



Cove's Tim Stevens, left, and Joseph's Ellyse Tingelstad, right, both set meet records in the 3,000 at the Pepsi Invite Saturday.

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was third in the high jump (5-foot-8), and the 4x400 team of Jericho Peters, Hobbs, Josef Ramirez and Cole Gomes took third (3:44.93).

The Elgin Huskies boys also had two victories as they finished in second overall with 71 points. Brandon Caldwell claimed the top spot in the 110 hurdles in 17.92, and the Huskies held on to win the 4x400 relay with Wyatt Hallgarth, Clay Wilhelm, Geoy Greenlee and Tristan Simpson winning in 3:39.92.

Simpson was also second in the javelin (140-foot-11) and third in the 100 (11.74), and Wilhelm took second in the 400 (55.28).

The Elgin girls, who took sixth with 37 points, had a strong day from Aaliyah Burton, who rebounded from a crash in the 100 hurdles to later win the 300 hurdles in 49.88. She was also second in the 100 in 13.21, while Jocelyn Palmer was second in the 3,000 (12:23.71).

The meet record in the 3,000, in fact, was broken in both the boys and girls races Saturday. Tim Stevens of Cove blasted the mark in the boys 3,000 with a time of 8:44.43 — nearly four seconds faster than his state-winning time in the event a year ago. The time also was 35 seconds ahead of runner-up Henry Coughlan of Joseph (9:19.22).

"That was my third 3,000 this season," Stevens said. "I just wanted to get a good time, for confidence (more) than anything else, and I think it was my first PR in any event all season. That was pretty good for confidence."

Cove, which finished in a tie for 14th with 18 points on the boys side, also had a third-place finish by Jack Silveira in the 800 (2:11.20).

Joseph's Ellyse Tingelstad, meanwhile, ran away with the top time and meet record in the girls 3,000 of 11:06.99, one of two races dominated by

the junior.

"Under 11 (minutes) was my goal today, but went out there, worked hard, and I got what I got," she said. "It was a plus (getting the meet record). I didn't even have that in mind. It was a bonus to get that."

Tingelstad also coasted to victory in the 1,500 in a time of 5:02.86.

"It was fun to see some records go down," Union Head Coach Jay Blackburn said, noting both previous records were held by Union athletes. "That was fun to watch those two sets records. The records (at the Pepsi Invitational) are getting tough to break."

The Joseph girls, who finished in a tie for seventh with 35 points, picked up a victory from Ella Coughlan in the 800 (2:27.92).

The Joseph boys, who finished fourth with 57 points, did score a victory by Juston Rodgers in the 800 (2:06.88). Henry Coughlan, in addition to taking second in the 3,000, was third in the 1,500 (4:22.63), and Guylen Snyder was third in the long jump (18-foot-6-1/2).

Joseph also had two high-placing relay teams as Tyler Homan, Rodgers, Carsen Littlepage and Trey Wandschneider were third in the 4x100 (47.78) and Bayden Menton, Wandschneider, Rodgers and Homan took second in the 4x400 (3:43.34).

The Union boys took sixth with 40.5 points, with a 1-2 finish by the Blackburn brothers in the pole vault — Jaxon (11-foot-0) and Carter (10-foot-0) — leading the way. The Bobcats also got a second-place finish by Griffin Nash in the shot put (45-foot-1-1/2).

"Griffin didn't win the shot put, but his throw was a five-foot PR. You don't do that. He just popped a nice one. He's a kid that works so hard," Jay Blackburn said.

Jaimee Baxter led the Bobcat girls, who also tied for seventh with 35 points, by winning the 400 (1:01.22) and taking third in the high jump (4-foot-10).



Elgin's Aaliyah Burton, shown during the 100 hurdles, won the 300 hurdles Saturday in Union.



Union's Griffin Nash was second in the shot put, but set a personal best by about five feet in the event.

Abriel O'Reilly was second in the 800 (2:31.70), and Baxter and O'Reilly ran with Audrey Wells and Kaitlin Martens to take second in the 4x400 relay (4:25.38).

