

Four decades of cross country dominance on display during reunion Saturday in Union



Ronald Bond/The Observer

More than 100 people — the vast majority of whom were current or former runners for the Union/Cove/PowderValley cross country program — attended a reunion Saturday in Union. On display were more than 40 trophies, including all 20 state championship trophies, won by the program since it started in the 1970s. Steve Sheehy, the current head coach, noted during remarks to the group in attendance that during the last four decades, the girls program has won 12 championships and the boys have won eight. The 20 combined titles are the most for any program in the state, regardless of classification. Runners from the first team fielded by the Bobcats in 1975, the first championship team in 1978, and the most recent title team this fall were on hand Saturday. The trophy display also included 11 second-place, seven third-place and five fourth-place trophies.

Tigers go 4-1 in dual action at Best of the West in Washington

Observer staff

The La Grande Tigers wrestling team went 4-1 in the Best of the West Duals Friday in Pasco, Washington.

The Tigers earned nine victories on the mat in a 48-25 win over Kent-Meridian, Washington. Ezra McIntosh (126 pounds) earned a victory by fall. Braden Carson (132) won by a 24-8 technical fall, and Cole Isaacson (138) earned a 7-0 decision. Brody MacMillian (145) and Keith Oswald (152) had pins. Parker Robinson (160) won by forfeit, Grayson Livingston (170) earned a 10-1 major decision and Nathan Reed (182) and Spencer Gerst (195) earned pins.

Pasco was the only team to beat LHS, securing a 43-20 victory. Robinson earned a win by fall. McIntosh had a 9-0 major decision, and Carson (6-4), Isaacson (12-8) and Livingston (5-0) all won matches by decision.

The Tigers' most dominant effort on the day was a 65-9 thumping of Southridge, Washington, one that netted the Tigers 12 victories. Cody Hibbert (113), Carson, Isaacson, Oswald, Livingston, Reed and Colton Chase (285) all won by fall. McIntosh earned a 16-1 technical fall, while MacMillian (11-4) and Robinson (4-2) added wins by decision. Robert Moore (120) and Gabe Shukle (220) won by forfeit.

La Grande was nearly as dominant in a 55-15 victory over Caldwell, Idaho. Carson, Gerst and Shukle had the three pins in the match for the Tigers, all in the first round. Robinson locked up a 15-4 major decision, and LHS also had three wins by decision from McIntosh (5-1), MacMillian (8-3) and Reed (4-2). Oswald, Livingston, Chase and Hibbert won by forfeit.

LHS also added a rout of Deer Park, Washington, by a count of 57-21. The Tigers earned seven wins by fall — from MacMillian, Oswald, Robinson, Livingston, Reed, Gerst and Shukle. Five came in the first round, and three took less than a minute. Carson added a 6-3 decision, and Hibbert and McIntosh won by forfeit.

La Grande is back in action Jan. 3 at Nampa, Idaho.

**LUND TAKES FIFTH TO PACE OUTLAWS AT PASCO**

Shane Lund took fifth place to highlight the Enterprise Outlaws wrestling team's efforts at the Best of the West wrestling tournament Saturday in Pasco, Washington.

Lund (132 pounds) went 4-1 on the day and reached the quarterfinals before losing by fall to Newberg's Charlie Evans. Lund rebounded to win two final matches, edging Kamana Nakahu, of Auburn Mountainview, Washington, by a 6-4 decision and in the fifth-place match beating Mayton Keough of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, by injury default. The effort gave Enterprise all 14 of its points, which resulted in a 26th-place finish as a team.

Two other Outlaws took the mat, but both Trace Evans (138) and Clint Norton (285) lost their first matches and were eliminated.

Elgin took one wrestler, Clayton Hammond (170), who was eliminated after his first match.

Enterprise next heads to the Pomeroy Christmas Tournament Dec. 28, while Elgin goes to the Jo-Hi Invitational Jan. 4 in Joseph.

GIRLS

Continued from Page 7A

Jayden Palmer led the way with 16 points while Jocelyn Palmer had 14 points and added six rebounds. Tymra Anderson had nine points and nine boards.

Elgin made its move in the third quarter, scoring 18 points to turn a three-point halftime deficit into a 37-30 lead after three quarters. The Huskies followed with the first nine points of the final quarter to take the largest lead of the game at 46-30 with less than two minutes to play.

Rebekah Farrell scored 16 points — 12 in the second half — and Austin Kendall had six to lead Cove, which suffered its third straight defeat.

Elgin (3-5 overall) travels to Wallowa Jan. 4, while Cove (5-4) visits Arlington Jan. 3.

