

Outlaws run down medals at state

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Nearly every Sisters athlete who qualified for the state track and field meet came home with a medal, concluding the 2016 season on a high note for the Outlaws. The Sisters athletes jumped, threw and ran at the OSAA Championships held Friday and Saturday, May 20-21 at Hayward Field on the University of Oregon campus in Eugene.

T.J. Hooks got the medal collection underway Friday with a personal best in the 3,000 meters, where he finished sixth in 9:11.67.

"T.J. ran bravely, as usual," said head Coach Jeff Larson.

The only other Friday final resulted in a 15th-place finish in the long jump (14 feet even) for Erynn Ricker who never approached her season best of 16 feet 5 inches. Julianne Meeter also struggled a bit, placing 13th in the javelin with a throw of 101 feet 6 inches which was about 14 feet shy of her best for the season.

"Those sorts of things happen at State, but both girls should have another opportunity next season in those events," said Larson.

Saturday was a much busier day for the Outlaws, starting with Ricker and Tessa O'Hern competing in the pole vault. Ricker came through with a season best of 10 feet even to place fourth, just 6

inches away from the first-place finisher. Tessa O'Hern cleared 9 feet 1/4 inch, missing a medal based on misses as six girls cleared the same height.

"Tessa did a good job of clearing a very tough opening height on which five or six other girls failed," said Larson.

The speedy quartet of Sabrina Reifschneider, Ricker, Michaela Miller and Mandi Calavan whisked the baton around the oval in a season best time of 50.61 seconds to finish fourth.

Jadon Bachtold knew there was no clear favorite in the 1,500 and he ran to win, taking the lead in the final lap before being overcome by a



Jadon Bachtold took second in 1,500 at Hayward Field.

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fast-kicking Aryton Ledesma of Tillamook, who won the race in 4:10.1 to Bachtold's 4:11.7.

"With 300 to go, Jadon went for it and really made it an exciting finish," said Larson.

Ricker returned to the track for the 100 meters and ran an all-time best of 12.80 seconds to finish fourth in a very fast field.

"Erynn had a great Saturday after struggling a bit the day before, and shows that she has what it takes to move up on the podium in the years to come," said Larson of his sophomore star.

Sabrina Reifschneider and Michaela Miller started side by side in the 100-meter hurdles, but Reifschneider ran a lifetime best of 16.00 seconds to finish fourth, while Miller finished seventh in 16.39.

Miller picked up her third medal of the meet later in the afternoon in the 300 hurdles with another seventh-place finish in 48.83 seconds.

"Michaela topped off a wonderful high school career," said Larson. "She will be greatly missed. Four trips to the state meet and numerous all-state performances is something that you just can't easily replace."

Keegan Greaney polished off a fine hurdling season of



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Erynn Ricker soars to 10 feet in a PR at State to take 4th in pole vault.

his own, finishing fourth in the boys 300 hurdles with a time of 40.95 seconds.

"Keegan embraced the change of being a 400-meter runner to become a hurdler who is likely to break the school record before he

finishes high school," said Larson.

The final race of the day, the 4x400-meter relay, capped the successful day for both girls and boys teams.

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Friday~May 27

Hope Aesthetics & Wellness Grand Opening! 4 to 6 p.m. at 354 W. Adams Ave. See the new wellness clinic and take part in drawings, drinks & appetizers, plus free consultations! For more information call 541-588-6503.

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Aspen Lakes Golf Course Golfing for the Guard Journey 8 a.m. shotgun start. \$89 includes meals & more. Great prizes! This inaugural event is a fundraiser for the Oregon National Guard Emergency Relief Fund. Sign up at golfingforthe-guard.us.

Downtown Sisters 4th Friday Art Stroll 4 to 7 p.m. Many Sisters galleries and shops have extended hours for the stroll, featuring new exhibits, refreshments, and some with live entertainment!

Stitchin' Post Artist's Reception/Poster Signing: Kathy Deggendorfer 4 to 6:30 p.m. Kathy will sign the poster she created for this year's Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show! For more information go to sistersoutdoorquiltshow.org or call 541-549-0989.

Food Cart Garden at Eurosports Live Music with Patrick Lombardi & Peter Heithoff (The Haymakers) 5 to 7 p.m. Free! Food and drink available for purchase, at the corner of Hood & Fir. For more information call Eurosports at 541-549-2471.

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Saturday~May 28

The Jewel Annual Rock, Gem & Fossil Show 5 to 7 p.m. See new, rare and exotic treasures from many countries! For additional information call The Jewel at 541-549-9388.

Sisters Park & Recreation District Stars Over Sisters Star Watch 9 p.m. Watch a slideshow at SPRD, then observe the night sky through powerful telescopes at the SHS sports field. For additional information call Ron Thorkildson at 541-549-8846.

Sunday~May 29

Camp Sherman Community Hall Pancake Breakfast 8 to 11 a.m. Bring family and friends for all-you-can-eat pancakes, ham, eggs, OJ & coffee. \$8 adults, \$5 ages 5 to 10, under 5 free. Proceeds benefit Friends of the Metolius. For more info: 541-595-2719.

The Jewel Annual Rock, Gem & Fossil Show 10 a.m. for special kids' tour, "Jurassic Journeys!" Then the annual show runs 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. See new, rare and exotic treasures from many countries! For additional information call The Jewel at 541-549-9388.

Sisters Stampede Peterson Ridge Trail 9 a.m. The 6th annual event and the largest cross-country mountain-bike race in Oregon! Numerous race categories, prizes, meals & more. For more information go to sistersstampede.com or call Mike at 541-225-7946.

Monday~May 30

Village Green Park Annual Memorial Day Ceremony 11 a.m. "Remembering Our Veterans Always." Guest speaker will be Karl Baldessari, Ret. Coast Guard. A free BBQ lunch will follow the ceremony. For additional information call Lance at 541-903-1123 or Bill at 541-549-1132.

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