



HERMISTON



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Hermiston's Patrick Wicks makes a forehand shot Saturday at the district championships in Hermiston.

DAWGS END AT DISTRICTS

Cissna places sixth, but no Bulldogs advance to state

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HERMISTON — The 5A Special District 1 Boys Tennis Championships wrapped up Saturday at Armand Larive Middle School.

Seven teams, including Hermiston and Pendleton, competed over Friday

and Saturday at Hermiston High, Sandstone Middle School and ALMS. The Bulldogs had three seeded entries: No. 8 Hayden Cissna in singles and doubles pairs No. 4 Patrick Wicks and Thomas McCullough and No. 7 Matt Eckhardt and Trent Pitney.

Cissna made it the farthest out of any local player and was Hermiston's only district placer. He finished sixth after a tough match against Summit on the final day of competition.

"It's been such an accomplishment

just getting to sixth (place) and being able to play someone like that in the last round, it really made me emotional," Cissna said, "but once I started focusing in, it really brought my game together and the pressure just added to me doing my best."

Cissna's Day 2 started early with a 9 a.m. match against TJ Fourneir of Mountain View where he took an 8-6 victory. The win pitted him against Summit's Cade Doan in the fifth-sixth place match. Doan topped Cissna, 6-1, 6-4, but the

Bulldog's efforts didn't go unnoticed.

The long rallies and grit in the second set impressed Hermiston head coach Shann West.

"I thought Hayden played the best tennis I've seen him play," West said. "It's always nice to see people rise to the occasion for events like this and the kid he was playing has obviously played a lot more tennis, but he (Cissna) had his mindset right."

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College track & field

EOU men's track wins conference

Former Hermiston, Pendleton standouts fared well

East Oregonian

HERMISTON — After wrapping up the Columbia River Conference district meet Wednesday and Thursday, Hermiston High School turned around and hosted the Cascade Collegiate Conference Championships at its Kennison Field complex on Friday and Saturday, which included Eastern Oregon University.

The Mountaineer men's team earned its first conference championship since 2015, finishing with 208 points and a sizable cushion on defending champion Southern Oregon (168). The Mountaineer women's team secured a fourth place finish with 105 points, while College of Idaho won with 196.5 points.

Two Hermiston natives were back on their home track and performed very well. Freshman Ebony Wilson earned an individual conference title in long jump (5.61 meters), ran the first leg of the third-place 4x100 meter relay team (48.09), and finished sixth in both the 100-meter dash (12.66) and triple jump (10.65 meters). Fellow freshman Makayla Akers turned



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EOU's Makayla Akers, who competed for Pendleton and then Hermiston in high school, throws the javelin Saturday during the Cascade Conference Championships in Hermiston.

in a fifth place finish in javelin on Saturday with a throw of 124 feet and 6 inches.

Pendleton native Hunter Frazier finished in seventh in men's hammer throw (40.29 meters) and

12th in shot put (11.82 meters) for EOU. Another Pendleton native and College of Idaho sophomore, Keagan Utter, performed well, fin-

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Prep roundup

Helix girls notch third straight district title

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MORO — On Saturday the 1A-3 Special District 3 Track and Field Championships were held at Sherman High School, where the Helix girls team earned their third consecutive district title with a whopping 168 points.

The Grizzlies distanced themselves from the field by over 60 points with a number of top finishes, including a sweep of the 800 meters with Hannah Christman coming in first (2:34.61) and Kaylee Cope finishing second (2:41.07), another in the 1,500 meters from Lucy Case (5:23.08) and Cope (5:41.79) and again in the 3,000 meters with Case placing first (11:55.49) and Christman finishing second (12:34.91).

Emma Fehrenbacker earned a second place finish in the 400-meter dash (1:04.82) and both the 4x100- and 4x400-meter relay team punched their ticket to state with top finishes with second and first place finishes, respectively.

