

# Eagles, Outlaws, put up strong efforts in final meet before state

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JOSEPH — Justin Rogers and Kale Ferguson both picked up wins as the Joseph boys track and field team placed fourth at its home Jo-Hi Invite Saturday, May 15.

Ferguson took the top spot in the discus with a throw of 121 feet, 4 inches, a personal best. He also was third in the 200-meter run in 24.99 seconds, and third in the javelin with a throw of 135-feet-9.

Rogers, meanwhile, won the 800 in 2:04.25, was third in the high jump at 5-feet-4, and took third in the 4x400 relay with Bayden Menton, Ian Goodrich and Reece Nelson in 3:47.16.

Individually, Menton was fourth in the 800 in 2:09.69, and fourth in the 1,500 in 4:23.15. Keelan McBurney was fourth in the javelin (127-feet-8), sixth in the shot put (33-feet-7), and seventh in the discus (82-feet-11), notching personal bests in all three events. Ian Goodrich was sixth in the 800 (2:11.63) and seventh in the 1,500 (4:30.97) and Kane Johnson was seventh in the 400 (1:02.78).

On the girls side, Iona McDonald placed second in the 3,000 (13:11.48) and third in the 1,500 (5:48.59). Lottie McDonald was third in the 300 hurdles (54.57), fourth in the 400 (1:05.30) and fourth in the long jump (12-feet-8½). And Ariana Samples was fourth in the discus (60-feet-11), fourth in the javelin (58-feet-3) and sixth in the shot put (21-feet-8). The trio powered Joseph to sixth place in the meet.

The Eagles next compete at the 1A state meet Saturday, May 22, at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande.

## Outlaws gear up for state with strong district effort

UNION — On Friday, May 14, Jericho Peters and Zac Knapp won two races to lead the efforts of the Enterprise Outlaw boys at the 2A Wapiti League Championships in Union.

Peters won the 100 in 11.45 seconds, and the 200 in 23.40, while Knapp took first



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Enterprise's Jericho Peters won the boys 100- and 200-meter races Friday, May 14, 2021, at the 2A Wapiti League Championships in Union.

in the 1,500 in 4:14.29, and the 3,000 in 9:23.80. Roan Flynn also won the 300 hurdles, finishing in a time of 45.67 seconds.

The Outlaws also had a pair of second-place finishes, with the 4x400 relay team of Gideon Gray, Knapp, Peters and Lute Ramsden finishing in second in 3:42.43, and Ramsden individually placing second in the 400 in 53.29. Ramsden also took third in the 200 in 24.17, while Brenden Moore was third in the 3,000 in 10:27.15 and the 4x100 relay team of Ransom Peters, Jericho Peters, Gray and Ramsden took third in 47.41 seconds.

Ransom Peters was also fourth in the 100 (12.05) and seventh in the 200 (25.15). Moore placed fifth in the 1,500 (4:50.41) and Weston Wolfe was fifth in the 3,000 (10:43.43) and sixth in the 1,500 (4:52.44). Gray finished fifth in the javelin (128-feet-0), Flynn was sixth in the long jump (16-feet-10) and Luke Clinchy placed eighth in the 110 hurdles (23.26).

For the girls, the 4x100 team of Althea Komiskey, Maddie Nordtvedt, Ailena McEntire and Savannah Vaughn won the district title in a time of 55.77 seconds. And in the javelin, Sierra Holcomb took first with a distance of 100-feet-1.

The Outlaws grabbed second-place finishes from

Kyla Hook in the 1,500 (12:27.08), one from Vaughn in the 100 (13.71), and from



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Ariana Samples competes in the shot put for Joseph on Saturday, May 15, 2021, at the Jo-Hi Invite.

Asiya Salim in the javelin (92-feet-3).

In third was Vaughn in the 200 (28.53) and the 4x400 relay team of Nordtvedt, Hook, Maddie Wigen and Vaughn was also third in 4:36.96.

Individually, Nordtvedt

was fifth in the 100 (14.16) and sixth in the 200 (30.28). Salim was seventh in the shot put (24-feet-9½) and eighth in the discus (65-feet-3). In the high jump, Wigen and Komiskey placed seventh and eighth, both clearing 4-feet-2.

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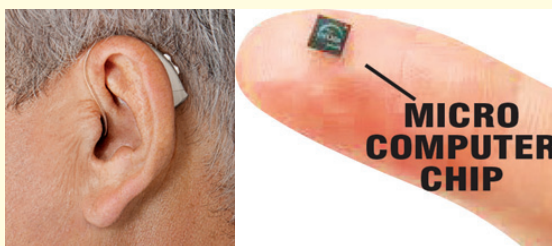
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Riley Miller with the La Grande High School Tigers pitches against the Baker Bulldogs on Saturday, May 8, 2021, in La Grande. Miller has signed to play for Clark College in Vancouver, Washington.

## LHS pitcher Riley Miller signs with Clark College

By DAVIS CARBAUGH  
The Observer

LA GRANDE — La Grande High School right-handed pitcher Riley Miller has signed to play baseball for the Clark College Penguins.

The college in Vancouver, Washington, announced the signing on Friday, May 14. The senior pitcher has been dominant this year, adding to the Tigers' impressive regular season.

"We love his competitiveness," Clark head coach Mark Magdaleno said. "That's the difference; not all people have that competitiveness and that sense of want-to."

La Grande finished the regular season with a 12-1 record and now heads into district playoffs as one of the top teams in the state of Oregon.

Clark College competes in the Northwest Athletic

Conference and boasts 22 players who have gone on to transfer to NCAA programs. The Penguins' 2021 season was canceled due to COVID-19, but they were a perfect 7-0 before the 2020 season was stopped short.

Magdaleno first noticed Miller while visiting La Grande for a game against Eastern Oregon.

"You could just tell he was a good person and he fit right in with our guys when we were taking batting practice and things like that," he said.

Miller recently pitched a four-inning shutout against Baker and scored two RBIs in the same game. He will compete at the collegiate level following the conclusion of La Grande's postseason.

"We're looking for him to come in and compete for a starting spot," Magdaleno said.

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