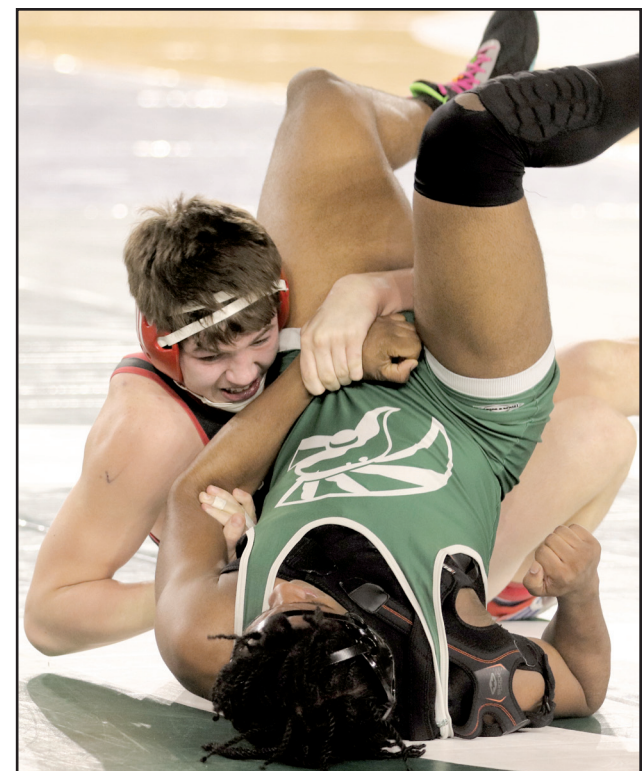
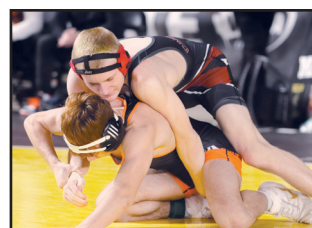




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## Dozens of area wrestlers compete in Mat Classic XXXVI

*Photos and results by Roger Harnack*

TACOMA — The West Plains and Palouse areas produced several state medalists this year at Mat Classic XXXVI from Feb. 20-22 in the Taacoma Dome.

From Lincoln, Whitman, Adams and southern Spokane Counties, champions included Liberty (Spangle) senior Maddex Strobel at 150 pounds, Davenport’s Brock Gustaveson at 190 pounds and a bloodied Lind-Ritzville’s Brock Tracy at 285 pounds, all in the 1B/2B ranks. Liberty’s Joey Matherly also reached the finals, but fell short and brought home silver.

In the 1A tournament, Medical Lake’s James Oliver won a bronze medal at 120 pounds and True Cole

brought home 4th-place at 215. In the 2A tournament, no local wrestlers medaled.

But at 144 pounds in Class 3A, Jackson Syron brought home a bronze medal.

Here are the area results for area boys competing in the Mat Classic XXXVI state wrestling tournament.

### Boys 1B/2B Colfax

113 pounds — Ty Scott (14-11) opened state with a technical fall (19-2 in 3:14) over Chance Degen of Liberty (Spangle). He then lost by technical fall (16-1 in 5:06) to Anthony Torres of Granger. In wrestlebacks, he pinned John Hamilton of Oroville in 1:49 and



Colfax’s Cody Phillips squeezes a head-and-arm on Liam Kunkle of North Beach for a 22 second pin in the opening round of state at 132 pounds.

then Alex Richards of Adna in 2:29. In his last match, he was pinned by Luis Verduzco of Tonasket in 4:20. 126 pounds — Cooper Phillips (23-6) placed 5th. He opened by pinning Justin Sandoval of Forks in 1:11 and then Cameron Mathia of St. John-Endicott in

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3:00. In the quarterfinals, he lost a 16-11 decision to Rydell Myers of Goldendale. In wrestlebacks, Phillips won a 10-9 decision over Joey Matusik of Reardan and a 15-12 sudden victory overtime match over Wayland Holmberg of Davenport. He then was pinned in 18 seconds by Peyton Hernandez of Napavine, before winning by medical forfeit over Nakoa Rocha of Northwest Christian (Colbert).

132 pounds — Cody Phillips (17-14) placed 8th after opening with a pin over Liam Kunkle of North Beach in 22 seconds. He then lost a 19-11 major decision to Mark Ragan of Ilwaco. In wrestlebacks, he won by two technical falls, 19-4 in 3:00 over Ryder Harmon of Northwest Christian (Colbert) and 20-2 in 3:52 over Harlen Wesson of Darrington. After receiving a forfeit from Carter Swofford of Toledo, Phillips was pinned by Kash Wright of Goldendale in 4:57. In the bout for 7th, he lost a 17-4 major decision to Ty son Nunley of Newport.

138 pounds — Dillon Gassenberg (20-12) placed 6th. He opened by pinning Hudson Barnes of Onalaska in 1:32. He then lost a 16-11 decision to Gus Ray of Tonasket. In wrestlebacks, he won a 10-4 decision over Eric Lopez of Granger and pinned Addison Poole

of Rainier in 4:21. He then won another bout when R.J. Aparicio of Granger was disqualified. Gassenburg then pinned Jason Gardney of Naselle in 4:25 before being pinned by Carson Kline of Reardan in 57 seconds and Michael Gonzalez of Warden in 4:00.

138 pounds — Floyd McKiernan (7-10) opened state with a major decision loss, 10-0, to Porter Wood of Almira-Coulee/Hartline. McKiernan then pinned Aaden Baergen Almira-Coulee/Hartline in 4:48, but was eliminated by Addison Poole of Rainier in a 10-9 decision.

144 pounds — Braxden Gransbery (15-15) opened state by pinning Benjamin Parker of Pe Ell in 53 seconds. He was then pinned in his next two bouts by Conner Evans of Concrete in 5:54 and Eli Wentzel of Adna in 33 seconds.

