

A wild surprise



Photo by Mark Dyer

Ron Dyer loves his hot tub. But Linda, his wife of 41 years, not as much. She has always told family and visitors that they'll see her in the tub if it snows, Ron said. As flakes began coming down Christmas Day, grandchildren Brooke, 8, and Luke, 6, of Baker City made her keep her promise. As family prepared to take a picture, a five-point buck photobombed the event.

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Classic was productive for wrestlers

For The Columbia Press

The Warrenton Boys Wrestling Team worked its way up the skills ladder at the Oregon Classic on Jan. 14 and 15 at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds.

The two-day high school event serves as the dual-meet state championships.

Last year, the tournament was canceled due to the pandemic and the year before, WHS was unable to attend because of bad weather.

"We are excited to be back," Coach Corey Conant said. "We are working to get fully healthy as a team and we are almost there. But every team is dealing with something at this point in the year, so we just focus on the things in our control."

Warrenton was given the No. 6 seed in pre-tournament seeding. And, after a first-round bye, faced Sutherlin and won 52-25.

"They had some high-level wrestlers we wanted to see, and we were able to get those matchups," Conant said.

In the final round of pool wrestling, Warrenton faced No. 2 seed Rainier.

"It came down to the big end of our lineup, where we scored bonus points at 195, 220 and 285," he said.

The final result was in balance until the last match. Senior Josh Smith moved up to heavyweight and pinned his opponent to win the dual 47-36.

"The Classic is a special tournament for teams," Conant said. "In a dual meet, the whole team is watching, and you get to watch your wrestlers one after another."

Each team's best wrestler at each weight faces off and the winners score points for the team.

"It's a great chance to bond and to grow as a group," Conant said. "Our guys were terrific for each other all weekend. Nobody let anyone stay down and our seniors proved their leadership qualities over and over again. ... They are as fearless a group of wrestlers as I have coached."

In the championship bracket,



Warrenton faced league rival Yamhill-Carlton.

Juniors Raul Molina and Brandon Runolfson performed well while scoring points for the team. The rest of the wrestlers bumped up a weight class. It was a good meet that went back and forth a few times.

After 11 out of 14 matches, the Warriors were down 36-28. Senior Alex Tapia received a forfeit at 195, then freshman Kai-son Smith pinned his opponent

at 220. The dual, once again, came down to Josh Smith at heavyweight. He finished a strong takedown and was able to transition for the fall, helping the team win 46-36.

Warrenton faced Harrisburg in the semifinals and were defeated 30-44. In the third- and fourth-place match against Burns, the Warrenton team lost 30-47.

The district tournament is Feb. 19.



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