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OSAA Track & Field State Championships

Bulldogs finish strong



Staff photo by Kathy Aney
Hermiston's Audrey Lincoln places the baton in the hand of teammate Elsa Torres during the 5A 4x100-meter run final Saturday during the OSAA State Track & Field Championships at Eugene's Hayward Field. Hermiston placed second.

Hermiston girls bring home third place, boys fifth

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EUGENE — In 2016, the Hermiston track and field team got its feet wet at the OSAA State Championships, with the girls team finishing tied for 19th out of 30 teams and the boys in 13th out of 26.

But after a highly successful 2017 season that saw a Bulldogs team mixed with senior studs and skilled underclassmen dominate the district, this year's trip to state was to prove their worth. And it's safe to say Hermiston accomplished its goal.

The Bulldog girls and boys both put together strong finishes on Saturday to earn top-five finishes, with the girls scoring 53 points for a third place finish and the boys grabbing 39 points for a fifth place finish at Hayward Field. Summit ran away with both team titles as the boys had 71 points and the girls a stunning 189 points.

Hermiston went 17 for 18 in placing in qualified events, headlined by the strong performances of all four relay



Staff photo by Kathy Aney
Tyler Rohrman, of Hermiston, competes in the 110-meter hurdles final Saturday during the OSAA State Track & Field Championships at Eugene's Hayward Field. Rohrman took second with a time of 14.68 seconds after Brock Rogers (right), of Silverton.

teams. On the girls side, both relays earned silver medals, starting with the 4x100 team of Ebony Wilson, Scout Reagan, Audrey Lincoln and Elsa Torres finishing in 48.83 as the Dawgs and first place Summit were the only two teams to turn in sub

49-second times.

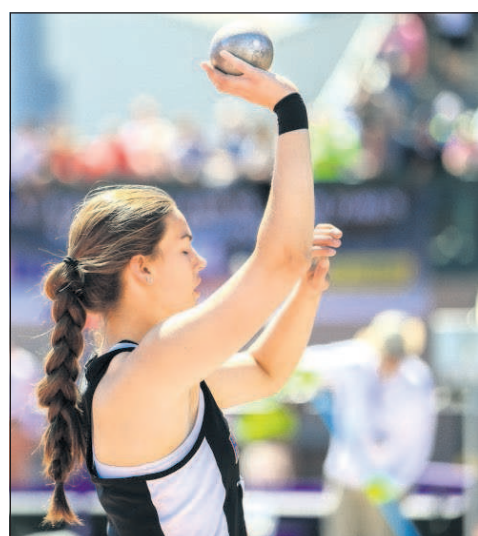
The 4x400 team of Torres, Madison Wilson, Reagan and Lincoln finished in 4:04.65, behind Summit at 3:58.64.

On the boys side, the 4x100 relay team of Joey Gutierrez, Vaemu Ena, Tyler Rohrman and Alexis

Mercado crossed the finish line in 43.30 seconds — just .11 seconds out of first — for a silver medal and a new school record. The 4x400 team wasn't quite as successful, slipping

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Maddy Juul, of Hermiston, gets ready to shot put Saturday during the OSAA State Track & Field Championships at Eugene's Hayward Field. Juul placed third in 5A shot put and eighth in discus.



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Kiara Glover, of Pendleton lands in the sand while triple jumping Saturday during the OSAA State Track & Field Championships at Eugene's Hayward Field. Glover made it to the podium for fifth place, just behind Hermiston's Ebony Wilson, who clinched fourth.

ATHENA

Hillmick leads TigerScots to district title

Weston-McEwen senior pitcher dominates Irrigon in championship

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

Before Saturday's Class 3A Special District 1 championship game even began, the Irrigon Knights already had momentum in their corner.

Roughly 45 minutes before the title game's first pitch, Irrigon had finished off a 19-9 come-from-behind victory over Echo in the semifinal game, with the Knights scoring all 19 runs over the final two innings. However that outcome did not faze the No. 1 seed Weston-McEwen TigerScots. With a dominant pitching performance from senior Bailey Hillmick, Weston-McEwen slammed the door on Irrigon's offense and earned a 4-1 victory to capture the district crown.