150 pounds — Aslan Burt (14-18) opened state by pinning Titan Tapia of Jenkins (Chewelah) in 3:24 before losing by technical fall (15-0 in 2:00) to Lucien Paz of Liberty Bell. Burt then pinned Jett Marburger of Liberty (Spangle) in 2:35 and Adrian Sanchez of Forks in 3:48 before being eliminated by Colin Chaney of Lake Roosevelt in a 12-11 decision.

157 pounds — Alton Burt

(11-13) opened with a technical fall (17-1 in 2:13) over Luis Orenlas of Forks. He was then pinned by Dakota Katzer of Jenkins (Chewelah) in 2:45. In wrestlebacks, he pinned Noah Saltz of Asotin in 2:08 and then was pinned by Peyton Bailey of Jenkins in 4:23.

165 pounds — Joel Burris (15-11) pinned Thorne Tissue of Liberty (Spangle) in 1:08 to open state. He then was pinned by Tommy Deebach of Napavine in 1:19. In wrestlebacks, he pinned Steven Gomes of Onalaska in 1:59 before being eliminated by Nolan Jeanneret of Jenkins (Chewelah) by fall in 2:21.

215 pounds — Issac Nelson (16-7) placed 8th. He opened state by pinning Landon Ros of River View in 5:47. In the quarterfinals, he was pinned by Damien Spears of Liberty Bell in 49 seconds. In

wrestlebacks, he pinned Landen Pillers of Newport in 31 seconds, but was pinned by Chris Eberle of Toleda in 2:01. In the match for 7th, he was lost by technical fall (21-2 in 3:36) to Angel Huizar of Granger.

## Davenport

120 pounds — Landyn Murphy (10-24) was pinned by Benito Escalera of Onalaska in 32 seconds in his opening bout. He then pinned Chase Schummacher of Northwest Christian (Colbert) in 2:50 before being pinned by Cooper Ramos of Lind-Ritzville in 1:29.

126 pounds — Wayland Holmberg (38-15) placed 7th. He opened by pinning Jayden Woodward of Darrington in 2:53 and then winning 7-5 over Joey Matusik of Reardan. In the quarterfinals, he lost an 11-6 decision to Creed

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At right, Davenport's Gabriel Carey uses an to defend against a single-leg shot by Mikah Vigil of White Swan during the first round of the state 1B/2B tournament.



Wright of Darrington. He then won a 4-0 decision over Hunter Hipp of Napavine. Holmberg then lost 15-12 in sudden victory overtime to Cooper Phillips of Colfax. In the match for 7th-place, Holmberg pinned Kevin Polito of Tonasket in 2:08.

132 pounds — Daman Gale (24-28) was pinned in his opening match by Preston Wacenske of Newport in 2:38. He then pinned Dustin Eguire of White Swan in 4:03 before being eliminated by Kash Wright of Goldendale by fall in 1:54.

144 pounds — Malachi Hoff (50-8) placed 5th. He opened by pinning Brodie Nick of Concrete in 47 seconds and then Nate Shaw of Newport in 22 seconds. In the quarterfinals, he was pinned by

Jaxson Chantry of Selkirk in 2:49. Hoff then won by technical fall (15-0 in 2:23) to Connor Reyes of Willapa Valley and then pinned Moxon Strobel of Liberty (Spangle) in 3:42. Hoff was then pinned by Keenan Denison of Tonasket in 3:15. In the match for fifth place, he pinned Junior Santiago of Warden in 57 seconds.

150 pounds — Gabriel Carey (21-18) was pinned in his opening match by Mikah Vigil of White Swan in 2:20. In wrestlebacks, Carey then pinned Nick Starr of Rainier in 17 seconds and Beau Brenner of Okanogan in 40 seconds. He also won a 16-5 major decision over Carson reedy of Asotin, before being eliminated by Lucien Paz of Liberty Bell by technical fall (16-1 in 4:41).



Freeman's Ryder Pedersen uses a head-and-arm to pin Evan Delaney of Rainier in 1:54 in a 106-pound state-opening bout.

175 pounds — Solomon Holmberg (24-24) opened state with a technical fall win (21-3 in 3:35) over Jarod Hankins of Waitsburg. He then lost by technical fall (17-0 in 1:21) to Dekota Acosta of Jenkins (Chewelah). In the consolation round, Holmberg pinned James Gibson of White Swan in 1:59 before being pinned by Eddyberto Coronado of Highland in 2:30.

190 pounds — Brock Gustaveson (46-6) won the state title with technical falls over all his opponents. He opened with a bye then won 20-4 in 2:29 over Simeon Messenger of Goldendale, 18-1 in 2:38 over Kyle Brockway of Mossyrock, 18-3 in 1:55 over Jay-ton Caddy of Tonasket and 19-3 in 4:17 over Ares Swain of Newport.

285 pounds — Conner Harwath (15-21) was pinned in his state-opener by Leonardo Cardenas of Okanogan in 51 seconds. In wrestlebacks, he pinned Antonio Savoia of Oroville in 17 seconds before losing 9-3 to David Navas James of Chief Leschi.

## Freeman

106 pounds — Ryder Pedersen (27-14) placed 8th. He opened by pinning Evan Delaney of Rainier in 1:54. He then was pinned by Uriel Lopez of White Swan in 3:04. In wrestlebacks, he pinned Carter Brierly of Lind-Ritzville in 1:49 and then won a 4-2 decision over Nolan Dunivin of Napavine. Pedersen won by forfeit over Stratton Yorgensen of Warden and then lost a 9-1 major decision to Jack Steffler of Lake Roosevelt. In the match for 7th-place, Pedersen was pinned by Christian Bustamante of Granger in 1:51.

113 pounds — Quinten Malone (39-15) placed 8th after opening with a 1:13 pin over Brycen Parent of North Beach. He was then pinned in 4:54 by Dillan Yazzie of Lake Roosevelt before pinning Chance Degen and Liberty in 3:07. Malone then pinned Sam Kaltenbach of Liberty Bell in 1:28 and Parker Bundy of Liberty Launch Academy in 2:03. He then lost a 10-6 decision to Alex Castro of White Swan and a 19-3 technical

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fall in 5:00 to Luis Verduzco of Tonasket.

