

# Grapplers set sights on district meet here Saturday

By Rocky Wilson  
Wallowa County Chieftain

ENTERPRISE — The results of hundreds of individual wrestling matches in 14 weight classifications for 2A and 1A wrestlers in this area will mean nothing beginning Saturday morning in Enterprise when the Oregon School Athletic Association's District 2A/1A Wrestling Tournament unfolds in the EHS gym.

The prize for top wrestlers will be tickets to compete in the State 2A/1A Wrestling Tournament Feb. 27 and 28 in Portland.

The final tune-up for district came last Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Pine Eagle Invitational. Wallowa's Micah Fuller, 28-3 on the season, pinned his way to the championship rung in the 195-pound weight classification, and Joseph freshman Riley Warnock claimed third place in the



Courtesy photo/Kannon Miller  
Enterprise's 106-pound sophomore Clayne Miller, shown in the down position, took three rounds to win a technical fall decision over Grant Union's Jesse Paulson during his first match at the Pine Eagle Invitational.

same division, although he was seeded in the opposite bracket and never faced Fuller on the mat.

Otherwise, in a year when the overall numbers of competitors on Joseph,

Enterprise, and Wallowa wrestling teams are down, points scored by schools here were less-than-plentiful at Saturday's PE event.

Among 17 wrestling teams competing in Halfway, Joseph placed 12th with 38 points; Enterprise 13th with 34 points; and Wallowa 14th with 33.5 team points.

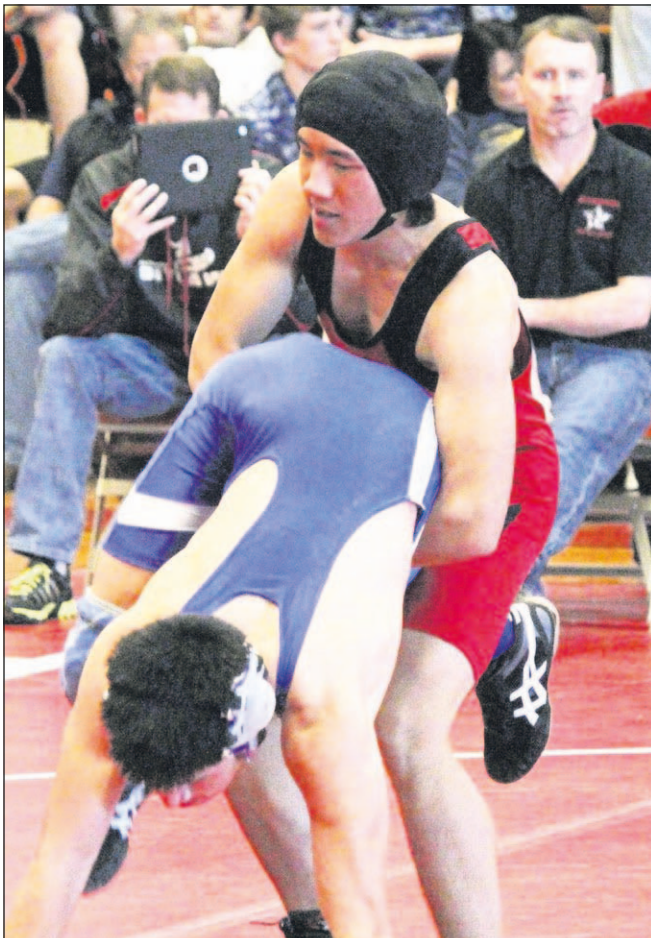
Warnock scored 17 of JoHi's team total by claiming third place via wins by pin over Lane Hicks of Vale and Dylan Dahl of Burns, and suffering a major decision loss to Heppner/Ione's John Prophet, the wrestler who had his shoulders pinned to the mat by Fuller in the 195-pound finale.

Raymond Seal, at 145 pounds, grabbed another third place and tallied 14 team points for the Eagles. Seal won two of

three matches in the tourney to earn his medal. The remaining Joseph points were scored by 182-pounder Benjamin Lopez. Lopez won one of three matches, earned one bye, and claimed a sixth place in his weight class, good for seven points.

Wrestling in the competitive 106-pound weight class, Dylan Staigle grabbed 16.5 team points for Enterprise while winning four of five matches and earning fifth place. Staigle bested mat men from Melba, Idaho; Grant Union; Echo; and Parma, Idaho: only losing by pin to a wrestler from Burns. Cole Farwell scored another 13 points for EHS by winning one of three matches and receiving a bye, placing him fourth at 113 pounds.

The remaining Enterprise points, 4.5 of them,



Courtesy photo/Kannon Miller  
At 138 pounds, Enterprise wrestler Gotro Thanadkit, in control here, lost by fall late in the first round of consolation action to Cris Diaz, of Nyssa.

came courtesy of Clayne Miller who won two of four matches competing, like Staigle, at 106 pounds.

In addition to Prophet, Wallowa's Fuller made short work of Burns wrestler Dylan Dahl en route to his 195-pound title. The Wallowa senior also received two byes and scored 25.5 of the Cougars' final points tally. WHS and Coach Mel Byers also received eight points from Luis Mendez

who, while winning two of three matches, claimed fifth place at 120 pounds.

**Team Scoring:**  
Vale 150; Nyssa 134.5; Burns 116.5; Crane 105.5; Elgin 96.5; Pine Eagle 90; Melba, Idaho 75; Heppner/Ione 67; Union/Cove 65; Grant Union 43.5; Imbler 43; Joseph 38; Enterprise 34; Wallowa 33.5; Adrian 21; Parma, Idaho 20; Echo 12.

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Randall Johnson, a gun club veteran, estimates — depending on weather — that possibly 70 shooters from Wallowa and Union counties will converge on the gun club to compete for 75 pork prizes.

The event will begin at 9 a.m. and last until novice and experienced shooters have had their fill of shooting at

# Youth numbers up at Ducks Unlimited banquet

Wallowa County's chapter of Ducks Unlimited, part of the widely known organization set on conserving critical waterfowl and wetland habitat, held its annual banquet and auction Saturday night, Feb. 7, in Enterprise's Cloverleaf Hall. Attendance at the fundraising event was strong at 113 people, says spokesman Gene Bieraugel, but bringing special pleasure to those belonging to the 16-member local chapter was the number of greenlings, or youth under the age of 17, present at the banquet and auction. Among them were five members of the Enterprise FFA chapter who handed out prizes and helped with raffles.

Final tallies of fundraising numbers were unknown when Bieraugel was interviewed.

He noted that no new Ducks Unlimited projects have launched in Wallowa County, the closest being Ladd Marsh in Union County near La Grande.

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