

## Terrace and Lynnwood: just the thought brings terror

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By RIC BOFF  
Mountlake Terrace and Lynnwood.

In wrestling circles, just the mention of the schools' names brings a deep respect from the opposition.

Even a down year shoots fear through the veins of the foe.

It's no different this year.

Mountlake Terrace enjoyed a season in which they won seven matches and lost only two. Lynnwood rejoiced over the same. In the down-up-down of the wrestling world, Terrace took first in the Edmonds Invitational, Lynnwood third; Lynnwood captured third at Northwest District, Terrace sixth; but Terrace rallied for third at regionals, Lynnwood failed to place, and the Hawks took 15th at state.

This year's competition between the two could be the same. The coaches are counting on it.

"ONE YEAR I think we're third," Lynnwood coach Dave McAbby said. "And I can't remember us ever taking less than that. Things have changed a little. We used to have good kids turning out of the depth. We used to have a heck of a program around here. We still do. We work twice as hard to get it."

Mountlake Terrace coach Byron Nelson had similar thoughts about his own program. They have the bodies turning out. They have the returning talent.

"And we're going to be fighting all the way," Nelson said. "I'm not making any rash promises I never do, except to say that we will be going after everyone. Actually, the two teams have a lot more in common besides their past

Wesco record, their beefed up programs and Terrace's three-point victory, 28-25, last year. Neither team returns state talent.

AT TERRACE, one gets lost in the body count. Two-year veteran Chuck Pickens leads off at 101 or 108 pounds. He was injured last year but coach Nelson claims it won't get him down this year.

"I thought he would have won regionals last year," coach Nelson said. "Oh, well, maybe this year."

Seniors Brent McElhinney will compete at the 108- or 105-pound weight. Scott Galloway, 122 pounds, two-year letterman Budge Nelson, who took fifth in the region, will compete at 125 pounds. Letterman Russ Littrell at 135 and All-Conference defensive football player Mike Giesbert at 141.

Two-year veteran Marty Brown, who won 10 matches last season, returns at the 190-pound class. Brown is in his third year on the team, while Kirk Miller, at 128 pounds, is in his second.

Beginners Dan Thom at 114 and junior Don Starkenburg at 101 may prove to "put up a good fight" in those classes.

But even with the number of wrestlers returning to the squad, coach Nelson complains that a lack of depth is going to be their major setback.

"All Edmonds District Schools don't have much depth," Nelson reasoned. "No one is getting the experience. Lots of letters have taken care of that."

Concerning the remaining members of the conference, Nelson said, "We're lucky to get 30. Right now we have 26."

Of those 26, 11 are juniors, 10 are sophomores and five are seniors. Only a couple seniors have any experience so if this year



LYNNWOOD'S John Torrence (left) and Paul Powers

peeters

"This is a tough conference," he said. "There are no easy matches all year. It's a fight all the way."

ONE OF THE teams that Mountlake Terrace will be faced with again is Lynnwood. The rivalry between the two schools is tremendous because it's never been any other way.

But again, on one ingredient lacking is depth.

"We used to get 65 to 70 kids turning out for wrestling," coach McAbby said. "Now we're lucky to get 30. Right now we have 26."

Of those 26, 11 are juniors, 10 are sophomores and five are seniors. Only a couple seniors have any experience so if this year

doesn't prove to be Lynnwood's look out next year.

Lynnwood, however, isn't looking past what lies ahead.

"We can't afford to have too many injuries," McAbby said. "Our starters have tremendous talent but from there we run into trouble."

STARTING AT 101 pounds is Jon Stevenson, a senior, with considerable experience. Rob Braxton, a senior, is right behind Stevenson at 108 pounds.

Mike Belcher weighs in at 129 and Keith Marshall likes 135 pounds. "Give him a star, he's tough," McAbby said of the junior.

Junior Kent Curtis will take on the 148 pound opposition while Paul Powers and John Torrence will wrestle in

the 190 and heavyweight class, respectively.

"We're working on big things from Powers and Torrence," McAbby said. "They have good records and are strong kids."

McAbby, who is a teacher at Alderwood Junior High, said that has proven to be the biggest setback to the program. Powerful schools like Mariner, he said, have coaches teaching in the school that they coach at.

"They recruit right out of their own halls," McAbby said. "But there's nobody here to bird dog kids around to try and get them out for practice. And without a junior varsity program to ensure that the kids get to participate, who wants to work off their fannies for nothing?"

