

# Sports & Recreation



## In opener, High Desert Storm fall to Idaho Horsemen, 46-44

Bulletin staff report

NAMPA, Idaho — The Oregon High Desert Storm lost their franchise opener Saturday night to the Idaho Horsemen, 46-44, at the Ford Idaho Center.

It was the first ever game for the Storm, the newest team in the American West Football Conference, a pro indoor football league with five teams in the Northwest.

According to oregonstorm.com, the Storm had a chance to tie the game with just under three minutes left, but quarterback William Crest Jr. was sacked on a 2-point conversion attempt.

The Horsemen, the defending AWFC champions from 2019 after last season was canceled, opened the game with two consecutive touchdowns and had a 38-18 lead by halftime.

In the second half, the Storm defense made a few adjustments and held the Horsemen to just eight points.

Storm running back Caleb Stennis scored a touchdown with 4:59 remaining, and then scored again on a 1-yard run a couple of minutes later after an Idaho fumble to cut the Horsemen lead to 46-44 with 2:51 left. But Crest was sacked on the conversion and Idaho was able to run out the clock for the victory.

After two weeks off, the Storm will travel to Yakima, Washington, to face the Yakima Canines on May 29.

The Storm are scheduled to play their first home game at First Interstate Bank Center in Redmond on June 5 against the Horsemen, and they are scheduled to play six of their 11 games in Redmond this season, which runs through July 30.

For more information about the team, visit oregonstorm.com.

## SPEEDY SPINTER

*Ridgeview Ravens freshman Kensey Gault is undefeated so far this season*

BY BRIAN RATHBONE

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**S**ISTERS — At a middle school track meet in 2019, a young sprinter caught the eye of Ridgeview track and field coach Mark Conrad.

Her strides were smooth, her running style efficient. Best of all, the seventh-grader, Kensey Gault, was fast.

Really fast.

Then came 2020 when COVID-19 canceled the track and field season and the future Raven sprinter faded from the coach's mind.

"She had the mechanics," Conrad said. "All that stuff that goes into making a fast runner. Then, basically, I forgot about her until we had the fall season."

When sports resumed last fall and Conrad watched Gault race, he quickly realized he may have one of the state's better sprinters in his program for the next four years. Since Gault began racing this spring, winning everything she entered, Conrad's hunch seems real.

"She has been off to a good start. It is too bad that the season is on the short side," said Conrad. "These kids are just getting into the swing of things and now it is almost over. But she has had a great start to the season."

As a freshman, Gault is near the top of the Class 5A leaderboard in four different events.

**Ridgeview High School's Kensey Gault competes in the 4x100-meter relay with her teammates at Sisters High School on Friday.**

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As of Friday evening, her time of 15.93 seconds in the 100 meter hurdles at Mountain View High on April 28, is the fastest time of all 5A girls hurdlers. She has the third fastest 100 meter time (12.45), and the fifth fastest 200 meter and 300 meter hurdle times in the state.

Even for a runner who has routinely won races since sixth grade, when she started running track, the early success is a bit surreal for the freshman sprinter.

"It feels really good," said Gault.

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