

## SPORTS

## Tactay bounds his way into Lane CC recordbook

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Jonah Tactay has made the most of his limited track and field time the past few years, including jumping his way into the Lane Community College recordbook.

Tactay, a 2018 Hood River Valley graduate, set the Lane record in the triple jump earlier this month, bounding 50 feet, 11.5 inches (15.53 meters) at a home meet April 16 in Eugene.

"I knew the jump was big right when I landed," Tactay said. "The phases felt smooth, and I really held them out."

Tactay improved on his best of 48-9.5, which he set his freshman year at Lane. "(That) was the last time I really competed, and I hadn't had an opportunity to get a good mark before this last meet."

Tactay had two counting jumps at the mid-April meet, his record-setting effort followed by a 49-8.5 mark.

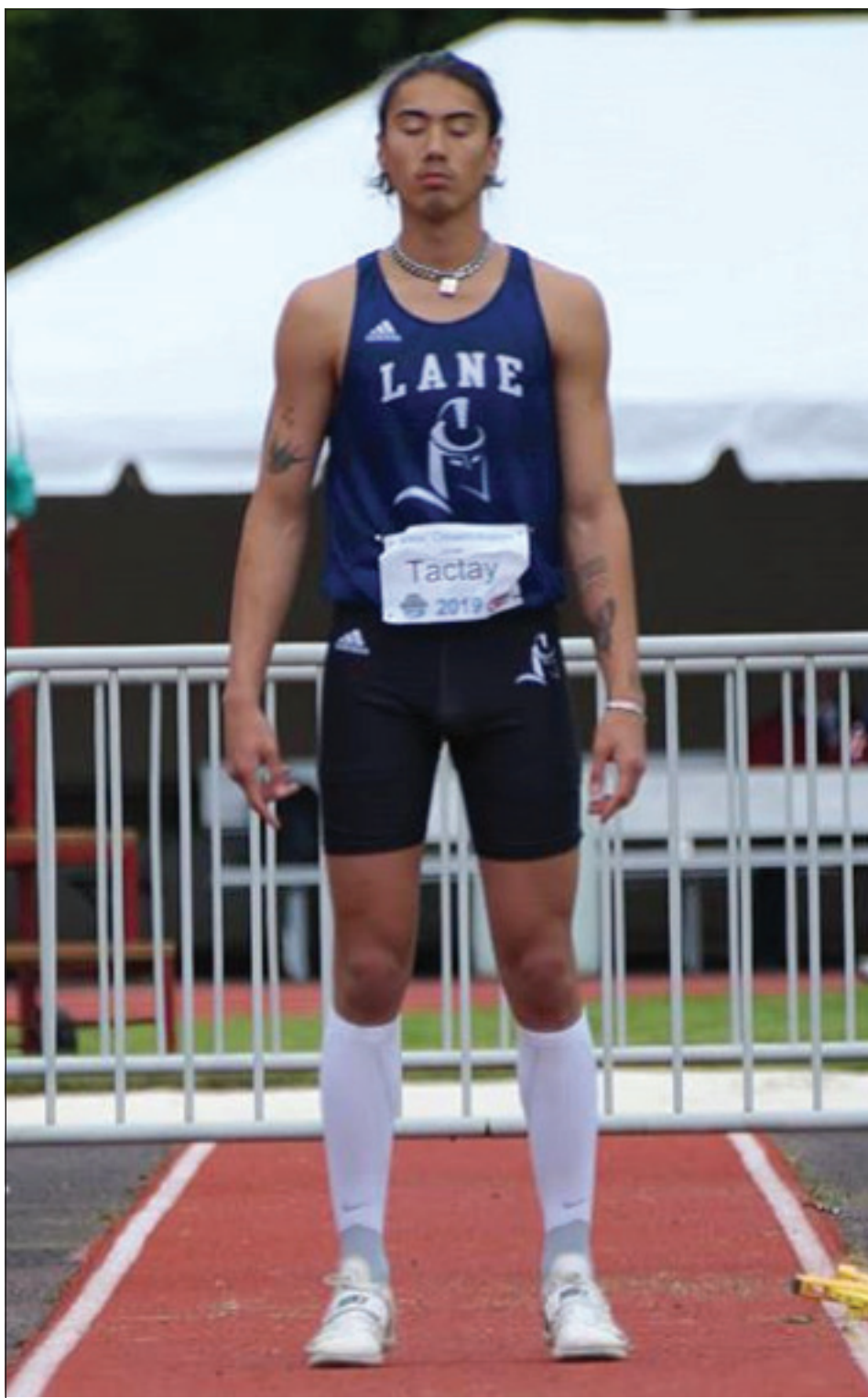
"With COVID we have been restricted a decent amount but have thankfully been able to continue having regular practices," he said. "We have been practicing consistently since September. They split the team up into several different groups to limit the people. We were only able to use the weight room for about half of the year, and of course have to wear masks and stay socially distanced."

