

Mustang Wrestling '23 Wrap up

Continued from last week's paper.

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The Heppner wrestling teams competed in the **Rumble on the River** tournament in Boardman on Thursday, December 21, 2023. The boys showed their strength and skill, earning 127 team points and securing third place in the event. The girls also fought hard and displayed their talent, scoring 40 team points and finishing sixth in the tournament.

Brayden Desclos (132) finished 4th and contributed 13.0 points to his team's total. He advanced to the quarterfinals with a bye, then pinned Noah Burdeau (Pendleton). He faced a tough challenge in the semifinals, where he was pinned by Ethan Martin (Vernonia). In the 3rd place match, he battled hard but lost by fall to Colton Akers (Irrigon).

Hayden McMahon (144) had a tough day on the mat, finishing 6th and earning 3.0 points for his team. He got a free pass in the first round but then faced Romel Isiordia (Willamina) who pinned him in the quarterfinal. He got two more byes in the consolation rounds but couldn't capitalize on his last chance to medal. He lost by fall to Irwyn Murguia (Irrigon) in the 5th place match.

Zachary Brown (157) was the undisputed champion of his weight class, earning 28.0 points for his team with three consecutive pins. He received a bye in the first round, then took down Gabe Phipps (The Dalles) in the quarterfinal with a fall. He repeated the feat in the semifinal, pinning Orrin Reid (Willamina). In the final match, he faced Alexander DeLatorre (The Dalles), who had also won all his previous bouts. But Brown proved to be too much for him, securing another pin and the gold.

Conner Wilson (165) finished 4th and contributed 13.0 points to his team's total. He advanced to the quarterfinals with a bye, then pinned Steven Mehr (Willamina) to advance to the next match. He faced a tough challenge in the semifinals, where Zachary Parton (La Grande) overpowered him and secured a fall. Wilson bounced back in the 3rd place match but ultimately lost to Ashtyn Irwin (Enterprise) by fall.

Tyelor Moore (175) had a remarkable comeback in the wrestling tournament, finishing 5th and earning 16.0 points for his team. He started with a tough loss to Dante Martinez (The Dalles) by a 7-4 decision but bounced back with three consecutive pins against Gio Solis (McLoughlin), Eli Rust (Willamina), and Juan Rodriguez-Ochoa (Riverside). In the 5th place match, he faced Martinez again, but this time he got the upper hand and won by injury default.

Owen Guerra (175) had a great performance at the tournament, winning three out of four matches by pin or technical fall. He started strong by pinning Quinn Brenner (The Dalles) in the first round, then repeated the feat against Paul Lorence (Umatilla) in the quarterfinals. He faced a tough challenge in the semifinals, where he was pinned by Cannon McLeod (Vernonia). However, he bounced back in the third-place match, where he dominated Ethan Sabin with a 15-0 technical fall.

Despite his impressive showing, Guerra did not earn any team points for his school.

Landon McMahon (190) dominated the competition and secured 28.0 points for his team. He advanced to the quarterfinals without breaking a sweat, thanks to a bye in the first round. There, he pinned Dakota Malin (Pendleton) in a matter of seconds. He repeated the feat in the semifinals, where he overpowered Landon Risseeuw (Willamina) with ease. In the final showdown, he faced Josiah Moreno (Irrigon), who proved to be no match for McMahon. McMahon ended the match with a decisive fall, claiming first place.

Jaime Cavan (215) was the undisputed champion of his weight class, earning 26.0 points for his team with three dominant victories. He started his campaign with a bye in the first round, then pinned Hansom Forester (Vernonia) in the quarterfinals. He pinned his next opponent, John Bailey (Pendleton) in the semifinals, setting up for a final showdown with Miles Kennedy (Pendleton). Cavan showed his superior skills and stamina, winning by a 7-3 decision and claiming the top spot.

Loren Trujillo (120) made a decent run at the tournament, reaching the podium with a 3rd-place finish with no team points. She breezed through the first two rounds with byes but met a tough opponent in Adalia Chavez (Riverside) in the semifinal. Chavez pinned Trujillo in a hard-fought match, sending her to the consolation bracket. There, Trujillo bounced back with a dominant performance, pinning Denisse Bracamontes (Heppner) in the 3rd place match.

