

## State: Four wrestlers took second place

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Pendleton finished second with 306, while Redmond (257) was third.

Chambers (41-13), who will be making his first state appearance, pinned Redmond's Michaelo DeGross in 5:21 in his first match Friday, then reached the championship match with a 17-3 major decision over Daniel Jarmillo of Ridgeview.

"He wrestled tough today," Phillips said. "We have been working on a couple of things with him and it worked out for him today."

The 126-pound finals gave the fans a look at the top two guys in the state in Pendleton senior Alex Rendon (ranked No. 2) and top-ranked Crook County junior Hunter Mode.

Mode (35-3) escaped with a 3-0 decision over Rendon (46-4).

Rendon will be making his fourth trip to state. He placed fifth as a sophomore, and finished second



Staff photo by Kathy Aney/  
**Pendleton's Aiden Henderson, left, wrestles JR Scott of The Dalles in the finals of the 195-pound weight class Saturday during the IMC District Wrestling Championships.**

last year at 126-pounds.

"Now, Alex knows he can go with that kid," Phillips said. "Hopefully we can do that again in two weeks on a Saturday night."

At 145 pounds, Pendleton's Blake Davis fell to Crook County's Brayden Duke 12-2.

Isaac Urbina lost a 6-0 match to Redmond's Clayton Elrod in the 160-pound title bout.

JR Scott of The Dalles

won the 195-pound title, pinning Pendleton's Aiden Henderson in 2:51.

Finishing third for the Bucks were Collin Primus (106), Kellen Hanson (113), Shawn Yeager (152), Aiden Patterson (170), Kirk Liscom (182), Jacob Griffin (220) and Travis McGee (285).

Gabe Browning (113) and Caleb Tremper (120) finished fourth.



Staff photo by Kathy Aney  
**Pendleton's Isaac Urbina, left, wrestles Redmond's Clayton Elrod in the finals of the 160-pound weight class Saturday during the IMC District Wrestling Championships.**

### TOURNAMENT RESULTS

**Team scores** — Crook County 408, Pendleton 306, Redmond 257, Ridgeview 124.5, Hood River Valley 116, The Dalles 89.  
**Top four advance to state Championship matches**  
**106** — Tannon Joyner (CC) md. Tucker Bonner (CC), 17-7. **113** — Kagen Lawrence (Red) d. Steven Ware (CC), 14-9. **120** — Trentyn Maryanski (CC) d. Kole Davis (Red), 6-4 (OT). **126** — Hunter Mode (CC) d. Alex Rendon (Pen), 3-0. **132** — Zachary Mauras (CC) d. Chad Muenzer (HR), 10-9. **138** — Chris Chambers (Pen) md. Junior Downing (Red), 9-1. **145** — Brayden Duke (CC) md. Blake Davis (Pen), 12-2. **152** — Ben Sather (CC) d. Austin Greene (TD), 6-0.

**160** — Clayton Eldrod (Red) d. Isaac Urbina (Pen), 6-0. **170** — Austin Carter (Red) p. Garrett Bond (CC), 4-42. **182** — Kyle Knudtson (CC) p. Cole Jackson (Rid), 3-42. **195** — JR Scott (TD) p. Aiden Henderson (Pen), 2:51. **220** — Joseph Martin (Rid) p. Dillon Young (Red), 2:53. **285** — Caleb Parrott (CC) p. Cody Durham (HR), :16.

### Third/Fourth matches

**106** — Collin Primus (Pen) p. Logan Hill (Red), 3:20. **113** — Kellen Hanson (Pen) p. Gabe Browning (Pen), 1:33. **120** — Jace England (CC) d. Caleb Tremper (Pen), 6-4. **126** — Austin Anderson (Red) p. Jayton Muenzer (HR), :56. **132** — Jacob Curry (Red) won by forfeit over Trae Bolken (Red). **138** — Andrew Richman (TD) won by injury default over

Preston Armstrong (HR). **145** — Ethyne Reid (Rid) p. Victor Rodriguez (CC), 5:19. **152** — Shawn Yeager (Pen) p. Zachary Anderson (Red), :32. **160** — Gavin McLean (CC) d. Steven Preston (TD), 9-2. **170** — Aiden Patterson (Pen) p. Anthony Lochner (Rid), :42. **182** — Kirk Liscom (Pen) d. Maverick Geller (HR), 7-2. **195** — Logan Shenk (Rid) d. Colton Schlachter (CC), 1-0. **220** — Jacob Griffin (Pen) won by injury default over Hayden Hilderbrand (CC). **285** — Travis McGee (Pen) p. Tanklin Thomasson (CC), :24.

**Other Pendleton placers** — Josh Whaley (5th, 152), Kyle Liscom (5th, 160), Cody Sumerlin (5th, 170), Ian Bannister (6th, 182), Jordan DeGeer (6th, 220), Will Glover (5th, 285).

