

Prep Roundup

# Five win titles in Oregon City

Field events yield several medals for local athletes

East Oregonian

OREGON CITY — Five local athletes won event titles at the Willamette Falls Invitational track and field meet on Saturday in Oregon City.

Three Pendleton Buckaroos and two Hermiston Bulldogs brought back gold medals from the 25-team meet.

Pendleton senior Nolan Bylenga continued his strong season by winning the boys' 1,500-meter run by shaving six seconds off his personal best for a win in 4:11.34.

Hermiston senior Trey Neal also shattered his previous best by 12 feet, six inches in the discus for a winning mark of 154-6. He was also second in shot put (52-3.25).

The rest of the wins by locals in Oregon City went to the ladies in field events.

Pendleton junior Kiara Glover won the high jump with a 5-4 leap, and senior Keagan Utter won the 4-kilogram hammer throw with a distance of 94-10.

Utter also placed second in shot put behind Hermiston sophomore Maddy Juul.

Juul had a personal-best 37-9.25 to edge Utter's 36-5.5. Hermiston sophomore Stephanie Mearns was third in the event with a 34-10.5.

Utter also was third in discus (106-6) and Juul also took bronze in javelin (101-7). Glover brought back a silver in triple jump (34-11.5).

Several athletes placed in the top three in their events, including both of Pendleton's boys relays teams.

The 4x100 team of Bylenga, Grayson Hughbanks, Colin Rickman and Soren Wolf was second (44.90) and the 4x400 teams of Garison Alger, Bylenga, Hughbanks and Andrew Porter was third (3:32.08).

Other boys' top-three placings went to: Hermiston's Will Sharkey (second, pole vault, 12-0), Hiram Maciel (second, high jump, 5-10), Alexis Mercado (third, 400 meters, 51.52), and Elias Arenas (third, discus, 136-7), and Pendleton's Dylan Clemons (second, triple jump, 41-0).

Other girls' top-three finishes were by: Hermiston's Audrey Lincoln (second, 100 meters, 13.17) and Pendleton's Cami Montgomery (third, hammer, 62-0).

## Baseball

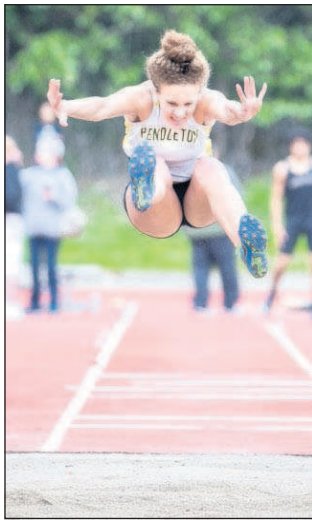
**WESTON-MCEWEN 4-15, DUFUR 3-14** — At Athena, staring at an 11-0 deficit after the first inning of Game 2 in their Saturday doubleheader, the Weston-McEwen TigerScots weren't ready to wave the white flag.

Weston-McEwen (8-2) scored at least two runs in second through seventh



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

**Hermiston's Madelyn Juul gets ready to heave the shot put Saturday at the Willamette Falls Invitational in Oregon City.**



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**Pendleton's Kiara Glover long jumps Saturday at the Willamette Falls Invitational in Oregon City.**

The Vikings (3-7, 0-4 EOL) gave up three runs in the first inning in both games and never held the lead while giving up a total of 26 hits on the day. Umatilla's next game is today at Touchet (WA) at 4 p.m.

Game 1		R	H	E	
UHS	011 110	-	4	7	3
VHS	304025	-	14	12	2

Dever, Keller (5). Buchholz, Fortin (5). W — Buchholz, L — Dever.  
2B — Dever, Samson (UHS). Fortin, Cummings (VHS). 3B — Perry (VHS). HR — Towers (VHS).

Game 2		R	H	E	
UHS	000001	-	1	8	2
VHS	304025	-	8	14	2

Landon, Garza (5). Eddy, Towers (6). W — Eddy, L — Landon.  
2B — Dever (UHS). Buchholz, Cummings (VHS).

Mac-Hi, throwing a combined 10 innings while allowing seven hits, one run and one walk to go with her six strikeouts. She also had a solid day at the plate, going 4-7 with two runs scored, eight RBI, one triple and one double.