Denisse Bracamontes (120) did well at the wrestling tournament, finishing fourth in her weight class and contributing 11.0 points to her team's total. She advanced to the quarterfinals with a bye, then defeated Jade Sisson of River View by decision. She faced a tough opponent in Dairys Pena, who pinned her in the semifinals. In the bronze medal match, she battled with Loren Trujillo of Heppner but lost by fall. Bracamontes showed great skill and determination throughout the competition.

Sarah Munkers made a remarkable run to the finals of the girls' wrestling tournament, earning 22.0 points for her team with two pins along the way. After getting a bye in the first round, she dominated Rebecca Wiltberger of Riverside with a fall in the quarterfinals. She pinned Hailey Wright of Union in the semifinals, setting up a clash with Paige Baker of Willamina for the title. Baker proved to be too strong for Munkers, however, and pinned her in the final match. Munkers settled for second place.

Keeley Nairns (235) worked hard at the tournament, finishing fourth and contributing 7.0 points to her team's total. She advanced to the semifinals without having to wrestle, thanks to two byes in the previous rounds. There, she faced Elizabeth Mendoza (River View), who pinned her in a tough match. Nairns then battled Chloe Wilson-Claassen (Irrigon) for the bronze but lost by fall again.

It was a day for the Heppner JV wrestlers at the **2023 Winter Cup (JV)** held at Hanford High

School in Richland on Friday, December 29, 2023. The boys scored 64.5 team points, earning them the 8th place among 22 teams. The girls also showed their skills and grit, scoring 30 team points and finishing 21st out of 32 teams. The Winter Cup (JV) was a great opportunity for the Heppner JV wrestlers to test themselves against some of the best wrestlers in the region and gain valuable experience for the future.

Jaime Cavan (215) was unstoppable in his weight class, pinning all his opponents in the first three matches. He started with a quick victory over Kainoa Beyer (Medical Lake) in the opening round, followed by another dominant performance against Brenden Freeman (Kennewick) in the second round. In the quarterfinal, he faced Russel Walden (Baker), who had no chance against Cavan's strength and technique.

Landon McMahon (190) was dominated in his weight class, pinning all his opponents during his three matches. He started with a quick victory over Donovan Kirchen (Hanford), followed by another winning performance against Jeremiah Dittrich (Cheney). In the quarterfinal, he faced Andres Reynaga (Sunnyside), who had no chance against McMahon.

Tyelor Moore (175) competed well in all of his matches and scored 12.0 points for his team. He started with a quick pin over Clinton Zimmerman (Medical Lake) in the first round, followed by another fall over Peter Koster (Cheney) in the second round. He advanced to the semifinals after Zach Purington (Kamiakin) had to forfeit due to an injury.

Zachary Brown (157) of was unstoppable in the wrestling tournament, earning 11.5 points for his team with three impressive victories. He pinned Ryan Tamburello from Richland in the first round, then dominated Cole Hultgrenn from Chiawana with a 16-0 technical fall in the second round. In the quarterfinal, he finished off Gaige Birmingham from Baker with another fall.

Kooper Miller (215B) had a strong showing at the tournament, finishing fourth and earning 10.0 points for his team. He faced a tough opponent in John Sein Pawmyint from Chiawana, who pinned him in the quarterfinal. But he bounced back with two impressive victories by fall over Thomas McCormick of Hanford and Jorge Vasquez of Ferris in the consolation rounds.

Kaden King (165) had a mixed performance in the tournament, earning 4.0 points for his team. He faced a tough opponent in Ryan Reid (Hanford) in the first round and lost by pin. He got a bye in the consolation round and bounced back with a victory over Cash Melville (Kennewick) by fall.

Hayden McMahon (144) earned 2.0 team points. He faced a tough opponent in the first round, Omar Richie Vargas (Pasco), who edged him out by a narrow 5-4 decision. McMahon bounced back in the consolation bracket, dominating Damien Dominguez-Silva (Kennewick) with a 12-2 major decision. However, his run ended in the second consolation round, when he was pinned by Adolfo Duran (Cheney).

Brayden Des-

Desclos (132) lost his first match by a pin from Deron Landeverde of Sunnyside. Desclos bounced back in the consolation bracket, defeating Isaiah Medina of Hanford in a thrilling sudden victory that ended 6-4. However, when he faced Roman Kurakin of Cheney, he was pinned in the second round. Desclos earned one point for his team.

Conner Wilson (165) started strong with a pin against Jesus Vergara (Grandview) in the first round but then had to sit out the second round with a bye. In the quarterfinal, he faced Cooper French (Cheney), who dominated him with a 10-0 major decision.