In the field events, Sadie Wilson took home the district title in shot put (33-02.00) and Arianna Krol threw a new personal best of 99-04 for first in discus. Wil-

son also qualified for state in the javelin throw with a new personal record (PR) of 115-06 and Kailey Mize placed second in the triple jump (30-04.50) for a state berth.

For the boys, Helix's Sam Carlson won the district title in discus with a throw of 129-10 — a new PR — and placed second shot put with a season best of 44-04.00.

On the track the Grizzlies had a lone top finisher: 800-meter runner Gavin Newton clocked a new PR (2:10.23) for first place.

Along with Helix's state qualifiers, Ione will be sending Hayden Qualls, who swept the boys distance races after finishing first in the 1,500 meters (4:23.80) and 3,000 meters (10:04.06); Kathryn Burns, who finished second in shot put (32-07.00); Sarah Knop in the 300-meter hurdles (57.15) and high jump (4-08.00) and Laura Ayala in the 100-meter hurdles (17.41) and 100-meter dash (13.59). Echo's only state qualifier was Morgen Marcum, who placed second in shot put (120-11).

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Sports shorts

Bogus "game-worn" equipment trial delayed

HACKENSACK, N.J. (AP) — A trial has been delayed in a lawsuit accusing New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning of selling bogus "game-worn" equipment to unsuspecting collectors as part of a long-running scam.

Jury selection was to have begun this week, but a death in the family of one of the attorneys pushed that back to next Monday. Manning could take witness stand.

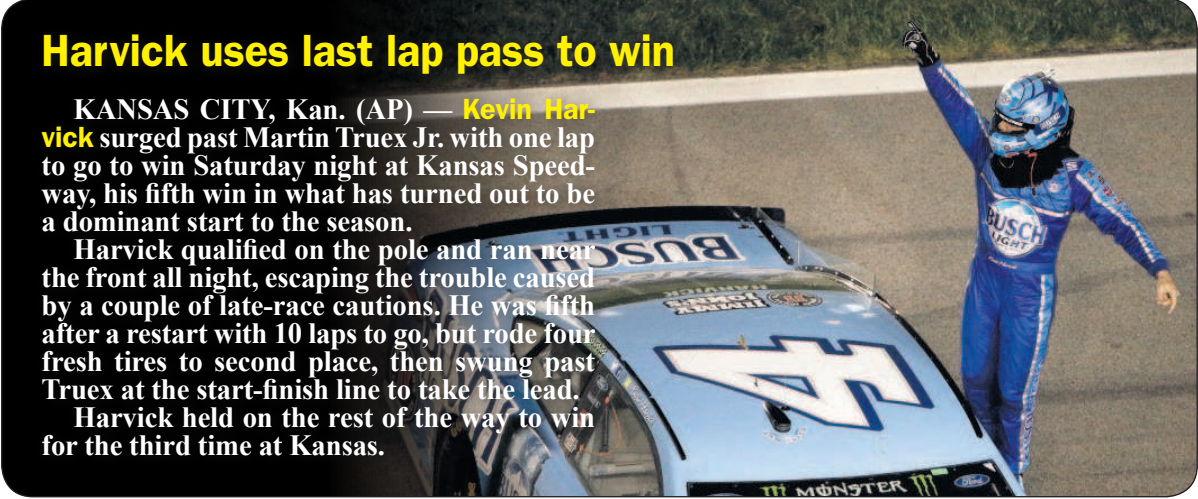


Harvick uses last lap pass to win

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — Kevin Harvick surged past Martin Truex Jr. with one lap to go to win Saturday night at Kansas Speedway, his fifth win in what has turned out to be a dominant start to the season.

Harvick qualified on the pole and ran near the front all night, escaping the trouble caused by a couple of late-race cautions. He was fifth after a restart with 10 laps to go, but rode four fresh tires to second place, then swung past Truex at the start-finish line to take the lead.

Harvick held on the rest of the way to win for the third time at Kansas.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

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1981 — Len Barker of the Cleveland Indians pitches the first perfect game in 13 years — a 3-0 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays.

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