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Ezra Elliott ends HA wrestling career as state champion

Hoopeston Area wrestler Ezra Elliott ended the final season of his high school career with first place win in the 138 lb. class at the IHSA state wrestling finals this weekend.

Elliott the top-ranked wrestler in his category, lived up to his nickname, EZ, eliminating competitors one by one.

The senior first faced Adam Meenen, of Rock Falls and defeated him with a fall at 1:31.

Next was Chayse Houston of Camp Point Central, who lost in a 14-5 major decision. Caleb Alber, of Dakota, was next. He lost in a 3-2 decision, which set up Elliott's final match, against Andrew Sims, of Heyworth.



Photo courtesy of Kelly Ankenbrand
As an official watches, Hoopeston Area wrestler Ezra Elliott gets a hold on Andrew Sims, of Heyworth, during Saturday's title match at the IHSA state finals competition at State Farm Center in Champaign. Elliott won the match in an 11-4 decision.

The Hoopeston Area star won in an 11-4 decision, bringing his season record to 41-0.

This was Elliott's third trip to State Farm Center in Champaign. He finished sixth at state his freshman year. Last year, he finished third.

Elliott is the first Cornjerker to earn a state wrestling title in 40 years. Dave Grant won the 119 lb. title in 1979.

Two other Cornjerkers grappled their way to the finals.

Freshman Abel Colunga won an 8-4 decision over Brandon Semmieono, of King, before losing to Gabe Friedrichsen of Erie. The loss gave him a 29-12 record.

Abel's brother, Anthony, finished the year at 27-10. In early finals action, in the 220 class, Colunga won by a fall at 5:07 over Nate Hoover of Pittsfield. He then lost to Josh Woodrey of Prairie Central in a 6-0 decision.

Coaches are head coach Chris Kelnhofer and assistants Carl Ankenbrand, Andrew Atchie and Felipe Martinez.

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From the Blotter

The wallet found on February 13 was claimed by the owner.

Heather M. Cibirka, 25, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 9:15 a.m. Friday in the IGA parking lot, 1030 W. Chestnut, on a Pike County traffic warrant. She was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of bond.

A set of three keys was found Friday in the 500 block of West Lincoln. The owner may identify and

claim them at the police station.

Nicole Taylor, 35, of Hoopeston, was ticketed for four traffic violations after police reported finding her vehicle parked illegally in the entrance to the Dollar General parking lot. 415 S. Dixie Hwy.

Police were on patrol at 7:53 p.m. Saturday when she saw the vehicle in the entry/exit at 415 S. Dixie Hwy.

She was charged with driving while license suspended, operating an uninsured vehicle, unlawful display of registration and driving vehicle with expired registration. She was released on notices to appear in Vermilion County traffic court.

Court Dispositions

January 3

Titus Barber, Hoopeston, case turned over to State of Illinois for further enforcement.

Kevin Cunningham, Sidell, case turned over to State of Illinois for further enforcement.

Kenneth Dale Jr., Hoopeston, case turned over to State of Illinois for further enforcement.

Briefly

At the Library

Upcoming activities at Hoopeston Public Library are:

Junque Journals 2.0, 1-2 p.m. Monday. For new and return participants from the October session. Crochet Club, 1-1:30 p.m. Tuesday. Beginner hooks, yarn provided. Learn basic single and double crochet stitches.

Cooking the Books, 12-12:30 p.m. Thursday. Choose a "Heart Healthy" recipe from the display. We'll copy it for you. Take it home, prepare and bring to the library to share with others. Bring serving utensils; drinks, table service provided.

Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: No school

TUESDAY: Taco Max Snax, refried beans, chips & salsa, salad, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets, broccoli/cheese, cucumber slices, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Pancake & sausage nuggets, hash browns, baby carrots, mandarin orange, milk

FRIDAY: BBQ/bun, fries, Sunset Sip Juice, mixed fruit, milk

Hoopeston Area Middle School

MONDAY: No school

TUESDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, milk

WEDNESDAY: Chicken strips, broccoli/cheese, salad bar, applesauce, milk

THURSDAY: Mini corndog, baked beans, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Pizza, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice

Hoopeston Area High School

MONDAY: No school

TUESDAY: Country fried steak or Hot Pocket, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Chicken strips or ham & cheese, broccoli/cheese, salad bar, applesauce, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Mini corndog or cheeseburger, baked beans, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Pizza or fish sandwich, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice

Weather

Mostly cloudy today, tonight. High 31, low 19. Tomorrow, partly sunny, wintry mix likely late. High 34, low 27.

For information on programs, call (217) 283-6711.

Breast cancer support group to meet

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support Group will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at the Pit Stop at East Lanes Bowling Alley. Please spread the word and join us for a meeting to offer support to past and present breast cancer survivors. For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040 or (309) 208-9828.

Obituaries

SCOTT - Mary Beth (Mattox) Moster Scott, 74, of Carmel, Ind., died February 10, 2019 at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, Ind., after a long illness. Visitation was 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Leppert Mortuary, 900 N. Line Rd., Carmel. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday. Burial will be in Poplar Ridge Cemetery on Six Points Rd., Carmel. Among her survivors is her husband, Jerry D. Scott, formerly of Wellington.

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