

# Eastern Oregon women take second in the CCC

Observer staff

The Eastern Oregon University women's track and field team came away with two conference champions and a handful of runner-up finishes on its way to a second-place finish at the Cascade Collegiate Conference meet Friday and Saturday in Ashland.

The Mountaineers scored 165 points for its highest finish since also taking second in 2016, according to the EOU website, which also stated this was the 12th time the EOU women have placed second at the conference championship meet since 1997.

The women's 4x400 relay team of Megan Boals, Paige Dodd, Michelle Herbes and Elizabeth Herbes turned in a national qualifying time of 3:53.95 for a victory in the race. Eastern also picked up a win from Maggie Ledbetter, as the national qualifier extended her program-record in the discus to a distance of 151-feet-8.

Eastern claimed a third automatic berth in the 4x100 relay, with Haley White, Kinnah Rhodes, Payton Jolley and Elizabeth Herbes turning in a second-place time of 47.89 seconds, and a fourth by Jolley in the pole vault, as she placed second with a mark of 11-feet-11-3/4.

The Mountaineers also had a 2-3-4 finish in the long jump from Morgan Reddington (18-feet-3), Dodd (18-feet-2-1/4) and

Victoria Branch (17-feet-8-1/4).

Also adding second-place finishes were Katie Emerson in the 400 hurdles (1:04.12), Ledbetter in the shot put (41-feet-6-1/2), and Kaluluso Ngaida in the high jump (5-feet-5). In third were White in the 400 hurdles (1:04.45), Dodd in the high jump (5-3-3/4), Branch in the triple jump (37-feet-2-1/2) and Stephanie Mears in the shot put (39-feet-10).

British Columbia was the women's team champion with 180 points.

On the men's side, EOU placed fourth with 105 points, led by a conference title from Corey Sledge in the pole vault. Sledge, a sophomore who leads the NAIA in the event, pushed his height to 16-feet-6-3/4.

Jakob Sandhagen improved his national qualifier mark in the javelin with a second-place finish and a mark of 195-feet-4-1/4. Also in second was Devin Lewis-Alen in the 400 in 49.20.

In third for the EOU men were Alex Kosel in the triple jump (44-feet-6-1/4) and Chase Van Wyck in the shot put (49-feet-7-1/4), while in fourth were Lane Inwards in the 5,000 (15:11.30) and Moses McAninch in the javelin (181-feet-6-3/4).

Up next for the Mountaineers is the NAIA National Championship Meet, which is May 23-25 in Gulf Shores, Alabama. ■

## ROUNDUP

Continued from Page 7A seventh capped the scoring for the Tigers.

La Grande (20-1 overall, 12-0 GOL) hosts Pendleton in a nonleague contest Friday.

### UNION/COVE SWEEPS ECHO/STANFIELD

The Union/Cove Ladycats softball team dominated in its final Special District 6 regular season games, sweeping Echo/Stanfield at home Friday, 14-1 and 13-4.

The Ladycats scored five runs in each of the first two innings and built a 14-0 lead by the third inning in the opening game. Run-scoring singles by Harley Creech and Taylor Daggett, both of whom had a team-best three RBIs, highlighted the first inning. RBI singles by Kaylin Nowak and Daggett around a two-run RBI double by Creech helped make it 9-0 in the second before Kylie Bruce pushed the lead to 10 with an RBI double of her own.

Daggett capped the offense with a run-scoring single to close out the third.

Callie Glenn pitched three hitless innings, walked just one batter and struck out five for the win.

Union/Cove built another big early lead on the way to a game-two win for the sweep.

An error, a Brianna Kohr sacrifice fly and a Daggett RBI groundout gave the Ladycats a 3-0 first-inning lead. Kohr and Kylie Marriott added RBI singles as part of a five-run second inning. Kiera Moore and Nowak each had run-scoring doubles in the fifth, and Marriott tripled home a run before scoring on Bruce's single in the sixth.

Glenn struck out seven, walked four and allowed four runs on 10 hits in seven innings for the win. She also scored three runs. Nowak

drove in three runs.

Union/Cove (16-5 overall, 9-3 SD6) faces Grant Union/Prairie City in a nonleague contest Tuesday in Baker City before beginning state playoff action with a home game May 22.

### OUTLAWS DROPTO THIRD AFTER GETTING SWEEP

The Enterprise Outlaws softball team had a chance to lock up second place in Special District 2 and secure a state playoff berth but suffered a doubleheader sweep at home against Nyssa Friday, 10-7 and 18-10, to drop to third place entering this week's district tournament.

Aisya Salim homered and drove in four runs for Enterprise in the opener, and both Liz Rowley and Claire Farwell added two hits. Lexie Gassett allowed 14 hits, walked two and struck out six in seven innings.

Rowley had three hits and scored two runs in the nightcap, Rylin Kirkland had three hits and Farwell scored twice, but the Outlaws couldn't keep up with Nyssa as they slipped out of the No. 2 spot.

Enterprise (11-9 overall, 8-4 SD2) hosts Irrigon Tuesday in the first game of the district tournament. The winner earns an automatic state berth and advances to the semifinals, while the loser likely sees its season end.

### EAGLES BASEBALL TOPS NYSSA

The Wallowa Valley Eagles baseball team secured a state playoff berth Friday as it swept the Nyssa Bulldogs, 10-2 and 6-0, to finish second in Special District 5.

In the opener, Coy Aschenbrenner kept the Bulldogs at bay, striking out 10 batters and giving up just four hits in seven innings for the victory.

The Eagles scored four times in the third to take the lead for good, and when Nyssa scored two runs in the fourth to stay within 4-2,



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Jayce Seavert, right, is shown in a recent game against Baker. The La Grande Tigers finished a second straight perfect season in GOL play by sweeping Mac-Hi Saturday.



Jim Welch photo

Union/Cove's Callie Glenn, right, scores during the first game of the Ladycats' sweep Friday.

Wallowa Valley responded with a five-run inning to put the game out of reach.

Aschenbrenner also went 2-for-3 with an RBI. Flynn Nave drove in two runs, and David Salim had a two-hit performance. All 10 of the Eagles' hits were singles.

In the nightcap, Nave was as sharp, if not better, than Aschenbrenner, giving up just one hit, walking two batters and striking out eight.

The Eagles scored single runs in both the first and second innings, then broke the game open late with four runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Gus Ramsden had a dou-

ble and two RBIs and Christ Nobles had two hits in the win.

The Eagles (14-6 overall, 10-2 SD5) play the winner of Vale and Burns/Crane Friday in the district tournament semifinals in Irrigon.

### BOBCATS EARN SPLIT

The Union/Cove Bobcats baseball team split a home doubleheader against Hepner/Tone in Special District 7 play Saturday, dropping the first game, 8-3, before rebounding to win the second game, 11-2. Stats were not available. The Bobcats (6-10 overall, 4-9 SD7) finish the season Tuesday at Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii Ukiah. ■

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