120 pounds — Bearret Murphey (31-19) placed 8th. He opened by pinning Samuel Lopez Rivera of Forks in 3:06 and then Ethan Reyes of Oroville in 4:31. Murphey lost by pin in 3:03 to Jaime Roman of Granger. In consolations, he pinned Jacob “J.J.” Findlay of Newport in 1:53 and then was pinned by Benito Escalera of Onalaska in 2:27. In the match for 7th, he lost a 6-1 decision to Jesse Velazquez Garcia of Tonasket.

126 pounds — Wylie Patzlaff (22-17) opened state by pinning Maverick Carroll of Tonasket in 1:40. He then was pinned by Ricardo Lara of Liberty Bell in 3:21. Patzlaff then won major decisions 11-2 over Torrence Bonina of Ocosta and 18-7 over Christofer Jaimes of Onalaska. In his last match, lost 8-0 to Nakoa Rocha of Northwest Christian (Colbert).

138 pounds — Quincy Paxton (37-16) opened state by pinning Eric Lopez of Granger in 3:52. He was then pinned by Carson Cline of Reardan in 3:16. In consolation matches, Paxton won a 4-3 decision over Kegan Mitchell of Liberty Bell and lost a 7-6 decision to Porter Wood of Almira-Coulee/Hartline.

144 pounds — Tucker Hawk (32-20) opened state by pinning Pedro Cruz of Mabton in 2:49 and then losing by pin in 1:02 to Jacob Johnson of Columbia Burbank. Hawk then pinned Briar Baldwin of Mossyrock in 51 seconds before losing a 12-4 major decision to Aidan Minne of Goldendale.

144 pounds — Colin Bailey (19-26) lost by technical fall (17-2 in 4:07) to Junior Santiago

of Warden in his opening match. In wrestlebacks, he pinned Wyatt Stout of Almira-Coulee/Hartline in 2:07 before losing a 14-8 decision to Conner Reyes of Willapa Valley.

157 pounds — Lincoln Wright (33-18) placed 8th after opening state by pinning Jorge Samperio of Brewster in 1:04. Wright then won an 11-7 decision over Peyton Bailey of Jenkins (Chewelah) before losing a 23-9 major decision to Dakota Katzer of Jenkins. He then pinned Kincaid Freer of Kettle Falls in 4:00 before being pinned in a rematch with Peyton Bailey of Jenkins in 1:24. In the match for 7th, he was pinned by Sawyer Evans of Cle Elum in 1:53.

157 pounds — Chase Svelmoe (16-23) was pinned in 1:28 in his opening match by Casen Clark of Tonasket. He then received a bye before being pinned by Kincaid Freer of Kettle Falls in 1:51.

165 pounds — Giovanni Sutherland (28-15) opened state by pinning Ean Viik of Rainier in 3:01 and then Ben Tackett of Ocosta in 1:32. In the semifinals, he was pinned by Jameson Davis of Selkirk in 1:57. He was eliminated from state by Nolan Jeanneret of Jenkins (Chewelah), who pinned him in 4:16. 190 pounds — Michael Valente (25-19) opened by pinning Damon Turner of (Liberty (Spangle) in 6:00. He was then pinned by Alex Ramsay George of Liberty Bell in 1:49 and eliminated by Skylar Booker of Oroville, who pinned him in 28 seconds.

285 pounds — Noah Baker (16-20) pinned Antonio Urbina of Mabton in 4:55 to open state. He was then pinned in 19 seconds by Derrik Wheeler of White Swan and eliminated in a 13-5 major decision

loss to Mark Sevilla of Ocosta.

## Liberty (Spangle)

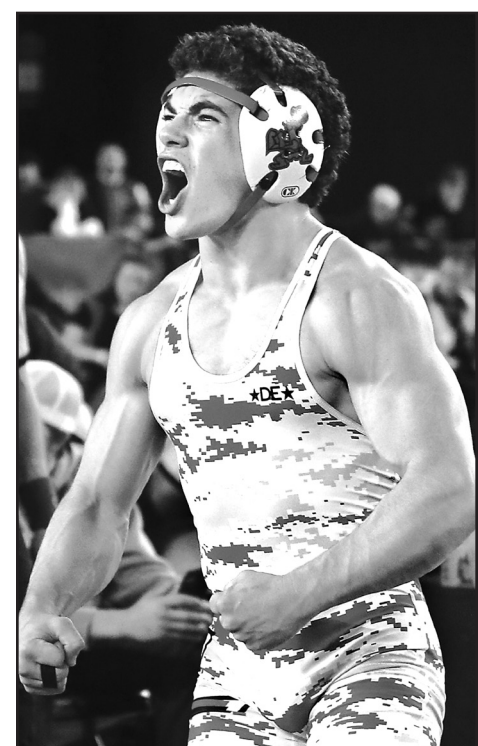
106 pounds — Tysen Anderson (11-9) lost his opening matches to Jack Steffler of Lake Roosevelt by technical fall (18-0 in 6:00) and by pin to Nathan Elliott of Darrington in 1:53.

113 pounds — Chance Degon (16-20) lost his opening bout to Ty Scott (Colfax) 14-11 by technical fall (19-2 in 3:14). In wrestlebacks, he won a 16-3 major decision over Edward Jennings of Almira/Coulee-Hartline and then was pinned by Quinten Malone of Freeman in 3:07.

144 pounds — Moxon Strobel (28-16) placed 7th. He was pinned in his opening match by Aidan Minne of Goldendale in 4:58. He then won four straight matches by pinning Coby Bosler of Oroville in 37 seconds, Nate Shaw of Newport in 3:46, Pedro Cruz of Mabton in 1:51 and Obadiah Richards of North Beach in 1:45. Strobel was pinned by Malachi Hoff of Davenport in 3:42. In the bout for 7th place, he won a 9-8 decision in a rematch over Aidan Minne of Goldendale.

