

ATHLETICS

February 13, 2023

ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

3A REGIONAL WRESTLING CHAMPIONS!

WRESTLING

The Boys traveled to Juanita High School this weekend for the **WIAA 3A Region IV Wrestling Championships**, qualified 14 wrestlers for this weekend's Mat Classic XXXIV, and brought home the **Regional Team Title** defeating 2nd place Hermiston, 320.5 – 302. **Josh Neiwert** (132 lbs.) and **Chris Grosse** (220 lbs.) were **Regional Champions!**



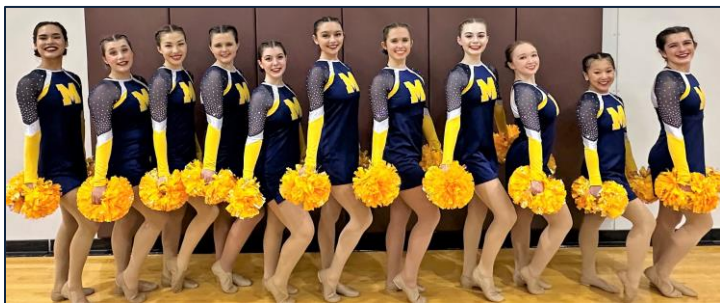
Other State Qualifiers: 106 lbs. – **Kaysic Lundquist** (2nd) & **Ben Jamie** (5th)
 113 lbs. – **Billy Weisgerber** (3rd), **Andrew Agidius** (Alt.) 120 lbs. – **James Mason** (2nd)
 132 lbs. – **Braxton Smith** (4th) 138 lbs. – **Sam Arai** (3rd) 160 lbs. – **Austin Justice** (2nd)
 170 lbs. – **Mason Knigge** (4th) 195 lbs. – **Braeden Harvey** (2nd) & **Keemani Benavides** (5th) 220 lbs. – **Austin Frederick** (3rd)
 285 lbs. – **Markus Fecho** (5th).



The Girls were in Hanford competing in the **WIAA Girls 3A/4A Region IV Wrestling Tournament**. **Taylor Pascua** placed 6th and **Baylie Conner** placed 2nd, earning her a trip to this weekend's State Meet in Tacoma. **Baylie** recorded two pins on her way to the 190 lb. Final. **Good Luck to all of our Panther Wrestlers in Tacoma!**

BOYS BASKETBALL – Mead traveled to Walla Walla and saw their season come to an end with an overtime loss to the Blue Devils, 79-68. **Liam Blanchat** led all scorers with 31 points, including five 3's. **Colby Danielson** added 13 points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL – The Panthers won their playoff opener at home over Ridgeline, 68-36. **Teryn Gardner** led all scorers with 27 points, **Natalie Braun** added 12 and **Gracie Wenkheimer** hit three 3's and scored 9 points. Mead hosts the Walla Walla Girls on Tuesday in the District 8 Tournament Semifinal.



DANCE TEAM – Our Panther Dance Team competed Saturday at Moses Lake. Mead's **Dance** and **Pom** routines earned 3rd place finishes and we placed 4th in **Hip Hop**. All three routines qualified or Districts! **Audrey Loft** placed 2nd in Novice Drilldown and in Advanced Drilldown, **Delaney Utigard** was 2nd & **Kenzie Ediger**, 3rd. **Congratulations Panthers – Good Luck next week at Lewis & Clark!**



SIGNINGS – Three Mead seniors celebrated their opportunities to attend college and compete at the next level. **Johnny Talarico** committed to Montana Western to play Football and **Cassie Moeller** and **Danikah Johnson** will both be at Western Washington University to play Volleyball for the Vikings. **Congratulations!**

IN THE NEWS – In case you missed it: Last week Mead Senior Wrestler, **Keemani Benavides** and his coaches, **Derek Hardin** & **Phil McLean** were featured in the Spokesman Review, and this Sunday's paper highlighted Coach **Katherine Melka** and the recent successes of our **Panther Cheer Team**. Click the Links to see those Stories. [Keemani](#) [Cheer](#)

2/13 – 2/18 Schedules

WRESTLING

2/17 & 2/18 – **MAT CLASSIC XXXIV**
 @ the Tacoma Dome

GYMNASTICS

2/15 – **3A REGIONAL GYMNASTICS MEET**
 @ the Mead Gymnastics Center 4:30

BASKETBALL

DISTRICT 8 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

GIRLS

2/14 – Walla Walla @ Mead 6:00

2/16 – vs. Mt. Spokane @ Mead or
 @ Kennewick

2/18 – If Necessary

[GIRLS BRACKET LINK](#)

DANCE

2/18 - @ Lewis & Clark