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Alice Todryk is lone Bulldog to bring home state title



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Hermiston's Alice Todryk is announced as the winner of the girls 100-pound championship after pinning Grants Pass' Samantha Dara Saturday at the OSAA State Championships in Portland.

HERMISTON HERALD

GRESHAM — Of the 43 wrestlers spread across seven local teams who made the trip to the OSAA State Championships that began on Friday, only one made the trip back with a state title.

Sophomore Alice Todryk was Hermiston's last chance at not leaving Portland without a championship finish on Saturday, and she did not disappoint.

In the girls' 100-pound weight class final on Saturday, Todryk pinned Grants Pass sophomore Samantha Dara in 3:48 to claim the championship, the only individual title of the weekend for the Bulldogs. To reach the finals, Todryk also scored a win by fall against Oregon City's Emma Baertlein in 3:48.

It was the last year of the girls tournament being an exhibition event, as girls wrestling will officially become an OSAA-sanctioned sport beginning next school year (Hermiston is moving to the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association next year, where girls wrestling is also a sanctioned sport).

Four Hermiston boys wrestlers earned spots on the podium on Saturday. Joey Gutierrez (195) and Beau Blake (285) both earned fourth place finishes, while A.J. Tuia (145) finished fifth and Ruben Madrigal (106) came in sixth.

Gutierrez was bounced from title contention in the semifinals where he was pinned by the eventual state champion Avery Jaramillo of Thurston in 3:19. He then scored a win in consolation before a medical forfeit left him with a fourth place finish. For Blake, he lost his semifinal match to No. 1 seed Josefa Polamalu of Sandy by a close 4-2 decision.

He then scored a win by fall in consolation before a 3-2 decision defeat left him with fourth place, an improvement from last year's fifth place finish at state.

Tuia lost his semifinal match by a hair, a 3-2 decision, relegating him to consolation. There, Tuia lost another match by decision before finally defeating Thurston's Seth Morales by a 3-1 decision to claim fifth place.

As a team, Hermiston finished in 12th place with 60.0 points and fell from their place at the end of the first day of competition Friday, which was 10th place with 44.0 points.

During the first day, Gutierrez, the No. 2 seed at 195 pounds, picked up a win by forfeit and a win by fall in just 57 seconds to move on to the semi-

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Stanfield falls to Pilot Rock

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PENDLETON — Earlier in the season against Pilot Rock and its skilled senior class, Stanfield had fallen by as many as 29 points and as few as 22.

But on Saturday at the Pendleton Convention Center, the Tigers (12-15 overall, 3-5 CBC) stayed with the Rockets (18-6, 8-0) until their athleticism and high level of play was too much to keep up with, running to a 56-41 victory in the Columbia Basin District Tournament.

The Tigers were the clear underdog, but managed to hang with the best in ways they couldn't earlier in the year.

Head coach David Bailey said the game showed the team's growth and maturity.

Pilot Rock maintained its early lead throughout the entire game.

The teams combined for 25 turnovers in the first half, and were only shooting, at best, 29 percent from the field.

Helping Stanfield stay in the game was senior Brody Woods, who finished with a team-best 12 points and a double-double after collecting 12 rebounds. Elias Esquivel chipped in 10.

Irrigon survives double OT to become new district champs

By **ALEXIS MANSANAREZ**
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UMATILLA — It takes unrelenting endurance to outlast your toughest competition, which is something the Irrigon boys basketball team focuses on every practice.

"It's 90 percent of what we do," junior Keith Flemming said. "We don't even touch the basketball during practice, we run."

The Knights have outran, outplayed and more often than not dominated their opponents. But when it came to league play, they were going to have to give a little more, especially when it was time to face Umatilla.

The Vikings and Knights played twice during the regular season, and would meet again Friday for the Eastern Oregon League district championship.

On the defending champs' home court, Irrigon had to use the endurance it has built up all season long to come away with a 53-48 double-overtime victory.

Soon after tipoff in the second overtime period, the Knights (20-4 overall, 7-3 EOL) found themselves down after Umatilla just banked one of its nine 3-pointers.

Junior Uriel Garcia had attempted a three from the left corner earlier in the game with no luck, but this time it put the Vikings (20-6, 8-2) up by a single point, 48-47.

The back-and-forth lead changes

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STAFF PHOTO BY E.J. HARRIS

Umatilla's Kaden Webb drives between Irrigon's Leo Carrillo and Daniel Vera in the Knights' 53-48 double overtime win against Viking on Friday in Umatilla.

Two Bulldogs finish in top six at state

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GRESHAM — After the preliminaries of the OSAA Swimming State Championships, only two local swimmers continued swimming through the weekend.

The two-day meet, at the Mt. Hood Community College Aquatic Center, featured Hermiston and Pendleton's best — including a combined four relay teams and eight individual qualifiers.

Hermiston's Ryan Barnard and Carson Wrathall made up its relay teams and would also try for a spot in the finals in two individual events each.

Barnard's chances at top finish were kept alive after narrowly making the cut in the boys 200-yard individual medley.

He was the sixth and

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SCHEDULE

Local slate

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL
Saturday
No. 12 Umatilla at No. 5 Horizon Christian (3A First Round), 4 p.m.
No. 9 Catlin Gabel at No. 8 Irrigon (3A First Round), 6 p.m.
No. 16 Stanfield at No. 1 Western Menonite (2A First Round), TBD

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL
Saturday
No. 9 Central Linn at No. 8 Heppner, 1 p.m.