

Track Town lands Worlds

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BEIJING — After nearly four decades of bypassing the United States, track and field's marquee event is finally headed to the country that has been the dominant force in the sport.

The small Oregon city of Eugene, a northwestern town steeped in American track history and the home of the University of Oregon, was awarded the 2021 world athletics championships on Thursday in a sur-

prise move that came without a bidding process.

The IAAF, the governing body of the sport, said the decision was driven by the desire to break into the key American market.

"We have to give it to Eugene, to a city where athletics is like a religion," IAAF president Lamine Diack said.

The 2021 worlds will be at Hayward Field, which will be rebuilt to accommodate 32,000 spectators for the meet.

Dawgs' LaCoursierre wins after playoff

PENDLETON

Bucks take team title at PCC

East Oregonian

Paden LaCoursierre took top honors for the Hermiston Bulldogs at the Pendleton Invitational, but it was the home Buckaroos that earned the team win Thursday at Pendleton Country Club.

The Bulldog senior carded

an identical 5-over 77 to Buckaroo golfer Reilly Hegarty, but LaCoursierre won a playoff hole and Hegarty was forced to settle for second. Three others arrived at the clubhouse one stroke off of LaCoursierre and Hegarty. The Buckaroos Brayden Pulver, Hermiston's Anders Lind and The Dalles Chase Snodgrass all shot 6-over 78. Snodgrass was awarded third place. Pendleton finished four

strokes better than rival Hermiston to win the nine-team team competition. The Dalles took third.

Nathan Som and Jared Geier bolstered the Buckaroos winning scores, shooting 9-over and 14-over respectively. Zac Adams and J.D. Thacker rounded out the Bulldogs top four.

Mac-Hi finished in sixth place. Sterling Sandberg turned in a team-best 19-over

91 for the Pioneers.

Pendleton Invitational
Pendleton Country Club
Par 72

Team scoring: 1, Pendleton 322; 2, Hermiston 326; 3, Kamiakin 362; 4, Hanford 378; 5, Baker 380; 6, Mac-Hi 396; 7, La Grande 398; 8, The Dalles 417; 9, Hood River Valley 509.

Individual scoring: 1, Paden LaCoursierre (Hermiston) 77; 2, Reilly Hegarty (Pendleton) 77; 3, Chase Snodgrass (The Dalles) 78; 4, Anders Lind (HHS) 78; 5, Brayden Pulver (PHS) 78; Nathan Som (PHS) 81; Zac Adams (HHS) 82; Jared Geier (PHS) 86; J.D. Thacker (HHS) 89; Dillon George (PHS) 91; Sterling Sandberg (Mac-Hi) 91; Noah Wilson (MHS) 98; Rain Wheeler (MHS) 103; Evan Kain (MHS) 104; Riley Chester (MHS) 104.

CRC: Bulldogs looking to extend plate appearances

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"They're going to be tough to beat," Pendleton coach Greg Whitten said. "They return a lot of those same bats from last year. They've got the best pitcher (Ryan Ward) coming back from last season. Other than him, I don't think there's really any dominant arms."

Ward, a senior right-hander pitcher, started last year's state championship game and is the only all-league hurler returning. Through 13 games however, he holds just the third best earned run average of starting pitchers on his own staff behind Kam Walker and Patrick Harvey. All three have ERAs below 2.5.

The front-running status is new for the Eagles. Since the formation of the league in 2011, the school has yet to finish in the top half of the four-team conference and has never turned in a winning league record. The paltry finishes includes a 4-8 campaign last season before they turned in a memorable string of upsets on their way to a meeting with Sandy in the ti-

tle game. Sandy won its first title 8-3.

Pendleton and Hermiston finished with identical 8-4 records a season ago. The Buckaroos took the league title based upon head-to-head results — they won three of four.

It's the Bulldogs — who like HRV have yet to win a CRC crown — who come into this weekend seemingly more equipped for a run.

Hermiston (7-4) enters as the only other team with a winning-record behind the tutelage of rookie skipper Lance Hawkins. Playing in their grandiose park at Armand Larive Middle School, the Bulldogs have posted the second-best defensive numbers, allowing 5.3 runs per game. It's the team's approach at the plate that has Hawkins apprehensive.