McAbby said of the junior, Junior Kent Curtis will take on the 148 pound opposition while Paul Powers and John Torrence will wrestle in

## Royals venture on road leads to split

12-14

By JERRY STOLP

The Lynnwood Royals ventured to Snohomish and defeated the Panthers 38-18 in Western Conference wrestling action last week.

Lynnwood raised its record to 2-1 by scoring 16 points in the last three matches aided by forfeits at 178 pounds and the unlimited weight class.

For the third straight time this season, lightweight Jon Stevenson got Lynnwood off to an early lead. This time Stevenson scored a superior decision with a 13-0 victory. He has yet to be scored on in this young season.

Paul Powers at 190 pounds also remained undefeated with a 9-0 shellacking for a major decision.

Shearer a forfeit.

Lynnwood will next host Perennial Esco powerhouse Mountlake Terrace, and then head for South Kitsap for an invitational meet.

The Royals also traveled to John Rogers High School in Puyallup for a wrestling match last Tuesday night and came away nursing a 41-16 defeat.

That loss left the Royals at 1-1, with their next match against Snohomish on Thursday. Despite the loss, wrestlers John Stevenson, Mike Shearer, Paul Shagar and Paul Powers claimed their second straight victories.

### RESULTS

Lynnwood 38;  
Snohomish 18

101—Stevenson (L) def. Folmar, 13-0; 108—Braxton (L) def. Roberts, 9-0; 115—Robinson (S) def. Lovitt, 19-4; 122—Meinhold (S) def. Sackman, 2-0; 129—Belcher (L) pinned Garza (L) in second round; 135—Leach (L) drew David Sterley, 4-4; 142—

Marshall (L) drew Sterley, 2-2; 148—Curtis (L) def. Ford, 8-2; 158—Mundell (S) def. Wilbourne, 9-3; 168—Carroll (S) def. Shagar, 3-1; 178—Shearer (L) won forfeit; 190—Powers (L) def. West, 9-0; Heavyweight—Torrence (L) won by forfeit.

### RESULTS

101—Stevenson (L) pinned Swenson (J) :33 in the second round; 108—Johnson (J) def. Braxton, 16-10; 115—Collier (J) pinned Lovitt :6 of first round; 122—Anderle (J) pinned Sackman :01 of first; 129—Turnbow (J) def. Belcher, 6-2; 135—Bradley (J) def. Marshall, 3-1; 141—McCabe (J) pinned Leach :11 of first; 148—Barnes (J) def. Curtis, 13-0; 158—Cronk (J) def. Wilbourne, 6-4; 168—Shagar (L) def. LeCompts, 8-5; 178—Shearer (L) def. DeHaven, 5-4; 190—Powers (L) def. Parkhurst, 13-4; Unlimited—Starkel (J) pinned Torrence :33 of second.

## Lynnwood wins battle of perennial wrestling powers

12-21

By JERRY STOLP

In a battle of perennial Western Conference wrestling powers, wrestling at Lynnwood Royals defeated the Mountlake Terrace Hawks, 27-22, last Thursday night at Lynnwood High School.

The Royals used two early pins to grab a lead that was never relinquished but threatened all the way to the final buzzer. As happens in every close match, the final outcome was in the hands of the heavyweight. This time it was Lynnwood's John Torrence who secured the win with a 2-1 decision over Tom McDonagh.

Lightweight John Stevenson started the Royals on the right track with a pin in the first round. It was Stevenson's second straight pin and fourth win without a loss this year. At 108 pounds, Bob Braxton also stuck his man in the first round. But, a factor missing in these two matches were Terrace's top two men who were home with illness.

THE ROYALS lost the next four matches in a row despite the outstanding performance by Mike Belcher at 129, who lost to Hedy Nelson—last week's Lake Washington Invitational champ, 5-2.

Lynnwood won the next three matches with two sophomores—Pete Sancier and Jim Wilbourne—racking up wins. Marty Brown of Terrace handed Lynnwood's Paul Powers his first defeat of the season, 10-4, at 190 pounds, to set up Torrence's heroics.

Lynnwood is now 3-1 in Wesco action.

ALSO ON LYNNWOOD'S card last week was an all day tournament at South Kitsap High School.

Eight of the best teams in the state took part in the tourney and the Royals had a sturdy fifth position 24 days' end.

