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OSAA Track & Field State Championships

Rockets poised for Day 2 rise

Pilot Rock girls start strong at state; Helix thrower Sam Carlson earns silver

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EUGENE — The Pilot Rock girls track and field team has yet to score a point at the Class 2A OSAA State Championships, but the Rockets set themselves up for a launch up the leaderboard on the second day of action following some blazing performances in preliminary heats on Thursday.

Pilot Rock junior Abby Rigby is set to defend her state title in the 200 meters after she posted a 26.18 for the fastest time in the prelims. She also has the time to beat in the 400 at 1:00.84, and won her heat in the 100 although her 13.01 seeds her third in today's finals.

Also earning finals berths for the Rockets girls were hurdlers Rachel Willingham and Siobahn Holman. Willingham had the second-best time in the 300 hurdles (48.45) and Holman is finals-bound in both the 100 and 300.

It wasn't all preliminaries for 3A-1A athletes at University of Oregon's Hayward Field, though, and several athletes were able to secure medals and score points for their teams.

Helix sophomore Sam Carlson had the top finish on the afternoon after he placed second in the 1A boys' shot put with a throw of 44-11 that was a new personal record by more than a foot.

Heppner sophomore shot putter Derek Howard earned his second state medal in the See STATE TRACK/2B



Derek Howard, of Heppner, gets ready to release his shot put Thursday at Hayward Field at University of Oregon during the OSAA 3A track-and-field championships. Howard got third place with a throw of 47 feet, 3.25 inches.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney



FAR LEFT: Jacob Speed, of Weston-McEwen, competes in a preliminary heat for the 200-meter run Thursday at Hayward Field at University of Oregon during the OSAA 3A track-and-field championships.

NEAR LEFT: Abby Rigby, of Pilot Rock, wins her preliminary heat of the girls' 400-meter run Thursday at Hayward Field at University of Oregon during the OSAA 3A track-and-field championships.

Staff photos by Kathy Aney

MILTON-FREEWATER

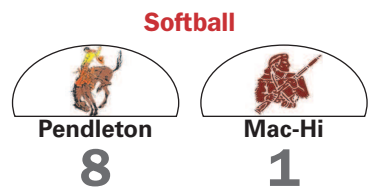
Buckaroos topple Pioneers in playoff tune-up

Pendleton builds momentum into postseason

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

With the first round of the state softball playoffs set to kick off next week, Pendleton and Mac-Hi convened at Yantis Park on Thursday both wanting to play a solid game to help build some momentum into the postseason.

The Buckaroos were able to do that, while the Pioneers showed that there is plenty of work to be done in practice over the next several days. The Buckaroos smacked 10 hits and scored eight runs over the final four innings to take down the Pioneers 8-1. It's the second win for the Bucks (23-4) over the Pioneers (17-6) this season, as Pendleton also



won 9-0 on April 11.

"This was an important one, it kinda gives us a little boost to roll into the playoffs with now," Pendleton coach Tim Cary said. "Mac-Hi's a great team and an excellent team to play right before the playoffs."

Pendleton jumped on the back of junior pitcher Lauren Richards Thursday, as the right-hander took a perfect game into the seventh inning until Mac-Hi's Micha Fortune broke it up with a bunt single to lead off the inning. Richards finished the game with two hits and one run allowed to go with her 12 strikeouts.

See BUCKAROOS/2B



Pendleton's Lauren Richards gives an intimidating stare as she prepares to fire off a pitch during the Buckaroos game against Mac-Hi on Thursday in Milton-Freewater.

Staff photo by Eric Singer

OSAA Tennis State Championships

Pendleton's Senter advances

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PORTLAND — Pendleton senior Jenna Senter advanced through the first round at the 5A girls tennis OSAA State Championships with a two-set win over Redmond senior Greta Harris on Thursday. Senter defeated Harris 7-6 (2), 6-4, to reach the quarterfinals, and was the only local to advance in the championship brackets.

She'll face overall No. 1 seed Anna Kern, a sophomore from Corvallis that won her opening match 6-1, 6-0 over Wilsonville junior Sam Monello.

The Hermiston doubles team of Jaycee Ternes and Katelyn Millard fell in the first round 6-1, 6-1 to a team from Sandy.

They'll open the consolation bracket today against a duo from Corvallis.

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Toronto suspends Pillar for slur

ATLANTA (AP) — Toronto Blue Jays center fielder Kevin Pillar has been suspended two games for yelling an anti-gay slur at a Braves pitcher.

The Blue Jays suspended Pillar on Thursday shortly after he apologized, saying he was "completely and utterly embarrassed" by his actions toward Jason Motte. Pillar was angry at Motte for allegedly quick-pitching him to get a strikeout that ended the seventh inning in Atlanta's 8-4 victory Wednesday night.

Replays appeared to show Pillar using the slur as he yelled toward the mound, and the player issued a statement acknowledging his wrongdoing.

Toronto general manager Ross Atkins flew to Atlanta to address the situation before the finale of a four-game interleague series. Atkins announced the suspension, which he said was deemed appropriate by Major League Baseball.



Pillar

"I was just trying to create traffic or create a balance and create havoc in front. And that's what they say in overtime: You throw it on net, never know what's going to happen."

— Corey Perry

Anaheim Ducks wing on his game-winning goal in overtime to beat Nashville 3-2 and tie their NHL Western Conference finals series at 2-2. It was Perry's third goal in extra time this postseason, and came off a deflection from Nashville defenseman P.K. Subban's stick.

Logan qualifies for D-II Nationals

NAMPA, Idaho — Ellie Logan is heading back to the Division II National Championships.

The former Condon/Wheeler standout and current Northwest Nazarene University sophomore clinched her spot in the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track & Field championships with a strong showing in the javelin at the Greater Northwest Athletic Conference championship on Saturday.

Logan qualified with a throw of 136 feet, 10 inches to finish seventh in the GNAC. She was able to qualify despite missing a portion of the spring season with an injury.

Logan qualified for the national championships as a freshman in 2016, where she earned first team All-American honors.

The National Championships will take place on May 25-27 at IMG Academy in Bradenton, Florida.



Logan

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1923 — Zev, a 19-1 long shot ridden by Earl Sande, wins the Kentucky Derby by 1 lengths over Martingale.

1991 — Willy T. Ribbs becomes the first black driver to make the lineup for the Indianapolis 500.

2014 — Lucy Li becomes the youngest player to qualify for the U.S. Women's Open by winning the sectional qualifier at Half Moon Bay in California. The 11-year-old Li shoots rounds of 74 and 68 on the par-72 Old Course and surpasses Lexi Thompson as the youngest competitor in a U.S. Women's Open when she tees off at Pinehurst on June 19.

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