"We've got a lot of work if we're going to compete for a CRC championship," he said last week. "We need to put the dagger in and score runs every inning. We have quite a few innings where we go 1-2-3 kind of fast."

They've yet to plate more than nine runners in a game,

and average a league-worst 4.6 runs per game. Aside from a walk-off home run from junior first baseman Tyler Sexton on Friday versus Parkrose, the Bulldogs haven't hit the long ball.

RJ Robles and Chase Root have handled the majority of the duties on the mound and have had aid of playing in front of a consistent defense.

The Buckaroos have won three of four league titles, but an improved stable of pitchers will be needed if a fourth is in the cards.

"We're going to have to score runs to win. I don't see us throwing a lot of shut-outs," Whitten said.

Pendleton has been smacked around for 10 or more runs on four separate occasions this season and aside from The Dalles, which have given up an astounding 9.3 runs per game, they rank at the bottom in the league with 7.3 allowed per game.

Whitten has settled on an opening weekend starting pairing of Quinn Cockburn and Brady Smith, with a slew of relievers prepared to enter if things go awry.

The Buckaroos are also reeling from the injury of star catcher Alex O'Rourke. The Oregon State signee suffered a facial injury in a tournament in Idaho last month. His status to return this season remains up in the air. Cockburn and Zack Myers have been catching in his absence.

The Dalles' (6-7) play has been the most polarizing of any team through the opening month of the season. They've scored a ton — 78 runs in 13 games. They've allowed even more — 120. Based upon average, only one team in Class 5A has been worse defensively.

With three teams eligible for postseason play, the regular season may prove obsolete. Hood River knows that just as well after last year's run. Hermiston finished second in 2012, but was the last team standing from the league in the state playoffs, reaching the quarterfinal round.

Pendleton hosts Hood River Valley on Saturday, while Hermiston travels to the Dalles. Both doubleheaders are set for noon start times.

RICHARDS: Plenty of season still to play

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"I always took the approach that I wanted to be as aggressive as my trainer would let me so I didn't have any regrets," he said. "I didn't want to end up missing games just because I didn't feel like doing an early morning workout."

"Before the season started I wasn't sure if I was ready, but then we had a few scrimmages and I was able to see that I could make the throws to first base alright and I started to get more confident."

Richards hasn't missed a beat since returning, and is fielding at a .966 percentage in ACC play with just three errors. He leads the team with 111 defensive assists overall, and is fifth with 52 putouts.

But while Richards is as good as ever on defense, he's come back even better at the plate.

Although his batting average (.280) is slightly below his career high (.282), Richards is enjoying his most productive season as a hitter.

His 13 RBIs and two home runs in ACC play leads the team, and although he's hitting just .200 over the last 10 games he's accounted for more than a quarter of the team's 40 runs over that span. For the season he's

also tied for first on the team with 23 RBIs, third in total bases (52), tied for third in hits (37), and fourth in slugging (.417) and runs (21).

"The whole season I've just focused on taking it pitch by pitch," he said. "I'm not really worried about (stats), I just want to make sure I approach every pitch and every at bat the right way."

Which he said also means not getting ahead of yourself.

The Irish have four more three-game series left in league play before the start of the ACC Championships on May 19 — plenty of time for their promising season to take a wayward turn.

"The ACC is one of the toughest, if not the toughest, conferences in college baseball," Richards said. "You can't take any opponent lightly."

Notre Dame, which is just 7-7 at home this season, hosts NC State starting today. Their remaining ACC series after that are at Wake Forest (22-16, 9-9), against North Carolina (23-14, 9-9), and then at Boston College (18-18, 6-11) to finish the regular season.

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TENNIS: Hermiston and Pendleton girls win handily

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6-1, 7-5 loss to Will Coy of The Dalles.

With just nine available players, many of the singles players were forced to return to the heat for doubles action. The trio of Haug, Cochran and Johnson didn't fare as well the second time out.

"I think they were pretty worn out," Pendleton coach Chris Holdman said. "It was 70 or 75 degrees out there and they only had 10 or 15 minutes (to recover) and they were back out there again."

Haug and Cochran played the top doubles match and lost 6-2, 6-1 to Griffin Martin and Ethan Semlor. Johnson paired with Daniel Medina but lost the second-doubles match.