150 pounds — Maddex Strobel (39-5) won the state title. He opened with a bye and then pinned Kooper Moon of Adna in 1:51 and Carson Kubik of Lind-Ritzville in 2:23. In the semifinals, Strobel won a 12-8 decision over Wade Smith of Ilwaco. And in the bout for first place, he won by technical fall (16-1 in 4:00) over Storey Woodbury of Goldendale.

150 pounds — Jett Marburger (19-20) was pinned in his opening match by Carson Kubik of Lind-Ritzville in 3:27. He then pinned Timothy Carr of North Beach in



Liberty (Spangle) senior Maddex Strobel roars for the crowd after winning a state title at 150 pounds.

1:15 before being eliminated by Aslan Burt of Colfax by pin in 2:35.

165 pounds — Thorne Tissue (23-18) lost his state matches by pin in 1:08 to Joel Burris of Colfax and by technical fall (18-0 in 4:39) to Eduardo Urrutia of Highland.

175 pounds — Joey Matherly (31-7) won the silver medal after pinning his first four opponents, Eli Rios of Warden in 26 seconds, Robert Warren of Newport in 1:55, Jakob Lofton of Concrete in 1:21 and Josiah Beiter of Cle Elum in 5:25. In the championship bout, he lost a 12-1 major decision to Dekota Acosta of Jenkins Chewelah.

190 pounds — Coleman Green (25-19) opened state by pinning Hayden Steward of Okanogan in 1:45. He then was pinned in 47 seconds by Ares Swain of Newport. In wrestlebacks, Green pinned Steven Johnston of Rainier in 1:30



and Skylar Booker of Oroville in 51 seconds. He was eliminated from the tournament by Timofey Basargin of Mary Walker, who pinned him in 4:16.

190 pounds — Damon Turner (10-10) was pinned in his opening match by Michael Valente of Freeman in 6:00. He then pinned Harry Martinez of White Swan in 1:30 before being eliminated by Matthew Garcia of Columbia (Burbank) in a 13-4 major decision loss.

## Lind-Ritzville/Sprague

106 pounds — Carter Brierly (11-14) was pinned in his opening match by Christian Bustamante of Granger in 1:08. He then pinned Preston Mackin of Liberty Launch Academy in 2:19, before being eliminated by Ryder Pedersen of Freeman by pin in 1:49.

106 pounds — Rhowan Armstrong (2-18) was pinned by Uriel Lopez of White Swan in 44 seconds and by Evan Delaney of Rainier in 1:24.

120 pounds — Cooper Ramos (26-19) opened state with a technical fall win (19-1 in 3:57) over Cash Laufenberg of Adna. Ramos was then pinned by Erik Camacho of Warden in 3:43 before he pinning Landyn Murphy of Davenport in 1:29. He was eliminated by pin



Lind-Ritzville's Cooper Ramos breaks down Adna's Cash Laufenberg in a boys 1B/2B match at 120 pounds.

in 3:45 by Cass Rothrock of Tonasket.

150 pounds — Carson Kubik (36-13) placed 6th after pinning his first opponent, Jett Marburger of Liberty (Spangle) in 3:27, and winning by technical fall (17-1 in 2:16) over Samson Kjar of Liberty Launch Academy. In the quarterfinals, he lost to eventual state champion Maddex Strobel of Liberty (Spangle) by pin in 2:23. In wrestlebacks, Kubik pinned Ryder Vassar of Tonasket in 1:53 and then Titan Tapia of Jenkins (Chewelah) in 35 seconds. He then lost by pin in 2:32 to Logan Stucker of Tonasket in 2:32. In the match for 5th-place, he lost an 8-5 decision to Wade Smith of Ilwaco.

over Kaden Hipple of Kettle Falls to take the gold.

## Reardan

126 pounds — Joey Matusik (31-17) opened state by pinning Trevin Stauffer of Jenkins (Chewelah) in 1:09. He then lost a 7-5 decision to Wayland Holmberg of Davenport. In the consolation bracket, he pinned Benjamin Huffstetler of Okanogan in 50 seconds and then Judah Calixto of Mabton in 2:29. Matusik was eliminated in a 10-9 loss to Cooper Phillips of Colfax.

132 pounds — Alex Matusik (35-16) opened state by pinning Connor Houston of Wilbur-Creston in 17 seconds and then by pinning Jayden Alegarbes of Rainier in 2:10. In the quarterfinals, he lost by technical fall (18-2 in 5:38) to Javier Lopez-Velasco of Liberty

285 pounds — Brock Tracy (32-4) won the state title after receiving a bye and pinning Jesus Arias of Warden in 2:27, Kenneth Daman of Forks in 2:47 and Ryder Jared of Asotin in 1:16. In the finals, with a bleeding gash on his forehead, Tracy won a 4-0 match

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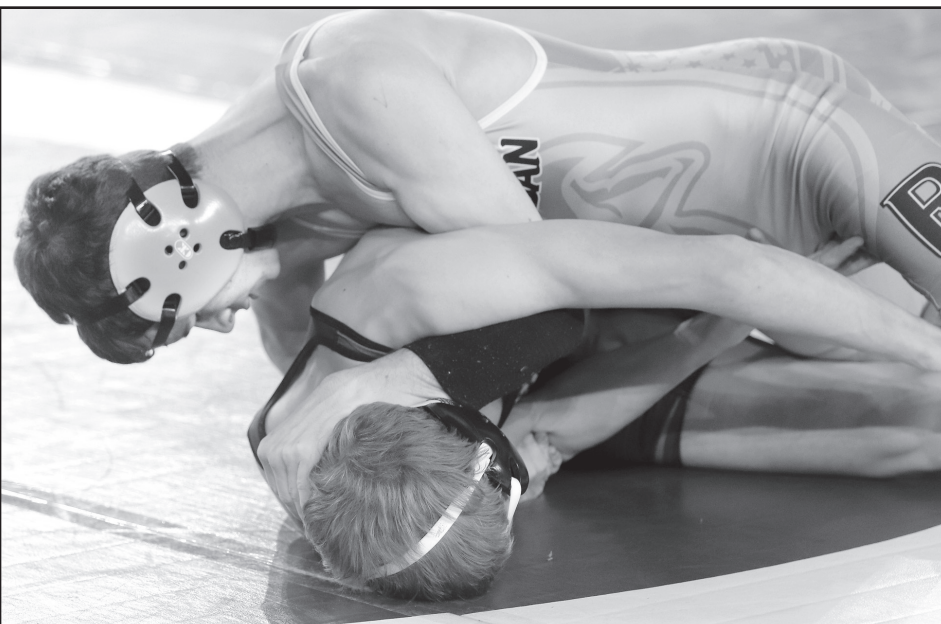
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Reardan's Joey Matusik uses a half-Nelson to score nearfall points on Trevin Stauffer of Jenkins (Chewelah) in a boys 1B/2B match at 126 pounds.