Owen Guerra (175) lost his first match by pin to Ethan Vargas (Richland). He bounced back with a decision win over Rafael Zepeda (Pasco) with a score of 7-2 in the consolation bracket but then fell to Rigoberto Heredia (Prosser) by pin in his second consolation match.

Sarah Munkers (190) was fourth and contributed 15.0 points to her team's total. She started with a bye in the first round, then pinned Yanellie Torres from Sunnyside in the quarterfinal. She faced a tough opponent in Molly McMullen from Ephrata, who defeated her by fall in the semifinal. Munkers bounced back with another pin over Aaliyah Sotelo from Selah in the consolation semifinal. She fought hard, but Rebecca Wiltberger from Riverside prevailed by fall over her in the third-place match.

Loren Trujillo (125) scored 10.0 team points despite losing two matches. She started with a bye in the first round, then defeated Stacey Riley (Chiawana) by a 4-2 decision in the second round. However, she faced a tough opponent in the quarterfinal, Brooklynn Kelley (Southridge), who beat her by a 6-0 decision. Trujillo bounced back in the consolation rounds, pinning Alexcia Mosqueda (Chiawana) and outscoring Niamarie Valdovinos (Toppenish) by a 7-0 decision. However, she could not overcome Alissa Avalos (Chiawana) in the consolation semifinal, and lost by a 5-1 decision.

Keeley Nairns (235) scored 3.0 points for her team. She advanced to the quarterfinals without a fight but faced a tough opponent in Morgan Howard (Richland), who pinned her to the mat. Nairns bounced back in the consolation round, defeating Brook Grijalva (Hanford) by fall. In her final match of the day Elizabeth Mendoza (River View), edged her out in a sudden victory (SV-1 2-0).

Denisse Bracamontes (120) earned 2.0 points for her team. She started strong with a decisive victory over Kaylee Bennett (Sedro Woolley) in the first round, winning by a wide 5-0 margin. However, she faced tougher and more experienced opponents in the next rounds and lost both matches by fall. Tiffany Hamm (Richland) pinned her in the second match, and Jade Sisson (River View) did the same in the consolation round.

Mustangs defeat Knights 58-32

The Heppner Mustangs basketball team won their makeup game with the Irrigon Knights by the score of 58-32. The game was rescheduled because of the power outage at the Irrigon school just as the Mustangs were to take the floor.

Irrigon hit a three-pointer to start the scoring in the game, but that would be the only lead they would have for the night. The Mustangs tied the game with their own three on the next possession and then led 10-3 before the Knights would score again. Heppner raced out to a 19-7 first quarter lead and led 37-15 at halftime.

The pace of the game continued to favor the Mustangs and they kept up the scoring throughout the third quarter. The Mustangs led the game 53-21 as the fourth quarter started and the rest of the game would be played with a running clock because of the 30-point rule. The entire Heppner bench got into the game in the fourth quarter and the Mustangs came away with the win by the score of 58-32.

A balanced scoring attack was led by Landon Mitchell with 12 points in the game. Landon also had a double-double as he recorded 10 rebounds and had 4

assists and 4 steals for the Mustangs. Mason Orem also had a double-double with 11 points, 10 rebounds, 3 assists and a steal. Cameron Proudfoot and Caden George each scored 10 points in the game for the Mustangs. Cameron also had 2 rebounds and a steal while Caden also filled the stat sheet with 3 rebounds, 7 assists and 2 steals. With 6 points each were Thomas Bales and Keaton Coiner. Thomas also recorded 10 rebounds and Keaton had 4 rebounds and a steal for the team. Jackson Coiner scored 2 points and had 1 rebound while Logan Turner scored 1 point and had a steal. Although they did not score in the game, Marty Medina contributed solid defense and had a steal, Caleb George recorded 2 rebounds and Caylan Proudfoot dished out an assist.

This week the Mustangs have three tough Blue Mountain Conference games. They travel to Stanfield to take on the Tigers in a make-up game that was cancelled last Friday because of the ice storm. They will host the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots on Thursday night and then travel on Friday to John Day and take on the Grant Union Prospectors.



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A beautifully remodeled 2-story home in Heppner. This spacious residence boasts approx 2,400 square feet of space, featuring 3 bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms. This house has undergone extensive renovations, with almost everything being brand new. New dry wall, paint, flooring, bathrooms, kitchen, water heater, windows. 510 S Main St. Heppner MLS#: 23687525



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