

SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18
Boys Basketball: Tri-River Conference Playoffs: Perrydale at Central Linn, 6 p.m.

Girls Basketball: Dallas at Corvallis, 7 p.m. Central at Lebanon, 7:15 p.m. Casco League Playoffs at Warner Pacific College, Portland: Falls City vs. Willamette Valley Christian, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 19
Girls Basketball: Tri-River Conference Playoffs: East Linn/St. Paul at Perrydale, 6 p.m.

Men's Basketball: Western Washington at Western Oregon, 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball: Western Oregon at Montana State Billings, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 20
Boys Basketball: Dallas at Crescent Valley, 7 p.m. Silverton at Central, 7 p.m. Tri-River Conference Playoffs, TBA.

Girls Basketball: Crescent Valley at Dallas, 7 p.m. Central at Silverton, 7 p.m. Tri-River Conference Playoffs, TBA. Casco League Playoffs at Warner Pacific College, Portland: Falls City vs. TBA.

Swimming: Dallas, Central at Class 5A State Championships, Mt. Hood Aquatic Center, Gresham, 6:30 p.m.

Baseball: Western Oregon at Lewis-Clark State, 2 p.m.

Softball: Northwest Cup at Clackamas: Western Oregon vs. Oregon Institute of Technology, 1 p.m.; Western Oregon vs. College of Idaho, 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 21
Swimming: Dallas, Central at Class 5A State Championships, Mt. Hood Aquatic Center, Gresham, 6:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball: Simon Fraser at Western Oregon, 4 p.m.

Women's Basketball: Western Oregon at Seattle Pacific, 7 p.m.

Baseball: Western Oregon at Lewis-Clark State, noon.

SUNDAY, FEB. 22
Baseball: Western Oregon at Lewis-Clark State, 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 24
Boys Basketball: Dallas at Lebanon, 7 p.m. Central at Corvallis, 7 p.m. Class 1A State Playoffs, First Round, TBA.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25
Girls Basketball: Lebanon at Dallas, 7 p.m. Corvallis at Central, 7 p.m. Class 1A State Playoffs, First Round, TBA.

Schedules Subject to Change

STAT SHEET

0 The number of Dallas wrestlers to win four Mid-Willamette Conference district titles before senior wrestler Matt Hofenbredl accomplished the feat on Saturday night.

11 The number of wins in a row the Western Oregon men's basketball team has recorded. The Wolves' last loss came on Jan. 1 against Seattle Pacific.

3 The number of games WOU's men's basketball team leads Alaska Anchorage by in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference standings. The Wolves have four games remaining.

MID-WILLAMETTE CONFERENCE DISTRICT WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dallas domination

Dragons qualify 17 wrestlers to Class 5A state championships

By Lukas Eggen
The Itemizer-Observer

SILVERTON — The Dallas High wrestling program has seen its share of talented wrestlers. After Saturday night, one Dragon stands alone amongst the program's greatest.

Senior Matt Hofenbredl pinned South Albany's Jordan Villarreal in the 132-pound championship match to win his fourth Mid-Willamette Conference district wrestling title, helping Dallas win its sixth-straight team title. The Dragons finished first out of eight teams with 455½ points. Lebanon was second with 299.

"He's the first to win four," Dallas coach Tony Olliff said. "He got a little jab at me after he won. He pointed at me and held up three fingers, then pointed to himself and held up four."



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer
Dallas senior Matt Hofenbredl is in control against South Albany's Jordan Villarreal en route to his fourth district title.

It was a rare moment of emotion for Hofenbredl, who now sets his sights on a third state title in four years. "I was confident going (into the district final),"

Hofenbredl said. "I wasn't really worried about it. I just have to take what I know and go from here into state." Hofenbredl is a man of few words, but since his first

practice as a freshman, his drive has become legendary among his teammates. "He likes being the best," teammate Tyson Janssen said. "He's put in so much

work over all the years. He's proven a lot and he knows what he's doing. If he wants this title, he's going to get this title." **See DALLAS, Page 13A**