Bell. He was eliminated by Tyson Nunley of Newport, who won by technical fall (20-4 in 3:28).

138 pounds — Carson Kline (37-9) placed 4th after pinning his

first two opponents, Ryder Calhoun of Adna in 1:00 and Quincy Paxton of Freeman in 3:16. He then won by injury default in 1:41 over Michael Gonzalez of Warden. In



St. John-Endicott's Cameron Mathia tightens his head-and-arm for a 2:48 pin over Arliss Bray of Pomeroy at 126 pounds.

the semifinals, he lost by technical fall (16-0 in 4:55) to Tyge Plank of Tonasket. In wrestlebacks, he pinned Dillon Gassenberg of Colfax in 57 seconds before losing an 11-8 decision to Gus Ray of Tonasket to take fourth.

## St. John-Endicott

126 pounds — Cameron Mathia (19-11) opened state by pinning Arliss Bray of Pomeroy in 2:48. He was then pinned by Cooper Phillips of Colfax in 3:00 and then by Jose Arriaga of Oroville in 3:31.

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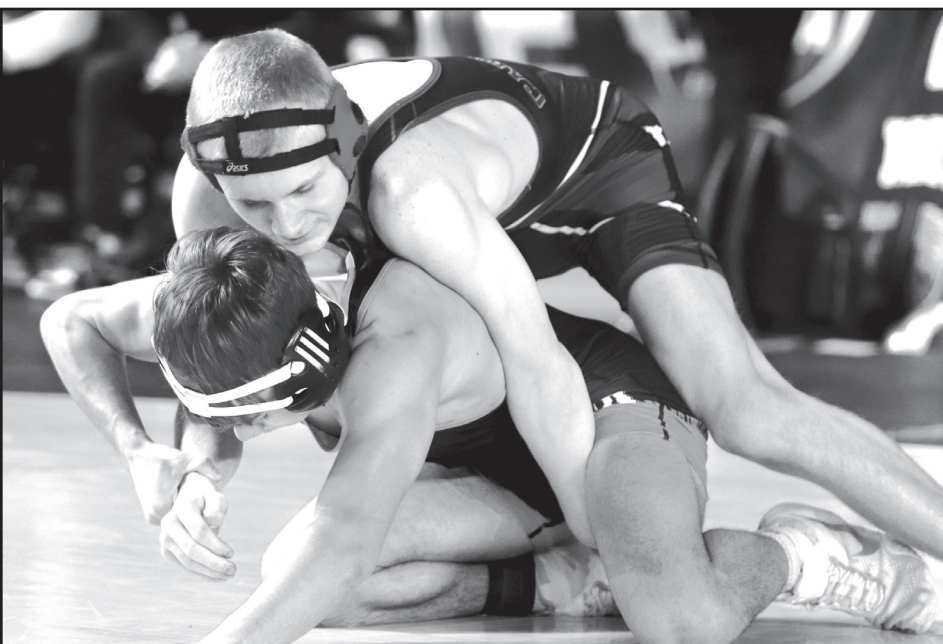
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Medical Lake's James Oliver uses a spiral ride to try to break down Blaine's Vinnie Saia in a boys 1A match at 120 pounds.

## Boys 1A Medical Lake

120 pounds — James Oliver (41-5) placed 3rd. He opened with a bye and then won a technical fall (17-0 in 1:50) over Quintino Hernandez of Zillah before pinning Vinnie Saia of Blaine in 2:00. Oliver was then pinned by Noah Martinez of Wapato in 3:07. In wrestlebacks, Oliver won a 19-6 major decision over Bryce Davis of Colville. And in the match for 3rd-place, he won a 10-0 major decision over Junior Soto of Hoquiam.

144 pounds — Xane San Agustin (21-14) received an opening-round bye and then was pinned by Trenton Richie of Zillah in 2:29. San Agustin then won a 5-0 decision over Alejandro Tapia of Wahluke before being pinned by Will Henley of Vashon Island in 3:30.

157 pounds — Carsen Buenzli (21-15) opened state by pinning Liam Mcmanus of Elma in 1:11. In his second match, he was pinned

in 1:08 by Raul Sanchez III of Wapato. In wrestlebacks, he pinned Winston Kaikaka of Hoquiam in 2:34 and then won a 10-2 major decision over Joseph Roberts of Granite Falls. In his last bout, he was pinned by Reece Decourval of Klahowya in 2:30.

215 pounds — Haedyn Dearnorff (1-7) lost his opening bout by pin in 36 seconds to Caleb Harris of Cascade Christian. He then received a bye before being pinned by Hayden Baker of South Whidbey in 1:26.

215 pounds — True Cole (28-12) placed 4th. He opened with a bye and then pinned Abel Cruz Mendoza of Wapato in 2:46. In the quarterfinals, he was pinned in 2:30 by Felix Romero of Montesano. Cole answered with a technical fall (17-1 in 2:02) over Caden Harbaugh of Stevenson and then a fall over Colton Dell of Klahowya in 25 seconds. In his next bout, Cole pinned Rhett Duersch of Meridian in 39 seconds. In the match for 3rd, Cole lost a 7-3 decision to Zachary

McKnight of Life Christian Academy to finish 4th.