## PREP ROUNDUP

# Nixyaawii boys finish season at No. 1 in Old Oregon League

East Oregonian

It looks as if there's no stopping the Golden Eagles.

Nixyaawii took care of their final game of the regular season with a 53-30 victory over their Joseph visitors on Saturday.

"Joseph has a good strategy," said Nixyaawii coach Shane Rivera. "Like most teams, they try to slow the pace of the game down to keep the scoring low. But we just hung in there and did what we always do."

Tyasin Burns posted 24 points to lead the Golden Eagles (22-2, 12-0 OOL), and Mick Schimmel chipped in 13.

Undefeated in league action and holding the Old Oregon League's No. 1 spot, Nixyaawii will head

into their district's semifinals on Friday against an opponent to be determined.

### Boys hoops

**MAC-HI 61, ONTARIO 49** — The Pioneers ended the regular season with a bang, turning Ontario away on the road.

Dareagan Stephens posted 22 points to lead the way.

"This was a great season," said coach Jordan Poyner. "We got really hot from deep and had a nice lead at the half. I'm very excited for the postseason."

The No. 3 Pioneers (14-8, 3-3 OOL) rematch Ontario on Tuesday in the Old Oregon League playoffs.

**UMATILLA 39, BURNS 28** — Uriel Garcia's double-double

with 22 points and 10 rebounds drove the Vikings to a victory over Burns on Saturday.

"We bounced back today after our last three losses," said coach Scott Bow. "We got back to doing what we needed to do, and looked good doing it. We're ready to roll."

Umatilla (18-6, 6-4 EOL) are the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Oregon League.

**CONDON/WHEELER 84, ECHO 36** — Echo's regular season ended on a sour note with a road loss to Condon/Wheeler on Saturday afternoon.

Braden MacPherson posted eight points to lead the Cougars, while the Knights were led by Hunter Winslow with a game-high 35 points.

Echo (2-23, 1-15 BSL) finished

at No. 9 of 9 in the Big Sky League.

### Girls hoops

**JOSEPH 60, NIXYAAWII 28** — Joseph handed Nixyaawii a rough loss to end their regular season on Saturday.

"We just couldn't keep pace in the second half," said Golden Eagles coach Jeremy Maddern. "Joseph is a good team that pressures the ball well, which caused a lot of turnovers for us. That made the difference."

Lark Moses posted three treys to lead Nixyaawii, and Trista Melton added seven.

The Golden Eagles (12-11, 5-7 OOL) finished at No. 5 in the Old Oregon League.

**ECHO 38, CONDON/WHEELER 22** — Faith McCarty

poured in 16 points and shot 5-of-6 at the line to help Echo close their regular season out with a home win on Saturday.

The Cougars (12-12, 10-4 BSL) are the No. 4 seed in the Big Sky League, and begin playoffs on Friday in Madras.

**ONTARIO 54, MAC-HI 34** — Mac-Hi dropped a road match in Ontario to close out their regular season. Sitting at No. 4 of 4 in the Greater Oregon League, the Pioneers (1-21, 0-6 GOL) begin their league playoffs on Tuesday.

**BURNS 44, UMATILLA 25** — The No. 1 Burns Hilanders kept Umatilla winless in the Eastern Oregon League to close the regular season. Umatilla (2-22, 0-10 EOL) finished at No. 6 of 6 in the league standings.

## Inclement weather moves Hermiston game

### Dawgs will host Kennewick at 7 p.m. Wednesday

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East Oregonian

Blame Mother Nature or Old Man Winter.

Either way, the Hermiston-Kennewick boys 3A District 8 tournament basketball game has been moved once again.

The teams will play at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Hermiston High School.

The Bulldogs originally were scheduled to host Kennewick on Friday night, but poor weather conditions pushed the game to Tuesday.

"As it is now, there will be games played Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday to see who goes to Tacoma," Hermiston athletic director Larry Usher said. "We cancel any more games, we might have to petition the WIAA to play

two games a day."

The Bulldogs (14-6) earned the Mid-Columbia Conference's top seed to the tournament, and had a bye the opening round.

Kennewick (11-10) beat North Central 61-50 in the first round to stay in the winner's half of the bracket.

It will be the third meeting between the Bulldogs and Lions this season.

Hermiston won the first meeting 72-64, and the second 64-63.

Admission prices, set by the WIAA, are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students.

Usher said Hermiston Athletics will cover the admission cost for students who want to attend the game.

With Tuesday's games being pushed to Wednesday, the Hermiston girls game, which was scheduled for Wednesday, was moved to Thursday.

The Bulldogs will play at the loser of Wednesday's Kennewick-Mt. Spokane game.

# Swimming: Bucks make a big splash at conference championships

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Cramp, Kyndra Nelson, Elisabeth House and Finley Kennedy. State qualifiers for boys are Spratling, Robinson, Miltenberger, Andrew Williams and Kaleo Theis.

