

Pirates led by senior sprint star

Smith seeks to add to ever broadening track and field trophy case

BOARDMAN — Senior Justyce Smith has already collected four state titles in her storied career with the Pirates.

Smith has won at least one title in each of her three years on the track. Last year, she won the 100 meters and the long jump, but took first place in the 200 meters the previous two years. She's also reached the podium in the high jump.

This year she'll look to diversify her medal count, while competing in a

host of sprints and jumping events. Riverside coach Thomas Grimes intends to have his star compete in her championship events but will also enter her in relays and a new test: the 400 meters.

"Figuring out what Justyce can do is not the hard part," Grimes said. "Trying to decide what she isn't going to do is difficult."

Sophomore thrower Mirna Daltoso joins Smith as a girls returning state participant. Daltoso was seventh

place in the discus last year.

The boys side features a pair of state qualifying sprinters in senior Bryant Cardenas and sophomore Alex Madrigal. Madrigal just missed the finals in both the 100 and 200 meters at last year's championships.

Sophomores David Rodriguez and Jason Navarro are looked at as possible state qualifiers this spring in the hurdles and distance events respectively.



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Riverside's Justyce Smith wins the 100 meters at last year's district track meet. Smith won two state championships last year, in the 100 and the long jump.



Tristin Warne of Mac-Hi pushes over the final hurdle at last year's Class 4A state championship in Eugene. Warne finished second in the 300-meter hurdles and third in the 110-meter high hurdles.

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Speed kills for Pioneers

MILTON-FREEWATER — Senior Tristin Warne is among the state's top hurdlers and will try to improve two near wins in each this year in Eugene.

Aside from Warne, the boys team will be completely green in state competition. No other Pioneer returner competed at Hayward Field a season ago, when Warne took second in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles and third in the 110-meter high hurdles.

The girls have two returners who ran in Eugene. Senior sprinter Kristi Childers

placed sixth in the 100 meters and eighth in the 200 meters, while Susie Romero was 13th in the 1500 meters.

Childers is not the only Pioneer with wheels, coach Stacie Lieuallen said.

"We've got a lot of fast girls," she said. "We've got a pretty good girls team. They're pretty strong across the board."

The Pioneers will get the chance to showcase those fleet feet at the Greater Oregon League district meet, which the school will host on May 15-16.

PIONEERS TRACK AND FIELD

Coach: Stacie Lieuallen, 3rd year

2014 Season: The Pioneer girls took fourth place at the district meet, the boys fifth; four athletes competed at state.

Key Returners: (BOYS) Tristin Warne, sr. (GIRLS) Kristi Childers, sr.; Susie Romero, sr.



2015 Schedule

Sat., March 28	Don Holder Relays	10 a.m.
Fri., April 3	Mac-Hi Carnival of Speed	11 a.m.
Fri., April 10	Baker Relays	2 p.m.
Fri., April 17	River's Edge	11 a.m.
Sat., April 25	9th Annual Pepsi Invite	11 a.m.
Sat., May 2	Heinze Invite	11 a.m.
Fri., May 8	Baker Invite	Noon
Fri., May 15	Districts (@ Mac-Hi)	TBA
Fri., May 16	Districts (@ Ma-Hi)	TBA

2015 Schedule

Thu., March 19	Buck Track Classic	Noon
Fri., April 3	Mac-Hi Carnival	11 a.m.
Sat., April 4	Madras Invite	11 a.m.
Sat., April 11	Dick Horyna	11 a.m.
Fri., April 17	River's Edge	11 a.m.
Sat., April 18	Columbia River Invite	11 a.m.
Sat., April 25	Prosser Rotary	10:30 a.m.
Sat., May 2	Jo-High Invite	1 p.m.
Fri., May 8	Baker Invite	Noon
Sat., May 16	Districts (@ Nyssa)	TBA

PIRATE TRACK AND FIELD

Coach: Thomas Grimes (2nd year)

2014 Season: Both teams took fourth place at the district meet; the girls took fifth at state and Justyce Smith won two events

Key Returners: (BOYS) Bryant Cardenas, soph.; Alex Madrigal, soph.; (GIRLS) Justyce Smith, sr.; Mirna Daltoso, soph.



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