Pendleton travels to Milton-Freewater on Saturday to take part in the Mac-Hi Invitational.

(TDHS) 6-2, 6-1
Lincoln Johnson (PHS) def. Luiz Diaz (TDHS) 7-6 (4), 6-2

Doubles
Griffin Martin/Ethan Semlor (TDHS) def. Gareth Haug/Jeremy Cochran (PHS) 6-2, 6-1

Daniel Santillan/Joe Singhurst (TDHS) def. Lincoln Johnson/Daniel Medina 6-3, 6-4
Jesus Barajas/Cody McClintock (TDHS) def. Peter Wallace/Silas Johnston (PHS) 6-3, 6-2

Alex Lopez/Caleb Turner (TDHS) def. Josh Mendoza/Henry Scanlan (PHS) 6-0, 6-0

Girls Tennis HERMISTON 7, HOOD RIVER VALLEY 1

— At Hood River Valley, the Bulldogs were one singles match victory from pulling off the sweep of the Eagles on Thursday.
Katelyn Millard, Jayce Termes and MacKenzie Hill dropped just three combined singles sets to earn victories in the top three singles matches. Devyn Wolfe took the lone loss, falling in three sets that concluded with a 10-7 tiebreak set.

All four doubles teams won in straight sets. Brianna Wolfe and Cheyenne Peterson won the top singles match, Kylie Marckwick and Whitney McMahon the No. 2, Athens Reid and Tanya Ja-

mie-Sanchez the third team, and Reed Middleton and Breana Wadekamper the final doubles match.

Hermiston will play Pendleton in a make-up league dual on Monday at 4 p.m. at West Hills.

PENDLETON 6, THE DALLES 2

— At The Dalles, the Buckaroos expected a tough match from the Riverhawks and got all they could handle before winning their CRC match on Thursday.
Three matches went to a tie-breaking third set, and three other sets needed tiebreakers before the match could advance.

One of those was Keren and Keziah Hampton's win at No. 1 doubles as they beat Anna Miller and Johanna Wilson 5-7, 7-6(3), 10-4.

"Some of these matches were pretty close, pretty exciting," said Pendleton coach Rocky Dillenburg. "They hung in there and battled for every point so that was nice to see.

"It's like I tell the girls, 'Winning is nice, but scrapping and hustling to get to every ball and really battling is what's important.'"

Pendleton swept doubles play and also earned a tie-break win from Aieleia Sayre at No. 4 singles as she came from a set down to beat Leslie Luna-Lopez 4-6, 6-1, 10-2.

Pendleton will compete at the Mac-Hi Tournament on Saturday, then host Hermiston on Monday in a match that was moved from this past Tuesday due to weather concerns. The make-up will begin at 3:45 p.m. at West Hills School in Pendleton.

PENDLETON 6, THE DALLES 2

Singles
Marissa Cianci (T) def. Matilde Cittadini 6-4, 6-1
Megan Flanagan (P) def. Robin Pashek, 7-5, 7-6(4)
Kiana Pielli (T) def. Hannah Flanagan, 6-4, 6-7(3), 10-7
Aieleia Sayre (P) def. Leslie Luna-Lopez, 4-6, 6-1, 10-2

Doubles
Keren Hampton/Keziah Hampton (P) def. Anna Miller/Johanna Wilson 5-7, 7-6(3), 10-4
Kiana Sperl/Christina Thompson (P) def. Abby Minnick/Emma Smith-El, 6-1, 6-1
Sam Bixler/Jenna Senter (P) def. Rebekah Kohfarder/Elle Tujiolo, 6-4, 6-1
Anna James/Julia Livingston (P) def. Cassie Vazquez/Maggie Corey, 6-3, 6-1

Correction

Mar'Shay Moore would be the second BMCC female athlete to play at the NCAA Division-1 level this winter at Oregon. Incorrect information appeared in the story Moore makes D-1 leap that ran in the April 16 edition. Former TWolves player Danah Haley played 16 games at Portland State this past season making her the first.