The Royals brought home one individual

champ in the heavyweight division. Torrence had an awesome display of powerful wrestling as evidenced by pins in the first period of the second match and second period of the first. Those two wins elevated him to the championship round where he faced a man from battleground, Torrence disposed of him, 15-3, for the championship.

The Royals' little man at 101, Stevenson, went into the tournament undefeated but suffered two losses to finish sixth.

RESULTS

101—Stevenson, sixth;

108—Braxton third; 115—Lovitt eighth; 122—Sackman sixth; 129—Belcher fifth; 135—Knutson seventh; 141—Sancartier sixth; 148—Curtis third; 158—Wilbourne third; 168—Shagar seventh; 178—Shearer sixth; 190—Powers third; Unlimited—Torrence first.

ROYALS VERSUS TERRACE

101—Stevenson (L) pinned Martin :02 of first; 108—Braxton (L) pinned Scherbal :27 of first;

115—McElhinney (T) def. Kuma, 12-3; 122—Galloway (T) def. Sackman, 7-2; 129—Nelson (T) def. Belcher, 5-2; 135—Littrell (T) pinned Leach :40 of second; 141—Sancartier (L) def. Giesbert, 11-6; 148—Curtis (L) def. Thom, 7-2; 158—Wilbourne (L) def. Starkenburg, 8-1; 168—Shagar (L) def. Cronk, 11-6; 178—Miller (T) def. Shearer, 1-1; 190—Brown (T) def. Powers, 10-8; Unlimited—Torrence (L) def. McDonagh, 2-1.

Outstanding efforts came from Braxton at 108, Kent Curtis at 148, Powers at 190 and sophomore Jim Knutson at 158, all taking third. Wilbourne was overly impressive as he lost his first match, and then pinned his next two men to bring home his third.

The Royals will have three weeks off and then return to face Meadowdale for supremacy of Edmonds District.

## Olson's pin gives Edmonds second in Invitational

1-11

By TOM PEARCE

South Kitsap High ran away from everybody to win this year's Edmonds Invitational wrestling tournament, scoring 23 1/2 points to second place Edmonds' 12 1/2 and third place Lynnwood 5 1/2.

Meadowdale was fourth with 11 1/2. Evergreen was fifth with 10 1/2. Olympia was sixth with 8 1/2. Woodway was seventh with 8 1/2, and Bellevue rounded out the field scoring 6 1/2.

There were only three champs from inside the district, those being Mark Webb of Meadowdale at 115, Paul Powers of Lynnwood at 190 and Greg Olson, Edmonds' unlimited.

The most important match of the evening was the last, involving Olson of Edmonds and John Torrence of Lynnwood in the unlimited division.

BOTH OLSON and Torrence were undefeated until they met in the championship round. The crowd, insensed by the drama of the match, surrounded the mats as the two faced off.

Olson pinned Torrence in the final moments of the match, boosting the Tigers to a one-point team victory over the Royals, 12-11.

Other winners were: at 101-Tony Coppinger, South Kitsap; 108-Bob Ashby, SK; 122-Ted Cheng, Bellevue; 129-Dan Nickerson, Olympia; 135-Scott McCormick, Evergreen; 141-Dave Dyess, SK; 148-Larry Kemp, Olympia; 158-Ed Shippman, SK; 168-Craig Cramer, Evergreen; 178-Joe McGuire, SK.

Six people from the district placed second. They were, at 101-Jon Stevenson, Lynnwood;

122-Mike Cross, Woodway; 141-Ken Koch, Meadowdale; 148-John Dickinson, Woodway; 158-Robert Pearl, Meadowdale; 190-Elnor Osterhaus, Edmonds; UNL-Jon Torrence of Lynnwood.

The next action for Edmonds District schools will be tomorrow night, with Snohomish at Edmonds, Lynnwood at Marysville, and Terrace at Meadowdale.

