

LOCAL SCHEDULE

Saturday COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Eastern Oregon at Northwest Christian (2), 11 a.m.

COLLEGETRACK AND FIELD

Eastern Oregon at Cougar Open, Oregon City, All day

PREPTRACK AND FIELD

Joseph, Imbler, Elgin, Cove, Enterprise, Union, La Grande at Pepsi Invitational, Union, 11 a.m.

PREP BASEBALL

Wallowa Valley at Irrigon (2), 1 p.m.
Dufur/South Wasco County at Union/Cove (2), 11 a.m.

PREP SOFTBALL

Enterprise at Irrigon (2), 1 p.m.

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shook off an early deficit — only the second time it's trailed all season — and reached the cusp of another run-rule victory before settling for the six-run win.

"All the kids top to bottom can put it over the fence, but they can play the short game as well," Wright said of the offensive versatility.

Carson lifted a home run just inside the left field foul pole to knot the score at 2-2 in the third and kick off a six-run inning. After an out, the Tigers followed with four straight singles, one of which was a two-run single by Jacie Howton, took advantage of an error to score two more runs and added capped the barrage with a Sophie Bell RBI double for a 7-2 lead.

"I think we played really well," Carson said. "I think there are some things we need to work on, but there always is. It was really fun."

The lead reached 11-2 in the fourth when Hafer pulled a two-run single and Lexee Gomes and Bell both followed with RBI singles of their own.

Mac-Hi added four late runs to hang around, but never truly threatened La Grande in the double-header finale.

"At times, Mac-Hi challenged us, but the kids came through," Wright said. "We had a stellar performance from Allie Brock on the rubber, and the kids played well behind her and supported her with runs. It's basic softball."

The Tigers pounded 16 hits in the second game, with at least one from all nine players in the lineup. Brock roped three hits and five players connected for two hits apiece. Bell drove in a team-best three runs, and both Howton and Hafer had two each.

Brock pitched another complete game, allowing six runs — four earned — on six hits with four walks and 12 strikeouts.

The Tigers (13-1 overall, 6-0 GOL) are back home Wednesday when they host Fruitland, Idaho. ■

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8-0 lead.

The Tigers finished the dominant win in the fifth when Gooderham drove in Kinzy Bowen on an RBI groundout and Seavert launched her second two-run shot of the game.

Seavert finished 3-for-4 with five RBIs to lead the charge. Gooderham added two RBIs and two hits and Hafer had two hits. Carson scored three times and three other players scored twice.

Brock dominated in the circle, striking out eight and allowing just one baserunner on a fourth-inning single.

Brock, who had all of her pitches working in the dominant effort, said there was an added level of enthusiasm Thursday.

"We started off the game really excited to play on our home field and excited to play another league game," she said. "We just really wanted to keep ourselves in that first-place spot. The girls were really excited about it."

In the nightcap, everyone chipped in as La Grande

MULTIS

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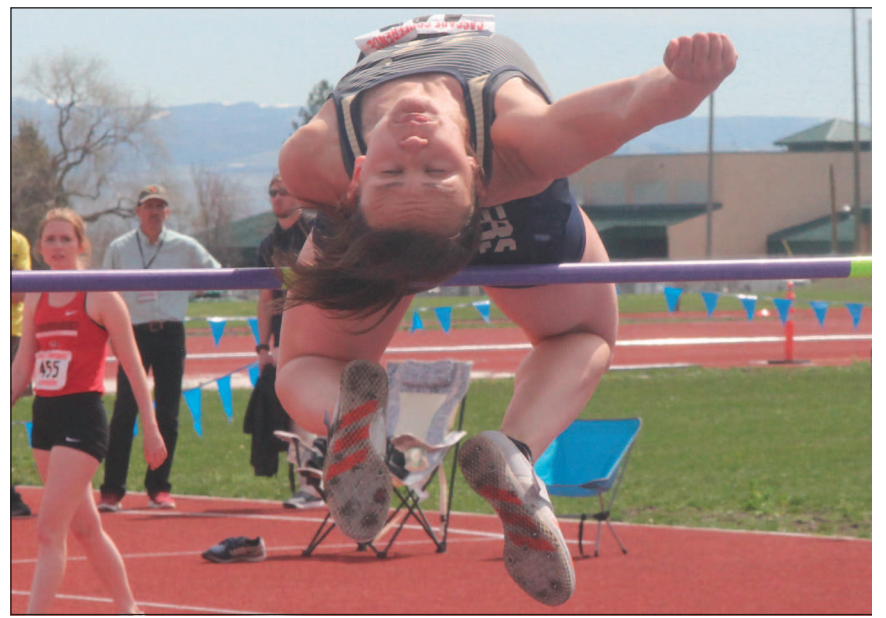
through four events at their previous heptathlon, the Boxer Combined Event, in March. Dodd was 197 ahead.

