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Athletes of the Week

(FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 22-27)



KYLE STRANGE
Astoria

Submitted Photo

The senior played a big part in Astoria's postseason run, which included a play-in victory over Gladstone and state playoff wins at Estacada and Hidden Valley. Strange was the initial spark. Down to their final out against Gladstone, Strange singled to drive in the game-tying run, which led to an extra-inning victory. He had a single and scored a run in a 3-0 win at Estacada, then highlighted a quarterfinal victory over No. 1-ranked Hidden Valley by going 2-for-4 with an opposite field home run. He scored twice and drove in two runs. He scored one of Astoria's two runs in the season-ending loss at La Grande Tuesday. Strange led the Fishermen with a .521 batting average this season. He had 38 hits in 73 at-bats, and struck out just five times. His seven doubles, three triples and 29 RBIs were all team-highs.



GIRLS 4X200 RELAY TEAM
Ilwaco

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Ilwaco, Washington's winning 4-by-200 relay, from left to right: Eliza Bannister, Anessa Woodby, Alayna Marsh and Ebbly McMullen.

The Lady Fishermen placed 11th in the 2B team standings in the WIAA meet, held May 25-27 at Eastern Washington University in Cheney. Ilwaco's 4x200-meter relay squad highlighted the meet for the Lady Fishermen, as the foursome of Anessa Woodby, Elizabeth McMullen, Alayna Marsh and Eliza Bannister won their event in 1 minute, 48.08 seconds. Wilbur-Creston took second in 1:48.17. In the final event, Woodby, Bannister, Marsh and freshman Kaytlenn Whelden placed second in the 1,600-meter relay in 4:14.48, as Ilwaco's two relay squads scored 18 of the 25 team points.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

Baseball — 2A/1A Championship:
 Reedsport vs. Knappa, 1:30 p.m., Volcanoes Stadium

BASEBALL

Lewis & Clark All-League

Player of the Year: Mason Schimmel, Rainier

Coach of the Year: Mike Wing, Rainier

First Team

Mason Schimmel, Sr., Rainier
 Ari Bluffston, Sr., Catlin Gabel
 Gunnar Brooks, Sr., Rainier
 Dawson Carr, Jr., Rainier
 Bailey Duckett, Sr., Portland Chr.
 James Helmen, Fr., Clatskanie
 Job Karber, Sr., Rainier
 Dustin Luquette, Sr., Clatskanie
 Matt Maynard, Sr., Catlin Gabel
 Nate Post, Sr., Catlin Gabel
 Caymon Rea, Jr., Rainier
 Ryan Schmunk, Sr., Rainier

Second Team

Cash Boulch, Sr., Rainier
 Chad Clark, Sr., Portland Chr.
 Dawson Evenson, Fr., Clatskanie
 Jasper Gordon, Sr., Catlin Gabel
 Nelson Marshall, Jr., Portland Chr.
Jacob Morrow, Fr., Warrenton
 Aidan Perry, Jr., Portland Chr.
 Roland Scott, Jr., Catlin Gabel
 Tim Seybert, Sr., Rainier
 Joey Tripp, So., Rainier
 Caleb Warren, Sr., Clatskanie
 Ned Williamson, Jr., Catlin Gabel

Honorable Mention

Jacob Adler, Sr., Catlin Gabel
 Aaron Cantrell, Sr., Rainier
 Austin Wright, Sr., Portland Chr.

OSAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Baseball

6A-Clackamas vs. West Linn
 5A-Crater vs. Churchill
 4A-La Grande vs. Henley
 3A-Glide vs. St. Mary's
 2A/1A-Reedsport vs. Knappa

Softball

6A-Westview vs. North Medford
 5A-Marist vs. Dallas
 4A-Crook County vs. Henley
 3A-Dayton vs. Rainier
 2A/1A-North Douglas vs. Pilot Rock

TRACK & FIELD

OSAA State Meet

Team Results

1A Girls

Joseph 64, Adrian 45, Hosanna Christian 41, North Lake 39, Camas Valley 37, Gilchrist 33.3, Damascus Christian 32, Monument 32, South Wasco 30, St. Stephen's Academy 27, Pacific 20, Willamette Valley Christian 20, Mitchell-Spray 20, Griswold 20, Cove 19, Horizon Christian 18.3, Chiloquin 17, Southwest Christian 14, Condon/Wheeler 12, Triangle Lake 12, Powder Valley 11, North Clackamas Christian 10, Triad Christian 10, Powers 10, Dayville 8, Oak Hill 8, **Jewell 7.3**, Perrydale 6, Portland Waldorf 6, C.S. Lewis Academy 6, Days Creek 5, Falls City 4, Butte Falls 4, Echo 3, Sherman 3, Paisley 3, Harper 3, Mapleton 2, Lone 1.

1A Boys

Pacific 59, Powers 56, Southwest Christian 53, Adrian 46, Hosanna Christian 40, North Clackamas Christian 38, Triangle Lake 35, Days Creek 30, Dufur 29, Sherman 28, Damascus Christian 22, Crane 21, Triad Christian 21, Cove 20, Condon/Wheeler 19, Arlington 18, Griswold 17, Camas Valley 15, Oak Hill 10, Horizon Christian 9, Joseph 9, Lowell 8, Portland Waldorf 7, North Lake 6, Mitchell-Spray 6, St. Stephen's Academy 6, Harper 5, Powder Valley 5, Alsea 4, South Wasco County 4, Butte Falls 3, Glendale 3, Jordan Valley 3, Pine Eagle 3, Lone 2, Perrydale 1, Mapleton 1, **Jewell 1.**

GUEST COLUMN



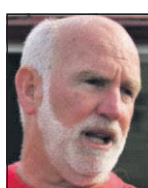
Andy Nelson/The Register-Guard

Sam Kendricks pole vaults during the second day of events at the IAAF Diamond League Prefontaine Classic at Hayward Field in Eugene on Saturday.

The 'Pre' Classic draws top track and field athletes

By NEIL BRANSON
 For The Daily Astorian

EUGENE — It was Joan Benoit Samuelson Night at the Prefontaine Classic track meet Friday.



Samuelson won the initial women's Olympic marathon in the 1984 Los Angeles summer

Olympics.

While Samuelson was a distance runner, the first event of the night was a barn burner that saw Tamari Davis of Abraham Lincoln Middle School (of Gainesville, Fla.) break her age group world record for 14-year-olds in the 200 meters, winning the Pre Classic's 200 in 23.21 seconds, breaking the previous record of 23.38.

Davis' competition at Pre was made up of a variety of state champions from Georgia, Florida and Texas. The rest of the competition on Friday was women only.

In the 3,000-meter steeplechase, Celliphine Chepteek Chespol of Kenya, after clearing the water barrier on the penultimate lap, felt her shoe coming off and stopped long enough to pull it back on.

In that interlude, two of her countrywomen opened up a 15-meter lead. With a disciplined approach, Chespol set out to make up the distance, finally pulling even with 200 meters to go.

Once over the last water jump she pulled away for the win. In the process, she posted the fastest time of the year and established a meet record. Emma Colburn, placing fourth, just missed her American Record of 9:07.63, coming in at 9:07.96.

There was outstanding competition for women in two field events, the javelin and long jump. In the long jump, Brittney Reese had the best jump of the year at 23-feet. Atsiana Khaladovich of Belarus won the javelin with a heave of 217-6.

The night's races ended with Genzebe Dibaba of Ethiopia taking aim at the 5,000-meter world record of 14:11.15 owned by her sister Tirunesh. The race got off to a slow start and it was evident early on the world record was safe, at least for this night. Genzebe did win by a large margin in 14:25.22, with second place a full nine seconds back.

Saturday, 12,312 spectators came to Historic Hayward Field to watch a mix of women's and men's competition. The triple jump turned out to be a battle

between longtime rivals and friends Christian Taylor and Will Clave, who have been competing against each other since their days at the University of Florida.