DISTRICT RESULTS - 101-Jon Stevenson, L. bye, won, lost, 2nd; Tom Ives, M. won, lost, 3rd; Scott McCormick, E. won, lost, 4th; Dave Dyess, SK, 148-Larry Kemp, Olympia; 158-Ed Shippman, SK; 168-Craig Cramer, Evergreen; 178-Joe McGuire, SK.

won, 3rd; Greg Sackman, W. lost, won, lost, 6th; Dave Matthews, E. lost, won, 7th; 129-Mike Belcher, L. lost, won, won, 4th; Steve Bonner, W. lost, bye, lost, 6th; Mitch Starring, M. lost, bye, won, 7th; 135-Al Benne, E. bye, lost, won, 3rd; Ken Curtis, L. lost, bye, won, 4th; Eric Berquist, W. won, lost, 5th; Stu Naylor, M. lost, won, lost, 6th; 141-Koh, M. won, won, lost, 2nd; Craig Bone, E. won, lost, 3rd; Pete San Cartier, L. won, lost, 5th; Kurt Betancourt, W. lost, won, lost, 6th; 148-Dickinson, W. lost, lost, 2nd; Ken Curtis, L. won, lost, 3rd; Mark Hume, E. won, lost, lost, 5th; Noel Walker, M. lost, bye, won, 7th; 158-Pearl, S.

M. won, won, lost, 2nd; Phil Cain, E. won, lost, 3rd; Jim Wilbourne, L. lost, won, won, 4th; Skip Smith, W. bye, lost, lost, 5th; 168-Save Erickson, E. bye, lost, won, 3rd; Doug Ellison, E. lost, bye, won, 4th; Paul Shagar, L. bye, lost, lost, 5th; Mike Jay, M. lost, bye, lost, 6th; 178-Mark Hamilton, E. won, lost, 3rd; Mike Shearer, L. lost, won, won, 4th; Boyd, W. won, lost, 5th; 190-Powers, L. won, won, 1st; Osterhaus, E. won, won, lost, 2nd; Matt Falk, M. bye, lost, lost, 5th; Richard Lines, W. lost, won, lost, 6th; UNL-Olsen, E. won, won, 1st; Torrence, L. won, won, lost, 2nd; Brad Baile, M. won, lost, lost, 5th.

Results: 101-Stevenson (L) def. Ives 5-2; 108-Braxton (L) pinned Ebert :19 of 2; 115-Anthony (M) pin Lovitt Sackman :16 of 1; 122-Carter (M) def. Sackman 6-3; 129-Starring (M) def. Belcher 8-6; 135-Marshall tied Moulux 4-4; 141-Koch (M) def. Sancier 7-5; 148-Anthony def. Curtis 5-0; 158-Wilbourne (L) def. Walker 7-3; 168-Pearl (M) def. Shagar 8-4; 178-Shearer (L) def. Jay 4-0; 190-Powers (L) pin Falk :49 of 3; UNL-Torrence (L) pinned Bailey :47 of 1.

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## Royals lay claim to district lead

1-11

By JERRY STOLP

In the battle for Edmonds District dominance Thursday night, Lynnwood Royals laid claim to the top spot as they out-wrestled the Meadowdale Chiefs 29-23.

Lynnwood used pins in the last two matches to come from a six point deficit to their margin of victory.

Lynnwood has now beat Meadowdale and the Terrace Hawks all three times for first last year; entitling them to the number one position.

Captain Jon Stevenson at 101 started the Royals off with a 5-2 victory. Stevenson is still undefeated in dual matches. Lynnwood's Bob Braxton was ahead 12-0 with 16 seconds left in the match when he earned a pin.

That pin put Lynnwood ahead 9-0 but they couldn't rest on their margin as they soon realized when Meadowdale did not lose in their next six matches. Keith Marshall of the Royals did salvage a tie at 135 to break up Meadowdale's barrage of wins.

It could have been considered a battle of seconds as the Royals proved when they lost three matches in the last 10 seconds.

The Royals Wilbourne, a sophomore, finally got the Lynnwood team moving again as he

decided the Chief's Noel Walker 7-3. The victory string was soon snapped when the Chiefs' Robert Pearl justified for eight first period points and held on to beat Paul Shagar 4-4 at 168.

The Royals were behind 25-14 heading into Mike Shearer's match, but their first year man defeated Meadowdale's Mike Jay 7-

4 to close the gap by three. Then the Royals got Torrence turned around with the Chiefs' Matt Falk but finally put him away with 49 seconds left in the final period. This knotted the score at 23-23.

The Royals' heavyweight John Torrence then pulled out the win in a style becoming habit. Torrence beat Terrace earlier in the year in the final match for a Royal victory, and last year he also dealt the Chiefs a loss when the 6'2" 202-pounder pinned his man in the last round to pull out a one-point victory. That victory also allowed the Royals a tie for the championship.

This year the Royals of Lynnwood won it outright when Torrence pinned early in the first round.

