

KNAPP

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In addition to the school mark in the 3,000, he has the school record in the 1,500 at 4:08.46, and was attempting to break the school record in the 800 at the Special District 5 preview April 19 in Athena.

The move to the next level is one Moody said was only made possible because of Knapp's decision to drop soccer and focus solely on running.

"The day that he committed to be a runner instead of a soccer player — I'm sure it was a big decision on his part — it just opened the floodgates," Moody said. "I don't know anybody that has a better work ethic. He's just so dedicated in what he does."

Knapp said prior to that decision, he saw himself at best being a Division II runner, and even said that was a stretch in his mind. He said he already had

committed to play soccer at a Montana school before the focus change.

"The coach for U of I reached out to me, and that is when it started to occur to me (that) maybe I can be a D-I runner," he said. "I want to thrive at that level. It was honestly a shot in the dark. I was aiming (for) D-II and lower."

Knapp will give the Vandals a second distance standout from small-town Northeastern Oregon. Former 1A state champion Tim Stevens, a Cove graduate, is also on the roster in Moscow.

Knapp said Stevens being on the team did impact his decision.

"I see him and I as very similar runners," Knapp said. "To see his success right now, that gives me hope, because I see we are so similar. I hope to be as quality of a runner as he is within the next year or two. It gives me that idea that if he can succeed, why can't I?"

Moody said Knapp has been welcomed "with open arms" at the U of I, and concurred that him joining the same school as Stevens is a plus.

"Going to the University of Idaho is a good school. They've done a lot of good things," he said.

More school records could fall by the time Knapp graduates later this spring, though he knows that once he steps on campus in Moscow, the game will change.

But he is also confident.

"I'm definitely going in with the mindset of it's going to be hard, but I'm going to have teammates that will push me every day," he said. "If I continue with my diet, if I continue with my hard work, I can continue this upward trend of going faster."

His coach is also optimistic, and believes the sky is the limit.

"I think he's still got a long ways to go" before he peaks, Moody said.

STANDINGS

COLLEGE BASEBALL
Cascade Collegiate Conference

| Team | League | Overall |
|-------------------|--------|---------|
| Lewis-Clark State | 12-3 | 41-4 |
| College of Idaho | 12-8 | 24-23 |
| Oregon Tech | 9-7 | 30-17 |
| British Columbia | 7-8 | 20-21 |
| Bushnell | 9-11 | 11-32 |
| Corban | 7-9 | 20-20-1 |
| Eastern Oregon | 2-12 | 9-30 |

COLLEGE SOFTBALL
Cascade Collegiate Conference

| Team | League | Overall |
|------------------|--------|---------|
| Oregon Tech | 22-2 | 38-7 |
| College of Idaho | 20-4 | 35-8 |
| Eastern Oregon | 19-5 | 34-11 |
| Southern Oregon | 18-6 | 38-10 |
| British Columbia | 12-12 | 15-16 |
| Corban | 10-12 | 16-26 |
| Northwest | 10-17 | 14-30 |
| Bushnell | 8-14 | 12-26 |
| Carroll | 9-17 | 12-28 |
| Warner Pacific | 3-21 | 5-31 |
| Providence | 1-22 | 2-30 |

PREP BASEBALL
Greater Oregon League

| Team | League | Overall |
|---------------------|--------|---------|
| La Grande | 4-0 | 13-1 |
| Baker/Powder Valley | 4-0 | 8-6 |
| McLoughlin | 0-4 | 2-6 |
| Ontario | 0-4 | 0-11 |

2A/1A Special District 7

| Team | League | Overall |
|-----------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Heppner/Ione | 7-0 | 8-3 |
| Weston-McEwen | 4-0 | 6-0 |
| Dufur/South Wasco County | 3-0 | 9-1 |
| Grant Union/Prairie City | 2-1 | 7-4 |
| Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii/Ukiah | 2-4 | 5-7 |
| Union/Cove | 2-4 | 2-4 |
| Stanfield/Echo10-5 | 3-8 | |
| Adrian | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| Sherman/Arlington/Condon/Wheeler | 0-2 | 1-3 |
| Lyle/Wishram/Klickitat/Trout Lake | 0-5 | 0-5 |