Taylor opened up with a 58-5/8 leap, which Clave matched in the fifth round. On his next effort, Taylor secured the win with a 59-5 effort.

One of the aspects of the Pre Classic that makes it so special is the number of international competitors. Athletes from China, Azerbaijan, Columbia, and Guyana joined two Frenchmen and three Americans to make up the triple jump field.

Sixteen-year-old Jakob Ingebrigtsen of Norway became the youngest person to run a sub-4 minute mile, posting a 3:58.07 for 11th place in the International Mile.

Getting to the Olympics would be difficult for any of us. Driving 180 miles to Eugene at the end of each May is reasonable. At Pre, you will see a vast majority of the best athletes track and field has to offer. The competition is stellar and the fans amazing. The two combined make for two hours of fun and excitement.

Neil Branson is an educator and former cross country coach at Seaside High School.

Columbians dominate all-league selections

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League champion Rainier had nine baseball players selected to the Lewis & Clark All-League team, announced this week.

Rainier senior Mason Schimmel was named Player of the Year, and the Columbians' Mike Wing was selected as Coach of the Year.

Six of the nine Columbians

are seniors.

Warrenton's lone selection, Jacob Morrow, was named to the second team, one of just three freshmen on the all-league team.

Ilwaco girls relay highlights state meet

By AARON MEAD
 EO Media Group

CHENEY, Wash. — Ilwaco's girls 4x200-meter relay team won the 2B State title by .09 seconds, and Alex Kaino broke his own school 300-meter hurdles record to take second place at the State track tournament in Cheney May 25-27.

Makenzie Kaech was the sixth-place shot putter in the state. Alayna Marsh made finals and finished eighth in the 400-meter dash. Eliza Bannister was 10th in the 1,600-meter run and 12th in the triple jump. Ryan Schenk took ninth place in preliminary rounds in the 400 meters. All five of Ilwaco's relay teams made finals.

Anessa Woodby started the race for the 4x2 relay team, handing off to Ebbly McMullen, who was filling in for Kaech after Kaech hurt her ankle earlier in the week. Alayna Marsh was the third runner, and Bannister was the anchor. The team took second in prelims behind La Conner (1:47.46 to 1:48.23), but La Conner did not finish the race in finals. Bannister got in just ahead of the final runner for Wilbur-Creston as Ilwaco won, 148.08 to 148.17.

In the 1,600, Woodby, Kaytlenn Whelden, Bannister and Marsh took second at 4:14.48, behind St. George's and just ahead of Life Christian. In the 4x100, McMullen, Whelden, Woodby and Marsh were sixth at 52.63, with Whelden replacing Kaech from the team that competed at Districts.

Kaino had set the school record with a 41.31-second 300 hurdles at District, finishing 8/10ths of a second behind Pe Ell's Tyler Justice. At State finals, Kaino managed an even 41 seconds, second place behind Justice's 39.8.

Kaech recovered sufficiently from her injury to compete in the shot put, where her best throw went an even 35 feet for sixth place. Bannister had her second-best 1,600-meter run of the season at 5:48.94, and triple-jumped 31 feet 1.75 inches. Marsh had a personal-best 1:02.87 in the 400 prelims, then ran the race in 1:03.05 in finals. The fifth- through eighth-place runners were all within a second of each other, and the top eight finishers were within 3 seconds.

Ryan Schenk was .24 seconds short of finals in the 400-meter prelims at 53.01, finishing ninth in an event that qualified the top eight.

Ilwaco finished third in prelims in the boys 400 relay (Kaino, Ethan Personius, Marcos Mendoza, Schenk), but Schenk injured himself in finals and could not finish. Jack Odean, in Cheney as an alternate, filled in for Schenk in the anchor leg of 4x400 finals. Along with Kaino, Personius and Mendoza, he helped Ilwaco to a fourth-place finish in State in the event.