

## Daniel Scott Follows In The Family Tradition

■ 10 year-old Tribal member has been wrestling for half his young life.

By Peta Tinda

At ten years old, Tribal member Daniel Scott has already been wrestling half of his life.

Daniel, the son of Wendy Scott and Dennis Linton, Sr., showed the benefit of that experience by winning first place at the Oregon Classic Wrestling Tournament on January 11. He is in the fifth grade at Willamina grade school. Ray Carpenter, Jr. is his coach.

Daniel was born into a family of wrestlers, his mother said.

"Both of his uncles and his father wrestled in high school," said Scott. "His dad likes to say he was bred for wrestling and born ready."

Daniel started wrestling in first grade.

"He wrestled his whole first season with big, ear-to-ear grin on his face because he enjoyed it so much," said Scott.

Daniel and his teammates practice for three hours a day, four days a week. He is a novice class wrestler and weighs 65 pounds. He is very devoted to attending practice, his mother said. All of this has made him one of the up and coming young Willamina wrestlers to watch for.

"He's young, but he has good technique," said Scott. "A lot of people have said they like to watch

him wrestle."

The family is trying to raise funds to send Daniel and his teammates to the World Wrestling Championships, held in Reno, Nevada on April 4 — 6. The family has gotten several local businesses to let them place jars around the Grand Ronde and Willamina areas for people who would like to make a donation.

"The whole family is so proud of them," said Wendy.

"Everybody; grandparents, teachers, coaches, everybody,"

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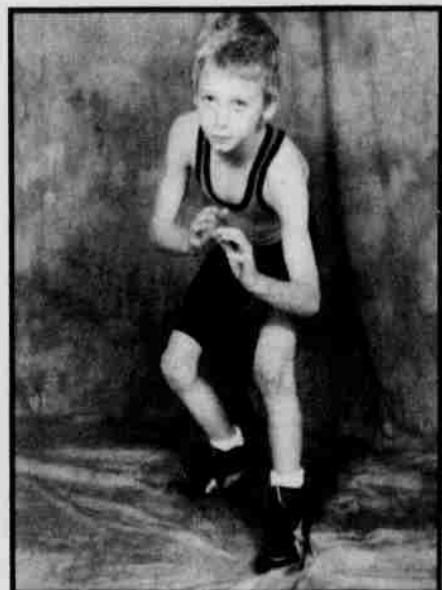


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## Young Matt Hofenbredl Already a Tough Competitor

■ Six year-old Tribal member takes top honors in Pee-wee Wrestling.

By Ron Karten

With the sun setting behind him, the (relatively) tall dark stranger came on the mat, seemingly out of nowhere, with no record to speak of, his stance crouched, his hands casual at his sides but make no mistake, these were hands that were ready to grapple.

His eyes burned like two coals, and the opponents that did not scatter at the sight of him soon knew what it was to come up against the young and dangerous Tribal member, the Dallas Mat Club Pee-Wee wrestler, Matt Hofenbredl.

"This is the first thing he's ever done," said his father, also a Tribal member, Lee Hofenbredl. "How fast he picked it up was unbelievable. Not only for him but for all the kids of his age."

This success came as all the more of a surprise to Lee because Lee had never shown the slightest interest in wrestling. "A friend of (Matt's) was getting involved in it, so he decided he wanted to be involved, too."

"He's a very tough little wrestler," said Dallas Mat Club coach, Dr. Steven Passantino, a chiropractor in Monmouth. "He's very agile, very athletic for a young boy his age, a very good sense of balance, and actually, for his age, he has a very good grasp of wrestling technique,



Photo courtesy of Lee Hofenbredl

which made him unstoppable."

The success, which included the *Coach's Award for Outstanding Performance* and the *Rookie of the Year* award did not come without a learning curve, however.

"The first tournament he didn't know what he was doing," said Lee. "He'd take him down and let him back up. Take him down and let him back up. That's what they did in practice."

Matt came in second at that first meet in Willamina. Next week at Nestucca, he wrestled and sweated and grunted his way to the top. And there were many first place finishes to follow.

"When he got these first place medals," said Lee, "that is what really inspired him."

Then came a tough meet in Scio,

and Matt placed third. "It was pretty tough for him when he lost," said Lee.

But by the time the season ended in February, his 16-3 record was the best of 30 kids, and his future seemed assured.

"He's got a winning attitude, I guess you could say," said Lee.

As for discussing his own success, Matt remained mostly mum, occasionally mugging for the camera, being the humble kind of victor so prized in today's headline-grabbing world. In fact, his principle comment on the season came in response to a question about whether all that wrestling ever tired him out.

"ZZZZZ," he said, and fell back on his chair in a dead faint.

Next sport to watch: "T-ball in April," said Lee. ■

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ished 13-9 last season, 11-8 in league play.

"We had a solid year last year for a fairly inexperienced team," said Head Coach Jade Starr. Starr was a pitcher in his college years, earning an Honorable Mention All-American at Albertson College of Idaho and inclusion in the All-Northwest team while at Walla Walla Community College.

"We returned seven starters from last year as well as a few first year players... so we've added dramatically to our athleticism."

The team's first outing this year late in March heralded good things for the squad. On the back of a no hitter by senior pitcher Dustin Johnson, the Bulldogs trounced Harrisburg, 11-0. Johnson was

Honorable Mention All-State last year. "This year, he should be one of the best in the league as well as best in state," said Starr.

Two junior starters, James Hosley at second base and Jason Bergen at pitcher and first base, also are back. Sophomore starters looking to improve the team's standings this year include Leo Ayala at third base and Steven Price in center field.

"A couple of first year seniors that will get playing time are Cory Bryant — there's a good chance he'll be starting in the outfield for us — and (Tribal member) Nick Kimsey will help us in some various areas — we haven't quite figured out where yet," said Starr.

"I consider us a contender for a playoff spot among the top four

teams," said Starr. "Santiam Christian is going to be extremely tough. Dayton will be solid. Sheridan will be solid. I would like to put us up with those teams but I don't know if that's where we're at. I think we can compete with any team on a given day. It just depends on how hard the kids work and what level of commitment they put in." ■

**Power Display** — Tribal member Nick Kimsey will finish his senior season at Willamina High School playing for the varsity baseball team. Kimsey also played football and basketball this year.



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