilazo 3, G. Armenta, J. Garcia, U. Garcia.

3-pointers — HC 8, UHS 4. Free throws — HC 10-18, UHS 10-16. Fouls — HC 13, UHS 18.

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Umatilla's Sebastian Garcia prepares to take a shot during a 3A boys basketball playoff game against Horizon Christian of Tualatin on Friday in Umatilla.

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