

La Grande girls, Union boys, Enterprise boys win districts



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La Grande runners, from left, Abby Crews, Audrey Garlitz and Maia Vandervlugt compete during the Greater Oregon League district meet Friday. The Tiger girls took first, and the boys second, to both return to state.

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The La Grande Tigers girls cross country team was nothing short of dominant at the Greater Oregon League district meet Friday in Ontario.

Abby Crews led a 1-2-3 finish to claim first place in the district, and the Tigers put five runners in the top 10 to score 23 points and roll to the district title.

Crews' winning time was 20:08.18. Teammate Maia Vandervlugt followed in second at 20:37.78 and Audrey Garlitz was third in 20:50.81.

Corbyn Sexton placed seventh with a time of 21:54.06, and Jenna Ault was 10th in 23:36.65.

Baker was second as a team with 41 points, while Ontario was a distant third with 82.

On the boys side, La Grande finished one point behind Baker to just miss the district title, settling for second with 35 points. The

Bulldogs scored 34.

Bennett Welch led La Grande with a second-place finish and a time of 17:15.57. Cristian Mendoza followed on his heels in third in 17:25.70.

Calvin Smith placed seventh, clocking in at 17:56.34. Rounding out the top five for the Tigers was Eli McLean (18:19.17) in 11th place and Braxton Bisenius (18:35.49) in 12th.

Up next for the Tigers is the Class 4A state cross country meet Saturday at Lane Community College in Eugene.

ENTERPRISE WINS 3A SD3

Freshman Henry Coughlan claimed the individual district title, two other Enterprise runners were in the top 10, and the Outlaws boys cross country team edged Burns to win the 3A Special District 3 meet Friday in Pendleton.

Coughlan, who had a

winning time of 16:26.1, was one of three freshmen in the top 10 for Enterprise. Zac Knapp (16:51.3) followed in third, and Bayden Menton (17:23.2) was seventh. Cole Gomes placed 12th in a time of 18:13.4, and Reece Nelson (18:38.7) was 16th.

The effort was just enough to top Burns, despite the Hillanders having four runners in the top eight. Enterprise finished with 36 points, while Burns had 39.

The Outlaws, who next compete at the 3A state meet Saturday in Eugene, are among the contenders for a state title, which would be the program's first since 1996.

BOBCATS ROLL IN 2A/1A SD3

The Union/Cove Bobcats boys cross country team was close to perfect at the 2A/1A Special District 3 meet Friday in Pendleton.

Tim Stevens edged out



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Members of the Enterprise boys cross country team, shown at the Tiger Invite earlier this month, won the 3A Special District 3 meet Friday in Pendleton.

teammate Jack Silveira for the individual title by half a second, and the Bobcats had four runners in the top five to finish with 19 points — just shy of a perfect score of 15 — to easily win the district title.

Stevens' time of 16:30.3 was just ahead of Silveira's 16:30.8. Andrew Lackey took fourth in a time of 17:19.2, Israel O'Reilly was fifth in 17:23.3, and Matthew Sheehy placed seventh in 17:40.2.

Heppner was a distant second with 45 points, while Stanfield was third with 86.

Kaden McClure led the Elgin Huskies in their final meet of the season in 26th place in 19:52.1. Jordan Palmer was 30th in 20:09.6 and Brandon Caldwell was 49th in 23:55.9.

The Bobcats next head to the 2A/1A state meet Saturday in Eugene, looking for a

second consecutive title and third in four years.

ENTERPRISE GIRLS REACH STATE

With three of the top girls teams in the state competing at the 3A/2A/1A Special District 3 cross country meet and only two berths to state available, one team was going to suffer heartbreak.

The Burns Hillanders and Enterprise Outlaws earned those two state berths, placing first and second with 35 and 41 points, respectively, Friday in Pendleton.

The Union/Cove Bobcats, who finished third with 50 points, will miss out on the state meet despite being among the top five in the 3A/2A/1A classification and the top ranked 2A/1A team in the state.

Enterprise had three runners in the top eight, with Ellyse Tingelstad leading

the way in second place in a time of 19:30.8. Kyla Hook followed in fourth in 19:56.8, and Ella Coughlan was eighth in 20:42.5. Ashley Wilson (20:54.7) placed 11th, and Sydney Rouse (21:46.3) took 21st to round out the top five for the Outlaws.

Jaimee Baxter led the Bobcats in sixth place with a time of 20:24.9. Two other Bobcats joined her in the top 10, with Alisa Fox (20:45.5) placing ninth and Audrey Wells (20:50.9) coming in 10th. Abriel O'Reilly (21:13.1) placed 12th, and Kaitlin Martens (21:25.9) was 18th.

Jocelyn Palmer led the Elgin Huskies by taking 26th in 22:49.4. Anika Jacobson (23:59.7) was 37th and Kaylee Smith (27:56.2) was 65th.

Enterprise, which won the state title a year ago, next gets set for the 3A/2A/1A meet Saturday in Eugene.

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