Local Slate

- THE DALLES 5, PENDLETON 3**
Singles
Gareth Haug (PHS) def. Christian Munoz (TDHS) 6-3, 6-4
Will Coy (TDHS) def. Jeremy Cochran (PHS) 6-1, 7-5
Henry Holdman (PHS) Omar Rodriguez
- PREP BASEBALL**
Today
Nyssa at Riverside (DH), 1/3 p.m.
Baker at Mac-Hi (DH), 3/5 p.m.
Saturday
Irrigon at Pilot Rock (DH), 11 a.m./1 p.m.
Heppner at Weston-McEwen (DH), 11 a.m./1 p.m.
Valley Catholic at Stanfield, Noon
Hermiston at The Dalles (DH), Noon/2 p.m.
Hood River at Pendleton (DH), Noon/2:30 p.m.
- PREP SOFTBALL**
Today
Nyssa at Riverside (DH), 1/3 p.m.
Grant Union at Echo (DH), 1/3 p.m.
Umatilla at Enterprise (DH), 1/3 p.m.
Mac-Hi at Baker (DH), 3/5 p.m.
Saturday
Culver at Heppner (DH), 11 a.m./1 p.m.
Union at Pilot Rock (DH), 11 a.m./1 p.m.
Hood River at Pendleton (DH), Noon/2 p.m.
Hermiston at The Dalles (DH), Noon/2 p.m.
Burns at Irrigon (DH), 1/3 p.m.
- PREP TRACK & FIELD**
Today
Hermiston, Pendleton, Mac-Hi, Riverside, Umatilla, Weston-McEwen, Stanfield, Pilot Rock, Irrigon, Heppner, Arlington, Condon/Wheeler, Echo at River's Edge Meet (Umatilla), 11 a.m.
Pendleton, lone at Apple Blossom Invite (Hood River), 4 p.m.
Saturday
Hermiston at Oregon Relays (Eugene), 10 a.m.
- PREP BOYS TENNIS**
Saturday
Pendleton, Riverside, Helix at Mac-Hi Tournament, 9 a.m.
- PREP GIRLS TENNIS**
Today
Stanfield at Condon/Wheeler, 4 p.m.
Saturday
Pendleton, Riverside, Helix at Mac-Hi Tournament, 9 a.m.
- PREP BOYS GOLF**
Today

- Echo at Echo Hills GC, 10 a.m.
Heppner at John Day CC, 1 p.m.
Pendleton at La Grande CC, 1 p.m.
- PREP GIRLS' GOLF**
Today
Echo at Echo Hills GC, 10 a.m.
Heppner at John Day CC, 1 p.m.
- PREP LACROSSE**
Today
Hermiston at Summit, 8 p.m.
Saturday
Hermiston at Ridgeview, 5 p.m.
- PREP RUGBY**
Saturday
East Oregon at Polk County (Salem), 12:15 p.m.
- COLLEGE BASEBALL**
Saturday
Blue Mountain at Walla Walla (DH), 1/4 p.m.
- COLLEGE SOFTBALL**
Saturday
Blue Mountain at Yakima Crossover, TBA
Sunday
Blue Mountain at Yakima Crossover, TBA
- COLLEGE RODEO**
Saturday
Blue Mountain at NW Regional 3 (Spokane Valley, WA), 1 p.m./6 p.m.
Sunday
Blue Mountain at EWU Rodeo (Spokane Valley, WA), Noon
- Basketball**
NBA Playoffs
(Best-of-7)
FIRST ROUND
Saturday
Washington at Toronto, 9:30 a.m.
New Orleans at Golden State, 12:30 p.m.t.
Milwaukee at Chicago, 4 p.m.
Dallas at Houston, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday
Boston at Cleveland, Noon
Brooklyn at Atlanta, 2:30 p.m.
Portland at Memphis, 5 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m.
Monday
Milwaukee at Chicago, 5 p.m.
New Orleans at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.
- Hockey**
NHL Playoffs
FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
Thursday
N.Y. Rangers 2, Pittsburgh 1, N.Y. Rangers leads series 1-0

