

5A STATE WRESTLING

Bucks put 3 in semifinals

Henderson, Patterson and Rendon still in line for a state title

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The Pendleton wrestling team sent 14 men to state. After the first day of action Friday, five advanced to Saturday, including three in the semifinals.

Alex Rendon (126 pounds), Aiden Patterson (170) and Aiden Henderson (195) are the three Bucks still alive on the championship side of the bracket, while Chris Chambers (138) and Isaac Urbina (160) are fighting to stay alive in the consolation bracket.

"We are really happy for those guys in the semis," Pendleton coach Fred Phillips said. "We expected to see them get there when we saw their draws. It's nice that they went out there and got it done."

The Bucks are eighth in the team race with 49 points. Crook County leads with 94 points, while Dallas is a close second with 90.5.

Rendon (48-4), who finished second at state last year, pinned Matthew Bolanos of Crater in 1:11, then followed with a pin of Danny Patterson of Eagle Point in 1:26 to punch his ticket to the semifinals.

Rendon will wrestle Hunter Eveland of Crescent Valley in the semifinals.

Patterson (23-10) also pinned his first two opponents — Wyatt Miller of Wilsonville in 1:21, and Josh Sitzer of Eagle Point in 4:29.

Patterson will take on top-seeded Ein Carlos of North Salem in the semis.

Henderson (33-17) had a 3-0 lead over Cen-

tral's Corbin Sedlacek before pinning him early in the third round. He followed with a 4-3 decision over Peter Foulke of Milwaukie, getting a take-down with 16 seconds left in the match.

Henderson gets top-seeded Avery Jaramillo of Thurston in the semifinals.

Chris Chambers, who won the Intermountain Conference district title at 138, won his opening match with a pin of Jackson Godsey of Hillsboro in 5:56.

After a loss in the quarterfinals, Chambers rallied with a 6-5 decision over James Depas of Dallas, using a reversal with 58 seconds remaining in the third round to take the lead.

"That was a great match," Phillips said. "I think he will end up going for third/fourth tomorrow."

Urbina, a sophomore, got rid of his state jitters with a pin of Rachawn Lee of St. Helens in 2:17. He lost a 2-0 quarterfinal match to Clayton Elrod of Redmond, then recorded a 15-3 major decision over Logan Crowder of Crater.

"He has been ranked as high as No. 3 this year," Phillips said of Urbina. "I gave him a good chance to beat (Elrod) and reach the semifinals. His last match was a big win, and that kid was tough."

Collin Primus (106), Kellen Hanson (113), Gabe Browning (113), Caleb Tremper (120), Blake Davis (145), Shawn Yeager (152), Kirk Liscom (182), Jacob Griffin (220) and Travis McGee (285) did not make it past the first day.

"This is a great group," Phillips said. "We only have about three kids who identify as wrestlers first. Most of the rest are football players first. I'm happy they had a successful season."



Nixyaawii's Moses Moses shoots a jumper over St. Paul's Justin Herberger in the Golden Eagles' 73-54 win against the Buckaroos on Friday in Pendleton.

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Eagles: Start run for title at Baker High

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Burns grabbed a rebound off the Bucks' glass to push Nixyaawii out to a 33-point lead in quarter three, but St. Paul senior post Rawley Koch knocked down a pair of treys in response. Moses hit a basket with 0:20 left to help his team to a 30-point advantage.

St. Paul outscored the Golden Eagles 23-8 in the final eight minutes, bolstered by eight- and nine-point runs to close the game. They had reduced their deficit from 30 to just 19 at the buzzer.

"It's the postseason — we should be going full throttle all the way through," said junior guard Mick Schimmel. "(St. Paul) switched up their

defense, and that threw us off." Following Moses, Schimmel posted 13 points, and sophomore post Magi Moses added 12.

With Friday's win under their belt, the Golden Eagles (25-2, 12-0) will travel to Baker High School on Wednesday, Feb. 27 to start their run for the state title. Round one of the 1A tournament tips off at 3:15 p.m. against Horizon Christian.

PREP ROUNDUP

Heppner ends season with playoff loss to Kennedy

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The end has arrived for the Heppner boys.

The Blue Mountain Conference's No. 1 team fell 56-38 to Kennedy in the first round of the 2A playoffs on Friday night.

"The kids played hard," said coach Jeremy Rosenbalm. "They came out and played great in the first half. They executed well and stuck to the game plan." Kennedy's 16-3 run in

the third quarter put the game out of reach.

Tyler Carter posted 14 points and a 60 percent shooting accuracy from the field to lead the Mustangs. Dakota Howard sunk nine, and Trent Smith had seven.

"I couldn't be more proud — they came out and fought," Rosenbalm said. "Unfortunately, the outcome wasn't what we wanted, but that's how it goes in sports sometimes — some teams have to end their

season early."

The Mustangs (18-8, 11-1 BMC) were ranked 14th overall in the 2A division.

Boys hoops

SUTHERLIN 59, UMATILLA 39 — The Vikings missed out on a trip to the 3A state tournament after dropping their play-in game to Sutherlin on Friday.