The Cove girls scored 25 points to tie for 10th, led by Allie Best (108-foot-4) and Mykiah Overton (101-foot-2) going 2-3 in the javelin.

The La Grande boys tied for ninth with 26 points, getting a win from Bennett Welch in the 1,500 (4:21.83) and third-place finish by Cristian Mendoza in the 3,000 (9:26.74), while the LHS girls, who were

14th with 15 points, had two fourth-place finishes from Corbyn Sexton in the 3,000 (12:49.02) and Alexyss Chamberlain in the 300 hurdles (53.30).

Calvin Smith and Nathan Bingaman led the Imbler boys, who were 18th with 11.5 points, by taking fifth in the javelin (128-foot-2) and the triple jump (37-foot-1), respectively, and the Imbler girls, who were 18th with six points, picked up sixth-place finishes by Gracey Smith in the shot put (30-foot-4-1/2) and Erin Coston in the pole vault (6-foot-6). ■

Tigers, Badgers run in Hermiston

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The La Grande Tigers boys track and field team took second at the Kiwanis Twilight Invitational Friday in Hermiston, while the LHS girls finished in 10th.

Sajun White led the Tigers, who scored 86 points, by winning the 200 in a time of 23.16 seconds and taking third in the 400 in 51.64. He also ran a leg on the second-place 4x100 relay team with Nick Tsiatsos, Josh Zollman and Hunter Youngblood (43.78). Youngblood, Tsiatsos, Luke Bloodgood and Westin Blake took second in the 4x400 relay (3:36.41), and LHS's 4x200 relay team of Julian Harris, Josh Zollman, Maxon Huxoll and Zach Wiggins placed third (1:39.82).

Individually, Tsiatsos added a second-place finish in the long jump (21-foot-4-1/2), Bennett Welch was third in the 3,200 (9:57.71), and in fourth was Cristian Mendoza in the 1,600 (4:41.74) and Jacob Huntsman in the discus (119-foot-0).

The LHS girls, who scored 27 points, had third-place finishes by Jacki Martini in the 1,600 (5:37.71) and the 4x400 relay team of Alexyss Chamberlain, Katie Brown, Martini and Kenzie Williams (4:25.09). Rachael Keniry added a fifth-place finish in the steeplechase (8:34.00).

The Powder Valley Badger boys, who were 12th with 11 points, had a fifth-place finish from Reece Dixon in the 400 (53.16) and a fifth-place finish by Dixon, Case Olson, Kaden Krieger and Dominick Grende in the 4x400 relay (3:41.57). The Badger girls' top finish was 15th from Bailey Cole in the discus (80-foot-10). ■

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two earned runs on six hits in five innings, walking two and striking out five.

Saturday EOU 9, NCU 3

The Mountaineers left no doubt in what was basically a must-win game, scoring seven runs in the third and fourth innings to secure the win in the final CCC game of the weekend.

A passed ball and a Shevan DeFreitas RBI double gave Eastern an early 2-0 lead. The Beacons scored three times in the bottom of the first for a 3-2 edge before EOU took advantage of several NCU miscues.

Two NCU errors and a wild pitch allowed three runs to score in the third, and Bonner added an RBI single for a 6-3 lead. In the fourth, Barr hit an RBI single and Bowling added a two-run single for the final margin.

Barr finished 4-for-4 and scored three runs, and Spencer, who was 2-for-3, also scored three runs.

Lauren Spencer had her second complete game of the weekend, walking two and striking out three while allowing seven hits for the win. She allowed three runs, but all were unearned.

NCU 7, EOU 6

The Beacons scored early and often, then held off an EOU rally to win the nonconference game.

Haley Ebner, Payton Pocklington and Madison Parker all had RBI singles, and Bowling, who had two hits, added a two-run single for Eastern, which trimmed a 6-1 deficit to 6-5 in the fourth, but couldn't pull even.

Jessica Lambert allowed six runs — two earned — on five hits with three walks in 2-2/3 innings for the loss.

The Mountaineers (12-29 overall, 7-17 CCC) face Oregon Tech Friday and Saturday. ■

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and Cooper both added three hits.