Game 1		R	H	E	
OHS	000000	-	0	1	4
MHS	242011	-	10	12	1

Naravette, Copeland and Lesko. W — Copeland, L — Naravette.  
3B — Copeland (MHS).

Game 2		R	H	E	
OHS	000101	-	2	8	1
MHS	100236	-	12	14	1

Naravette, Copeland, Earls (5) and Lesko. W — Copeland, L — Naravette.  
2B — Lyon, Copeland, Biggs (MHS). 3B — Fortune (MHS). HR — Fortune (MHS).

## WESTON-MCEWEN 10-11, RIVERSIDE 2-5

— At Boardman, the Weston-McEwen TigerScots swept the Riverside Pirates on Saturday afternoon to stay undefeated in conference play.

The TigerScots (7-2, 4-0 EOL) cranked out 28 hits and 21 runs over the two games, with the top five batters in the order combining for 20 of the hits. Jordyn Lambert led the team with seven hits over the two games, adding in one run and two RBI, while Isabelle Dillow racked up six hits and five runs scored.

Jessica Lambert started game one on the mound for Weston-McEwen and pitched a complete game with 10 strikeouts while allowing just three hits, two walks, and two unearned runs. Bailey Hillmick started game two and also tossed a complete game with six strikeouts and giving up five runs on five hits with two walks.

For Riverside (5-7, 2-4), Sadie Hasbell turned in a solid day at the plate going 4-8 with two runs scored and one RBI from the lead-off spot in the batting order. Skylar Wightman pitched both games for Riverside, going the distance in each game and racking up 12 strikeouts on the day.

Game 1		R	H	E	
W-M	203210	2	-	10	16
RHS	002000	0	-	2	3

W — Je. Lambert, L — Wightman.  
2B — Je. Lambert (W-M). 3B — Dillow (W-M).

Game 2		R	H	E	
W-M	302212	1	-	11	12
RHS	200120	0	-	5	5

W — Hillmick, L — Wightman.  
2B — Coffman, Je. Lambert, Jo. Lambert, Hill (W-M).

## College Football

# Collins rejoins Beavers as receiver

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Seth Collins is going to stay at Oregon State after all. Collins, who played at quarterback as a freshman for the Beavers last season, had requested a transfer and signed a non-binding financial aid agreement with Northern Illinois, but he remained enrolled at Oregon State and had watched some practices this spring.

Head coach Gary Andersen announced his return to the Beavers on Monday.

"The reason we do what we do is to build young men off and on the field, supporting them and preparing them for the future," Andersen said in a statement. "Sometimes they do not always make decisions we agree with, but these can be times of growth for the individual. The return of Seth to our program is a decision supported by the leaders of this team, our coaching staff and myself."

Collins started seven games at quarterback last year, throwing for 936 yards and six touchdowns with four interceptions. He also ran for 580 yards and eight touchdowns.

He missed four games with a knee injury, but returned for the finale against rival Oregon and played at quarterback,

receiver and running back. Known for his speed and athleticism, Collins will switch to receiver full time for the upcoming season.

He thanked his teammates and Andersen for allowing him to return.

"Coach Andersen did not always agree with the direction that I was headed during this process, but was always there to talk and support me as a person first," he said in a statement. "I've grown tremendously as a person since I arrived in Corvallis and I can't wait to put on the pads and represent Beaver Nation the best way possible."

Andersen said Collins would not participate in spring practices, and would have to meet certain criteria to fully rejoin the team. He also praised Collins as an excellent student who had had no disciplinary issues with the Beavers.

"He is fully prepared to accept the responsibility and make up for the time he has missed," Andersen said.

"Spring football is in part a reward for winter conditioning, and as a result, Seth will not participate during the remaining practices. However, he is back in the weight room completing the winter conditioning cycle."

Oregon State's annual spring game is scheduled for Saturday at Reser Stadium.



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

**Taiwanese exchange student Sam Kung talks with the Pendleton boys' golf coach Nels Nelson last week at Wildhorse Resort & Casino in Mission.**

# KUNG: Host family helps teach smack talk

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each time as the Bucks won a pair of 18-hole tournaments. He shot 84 on Monday as Pendleton placed second at Bend Country Club.

"Sam's been an awesome addition to the team," said senior Reilly Hegarty. "We lost Dillon last year and I think we were a little worried about our scores going down, but Sam's just slotted in perfectly."

