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The La Grande Tigers baseball team poses for a photo after winning the Greater Oregon League title Saturday.

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The margin reached 4-0 after one inning and 10-0 through two before the Tigers plated 12 runs in a frame that saw them bat around twice. Zamora and Malone both had two separate RBI singles in the inning. In all, La Grande had seven hits, three walks, three hit batters and took advantage of an error in the inning. Two of the walks and two of the hit batters came with the bases loaded to force in runs.

In the second game, Robinson struck out 12 batters and was a walk away from a perfect game. He twice had streaks of five straight strikeouts during the overpowering effort.

“He did a really good job, and when he missed, it wasn’t something that was

going to hurt him,” McKinley said.

Meanwhile, La Grande scored 11 times in the first inning to turn the game into a blowout in a hurry. Kincade, who had four RBIs, hit a two-run single for a 3-0 lead early in the frame, then added a second RBI single later for a 10-0 margin. Payton Cooper contributed an RBI double and an RBI single in the inning, the latter making it 11-0.

The Tigers added four runs in the second, with Justin Comfort’s single bringing the score to 15-0.

Kincade was 4-for-5 with four RBIs, and both Earp and Cooper drove in three runs.

La Grande (15-8 overall, 9-3 GOL) now waits to see who it will host in the first round of the 4A state playoffs. The first-round contest is set for May 22. ■

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high jump (5-foot-10) and Zac Knapp in the 3,000 (9:34.04). Knapp, in fact, was second to Heppner’s Hunter Nichols by just 0.02 seconds.

Enterprise landed four wildcards to state — one of the next top two performances statewide in each event that didn’t place automatically — with three on the girls side. Moncrief was fourth in the 100 in 13.43, Vaughn was third in the 400 in 1:01.80, and Ashley Wilson was third in the 800 in 2:28.63. For the EHS boys, Lund, who was third in the 400 in 54.35, unofficially claimed a wildcard bid.

Both the Union Bobcats boys and girls placed in fifth, the boys scoring 65 points and the girls putting up 48. The Bobcats’ lone win on the boys side

was from Jaxon Blackburn in the pole vault (11-foot-0). Matthew Sheehy was Union’s only other automatic state qualifier, taking second in the 800 (2:03.97). The Bobcats, though, have five wildcard qualifiers: Monte Kirby, third in the 800 (2:05.27); Andrew Lackey, third in the 1,500 (4:23.13); Israel O’Reilly, third in the 3,000 (9:41.11); Griffin Nash, third in the shot put (43-foot-4-3/4); and the fourth-place 4x400 relay team of Blackburn, Sheehy, Kirby and Lackey (3:40.79).

The UHS girls scored a victory by Jaimee Baxter in the 400 in 59.82 seconds and second-place finishes by Abriel O’Reilly in the 800 (2:28.16) and Audrey Wells in the 3,000 (12:31.33).

The 2A state meet begins Friday in Monmouth. ■



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Enterprise’s Kyla Hook won both the 1,500 and 3,000 to help the Outlaw girls place second.

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