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Enterprise's Karli Bedard won the high jump and ran a leg on the Outlaws' winning 4x400 relay Saturday.

## Outlaws take second, third at Pepsi

By Ronald Bond  
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The Enterprise Outlaws track and field team turned in the top combined effort of the local schools at the Pepsi Invitational Saturday in Union, scoring 99 points to take second on the girls side and 66.5 points for third on the boys side.

"They competed really well, I thought," Enterprise Head Coach Dan Moody said, noting his team did so despite, like many in Eastern Oregon, being hampered by the rough weather this spring. "We're so far behind right now where I would like to be, just like all the other coaches would say. This season has been a work in progress.

I've been pushing them really hard (at practice), and I backed off (late in the week). They responded extremely well."

The Outlaw girls just missed out on a team title, with Grant Union edging Enterprise by only three points.

"I was surprised. I usually don't look at the (team) scores," Moody said.

The Outlaws weren't lacking in strong individual performances. Senior Karli Bedard took the top spot in the high jump (5-foot-0), second in the 300 hurdles (50.62 seconds) and ran a leg on the winning 4x400 relay team with Charlotte McDonald, Kyla Hook and Shelby Moncrief (4:22.21).

"The girls in that mile relay — that

was a fantastic race," Moody said.

Moncrief was another Outlaw who had a strong day, as she was second in the 200 (27.79) and ran a blistering anchor leg in the 4x100 relay to lift Enterprise to second (52.60). Hero Peters, Savannah Vaughn and Ashlyn Gray joined Moncrief on the relay.

Hook was also second in the 1,500, finishing in a time of 5:16.83.

The EHS boys also had a pair of victories on their way to third, with Garrett Thorne winning the 100 (11.61) and Foster Hobbs taking the 200 (23.56). Zac Knapp turned on the jets late to sneak into second in the 1,500 (4:22.30), while Dylan Marr

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EOU's Paige Dodd, shown at left during the 800 Friday and at right celebrating clearing the national qualifying standard in the high jump Thursday, won the CCC title in the women's heptathlon with a conference meet record 4,826 points.

## Dodd claims CCC title

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Paige Dodd kept posting solid marks throughout the Cascade Collegiate Conference Multi-Event Championships, and put herself in position to possibly break Eastern Oregon's women's heptathlon record with a strong effort in the final event — the 800.

The program mark will have to wait until the national championship meet, but Dodd did take down the CCC Championship meet record with a final total of 4,826 points to pull away for the heptathlon title Friday afternoon on the EOU campus.

The previous meet record of 4,818 points by Southern Oregon's Jill Carrier had stood for more than 20 years. Currently, Dodd has the No. 2 mark in the NAIA in the heptathlon, and she said there is room to keep improving.

"I did well (and) had a lot of (personal records) this week, but there are still some things I know I can rein in and get better at and develop more," Dodd said, noting in the 800, for ex-

ample, she wants to better prepare herself for the mental aspect of the race. "I think I've set myself up well, mentally and physically, to do better at nationals, and (on) day two I didn't do some of the things I wanted and could have, which makes me realize I could still score big."

Dodd, who also won the CCC championship in the heptathlon in 2017, entered the final day with a day one total of 2,994 points.

She hit a personal best of 17-feet-11-3/4 in winning the long jump and a mark of 95-feet-8 in the javelin to give her a 250-point lead and a shot at Talia Hackney's program record of 4,934 points.

Dodd's time of 2:31.27, which put her in seventh in the 800, didn't garner her enough points to pass the record, but did give her some extra incentive headed into nationals in late May.

Olivia Lane, who finished fourth overall with 4,476 points, won the 800 in a time of 2:21.09. She finished 229 points ahead of her previous hept-

athlon score. In addition to winning the 800 Friday, Lane was third in the long jump with a personal record of 16-feet-7-3/4 and sixth in the javelin (85-feet-4). She finished the first day with 2,688 points.

And did so on her 22nd birthday.

"I definitely PR'd by a lot more than I thought I would," Lane said. "The 800 is my race. I was pretty nervous before it, but having Loghan (Sprauer from SOU) there to push me the last 300 helped me to get the time I needed.

"Best way to spend a birthday — doing a hep," she added.

Lane's mark puts her at No. 5 in the heptathlon in EOU history, and No. 10 in the nation this spring.

Cheyenne Collins finished 10th with 3,614 points. She entered the day with 2,260 points and added marks of 14-feet-11-1/2 in the long jump, 76-feet-3 in the javelin and 2:40.94 in the 800.