285 pounds — Kainoa Beyer (6-11) was pinned in 28 seconds in his opening match by Daniel Custudio of Wapato. He then received a bye before losing by medical forfeit to Rowdie Tafoya of Tenino.

## Boys 2A Pullman

144 pounds — Israel Manfreda (24-11) lost his opener by technical fall (20-4 in 5:43) to Jayms Vilona of Sequim. In wrestlebacks, he won an 11-10 decision over Trigg Jorgenson of Lynden and then lost a 5-2 decision to Teodoro Rios of Toppenish.

215 pounds — Theodore Engle (18-12) lost his opening match 13-6 to Eli Policarpio of Chief Sealth. After that, he pinned his next three opponents, Michael LeFeau of Washington in 3:59, Dylan Bowen of Sequim in 3:55 and Julian Montoya of Bellingham in 2:15. Engle then lost, 5-4, to Aidan Eagle of Marysville Pilchuck.

215 pounds — Samuel Sears (26-9) placed 4th. He pinned Bryan Sanchez of Aberdeen in 1:25 and then Deklin Graham of Ellensburg in 1:56. He lost by technical fall (17-1 in 5:52) to Anthony Solorio of Othello in the quarterfinals. In

wrestlebacks, Sears then topped Grayson Willhite of Fife, 8-1, before pinning Theodore Stearns of North Kitsap in 2:18. Sears then won an 8-0 major decision over Jameson Beckord of Eatonville before being pinned by Ronin Blair of Centralia in 2:13 to finish 4th.

## Boys 3A Cheney

113 pounds — Alex Kurakin (25-15) opened with a bye and then lost a 16-6 major decision to Cameron Grant of Everett. Kurakin then received a bye before winning by technical fall (18-2 in 3:40) over Aiden Alley of O'Dea. In his last match, he lost by technical fall (16-0 in 2:17) to Kadya Hagerty of Capital.

120 pounds — Aiden Carr (33-15) opened with a bye and then won an 8-0 major decision over Zechariah Egrubay of North Thurston. In his next bout, he lost by technical fall (18-2 in 5:05) to Ruben Ruiz of Federal Way. He was eliminated from the tournament by Alex Ovando of Prairie, who won a 17-5 major decision over Carr.

120 pounds — Cacee Gray (7-7) opened with a 24-17 decision over Daniel Guardado of Everett. He then lost a major decision, 13-2, to Brayden Medelez of Hermiston,

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Ore. In wrestlebacks, Gray pinned Andrii Pryymak of River Ridge in 3:56 and then was pinned by Jeremiah Terry of Capital in 2:48.

126 pounds — Ashton Sheppard (20-8) opened state by pinning Winston Montermoso of Eastside Catholic in 31 seconds. He was then pinned by Adonai Garza of Kent Meridian in 3:21. In the consolation bracket, he pinned Braedyn Clark of Lynnwood in 1:22 and then won a major decision, 15-5, over Lukah Washburn of Mead-owdale. Shepard then pinned M.J. Keenan of Bellevue in 1:09 before losing a 15-8 decision to Jay Carolino of Timberline.

132 pounds — Camron Bogle (35-14) placed 8th after opening with a bye. He then won by technical fall (17-2 in 5:29) over Logan Davis of Kentlake. Bogle then won, 9-6 in a sudden victory overtime match against Brayden Thacker of White River. In the quarterfinals, he lost by technical fall, 16-0 in 3:37, to Cole Borden of Shelton. In wrestlebacks, Bogle then won a 5-3 decision over Romeo Gwerder of Enumclaw, but lost a 4-2 decision to Christopher Ramirez of Mead-owdale. In his last match, he lost a 9-1 major decision to Tommie Vick of Prairie to take 8th-place.

132 pounds — Hank Ghering (25-15) opened state by pin-



Aidan Carr of Cheney bars the arm of Zechariah Egrubay of North Thurston en route to an 8-0 major decision victory in the opening round of state.

ning Borgida of Seattle Academy in 1:04. He then was pinned by Tavarre Lee of Lincoln (Tacoma) in 1:23 and Myles Atkins of Federal Way in 3:53.

144 pounds — Jackson Syron (34-5) brought home bronze. He opened with a bye and then won major decisions, 19-9 over Gabriel Mendoza-Acoltzi of Liberty (Issaquah) and 17-7 over Christopher Cosio of Lakes. In the quarterfinals, he lost by technical fall (19-4 in 5:50) to Anthony Zanders of Decatur. In his next matches, he won a 10-4 decision over teammate Kaden Rasmussen of Cheney and then a 9-4 decision over Dylan Rice of

Edmonds-Woodway. Syron then pinned Gordon Gibson of Mercer Island in 4:11 before winning a 9-7 decision in a rematch over Anthony Zanders of Decatur to take 3rd-place.

144 pounds — Kaden Rasmussen (35-17) opened with a bye and then a technical fall (17-2 in 3:21) over Lamarion Crawford of Highline. He then lost by technical fall (16-0 in 4:17) to Jayson Bonnett of Mount Spokane. In wrestlebacks, he won a 6-0 decision over Christopher Travis of Kelso before pinning Elias Hernandez Cruz of Oak Harbor in 1:49. He was eliminated by teammate Jackson Syron of Cheney, who won a 10-4 decision over Rasmussen.

157 pounds — Mason Bennett (9-6) opened with a bye then won by technical fall (19-2 in 3:05) over Aaron Rubio of Heritage. He then lost a 9-4 decision to Bo Thompson of University and a 13-3 major decision to Owen Watson of Shorecrest.

175 pounds — Trenton Moore

(32-7) placed 7th after opening with a bye. Moore then pinned Charlie Kelman of Seattle Academy in 1:42 and won an 8-2 decision over Jaxon Lefler of University. In the quarterfinals, he lost a 5-3 decision to Hunter Leth of Shelton. In wrestlebacks, Moore pinned Vasyil Mazur of Auburn Mountainview in 4:07 before losing a 6-3 decision to Josiah Christopherson of Oak Harbor. In his last match, he won a 16-4 major decision over Gabriel Johnson of River Ridge.

