

Ledbetter wins twice to lead Mountaineers' track team

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Maggie Ledbetter had a career weekend for the Eastern Oregon women's track and field team, winning both the discus and the shot put — and automatically qualifying for nationals in the discus — to lead the Mountaineers efforts at the Border Clash Friday and Saturday in Boise, Idaho.

The Cove product had a mark of 145-feet-11 in the discus and a mark of 42-feet-3-1/2 to win both events, and added a third-place finish in the hammer throw at 149-feet-2.

Eastern also claimed the top

spot in the women's 4x400 relay with Olivia Lane, Paige Dodd, Michelle Herbes and Elizabeth Herbes running the race in 3:53.65. The time was also an automatic qualifying mark for nationals.

The Mountaineers also had a handful of second-place finishes from Morgan Reddington in the long jump (17-feet-11-1/2), Michelle Herbes in the 800 (2:14.85), Katie Emerson in the 400 hurdles (1:05.05) and the 4x100 relay team of Haley White, Kinnah Rhodes, Payton Jolley and Elizabeth Herbes (48.39).

Jolley and Elizabeth Herbes

both added two third-place finishes, Jolley in the pole vault (9-feet-10-1/2) and the long jump (17-feet-11), and Herbes in the 100 (12.84) and the 200 (25.88). Also in third was Stephanie Miears in the shot put (39-feet-3-3/4), Dierdre McKay in the 3,000 steeplechase (12:53.72), Dodd in the 100 hurdles (14.93), White in the 400 hurdles (1:05.90) and Megan Boals, Kaitlyn Burgess, Emily Palmer and Faith Homer in the 4x400 relay (4:08.96).

The EOU men's team took second place in both relays, with Branden Phanmaha, Connor

Young, Nicholas Griffin and Austin Hunter finishing the 4x100 relay in 43.22, and Griffin, Robie Swanson, Kobe Crump and Hunter Schiess completing the 4x400 in 3:32.86. Alex Kosel added second-place finishes in both the high jump (6-feet-1-1/4) and the long jump (21-feet-10-3/4).

In third were Dawson Kenon in the javelin (180-feet-4), Darrian Walker in the pole vault (15-feet-1), Young in the 200 (22:14) and Young, Brennen LeBel, Braxton Wilson and Derian Handfield in the 4x400 relay (3:39.77).

EOU also had a handful of

athletes compete at the Oregon State High Performance meet in Corvallis. Eastern was led on the men's side by second-place finishes from Devin Lewis-Allen in the 400 (49.49) and Jakob Sandhagen in the javelin (188-feet-7), and a third-place effort by Lane Inwards in the 5,000 (14:56.05).

The top performer on the women's side was Kalulusno Ngaida, who tied for fourth in the high jump (5-feet-2-1/4) and placed fourth in triple jump (37-feet-9-1/2).

The Mountaineers next travel to the Portland Twilight Meet Friday. ■

Prep roundup: Outlaws force Pirates to walk the plank, roll to softball sweep

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The Enterprise Outlaws softball team raided the Riverside Pirates in a home doubleheader in Special District Friday, coasting to victories of 17-2 and 20-2.

ENTERPRISE 17, RIVERSIDE 2

Enterprise had just six hits, but took advantage of 14 walks issued by Riverside in the opener.

Aisya Salim went 2-for-4, drove in three runs and scored three times to lead the Outlaws. Grace Collins also had three RBIs and Samantha McFarland, Ella Anderson and Claire Farwell each had two RBIs. Liz Rowley and Jessie Teeney also scored three runs each.

Lexie Gassett allowed two runs on two hits, walked three and struck out nine in five innings for the win.

ENTERPRISE 20, RIVERSIDE 2

The Outlaws again used Riverside's wildness to their advantage, working 15 walks and rolling to another blowout win.

Rowley went 4-for-4, drove in four runs and scored three times. Farwell added four RBIs, scored three runs and hit a triple. Rylin Kirkland drove in three runs and both Collins and Teeney had two RBIs. In addition to Rowley and Farwell scoring three runs each, six more players scored twice.

Gassett and Rowley combined to throw a one-hitter. Gassett struck out two batters in three hitless innings, and Rowley allowed two unearned runs on just one hit, walking four in the process.

Enterprise (9-4 overall, 6-2 SD2) hosts Weston-McEwen in a nonleague doubleheader Tuesday.

Also Friday

BOBCATS CLAW ANTELOPES

The Union/Cove Ladycats softball team coasted to a pair of road victories Friday, defeating the Adrian Antelopes in Special District 6 action, 14-2 and 12-2.

UNION/COVE 14, ADRIAN 2

Kylie Marriott drove in four runs, Brianna Kohr added three RBIs and Union/Cove scored the game's first 11 runs to roll to a five-inning victory.

Kaylin Nowak, Kohr and Marriott all had run-scoring singles, with Marriott's hit bringing in two runs, to give Union/Cove a 4-0 first-inning lead. Kylie Bruce and Kaylee Lantis both added RBI groundouts later in the frame for a six-run cushion.

The Ladycats added a run in the second, then scored four more times in the fourth when Harley



Ronald Bond/Observer file photo

Union/Cove's Brianna Kohr hit two home runs during the second game of the Ladycats' sweep Friday.

Crech and Taylar Daggett hit RBI singles and Marriott hit her second two-run single for an 11-0 lead. Union/Cove added three runs in the fifth, capping the scoring on a sacrifice fly by Kohr.

Callie Glenn and Nowak both scored three times in the win. Glenn also tossed all five innings, allowing two runs on just two hits and striking out five batters.

UNION/COVE 12, ADRIAN 2

Kohr hit two home runs, Nowak also went deep and Union/Cove scored six runs in the opening inning for the second time Friday on its way to the sweep.

