

## HEPPNER MUSTANGS

**Coach:** Larry Palmer, 1st year

**Postseason story:** The Mustangs advanced their boys short relay and one girl to state last season and brought back two top-10 placings.

**Key returners:** (Boys) Kaden Clark, jr., relays/sprints; Jacob Moses, jr., relays/middle distance; Jeremiah Petzoldt, jr., relays/throws; (Girls) Kelly Wilson, sr., jumps; Kaelyn Lindsay, jr., sprints; Emily Cecil, soph., middle/distance

**Key to the season:** The boys return most of their state relay team, and have upperclassmen scattered throughout the track and field events. Several of those athletes landed top 10 placings at districts last season, and should be expected to improve this year.

The girls have fewer athletes returning, but have at least one that enters the season as a top district contender. Kelly Wilson was top five in triple and long jump, and brings back the No. 1 and 2 marks, respectively, in the CBC in those events this year.

### 2015 Schedule

Thu., March 19	at Pendleton	Noon
Sat., April 4	at Sherman	11 a.m.
Sat., April 11	at Stanfield	11 a.m.
Fri., April 17	at Umatilla	11 a.m.
Sat., April 18	at Riverside	11 a.m.
Thu., April 23	Heppler Invite	3 p.m.
Sat. April 25	at Union	11 a.m.
Fri., May 1	at Grant Union	10 a.m.
Thu., May 7	at Umatilla	3:30 p.m.
Sat., May 9	at Weston-McEwen	11 a.m.
Fri., May 15	at CBC Championships (@ Stanfield)	10 a.m.

## PILOT ROCK ROCKETS

**Coach:** Phil King, 1st year

**Postseason story:** The Rockets only took two athletes to state last season, but both had top-5 finishes as Devin Hasher placed third in high jump and Hannah Mitchell was fourth in javelin.

**Key returners:** Devin Hasher, soph., jumps

**Coachspeak:** "It's a really young group so we're kind of just trying to get them comfortable. We're going to focus on person goals this season."

**Key to the season:** As a former hurdler at Pilot Rock and then Eastern Oregon University, Phil King was enthused to find a strong interest in the event at his alma mater upon taking his first head coaching gig.

"We have four hurdlers, which surprised me for a school the size of Pilot Rock," said the 2007 graduate. "That was pretty exciting when I got here, because that's obviously my specialty."

His hurdlers especially, but also the entire team, will focus on building solid technique before they worry about any postseason goals.

But jumper Devin Hasher, who split sports last spring, will focus on track this year and is one athlete with big expectations.

### 2015 Schedule

Thu., March 19	at Pendleton	Noon
Fri., April 3	at Mac-Hi	11 a.m.
Sat., April 11	at Stanfield	11 a.m.
Fri., April 17	at Umatilla	11 a.m.
Thu., April 23	at Heppler	3 p.m.
Sat. April 25	at Union	11 a.m.
Sat., May 2	at Joseph	1 p.m.
Sat., May 9	at Weston-McEwen	11 a.m.
Fri., May 15	at CBC Championships (@ Stanfield)	10 a.m.

## STANFIELD TIGERS

**Coach:** Eric Jensen, 2nd year

**Postseason story:** Boys: 18th in state; Hunter Braithwaite finished second in the 400 meters at the Class 2A state track and field championships.

**Key Returners:** Hunter Braithwaite, sr.; Carlos Flores, soph.; Elvis Lockwood, sr.; Larissa Castellanos, sr.; Bailey Watson, jr.; Cynthia Curiel, jr.  
**Key to the season:** The Stanfield boys track and field team sent four athletes to state last season, and just one, Braithwaite, placed. He took second in the 400 meters.

The other three, Nino Castellanos (100 meter sprint), Felipe Rodriguez (pole vault) and Joseph Valadez (javelin) all graduated, leaving holes in the Tigers' program. The girls placed sixth in the district meet and didn't sent any individuals to Eugene for the state meet.

### 2015 Schedule

Sat., March 21	Ray Cross Invitational	11:20 a.m.
Fri., April 3	McLoughlin Carnival of Speed	11 a.m.
Sat., April 11	Dick Horyna Invitational	11 a.m.
Fri., April 17	River's Edge	11 a.m.
Sat., April 25	9th Annual Pepsi Invitational	11 a.m.
Tue., April 28	Weston-McEwen I	3:30 p.m.
Thu., May 7	Umatilla Finale	3:30 p.m.
Sat., May 9	Weston-McEwen CBC Meet	11 a.m.
Sat., May 15	CBC Championships (@ Stanfield)	10 a.m.



## IRRIGON KNIGHTS

**Coach:** Phil Joyce, 1st year

**Postseason story:** Only one Knight advanced to state; Caitlin Hearn took fifth place in the girls shot put.

**Key returners:** (BOYS) AJ Timpy, sr., PV; Wyatt Hurley, soph., DIST; (GIRLS) Nancy Mejia, sr. DIST; Alexis Williams, soph., sprints.

**Coachspeak:** "This is a good group of hardworking individuals."

**Key to the season:** Phil Joyce moves over from Ontario High where he acted as an assistant coach to take over an Irrigon program that struggled in recent years to qualify athletes from its district.

Last season's only state participant, Caitlin Hearn, has graduated, and the Knights only retain a few placers from last year's district meet.

Senior AJ Timpy is expected to compete well in the pole vault, while Carlos Zacarius and Isaac Estrada have made strides on the track.

### 2015 Schedule

Thu., March 19	at Pendleton	Noon
Sat., April 3	at Milton-Freewater	11 a.m.
Sat., April 11	at Stanfield	11 a.m.
Thu., April 23	Heppler Invite	3 p.m.
Wed., April 29	at Hermiston	TBA
Sat., May 9	at Weston-McEwen	11 a.m.
Fri., May 15	Districts (@ Stanfield)	10 a.m.



**Stanfield's Hunter Braithwaite, right, wins the district 400 meter race last year. Braithwaite, who took second at state, is back to pace the Tigers.**

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