190 pounds — Wyatt Wells (23-14) opened with a bye and they won a 9-4 decision over Andrew Davis of Edmonds-Woodway. But Wells lost his next matches, 15-6, to Elijah Fleck of Stanwood and 9-4 to Tyson Moran of White River.

215 pounds — Gauge Seubert (30-12) opened with a bye, but then was pinned by Ryan Pineda of Mountlake Terrace in 1:51. Seubert received another bye before pinning Foueti Unga of Lincoln (Tacoma) in 3:00. In his final match, Seubert was pinned by Henry Hovde of North Thurston in 2:58.

285 pounds — Chazz Gray (10-7) lost a 9-7 decision to Dheyauldeen Alnajati of Ridgeline in his state opener. He received a bye before being pinned by James Ongosia of Lincoln (Tacoma) in 54 seconds.

## Girls state Mat Classic results

TACOMA — Several girls from Lincoln, southern Spokane and Whitman Counties brought home medals from the state Mat Classic XXXVI tournament Feb. 20-22 in the Tacoma Dome.

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Reardan senior Danika Bretz brought home the area's only girls gold medal, winning the 1B/2B/1A girls 170-pound weight class after pinning all her opponents.

Two area girls brought home 4th-place medals.

Medical Lake's Lyla Heinemann brought home the Cardinals' first-ever medal for girls wrestling home, finishing 4th at 130 pounds in the Class 1B/2B/1A division.

And Tekoa-Rosalia's Alexis "Lulu" Taylor brought home the Timberwolves' first-ever state wrestling medal, taking 4th at 190 pounds in 1B/2B/1A.

Dory Doty of Colfax, who was sixth at 235 pounds, brought home the only other small-school division medal.

Nobody from Liberty (Spangle) placed in the girls 1B/2B/1A tournament, but eighth-grader Mattie Perkins did compete and win a match.

Only Pullman represented the area in girls 2A wrestling, but no Greyhounds won a match.

In the girls 3A division, Cheney girls brought home three medals.

Jalisco Holmgren placed 5th at 125 pounds. Blackhawks teammates Jennifer Tian at 110 and Page McGee at 130 both placed 6th at state.

Here are the official results of the tournament:

## Girls 1B/2B/1A

### Colfax

115 pounds — Grace Jones (18-10) opened with a bye and then was pinned by Melanie Martinez of



Colfax senior Grace Jones smiles as she pins Dana Yorgesen of Warden using a double armbar Saturday in a girls 1B/2B/1A bout at 115 pounds.

Zillah in 3:10. In wrestlebacks, she pinned Cyera Collins of Stevenson in 1:39 and then Dana Yorgesen of Warden in 2:43. In her final high school match, she was pinned by Emily Brodhead of Hoquiam in 1:48.

235 pounds — Dory Doty (12-12) placed sixth at state. She opened with a bye and then pinned Faithe Jarvis of Rainier in 1:37. She then won by disqualification over Sophie Stennes of Cascade Christian. In the semifinals, Doty was pinned by Aubrey Newberry of Kiona Benton in 1:56. Dropping to the consolation bracket, Doty was pinned by Mina Azzam of Nooksack Valley in 3:00 and then by Ryleigh Cruse of Rainier in 1:11.

Liberty (Spangle)

100 pounds — Eighth-grader Mattie Perkins (4-7) opened state by pinning Emily Mendoza of Napavine in 2:58. She was then pinned by Sharon Arroyo of Royal in 21 seconds, followed by Kyriah Ortiz of Wapato in 2:14.

115 pounds — Riley Rohrbach (5-12) was pinned in her

state opener by Kiara Whisenhunt of Montesano in 2:00. She then received a bye before being pinned by Miah McKeever of Okanogan in 47 seconds.

155 pounds — Hanna Perkins (13-7) received a bye in the opening round, then was pinned by Addison Brown of Okanogan in 3:36. Perkins received a bye in her first consolation match and then pinned Grace Kestys of Naches Valley in 48 seconds. She was then eliminated by Linley Wolfard-Henry of

Klahowya, who pinned her in 2:27.

### Medical Lake

130 pounds — Lyla Heinemann (33-9) placed 4th after opening with a bye. In her first two matches, she pinned Shiloh Willis of Oroville in 2:57 and Hazel Nielsen of Vashon Island in 56 seconds. In the semifinals, she was pinned by Liberty Linklater of Okanogan in 3:03. In the consolation bracket, Heinemann won a 4-3 decision over Regen Missis of Stevenson before being pinned by Heather Wyborney of Wilbur-Creston in 4:24 to finish fourth.

### Reardan

170 pounds — Danika Bretz was the state champion, pinning all of her opponents. She opened with a bye, then pinned Zaya Ray of Wahkiakum in 41 seconds, BobbyJo Dick of Omak in 1:08 and Makaylynn Arias of Napavie in 4:48. In the championship, Bretz pinned Sonia Mendoza of Granger in 4:45.

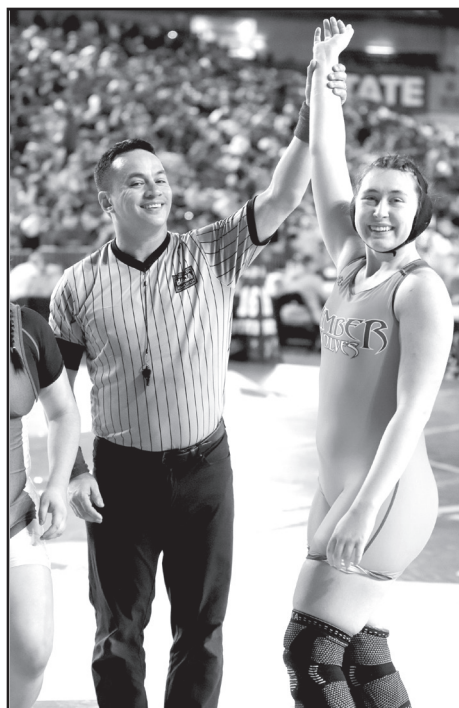
### Tekoa-Rosalia

190 pounds — Alexis Taylor



Reardan senior Danika Bretz pins Sonia Mendoza of Granger using a reverse half-Nelson on Saturday in the girls 1B/2B/1A championship bout at 170 pounds.