PREP SOFTBALL
Greater Oregon League

| Team | League | Overall |
|---------------------|--------|---------|
| La Grande | 4-0 | 8-4 |
| Ontario | 2-2 | 7-4 |
| McLoughlin | 2-2 | 4-5 |
| Baker/Powder Valley | 0-4 | 5-6 |

2A/1A Special District 6

| Team | League | Overall |
|--------------------------|--------|---------|
| Union/Cove | 5-1 | 10-2 |
| Grant Union/Prairie City | 4-0 | 11-0 |
| Weston-McEwen | 2-0 | 5-2 |
| Echo/Stanfield | 2-4 | 10-5 |
| Heppner/Ione | 2-4 | 3-12 |
| Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii | 1-1 | 7-5 |
| Adrian | 0-0 | 2-0 |
| Elgin/Imbler | 0-6 | 0-6 |
| Lyle/Wishram/Klickitat | 0-0 | 0-0 |

OSAA

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The results of the other findings, which have been adopted by the OSAA, were enough to warrant probation for Molalla.

The OSAA hired a third-party investigator who interviewed witnesses and assembled evidence to assist the OSAA in determining what happened during the basketball game.

"The purpose and role of the OSAA in these situations is not to sanction schools based upon intent, but is instead to identify actions that cause impact to others, regardless of the intent of the actor(s), so as to both acknowledge the offense, and work toward creating an environment of understanding and non-discrimination," reads the OSAA's statement to both the Molalla River and Gladstone school districts. The statement was signed by OSAA Executive Director Peter Weber.

Molalla River School District released a statement to the Oregonian/Oregon-Live saying it is currently working to implement several of the OSAA's items.

"Creating an open and

welcoming environment for all students, visitors and guests has always been a priority of every Molalla River school, and we will continue to honor that commitment as we move forward," reads the unsigned statement from the school district.

Gladstone School District did not comment on the matter.

The game between Molalla and Gladstone is one of several alleged racist incidents that the OSAA

has needed to look into this school year. In the end of the fall season, the OSAA investigated a football game between Gladstone and La Grande in which Gladstone players claimed they were subject to racist taunts from La Grande players. That investigation by the OSAA was deemed "inconclusive."

In December, basketball players from De La Salle North Catholic claimed players from Clatskanie called them racist slurs.

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April 19 results

- PREP BASEBALL**
Stanfield/Echo 8, Union/Cove 5
- PREP SOFTBALL**
La Grande 15, McLoughlin 0
La Grande 19, McLoughlin 4

Wednesday, April 20

(Games completed after print deadline)

- PREP BASEBALL**
La Grande at Baker/Powder Valley (2), 2 p.m.
- PREP GIRLS GOLF**
La Grande at Buffalo Peak Golf Course, Union, TBA

Friday, April 22

- COLLEGE SOFTBALL**
Oregon Tech at Eastern Oregon (2), 2 p.m.
- PREP BASEBALL**
Joseph/Enterprise/Wallowa at Irrigon (2), 1 p.m.
- PREP SOFTBALL**
La Grande at Baker/Powder Valley (2), 2 p.m.
Union/Cove at Weston-McEwen (2), 2 p.m.
Grant Union/Prairie City at Elgin/Imbler (2), 2 p.m.
Joseph/Enterprise/Wallowa at Irrigon (2), 1 p.m.
- PREP TRACK & FIELD**
La Grande, Powder Valley at Wayne Invitational, 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 23

- COLLEGE BASEBALL**
Eastern Oregon at College of Idaho (2), noon
- COLLEGE SOFTBALL**
Oregon Tech at Eastern Oregon (2), 11 a.m.
- PREP BASEBALL**
Philomath at La Grande, noon
Sherman/Arlington/Condon at Union/Cove (2), 11 a.m.
- PREP TRACK & FIELD**
Cove, Elgin, Imbler, Powder Valley, Union, Enterprise, Joseph at 1A/2A/3A Regional Track Meet hosted by Cove High School, Eastern Oregon University, 10 a.m.

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