Kohr's first dinger, an inside-the-park home run, scored two runs for a 3-0 lead after Crech had hit an RBI single earlier in the first. Two errors on consecutive plays by Adrian led to three more runs.

Kohr's second inside-the-park home run opened Union/Cove's scoring in the second as the Ladycats charged to 9-1 lead, and Nowak's home run in the third made it 10-1.

Maddy Sturm ended the game in the sixth with a two-run single.

Kohr finished 3-for-4 with three runs and three RBIs. Daggett also scored three times and Marriott had three hits. Daggett also pitched the final four innings, allowing one run on three hits with two walks and two strikeouts.

Union/Cove (11-5 overall, 5-3 SD6) travels to Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii Friday.

Baseball EAGLES TAKE OUT RIVERSIDE

The Wallowa Valley Eagles baseball team made quick work of the Riverside Pirates at home in Special District 5 play Friday, winning 12-2 and 11-3.

The Eagles took com-

two RBIs each.

Gage McKay pitched three innings, gave up three hits, walked one and struck out one, and Evans struck out five and gave up two hits and one walk in the final four innings.

The Eagles (10-5 overall, 6-2 SD5) travel to Umatilla for a doubleheader Friday.

BOBCATS SPLIT WITH TIGERS

The Union/Cove Bobcats baseball team split its road doubleheader against Stanfield/Echo in Special District 7 play Saturday, winning the opener 10-2, but losing the second game 10-0.

Stats were not provided.

Union/Cove (4-6 overall, 2-5 SD7) travels to Weston-McEwen Tuesday.

Golf

HARROD TAKES THIRD TO LEAD OUTLAWS

Boone Harrod finished in third place to lead the Enterprise Outlaws boys golf team to second place overall at the Enterprise Invitational Friday.

Harrod shot a score of 82 to lead Enterprise, which had a team score of 390 and trailed only Heppner, which had a 354. Zion Mark also broke 100 for Enterprise with a score of 99. Tyler Gray (103) and Jacob Amaro (106) rounded out the top four for the Outlaws.

Frank Westerman had a score of 108 to lead Wallowa/Joseph, and Willie Gibbs shot a 127.

Wallowa/Joseph's Tori Suto was the girls champion, shooting a round of 79 to edge Heppner's Nicole Prophetor, who had an 82.

Both teams return to action Friday in Union.

COUNSELL PLACES SECOND

Kendra Counsell finished in second place for the Imbler Panthers girls golf team in nine holes Friday at Wildhorse in Pendleton, while Henry Royes led the Panther boys with a score of 107.

The overall girls scores and the rest of the boys scores were not available.

Imbler is back on the course Friday in Union. ■

LOCAL SCHEDULE

Tuesday

PREP SOFTBALL

Weston-McEwen at Enterprise (2), 3 p.m.

PREP BASEBALL

Union/Cove at Weston-McEwen, 4 p.m.

Wednesday

PREP BOYS GOLF

La Grande at State Preview Tourney, Creswell, all day — Subject to change

mand of game one with four runs in the first inning, then scored the final seven runs of the game to end it in six.

Coy Aschenbrenner kept Riverside at bay, allowing just three hits, walking one and striking out five. He also went 3-for-4 at the plate, as did Trace Evans. Both Chase Homan and Flynn Nave had two hits, and Nave drove in three runs.

In the second game, Aschenbrenner, Nave, Zeb Ramsden and Kaden McClure all had two hits, and Wallowa Valley scored seven runs in the third to pull ahead for good after falling behind 3-1. McClure and Nave also had

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of that said, 'Hey, you've got a perfect game going here,' Wright said.

La Grande quickly put the second game Friday out of reach with a nine-run first inning. Jayce Seavert's RBI double, an RBI groundout by Jaiden Hafer and RBI singles by both Sophie Bell and Lexee Gomes made it 4-0. Alaina Carson reached on an error to allow three more runs to score, and Gooderham followed with an RBI triple and scored on an error on the play to cap the onslaught.

Hafer added an RBI single in the second and a two-run home run in the fourth. Gooderham and Seavert both hit RBI doubles in the fourth — Gooderham's driving in two runs — for the final margin. It also gives La Grande nine straight games with 10 or more runs, 12 such games overall on the season, and was the team's ninth shutout.

'We're all here for the same reason. We're all here to win, we're all here to succeed. We're really close (to one another),' Gooderham said.

The game capped another dominant sweep of Ontario by La Grande, which won two road games when the teams met earlier this season by a combined score of 42-1.

La Grande won the opener of the double-

header Friday, 11-1, scoring the final 11 runs of the game after Lexy Navarrete hit a leadoff home run for Ontario off Brock.

Brock settled in to strike out nine batters over four innings and didn't allow another hit, then carried the effort into the nightcap.

'Usually I just have to let those things go. I can't hang on to that,' Brock said of the home run. 'I think it does help you more to focus after they hit you like that.'

La Grande quickly regained the lead in the opener, with a Jacie Howton two-run double giving La Grande a 2-1 lead.

The Tigers exploded for seven runs in the seventh, highlighted by a two-run home run by Kinzy Bowen and a three-run double by Hafer for a 9-1 lead.

'Top to bottom (in the lineup) can hit the long ball,' Wright said. 'I'm really pleased with the younger kids coming up and producing.'

Seavert's RBI double in the third and Neer's solo home run in the fourth capped the scoring for La Grande.

'It was awesome,' Neer said of the hit parade. 'We just kept talking, having a lot of fun in the dugout. It's contagious.'

The Tigers host Baker for a doubleheader Friday and can clinch a share of the GOL title with a sweep. ■

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