Results: 101-Stevenson (L) def. Ives 5-2; 108-Braxton (L) pinned Ebert :19 of 2; 115-Anthony (M) pin Lovitt Sackman :16 of 1; 122-Carter (M) def. Sackman 6-3; 129-Starring (M) def. Belcher 8-6; 135-Marshall tied Moulux 4-4; 141-Koch (M) def. Sancier 7-5; 148-Anthony def. Curtis 5-0; 158-Wilbourne (L) def. Walker 7-3; 168-Pearl (M) def. Shagar 8-4; 178-Shearer (L) def. Jay 4-0; 190-Powers (L) pin Falk :49 of 3; UNL-Torrence (L) pinned Bailey :47 of 1.

## Lynnwood turns stubborn Woodway

By MARK TROYER  
In Western Conference

wrestling action last Friday. Heavy favorite Lynnwood found host Woodway very stubborn but obtained a pin from their heavyweight to win 35-29.

The win kept Lynnwood unbeaten and handed

Lynnwood started as though they might roll up Woodway in their own mat. The Royals grabbed a 12 to 0 lead before Woodway could tie it at 12. The two teams stayed close the rest of the way with Woodway's biggest lead being 29-22.

Lynnwood will travel to Oak Harbor to wrestle the mighty Wildcats, while Woodway's grapplers will travel to Marysville to take on the Tumblers. Both are scheduled for tomorrow.

IN OTHER action last week:

Woodway managed only two wins as they fell to defeat to the Burlington Edison Tigers, 41-28. Woodway's only victories were by Doug Ellison at 165 pounds. His

100 decision was followed by Doug Roy's pin in the 180-pound division. The rest of Woodway's scoring came on forfeits in the 106, 178 and unlimited weight divisions.

Results: 101 — Stevenson (L) won by forfeit; 106 — Braxton (L) pinned; 178 — Sowell (W) pinned; 180 — Cross (W) pinned; Dave Leach; 129 — Belcher (L) drew with Seamer; 135 — Marshall (L) dec. Bergquist 4-0; 141 — Bentancourt (W) pinned; Dan Leach; 146 — Dickinson (W) dec. Curtis 7-1; 158 — Wilbourne (L) dec. Shagar 4-0; 159 — Shagar (L) dec. Ellison 8-3; 178 — Roy (W) pinned; Shearer; 180 — Powers (L) dec. Lines 24-4; Uni-Torrence (L) pinned; Hala-

## Royals scalp Tomahawks

By JERRY STOLP

The Lynnwood Royals wrestling team ventured to the Tomahawks of Marysville territory Thursday and barely came back with their scalps.

Using three Marysville forfeits, Lynnwood emerged a 35-27 victor.

It did not look like the same Lynnwood team that just the week before knocked off Meadowdale and missed second place by one point in the Edmonds Invitational. Marysville, who have yet to win a match, battled all the way.

For the sixth straight

time this season lightweight Jon Stevenson was the opening match seeing Lynnwood on their way. Stevenson got a pin in the second round and remained undefeated in Wesco.

Mike Belcher at 129 also registered a pin when he stock Brett Summer at 1:20 of the second round. Keith Marshall at 135 and Mike Shearer at 178 were the only other Royals to earn victories. Although Jon Torrence, Paul Powers, and Jim Wilbourne all won, theirs were unearned as they won by forfeits.

The Royals had to recover fast as they had to turn around and wrestle

Woodway the very next night at Woodway, in a rescheduled match.

Results: 101-Stevenson (L) pin 1:01 of 2:00-forfeited to Marys. 115-Dec(M) dec. Braxton 6-1; 122-Hastings pin Leach (L) 2:06 of 2:15; Belcher pin Summer 1:20 of 2:15; Marshall dec. Fitzgerald 4-0; 141-Roe (M) pin Leach 2:08 of 3:15; Hebert dec. Curtis (L) 7-6; 158-Wilbourne (L) won forfeit; 165-Stafford (M) dec. Shagar 6-4; 178-Shearer (L) dec. Higbee 6-0; 180-Powers (L) won by forfeit; Uni-Torrence (L) won by forfeit.

## Royal wrestlers suffer first defeat to Oak Harbor

By JERRY STOLP

The Lynnwood Royals ventured from their usual Edmonds District stomping grounds and headed up north to meet the Oak Harbor Wildcats in a Wesco wrestling match. It was hardly worth the ferry trip as the Wildcats handed the Royals their first Wesco loss 27-21.

