



The Week in Mead Athletics



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Wrestling – Mead, Mt. Spokane and University are all **5-0** and atop the GSL Wrestling standings with just 3 weeks remaining in the regular season. The Titans are at Mead January 9th. The boys wrestled in quite a few tournaments over the break, getting all levels of wrestlers involved. Before they officially left for break **Cole Turner** (120 lbs.) and **Tyler Clark** (220 lbs.) were **Tri-County Champions** and Mead finished 2nd in the Team standings. **Josh Hackworth** (160 lbs.) was 2nd and **Kelsey Loeun** (115 lbs.) finished 4th in the girls' division. At the December 28th M2-Mallet Tournament held at Rogers, **Hackworth** was 2nd again at 160 lbs. and **Brenden Wright** was 2nd at 113 lbs. **Dylan Alcock** and **Josh Huffman** placed 3rd at 132 lbs. and 285 lbs. respectively. **Ethan Barker** (106#) – 4th, **Cole Turner** (120#) – 5th, **Brayden Smith** (170#) – 5th and **Deklen Agloinga** – 6th all contributed to the Panther's 6th Place Team finish.

Pacific Northwest Classic Tournament Champions

Saturday (1/5), at University High School, Trace Franks pinned his opponent from Lake City in the 285-pound championship match and the win earned the Panthers enough team points to push past the Mt. Spokane Wildcats and give them the **Tournament Champion Team Title 261- 259**. Other **PNW Champions** were; **Chase Tebbets** – 138-pounds & **Cam Crawford** – 170-pounds. **Ben Voigtlaender** was 2nd at 220-pounds, and **Jake Mark** (106-pounds), **Johnny Mason** (113-pounds), **Ryan Clark** (120-pounds) and **Ben Mitchell** (126-pounds) all placed 3rd. Also Saturday, in Cheney at the **Blackhawk Invitational, Ashton Thorne** (182-pounds), and **Tyler Cook** (220-pounds) placed 2nd, **Josh Huffman** (285-pounds) was 3rd and **Ahmad Moltafet** (126-pounds) was 4th.

Gymnastics – Mead hosted a non-league Invitational Saturday, January 5th at the Mead Gymnastics Center. The "Twinvitational" had girls pair-up into teams of two (twins) and compete on just two events each. Mead, Mt. Spokane, Kamiakin, Southridge, Central Valley and Rogers all participated. **Lexi Weller** posted the high score (9.5) on the Floor Exercise. Wednesday they are at the Mead Gymnastics Center for a league meet.

Boys Basketball – Mead is 1-5 in league play after their 93-68 win over the Pirates Friday (1/4) at Rogers. The Panthers got off to a quick start and led 22-11 after the first quarter. **Sam Wenkheimer** hit 8 three-pointers and scored 23 points for Mead and **Riley Sloan** (11 points), **Tyson Rogalette** (16 points) both scored in double-digits.

The boys were in Coeur d'Alene for the **Lake City Invitational** after Christmas, played with great effort, but dropped all three tournament games; 53-52 to host Lake City, 65-41 to Columbia River and 63-50 against Coeur d'Alene. **Tyson Rogalette** scored 22 points against the Timberwolves while **Jonathan Baird** scored 12 and 14 against Columbia River and the Vikings respectively.

Six of their last 8 games are at home including CatMania, January 15th.

Girls Basketball – The girls defeated Rogers 67-21 on Friday and are 2-4 in league play and 6-6 overall. **Daysha Melendez** scored 13 points, **Erica Nesson** had 12 points and **Shayla Melendez** contributed 10 points. The first Saturday of Christmas Break, Mead defeated the Richland Bombers 71-51 in a non-league matchup. **Erica Nesson**, 16 points and **Jessa Smith**, 14 points led the Panther offense. The girls have the same schedule as the boys with 6 of their last 8 games at home.

Dance – Mead sophomore, **Marlee Miller** and senior, **Hannah Pelkie** represented Mead High School as **Universal Dance Association (UDA) Varsity All Stars** and marched in a New Year's Day Parade held in Rome, Italy! Congratulations Girls!

