

Wrestlers take third at tourney

BY CORY CONANT
WHS wrestling coach

Warrenton's boys wrestling team finished third of 18 teams at the 3A Special District 2 Tournament at Amity High School last weekend, besting last year's fifth-place finish.

The top three wrestlers at each weight class qualified for state.

The team had five qualifiers, another improvement over last year, when we had three.

With the addition of Yamhill-Carlton, the district has become tougher. Still, Warrenton took 20 wrestlers and 16 of them placed.

Winning a district championship has big implications for state seeding.

State is Feb. 28-29 at Memorial Coliseum.

Freshman Aricin Rodriguez is district champion at 106 pounds. Aricin has gotten better at every tournament. We are excited for him to get to the next level at state.

Junior Sam Irwin is district champion at 195 pounds. Sam has put together a stellar season, making the finals in every tournament this year.

Junior Nic Pior took second at 145. Nic was district champion last year and we know he was disappointed that he didn't get a repeat.

Sophomore Josh Niehuser took second at 160. Josh is a tough kid and won a close semifinal to earn his spot.

Sophomore Alex Tapia won an overtime match to take third at 152 and qualify for state.

Senior Armin Rodriguez ended up in fourth and capped a terrific season and career with Warrenton.

Improvement is always the goal, and we exceeded that goal as a team.

Warriors near state playoffs

The Columbia Press

The Warriors advance to the semi-final round in league playoffs after beating Clatskanie 52-48 on Tuesday.

The playoff game at Warrenton High School nearly completes the Coastal Range League season. Thursday night's game at Willamina will decide which team goes to state.

Warrenton is 5-5 in league games and Willamina stands at 4-6. The top team, Rainier, is undefeated in league games.

Hordie Bodden Bodden, Dawson Little and Devin Jackson all did well in the third quarter, clinching the Warriors' win.



Debbie Morrow

Hordie Bodden Bodden reaches for the ball in the game against Clatskanie Tuesday night.

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