The Edmonds District champs were faced with a tough match against Oak

Harbor whose only loss was to the powerful Mariner team. It was a tough match the whole way seeing only one pin. Lynnwood once again started the match off with a win as Jon Stevenson defeated Doug Bowden, 11-4. Stevenson has not yet tasted defeat in dual or Wesco competition.

The Wildcats then proceeded to run off three victories in a row as the

Royals fell behind 11-3

THE ROYALS' Mike Belcher ended the streak with a close 8-7 victory. Then, in perhaps the most unexpected match of the night, Keith Marshall of Lynnwood exploded for a 9-1 victory over previously undefeated Russ Burke. The Wildcats' Sam Hock registered the only pin of the night at 141.

The next two matches were just an indication of

the closeness of the match as Kent Curtis and Jim Wilbourne drew with their Oak Harbor opponents at 178. The Wildcats Rod Sullivan, fourth in state last year, had to fight all the way for his victory before Lynnwood's Mike Shearer succumbed, 4-0.

In perhaps the most controversial and painful Royal defeat of the year, Paul Powers lost to the Wildcats' Jerry Vance, 3-2. Lynnwood needed a

victory at this weight to assure at least a tie. Coach Dave McAbay was in dismay as the referee failed to even call a nearfall. So with that match went the meet. Jon Torrence won the heavyweight division but it was too little too late as Oak Harbor was already celebrating their victory.

Lynnwood has no time to sulk over this match as they must immediately recover to face the

seemingly invincible Mariner Marauders. If the Royals achieve victory they will gain a tie for the Wesco championship that has been Mariner's property for the last few years. Mariner must also be noted for their 47-0 match winning streak that the Royals hope to end.

THE LYNNWOOD Royals made it a clean sweep of the Edmonds District schools as they defeated: the Edmonds Tigers, 31-18; Lynnwood

thus claimed the undisputed District championship.

The Royals were led by Captain John Stevenson at 101 who kept his undefeated dual meet record in tact. Royal victories came at 106 with Bob Braxton getting the decision; Mike Belcher at 122; SanCartier at 141; Jim Wilbourne at 158; Paul Shagar at 165.

The two big matches of the night came at 180 and the unlimited division. Paul Powers of Lynnwood met Ansterhauf of Edmonds who he also met in the final of the Edmonds Invitational Tournament.

The outcome was the same as Powers won 9-2. The big confrontation between Jon Torrence of Lynnwood and Greg Olsen at the unlimited class had a different outcome than the final of the Edmonds Tournament. Greg Olsen pinned Torrence in that meet, but Torrence got revenge as he defeated Olsen 6-3.

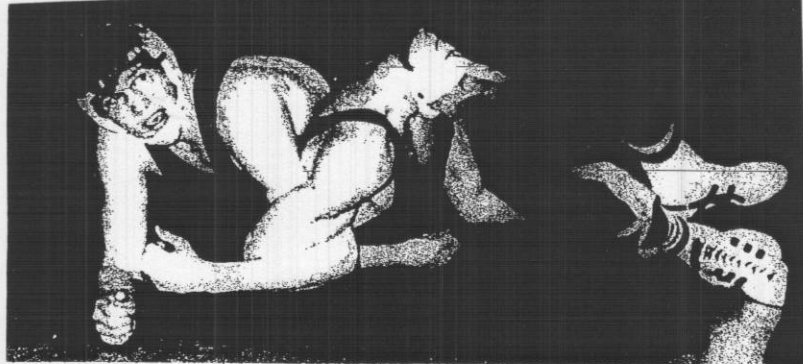
Next that Lynnwood has wrapped up, Edmonds District they will travel to Oak Harbor to try and win the Wesco title, which is possible if they defeat Oak Harbor and ever powerful Mariner.

RESULTS:

101-Stevenson (L) dec. Bowden 11-4; 106-Expo-forfeited; 106-Braxton (L) dec. Robinson 11-6; 115-Spashnik (E) pin Lovitt 1:17 of 1:25; Belcher (L) dec. Matthews 8-4; 129-Pulgar (E) dec. Sackman 8-2; 135-Bennet (E) dec. Marshall 3-2; 141-SanCartier (L) default; 148-Hume (E) dec. Curtis 7-1; 158-Wilbourne (L) dec. Haines 4-0; 165-Shagar (L) dec. Erickson; 178-Hamilton (E) dec. 0; 178-Sullivan (O) dec. Shearer 6-0; 180-Powers (L) dec. Ansterhauf 9-2; Uni-Torrence (L) dec. Olsen 6-3.

