

Eastern Oregon Family Taekwondo cleans up at Walla Walla tourney

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Eastern Oregon Family Taekwondo in Stanfield took home hardware after the 24th Annual Walla Walla Karate-do Invitational Feb. 20 in Touchet, Washington.

Vladimir Caldera, Luis Ibarra and 4-year-old Levi Hocker each took first in kata in their respective divisions. Natividad Sanchez also won her kata compe-

tion in addition to a first place finish in kumite.

Cora McCann was second in kata and fourth in kumite, Melissa Shilhonik was fourth in weapons and third in kata, Isaac Rear-don was fifth in weapons and fifth in kata, Cameron McCann was third in kumite, Arron Sanchez was fourth in kata, and Osvalo Sanchez was third in kata. Joesph Phillips was fifth in kata.

Sandstone wins middle school wrestling state title

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The Sandstone Middle School Riverhawks won the Oregon Middle School state wrestling tournament this past weekend, racking up 126.5 team points, edging La Grande by 14.5 points.

Of the 17 weight classes from 75 to 275 pounds, Riverhawk wrestlers placed in seven classes, with two state champions. Of the eight wrestlers participating for Sandstone, seven placed. Drew Sanders continued Hermiston's dominance of 195 pounds with a title, topping Oregon Virtual's Santos Cantu 5-3. Sanders pinned his first three opponents before facing Cantu, who also coasted to the final.

Aiden Villarreal was the other Sandstone champion, winning the 132-pound

bracket with a 17-1 technical fall over Inza Wood's Tyson Resko. Villarreal advanced to the final with two pins and a major decision.

Sean Stewart and J.J. Hurtado both finished fourth. Stewart lost to Peter Osipovich of South Grants Pass after a 27-second pin in the third-place match at 220 pounds, and Hurtado lost to Skyview's (Bend) Blake Ohlson 2-0 at 125 pounds.

Payton Smith and Trevor Wagner each were fifth. Smith beat McLoughlin's Justin Josephson 8-6 in the 140-pound fifth-place match, and Wagner beat Tucker Drummond of Seven Oaks (Lebanon) 8-6 at 117 pounds.

Garrett Hills placed sixth at 225 pounds for Sandstone. Braden Cross of Ogden (Oregon City) pinned Hills in 55 seconds.

Webb leads horde of raging Vikings on all-league teams

EOL releases girls and boys postseason honors

By **MATT ENTRUP**
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The Umatilla girls basketball team took care of business on the court this season, and the Eastern Oregon League coaches took care of the Vikings when it came time to name the all-league rosters.

Of the Vikings' nine players, seven were awarded a spot in the EOL All-League teams, led by senior guard Sidney Webb as Player of the Year.

Umatilla coach Scott Bow, who was named Coach of the Year, said he didn't see it coming.

"It was very surprising," he said of the team's all-league haul. "It was more than I expected would get honored and put on there."

He said it didn't take any lobbying from him, either.

"It wasn't too much of me doing the work, it was other coaches wanting to put them on there," he said. "They felt like they were all just so important to what we did that they wanted to make sure they all were honored."

Webb stood out the most during the Vikings' 8-1 EOL season and district title win, and Bow said it had as much to do with her physical skills as her basketball IQ and leadership qualities. "Not just her ability, more focus was on that she was a coach on the floor," he said. "She controlled the tempo, she controlled everything we were trying to do and just really took care of us that way."

Joining Webb on the first team was senior Courtney Dohman and junior Aleasha Watson. Juniors Brenda Campos and Taija Coffey were named to the second team and seniors Judy Contreras and Mari Paz were awarded honorable mention.

"Hats off to the girls," Bow said. "I'm really proud of what we were able to accomplish and all the hard work they put in."

Riverside had two play-



STAFF PHOTO BY SAM BARBEE

Umatilla's Sidney Webb (23) tries to move into the lane against Riverside's Alondra Caldera (left) and Brenda Avalos during the Vikings' 49-20 win Thursday in Umatilla.

ers honored in junior Lacy Mashos (second team) and freshman Alondra Caldera (honorable mention).

The Umatilla and Riverside boys' teams each had four all-league selections and Riverside coach Clair Costello was named Coach of the Year.

Riverside's first team selections were sophomore Eon Castillo and junior Noe Madrigal. Senior Felipe Olvera (second team) and senior Sergio Navarro (honorable mention) were their other selections.

Umatilla had one boy make the first team, sopho-

more Kaden Webb. Junior Jesus Ramirez and freshman Tyson Durfey both made the second team and senior Juan Coria was honorable mention.

Nyssa junior Andres Gonzalez was the EOL Player of the Year.

