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Hermiston wrestlers pick up 3 titles at Farm City Invite

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Hermiston put three wrestlers in the finals, and came away with three champions Saturday at the Farm City Invitational at Hermiston High School.

The Bulldogs got titles from Zayne Helfer at 106 pounds, Adrian Delgado at 113, and Jon Lee at 220 as Hermiston placed third in the team standings with 244 points.

“Our little guys, Zayne and Adrian are young, but they show up and want to win,” Hermiston coach Kyle Larson said. “They fight. Jon placed last week at Gut Check and won here. He has done well, but has room to grow. We keep three buckles at home, and we came out with a team trophy. We can be proud of that.”

Mountain Crest, from Hyrum, Utah, had a 282-275.5 lead over Chiawana going into the finals, but the Riverhawks won five titles — Darion Johnson (126), Morgan McFee (160), Tyson Stover (182), Isaiah Anderson (195) and Colby Blasdel — to win the team title by a slim margin (301.5-300).

“It’s a great day for us,” Chiawana coach Jack Anderson said. “We have had a grind the last month. It’s nice to come here and get a championship. This is the most fun tournament we have been to all year. The finalists get singlets and the winners get buckles. This community is awesome. This is our first time here, and we want to come back.”

The tournament, which gets support from the Farm-City Pro Rodeo, hands out specially designed singlets in two colors to the finalists, which they get to keep. The winner also gets a championship buckle.

“We want to make the teams happy and the coaches happy,” Larson said. “We want to bring in good teams, and have them come back. Our hospitality room is phenomenal and our awards are awesome. We try to make the (championship) face-offs as much of an event as we can. The kids deserve it.”

Helfer, a freshman, opened the championship round with a 10-2 major decision over Baker/Powder Valley’s Gavin Stone.

Helfer led 5-0 after the first round, and 9-0 after two.

“It was really cool,” Helfer said of winning the title. “The pressure got to me in the semifinals, but in the finals, I relaxed and went into my zone. Gavin put up one hell of a fight.”

Delgado followed with a pin of Baker/Powder Valley’s Isael Duran at 5:41.



Staff photos by Kathy Aney/East Oregonian
Irrigon’s Alex Miranda-Walls (in blue) wrestles Victor Silva of Chiawana in the 170-pound championship match at the Farm City Invitational on Saturday in Hermiston. Miranda-Walls won 7-0.



Hermiston’s Adrian Delgado (in blue) wrestles Isael Duran of Baker/Powder Valley in the 113-pound title match on Saturday at the Farm City Invitational in Hermiston. Delgado pinned Duran in 5:41.

Delgado held a 2-0 lead after the second round. Duran chose both wrestlers up to start the third. Delgado got a takedown and the pin.

Lee, just a freshman, led Mountain Crest’s Sam McMurray 4-2 after the first round, and 8-5 after the second. In the third, he registered two takedowns and had an escape.

“He was pretty strong,” Lee said of his opponent. “With wrestlers like him, it’s crucial to keep good balance. He had good technique, but I had just enough to pull through. We go to a lot of tough tournaments that prepared me for this. I wanted that singlet.”

So did Alex Miranda-Walls of Irrigon, who won the 170-pound title and improved to 23-0 on the season.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Team scores — Chiawana 301.5, Mountain Crest 300, Hermiston 244, Baker/Powder Valley 204, Burns 121.5, Irrigon 111.5, Ridgevue 108, Riverside 52, Echo/Stanford 26, Richland 26, College Place 25, Heppner/Ion 20.5, Union/Cove 7.

Championship matches: 106 — Zayne Helfer (Herm) md. Gavin Stone (B/PV), 10-2. 113 — Adrian Delgado (Herm) p. Isael Duran (B/PV), 5:41. 120 — Terrell Lee (MC) d. Johnny Niehaus (B/PV), 10-6. 126 — Darion Johnson (Chi) md. Alex Duran (B/PV), 11-0. 132 — Hunter Evand (MC) d. Cody King (Burns), 7-1. 138 — Colton Anderson (B/PV) d. Devyn Hernandez (Chi), 9-4. 145 — Camden Olsen (MC) d. Michael Pointer (Echo), 8-3. 152 — Jace Dart (MC) p. Austin Forrest (Rdv), 1:13. 160 — Morgan McFee (Chi) p. Brock Guthrie (MC), 5:30. 170 — Alex Miranda-Walls (Irr) d. Victor Silva (Chi), 7-0. 182 — Tyson Stover (Chi) d. Hon Ruston (B/PV), 7-2. 195 — Isaiah Anderson (Chi) md. Hunter Schroeder (MC), 12-3. 220 — Jon Lee (Herm) d. Sam McMurray (MC), 13-6. 285 — Colby Blasdel (Chi) d. Jorge Rodriguez (Chi), 3-2.

Local placers: **Hermiston** — Skyler Foreman (3rd, 106), Trevor Kirkpatrick (6th, 113), Isaac Lambert (5th, 120), Hunter Dyer (6th, 120), Gage Shipley (5th, 126), Jordan Franklin (3rd, 132), Trevor Wagner (3rd, 160), Blake Betz (6th, 182), Stanley Scott (6th, 195), Sam Cardenas (4th, 220), Sean Stewart (5th, 220), Dustyn Coughlin (3rd, 285). **Irrigon** — Asher Hall (4th, 113), Tyler Shelton (4th, 132), Brady Harrington (5th, 182), Josue Aguilera (3rd, 195), Reece Sheller (3rd, 220). **Riverside** — Abraham Silva (4th, 120), Fernando Ortega (6th, 126), Ethan Snyder (6th, 138), Jacob Harris (6th, 145). **Heppner/Ione** — Jace Coe (6th, 152).

