

HHS wrestling season in full swing

A recap of the first nine tournaments



The Heppner High School boys' and girls' wrestling teams on their new mats. Both teams have started the wrestling season strong. -Contributed photo

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Heppner High School boys' and girls' wrestling is underway for the 2024-25 season. The teams, which have grown since last year, made a strong first impression, showcasing incredible determination and skill across eight challenging tournaments since the beginning of the season.

Several wrestlers from both the boys' and the girls' teams, have stood out amongst their competitors.

Zachary Brown is holding strong to a record of 17-0 for the season thus far. Landon McMahon is holding a record of 19-2 after winning first at the latest tournament that he competed in.

Keeley Nairns, Journey Cavan-Harris and Emilia Cavan-Harris have each in their weight class in every tournament that they have contended in since the start of the season.

Coaches Zac Brown and Tyler Robinson said they were extremely proud to share that the Heppner Girls' wrestling brought home a second-place trophy

from the Elgin Memorial Tournament. This is the very first trophy for the women's wrestling program since its inception at HHS.

The wrestlers and their coaches also want to give a huge thanks to the following individuals, businesses and organizations that helped put together the funds to purchase new mats for the program: Heppner Booster Club, Miller and Sons, Silver Creek Construction, Mid Columbia Concrete, Threemile Farms, Watt Construction, Allred Land Worx, Wight Electric, Blue Mountain Plumbing, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Bailey Heavy Equipment & Repair, Morrow County Grain Growers, Greg Smith, Les Schwab, Coil Fabrication, Devin Oil, Rogers Toyota, Martin Construction, Martin Towing, Murray's Drug, Hansen Vet Services, Corey Miller Farms, Thompson Farms, Osmin Ranch, Mike Mahoney, Colin Anderson, and Allstott Construction.

The generosity and support of each of these individuals and entities has been reflected in the

design chosen to honor the memory of Sharon Miller, who herself was a huge supporter of the community of Heppner and the HHS wrestling program.

Here's a brief overview of the tournaments and the standout performances of Heppner's wrestlers:

Enterprise Kick Off (Boys only), Dec. 6, 2024: Zachary Brown (165) 1st, 24 points; Jaime Cavan (285) 1st, 24 points; Hayden McMahon (150) 1st, 23.5 points; Nickolas Wenberg (175) 1st, 22 points; John Lindsay (150) 2nd, 18 points; Landon McMahon (215) 2nd, 16 points; Owen Guerra (190) 3rd, 16 points; Zion Ramos Lopez (126) 3rd, 13 points; Christopher Humphreys (215) 3rd, 12 points; Kaden King (175) 4th, 8 points; Kooper Miller (285) no place, 3 points; Joseph McMasters (175) no place and no points. They scored a total of 138.5 points and placed second overall.

Lady Pirate Headlock Invitational (Girls only), Dec. 7, 2024: Sarah Munkers (190) 2nd, 19

points; Keeley Nairns (190) 3rd, 11 points; Journey Cavan-Harris (140) 5th, 11 points; Emilia Cavan-Harris (145) 5th, 9 points; Loren Trujillo (125) no place, 7 points; Luiza Couto Olivera (135) no place, no points. They scored a total of 46 points and placed eighth overall.

Oregon Trail County Championships (Boys and Girls), Dec. 11, 2024:

Boys' Results: Zachary Brown (165) 1st, 26 points; Hayden McMahon (150) 2nd, 18 points; Landon McMahon (215) 2nd, 18 points; Jaime Cavan (285) 2nd, 18 points; Christopher Humphreys (215) 3rd, 18 points; Zion Ramos Lopez (120) 4th, 11 points; Kooper Miller (285) 4th, 7 points; Owen Guerra (190) no place, 6 points; Nickolas Wenberg (165) no place, 5.5 points; John Lindsay (150) no place, no points; Conner Wilson (157) no place, no points; Kaden King (175) no place, no points; Joseph McMasters (175) no place, no points. They scored a total of 91 points and placed fifth overall.

Girls' Results: Journey Cavan-Harris (140) 3rd, 14 points; Harlee Cotton (125) 4th, 13 points; Keeley Nairns (190) 4th, 11 points; Loren Trujillo (120) no place, 5 points; Sarah Munkers (190) no place, 4 points; Luiza Couto Olivera (135) no place, no points; Emilia Cavan-Harris (145) no place, no points. They scored 36 points and placed seventh overall.

More tournament stats will follow in future issues of the *Gazette*.

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