Tactay eclipsed the former Lane triple jump record of 49-10.5 (15.2 meters), set in 2017 by Tristan James.

Tactay's other personal bests in the jumps are 23-9.5 in the long jump and 6-6.75 in the high jump. He is ranked first in the triple and long jump in the Northwest Athletic Conference of which Lane is a member. Tactay's school record jump also tied the NWAC conference record.

Former HRV teammate Mateo Campos-Davis, who also competes for Lane, finished fifth in the long jump at the April 16 meet.

At Lane, Tactay has



Jonah Tactay prepares to compete in the triple jump earlier this month, where he set a new record for Lane Community College. Contributed photo

continued on the success he had at HRV, where he placed fourth at state in the triple jump. He earned All-American status for placing first in the long jump and second in the high jump at the NWAC Championships in 2019. Lane did not compete last year because of COVID.

Tactay, who was a multi-sport athlete at HRV, said he would like to continue competing in track and field as long as possible.

"I haven't officially decided which school I'm going to be continuing track at yet, but I have been deciding between Oregon and UCLA. Although recently I've been

leaning towards Oregon.

"I'm willing to take track as far as I can take it. I would like to compete professionally if achievable, but I'm also working on a bachelor's degree in business marketing."



The Hood River Eagles boys Lacrosse takes on Central Catholic, the Eagles winning by a single point. At top, Jace Peterson (29) works the defense. Above, Nathaniel Meyer (15) takes a shot on goal. Photos courtesy Dave Henderson



## Hood River Lacrosse takes on Central Catholic

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Hood River Eagles boys Lacrosse started off a shortened season with a big win versus the Central Catholic Rams in a season that allowed only a couple weeks to prepare for.

Central Catholic started off with the momentum, maintaining a lead through the third quarter, but Hood River roared back in the fourth to go ahead 12-10 with only a couple minutes left.

Despite a goal with under a minute left for Central Catholic to close the gap, the score ended 12-11 Eagles at the buzzer.

Solid defense played a huge role in the win as the Eagles forced a crease violation to cause the final turnover and take the win.

"I am very happy with the way the team played in their first game in two years. Many of them have

never played in a varsity game before this one. They played very well as a team and played with a lot of heart and grit. Looking forward to the rest of the season with this team," Head Coach Mike Fittsimmons said after the win.

The young Hood River Lacrosse team was led by seniors Diesel Henderson with five goals and two assists, Nathaniel Meyer with three goals, and Spencer Erspamer with a goal; additional points with a goal came from sophomore Michael Frost, and two more from freshman Milo Kitchings Assists added to the team play for the squad, with junior Ryan Salmon with two, and freshman Camden Moody with another two.

The wins was a big one for the Eagles as the Central Catholic Rams have knocked out the Eagles Lacrosse team in past years.



## Team Nishi wins City

The 69th annual City Bowling Tournament was completed on April 18 at Hood River's Orchard Lanes. This, the biggest tournament in the gorge, is comprised of three games each in team, doubles and singles. In addition, the tournament includes scratch and handicap all events which combines individual scores from team, doubles and singles.

Young Kristen Kawachi, who has become a fantastic force on the lanes this season, starred in the tournament, winning three events, by bowling with the winning Team Nishi trio, plus taking the singles and handicap all-events crowns.