Eastern Oregon League 2015-16 All-league teams

BOYS

Player of the Year: Andres Gonzalez, jr., Nyssa

Coach of the Year: Clair Costello, Riverside

First Team

Andres Gonzalez, jr., Nyssa
Kaden Webb, soph., Umatilla
Freddy Pascaolo, sr., Nyssa
Boston Thompson, soph., Nyssa
Andres Chavez, sr., Nyssa
Eon Castillo, soph., Riverside
Noe Madrigal, jr., Riverside
Brook Mattos, sr., Vale
Second Team
Trent Durfey, fr., Umatilla

Jesus Ramirez, jr., Umatilla
Justin Simpson, sr., Nyssa
Felipe Olvera, sr., Riverside
Honorable Mention
Juan Coria, sr., Umatilla
Derek Hlatt, sr., Vale
Sergio Navarro, sr., Riverside
Jaylin Fuentes, jr., Nyssa

GIRLS

Player of the Year: Sidney Webb, sr., Umatilla

Coach of the Year: Scott Bow, Umatilla

First Team

Sidney Webb, sr., Umatilla
Aleasha Watson, jr., Umatilla
Abby Hamilton, sr., Vale
Beatriz Ramirez, sr., Nyssa
Courtney Dohman, sr., Umatilla
Kierra Hernandez, soph., Nyssa
Dallie Johnson, soph., Vale

Second Team

Amanda Trenkle, jr., Vale
Brenda Campos, jr., Umatilla
Charlena Landcaster, jr., Nyssa
Lacy Mashos, jr., Riverside
Taija Coffey, jr., Umatilla
Kelsy Weber, sr., Vale
Honorable Mention
Judy Contreras, sr., Umatilla
Mari Paz, sr., Umatilla
Alisha Burkhardt, jr., Vale
Britney Arredondo, soph., Nyssa
Sailor Hartley, soph., Nyssa
Madi Mitchell, jr., Nyssa
Alondra Caldera, fr., Riverside

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So, before the second quarter, they went back to their attacking-style defense with switches and hedges, and totally limited the Spartans. After scoring 17 points in the first quarter, Marist scored just 19 the rest of the game.

"The difference was, we just went ahead and switched everything and bodied people up and forced them to make a second, third move, second, third decision," Hoffert said. "And we were more successful for that defensively than they were offensively."

"Obviously, what we do is effective. It was proven the last three quarters. Offensively, we were slow the first quarter. We just weren't taking it to Marist."

The Bulldogs took control in the second quarter behind hot shooting from Sara Ramirez. The Bulldogs started the quarter on a 12-5 run that catapulted them in front at 23-22 with 4:20 on the clock. Hermiston came back with a combination of 3-pointers and free throws. Ramirez made a 3-pointer and a layup in the sequence and had five of Hermiston's 12 points during the run.

"We didn't really panic, but I know that none of us wanted to lose, so we were gonna do whatever it took to win," Edmiston said of the first-half comeback.

Hermiston pulled away in the second quarter, entering halftime leading 31-24. After scoring 10 points in the paint during the first quarter, Marist got none in the second, indication a strong second-quarter defensive performance.

Hermiston pulled away for good in the third. The Bulldogs scored 15 points to Marist's six, growing the lead to 18 points at the buzzer. The lead grew to nearly 30 points in the fourth quarter, giving Hermiston a convincing win to take home the fourth



STAFF PHOTO BY E.J. HARRIS

Hermiston's Maddy Juul secures a rebound guarded by Marist's Kayley Elliott and Anilese Haney (5) in the Bulldogs' 64-36 win against the Spartans on Saturday in Corvallis.

place trophy.

Hermiston led in points off turnovers (8-2), points in paint (20-18) and second chance points (15-2). Marist had more success running and coming off the bench, leading in fast break points (4-0) and bench scoring (12-4).

For the second time in three years, Hermiston was awarded the 5A Sportsmanship Award, joining the 2013-14 group as the two teams in the last three years. Edmiston was also named to the second-team all-tournament team.

"On top of how we ended, to get that honor from the state, that's equally as valuable as any state trophy," Hoffert said of the sportsmanship award. "It says a lot of our community, our players and our fans. I was told it was an overwhelming, unanimous choice. It's nice to know we're recognized like that."

MHS (17-11) 17 7 6 6 — 36
HHS (24-4) 10 21 17 17 — 65
MARIST — E. McKenney 8, C. Eagen 7, L. Eagen 6, T. Stockton-McLean 6, A. Haney 4; K. Knudtson 3, K. Elliott 2; M. Fieck 0; M. Peterson 0, S. Johnson 0, M. Williams 0, H. Harrison 0.
HERMISTON — J. Edmiston 16, S. Ramirez 15, M. Juul 14, K. Padilla 14, R. Andreason 2, H. Meyers 2, C. Wheeler 1; K. Heehn 1, J. Thomas 0, H. Thompson 0, S. Gilbert 0.
3-pointers — MHS 2, HHS 3. Free throws — MHS 12-13, HHS 34-48. Fouls — MHS 30, HHS 9. Fouled out — H. Harrison (MHS), C. Eagen (MHS), L. Eagen (MHS), T. Stockton-McLean (MHS).

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