La Grande (9-6 overall, 5-1 GOL) hosts Ontario in a doubleheader Friday.

Also Friday TIGERSCOTS SWEEP LADYCATS SOFTBALL

The Union/Cove Ladycats softball team suffered a rare home sweep Friday, losing to the Weston-McEwen TigerScots in 2A/1A Special District 6 play, 5-0 and 4-1.

WESTON-MCEWEN 5, UNION/COVE 0

Pitchers McKenna Stallings and Callie Glenn matched zeroes on the scoreboard until the seventh inning, when the TigerScots scored five times to pull out the win.

Madison Shell hit an RBI single before Stallings followed with an RBI double that, at the time, gave Weston-McEwen a 2-0 lead. The TigerScots had half of their 10 hits

in the final inning.

The Ladycats had just two hits — a single by Taylor Daggett and a triple by Harley Creech — as they were shut out for the first time in nearly three years.

Glenn struck out three and walked one batter, surrendering four earned runs for Union/Cove.

WESTON-MCEWEN 4, UNION/COVE 1

The Ladycats grabbed an early lead in the second game but were unable to hold on.

Daggett singled in the second and eventually scored on an RBI single by Kierra Moore for a 1-0 lead.

But the TigerScots scored two runs in the third and two in the fifth — taking advantage of two errors in each frame — to take the lead for good.

Daggett had two of Union/Cove's three hits in the contest. Glenn gave up four runs on five hits, walked three and struck out five in six innings, and all four runs were unearned.

The Ladycats (9-5 overall, 3-3 SD6) travel to Adrian for a doubleheader Friday.

Saturday OUTLAWS SOFTBALL DROP KNIGHTS

The Enterprise Outlaws softball team secured a road sweep to stay in second place in 3A Special District 2, taking down the Irrigon Knights on Saturday, 12-1 and 10-2.

ENTERPRISE 12, IRRIGON 1

Lexie Gasset threw a four-hitter and scored three runs, and both Samantha McFarland and Aysia Salim had three RBIs to power the Outlaws to an easy win in the opener.

McFarland and Liz Rowley both scored twice, and Grace Collins added a pair of RBIs for Enterprise, which had eight of its nine starters tally at least one hit.

Gasset struck out four and walked one, and the only run the Knights scored was unearned.

ENTERPRISE 10, IRRIGON 2

Collins, Claire Farwell and Jes-

sie Teeney each had three of Enterprise's 15 hits in the nightcap to power the Outlaws to the sweep.

Farwell also drove in three runs while Teeney scored three times. Collins added a pair of RBIs and Rowley scored two runs. Eight players again had at least one hit in the victory.

Gasset tossed another four-hitter and struck out four, and allowed just one earned run.

The Outlaws (7-4 overall, 4-2 SD2) host Riverside in a doubleheader Friday.

EAGLES BASEBALL SHAKE OFF BAD LOSSTO EARN SPLIT

The Wallowa Valley Eagles baseball team salvaged a road split in Special District 5 play on Saturday against the Irrigon Knights, shaking off a game to forget in the opener — a 15-0 loss — by winning the second game, 7-5.

IRRIGON 15, WALLOWA VALLEY 0

The Knights took advantage of nine Eagle errors — six during a 10-run first inning — to quickly put the game away.

Wallowa Valley had just two hits in the loss.

WALLOWA VALLEY 7, IRRIGON 5

The Eagles rebounded for a wire-to-wire win in the nightcap. A bases-loaded walk and a two-run single by David Salim gave Wallowa Valley a 3-0 lead in the first inning. They extended the lead to 7-2 in the fifth on RBI groundouts by Malachi Roberts and Flynn Nave.

Both Gus Ramsden and Chris Nobles had two hits. Nave pitched the final 5-1/3 innings, allowing three runs on just one hit with one strikeout. His out included a three-pitch inning and a six-pitch inning.

The Eagles (8-5 overall, 4-2 SD5) host Riverside Friday.

BOBCAT'S BASEBALL MOVE GAMES TODAY

Union/Cove's doubleheader against Dufur/South Wasco County was postponed from Saturday to today due to weather conditions. The games are scheduled for 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.



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