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Echo girls end up in 6th at 1A state basketball tournament

By **ANDREW CUTLER**
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BAKER CITY — Three players scored in double figures Saturday, March 5, to lead Jordan Valley to a 52-28 rout of Echo in the fourth-place game of the Oregon School Activities Association Class 1A Girls State Basketball Tournament in Baker City.

The loss ends the Cougars' season at 19-6 overall and a sixth-place finish at state. Jordan Valley finished with a 26-6 record.

Echo, which opened the tournament with a 54-37 loss to North Douglas in the quarterfinals, followed by a 58-49 win over Trout Lake in the consolation bracket had 11 points and seven rebounds

from Faith McCarty. No other Cougar had more than seven points in the loss.

McCarty got Echo off to a quick start, nailing a 3-pointer to open the scoring four seconds into the game. Jordan Valley's Kelsey Gluch answered with a 3-ball of her own to tie the game. Back-to-back turnovers by the Mustangs led to a jumper

from McCarty and Sydney Bracher for a 7-3 Echo advantage with 6:25 left in the opening quarter.

Jordan Valley closed the first quarter on a 16-5 run to open a 19-12 lead after the first quarter. The Mustangs then used a 12-5 push in the second quarter to blow the game open.

The Cougars shot just

19% from the floor, finishing 9-for-46, including a 3-for-17 effort from the 3-point line. Echo also finished with 13 turnovers, leading to eight points for Echo. Jordan Valley owned a decided advantage in the paint, outscoring the Cougars 17-6, and at the free-throw line. The Mustangs were 16-for-27 from the foul line,

while Echo was 7-for-11.

The Mustangs shot 37% from the floor, finishing 16-for-43, including a 4-for-15 effort from the 3-point line.

Kelsey Gluch led the Mustangs with 13 points, while Jill Gammatt added 12 points and Taylor Eiguren had 11 points and a game-high 10 rebounds.

STANFIELD COMES UP SHORT AT STATE

Tigers finish in 6th place at 2A tournament after loss to Lakeview

By **ANNIE FOWLER**
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — The Stanfield girls basketball team won its first state trophy on Saturday, March 5, it just wasn't the one the team wanted.

Lakeview outscored the Tigers 21-11 over the fourth quarter and overtime for a 48-41 victory in the fourth-place game at the 2A state tournament at the Pendleton Convention Center.

"It's a little bit of solace," Stanfield coach Daniel Sharp said of the sixth-place trophy. "It's a good memory for the seniors. For the younger kids, maybe they can come back and do a little better."

The fourth-place trophy was also the first for Lakeview, which finished the season 20-3.

"It's our first trophy in school history," Honkers coach Cody Blair said, "and there isn't one senior on the team. They are all coming back."

The Tigers (23-7) led 22-15 at the half, and had a 30-24 lead late in the third before Kenna Stratton drilled a 3-pointer from the top of the key with 8 seconds to make it 30-27 heading into the fourth.

Lakeview, which rolled out a full-court press in the third quarter, continued to press the Tigers in the fourth, forcing turnovers.

Stanfield's Alexis Shelby converted a pair of free throws at 4:34 to put the Tigers out front 34-29, but Stratton scored inside, and Bridget Shullanberger hit a 3-pointer from the left wing to tie the score at 34-34.

The Honkers had a 36-35 lead with 2:24 to play, but Maggie Sharp put Stanfield on top 37-36 with a basket at 1:27.

Lakeview had a chance to take the lead with 1:09 left in regulation, but Karlee Vickerman missed the front end of a two-shot opportunity from the free-throw line for a 37-37 game.

Maggie Sharp's 3-pointer at the buzzer went off the rim, sending the game into overtime.

Maggie Sharp and Mazie Reeser hit back-to-back baskets to give Stanfield a 41-37 lead 1:09 into overtime. The Tigers would not score again, while the Honkers reeled off 11 consecutive points, including five by Stratton.

Vickerman did not miss from the free-throw line in overtime, making good on all six shots.

"We executed really well in the first half," Coach Sharp said. "Then we got frenzied and started throwing the ball all over the place. They got aggressive and we got soft."

Zuri Reeser led the Tigers



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Lakeview's Kenna Stratton (24) goes up for a shot Saturday, March 5, 2022, against the Stanfield Tigers in the fourth/sixth place game of the OSAA Class 2A state tournament at the Pendleton Convention Center in Pendleton. The Honkers defeated the Tigers 48-41 in overtime.



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The Stanfield bench celebrates a three-pointer in the first half Saturday, March 5, 2022, against the Lakeview Honkers in the fourth/sixth place game of the OSAA Class 2A state tournament at the Pendleton Convention Center in Pendleton. Lakeview defeated Stanfield 48-41 in overtime.

1A GIRLS ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

First Team: Emily Powers, sr., Damascus Christian
Kortney Doman, so., Crane
Elizabeth Grandle, sr., Country Christian
Leslie Doman, jr., Crane
Kelsey Gluch, sr., Jordan Valley

Second Team: Faith McCarty, sr., Echo

Sophie Bronson, jr., Nixyaawii
Sierra Hale, jr., Damascus Christian
Tayler Eiguren, sr., Jordan Valley
Samantha MacDowell, sr., North Douglas
Sportsmanship Trophy: Damascus Christian

2A GIRLS ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

First Team: Bailey Pedersen, sr., Salem Academy
Callie Glenn, sr., Union
Ryleigh Nofziger, sr., Central Linn
Annabelle Brawley, sr., Salem Academy
Olivia Thompson, so., Bandon

Second Team: Tyler McNeley, jr., Lakeview
Jesse Ledbetter, fr., Union
Alexis Shelby, sr., Stanfield
Audrey Wells, sr., Union
Maya Rowland, jr., Central Linn
Sportsmanship Trophy: Central Linn

with 13 points, while Sharp and Mazie Reeser had 10. Shelby added eight points, 13 rebounds and two steals.

