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Participants in the third heat of the 110-meter hurdles jump over their first hurdles Friday at the Kiwanas Invitational at Kennison Field.

INVITE: Students from ten different schools competed

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Linares was one of the several local standouts at the meet, as the Buckaroos' sophomore long jumper and triple jumper continues his breakout season. Linares turned in a personal record of 20-feet, 11-inches in the long jump and a second-best jump of 42-feet, 1½-inches in the triple jump to finish second place in both events. In five meets this season, Linares' worst finish is fifth place in both events and has finished second twice.

He jokes that his sophomore success is thanks to the protein shakes that Pendleton jumps coach Bill Aney gets before meets. In all seriousness, though, Linares believes his performance simply comes from wanting to be the best.

"Honestly, it's just the competition," Linares said. "I was used to all of these smaller schools and stuff where you jump 40 feet (in triple jump) and that's it, you're good. But then we started going to these Washington meets and competing against bigger schools where you get better jumpers and that motivates me, too, and it makes you think more."

"It's kind of just really wanting it and leaving it all out there."

Also turning in a strong performance on Friday was the Hermiston Bulldogs' girls team, which battled for first place all day long before settling into second place with 144 points — just 20 points behind first-place Kamiakin.

The shining star for the Bulldogs was the rock-solid 4x100-meter relay team of Scout Reagan, Madison Wilson, MaKaylee Young and Elsa Torres. The foursome finished in first Friday with their best time of the season and finally broke the 50-second threshold with a 49.01. It's the third time in four meets that those four have finished in first place.

Individually, Wilson breezed to victories in both the 100- and 300-meter hurdles. In the 100, Wilson finished in a season-best 15.12 seconds with more than a one-second cushion on second place, and in the 300 Wilson turned in a new personal record 46.35.

Torres had a strong day, too, finishing first in the 400-meter dash (1:01.53), second in the 200-meter dash (26.22) and third in the long jump (15-6.50). Reagan also finished second in the 100-meter dash (12.48) and third in the 200-meter dash (26.51).

Other Bulldog girls earning top-five finishes included Stephanie Miears finishing first in shot put (42-feet, 6-inches), Amanda Nygard second in the 800-meter run (2:28.46), Julianna Joyce third in the 3000-meter run (11:46.42), Sheridan Dieke fourth in discus (102-10) and javelin (98-8.50), Jayden Ray fifth in 300-meter hurdles (51.44) and Hannah Thompson fifth in shot put (34-2).

The Hermiston boys finished in third place with 83 points, and it was paced by first place finishes from Tyler Rohrman in the 110-meter hurdles (14.62) and Jackson Morgan in the high jump (6-foot-3). Rohrman had a solid day overall, also finishing fourth with a personal record in the 100-meter dash (11.49) and fifth in the 300-meter hurdles (42.27).

Other top-five finishers for the Bulldogs included Isaac Sanchez finishing third in the 1500-meter run (4:23.49), Carson Wrathall tying for third in pole vault (12-feet), Antonio Fernandez third in discus (129-10), Freddy Mendoza fourth in the 800-meter run (2:02.62), Jonathan Hinkle fifth in 200-meter dash (23.39) and Sean Stewart fifth in shot put (41-11).

Pendleton's boys and girls teams finished with nearly identical scores, with the Buckaroo girls in fifth with 68 points and the girls in sixth with 68.33. And just as Linares was a star for the boys team, so was Jaiden Lemberger for the girls.



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A steeplechase competitor stumbles in the water pit Friday during the Kiwanas Invitational at Kennison Field in Hermiston.



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Hermiston's MaKaylee Young takes off after taking the baton from Madison Wilson Friday during the 4x100 at the Kiwanas Invitational at Kennison Field.

Lemberger, a senior, won the long jump with a distance of 16-feet flat, then finished tied for second with teammate Zoe Jones in the high jump after clearing a season-best 4-foot-8, and finally finished third in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 16.95.

Also in the top five for the Pendleton girls was Emanuela Casadei as she was second in triple jump (32-9, personal record) and fifth in long jump (15-3, personal record), Hunter Kiele third in shot put (34-5), and Sarah Scott fifth in javelin (94-7.50).

The Pendleton boys finished with 11 top-five finishes overall, and six of those came with new personal-best performances. Nick Zdroy-Oja finished second in the 800-meter run (2:01.30, PR), Dillon McCorkle was third in the javelin (147-5.50, PR), Syler Rimbach tied for third in pole vault (12-feet, PR), Lane Maher third in the 300-meter hurdles (41.46, PR), Aaron Luke fourth in 200-meter dash (23.28, PR) and

fifth in the 400-meter dash (53.69, PR).

The 4x400-meter relay team of Lane Maher, Richard Scott, Nick Zdroy-Oja and Aaron Luke also finished in third with a time of 3:42.03. And also of note was freshman triple jumper Zannan Bane, who broke his previous personal record by nearly three feet with a jump of 40-feet, 1½-inches to finish eighth in the event.

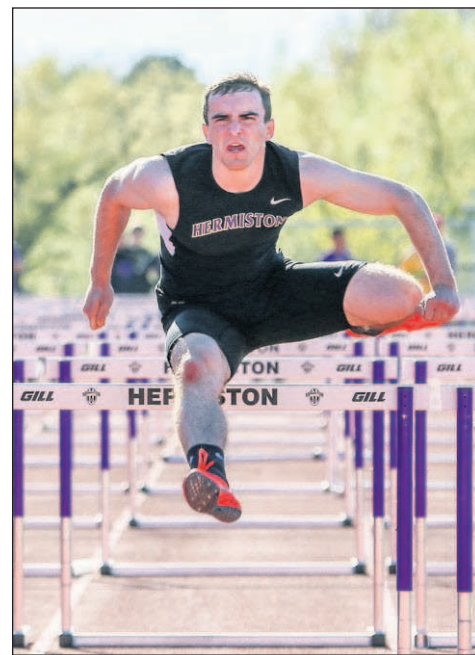
And for the Mac-Hi Pioneers, Bianca Garcia won the javelin throw with a distance of 121-feet, 5-inches, and Brianna Hernandez was fourth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:05.03.

Pendleton and Hermiston both have just over two weeks left of the regular season until the district championships, which will be back at Kennison Field in Hermiston on May 9-10.

Girls Results

1. Kamiakin, 164; 2. Hermiston, 144; 3. The Dalles, 87; 4. Chi-

Team Scores



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Tyler Rohrman, of Hermiston, leads the final heat of the 110-meter hurdles Friday at the Kiwanas Invitational at Kennison Field.



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Syler Rimbach, of Pendleton, pole vaults Friday at the Kiwanas Invitational track meet in Hermiston.

awana, 81.5; 5. Pendleton, 68; 6. Moses Lake, 50.5; 7. Hanford, 44.5; 8. La Grande, 34; 9. Baker, 33.5; 10. Mac-Hi, 19.

Boys Results
 1. Kamiakin, 170; 2. Chiawana, 152; 3. La Grande, 101; 4. Hermiston, 83; 5. The Dalles, 72.33; 6. Pendleton, 68.33; 7. Moses Lake, 32; 8. Hanford, 24; 9. Baker, 17.33; 10. Mac-Hi, 8.

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