

TRACK TITLE: a small team made a big impact this year

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running events on day two. The foursome of Michaela Miller, Macadia Calavan, Mandi Calavan and Erynn Ricker passed the stick around the oval in 50.44 for the first win of the day. Aria Blumm cruised to her best time of the season (4:57.50) in the next event, the 1,500, for the second win, and Erynn Ricker smoked the competition in the third event, winning the 100 meters in 13.13.

Macadia Calavan picked up important points in the 400, finishing third (1:03.78), and then it was time for some hurdling, where Miller stormed to a clear victory in 16.06. Sabrina Reifschneider placed third with a lifetime best of 16.95.

Ricker picked up yet another "gold" in the 200 (26.78), while her freshmen teammate Mandi Calavan got edged for second by just .06 seconds in finishing third in 27.40.

The 300-meter hurdles turned out to be a 1-2 Outlaw show as Miller and Reifschneider handled the field with times of 47.84 and 49.02 respectively.

The Outlaws' crew of Mandi Calavan, Macadia Calavan, Aria Blumm, and Dallas Knoop capped the day in the 4x400-meter relay with a hard-fought win over Sutherlin in 4:15.08. Sutherlin finished in 4:15.25.

In the field, Michaela Miller led the long jump competition before falling into

second place by half an inch, finishing with a mark of 15 feet 8.5 inches.

Other scorers for the Outlaws included Maddi Boettner who placed third in the high jump (4 feet 8 inches); Megan Calarco, eighth in the 1500 (5:37.1); Dallas Knoop, fourth in the 400 (1:05.23); and Mandi Calavan, fourth in the 100 (13.54).

The boys team produced some state qualifiers as well, led by junior Jadon Bachtold. On day one, Bachtold moved up to fourth on the all-time school list for 3,000 meters with a gutsy performance in which he challenged Sweet Home's Jakob Hiatt, the 2014 state champion in cross-country, all the way to the wire before finishing second and punching his ticket to the state meet in 9:09.54. Hiatt won in 9:04.63.

On Saturday, Bachtold met Hiatt again in the 1,500 meters, which turned into a three-way battle along with Gannon Jones of Elmira. Hiatt prevailed in 4:10.42, Bachtold finished second (4:12.49) and Jones ended up third (4:15.57).

In the final event of the day, it was Bachtold again, joining teammates Andreas Pederson, Keegan Greaney, and Sam Garbrecht in a thrilling win in the 4x400-meter relay. The quartet ran 3:29.68 to edge Junction City and Cottage Grove, which both finished less than a second behind.

It was the first time Garbrecht has taken part in the relay this season and his addition could pay huge dividends as the Outlaws now own the fourth-best time among 4A teams this year.

"What a way to end the meet," said Larson.



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Sisters won the 400-meter relay.

Elmira annihilated the rest of the league with 208 points. Sisters finished fifth among the six teams with 53 points.

Going into the meet, Larson had high expectations for his athletes, and everyone competed at or above the level he hoped for.

"I can't say enough positive about my coaching staff," said Larson. "Wes Cook, Jim Anderson, Eden Miller, and Carlos Garcia all had the kids ready to compete at a high level, and the kids came through in a big way."

The Outlaws are poised to bring home some medals from the state meet, but it's tough to predict how the team will fare overall.

"The state meet always produces plenty of surprises," said Larson.

The 4A, 5A, and 6A OSAA Track and Field Championships take place May 22-23 at historic Hayward Field on the University of Oregon campus in Eugene. Ticket and schedule information is available at www.osaa.org.

Key Outlaw injured in loss to Summit

By Rongi Yost
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The boys lacrosse team suffered an 18-6 loss against the Storm at Summit on Tuesday, May 12, in the first round of the High Desert Lacrosse League Playoffs.

It was a very tough contest, and the Storm was just more than the Outlaws could handle.

Sisters lost their star defense man Casey Lane to a knee injury during the game. Lane tore his meniscus and ACL and is out for the rest of the season. Coach Andrew Gorayeb told *The Nugget* that the team is devastated by the loss.

"Casey is the core of our team, and represents the best of what an Outlaw can be," he said.

The Outlaws' first-round championship game in the Cascade Cup was to be held Tuesday, May 26 at Reed Stadium against Forest Grove.

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