Teammates like Nathan Som and Brayden Pulver said the cultural novelty has added some levity to the season as well, and the team has fun learning about Kung's home and listening to him try to translate English into his native language Mandarin.

"It's a good team, I like it," Kung said. "With Kung in the mix, the Buckaroos are constantly battling for spots within the team." "It's definitely good and keeps us competitive because we're all fighting for spots," Pulver said. "We know we're all capable of playing well, so if we all play well we should be close."

It's little more than bragging rights, but an important part of lowering their overall team scores. Bragging, or boisterousness of any kind, doesn't seem to be something the soft-spoken Kung would be interested in.

But that's beginning to change since he's moved in with Pendleton's Greb family, the last of three households to host him during his time in Oregon.

Haley and Shelby Greb just happen to be the top two golfers on the Pendleton girls' team. So not only does Kung compete with his teammates for rank each round, he has to try to out-shoot his

two new host-sisters if he doesn't want to hear about it for the rest of the evening.

"I know in their culture the way they treat each other within their family members is so respectful and there's no picking on each other or making jokes," said Shelby, a senior. "Not in the Greb household."

"We've definitely shown him how to pick on each other and he's starting to learn and give it right back to us," said Haley, a junior.

All kidding aside, though, Kung is serious about lowering his scores while he has access to American courses.

"I think I have to improve my putting," he said. "The green is a lot better, like really good here. Our green is really slow and kind of like there's some holes on it. It's pretty bad."

Kung's 84 on Monday was the highest score on the team, one behind Pulver and two behind Jared Geier, but Pendleton coach Nels Nelson is confident Kung won't allow himself to occupy that position for long.

"He knows the game well and knows what to work on," he said.

Nelson thinks Kung may have come along at just the right time for the Bucks as well.

"I told (the players) I thought if they do things right, it's probably one of the best teams I've had," he said.

Pendleton will have five more rounds to hone its game before the regional tournament on May 6-7 at Eagle Crest Resort in Redmond.

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# RUGBY: Sasquatch end two-game skid against Warriors

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the Wendigos in year one. Perkins' background in rugby starts in his college days when he played for three seasons at Western Oregon University and has been involved with coaching and refereeing the sport ever since.

The expectations in year one of the program were not set too high, as Perkins said he simply wanted to see the building of a foundation for the program to grow on.

"I was just looking to get a good group of girls established where we can build the program from next year on," he said. "We were hoping to have more girls out to start, but I'm really encouraged by what we have and what we can build with."

One of those building blocks is Yurendi Magana, a student at Pendleton High School who has fallen in love with the sport in just a few short months.

"I thought it was hard at first, but as we go on in practice and playing it's getting easier and more fun," she said. "I love it, I love the bonding with my teammates and love how we communicate out there."



**The East Oregon Sasquatch, striped jerseys, take on the Clark County Warriors in a rugby match on Saturday at Grecian Heights Park in Pendleton.**

Staff photo by Eric Singer

The Wendigos have four more games scheduled for their inaugural season, with two more home games set on the slate. After that, Perkins said the team will have practices throughout the summer to continue building the foundation and growing the program.

"We've always known Pendleton has had a great female athletic population, now it's about growing it," Perkins said.

East Oregon (0-2) hits the field again on Saturday when it hosts Centennial at noon as they search for win No. 1 on the season.

## SASQUATCH 45, CLARK COUNTY 22

— At Pendleton, the Sasquatch played on Saturday as well and took on the Clark County Warriors, a team the Sasquatch has plenty of experience against. The two teams met during the season last year, with the Sasquatch pulling out a lopsided win, only to have the Warriors get revenge in the playoffs.

But it was the Sasquatch once again coming out on top on Saturday, pulling away in the second half for another lopsided 45-22 win. "We had some sloppy play

with the help of the heat, but I thought our backs played really, really well," Sasquatch coach Eric Gabriel said.

The heat played a factor for both sides in the match, as constant hydration was a must to counteract the clear sunshine mixed with temperatures near 80 degrees.

"People would think it was a beautiful day for rugby, but it's not because (the heat) takes it out of you after 15 minutes," Gabriel said. "A perfect rugby day is probably 50 degrees with some rain."

The win improved the Sasquatch record to 2-2.