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Left photo: Beverly Slater, right, attempts a layup in the second half. Right photo: Maya AhYou-Dias shoots in the first half.

## EOU has 15 set for national competition

By Ronald Bond  
The Observer

Fifteen members of the Eastern Oregon track and field team are set to begin action at the NAIA Indoor National Championships in Brookings, South Dakota, and several of the Mountaineers are in position to come home as all-Americans or even contend for a national title.

Events begin early Thursday, which will be a busy day for Eastern's Paige Dodd, who will battle in the women's

pentathlon. Dodd scored 3,484 points in the pentathlon in a January meet and enters ranked fourth in the nation.

All five disciplines in the pentathlon — the high jump, the 800-meter run, the 60-meter hurdles, the shot put and the long jump — will be held on Thursday.

The preliminaries in both the men's and women's 4-by-400 relay races will also be held Thursday. Megan Bolton, Olivia  
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## Eastern adds another title

By Ronald Bond  
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Unlike Friday's double overtime thriller, Monday's Cascade Collegiate Conference championship game provided little drama.

A stout defensive effort, a big first half from its star player and a balanced second-half attack boosted the Eastern Oregon women's basketball team to its third straight CCC tournament title, 75-60, over Corban in front of a capacity crowd at Quinn Coliseum.

"I don't feel like teams get lucky enough to be that successful that often. It's been the coolest experience," said senior Maren Herrud, who scored 17 points.

EOU, which trailed for just nine seconds, was already ahead by double figures entering the second after three Emma Logan free throws capped a 7-0 run to end the first quarter.

That's when Maya Ah You-Dias, who scored a game-high 27 points, broke the game open. The senior

scored eight straight Mountaineer points to open the second, then hit a pull-up jumper and a 3-pointer to give EOU its largest lead, 35-12, with 5:19 to play in the first half.

It was the defense, though, that helped set the early tone, forcing Corban to take several tough shots, many with the shot clock winding down. A big piece of the scouting report was focused on Corban's Jordan Woodvine and on help defense.

"Our team worked hard to play  
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## State tourneys kick off

By Ronald Bond  
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The Joseph Eagles girls basketball team will find out pretty quickly if it's going to be in the mix to play for a state title this weekend.

Joseph opens play at the 1A state tournament in Baker City against the top-seeded and undefeated St. Paul Buckaroos in the first game at 1:30 p.m. Thursday.

The teams met earlier this season, with Joseph taking a 24-21 lead into the fourth quarter before St. Paul found a spark for

a 40-32 win.

The teams appeared destined to be on opposite ends of the bracket and poised for a rematch, potentially in the state title game, as they were Nos. 1 and 2 in the OSAA rankings. But Joseph was upset by Powder Valley in the Old Oregon League title game, 43-37, a loss that dropped the Eagles to the OOL's No. 2 seed to state and eventually into the matchup with the Buckaroos.

Joseph is one of just two  
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