"For them to be that far ahead of pace from the previous (heptathlon) is what you hope for, but not what you always expect," EOU Head Coach Ben Welch said.

Collins opened in eighth in the 100 hurdles with a time of 17.27. She tied for sixth in the high jump (4-feet-9-1/2) then took fifth in the shot put (30-feet-8-1/4) to move to seventh. Collins finished in 12th in the 200 in 28.01.

In the men's decathlon, two Mountaineers, Jonah Coats and Sam Rodewig, are in seventh and ninth through five of 10 disciplines. Coats has 2,891 points after tying for seventh in the 100 (12.03), taking sixth in the long jump (20-feet-2-1/4), seventh in the shot put (31-feet-8-1/2), sixth in the high jump (5-feet-9-3/4) and 10th in the 400 (55.99).

Roddevig is close behind with 2,845 points. He opened in sixth in the 100 at



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Eastern's Olivia Lane cleared 5-feet-2-1/4 in the high jump for fourth place and is in fourth through one day of the women's heptathlon.

11.94, then was 10th in the long jump (18-feet-3) before finishing in the middle of the pack on the final three events: sixth in the shot put (32-feet-1-1/2), seventh in the high jump (5-feet-8-1/2) and sixth in the 400 (54.05). "They've been working hard," Welch said of his multi-event athletes. "They've been putting things together. It's certainly paying off." ■

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Huskies finish third at Small School Invite

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The Elgin Huskies boys track team collected a relay victory and had six additional top-three finishes to take third overall at the Buckaroo Small School Invite Wednesday in Pendleton.

The Huskies, who scored 102.5 points, claimed the 4x400 relay with Wyatt Hallgatch, Clay Wilhelm, Geoy Greenlee and Tristan Simpson winning in 3:36.45. They were also second in the 4x100 relay as Hallgarth, Greenlee, Simpson and Andres Schmittle finished the race in 45.73 seconds.

Brandon Caldwell helped with a strong individual day, taking second in the 110 hurdles (17.75) and third in the high jump (5-feet-7). Ian Adams (38-feet-0-1/4) and Ian Smith (36-feet-6-3/4) went 2-3 in the triple jump, and Hallgarth was third in the 200 (25.03) and fourth in the 100 (12.13). Simpson added a fourth-place effort in the javelin (134 feet).

Tim Stevens and Jack Silveira led the fourth-place Cove Leopards, who had 46 points, by going 1-2 in the 1,500 in respective times of 4:05.41 and 4:31.60. Stevens was also the winner of the 400 (53.74), and the duo teamed with Quinn Dobbs and Blake Witten to take third in the 4x400 relay (3:43.20).

The Imbler Panthers, who rounded out in ninth

place with 13 points, were led by Calvin Martin's third-place finish in the javelin (135-feet-1).

The Cove girls just edged Elgin for fifth place with 61 points, while Elgin had 59 to take sixth.

Mykiah Overton (108-feet-7) and Allie Best (106 feet) went 1-2 in the javelin for the Leopards, and Austin Kendall (4-feet-9) took first in the high jump and fourth in the 100 hurdles (18.65). Cove also got a second-place finish from Alisa Fox in the 800 (2:38.41), a third-place effort from Rylie Overton in the discus (90-feet-9) and a fourth-place showing in the 4x400 relay from Rachel Baird, Kendall, Fox and Best (4:43.91).

Elgin, meanwhile, had a big day from Aaliyah Burton, who won the 100 hurdles (17.13), was second in the 300 hurdles (50.20) and ran on the third-place 4x100 relay team with Kaelin Evans, Maddison Harvey and Jayden Palmer (55.02). Anika Jacobson won the 1,500 for the Huskies (5:52.39) and Jocelyn Palmer was third in the 800 (2:38.71).

Imbler, which was ninth with 26 points, picked up a second-place finish from Erin Coston in the pole vault (8-feet-6) and a fourth-place effort by Gracey Smith in the shot put (28-feet-5-1/2).

The teams are back in action Saturday at the Pepsi Invitational in Union. ■

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