- Detroit 3, Tampa Bay 2, Detroit leads series 1-0
Minnesota 4, St. Louis 2, Minnesota leads series 1-0
Winnipeg at Anaheim, 7:30 p.m.
- Today**
Ottawa at Montreal, 4 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Washington, 4 p.m.
Chicago at Nashville, 6:30 p.m.
Calgary at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, April 18**
Detroit at Tampa Bay, Noon
Minnesota at St. Louis, Noon
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 5 p.m.
Winnipeg at Anaheim, 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, April 19**
Washington at N.Y. Islanders, 9 a.m.
Nashville at Chicago, Noon
Montreal at Ottawa, 4 p.m.
Vancouver at Calgary, 7 p.m.
- Monday, April 20**
N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.
St. Louis at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Anaheim at Winnipeg, 6 p.m.
- WHL Playoffs**
SECOND ROUND
Thursday
Portland 5, Everett 3 (Portland leads series 2-1)
Today
Medicine Hat at Calgary, 4 p.m. (Calgary leads series 3-1)
Regina at Brandon, 4:30 p.m. (Brandon leads series 3-1)
Everett at Portland, 8 p.m. (Portland leads series (2-1)
Victoria at Kelowna, 6:05 p.m. (Kelowna leads series 3-1)
- Baseball**
American League East Division
W L Pct GB
Boston 6 3 .667 —
Tampa Bay 6 4 .600 1/2
Baltimore 5 4 .556 1
Toronto 5 5 .500 1 1/2
New York 3 6 .333 3
Central Division
W L Pct GB
Detroit 8 1 .889 —
Kansas City 7 2 .778 1
Chicago 3 5 .375 4 1/2
Cleveland 3 5 .375 4 1/2
Minnesota 3 6 .333 5
West Division
W L Pct GB
Oakland 5 5 .500 —
Houston 4 5 .444 1/2
Los Angeles 4 5 .444 1/2
Texas 4 6 .400 1
Seattle 3 6 .333 1 1/2

- Thursday's Games**
Minnesota 8, Kansas City 5
Tampa Bay 4, Toronto 2
- Friday's Games**
Chicago White Sox (Samardzija 0-1) at Detroit (Price 1-0), 10:08 a.m.
Atlanta (Teheran 2-0) at Toronto (Hutchison 1-0), 4:07 p.m.
Baltimore (U.Jimenez 1-0) at Boston (J.Kelly 1-0), 4:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Warren 0-1) at Tampa Bay (Karns 1-1), 4:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Kluber 0-1) at Minnesota (Peñfrey 0-0), 5:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Weaver 0-2) at Houston (R.Hernandez 0-1), 5:10 p.m.
Oakland (Gray 1-0) at Kansas City (Guthrie 1-0), 5:10 p.m.
Texas (Gallardo 1-1) at Seattle (Happ 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
- National League East Division**
W L Pct GB
New York 7 3 .700 —
Atlanta 6 3 .667 1/2
Washington 4 6 .400 3
Miami 3 7 .300 4
Philadelphia 3 7 .300 4
Central Division
W L Pct GB
Chicago 5 3 .625 —
St. Louis 5 3 .625 —
Cincinnati 5 4 .556 1/2
Pittsburgh 3 6 .333 2 1/2
Milwaukee 2 7 .222 3 1/2
West Division
W L Pct GB
Colorado 7 2 .778 —
Los Angeles 6 3 .667 1
San Diego 6 4 .600 1 1/2
Arizona 4 5 .444 3
San Francisco 3 7 .300 4 1/2

- Thursday's Games**
St. Louis 4, Milwaukee 0
Washington 5, Philadelphia 2
N.Y. Mets 7, Miami 5
Arizona at San Francisco, (n)
- Friday's Games**
San Diego (Shields 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Hammel 1-0), 11:20 a.m.
Milwaukee (Nelson 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Locke 1-0), 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (O'Sullivan 0-0) at Washington (Scherzer 0-1), 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Teheran 2-0) at Toronto (Hutchison 1-0), 4:07 p.m.
Miami (Puelhos 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Colon 2-0), 4:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Chapman 0-1) at St. Louis (Wacha 1-0), 5:15 p.m.
Colorado (K.Kendrick 1-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
Arizona (Collmenter 0-2) at San Francisco (Peavy 0-1), 7:15 p.m.

SCOREBOARD

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK
MADISON CARLIN
Weston-McEwen Track And Field - Senior
The TigerScot senior posted season-bests in the 100 meters, 300 meter intermediate hurdles and the long jump at Saturday's Dick Horyna Invitational in Stanfield. Carlin's 51.20 second hurdle time was also a personal-best.
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