



**STATE WRESTLING**

# GRAPPLERS GRAB GOLD



Photo by E.J. Harris/EO Media Group

Joseph's Steven Beckman wrestles Bonanza's Oak Tenold during the class 2A/1A 106-pound championship match Saturday at Memorial Coliseum in Portland.

## Enterprise, Joseph wrestlers medal at state meet

By Steve Tool  
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The mighty warriors of Enterprise and Joseph wrestling went mining for gold west of here at the OSAA state wrestling tournament. They found some.

Enterprise High School took four wrestlers to the 1A/2A tournament in Portland's Rose Garden. Cole Farwell, Shane Lund, Dylan Staigle and Evan Johnson. Farwell entered the tournament as the top-ranked seed at 120 lbs. while Lund was the second seed in the 113 lbs. bracket. Staigle and Johnson weren't seeded, but they finished second at District in their respec-

**Every wrestler on both teams indulged themselves with either candy or a hearty meal after their final matches.**

tive weight classes.

Farwell made his first trip to state last year as a sophomore and placed fourth. This year he came back from the hunt with a gold, easily defeating all his opponents.

Having traveled to state as a freshman to observe and as a sophomore to wrestle, helped Farwell put the tournament in perspective.

"Just taking it all in and realizing it was just another tourna-

ment really helped me a lot," he said.

Seeding turned into both a burden and a blessing for Farwell.

"It does burden you because it places an expectation on you. At the same time it helps build confidence because they think I can beat all these other kids," he said.

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Courtesy Photo

Enterprise High School wrestler Cole Farwell lifts his dad and coach Troy Farwell off the floor after winning the Oregon wrestling championship in the 120 lbs. weight class in Portland over the weekend.

## Eagles shot down by Horizon Christian

By Steve Tool  
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The first game of state playoffs proved the last for the Joseph Eagles boys after a bitter 54-50 loss to the Horizon Christian Hawks of Hood River.

The Eagles started out tough with sophomore Tyler Homan scoring an easy layup after a steal 30 seconds into the contest. The Eagles seemingly scored at will while the bewildered Hawks seemed unable to cope. The first quarter ended with the Eagles leading 12-6.

The second quarter saw the Hawks chipping away at the Eagles lead as the home team gradually lost track of the basket. The Hawks tied the game at 15 with five minutes left until the half then followed with another quick score to put themselves up 17-15. The Eagles roared back, leading 22-18 at the half.



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Following a steal from a Horizon Eagles player Cayden DeLury goes in for the layup. The Eagles lost their final game to Horizon Christian 54-50 Tuesday night.

The Eagles opened the second half strong, building a 26-20 lead midway through the third quarter. The Hawks sud-

denly caught fire reeling off eight unanswered points and taking the lead with just under two minutes left in the third

quarter, finishing the frame with a 31-28 lead.

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## Road to state ends for Joseph girls basketball

By Steve Tool  
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The road to state ended for the Joseph's girls basketball team last night at Adrian with a 49-47 loss. Eagles coach Lance Homan said that the sixth-ranked team in the state with its 22-3 record was a tough draw for the 18th-ranked Eagles' opening round.

"Last night was tough. Adrian's good. Our seniors stepped up and our team stepped up. Adrian doesn't lose many at home," Homan said.

The coach noted that playing the much smaller

Adrian gym with the fans right on top of them and an out-of-bounds that ended nearly adjacent to the walls proved a learning experience for the Eagles. Still, he wasn't disappointed in his team's performance.

"To go in there and have a shot at the end to win or tie showed that the girls' efforts to win were phenomenal," Homan said.

Alexis Sykora led the Eagles scoring thumping the bucket for 20 points. Emma Hite hit for 12 points while Ally Cooney knocked the hoop for eight points.

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