

## Hawks in good form heading into final regular season meet

Horizon Christian's track and field team has its final regular season meet Saturday in Arlington to prepare for the May 16 Big Sky district championships in Moro.

The Hawks were busy last week, competing Thursday in Sherwood and Friday in Glenwood. Horizon's athletes used the back-to-back meets to try some new events and fine-tune their regular ones.

Horizon's girls team was fourth overall (and second among Class 1A schools) at the 18-team Southwest Christian Invitational at Sherwood High School. The Hawks were led by senior Hannah Kempf, who had a whirlwind day with four events, as did freshman Paulina Finn.

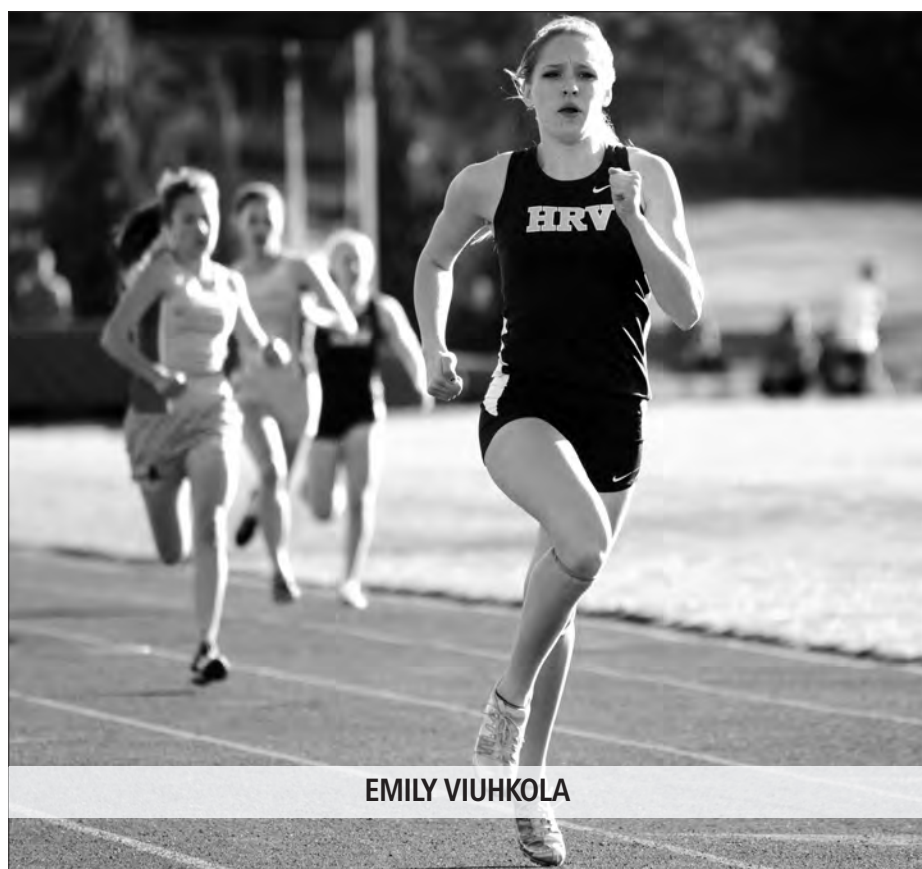
Kempf placed second — and near her personal bests — in three individual events: 200-meter dash (28.5 seconds); 400 (64.9); and triple jump (32 feet). She and Finn teamed with Haley Becnel and Kloe Brown to finish fourth in the 4x100 relay. Finn won the high jump at 4-foot-8, was third in the triple jump (31-2.5) and fifth in the low hurdles (55.7).

Junior Salvador Ramirez continued to rewrite the school record book, his latest addition coming in the 800 at the Southwest meet. Ramirez finished second in the two-lap race in 2 minutes, 4.6 seconds, a personal

best by 10 seconds and the third best 1A mark this season. Freshman teammate Andy Hung ran his first competitive 800 in 2:29.7, ranking him in the top 10 in district.

Sophomore distance runner Jony Nelson ran a career double at Southwest, finishing second in the 3000 in 9:53.6 and sixth in the 1500 in 4:32.1. Both times were mere seconds off his lifetime bests that he established when focusing on one distance race per meet.

