

BOY'S TENNIS



Sequim freshman Garrett Little, pictured here returning a shot against a North Mason foe on May 10, took the Olympic League title last week, going 4-0 in the tourney and 13-0 for the season. Sequim Gazette photo by Michael Dashiell

Little comes up big at league tourney

Hughes, Koch place fifth

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First-year player? No problem.

Sequim High Garrett Little dominated during the regular season and capped off his freshman season undefeated with a 4-0 run and league title through the Olympic League tourney last week at Central Kitsap.

SHS teammates Henry Hughes and Dustan Koch joined Little with a fifth place finish in the doubles portion of the league tourney.

Little didn't lose a set in the tourney — or the season, for that matter — on his way to the league title. He opened with a 6-0, 6-0 rout of Olympiac's Christopher Posis and a 6-1, 6-1 win

over North Kitsap's Jason Hart. In the semifinals, Little made quick work of Port Angeles' Reef Gelder (6-2, 6-1) before topping Bainbridge's Brogan Rice 6-3 and 6-3 in the league final.

In doubles action, Hughes and Koch won their first two matches, topping East Jefferson's Roman Humphrey and Ben Martin 6-1, 6-1 and Kingston's Eli Guedea and Garret McDaniel, 6-4 and 6-3, before falling to Bainbridge's Aidan McLennan and Sean Westerhout. Hughes and Koch fell to Klahowya's Evan Cole and Drew Kraft before topping Kingston's Guedea and McDaniel for a second time in the fifth/sixth place match.

Sequim's Connor Bear went 1-2 in singles play, as did doubles teammates Zach McCracken and Jackson Van De Wege.

GYMNASTICS

Combined prep squad wins two of three meets

BY MICHAEL DASHIELL
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A combined squad of gymnasts from Sequim, Port Angeles and Crescent made the most of their shortened season, earning two wins and falling by a single point in a third in its only three meets of 2021.

The team — which included Sequim High gymnasts Amara Brown, Kori Miller, Alex Schmadeke, Emma Sharp, Susannah Sharp and Ellie Turner — kicked off the season with a win over Kingston on May 29, with the peninsula team scoring 146.55 points and the Buccaneers not fielding enough athletes to score.

Schmadeke won the all-around with 31.35 total points. Emma Sharp was second at 30.05, Mei-Ying Harper Smith of Port Angeles in third (28.7), Susannah Sharp fourth (27.7) and Aubrie Scott of Crescent sixth (23.6).

In the vault, Susannah Sharp came in first with an 8.15 and sister Emma was second with a 7.9. Turner placed fifth with a 7.35 and Schmadeke sixth with a 7.0. On the bars, Schmadeke was first with a 7.0, Susannah Sharp second with a 6.1, Emma Sharp fourth (5.9) and Turner sixth (4.3). On the beam, Schmadeke won again with a 7.8 score. Emma Sharp was second with a 7.7, and Brown fifth (7.1). In the floor exercise, Schmadeke came in first with an 8.65, Emma Sharp was second (8.55) and Susannah Sharp third (7.55).

Victorious over Vikings

Against North Kitsap on

June 2, the Sequim/Port Angeles/Crescent team out-scored visiting North Kitsap, 149.7-143.65.

Schmadeke first overall with a score of 32.45, while Emma Sharp of Sequim was third at 31.25 and Susannah Sharp of Sequim was fifth at 27.8.

In the vault, Emma Sharp won with an 8.4, while Susannah Sharp was third with 8.35. Schmadeke was fourth with an 8.25 and Miller was sixth with an 8.2. In the bars, Schmadeke took first with a 7.15, Miller was third with a 7.1 and Susannah Sharp was fifth with a 5.8. On the beam, Emma Sharp came in first place with an 8.85 and Schmadeke was third with an 8.2. In the floor exercise, Schmadeke took second with an 8.85, while Emma Sharp was third with an 8.6.

Spartans win by slim margin

Bainbridge spoiled a shot at a 3-0 season finish for the Sequim/Port Angeles/Crescent squad, winning 150.45-149.45 on June 4.

Schmadeke took first in the bars (7.45), and second in the vault (8.3), balance beam (8.9) and floor exercise (8.7) to once again take top honors all-around points (33.35).

Sequim/PA teammate Susannah Sharp was fourth (30.35 points), after placing first on the vault (8.4), fourth on floor exercise (8.4). Her sister Emma tied for fifth (28.9 points), placing third on the floor exercise (8.5) and sixth on the vault (7.9). Miller had strong finishes on the bars (second, 7.0 points), and vault (tied for fifth, 8.0 points).

fast breaking gave her 17 points while Jayla Julmist added eight points and 11 rebounds in limited time. Jelissa Julmist added seven rebounds, two steals and two blocks while Vaara added six rebounds, three steals and two blocks to pace the defense.

