

BY THE SLIMMEST OF MARGINS

■ Enterprise girls claim first state track championship by a half point



Top left: Shelby Moncrief, right, barely defeats Kaylee Wright in the 2A girls 100. Top right: The Enterprise girls 4x400 relay team of Kyla Hook, Savannah Vaughn, Shelby Moncrief and Karli Bedard with the state title trophy. Bottom left: Hero Peters, right, hands the baton to Savannah Vaughn during the 4x100 relay. Bottom right: Kyla Hook, right, placed second in the 3,000.

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A state championship secured by a fraction of a second from an athlete who barely qualified for state. A Herculean effort from a second individual who had to overcome food poisoning just to compete. A crucial victory in a relay race over a district rival. Continued dominance in a second relay race.

These are just a few of the myriad of elements that fell in place in order for the Enterprise Outlaws girls track and field team to finally get what has eluded it for years — a state trophy. But the Outlaws didn't just get any trophy. They grabbed the state title. See Champs / Page 4C

Joseph boys get best-ever second-place finish; girls third



Joseph's Tyler Homan was the champion in the 1A boys 300 hurdles.

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When he was a freshman, Tyler Homan was the lone member of the Joseph Eagles boys track and field team to qualify for the state track meet, and he did so in the 1A boys 3,000.

Three years later, Homan came off the track at Western Oregon University in Monmouth as an individual

champion in the 1A boys 300 hurdles — and, more important, as part of the best finish the Eagles have ever had.

Boosted by Homan's win in the hurdles, an effort in the pole vault that saw three Eagles reach the podium and two additional top-three finishes, Joseph scored 48 points to take second place at the 1A state meet, a mere five points behind state

champion Dufur.

"This year by far was my favorite, but it's been cool to see kids excited to come out," Homan said. "Track is growing. Everybody knew we had a chance to get one of those team trophies. Everybody was willing to put in that work. Through the years there have been more and more kids come out and

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Joseph's Ellyse Tingelstad said she still feels the pressure of maintaining the tradition of success started by her sister, Isabelle.

Yet the junior standout is casting her own shadow in the 1A track and field world.

Tingelstad claimed two of the Eagles' three individual state titles at the 1A track and field championships in Monmouth this weekend, winning the family's fifth consecutive title in the 1A girls 3,000 Friday and repeating as champion in the 1A girls 1,500 Saturday to help lift the Eagles into third place as a team.

"It's really indescribable, honestly," Tingelstad said. "When I was growing up, I never thought running would be my thing, and then I watched my sister start doing it and really excelling. I still look up to her and think she is so fast. Being able to have her to look up to and keep me going, it's an amazing thing."

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Joseph's Ellyse Tingelstad won both the 1A girls 1,500 and 3,000 at state, repeating in both events.