Also at Southwest, sophomore Luke Holste finished fifth in a personal best 18.47 seconds in the high hurdles. He matched that mark at Glenwood, where he also had lifetime bests in the 100 and 200. Field event highlights at Southwest included sophomore Quinn Roetcisoender's 8-foot mark in the pole vault, and freshman Makoa Whitaker's personal best (by 12 feet) in the javelin at 135 feet. Roetcisoender improved on his vault best the next day at Glenwood, where he cleared 8-6. Other top marks at Glenwood included: Ryan Aldrich's district best 117-10 in the discus; Mason Bloomster's 139-4 javelin throw; and Amy Requa's 2:53.63 800. Horizon's girls team was third (among eight teams) at Glenwood and the boys squad was fourth.



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## School track records falling like dominoes

It seems hardly a week has gone by this season without the track stars at Hood River Valley School smashing some school record, and this past week was no different.

Three runners are now the proud holders of school records, in addition to other honors. After breaking Ocean Kuykendall's 1994 record in the 200-meter dash the previous week, Jestina Mattson broke Kuykendall's 1994 school record of 12.22 seconds in the 100 after Matson ran a 12.01 in the Nike/Jesuit Twilight Relays in Portland on Friday, which was good for second in the race. Also competing at the meet was thrower Sebastian Barajas, who didn't break any school records this week, but beat a field of nearly 50 competitors to take first in the shot put (throw of a 56 feet, 2 inches) and a similar-sized field in discus, which he also won with a throw of 174-04.

Meanwhile, at the Dean Nice Invite in Gresham, Parker Kennedy placed first in pole vault with an attempt of 15-9 breaking Bill Jones' record of 15-8 that was set in 1995. The vault puts him at No. 3 in the en-

tire state for the event. Kennedy also had a good day in the high hurdles, winning with a time of 15.69, his fastest mark of the season in the event.

Wrapping up the HRV record smashing was mid-distance runner Emily Viuhkola, who won the 400 with a time of 58.38, breaking the previous record of 58.44 set in 2010 by Lauren Lloyd. That time now puts Viuhkola at No. 8 overall in the state for the event.

Another performance of note came from freshman Gabriel Campos-Davis, who despite getting seeded in the "slow heat" of the 400, won the event in a blistering 52.36, breaking his previous personal record (which he set last week) by nearly two seconds.

Overall, the boys team finished second out of 14 teams and the girls finished 10th out of 13. There will be no Columbia River Conference "Last Chance" Meet as the schedule indicates; HRV will next compete at the CRC District Championships May 13 and 15 in The Dalles with events starting at 3:30 p.m.

## HRV

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arch rival The Dalles (results unavailable at press time) coupled with another potential home win Friday at 4:30 p.m. versus Pendleton (8-13, 4-4) would give the Eagles the title.

The Eagles had an impressive effort in Game 1 of a May 1 doubleheader versus The Dalles (10-11, 4-4), as they overpowered the Riverhawks in a 12-2 lopsided victory. The Dalles responded though in the nightcap, coming back to get a split with a 10-6 win.

"It's very important to play well in a rivalry series like this," said Harjo. "It was good that we went into the first game and hit the ball as well as we did and it helped take the pressure off our defense a little bit. Patrick Harvey (starting pitcher) did a really good job with his solid pitching performance."

In Game 1, HRV jumped out in front 6-0 in the top of the first inning after sending 10 batters to the plate. A three-run triple by Riley Van Hoose (2 for 2, walk), an RBI triple by Chase Lariza (1 for 3) and a RBI triple by Kam Walker helped propel the Eagles to the early lead.

The Dalles came back in the bottom half of the first with two runs, trimming it to 6-2 after one inning. The Riverhawks failed to score for the remainder of the game. Pitcher Harvey had everything well under control on the mound, while the Eagles played error-free defense. Harvey tossed a four-hitter with three strikeouts while pitching the complete game.

HRV's offense (11 total hits) continued to shine as the Eagles extended their lead to 7-2 in the second and then upped it to 10-2 in the third, highlighted by Skyler Hunter's two-RBI triple. Kellan Duffy smashed a solo home run in the fourth that helped extend the Eagle lead to 12-2. Following a scoreless fifth, HRV earned the 10-run mercy rule win to end the contest after five innings.

Things didn't go so well for the Eagles in Game 2. The two squads battled to a 1-1 deadlock after two innings.