Swinehart remains unbeaten

Panthers see six grapplers earn trip to state wrestling tournament

State Wrestling Championships

What: OSAA Class 5A State Wrestling Championships.
When: Feb. 27, 8:30 a.m.; Feb. 28, 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Where: Veterans Memorial Coliseum, Portland.
Admission: Friday — adults, \$15; students, \$10 (good all day). Saturday — adults, \$10; students, \$8 (per session).
Dallas Qualifiers: Ryan Bibler, fr., 106; Noah Sickles, fr., 113; Jordan Williams, jr., 120; Nolan Miller, sr., 120; Sammy Chung, jr., 126; Matt Hofenbredl, sr., 132; Mathew Dindinger, sr., 138; Tanner Earhart, soph., 138; Noel Reyes, jr., 145; Cody Janssen, soph., 145; Clay Coken, soph., 152; Treve Earhart, fr., 152; Jeff Dunagan, jr., 160; Tyson Janssen, sr., 170; Joshua Naughton, sr., 182; Mathew Thorsted, sr., 195; Kyle Snyder, sr., 220.
Central Qualifiers: Collin Swinehart, jr., 138; Oscar Amezcua, sr., 160; Tanner Swinehart, sr., 170; David Negrete, soph., 182; Alberto Meza, sr., 195; Marlon Tuipulotu, soph., 285.

By Lukas Eggen
The Itemizer-Observer

SILVERTON — For the 43rd time this season, Central High senior wrestler Tanner Swinehart prepared to face his opponent.

And for the 43rd time, Swinehart came away victorious, dominating his final match and earning a 13-5 major decision over Dallas' Tyson Janssen on Saturday night at the Mid-Willamette Conference District Wrestling Championships. "Tanner is so much fun to



T. Swinehart

watch wrestle," Central coach Van Holstad said. "He's doing it the right way with an aggressive, in your face, scoring style. Tanner is a machine." Swinehart (170 pounds) was one of three district champions as the Panthers earned six Class 5A state berths. Sophomore David Negrete

(182) faced stiff competition in his championship match, facing South Albany's Anthony Sutherland. Negrete prevailed for an 8-5 decision, while senior Alberto Meza (195) earned a 5-1 decision over Dallas' Mathew Thorsted to claim his district title. "David, he's going to show you something you've never seen before in every match," Holstad said. "He gives that kind of effort every match. Beto, he has that in-your-face style of wrestling. He's a lot of fun." **See SWINEHART, Page 14A**

MID-WILLAMETTE CONFERENCE DISTRICT SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dallas sophomore earns return trip to state

Nathan Glade qualifies in two events for Central's boys swimming squad

By Lukas Eggen
The Itemizer-Observer

CORVALLIS — Dallas High sophomore Jolie-Rae Ford is returning to state after a record-setting performance on Saturday.

Ford set a school record in the girls 200-yard freestyle, winning the Mid-Willamette Conference district title in the process, finishing with a time of 1 minute, 57.85 seconds.

"I felt wonderful and excited," Ford said. "I knew it was going to be tough. There are some really good swimmers. When I was in prelims, my only thought was to make finals. Becoming a dis-



AARON YOST/for the Itemizer-Observer
Dallas sophomore Jolie-Rae Ford earned two state berths in the 200 and 500 freestyle.

trict champ in the 200 is more than I could hope for." Ford also placed second in the 500 freestyle in 5:20.24, earning a wildcard berth in the event to the

Class 5A state swimming championships on Friday and Saturday at the Mt. Hood Community College Aquatic Center in Gresham. Winners of individual and

relay events, as well as those whose times are among the 12 fastest in the state at district competitions, qualified for the state meet. **See SWIM, Page 16A**

State Meet

What: OSAA Class 5A State Swimming Championships.
When: Friday preliminaries, 6:30 p.m.; Saturday finals, 6:45 p.m.
Where: Mt. Hood Community College Aquatic Center, Gresham.
Admission: Adults, \$8; students, \$5.
Central Qualifiers: BOYS: Nathan Glade, sr., 100-yard breaststroke; 200 medley relay team (Daniel Glade, Nathan Glade, Ryan Rosas and Orion Wright).
Dallas Qualifiers: GIRLS: Jolie-Rae Ford, soph. (200 freestyle, 500 freestyle).

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