



PHOTO BY CHARLIE ZANZIG

Josh Nordell hit the pavement for the Better Half Marathon.

## Sisters hosts “Better Half” Marathon

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Sean Meissner’s first year as director of the Sisters “Better-Half” Marathon turned out to be a success as just under 100 runners took part in the 13.1- and 6.55-mile courses on Saturday, May 11.

Starting and finishing at the Village Green, runners traversed a course around the outskirts of town on a sunny morning that turned quite warm, making Meissner’s decision to move the start to an hour earlier, 8 a.m., a wise one. The 24 finishers in the half-marathon made two loops of the course.

Peter Curran, 41, won the half marathon in a time of 1:22:27, more than 8 minutes ahead of the runner-up, Justin Walz.

Tara Lesueur, finished fourth overall and finished first among women in a time of 1:47:04.

In the “quarter marathon” of 6.55 miles, 43-year-old Brandon Brasher dethroned returning champion Josh Nordell, 41, of Sisters with a winning time of 39:20.5. Nordell came through in 43:48.7.

Lynette Cauble finished next as the first woman finisher in a time of 51:08.7. A total of 39 runners completed the 6.55-mile race.

Runners also had the choice to run the half-marathon as a two-person relay, but full results for the relay were not immediately available.

Proceeds from the race benefit the Sisters High School swim team, which provided many of the volunteers for the event.

## Girls lacrosse packs in three games

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The girls lacrosse squad played three games this past week; an 11-6 loss to Bend on Tuesday, May 7, and a big 14-2 win the following day against South Salem. On Friday, they lost 16-13 in a tight game against Churchill.

Sisters knew the contest against Bend on Tuesday would be a tough match-up, and both teams hit the field with grit and determination. At the half, the Outlaws trailed 8-2.

In the second half, Sisters played hard and was able to hold off the Bend attack for several minutes. The Outlaws scored four goals, one of them a great shot from Kaylee Huber. Bend was trying to pass to another player, and the ball went right into Mary Root’s stick. Root passed to Huber in the midfield, and Kaylee made the goal with a shovel shot.

With one minute left on the clock, Sisters scored their final goal. The Bend goalie cleared the ball and Sydney Head made an interception, and rushed in for the goal.

The next day the Outlaws outplayed South Salem to beat the Saxons by 12.

Sisters scored their first goal off an interception, and kept the scoring going. At the half, they held a 4-2 lead.

Faith Hougham got the Outlaws’ second-half scoring started with a beautiful shot into the back of the net.

Sisters scored nine more goals, two of them very nice shots from Head. Sydney wrapped the crease with three defenders on her heels.



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Sydney Wilkins passes vs. Bend United.

She beat out the defenders, switched left, and sent the ball past the goalie on the right side for the score. Head’s other goal came when she picked up a ground ball and drove into the eight with a quick-stick shot above the goalie’s head.

Just before the whistle blew to end the game, the Outlaws made a beautiful play in just a few seconds. Skylar Wilkins passed the ball to Ellie Cook, who made a long pass to Pearl Gregg. Pearl beat her defenders and shot the ball above the goalie’s head into the net at the buzzer.

The Outlaws held the Saxons scoreless the second half, and recorded the win.

Friday’s game against the

Churchill Lancers was very tight and tied many times throughout the contest.

Head had two nice goals in the first half. Sydney’s goals were quick-stick shots to the top left above the goalie’s head. At the half, the Lancers held a one-point advantage at 9-8.

Sisters’ stand-out goal in the second half came from Maddie Symonds. Head made a pass across the field to Symonds at the top of the 12, and Maddie quickly passed her defender and bounced the shot between the goalie’s legs.

The Lancers scored the final three goals of the game and beat the Outlaws by three.

Sisters was to play at home against Summit on Monday, May 13.

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