The Dalles then exploded for nine runs in the third to build a 10-1 advantage. The Riverhawks capitalized on six third-inning walks, two Eagle errors and scored on a wild pitch in the inning to take control on the scoreboard.

After two scoreless innings, the Eagles rallied in the sixth to get within striking distance. Eagle leadoff batter Skyler Hunter reached base after a catcher interference violation by The Dalles. Then four consecutive Eagle batters reached base on a free pass with walks. The Eagles scored a run on a passed ball, a bases-loaded walk, and they got one run across the plate on a Riverhawk error.

Playing for the first time since he sustained a fractured jaw April 25 versus Hermiston, Eagle senior Ryan Ward contributed to the comeback with a fielder's choice RBI to help narrow the margin to 10-6. Ward had surgery on his jaw April 28 in Portland and he recovered quickly and was ready to play in Friday's matchup in The Dalles.

"You just never know how somebody will react following surgery and then coming back so quickly, so I was really concerned about him and I was trying to keep my eye on him," said Harjo. "I felt like he was feeling well enough to play. Ryan is such a tough kid and he's a really good baseball player. He did a good job while pitching four innings and getting eight strikeouts. He's pretty close to being 100-percent recovered now, though, and he really looked good at practice on Monday."

HRV's conference-best defense (4.19 runs allowed per game) stopped the The Dalles offense in the bottom half of the sixth. The Eagles had hoped to continue their comeback effort in the seventh, but they were unable to keep their momentum going. HRV failed to get a hit in the seventh and the only baserunner was Harvey, who reached base after getting hit by a pitch.

The Dalles outthit HRV 6-2 and the Eagles were victimized by three total errors. Chase Lariza (1 for 2, walk) and Duffy (1 for 2, single, two walks) were the only Eagles to get a hit in Game 2.

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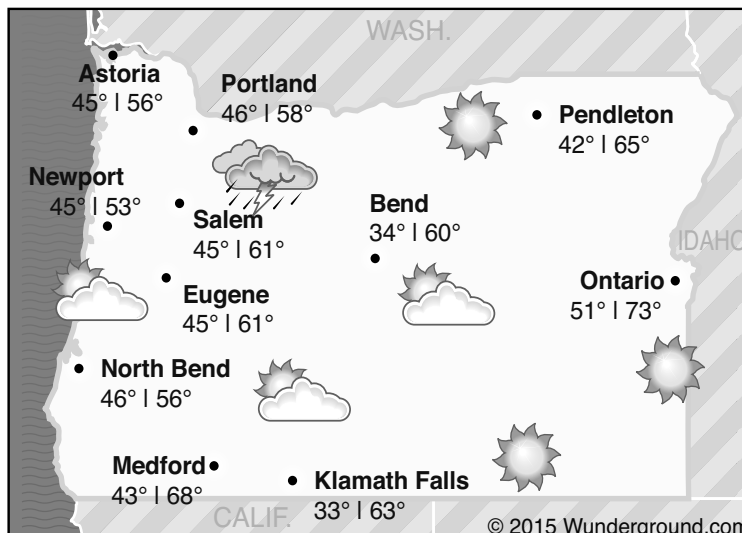
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## Hood River Weather Forecast

Date	Forecast	Daytime / Overnight High / Low (°F)
Today May 6	Partly Cloudy	64° / 45°
Thurs. May 7	Partly Cloudy	74° / 47°
Fri. May 8	Sunny	78° / 50°
Sat. May 9	Partly Cloudy	76° / 50°
Sun. May 10	Partly Cloudy	72° / 48°
Mon. May 11	Mostly Cloudy	71° / 48°
Tues. May 12	Mostly Sunny	72° / 49°

## Oregon Weather Map



### Today's Forecast

Showers likely. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 62. West wind 6 to 16 mph, with gusts as high as 23 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Humidity 87%  
Wind Speed S 1 G 4 MPH  
Barometer NA  
Dewpoint 41°F (5°C)  
Visibility NA  
Last update 04 May 7:00 am PDT

### Actual High / Low

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- Apr 27 - 78/46
- Apr 28 - 69/46
- Apr 29 - 63/47
- Apr 30 - 73/40
- Apr 1 - 75/43
- Apr 2 - 73/50
- Apr 3 - 79/41

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