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— on the way to a 30-point night. She added 10 rebounds and six assists to the effort.

Porter's tough defense and

WRESTLING

Wolves tussle with Spartans, Cougars

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Sequim's wrestling squad saw some tough competition from class 3A visitors from Kitsap County on Saturday, with the Wolves picking up three wins against Bainbridge's girls and one varsity win against Central Kitsap's boys.

Senior Aleah Chen, along with juniors Jordan Hegtvedt and Petra Bernsten, each earned victories against their Spartan counterparts in Sequim's first match of the double-dual.

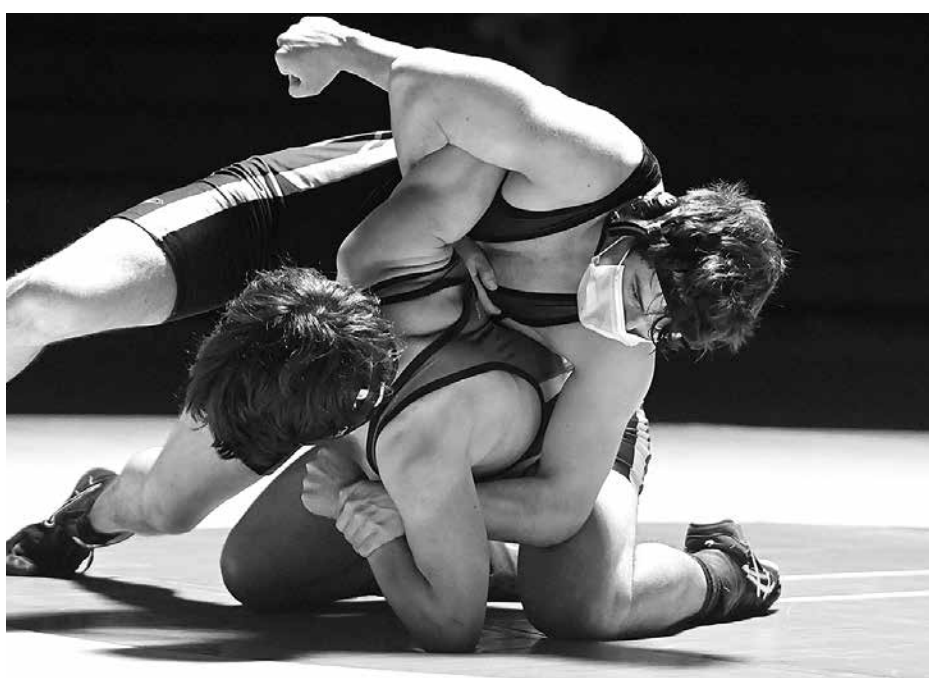
Chen pinned Aubrie Ackland in 1:10 at 155 pounds while Bernsten pinned Katherine Irvin 23 seconds into the second period at 170 pounds.

Hegtvedt fought off an 11-2 deficit to pin Victoria Hutt halfway through the third period.

On the boys' side, Bainbridge won all four varsity matches — three by pin, one by technical fall — but Sequim picked up a pair of junior varsity/exhibition matches.

Those wins included Sam Fitzgerald's pin of Liam Francis in 3:04 and Owen Tjemsland's 13-9 win over Owen Williams.

In the second match, Fitzgerald picked up a 43-second pin of Ethan



Sequim's Sam Fitzgerald, top, grapples with Bainbridge wrestler Quenton Ikuse in an Olympic League double dual in Sequim on June 5. Sequim Gazette photos by Michael Dashiell



At left: Sequim's Aleah Chen pins Bainbridge's Aubrie Ackland in the first match of a double dual with Central Kitsap on June 5. At right: Sequim's Jordan Hegtvedt gets congratulated by SHS coach Chad Cate after turning an 11-2 deficit into a pin of Bainbridge's Victoria Hutton.



Diego at 152 pounds, while the Cougars picked up three wins by pin, along

with a win-by-pin in the lone girls match. Sequim's grapplers are

slated to finish the season this week with a postseason tourney.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Resilient PC men, women finish strong

BY MICHAEL CARMAN

Olympic Peninsula News Group

Peninsula College men's and women's basketball teams celebrated a season unlike any other with a sweep of their final contests of the season at home on June 2.

