

October was chilly and dry

According to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton, temperatures at Sisters averaged slightly colder than normal during the month of October.

The average temperature was 45 degrees, which was 1.4 degrees below normal. High temperatures averaged 62.8 degrees, which was 0.2 degrees above normal. The highest was 74 degrees on October 1. Low temperatures averaged 27.2 degrees, which was 3.0 degrees below normal. The lowest was 16 degrees, on October 14.

There were 26 days with the low temperature below 32 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 0.39 inches during October, which was 0.66 inches below normal. Measurable precipitation — at least .01 inch — was received on four days with the heaviest, 0.25 inches reported on October 29.

Precipitation this year has reached 2.59 inches, which is 7.11 inches below normal.

The outlook for November from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for above-normal temperatures and near-normal precipitation. Normal highs for Sisters fall from 54.0 degrees at the start of November to 41.0 degrees at the end of November. Normal lows fall from 29.0 degrees to 23.0 degrees. The 30-year normal precipitation is 1.86 inches.

Sisters salutes...

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Peckham 15th at state cross-country meet

By Charlie Kanzig
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John Peckham's stellar sophomore season drew to a close Saturday, November 3, with a 15th-place finish at the OSAA State Championships at Lane Community College.

Peckham's breakout season included a personal record of 16:05 at the Oregon West District meet on October 25, where he placed fifth in a field that ended up including four of the top 10 finishers at the state meet.

On Saturday, the crowded field made the going tough for Peckham as he got caught in about 40th place for much of the first half-mile, leaving him to fight his way through the pack in hopes of getting back in contact with the runners he had kept pace with all season.

He kept his wits and moved up to as high as 12th place in the second half of the race, but a top-10 finish was not meant to be as he crossed the line in 16:58.

"I am not that disappointed," he said after the race.

It would be understandable for Peckham to feel some disappointment, however, considering he consistently ran close and even beat a number of the boys during the season who placed ahead of him Saturday.

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As a freshman, Peckham ran 17:46 at state and placed 42nd, which provides perspective on his impressive improvement in one year's time.

Joey Peterson of Marist Catholic won the race in 16:10, followed by Stayton's Matthew Frazier (16:13) and Newport's Kolby Spink (16:15).

Marist won the team title with 54 points in its first season since dropping down from the 5A classification. Newport placed second with 81 points to edge third-place Tillamook, who finished with 84 points. Valley Catholic nabbed the fourth-place trophy with 119 points, just one point in front



PHOTO BY CHARLIE KANZIG

John Peckham raced to 15th place at the state cross-country championship.

of Klamath Union.

"John had an incredible season and became one of our fastest runners in school history," said Nordell.

"He's certainly the fastest right now in 10th grade among 4A runners, so he has a lot to look forward to for sure."

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