1/4 – 1/12

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Fri. (1/4) – @ Rogers – 5:30 pm
Tues. – University – 7:15 pm
Fri. – Shadle Park – 7:15 pm

BOYS BASKETBALL

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GYMNASTICS

Wed. – @ MGC – 6:00 pm

WRESTLING

Jan. 4 & 5 – Pacific NW Classic @ UHI
Jan 5 – @ Blackhawk Invitational
Tues – @ Rogers 9/JV – 5:00 pm
V – 7:00 pm
Wed. – University 9/JV – 5:00 pm
V – 7:00 pm
Fri. / Sat. @ Rocky Mountain Classic
Missoula, Montana
Fri. / Sat. @ River City Duals
Post Falls

Swimming – (12/13-12/16) Mead members of the **Spokane Waves Aquatic Team** contributed to their swim team’s 5th place finish (Girls 4th & Boys 9th) & they helped set new Team and Inland Empire records at the **2018 Pacific Northwest Swimming Washington State Senior Championships**. **Emma Thompson & Delaney Phillips** were on the Open Women 200-meter Free Relay team **that** placed 4th (1:35:58 – **Team Record / IE Record**). The same team placed 5th in the Open Women 800 Free Relay (7:37:88). **Emma** and **Abi Furqueron** swam on the Open Women 400 Medley Relay and placed 5th (3:52:11) setting a new Team & IE Record. Other Team Records set: **Abi Furqueron** – 50 M Breast Stroke; **Delaney Phillips** 400 IM; **Ryan Foote** 50 M Free and 50 M Breast Stroke.

Other Panthers swimming for the Waves are **Karlee Pfarr, Andrew Lambert, Kanyan Robinson, Ethan Ingalls and Dominik Stretenovic**.

Football – The Associated Press All State Football Teams was announced a couple of weeks ago and three Mead Panthers made the list. **Ben Voigtlaender** made the **1st Team Defensive Line** while **Nathan Puletasi** – **Defensive Line** and **Michael Workman** – **Wide Receiver** earned **Honorable Mention** recognition. **Voigtlaender** was also recognized as the **WIAA/Wendy’s Athlete of the Week** – [2018-19 WIAA/Wendy’s Week 16 Athlete of the Week Winners](#).

USA Today announced Mead senior defensive lineman, **Nathan Puletasi** was named ‘**2nd Team Defense**’ on the **2018 American Family Insurance ALL-USA Washington Football Team**. Players were selected based on their athletic achievements from the 2018-19 season and **Nathan** is one of only two Eastern Washington players recognized.

McKenna Named WIAA - Middle Level Star Student of the Month

Misa McKenna of **Northwood Middle School** (Spokane, Wash.) was named the female Middle Level Star Student of the month for November. McKenna is an eighth-grade student who participates in cross country.

McKenna battled through an injury during the fall season and went through physical therapy so she could compete with the team in its final two weeks. Misa was sidelined, but made a large impact through her spirit while she continued to attend practice and build the confidence of her teammates. Through both her competition and encouragement, McKenna helped Northwood win an All-City Title.

McKenna carries a busy load at school, where she is a member of the Civil Air Patrol and also serves as ASB president. She has done all this while carrying a 4.0 GPA.

“Misa exemplifies character, leadership and the student athlete,” said **Athletic Director Patrick Round**. “She is a conscientious, dependable and committed team member.”

Cross Country – Mead Boys’ Coaches **Andrew Gardner** and **Royce Hogue** competed in the USA Track & Field National Club XC Championships, December 8th at Plante’s Ferry Park. **Gardner** was the top finishing local runner finishing 20th out of 425 runners and **Hogue** placed 8th in his age group. Nice work fellas!

NHL Hockey – (12/28/18) Former Mead Panther, **Kailer Yamamoto** had been recalled by the **Edmonton Oilers** after posting 4 points in his last three games with the Bakersfield Condors. January 2nd the Oilers played at the Arizona Coyotes, and Kailer was on the injured list as ‘doubtful’ for playing.

OFFICIALS – Have you ever thought of being an official? **Chuck Latimer**, longtime Spokane area football and baseball official, recently shared a digital copy of his Referee.com magazine that included a ‘Ted Talk’ given by a young official who was speaking about sportsmanship and the need for cultural change in our sports environments. It’s worth the listen! Here is a link to the Talk - [Referee.com - Ted Talk - Sportsmanship](#) .

All of our coaches have been sent the link and **Chuck** commented that he is thankful that “we gave pretty good sportsmanship in our area.” Still, the message from **Zach Altman** makes some excellent points and it’s a reminder that athletics can teach valuable lessons and provide positive experiences for all involved. But let’s remember. How players, parents and coaches treat each other and how they interact with officials can have either a positive or negative on those experiences.

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