The 12-member Bucks boys and 24 member girls squad, guided by second-year head coach Tony Nelson, each earned second place team trophies to cap the meet. The boys totaled 99 points and were runner-ups by just two to Redmond at 101. The girls scored 119 points, placing second to Hood River Valley with 134.

"We've had a great season and we just had an outstanding district meet," said Nelson. "These guys have been working so hard all season long. To cap it off with all the personal records that we set and school records that we broke was just amazing and I'm very proud of these kids. The girls had an amazing performance in breaking a 19-year-old school record in the 200 medley relay, which was just phe-

nomenal. It was just a great day overall for our team."

Along with winning their prestigious district titles, the Buckaroos have a large contingent of 11 swimmers who qualified for the Class 5A swimming state championships. This season finale meet will be Feb. 15-16 at the Tualatin Hills Aquatic Center in Beaverton.

Pendleton swimmers will compete in the 5A preliminaries beginning at 1:45 p.m. Friday, which will be followed by Saturday's 1 p.m. state finals. Pendleton has swimmers in 10 individual events and four relays.

"It's a great way to cap our season and have such a large group of kids qualify for state," said Nelson.

"We're hoping to have another great meet there. There's only 12 swimmers in each preliminary event, so we're just hoping to move on and finish in the top-six of prelims so that we can compete in the finals on Saturday. That's what we're looking for and all of these kids are capable

of doing that."

Barnard also swam strong with teammates Robinson, Williams and Theis to help Pendleton get second in the 200 free relay (1:36.51). Williams, a freshman, took second in the 100 backstroke with a PR time of 1:04.09 and Miltenberger was fourth (1:06.64).

"I feel pretty good about getting a PR in the back and it's very exciting to reach the state meet as a freshman," said Williams. "I feel like it's a very big highlight of my Pendleton High School career. I feel proud of myself for swimming as well as I did. I felt like it was the best I swam all year and I'm at my peak performance level right now."

Robinson, a freshman, and Spratling earned the titles of two-time IMC District Champions after impressive performances. Robinson won the 200 free (1:54.47) and Spratling took third place at 2:06.89. Spratling, a sophomore, won a district title in the grueling 500 free as he timed in with a PR of 5:43.25, lower his

previous best time by nine seconds.

"It's pretty exciting to win my first ever district championship and it was a really fun meet today," said Spratling. "I'm excited about going to state, but I'm also a little nervous. My goal is to help our medley relay reach the top-six finals on Saturday."

Huth swam swiftly to first place in both the 200-yard freestyle (2:12.84) and the 100-yard breaststroke (1:13.52). Huth and teammates Nelson, House and Kennedy combined to finish first in the 200-yard freestyle relay (1:50.50). Huth, Nelson, House and Cramp swam to a very close second in the 200-yard medley relay at 2:01.68, just slightly behind winner Hood River (2:01.52). The girls qualified for state in both of these relays.

"It was a great day for our entire team and it feels really good to win two district titles," said Huth, a senior, who has also qualified for state four years in a row. "This was the first time

I won the 200 freestyle and I was also very happy to win the 100 breaststroke for the second year in a row."

Cramp, a freshman, swam consistently strong too in winning four second place silver medals. Cramp was runner-up in the 100 free (59.14), followed by House at 59.97 seconds. Cramp, who qualified for state in the 100 free, also took second the 100 back (1:07.84) and she combined with junior Janessa Headley and freshmen Kennedy and Alara Campbell for second in the 400 free relay (4:20.66). House recorded top-three medal winning efforts in two individual events. House, a senior, earned a second place silver medal with a strong swim in the 50 free (26.19).

Nelson, a sophomore, swam to first in the 500-yard free relay while setting a personal record time of 5:57.97. Nelson also swam well and took second in the 200-yard individual medley (2:33.28), close behind winner Celilo Brun (2:29.64) of Hood River. Nelson qual-

ified for state a second straight year and she'll compete in the 500, 200 IM and the 200 medley relay and 200 free relay.

"Our team had a great day and I feel very excited about our performance that we had," said Nelson, daughter of coach Tony Nelson. "My goal was to go below six minutes in the 500 and so I was very happy that I did that. I'm very excited about going to state, but I'm also a little nervous too. I'm anxious to see how well I'll be able to do against people from other districts."

Pendleton brought home a total of 40 top-three IMC District medals. For Buckaroo seniors Lily Yoshioka, Rylee Harris, Sam Attridge, Jill Schulze and Kaiya Spencer, the event marked the final swim meet of their career at Pendleton High School.

**Box Score Boys Team Scores** — Redmond 101, Pendleton 99, Hood River Valley 67, Ridgeview 51, The Dalles 32.  
**Girls Team Scores** — Hood River Valley 134, Pendleton 119, The Dalles 40, Ridgeview 32, Redmond 29.