Tekoa-Rosalia senior Alexis "Lulu" Taylor gets her arm raised in the Tacoma Dome after getting the Timberwolves' first-ever state wrestling victory.

(23-6) placed 4th after opening with a bye. Taylor lost her first match to Mercedes Chavez of Life Christian Academy by pin in 5:08. She then won four in a row by pin. Taylor pinned Peyton Pilz of Pe Ell in 1:56, Sara Lino of Warden in 1:35, Hannah Appleford of Asotin in 1:45 and Arianna Vaca of Wapato in 4:07. In a rematch, Taylor won a 5-3 decision over Mercedes Chavez of Life Christian Academy. In the

match for 3rd place, she was pinned by Isabella Chapa of Omak in 3:28 to finish fourth.

## Girls 2A Pullman

100 pounds — Isabelle Brinkman (0-7) opened with a bye and then was pinned by Emiko Kondo of Quincy in 40 seconds. Brinkman received a second bye before being pinned Khloee Young of Eatonville in 26 seconds.

115 pounds — Hafisatu Abess (16-6) lost her opening match in sudden victory overtime, 4-3, to Heidy Larios Verduzco of Grandview. She then received a bye before being pinned by Linsey Ortega of Toppenish in 2:44.

135 pounds — Jacqueline Molinari (3-17) opened state by pinning Blayke Tinsley of Clarkston in 28 seconds. She was then pinned by Haley Schaser of Olympic in 2:29 and Drew Perrin of Squalicum in 1:45.

## Girls 3A Cheney

110 pounds — Jennifer Tian (35-15) placed 6th. She opened by pinning Za`Kievia Johnson of Lincoln (Tacoma) in 1:21. In the



At left, Cheney's Jennifer Tian scores nearfall points on Lucy Dalseg of Everett in a girls 3A bout at 110 pounds on Thursday in the Tacoma Dome.

second round, she was pinned by Lucy Dalseg of Everett in 3:34. In wrestlebacks, Tian won a 12-3 major decision over Anh Nguyen of Lynnwood, then pinned Gabrielle Miller of Thomas Jefferson in 4:06. Tian then won a 6-0 decision over Jillian Mavencamp of Roosevelt before pinning Lucy Dalseg of Everett in 1:44 in a rematch. Tian was pinned by Maya Lindauer of River Ridge in 3:54 and then Cassidy Halgren of Mount Vernon in 2:37.

120 pounds — Addison Lathrop (26-17) opened with a loss by fall to Malaya Knighton of Timberline. In the wrestlebacks, she then pinned Evelyn Amerson of White River in 42 seconds, before being pinned by Olivia Vignere of University in 1:55.

120 pounds — Justyne So-

rensen (6-11) lost her first to matches by fall, in 41 seconds to Amanda Lillie of White River and in 1:36 to Kendall Swain of Todd Beamer.

125 pounds — Jalisca Holmgren (37-8) placed 5th. She opened by pinning Lavinia Rasmussen of Shelton in 26 seconds and then won by technical fall, 18-0 in 1:49, over Rosechelle Obare of Mountlake Terrace. In the quarterfinals, Holmgren pinned Alexa Kemp of Walla Walla in 2:46. Holmgren lost her semifinal bout by major decision, 9-1, to Hailey Miller of Mountain View. In the consolation bracket, she was then pinned by Micayla Yates of Sedro-Woolley in 1:41 before pinning Aurora Hiebert of Kelson in 4:18 to win a 5th-place medal.

130 pounds — Paige McGee



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Wrestling in girls 3A at 120 pounds, Cheney's Addison Latrhop takes down Malaya Knighton of Timberline.

(25-11) placed 6th. She opened by pinning Isabella Lauer of Auburn Mountain View in 42 seconds and then Sofia Todd of Shelton in 5:24. McGee then won her quarterfinal bout, 14-9, over Alexa Ortiz-Marquez of Kelso. In the semifinals, McGee was pinned by Lilyana LaMothe of White River in 23 seconds and then lost a major decision, 12-1, to Kendall Griffin of Lakes. In her final match, she was pinned

by Delaney Rush of Kennewick in 2:37 to finish fifth.

140 pounds — Skylar Buckner (22-22) opened by pinning Olivia Howell of Peninsula in 4:32. Then she was pinned by Samara Wienstock of University in 1:42 and then Venus Hernandez of Lynnwood in 4:21.

145 pounds — Ireland Chodorowski (33-15) placed 8th. She opened by pinning Tulee

Leavitt of Shadle Park in 1:20 and then Kennedy Medley of Ferndale in 2:26. In the quarterfinals, Chodorowski was pinned by Josephine Ives of Bellevue in 1:52. In wrestlebacks, Chodorowski won by technical fall (16-0 in 4:39) over Hailey Woebke of Everett. She then lost a major decision, 15-5, to Kianna Gutierrez-Munoz of Hermiston, Ore., and then was pinned by Daniell Kouamo of Central Kitsap in 22 seconds.

155 pounds — Sophia Pasion (5-16) lost her two matches by pin, first to Alexandra Peato of Bishop Blanchet in 1:13 and then Rachel

Ramos-Santos of Kent Meridian in 2:30.

170 pounds — Kali Betanzos (13-21) lost her opening match to Stephanie Cesar of Edmonds-Woodway, 7-0. In wrestlebacks, she then pinned Aliyah Faataui of Lincoln (Tacoma) in 3:29 before being pinned by Cady Ritz of Oak Harbor in 33 seconds.

235 pounds — Ren Schaber (19-12) opened state by pinning Serena "Faith" Garcia of Everett in 2:29. She was then pinned by Jenisty Ongosia of Lincoln (Tacoma) in 3:51 and then lost by medical forfeit to Aurora Macy of Shelton.

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