

Flynn defends district title

Hermiston Herald

The Heppner/Ione wrestling team is sending two members to the state championships after Cord Flynn and Trevor Antonucci each qualified during Friday's 2A/1A Special District 4 championships at Armand Larive Middle School.

Flynn (33-1) brought back his second straight district title at 195 pounds by pinning Pine Eagle's Joseph Aguilar in 2 minutes, 46 seconds in the championship bout. It was his second pin of the meet, and after receiving a bye in the first round he beat Joseph/Wallowa's Gavin Baldwin in 1:17.

Antonucci (20-10) had to wrestle four times, but also went out with a win by pinning Grant Union/Prairie City's Eli Sheedy in 54 seconds in the second-place match.

Antonucci had suffered his first defeat of the afternoon in the district championship with a 10-2 loss to Joseph/Wallowa's Steven Beckman. He won his other two matches by pin over Union/Cove's Lincoln Deem in 1:11 and Elgin's Kenneth Terry in 1:30.

Heppner finished fourth in team points with 97. Grant Union won the team title with 228, Crane was second with 177 and Enterprise was third with 117.5.

It will be the second state championships berth for Flynn, who reached the final match as a junior last season

before finishing second to Culver's Jaiden Jones.

The wrestlers have met once this season with Flynn winning by pin (3:15) in the championship at the Jo-Hi Invite on Jan. 7.

It is the first state tournament qualification for Antonucci.

Heppner 145-pounder Carson Brosnan just missed out on a state berth with a third-place finish. He reached the first-place match before suffering defeats to district champion William Johnson of Crane and then Enrique Delgado of Adrian in the second-place match.

Other district champions were Shane Lund (113 pounds) and Cole Farwell (120) of Enterprise; Blake Butler (126) of Pine Eagle; Jayson Blackburn (132) of Union; Clay Johnson (138) and Drew Lusco (220) of Grant Union; William Johnson (145), Elijah Epling (152) and Samuel Williams (285) of Crane; Tanner Owen (160) and Donovan Tate (182) of Elgin; Rylie Warnock (170) of Joseph.

The state championships will be held at Portland's Veterans Memorial Coliseum starting at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 24.

2A/1A Special District 4 championships Heppner placers
 1st place — Cord Flynn (195)
 2nd place — Trevor Antonucci (106)
 3rd place — Carson Brosnan (145)
 4th place — Jacob Wallace (160)
 5th place — Leo Waite (132); Charles Cason (146); Zach Bredfield (152)
 6th place — Ethan Holmgren (170)



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This file photo shows Heppner/Ione's Cord Flynn receiving the Mick Dougharty Outstanding Wrestler Award.



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Callahan Crossley of Hermiston finished in 4th place in the barrel racing to advance to the next level at The American Semi-Finals in Fort Worth, Texas, last week (Feb. 14). Her time of 13.928 earned her \$7,632 and a fourth-place standing. In the Friday, Feb. 17 performance, Crossley finished eighth with a time of 19.272, which was not fast enough to advance to the finals.

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Hermiston (15-6, 5-2 CRC) owed part of its success to a balanced score sheet, which has been something of a rarity this season. Four players finished in double figures for Hermiston, led by Xavier Rambo with a game-high 16. Behind him, Chance Flores had 15, Jordan Ramirez had 13 and Hunter Walls had 12.

"I thought people were pretty unselfish at times," Arstein said of the balance, "and we've talked about getting more assists as a team so that was a pretty good night. We took some steps in the right direction and it's nice to get a couple wins in a row here."

Hermiston led for the majority of the game, holding an 18-9 advantage after one quarter and a 34-16 lead at the break. Hood River's offense picked up a bit in the second half, scoring 36 total points but the Bulldogs boosted their scoring as well to keep a sizable cushion.

The abundance of fouls called meant numerous trips to the free throw line for Hermiston where they managed a solid 20-27 (74 percent) mark to Hood River's 8-18 (44 percent).

This week

Hermiston headed to Pendleton for the third-and-final meeting with the Buckaroos this season on Tuesday night. Pendleton won the previous two contests. The game started

too late to get results in this week's print edition of the Hermiston Herald, but look for results online at www.hermistonherald.com.

HRV	9	7	14	22	—	52
HHS	18	16	17	24	—	75

HOOD RIVER — J. Tactay 11, J. Mears 9, E. Siekinnen 7, B. Wilson 7, C. Flores 6, D. Kurahara 3, C. Orr 3, M. Williams 2, T. Wells 2, T. Hugh 2.
 HERMISTON — X. Rambo 16, C. Flores 15, J. Ramirez 13, H. Walls 12, R. Anderson 5, A. James 5, K. Moss 5, P. Wicks 2, T. McCullough 2.
 3-pointers — HRV 2, HHS 4. Free throws — HRV 8-18, HHS 20-27. Fouls — HRV 29, HHS 20. Fouled out — D. Kurahara (HRV).
 Technicals — T. Hugh, D. Kurahara, Coach (HRV).

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UP NEXT

Stanfield, seeded No. 2 in the state tournament, will host a first-round game at 6 p.m. Friday against 15th-seed Oakland (17-9). The winner will advance to play in the 2A state tournament quarterfinal March 2 in

Pendleton.

WM	20	13	15	20	—	88
SHS	17	26	20	25	—	88
WESTON-MCWEEN — S. Broncheau 25, E. Reger 13, G. Hungerford 9, B. Speed 8, B. Dearing 6, J. Speed 4, J. West 3, B. Rudolph,						
STANFIELD — D. Grogan 31, T. Flores 16, E. Angel 10, J. Garcia 9, J. Galarza 8, T. Monkun 6, B. Woods 4, R. Bailey 4.						
3-pointers — WM 4, SHS 8. Free throws — WM 12-22, SHS 18-33. Fouls — WM 21, SHS 21. Fouled out — J. Speed (W-M); B. Woods, J. Garcia (SHS).						

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