"Alexis is a four-year varsity player," Sharp said. "She plays hard. Hopefully she set a standard others can work for."

Stratton led the Honkers with 22 points, eight rebounds and seven steals.

Lakeview forced 23 Stanfield turnovers — 17 in the second half — and scored 26 points at the other end.

"Our man press caused some disruption and sped the game up to our tempo," Blair said. "The second half is how we have played all year. I think we finally loosened up. When we play that way, we are tough."

Umatilla places 4th at 3A tournament

By **ANNIE FOWLER**
East Oregonian

COOS BAY — For the fourth time this season, Umatilla took the court against Vale. For the first time, the Vikings came off the court with the win.

Ulises Armenta led the way with 20 points, and Oscar Campos hit two key free throws with 6 seconds left in the game as Umatilla finally got the better of Eastern Oregon League champion Vale 50-47 on Saturday, March 5, in the fourth-place game of the 3A state tournament at Marshfield High School.

"We've won three of the four quarters every time we have played them," Umatilla coach Scott Bow said. "This time we lost the fourth quarter, but still had enough to get the win. Vale is a tough team and they are constant fighters. To be able to walk away with the win was pretty good."

The fourth-place trophy is the first one the Vikings (18-10) have won at state since placing sixth at the 2A tournament in 2001.

"They've worked hard all year," Bow said of his team. "That is the great thing about this time of year, it comes down to who can pull it all together. The fact they could get one (trophy) this year, is special. I'm glad they brought the energy this morning."

Umatilla led 43-32 at the end of the third quarter, but Vale quickly turned the tables.

John Wolf hit a pair of jumpers in the first minute of the quarter to make it 43-36, and three free throws by Tanner Steele pulled Vale within 43-39.

Diesel Johnson drained a 3-pointer with 5:04 to play as Vale cut the deficit to one

3A BOYS ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

First Team
Austin Mauer, so., Cascade Christian
Mathias Billings, sr., De La Salle North Catholic
Jameson Ye, sr., Westside Christian
Cody Reece, sr., Cascade Christian
Tyler Spink, sr., Dayton

Second Team
TJ Latu, so., De La Salle North Catholic
Emilio Jaimez, jr., Umatilla
Jake Hergert, sr., Westside Christian
Oscar Campos, sr., Umatilla
Ulises Armenta, sr., Umatilla
Sportsmanship Trophy: Cascade Christian

1A BOYS ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

First Team
Oscar Thomas, sr., South Wasco County
Ray Gerrard, jr., North Douglas
Landon Knox, fr., Crosshill Christian
Cody Siegner, fr., Crane
Carter Nichols, so., Crane

Second Team
Baron Moses, so., Nixyaawii
Ian Ongers, jr., South Wasco County
Cole Martin, jr., Powder Valley
Dylan Abrahamson, jr., Nixyaawii
Mario Gianotti, sr., Riddle
Sportsmanship Trophy: Crane

point, 43-42.

A free throw by Umatilla's Edwin Ortiz made it 44-42, but a Charlie Lamb basket tied the score with 4:33 to play.

A three-point play by Johnson gave Vale its first lead since 3-2 in the first quarter, but Armenta used a three-point play of his own for a 47-47 ballgame with 3:32 to play.

Campos converted 1 of 2 free throws with 2:21 to play as the Vikings took back the lead. Neither team would score again until there were 6 seconds left on the clock.

Umatilla called a timeout with 9 seconds remaining, and Bow reminded his team that defense had been its strength all season.

After the timeout, Campos stole the ball from Johnson, but was quickly fouled by Colten Stepleton with 6 seconds left in the game.

Campos, who was 2 of 8 from the free-throw line

during the game before stepping up to the stripe, calmly sank both free throws for a 50-47 lead.

Stepleton launched a 3-pointer with 1 second left, but was off the mark.

"I told the boys defense had been our bread and butter all year," Bow said. "Vale hit some tough shots in the fourth, but it panned out the way it should have."

Umatilla led 19-10 after the first quarter, and 34-24 at the half.

Campos added 12 points, eight rebounds and three steals for the Vikings, while Kaden Salamanaca chipped in eight points and two steals. Umatilla had 12 steals on the day.

"Ulises and Oscar are our two first-team all-league players," Bow said. "They stepped up and got it done. I'm proud of all of them."

Johnson led Vale (22-7) with 13 points and five rebounds, while Steele added 10 points.

ON THE SLATE

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

College women's wrestling
Eastern Oregon at NAIA
National Invite, Jamestown, North Dakota, TBA

College softball
Southwestern Oregon at Blue

Mountain (2), noon
British Columbia at Eastern Oregon (2), 1 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

College women's wrestling
Eastern Oregon at NAIA
National Invite, Jamestown, North Dakota, TBA

College softball
Eastern Oregon at Eastern Oregon (2), 11 a.m.

College baseball
Eastern Oregon at Corban (2), 11 a.m.

Grays Harbor at Blue Mountain (2), 11 a.m.

College women's lacrosse

Eastern Oregon at Boise State

Tournament, TBA

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

College baseball

Grays Harbor at Blue Mountain (2), 11 a.m.

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