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The Enterprise girls cross country team took second place Saturday, the fifth year in the row the Outlaws have finished in the top four at state.

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The third freshman was Bayden Menton, who was ninth with a time of 17:20. Cole Gomes (18:09), who took 22nd, and Reece Nelson (18:33), who was 30th, rounded out Enterprise's top five.

"I thought they ran with a lot of confidence for as young as they are," Moody said. "All the kids handled the situation really well. Not one of the boys had run there before, and they all stepped up. They all had great races. I was really proud of how they ended up."

How close were the Outlaws to taking the title? Flip Coughlan and Klus at the top, and the teams would have had equal scores, and Enterprise would have claimed first based on the highest-sixth-place-runner tiebreaker. Gomes was one second shy of 20th, which would have moved EHS up to first. Nelson was also two seconds away from 28th and moving the team to the top.

"I don't think people realize how tight the scores can be in cross country," Moody said, recalling the 2001 state meet when a couple Enterprise runners were passed in the final meters of the race, which dropped the Outlaws to third, one point away from a three-way tie for first and two points shy of a state title.

But the potential ahead for Moody and the Outlaws is sky-high, given there are no seniors. He said many of the runners are already looking ahead to the 2019 season.

"Being second and knowing everyone is going to be back has us pumped already for next year," he said.

The girls, meanwhile, continued their own solid run near the top of the state rankings. While Enterprise missed out on repeating as state champions, the finish extends what is now a five-year stretch in the top four: fourth in 2014, third in 2015, second in 2016, first in 2017 and second this year.

"That's a pretty darn good run within that timespan," Moody said. "That's a pretty good tradition, and (we're) keeping it going."

The Outlaws had a pair of top 10 runners in fifth-place: Ellyse Tingelstad (19:42) and 10th-place Kyla Hook (20:10). They had two more runners in the top 20, with Ella Coughlan (20:21) taking 13th and Ashley Wilson (20:39) coming in 20th.

Hook said the team goal was "just to work together



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Ellyse Tingelstad led Enterprise with a fifth-place finish at the 3A/2A/1A meet Saturday.

and do the best we could."

Sydney Rouse rounded out the top five Outlaw runners in 35th with a time of 21:37.

Moody said the team set its sights on topping Burns, who had won the Special District 3 meet a week ago. The Outlaws did that, as Burns finished third with 85 points. He admitted, though, the team may have overlooked Catlin Gabel.

"(We were) emphasizing Burns, wanting to get them," he said. "They did what we set out to do. Catlin ran a great race."

He pointed out, though, that this year's team would have defeated last year's title team based on time. Indeed, of Enterprise's top four runners — who were also the Outlaws' top four a year ago — three ran faster times.

"The girls' times are just getting better," he said.

The Outlaw girls are in position for a strong 2019 as well, with four of their top six runners set to return.

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say about him, other than it was an honor to be associated with him as a coach," Sheehy said of the senior standout. "I honestly don't think I deserve any of the credit for what he has done. He's done all this work to get to where he's at."

His time matched that of former Bobcat Alex Graf-funder, which was a 3A/2A/1A classification record a year ago. It was also the second-fastest in the state, regardless of classification.

"The guys looked good this year," Stevens said of the team title. "I'm happy to see (that) it came together. It's a great group of guys. I'm glad I got to run with them."

Stevens was joined in the top five by Jack Silveira, who took fifth in a time of 16:44. Sheehy said the success of Stevens and Silveira, who are workout partners, stemmed from pushing each other.

"You really can't have one of those guys without the other," Sheehy said. "They each contributed to the other's success."

The rest of the Bobcats' top five runners finished in the top 25 in the state, with Andrew Lackey taking 11th (17:25), Israel O'Reilly 19th (17:46) and Matthew Sheehy, the link to '78, taking 25th (17:56).

The coach said the state title would not have been



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Union/Cove's Tim Stevens won his second state championship and helped the Bobcats repeat.

possible without the performances of the mid-pack runners.

"We have these guys up front, Tim and Jack, (who) enable us to do great things, (but) championships are won with your 3-4-5 guys," he said.

Saturday's success amounted to a blowout win by Union/Cove. St. Stephen's Academy, the runner-up, was a distant second with 101

points. Heppner/Ione was third with 102.

"They put on a pretty good show today," Sheehy said. "We put five guys under 18 (minutes), which is something we've tried to do. That is a really good sign. We had some people run really, really well — all of them, actually."

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work behind La Grande's offensive line, eclipsing the 100-yard mark by halftime and scoring a touchdown from four yards out in the second quarter that gave La Grande a 13-0 lead going into the break.

"The line did what they needed to do," offensive lineman Wes Howard said. "We got our blocks. We dominated some players. We just showed up. We played our game."

But the La Grande defense may have been even better. The Tigers held a hapless Pelicans' offense to just 95 yards — 25 of which came after halftime — sacked Klamath Union quarterback Xavier Arvizu five times and picked him off twice. It was the second straight shutout for the Tigers and the third of the season.

"I was really impressed with everybody, and especially our defense," Chris Woodworth, who had two sacks, said. "We did great. Another shutout. I'm really excited for our future and where we might go in the playoffs, and excited for next week."

McIlmoil gave a lot of credit to assistant coaches Matt Wolcott and Sam Wiseman for the play of the defense. Reed agreed.

"We have a lot of really good schemes, and just (have) been getting after it," he said. "Everyone's doing their job."

The Tigers did hurt themselves with three turnovers and started the third quarter slow, which allowed Klamath Union to stay in the game, but finally took command in the third quarter. A five-yard keeper by Robinson and a one-yard run by Justin Frederick for scores made it 25-0 late in

the third, and Casey Cornford tacked on a five-yard scoring run of his own in the fourth.

An impassioned speech by McIlmoil during a timeout early in the third turned the tables. La Grande immediately marched downfield for its third score after the talk and rolled from there.

"It's a bull rushing at us, but (it) gets people hyped, gets people ready to start performing," Howard said, describing McIlmoil's style.

"I just told them, 'We're better than what we're doing right now,'" McIlmoil said. "We have to fire off the ball and make things happen, and punch them in the mouth. Come out and get after them."

La Grande (7-2 overall) will hit the road for its quarterfinal game at 6 p.m. Friday against Gladstone, seeking its first win in the round since 1976.

A portrait of Jenelle Moulton, a woman with short brown hair, smiling. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with trees.

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