RESULTS:

101-Stevenson (L) dec. Braxton 12-4; 115-Williams (O) dec. Lovitt 10-2; 122-Guttsinger (O) dec. Sackman 4-1; 129-Belcher (L) dec. Stigworth 8-7; 135-Marshall (L) dec. Burke 9-4; 141-Hock (O) pin Leach 37 of 2:14; Curtis dec. Nash 6-8; 158-Wilbourne drew Mollersten 4-4; 165-Shagar (L) dec. Vance 4-0; 178-Sullivan (O) dec. Shearer 4-0; 180-Vance (O) dec. Powers 3-2; Uni-Torrence dec. Boon 10-0.



Who's in control?

IF YOU WERE to ask Lynnwood's Jim Wilbourne (left), he might claim to be the answer to that question even though it does appear to be up for grabs. The meet wasn't in doubt, however, as Mariner defeated

the Royals for sole possession of first place in Wesco. Mariner's Leroy Hornbeck went on to defeat Wilbourne, 8-4.

(Staff photo by Chuck Browne)

## Lynnwood's share of wrestling title turns into bad dream

By JERRY STOLP

The Lynnwood Royals' dream of a share of the Wesco Championship were dashed Thursday night when the Mariner overpowered, 28-15.

The Royals wrestled inspired but were the 4th straight victim of the mighty Marauders. It was wrestled before the largest crowd of the year at Lynnwood's gym and the fans were treated to some very spectacular wrestling. The outcome was no doubt until the last match, which ironically was the only pin of the night.

The young and inexperienced Royals demanded a little respect from the older and more powerful Marauders. There was only one major decision to go along with the one pin. Other than those two matches, the outcome of every match wasn't assured until the final buzzer and even then it wasn't secure as the Marauder coach tried to see if he could convince the ref for a few extra points.

THE MATCH started in much the same way as Royal matches do with lightweight Jon Stevenson recording a 4-0 victory. Stevenson is now 9-0 and has only two matches remaining to keep his perfect record intact. If he should win his next two matches, it would assure him of the number one seed at the Northwest District tournament.

The Royals then watched the Marauders run off with four straight victories and a 15-3 lead. Keith Marshall finally ended the Mariner streak with a convincing 6-0 victory at 135 pounds. Marshall ended one streak but started another that was a bit more unusual. For the next and last eight matches of the nights the Royals and the Marauders alternated wins and losses.

Keith Curtis was the next Royal to win and that was a real nail biting 3-2 victory over Steve Rosen. Then, at 158, Lynnwood's sophomore Jim Wilbourne got an early lead but lost it to the more experienced and once-defeated Leroy Hornbeck.

ANOTHER ONE-point decision came at 168 when the Royals' first year wrestler, Paul Shagar, defeated Scott Pile 7-6. Lynnwood lost the next match and that left the team score at 22-15. The Royals had to score a pin in one of the next two matches but it was the Marauders who claimed the only pin.

After Paul Powers won a tough 3-0 decision over Ray Bissen, the score was 22-15 and it was not possible for the Royals to win. But everyone stuck around to see if Lynnwood's Jon Torrence could remain undefeated in Wesco competition.

It was not to be as Torrence was up 6-2 then found himself down-on the mat and his shoulders.

The Lynnwood Royals next face the Everett Seagulls to try and improve their record.

Results: 101-Stevenson (L) dec. Abbot 4-0; 108-Thomson (M) dec. Braxton 10-7; 115-Smith (M) dec. Lovitt 14-4; 122-Yates (M) dec. Sackman 4-0; 129-Furrer (M) dec. Belcher 6-1; 135-Marshall (L) dec. Wojto 6-0; 141-Conners (M) dec. SanCartier 7-3; 148-Curtis (L) dec. Rosen 3-2; 158-Hornbeck (M) dec. Wilbourne 8-4; 168-Shagar (L) dec. Pile 7-6; 178-Costes (M) dec. Shearer 4-0; 180-Powers (L) dec. Bissen 2-0; Uni-Davis (M) pinned Torrence 33 of 2.

## Royals close season on class y note

By JERRY STOLP

The Lynnwood Royals closed out their regular season with a victory and showed a little class going to last week.