Joining Kristen on Team Nishi, were orchardist Joey Sheirbon and the inimitable Stuart Kawachi. This talented and tenacious trio held each other up. Joey's powerful down and in slants paced the crew with a scratch 626 three game series that included 227 and 205 games. Kristen's Astro Physix took down the sticks once again with a solid 206 and Stuart added nice 214 and

201 games. Team Nishi's total of 2087 pins was tops, followed by Pat's Pro Shop with 2021 sticks and Jesse's Team earned third place with a 2006 total. The battle for third was intense as Team Kawachi finished with 2004 pins and Hood River Supply had 2002.

Winning doubles with 1453 pins were all-pro Jeff Miller and our gregarious man about town George Buck. George must have inhaled just the right amount of the tantalizing aroma in his ever present Cheese Whiz and Hershey's Chocolate Syrup to pick such a great partner. It was definitely Miller-time as Jeff was simply awesome, rolling a huge scratch 763 three game series that was capped by big 280 and 268 games. Two awesome games for most of us but just ho-hum stuff for the great Mr. Miller. Yes, he's that good! Taking second place was the husband and wife duo of Kevin and Sandra Harris with 1423 sticks. Third was Peyton Stewart and Joey Sheirbon at 1403 pins.

The burgeoning bowling whiz-kid, Kristen Kawachi won singles rolling a scratch 613 set which, with handicap was good for a tall 772 pin total. Aaron Troxel's thumb-less power ball rattled the sticks to a 733 tally for second and the ubiquitous Jeff Miller was just one pin back with a scratch 732. Since Jeff is the No. 1 bowler in the gorge and he carries such a high average, he only got one pin of handicap per game! Beating him is always no simple task. Orchard Lanes proprietor Patrick Olson finished fourth with a 723 total.

In the handicap all-events, Kristen Kawachi simply blew away the field winning by 129 pins. Kristen obliterated her average, topping it by 271 sticks over the nine games to post a lofty 2234 total that won like the huge underdog Silky Sullivan did coming from way behind to win the Kentucky Derby by 6 lengths. Round house curve specialist, Jeff Brittle, who fires that speedy sphere of his to near the speed of sound like the jets he fuels, finished second with

2105 pins. It's hard to believe but Jeff really can hook the ball the entire width of the lane. And he's proud of it! Rabid Red Sox super fan and mailman Bryan Mason hit a few special deliveries out of the park to get third with a 2072 total.

In the prestigious scratch all events, proprietor Patrick Olson reigned supreme with a 1931 total. And, why not? Did you expect anything else? He, kind of knows these lanes, right? In the past we have always added that the scratch all events winner earns the title as the best bowler in the gorge. So, congratulations Patrick! Bill Whetstone got second with 1914 and Lynn Spellman was third with 1873, just nosing out Jeff Miller's 1871 total. Actually, the scratch all events scores were quite low, conditions were fine but the corner pins just would not fall.

Summer activities are rapidly approaching. There will be a summer senior league again that will convene on Wednesday afternoons. And, for those who like to find out just how good they are at this great game, we will have more Challenge nights that will feature different oil patterns on the lanes which will test your mettle. The bowl/golf league will also return. This fun format will tell who is the best bowler and golfer, combined! Bolt will be on Tuesday's, bowl one week at Orchard Lanes and golf the next at Indian Creek. For more info on summer activities at Orchard Lanes, contact Pat Olson at 541-386-1326.

## League high games and series

**Monday Night Industrial**  
Aaron Troxel: 277, 674; Jeff Miller: 256, 683; Mike Bosse: 258; Patrick Olson: 238; Joey Sheirbon: 237; Kevin Harris: 237; John Miller: 237; Nancy Asai: 206, 201

**Wednesday Night Fraternal**  
Patrick Olson: 257, 266, 747; Levi Phelps: 264, 236, 715; Jeremy Bloom: 685; Bill Whetstone: 659; Jeff Miller: 237, 658; Josh Worth: 268, 657; Jeff Brittle: 256, 654; Roger Montavon: 267; Bernie Keys: 206

## Eagle Snack



Hood River freshman infielder Marina Castaneda, above at left, tags out Summit senior Grace Dealy in Hood River Saturday afternoon. The Eagles won the game 20 to 6. Hood River Valley varsity softball trounced Summit in a non-league contest. Below, the team pulls together on the sidelines as Summit changes pitchers in hopes of stopping a flurry of runs. Mark B. Gibson photo



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