The Pirate men surged past Bellevue in the second half and were clutch down the stretch in an 81-74 win over the first-place Bulldogs.

In the women's contest, Peninsula downed Whatcom 76-58 with Sequim's Hope Glasser hitting for a double-double with 17 points and 12 rebounds.

Pirate women roll

Keeli-Jade Smith had 16 points, seven rebounds and five assists off the bench and Ariyanna Camacho-Villafuerte added 16 points and four steals to help Peninsula finish the campaign on a winning note and improve to 9-7.

Danielle Tyler had 15 points for Whatcom but the Orcas shot just 34 percent from the field.

PC coach Alison Crumb said her Pirates turned the final game of the season into a celebration.

"Let's celebrate having a season and getting through it," Crumb said. "We had a pretty successful season consider-

ing the youth and the amount of freshmen we had. So it was about going out and enjoying your teammates. We really didn't talk about Whatcom, and they are a really good team."

Crumb was proud of her team, with nine out of 11 players coming from out of state, for how they handled the situation.

"They moved out of state on their own for the first time in the middle of a pandemic to come play basketball at a two-year school in a season that doesn't count," Crumb said.

"They had to quarantine twice, and then again with COVID tracking, and they were resilient."

And with a strong influx of area talent plus some Alaskan recruits set to join a solid team, prospects are strong for a deep postseason run next year.

"The girls have the sense that we can do something special next year, and so does our staff," Crumb said. "We've won a title together and can see that we have that potential."

PC men overcome Bulldogs

Peninsula men's coach Donald Rollman said Bellevue proved a tough test all season.

"Really tough for us to guard match-

up-wise; they play fast, play guard heavy, switch (screens) on players one to five at times, so they are tricky defensively and have had our number," Rollman said.

A strong second-half edge in rebounding — PC finished with a plus-15 — and Ty Artis looking for his shot helped the Pirates (10-7) get the lead, and Jaylin Reed finished the game out by hitting all six free throw attempts in the final 22 seconds to seal the win.

Artis had 20 points and 10 assists. "Ty stepped up and knocked down shots. Our second-half rebounding was huge and being able to muster up enough energy, pride and passion and get over the hump one last time was really important for us," Rollman said.

Rollman said he and his team reflected on a school year that required a great deal of maturity.

"One word, and it's a little cliché, but family," Rollman said of what his team relied upon. "We've all had to make a ton of sacrifices to be away from friends and family and be isolated for so long.

"There wasn't hooting and hollering, but there was a recognition that this was a grind, this was hard. We haven't been in class in person, nobody's around to support us and to finish on a high note was great."

Glasser, Pirates earn PC athletic program honors

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Sequim's Hope Glasser and Nordland's Grace Johnson were among the six athletic award winners announced by the Peninsula College athletic department during their awards event in late May.

The athletic program also annually recognizes two freshmen female athletes in an award dedicated to the late Annie McMullen, for athletes who exemplify inspiration, dedication, accomplishment and ambassadorship. The 2020-21 winners were Glasser and Alysia Alvarado, of Sherwood, Ore.

"Hope had a great year and was a shot in the arm for our women's basketball program that suffered some adversity with injuries and from some athletes suffering from COVID fatigue and leaving the program," said Rick Ross, Associate Dean of Athletics and Student Life, who presented the awards at an in-person



Hope Glasser of Sequim accepts an award heralding efforts by freshmen PC student-athletes from Rick Ross, associate dean of Athletics and Student Life, at an in-person ceremony May 27. Photo courtesy of Peninsula College

ceremony on May 27.

"She is such a hard-working and competitive kid that I think it rubbed off on her teammates. They've really played over their heads at times as a team and I think they've all bought in to just

trying to out-work their opponents."

Ross described Alvarado as a super talented soccer player who had to find her way as part of a super talented team.

Johnson, who led the women's soccer team to an

unbeaten spring season and also served as student body vice president, won the Wally Sigmar Award, presented annually to a women's soccer player who exemplifies leadership, athleticism, academics and citizenship.

Jeong Hyun Kang, of Seoul, South Korea, who served as team captain and helped the men to a North Region best 8-1 record, was the men's Wally Sigmar winner.

The Art Feiro Awards for basketball players who also stand out for their contributions in the areas of leadership, athleticism, academics and citizenship went to Amari Brown of Anchorage, Alaska, and Keith Seldon of Las Vegas, Nev.

Brown and Seldon have led the Pirate basketball teams to a very strong showing in the North Region's spring season.

"Our Wally Sigmar and Art Feiro award winners were all exceptional student athletes," Ross said.