The Royals destroyed the Cascade Bruins to solidify themselves into third place in the Wesco standings. Lynnwood showed class because they got knocked off by Mariner in a tough fight for the Wesco championship a week before. But instead of hanging their heads they went out and outscored their next two opponents by a whopping 87-17 margin.

In doing so, there have been only two Royal

wrestlers who have tasted defeat in their last two matches.

The match started with Wesco standout Jon Stevenson finishing his Wesco season undefeated and looking very much like a threat at the state meet. Stevenson, in rolling up his unblemished record, never was faced with an extremely difficult match as his closest encounter all year was 4-0.

He also decided a number of pins in compiling his impressive record. Stevenson beat the Bruins' Brian Friel 15-4.

LYNNWOOD DEFEATED the next match

but Doug Lovitt, Greg Sackman, Mike Belcher and Keith Marshall won the next four in a row. Then came the Royals' only loss of the night as sophomore Pete SanCartier lost a tough and controversial match 3-7. Kent Curtis disposed of the Bruin Captain with a 5-3 score, then another sophomore found himself a little more fortunate as Jim Wilbourne destroyed Mike Moran 7-0.

At 168, Paul Shagar of the Royals registered the first pin of the night as he stuck his opponents' shoulders on the mat with 19 seconds to go in the first period. Mike Shearer

proved less fortunate than Shagar as he found his 4-0 lead end up 4-4 tie.

Then came the Royals' dynamic duo of Paul Powers and Jon Torrence, who have pulled out many a match this year. They weren't needed to pull this one out as the Royals had an insurmountable lead at 30-11. But this was of no affect to the two of them as Powers made good work of his opponent, pinning him in the second round. Torrence found his opponent a little more formidable but none the less posted a 2-1 victory.

THUS, CONCLUDES one season for the Royals

but they will start another on Feb. 10 when the Northwest District tournament starts up in Marysville.

The Lynnwood Royals met the Everett Seagulls in Wesco wrestling action. But maybe the names should have been switched as the Royals flew past the Seagulls crushing them royally 48-6.

The night started out unusually with both teams without a light weight, so after the first match neither team had scored. But then Jon Stevenson venturing out of his regular light weight position, pinned 168 as a tough at 106 as he pinned his opponent in the third round. Stevenson still remains undefeated in Wesco and only has one match to go. Maybe he'll try 115 next?

Then in the only loss of the night Bob Braxton of the Royals was ahead only to find himself underneath and pinned by Jim Dutton with just nine seconds remaining. Braxton also moved up a weight class but didn't find it as easy as Stevenson.

Royal pins were registered by Kent Curtis, and Mike Shearer. Other Royal winners were Mike

Belcher, Keith Marshall, Pete SanCartier, Paul Shagar, Paul Powers and Jon Torrence.

RESULTS: 108-Stevenson (L) pin Balleger 38 of 3; 115-Dutton (E) pin Braxton 10 of 3; 122-Lovitt (L) forfeit; 129-Belcher (L) dec. Brager 3-0; 135-Marshall (L) dec. Noraby 2-0; 141-SanCartier (L) dec. Jacobson 6-2; 148-Curtis (L) pin Gruber 37 of 1; 158-Wilbourne (L) forfeit; 168-Shagar (L) dec. Sollie 6-2; 178-Shearer (L) pin Mann 13 of 2; 180-Powers (L) dec. McKay 5-1; Uni-Torrence (L) dec. Melus 9-1.

RESULTS: 101-Stevenson (L) dec. Friel 13-6; 108-McElroy (C) forfeit; 115-Lovitt (L) dec. Sewell 10-3; 125-Sackman (L) dec. Mason 4-0; 129-Belcher (L) dec. Wester 9-2; 135-Marshall (L) dec. Pendleton 8-0; 141-O'Brien (C) dec. SanCartier 8-7; 148-Curtis (L) dec. Lowe 5-3; 158-Wilbourne (L) dec. Moran 7-0; 168-Shagar (L) pin Shaver 10 of 1; 178-Shearer drew Dunbar; 180-Powers (L) pin Loucks 28 of 2; Uni-Torrence (L) dec. Madison 7-2.

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Final Standings	
Mariner	10 0
Oak Harbor	9 1
Lynnwood	8 2
Mountlake	
Terrace	7 3
Edmonds	6 4
Meadowdale	5 5
Cascade	3 7
Woodway	3 7
Marysville	
Pilchuck	2 8
Snohomish	2 8
Everett	0 10