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Hermiston's Wagner, Cadenas win Farm City titles

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Sam Cadenas is only in his second year of wrestling, but the Hermiston sophomore made quite a statement Saturday, winning the 220-pound title at the Farm City Invitational.

Cadenas' win helped the Bulldogs to second place in the team standings with 248 points — just a bit better than third-place Zillah (228.5), but a distant second to Chiawana, which rolled up a whopping 439 points.

The Riverhawks had 11 guys in the finals, and came away with six titles.

"It was a great effort by all the guys," said Riverhawks coach Jack Anderson, whose team also won the title last year. "I'm proud of the guys, not only the ones in the finals, but the ones in the consolation finals. Every win counted today. This was a tough tournament. We love coming here. The community is great, and there's great competition."

The host Bulldogs had five in the finals, and Trevor Wagner (170) joined Cadenas atop of the winner's podium. Finishing second were Adrian Delgado (120), Daniel Faeteete (182) and Jon Lee (220).

"There were 11 teams with a mix of state champions and team champions," Hermiston coach Kyle Larson said. "We didn't want to throw an awesome tournament and not win anything. When Trevor steps on the mat, he wants to put on a show and get people to their feet. Sam and Jon make each other better. You know they will push each other to be better. Same with Sean (Stewart), who was fifth (at 220)."

Cadenas beat Lee 8-6 in the championship bout, coming back from a 3-2 deficit in the second round. Lee won the 220 title last year.

"It's the excitement, and the adrenaline starts pumping," Cadenas said of going into a match. "Everything closes down and it's a one-on-one battle to the end. It's fun."

Cadenas opened the tournament with a 15-second pin of Nick Lackey of College Place, then pinned Othello's Josue Solorio in the quarterfinals in 5:03.

In the semis, Cadenas beat Stewart 7-1 to advance to the finals.

"I like seeing new faces, like the Othello kid," Cadenas said. "He was small, and that was tough for me. He was a good kid, and pretty strong."

Against Lee, Cadenas got the initial takedown, but Lee maneuvered an escape, and was awarded a point after two stalling calls on Cadenas to make it 2-2 after the first round.

"That's what they call, but I'm backing up to set up my shot," said Cadenas, who finished fourth last year. "I need to work on that."

Cadenas led 6-5 after the second round, got a key takedown with 49 seconds left in the third round, then held on for the win.

Wagner, who said he wasn't feeling well at the start of the day, pinned



Staff photo by Kathy Aney
Hermiston's Trevor Wagner (in blue) pins Liddel Giles of Othello in the 170-pound championship match of Saturday's Farm City Invitational.



Staff photo by Kathy Aney
Hermiston's Sam Cadenas (in blue) and Jon Lee wrestle in the 220-pound championship match of Saturday's Farm City Invitational. Cadenas won 8-6.

all four of his opponents to improve to 19-5 on the season.

In the title match, he pinned Liddel Giles of Othello in 1:22.

"I didn't really feel great, but I battled through it," Wagner said. "I didn't know who that kid (Giles) was, but I treat every kid the same. We got to see

a lot of kids we do see, and some from Idaho we don't. It was good to be at home and sleep in our beds."

Wagner's quickest pin on the day came in his first match against Irrigon's Zachariah Koekemoer, which lasted just 42 seconds.

Faeteete trailed 9-0 to Chiawana's

Tyson Stover in the finals before Stover pinned him at 2:51 in the second round. Stover (27-2) also won the 182 title last year.

Delgado, who won the 113-pound title a year ago, suffered a 13-4 loss in the finals to Nathan Gregory of Deer Park, who won the Class 1A 113-pound state title last year. Gregory improved to 22-3 with the win over Delgado.

Chiawana also got titles from Davian Martinez (113), Robby Vaughn (145), Riley Cissne (160), Isaiah Anderson (195) and Colby Blasdel. Anderson and Blasdel also won titles last year.

Kamiakin's Joey Chavez, who won the 152-pound title, also was named the tournament's Outstanding Wrestler.

Guillermo Ramirez-Diaz won the 126-pound title for Kamiakin, giving the Braves two champions.

Also for Hermiston, Aiden Favorite (106) and Hunter Dyer (126) were third, Zayne Helfer (113) was fourth, and Jordan Franklin (145), Michael Ramirez (170), Jesse Vassey (195) and Jorge De La Torre (285) were fifth.

For Irrigon, Jacob Ayala (132) placed fifth, while Roberto Ayala (182) was sixth.

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Team scores: Chiawana 439, Hermiston 248, Zillah 228.5, Othello 197, Kamiakin 128, Deer Park 121.5, Ridgevue 118, Richland 47, College Place 28, Heppner/Ione 19.5, Irrigon 19.5.

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

106 — Hudson Garcia (Zill) d. Por Htoo (Chi), 10-9. **113** — Davian Martinez (Chi) p. Jorge Espinoza (Zil), 3:06. **120** — Nathan Gregory (DP), md. Adrian Delgado (Herm), 13-4. **126** — Guillermo Ramirez-Diaz (Kam) d. Nate Montelongo (Chi), 5-4. **132** — Levi Miller (DP) d. Lance Stover (Chi), 6-3 (3OT). **138** — Joel Coronel (Zil) p. Evan Saucedo (Chi), 3:30. **145** — Robby Vaughn (Chi) md. Arturo Solorio (Oth), 8-0. **152** — Joel Chavez (Kam) p. Darius Golgor (Chi), 2:27. **160** — Riley Cissne (Chi) p. Ricardo Gomez-Sanchez (Zil), 1:13. **170** — Trevor Wagner (Herm) p. Liddel Giles (Oth), 1:22. **182** — Tyson Stover (Chi) p. Daniel Faeteete (Herm), 2:52. **195** — Isaiah Anderson (Chi) d. Gilbert Marquez (Kam), 7-2. **220** — Sam Cadenas (Herm) d. Jon Lee (Herm), 8-6. **285** — Colby Blasdel (Chi) p. Alex Smith (CP), 5:23.

