

SPORTS BRIEFS

6 in a row for wrestling

> Alex Castaneda Reporter

The boys wrestling team got their sixth regionals team win with a team score of 250.5; second place was Brush with 156.5. Lamar is taking 13 out of 14 athletes to state on February 21 - 23 at the Pepsi Center in Denver.

Regional results

106 lbs. Caleb Rigsby, 3rd
113 lbs. Sergio Mendoza, 4th
120 lbs. Ethan Andrade, 1st
126 lbs. Gavin Page, 4th
132 lbs. Zane Rankin, 1st
138 lbs. Walker Kee, 2nd
145 lbs. Isaiah Baber, 2nd
152 lbs. Jose Serrano, 2rd
160 lbs. Brandon Orozco, 4th
170 lbs. Anthony Martinez, 2nd
180 lbs. Jesus Reyes, 4th
195 lbs. Pedro Gomez, 5th
220 lbs. Chris Felan, 3rd
Heavyweight Sy Spitz, 1st.

Also, freshman Crystalyn Felan, already went to girls state where she wrestled at 111 lbs. At regionals she got first, and she won girls state. State was held in Thornton on Feb. 9.

This was the first year of a two year pilot season for girls wrestling to become a CHSAA sanctioned sport.

Girls basketball athlete reaches milestone

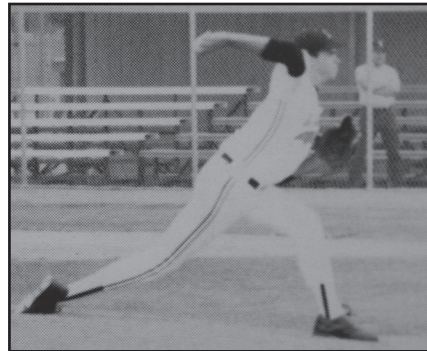
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Senior Breckyn Payne hit a milestone of 900 points against La Junta. She scored her 900th point with a three. They won that game with a score of 58-51.

"It feels great getting 900," Payne said. "I am still trying to get to 1000."

She has been on varsity all four years, playing at guard and at post. She averages around 16 points a game, and she is the team's leading scorer.

Lamar graduate inducted in CHSAA Hall of Fame



Scott Elarton pitching in a game his sophomore year.



Scott Elarton and his team celebrating their win over Sterling to win the State 4A Championship in 1993.

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Scott Elarton, 1994 Lamar graduate is part of the CHSAA 30th Anniversary Hall of Fame class. He is one of six people who will be inducted at a ceremony on April 23, 2019. The CHSAA Hall of Fame began in 1989 and now features 204 inductees.

"I was honored to be inducted. There's a lot of great people who have done really great things in the CHSAA Hall of Fame and it's cool to be with those people." Elarton said.

Elarton's dad was inducted into the CHSAA Hall of Fame last year as a coach and administrator.

"I don't like giving speeches. A recorded interview plays when you get your award. Not having to give a speech is almost as good as getting inducted into the Hall of Fame." Elarton said.

Elarton was part of the baseball team that won three State Championships in baseball. Elarton was a pitcher for the Savages.

"Some of the things I remember the most are the losses. My sophomore year we lost to Sterling in the state semifinals," Elarton said, "I also remember messing around before and after practices in the locker room hanging out with my buddies."

Elarton was drafted into the minor leagues right after graduation

(to the Houston Astros.) He spent four years in the minor leagues and then moved to the major leagues in 1998. Elarton also played for the Rockies, Indians, Royals, White Sox and Phillies before retiring in 2012-2013.

Elarton is involved with high school sports programs. He has helped with baseball and basketball in Limon, Rye, and Florida.

"My number one criteria for high school athletes is to have fun," Elarton said, "There are plenty of challenges when you get out of school. Sports are going to help you with challenges you face in your lifetime. If you're not having fun it's not worth doing."

Elarton is still connected to Lamar and its athletic programs.

Elarton may be helping some LHS baseball players with their pitching.

"Scott is a inspiration to some of the kids that want to play in the major leagues because he's from a small town and made it big," head baseball coach Mr. Jason Veyna said.

"Lamar was and still is a great place. I had a really good experience through school. The community was really supportive to the school and the athletic programs. I can't say enough of how special it is to me." Elarton said.

Close games create tension

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What moves you to the edge of your seat when you are watching your favorite sports team? Is it that the game is tied with 1 minute left or that you're down by 1 with a person on third base getting ready to run home and tie the game at the bottom of the seventh?

"At Buena Vista we got down and didn't play our best ball," Jason Veyna head baseball coach said, "at the top of the 6th or top of the 7th Davin Jacobs hits a grand slam to get

us up"

These are the moments people remember as athletes and fans, but after a close match in wrestling sometimes athletes don't always win.

Junior varsity coach Austin Adanson says after a close match in wrestling, win or lose he always talks about stuff the athlete could improve on for the next match.

The girls basketball team had to dig deep for their wins against Vanguard barely winning by 7 points while game is going back and forth.

"that I needed to stay focus on the game," freshman Destiny Jenkins said "and to make sure I had the good passes."

The boys basketball is just as close with a 1 point win against Colorado Springs Christian basketball, with Dylan Vallejos making the game winning lay up.

"I know I turned it over twice right at the end, I was sitting on the bench thinking we were down one point," Senior Dylan Vallejos said "dang I need to get this I need to get to the basket."



Alee Tice shoots a free throw the second half of the La Junta game. "Since I missed free throws in the first half. I knew I had to make them in the second," Tice said, "It was a close game and I was stressed."