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Dawgs win tournament title

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Hermiston crowned two champions Wednesday, and took home the team trophy at the second annual Oregon Trail County Championships at Echo High School.

Cole Abbott (132 pounds) and Jaxson Gribkov (170) won titles for the Bulldogs, who sent their junior varsity team to the tournament that featured teams from Umatilla and Morrow counties.

Hermiston rolled up 211 points, followed by Pendleton (202), McLoughlin/Weston-McEwen/Griswold (107), Irrigon (104), Riverside (103), Heppner/Ione (64) and Echo/Stamfield (50).

"It was a good tournament," Echo/Stamfield coach Monte Toombs said. "There were some great matches and some good finals matches. We accomplished what we wanted to do."

Abbott earned a 19-9 major decision over Heppner/Ione's Saul Lopez in the 132-pound title bout, while Gribkov recorded a 12-5 decision over Riverside's Jose Puerta.

Pendleton had four champions on the day — Dawson Tremper (106), Gabe Browning (126), Patrick Simpson (182) and Isaac Urbina (195), but the Bucks didn't have enough secondary points to catch Hermiston.

Simpson put in less than 1 minute on the match. He had a pin of 32 seconds in the semis, then pinned Roberto Ayala of Irrigon in 17 seconds in the finals.

Mac-Hi/Weston-McEwen/Griswold's Jesse Jones won the 145-pound title, while teammates Tanner Wells (220) and Isaac Wood finished first.

Asher Hall (113) and Tim Standley (285) were victorious in the finals for Irrigon. Standley pinned Hermiston's Chase Bradshaw in 1:12 in the championship match.

Heppner's Jace Coe won the 160-pound title, pinning Hermiston's Avant Ortiz in 4:17.

For Riverside, Jacob Harris (152) and Ethan Snyder (138) won gold. Snyder got a 1-0 decision over Pendleton's Jack Lieuallen.

OREGON TRAIL COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS Championship matches

106 — Dawson Tremper (Pend) p. Ethan Jones (MH/W/M/G), :40. **113** — Asher Hall (Irr) p. Oscar Cota (Herm), 3:25. **120** — Isaac Wood (MH/W/M/G), p. Gavin Doherty (Herm), 5:35. **126** — Gabe Browning (Pend) d. Trevor Kirkpatrick (Herm), 8-3. **132** — Cole Abbott (Herm) md. Saul Lopez (Hepp/I), 19-9. **138** — Ethan Snyder (Riv) d. Jack Lieuallen (Pend), 1-0. **145** — Jesse Jones (MH/W/M/G), p. Trayton Bale (Pend), 2:37. **152** — Jacob Harris (Riv) d. Tama Tuia (Herm), 8-1. **160** — Jace Coe (Hepp/I) p. Avant Ortiz (Herm), 4:17. **170** — Jaxson Gribkov (Herm) d. Jose Puerta (Riv), 12-5. **182** — Patrick Simpson (Pend) p. Alan Murguía (Irr), :17. **195** — Isaac Urbina (Pend) p. Roberto Ayala (Irr), 2:12. **220** — Tanner Wells (MH/W/M/G), p. Rafael Pereyda (MH/W/M/G), 4:29. **285** — Tim Standley (Irr) p. Chase Bradshaw (Herm), 1:12.



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Hermiston's Gavin Doherty (in red) wrestles Isaac Wood of Mac-Hi during Wednesday's Oregon Trail County Championships in Echo. Wood pinned Doherty in 5:35 in the 120-pound finals.



SCENES FROM THE MEET

1) Heppner's Saul Lopez (in red) wrestles Cole Abbot, of Hermiston, during Wednesday's Oregon Trail County Championships in Echo. Abbott won the 132-pound match 19-9. **2)** Hermiston's Trevor Kirkpatrick (in red) wrestles Gabe Browning, of Pendleton, during Wednesday's Oregon Trail County Championships in Echo. Browning beat Kirkpatrick 8-3 in the 126-pound finals. **3)** Hermiston's Oscar Cota (in blue) wrestles Asher Hall of Irrigon during Wednesday's Oregon Trail County Championships in Echo. Hall pinned Cota in 3:25 in the 113-pound title bout.

