

Girls' Track Team takes third, boys sixth at Districts

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Both the boys' and girls' track teams finished 4-1 in the Three Rivers League with the boys in a four way tie for first in dual meet competition and the girls in a tie with Lakeridge for second behind Clackamas.

"Over the course of the season we continued to improve in all areas and increase our personal records," Joe Cerny, head coach, said.

The boys team hoped to mix things up at Districts but fell short finishing in sixth place. Spencer Dorway, senior,



Shawn Miller, senior, long jumps 21' 1 3/4" to a third place finish at Districts which was held at West Linn on May 10 and 11. Miller qualified for State in the 300 meter hurdles.

Photo by Tyler Harmon

won the high jump; Shawn Miller, senior, finished first in the 300 meter hurdles and third in the long jump; and Josh Oltman, sophomore, placed fourth in the javelin.

The girls team pulled out a third place finish overall due to outstanding performances from Ali Super, junior, winning the javelin; Samantha Dewart, junior, winning the shot put and finishing third in the discus;

Sami Demars, junior, finishing in third in high jump; Julia Green, junior, finishing third in the long jump; Kelli Walters, senior, finishing second in the 100 hurdles; and Taylor Nowlin, sophomore, finishing third in the 3000.

Regardless of their place at Districts, both teams have had an unbelievable spring and exceeded all pre-season expectations.

"We wanted to grow as a team and finish in the top three in Districts, and we have accomplished those goals," Scott Spear, girls head coach, said.

"I think a lot of athletes were anxious and nervous at the same time, but overall it was a great experience and everyone competed well," Nicole Aden, senior, said.

On May 17-19 both teams sent team members to the 6A State championship meet at the University of Oregon. For the boys, Dorway competed in the high jump and Miller in the 300 hurdles. For the girls, Walters went in the 100 hurdles, Super in the javelin, and Dewart in the shot put. As of press time, results of the State meet were not available.

Boys' Rugby finishes fourth in State, improves over last year

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The Boys Rugby Team had its best season ever in the five year history of the program, finishing fourth in State, improving on a fifth place finish last year.

The team finished the regular season with only two losses against Vancouver and Eastside, who played in the State final. The Lions' third place record qualified them for the State playoffs and a chance to play undefeated Southern Oregon champions, Ashland.

The team met the Grizzlies Rugby team in Eugene to play the first round of the playoffs. Despite the win, the West Linn coaches thought the team did not play well. The Lions tied the game on a last play score by Bradley Vokes, senior. Carl Pitzer, senior, kicked the extra point to seal the exciting victory.

"It shows if you keep trying

until the end you can succeed, because a lot of players toss in with three minutes left," Sam Stevens, senior, said.

That victory earned the Lions a home semi-final game against Eastside, a Portland team who is known for its

physical dominance and was last year's State champion. The Lions stayed tough and only allowed two scores from the Tsunamis in a loss.

"We played a lot better the second time around," Stevens said about their play

Golfers wrap up season

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Boys' Golf

Boys' Varsity golfer Matthew Percin, junior, qualified for State with a 79 at the end of the second day of Districts on May 3 and 4. Percin had a combined score of 163 for the two days and with an 82.7 season average which would have been a good enough score for him to qualify.

At the State competition on May 14 and 15 at the Oregon Golf Association Golf Course in Woodburn, Percin shot a combined total of 162 over the two days on the par 72 course.

The other members didn't qualify for State, but still performed well at Districts. Jackson Henniger, junior, ended with a 79, but he did not qualify for State. Kevin Hoffman, senior, ended with a 91, and Jordan Hongo, junior, and Josh Peterson, sophomore, ended with 86 and 90 respectively.

"We've improved an incredible amount since the beginning of the year. We had a strong finish, we just needed a few months to warm up," Hongo said.

The team as a whole finished fourth in league, behind league leader and eventual winner Lake Oswego, as well as Lakeridge and Clackamas.

"There are some great golfers in the league and the competition is tough," Shawn Hoffman, assistant coach, said.

Girls' Golf

Falling one place shy of qualifying for State, the Girls' Golf Team placed third in Districts on May 4-5. The top two golf teams are selected out of the competing schools from the Three Rivers League. Having the highest eligible, individual score, Josie Sells,

sophomore, was selected to go to State, securing third place.

Playing all week with the exception of Fridays, the Girls' Golf Team, both Varsity and JV were working on fundamentals, according to Shawn Hoffman, assistant coach. "The girls improve every time they play. We are a young team that will improve," Hoffman said.

The Varsity team competed in meets held every Monday at Persimmon, Stone Creek and the Oregon Golf Club. "We get a lot of time to practice and when we do, we get to go out and play three or four holes," Elizabeth Enderle, freshman Varsity player, said.

"Golf is really not as popular as some of the other spectator sports. It's easier to go sit at a baseball game, than walk a golf course following a few players," Hoffman said.

Although this may be true, the team gets more than enough support from other teammates. "Our coaches help us whenever we need it," Katie Longtain, freshman JV player, said.

"It's been a lot of fun working with the girls this year and I hope they continue to work on their game during the summer," Hoffman said.



Michael Blauvelt, senior, makes a run against East Side on March 17 in a playoff match at State. West Linn lost the game, 22-10.

Photo submitted by Rugby team

Boys Lacrosse looks to State

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Before the season started, the Boys' Varsity Lacrosse team had goals of qualifying for State and to make it to the final four. So far, one of those goals has been accomplished; the team qualified for State as either the second or third seed in the Three Rivers League.

The first game of the State playoffs for the Lions was against Wilson at home in which they won 6-2. Next, the Lions will play 11-1 Churchill in the second round on May 21.

"I have a good feeling that the team will do very well this year in the playoffs. We will be able to compete with the best teams in Oregon and possibly make it to the State championship game," Mark Flood, head coach, said.

While the team finished in third place in the Three Rivers League with a 8-7 overall

against Eastside in the playoffs compared to their play in the regular season.

In the third playoff game against Beaverton for third place in State, the team lost, but it still earned them their best finish in history.

Stevens, along with Michael Blauvelt, senior, are the only two players in program history to have played all four years.

"You build a team and you move with it. There's a big transition between starting as a freshman and starting as a senior," Stevens said.

record and a 8-4 conference record, it is still considered one of the top teams in State, along with Oregon Episco School and Lakeridge.

"It is hard to judge us by our overall record because we play the hardest schedule in State, and other teams have good overall records, but play an easy schedule," Flood said.

The team's only losses this season have come against elite teams such as Lakeridge, 10-0, Southridge, 7-0, Lake Oswego, 8-2, Lincoln, 7-1, and Oregon Episcopal School, 8-0. Teams that are all at the top of their conferences' and are expected to be in contention for the State title.

"If we can continue to stay motivated and keep improving on our stick skills and hustle, we can compete with any team in the State." Spencer Smith, junior co-captain, said.

Public devours celebrity gossip

Stupid News

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Case in point: Baldwin's message machine scandal. While it is sad that his family cannot get along, that is private business.

According to *Oregon Public Broadcasting*, to report a fully researched news story about controversial topics, media outlets must spend time researching, interviewing, fact checking and filming.

Compare that to the effort it takes to report Hilton's latest drunk driving accident: five minutes to look it up on the web and another ten to get file footage of her on the runway.

It makes perfect sense for the news corporations to do stories of this nature; they are very profitable. It just seems wrong for them to profit from others' suffering.

Since the tabloid media will never stop harassing people, it is time for America to stop listening. Stop buying trashy magazines, stop watching *E*, and together we can put Ryan out of a job.

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