"It was a tough game," said coach Scott Bow. "We played pretty well for three quarters, but then we made

17 fouls and gave (Sutherlin) 26 free throws to lose the game in the fourth."

Andrew Earl scored 14 points, and Uriel Garcia had 12 to lead Umatilla (19-8, 6-4 EOL). They ended as the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Oregon League, and No. 8 in the 3A division.

"The kids played hard all the way through," Bow said of his team's season. "But it wasn't the greatest way to end on a situation like tonight."

Bucks: 'It's all about you on the mat'

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everybody is pretty good about knowing what is going on," Patterson said. "Wrestling is completely different. You are on your own, that's why it is such a hard sport. You have to bend them (opponents) against their will. The kids on basketball court, they don't know what hard work is."

Patterson, who was a first-team all-state running back, has signed to play football at Western Oregon University. Wrestling in college was never a thought.

"There are some kids out there who are just wrestlers," Patterson. "Wrestling in college is death. Those guys are crazy. It's not for me."

Yeager, who finished third at 152 pounds at the Intermountain Conference finals, is making his first trip to state.

"I broke my leg in four spots playing football last year and didn't get to wres-

tle at all," Yeager said. "It's been a crazy senior year. We have been looking forward to it since we were little kids."

While football is Yeager's preferred sport (he has signed to play at Eastern Oregon University), he has wrestled since he was a little boy. He likes both sports.

"Wrestling is one-on-one," he said. "It's all about you on the mat."

Yeager opened state against Jacob Jones of Dallas. He and Jones already have tangled this year.

"He worked me pretty good at the (Oregon) Classic," Yeager said before state. "It's not a good draw for me. But I'm excited for it. Anything can happen at any time."

Jones came out on top again, pinning Yeager in 1:52.

Though he won't win a state title, Yeager said he takes his role as a team leader seriously.

"We are seniors," he said.

"We have to set the tone. If we don't work hard, the freshmen will think they don't have to. I'm a team leader, and I take that to heart."

Liscom is the most squared away of the trio. He has accepted an appointment to the Naval Academy and will report in June.

He was a first-team all-state linebacker, and placed third at the IMC district tournament at 182 pounds.

Liscom went 1-2 at state last year, and even though he lost his first match Friday to Trevor Fulton of Ashland 12-2, he has high hopes of staying alive a little longer this year.

"I think I can place at state if I wrestle exceedingly well," he said.

If not, he hopes his leadership will inspire his teammates.

"Growing up, I was never the tallest, the strongest or the most athletic," Liscom said. "I have achieved what I have through hard work. If

you give it your all, you can achieve whatever you want to."

Liscom has no plans to play spring sports, so this weekend is his last with Patterson and Yeager.

"We have been really close and have had a lot of fun," Liscom said. "They are both great people and I love them. They are both insane athletes and they work super hard. They push the underclassmen and have had a big influence on those around them."

Not matter the outcome this weekend for Patterson, Yeager and Liscom, Phillips said he has enjoyed the ride.

"This is their final go-round together," said Phillips, who also is an assistant football coach. "They are neat kids and I'm glad I got the opportunity to work with them for four years. I have coached those kids nine months of the year, for five or six days a week. They are the type of kids you want to have."

Irrigon: Two from Mac-Hi won their first-round matches

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At 285, Kaleb Kendrick received a bye in the first round, then posted an 8-1 decision over Tristan Scott of Warrenton.

Kendrick will face Jordan Mode of Willamina/Falls City in the semifinals. Mode beat Kendrick earlier this season.

"He's going to have to come out on fire," Dunten said of his big man.

The Knights' Alex Miranda-Walls, who was 39-2 going into the tournament, ran into three-time state champion Dax Bennett in his first match at 170 pounds. Bennett posted a 12-4 decision to send Miranda-Walls to the consolation half of the bracket.

Miranda-Walls then registered a 7-2 decision over Harlen Gunderson of Burns. He can finish as high as third.

Gabriel Romero (113),

Brady Harrington (182), Josue Aguilar (195) and Reece Sheller (220) all are still alive and can place as high as third.

Romero won his first match 11-7, then was pinned by Moses Mercier of Willamina/Falls City in the quarterfinals. He rebounded with a pin of Jimmy Huffman of Burns to stay alive.

Harrington, who received a first-round bye, lost his first match by a 6-3 decision. He then posted a 12-3 major decision over Trace Prosser of Burns.

Aguilar, who was pinned in his first match, won his second-round consolation match by fall, pinning Roy Rendon of Nyssa in 3:23.

Sheller also was pinned in his first match, but rebounded with a 30-second pin of Yahir Paz of Vale.

The Knights, who took a school-record nine to state, saw Jacob Ayala (126) go 0-2.

4A Tournament

Mac-Hi took five men to state, but just two, Kiez White (120) and Patton Wright (195) won their first-round matches.

Wright advanced to the quarterfinals with a 26-second pin of Mikey Montgomery of Elmira, but a loss in the quarterfinals sent him to the consolation side of the bracket.

Wright beat Tieson O'Hagen of Tillamook 7-5, and is the only Pioneer to advance to Saturday.