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Hermiston picks up pair of MCC victories

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A strong showing by the middle and upper weights helped Hermiston record a pair of Mid-Columbia Conference wins Thursday night at Richland High School.

The Bulldogs (3-1 MCC) opened the night with a 63-12 victory over Richland, then toppled Kennewick 44-15 in a match that saw two wrestlers rally to win in overtime.

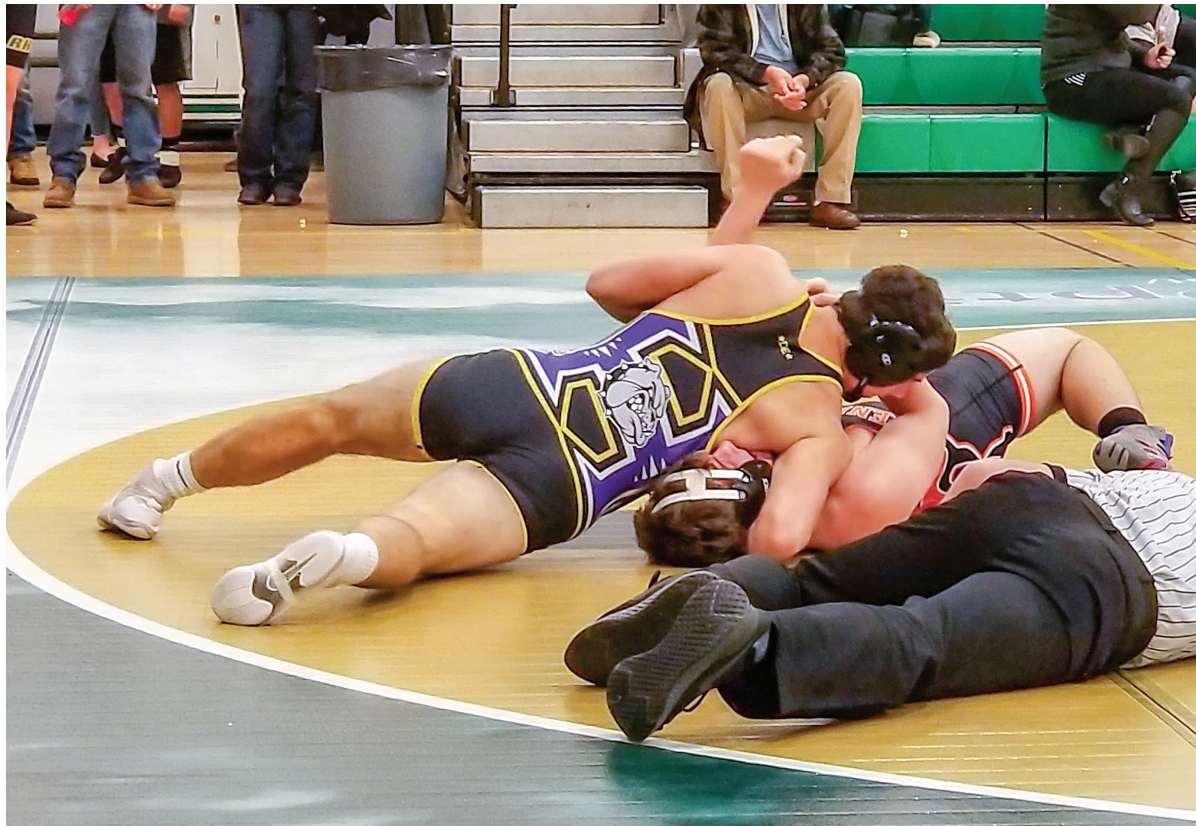
"We are on our way," Hermiston coach Kyle Larson said of the wins. "There are matches where we could have made better decisions. We need to keep working and keep fine tuning our technique."

Hermiston's Trevor Wagner put in less than 2 minutes of work between his two 170-pound matches, pinning Richland's Estevan Yanez in 30 seconds, and Kennewick's Andrew Hawkins in 1:21.