Hermiston sweeps Kamiakin and Hanford

Wagner and Cadenas each have two pins

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Trevor Wagner and Sam Cadenas won both of their matches by fall to help Hermiston pick up Mid-Columbia Conference wins last Wednesday night over Kamiakin and Hanford.

The Bulldogs opened the night with a 46-26 victory over Kamiakin, and then rallied from a 16-0 deficit to beat Hanford 50-23.

"I think we have made leaps and bounds from last year," Hermiston coach Kyle Larson said. "We have kids who want to be in the wrestling room, and want to be here. The attitude is different. The work ethic is better than it has been, and the results are showing that. The fans are seeing that."

The wins put the Bulldogs at 5-1 in the MCC standings. Last year, Hermiston finished 3-5 in their first year in the conference, and lost their duals to Kami-



Staff photo by Kathy Aney
Hermiston's Adrian Delgado wrestles Kamiakin's Austin Hayward on Wednesday night in their 120-pound match. Delgado pinned Hayward in 5:57.

akin and Hanford.

Wagner (170 pounds) pinned Kamiakin's Logan Howard in 3:06, and then followed with a pin of Hanford's Nathan Bushman in 1:29.

"Trevor is a guy we can

count on," Larson said. "He gets bonus points for us. He does everything hard. It works for him."

Cadenas, who is ranked fourth in the state at 220 pounds, needed just 35 seconds to pin Kamiakin's

Stone Eskelsen, and then took down Hanford's Jakobie Reynolds in 1:53.

"They have some tough kids in the upper weights who will do good things in the postseason," Hanford coach Dom Duncan said.

The Falcons opened the match with consecutive wins at 145, 152 and 160, and then along came Wagner at 170. Hanford forfeited at 182, Blake Betz picked up a decision for Hermiston at 195, and Cadenas added six points. Another Hanford forfeit at 285 put the Bulldogs up 27-16, and the rout was on. In total, the Falcons forfeited four matches.

"We were missing kids who have finals tomorrow (Thursday)," Duncan said.

That group includes state-ranked Austin Patton at 120 pounds (7th, 4A).

"That is frustrating," Duncan said. "That could have been a 12-point swing if he was there."

Against Kamiakin, the Bulldogs won eight of 14 matches. Zayne Helfer's win by injury default at 113 put the match out of reach for the Braves.

Aiden Favorite (106) and Adrian Delgado (120) also had pins in the match for the Bulldogs.

"We are chugging right along," Larson said. "Overall, we did a fairly good job.

The goal is the postseason. You want to show up every day and make sure you are a little better than when you got there."

Hermiston 50, Hanford 23

106 — Aiden Favorite (Herm) won by forfeit. **113** — Aiden Garcia (Han) d. Zayne Helfer, 7-6. **120** — Adrian Delgado (Herm) won by forfeit. **126** — Hunter Dyer (Herm) tf. Rex Perkes, 19-3. **132** — Dalton McCorkle (Han) md. Trevor Kirkpatrick, 15-5. **138** — Isaac Montes (Herm) p. Braden Shahan, 3:31. **145** — Liam Lucas (Han) won by disqualification. **152** — Treyton Keller (Han) p. Emmanuel Carrillo, 5:59. **160** — Caleb Mendenhall (Han) md. Jaxson Gribskov, 13-1. **170** — Trevor Wagner (Herm) p. Nathan Bushman, 1:29. **182** — Daniel Faeteete (Herm) won by forfeit. **195** — Blake Betz (Herm) d. Guillermo Alfaro, 6-4. **220** — Sam Cadenas (Herm) p. Jakobie Reynolds, 1:53. **285** — Dustyn Coughlin (Herm) won by forfeit.

Hermiston 46, Kamiakin 26

106 — Aiden Favorite (H) p. Jaxon Boyce, :59. **113** — Zayne Helfer (H) won by injury default over Payton Smith. **120** — Adrian Delgado (H) p. Austin Hayward, 5:57. **126** — Guillermo Ramirez Diaz (K) d. Hunter Dyer, 4-1. **132** — Antonio Nicasio (K) p. Trevor Kirkpatrick, 2:21. **138** — Ryan Plumb (K) p. Isaac Montes, 2:49. **145** — Jordan Franklin (H) md. Dylan Slover, 14-5. **152** — Emmanuel Carrillo (H) won by forfeit. **160** — Joel Chavez (K) md. Jaxson Gribskov, 12-3. **170** — Trevor Wagner (H) p. Logan Howard, 3:06. **182** — Daniel Faeteete (H) won by injury default over Ethan Buroker. **195** — Gilbert Marquez (K) md. Blake Betz, 12-4. **220** — Sam Cadenas (H) p. Stone Eskelsen, :35. **285** — Jaxin McCallum (K) d. Dustyn Coughlin, 4-3.