**Friday**

**DAGGER FROM DAGGETT LIFTS UNION**

Taylor Daggett hit the game-winning shot in the closing seconds to lift the Union Bobcats girls basketball team to a 41-40 win over the Elgin Huskies Friday afternoon in the consolation bracket of the Bobcat Christmas Classic in Union.

Elgin had rallied from seven points down entering the fourth quarter to take a 40-39 lead late before Daggett's late field goal boosted Union.

Kaylin Nowak led the Bobcats in the win with 13 points. Callie Glenn added nine points, and Kylie Marriott added seven points.

Jocelyn Palmer, who sparked the Huskies' comeback attempt, led Elgin with 22 points, including 13 of the team's 17 points in the



Ronald Bond/The Observer

Elgin's Mariah Wilhelm, left, corrals the basketball as Cove's Elli Hines-Dunlap, right, tries to make a play on the ball during Saturday's game.



Ronald Bond/The Observer

Union's Kaylin Nowak, left, works against the defense of Dayville/Monument's Faythe Schafer Saturday.

final quarter. She also had six steals. Tymra Anderson added 10 points and eight rebounds, and Jayden

Palmer chipped in with five points and eight boards.

**SHORTHANDED LEOPARDS FALL TO DAYVILLE/MONUMENT**

The Cove Leopards girls basketball team, which was shorthanded due to illness and injury, fell to the Dayville/Monument Tigers 44-30 Friday morning in the consolation bracket at the Bobcat Christmas Classic in Union.

The Leopards struggled from the floor in the first half, connecting on just two field goals as they fell behind at the break, 21-7. Cove found a rhythm in the second half but was unable to dig itself out of the hole.

Rebekah Farrell scored 12 points, including eight points in the second half, to pace Cove. Kierra Moore added six points, and Carlee Porter chipped in with four points.

Aubrey Bowlus scored 11 points for the Tigers.

MUSTANG STOP POWDER VALLEY

Kelsie Siegner scored a game-high 20 points, and the Crane Mustangs girls basketball team used a strong second quarter to pull ahead on its way to a 44-35 win over the Powder Valley Badgers Friday in the semifinals of the Bobcat Christmas Classic in Union.

Crane outscored the Badgers by nine in the second quarter to take a 22-13 lead into the break, and extended the margin to 33-23 after three quarters.

Badgers Head Coach Allen Bingham said the matchup was a good test for his squad.

"We played them even, other than that second quarter," he said. "I was pleased with our second half (Friday). It was good for us experience wise."

Megan Bingham scored 17 points to pace Powder Valley. Josi Krieger added five points.

BRIEFLY

Youth Basketball early registration open until Jan. 4

Early registration is now open for the La Grande Parks and Recreation Youth Basketball season, which begins Jan. 26 and runs through March 16. The program is for boys and girls from first through sixth grades. The cost for early registration, which runs through Jan. 4, is \$35. Regular registration cost is \$40. The final day for registration is Jan. 7. Games will be played at the Riveria Activity Center and at Willow Elementary School.

Register online at [lagrandeparks.org](http://lagrandeparks.org), or contact McKayla Nitz at [mnitz@cityoflagrande.org](mailto:mnitz@cityoflagrande.org) for more information.

**"Helping you get to a healthier place"**

Office Hours 9am-5pm

**2212 Island Ave. Suite 400 La Grande 541-663-0300**

**ANYTIME FITNESS**

**Eds Propane**  
Ed Staub & Sons

RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL

**Eds**

*Come in today to see how we can serve you.*

**Ed Staub & Sons**  
Energy. Community. Service.

10502 West 1st Street La Grande, OR 97850  
(541) 963-8711 [www.edstaub.com](http://www.edstaub.com)

**Grande Ronde Hospital Home Care Services**

**Home Health & Hospice**

**Our philosophy?**

**It's about how you LIVE.**

- Certified Hospice & Palliative Care RNs
- Pain and Symptom management
- Palliative, Transitional & Respite Care
- Skilled Nursing services
- PT, OT & Speech Therapies
- Licensed Clinical Social Workers
- CNA's for personal care

- Caregiver teaching and support
- Spiritual Care Coordinator
- Hospice Volunteers
- Bereavement Services
- Joint Commission accredited
- Medicare/Medicaid certified

**Consistent Award-Winning Agency.**  
The **ONLY** not-for profit in the area.

To learn more about GRH Home Care Services, call us at **541-963-CARE (2273)**

2012 **TOP** HomeCare Elite AGENCY

2014 **TOP 500** HomeCare AGENCY

2015 **SHIPPST** HOSPICE CAREGIVER SATISFACTION 2015 WINNER

2017 **TOP 100** AGENCY ABILITY HOME CARE ELITE

●●●●

●●●●

●●●●