At 195, the Bulldogs got a pair of wins from Blake Betz, who earned a 6-0 decision over the Bombers' Julian Hayne, and a 13-4 major decision over the Lions' Caleb Gragg.

Cole Abbott (126), Jordan Franklin (145), Jaxson Gribkov (160), Sam Cadenas (220) and Dustyn Coughlin (285) also had two wins for Hermiston.

Against the Lions, Hermis-



Staff photo by Annie Fowler

Hermiston's Trevor Wagner, left, pins Kennewick's Andrew Hawkins during their 170-pound match Thursday at Richland High School. Wagner pinned Hawkins in 1:21, and the Bulldogs won the match 44-15.

ton's Adrian Delgado was trailing Ler Pwen Htoo 10-3 in the second round of their 120-pound match. Delgado came to life in the third, wearing down Htoo, who was dinged three times for stalling to the tune of four points. His last infraction tied the score at 12-12

with 10 seconds left.

In overtime, Delgado registered a takedown 29 seconds in, and got a 2-point near fall for a 16-12 victory. His win opened up a 31-6 lead for Hermiston.

Delgado also pinned Richland's Brian Quintana in 1:14 for a clean

sweep.

Kennewick picked up wins at 132 and 138 before Franklin righted the ship with a 58-second pin of Ker Nay Lay at 145.

In the final match of the bout, Hermiston's Emmanuel Carrillo (152) found himself on the wrong

side of a 7-3 score early in the third round.

Carrillo then registered three takedowns, and gave up two escapes to tie the match at 11-11.

In overtime, Carrillo got a quick takedown for the 13-11 win. Carrillo also pinned Richland's Eli Lemieux in 5:25 to open the match against the Bombers.

"We talk about being in better shape," Larson said. "You have to be the guy with more energy in the end."

HERMISTON 63, RICHLAND 12

106 — Jackson Booker (R) won by forfeit. **113** — Zayne Helfer (H) p. Robert Wood, 1:16. **120** — Adrian Delgado (H) p. Brian Quintana, 1:14. **126** — Cole Abbott (H) p. Brody Holcombe, 1:38. **132** — Hunter Dyer (H) p. Braecyn Cole, 1:32. **138** — Saul Valencia (R) p. Jasper Hardy, 1:41. **145** — Jordan Franklin (H) p. Alias Romero, 5:24. ***152** — Emmanuel Carrillo (H) p. Eli Lemieux, 5:25. **160** — Jaxson Gribkov d. Sam Lemieux, 8-3. **170** — Trevor Wagner (H) p. Estevan Yanez, :30. **182** — Daniel Faeteete (H) p. Elijah Rodriguez, 1:38. **195** — Blake Betz (H) d. Julian Hayne, 6-0. **220** — Sam Cadenas (H) p. Melvin Kreitzer, :51. **285** — Dustyn Coughlin (H), d. Kaden James, 2-0.

HERMISTON 44, KENNEWICK 15

106 — Caiden Harris (H) won by forfeit. **113** — Saw Thee (K) d. Zayne Helfer, 4-3. **120** — Adrian Delgado (H) d. Ler Pwen Htoo, 16-12 (OT). **126** — Cole Abbott (H) md. John Kershaw, 20-8. **132** — Tony Ramos (K) d. Hunter Dyer, 5-2. **138** — Jonathan Jefferson (K) p. Jasper Hardy, 3:21. **145** — Jordan Franklin (H) p. Ker Nay Lay, :58. **152** — Emmanuel Carrillo (H) d. Jacoby Wieber, 13-11 (OT). ***160** — Jaxson Gribkov (H) d. Blake Brooks, 8-4. **170** — Trevor Wagner p. Andrew Hawkins, 1:21. **182** — Dylan Holt (K) d. Daniel Faeteete, 11-4. **195** — Blake Betz (H) md. Caleb Gragg, 13-4. **220** — Sam Cadenas (H) d. Chayc Ottum, 11-5. **285** — Dustyn Coughlin (H) p. Mason Epperly, :25.