White registered a 15-0 technical fall over Keegan Fox of Sweet Home, but he lost in the quarterfinals, then dropped his first consolation match to finish his stay.

Isaac Wood (113) and Rafael Pereyda (182) lost their first matches by fall, while Alex Doherty (285) lost a 4-1 decision to Bryer Moore of Junction City.

Wood won his first consolation match, then dropped a

16-0 decision to Zane Shadrick of Junction City.

Pereyda and Doherty both lost their second matches by fall and were eliminated.

2A/1A Tournament

Heppner's Trevor Antonucci (113) and Carson Brosnan advanced to the second day of action after winning their consolation matches.

Antonucci lost his opening match 12-5, but came back to pin Tony Flores of Coquille in 1 minute to say alive.

Brosnan was pinned in his first match, but lived to wrestle another day with a pin of Heppner Forster of Vernonia in a time of 3:46.

Echo's Mychael Pointer also finished 1-1 on the day. He lost his opening match to No. 1 seed Brody Davison of Santiam, getting pinned in 5:16. He pinned Craig Puckett of North Lake in 4 minutes to continue his fight for a medal.

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL SLATE

SATURDAY, FEB. 23

Boys Basketball
Pendleton vs. The Dalles (at BMCC), 4 p.m.

Girls Basketball

Santiam at Heppner, 2 p.m.
Pendleton at Ridgeview, 2:30 p.m.

Boys Wrestling

Pendleton, Irrigon, Heppner/One, Echo/Stanfield, Riverside at State Wrestling (Portland), 9 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27

Boys Basketball
Nixyaawii at 1A State Tournament (at Baker), 3:25 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	44	16	.733	—
Philadelphia	38	21	.644	5½
Boston	37	22	.627	6½
Brooklyn	30	30	.500	14
New York	11	48	.186	32½
Southeast	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	28	30	.483	—
Miami	26	31	.456	1½
Orlando	27	33	.450	2
Washington	24	35	.407	4½
Atlanta	19	40	.322	9½
Central	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	44	14	.759	—
Indiana	39	20	.661	5½
Detroit	27	30	.474	16½
Chicago	15	44	.254	29½
Cleveland	13	46	.220	31½
WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	33	25	.569	—
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Dallas	26	32	.448	7
New Orleans	26	34	.433	8
Memphis	23	37	.383	11
Northwest	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	40	18	.690	—
Oklahoma City	37	20	.649	2½

Portland	35	23	.603	5
Utah	32	25	.561	7½
Minnesota	28	30	.483	12
Pacific	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	42	16	.724	—
L.A. Clippers	33	27	.550	10
Sacramento	30	28	.517	12
L.A. Lakers	29	29	.500	13
Phoenix	11	49	.183	32

Thursday's Games

Cleveland 111, Phoenix 98
Philadelphia 106, Miami 102
Portland 113, Brooklyn 99
Milwaukee 98, Boston 97
Golden State 125, Sacramento 123
L.A. Lakers 111, Houston 106
Friday's Games
Charlotte 123, Washington 110
Chicago 110, Orlando 109
Indiana 126, New Orleans 111
Toronto 120, San Antonio 117
Detroit 125, Atlanta 122
Minnesota 115, New York 104
L.A. Clippers 112, Memphis 106
Denver 114, Dallas 104
Utah at Oklahoma City, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Portland at Philadelphia, 10 a.m.
Brooklyn at Charlotte, 4 p.m.
Indiana at Washington, 4 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at New Orleans, 4 p.m.
Memphis at Cleveland, 4 p.m.
Phoenix at Atlanta, 4 p.m.
Detroit at Miami, 4:30 p.m.
Boston at Chicago, 5 p.m.
Sacramento at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.
Houston at Golden State, 5:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m.
Dallas at Utah, 7 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Orlando at Toronto, 12:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Denver, 2 p.m.
San Antonio at New York, 4:30 p.m.
Monday's Games
Golden State at Charlotte, 4 p.m.
Indiana at Detroit, 4 p.m.
Portland at Cleveland, 4 p.m.
Phoenix at Miami, 4:30 p.m.

San Antonio at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m.

Atlanta at Houston, 5 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Memphis, 5 p.m.
Milwaukee at Chicago, 5 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Orleans, 5 p.m.
Sacramento at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	62	47	11	4	98	244	163
Boston	61	36	17	8	80	184	157
Toronto	60	36	20	4	76	203	178
Montreal	61	33	21	7	73	184	170
Buffalo	60	28	24	8	64	171	187
Florida	59	25	25	8	60	184	203
Detroit	62	23	30	9	55	174	207
Ottawa	61	22	34	5	49	186	226
Metropolitan	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Islanders	60	35	18	7	77	174	146
Washington	61	34	20	7	75	205	193
Columbus	60	34	23	3	71	191	180
Pittsburgh	61	32	22	7	71	210	191
Carolina	61	32	23	6	70	178	170
Philadelphia	61	28	26	7	63	179	206
N.Y. Rangers	60	26	26	8	60	173	199
New Jersey	61	24	29	8	56	180	208

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	63	36	22	5	77	193	164
Winnipeg	60	36	20	4	76	203	178