"The competition in general was really good," Head Coach Ben Welch said, noting Lane's score would have

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## Robinson's no-hitter leads LHS to sweep

Observer staff

The La Grande Tigers baseball team routed The McLoughlin Pioneers behind two dominant pitching efforts — including a no-hitter by Parker Robinson — 12-0 and 16-0 Friday. The Tigers took over sole possession of first place in Greater Oregon League play after the sweep and a split between Baker and Ontario.

**LA GRANDE 12, MAC-HI 0**

Isaac Zamora struck out 10 batters and allowed just four hits — all singles — in five innings, and also had a game-high four RBIs to power La Grande in the opener.

Zamora's two-run double in the first inning gave La Grande an early 2-0 lead, and he added a two-run single during a five-run fifth that helped break the game open.

The Tigers also had an RBI single by Riley Miller, a sacrifice fly by Wyatt Earp and an RBI groundout by Danny Chamberlain. La Grande added two runs on errors, two on passed balls and one on a double-steal.

Payton Cooper scored three runs, both Robinson and Brody Kincade scored twice and four players each had two hits in the abbreviated five-inning affair.

**LA GRANDE 16, MAC-HI 0**

An error and a hit batter were all that separated Robinson from a perfect game as he struck out 12 batters in five innings to help La Grande complete the sweep.

Robinson fanned at least two batters in each inning, and struck out the final five batters of the game to complete the 82-pitch gem.

He also helped himself by going 4-for-4 at the plate with a pair of RBIs. His RBI single and Earp's RBI double helped La Grande take a 3-0 lead in the first. Kincade had a three-run triple and scored on a Cooper double during a five-run second inning, and both Devin Bell and Justin Frederick hit RBI doubles during a four-run third inning.

Kincade and Cooper both added three RBIs and Frederick, who was 3-for-5, scored four runs. Bell

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## Mountaineers stay in tourney chase

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The Eastern Oregon softball team kept its hopes for a berth in the Cascade Collegiate Conference tournament alive by taking two CCC contests from Northwest Christian on the road Friday and Saturday. The Mountaineers split Friday's games, winning 3-0 and losing 3-2, then won the final CCC game Saturday, 9-3, before dropping the non-conference matchup to the Beacons, 7-6.

The outcomes leave EOU two games behind fifth-place Carroll and one game behind sixth-place British Columbia headed into its final series of the season, a home matchup against Oregon Tech. Both Carroll and UBC own tiebreakers over Eastern, meaning the Mountaineers need to win two — and possibly all three — CCC games to stay in the mix for one of the two remaining playoff spots.

**Friday**  
**EOU 3, NCU 0**

Lauren Spencer allowed just four hits for her second shutout of the season and EOU mustered enough offense for a win in the series opener.

Rayne Spencer hit an RBI single in the third for a 1-0 lead, and Madison Barr added a two-run triple in the fifth for the final margin. Sarah Bonner added two hits for EOU, which had just five in the game.

Lauren Spencer struck out five and walked three for her fifth win of the season. She only faced one real jam in the game, loading the bases with two out in the first inning, but struck out Alexis Westbrook to keep the game scoreless.

**NCU 3, EOU 2**

The Beacons scored three runs in the fifth inning to take game two and even the series.

Jordan Henley gave the Mountaineers a 1-0 lead with an RBI single in the fourth, but an Anna Cardwell solo home run, a Jordan Kuykendall RBI single and an error in the fifth gave NCU a 3-1 lead.

Bonner hit her own solo home run in the seventh and threatened further when Rayne Spencer doubled with two out, but couldn't pull even.

Spencer and Brandi Bowling each had two hits. Amanda Smith allowed

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## La Grande wins lightning-shortened invite



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La Grande's Braden Bell putts during the La Grande Invitational Friday afternoon.

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La Grande boys golf Head Coach Ron Evans has been emphasizing to his team the importance of staying the course and not allowing a bad shot or hole to fester and destroy a round.

He saw that from his Tigers Friday, even if it wasn't in a full round.

La Grande shot a team score of 39-over par to win a lightning-shortened La Grande Invitational Friday afternoon.

"I think they played really well," Evans said. "A lot of them broke through as far as battling. If you have a bad hole, it's okay. You just keep battling. I think all of them did that today, which I haven't seen in the past. I think they're learning how to grind, and it's awesome to watch."

Athletes had to deal with a

course still soaked from recent rainfall and more rain that moved through during play Friday.

"To play in this kind of weather, I'm proud of them," Evans said.

The second deluge of rain that came through about the midway point of the round brought with it lightning that delayed and then ended the tournament after just 10 holes.

The early conclusion also altered how the scores were totaled. Rather than tally up the overall stroke count as players hadn't played the same holes, coaches decided keeping the score to par would be the best approach.

La Grande's Braden Bell finished third overall, carding a round of 7-over par through the 10 holes. He said the course

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