"It feels amazing," said Hillmick, who was all smiles afterward. "Especially since it's my senior year, securing that home first round playoff game is great and it gives us one more game on our field."

Hillmick, still fighting through a left hamstring injury that sidelined her late in the season, allowed just one run on two hits with a walk and struck out eight Irrigon batters to earn the complete game victory. The right-hander said that Irrigon's 19-run barrage had no affect on her game-plan to attack its batters, because she believed in what got the TigerScots (13-8) up to that point previously.

"I just told my teammates before we have to play our game, that game before doesn't matter because we're

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Weston-McEwen pitcher Bailey Hillmick readies to fire a pitch towards home plate during Saturday's 3A Special District 1 championship game against Irrigon in Athena. Hillmick struck out eight batters in a complete game victory.



Staff photo by Eric Singer

TigerScots lead all-district team

Hillmick named Player of the Year

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ATHENA — Before Weston-McEwen defeated Irrigon in the Special District 1 championship game on Saturday, seven TigerScots showed why they were the district's best with eight all-district team selections.

The headliner for the TigerScots was the district Player of the Year, senior pitcher Bailey Hillmick. The right-hander overwhelmed opposing hitters all season, compiling an 8-1 record with a 1.62 ERA in nine district appearances. She struck out 91 batters and walked just

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Injury ends Chesek's Oregon career

EUGENE (AP) — Record-breaking Oregon runner Edward Cheserek's college career has ended because of a lower back strain.

Cheserek won a record 17 NCAA championships across cross country and indoor and outdoor track.

His titles in the 5,000 and 3,000 meters at the NCAA Indoor championships this year pushed him passed by Suleiman Nyambui, who won 15 NCAA titles for Texas-El Paso from 1979-82.

The only athlete with more Division I titles is Jenny Thompson, who won 19 swimming for Stanford.

Cheserek was also a seven-time Pac-12 champion, including four cross-country titles. He won the 10,000 at the recent Pac-12 Championships.

The injury will force Cheserek to miss the West Regional this coming week in Austin, Texas. As a result, the senior from New Jersey will not be able to compete in the NCAA outdoor championships next month in Eugene.



Cheserek

"I will never talk to seattle times [sic] the rest of my career n [sic] will encourage my teammates to do the same."

— Michael Bennett
Seattle Seahawks defensive lineman on Twitter after *Seattle Times* columnist Matt Calkins criticized his maturity in an article that ran on Sunday. Calkins' criticism stemmed from Bennett's treatment of a reporter following the team's playoff loss to Atlanta.

Warriors finish off Spurs, advance to third straight Finals

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Stephen Curry scored 36 points and the Golden State Warriors closed out the Western Conference Final against the injury-ravaged San Antonio Spurs with a 129-115 victory Monday night, becoming the first team in league history to start the playoffs 12-0.

Golden State led by as many as 22 points in cruising to its third straight NBA Finals. The Warriors await a possible third straight championship matchup with Cleveland, which leads Boston 2-1 in the East finals.

San Antonio's only lead came on the opening possession when Manu Ginobili tossed in a left-handed scoop shot. The Spurs started Ginobili in what could be his final game.

Kyle Anderson scored 20 points to lead the Spurs, who were without Kawhi Leonard, Tony Parker and David Lee.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1976 — Boston center Dave Cowens dominates the opener of the NBA Finals against Phoenix with a 25-point, 21-rebound performance as the Celtics defeated the Suns, 98-87.

2002 — Shawn Green of the Los Angeles Dodgers becomes the 14th major leaguer to homer four times in a game and sets a record with 19 total bases. He is 6-for-6, scoring six times with seven RBIs in a 16-3 win at Milwaukee.

2005 — Anastasia Myskina is the first defending champion at the French Open to be eliminated in the opening round, losing to Spain's Maria Sanchez Lorenzo 6-4, 4-6, 6-0.

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