Miranda-Walls earned a 7-0 decision over Victor Silva of Chiawana (20-9) in the title match.

“He was a tough kid,” Miranda-Walls said. “You are always nervous when you go up against someone you haven’t



Hermiston’s Adrian Delgado (in blue) wrestles Isael Duran, of Baker/Powder Valley, to victory during the finals of the Farm City Wrestling Tournament in the 113-pound weight class.

wrestled. I got to watch him earlier and he was high on the throws. I take pride in wrestling my match the whole way and making it my own.”

Miranda-Walls also won the Hanford Winter Cup last month.

“It’s pretty cool to win these tournaments, there is no other way to describe it,” Miranda-Walls said. “Come tomorrow, all the glory will be gone and you start over. It makes me happy that I can be a light for our community and be a role model for the little guys.”

Michael Pointer of Echo (27-6) reached the 145-pound title match by pinning his first two opponents.

He met up with Camden Olsen of Mountain Crest in the finals, where he lost an 8-3 decision.

Dawgs drop a pair of MCC matches

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Hermiston has had success at the lower weights this season, but inexperience in the middle and upper weights has hindered the Bulldogs.

That storyline plagued the Bulldogs once again Thursday night as they dropped a 42-33 Mid-Columbia Conference match to host Hanford, and a 47-22 match to Kamiakin.

“We have a lot of work to do,” Hermiston coach Kyle Larson said. “In the Hanford dual, we lost six matches and got pinned in every one of them. It’s tough to win duals that way. Across the board, we have to go back to the room and put in the time.”

The Bulldogs led 27-6 through 138 pounds, getting pins from Zayne Helfer (106), Adrian Delgado (113),

MATCH SCORES

Team scores: Hanford 42, Hermiston 33. *106 — Zayne Helfer (Her) p. Micah Robbins, 3:58. 113 — Adrian Delgado (Her) p. Rex Perkes, 3:01. 120 — Austin Patton (Han) p. Isaac Lambert, 2:55. 126 — Gage Shipley (Her) p. Dalton McCorkle, 5:03. 132 — Jordan Franklin (Her) d. Braeden Nalle, 11-9. 138 — Broc Remmer (Her) p. Luke Foster, 3:44. 145 — Carter Murphey (Han) p. Avante Ortiz, 3:03. 152 — Cley Green (Han) p. Om Pakee, 2:56. 160 — Trevor Wagner (Her) d. Louis Werner, 5-1. 170 — Gabe Grenz (Han) won by forfeit. 182 — Hayden Henry (Han) p. Blake Betz, 4:42. 195 — Michael Bishop (Han) p. Stanley Scott, 17-220 — Jonathan Burt (Han) p. Jon Lee, 2:44. 285 — Dustyn Coughlin (Her) d. Casey Moddrell, 3-0.

Team scores: Kamiakin 47, Hermiston 22. 106 — Payton Smith (K) d. Zayne Helfer, 7-9. *113 — Adrian Delgado (H) p. Blake Lanman, 3:05. 120 — Guillermo Ramirez (K) d. Isaac Lambert, 6-3. 126 — Xavier Zavala (K) tf. Gage Shipley, 17-0. 132 — Jordan Franklin (H) d. Ryan Plumb, 5-1. 138 — Austin Almaguer (K) p. Broc Remmer, 1:47. 145 — Mason Harmon (K) p. Avante Ortiz, 2:34. 152 — Joey Chavez (K) p. Om Pakdee, 46-160 — Trevor Wagner (H) p. Dylan Slover, 2:25. 170 — Logan Howard (K) won by forfeit. 182 — Gibby Marquez p. Blake Betz, 58. 195 — Jacob Olson (K) p. Stanley Scott, 18. 220 — Jon Lee (H) d. Ben Hollenberg, 3-1. 285 — Dustyn Coughlin (H) md. Jaxin McCallum, 13-3.

Gage Shipley (126) and Broc Remmer (138).

From there, the Falcons won six of the next eight matches.

Hayden Henry’s third-round pin of Blake Betz at 182 pound pulled the Falcons into a 30-30 tie with the Bulldogs.

Hanford’s Michael Bishop pinned Stanley Scott in 17 seconds at 195 to give Hanford the lead for good.

“You have to put up a fight,” Larson said. “You can’t let a guy just roll you and pin you.”

Hermiston’s Dustyn Coughlin earned a 3-0 deci-

sion over Casey Moddrell at 285, but the match already was out of reach.

Kamiakin and Hermiston traded matches early on, with Delgado opening the match with a pin of Blake Lanman at 113.

Back-to-back wins by the Braves at 120 and 126 gave them an 8-6 lead, but Jordan Franklin got it back for the Bulldogs with a 5-1 decision over Ryan Plumb at 132.

Kamiakin won the next three matches by fall, led by Austin Almaguer with a pin of Remmer at 138.

Trevor Wagner stopped the onslaught with a pin of Dylan Slover at 160, but a forfeit at 170 and pins by Gibby Marquez (182) and Jacob Olson (195) put the match away.

Coughlin went 2-0 on the night, beating Kamiakin’s Jaxin McCallum 13-3.

“We found our stride



Staff photo by Annie Fowler/East Oregonian
Hermiston’s Adrian Delgado, top, controls Hanford’s Rex Perkes during their 113-pound match on Thursday in Richland. Delgado pinned Perkes in the second round.

about 120,” Braves coach Jordan Anderson said. “They are a tough team and they are well coached. We are hitting our stride. Our arrow is point-

ing up right now.”

Hermiston will host the Farm City Tournament on Saturday. Action begins at 10 a.m.

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