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Pendleton's Lane Maher competes in the 110-meter hurdles during the Kiwanis Twilight Invitational track meet in Hermiston. Maher came in second with a time of 14.74 seconds and won the 300-meter hurdles in 39.58 seconds.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Pendleton's Maher has record day at Kiwanis Invite

Palzinski, Romero and mile relay team pick up wins for Hermiston girls

By ANNIE FOWLER
East Oregonian

After the sun welcomed athletes and fans to the Kiwanis Twilight Invitational on Friday, the rain began to fall on the meet at Kennison Field for the first time in recent memory.

Event sheets were soggy, as were the athletes, but the rain did not put a damper on the event.

Kamiakin ran away with the boys title with 233 points, while Hanford and Kamiakin fought to the bitter end for the girls team title.

The Braves, who had a 1.5-point lead over the Falcons heading into the 4x400 relay, came away with the title (160.5 points) because Hanford (156) did not field a mile relay team. Hermiston finished third.

Jaxson Nichols of Kamiakin, who won the high jump and long jump, and was second in the triple jump, was the boys high-point athlete of the meet.

For the girls, the honor was shared by



Nicholas Breshears of Hermiston gets wet during the 3,000-meter steeplechase event during Friday's Kiwanis Twilight Invitational.

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Hanford teammates Amanda Fraga and Katelynn Gelatin.

The Pendleton boys finished fourth in the

team standings behind a stellar day from junior Lane Maher, who won the 300 hurdles (39.58), and was second in the 110 hurdles (14.74) behind Parker Morgan of Kamiakin (14.72). Both times were personal bests for Maher.

Maier was seeded sixth entering the 110 hurdle race.

"I knew they had faster times than me coming in, and getting higher than that (sixth) is joyful," Maher said. "It feels good to compete against faster people."

Morgan said he didn't know anything about Maher coming into the race.

"I was more worried about Beau (Franklin of Hanford)," Morgan said. "My goal was to break 15 (seconds), and meets like this push me."

In the 300 hurdles, Maher pulled away from Morgan just before the last hurdle.

"I was trying to go as fast as I could," Maher said. "He was right next to me, then I pulled away at the end. This and the Willamette meet are the best I've been to this year. Maybe I should join Washington conference."

Pendleton coach Larry Brizendine said Maher's times rank in the top four in each

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KIWANIS TWILIGHT INVITATIONAL

Boys team scores — Kamiakin 233, La Grande 86, Chiawana 84, Pendleton 58, Hanford 52, The Dalles 50, Moses Lake 42, Hermiston 34.5, Baker 32, Dufur 22.5, Nyssa 14, Powder Valley 11, Stanfield-Echo 10, Mac-Hi 1.
Top 3 each event
3000 steeplechase — 1, Payton Hill (Kam), 10:11.88. 2, Sam Alvarez (TD), 10:17.53. 3, Andrew Holladay (Kam), 10:34.37. 110H — 1, Parker Morgan (Kam), 14.72. 2, Lane Maher (Pend), 14.74. 3, Ethan Berkey (Kam), 15.09. 100 — 1, Derek Fischer (Kam), 11.24. 2, Cam Sanford (Pend), 11.35. 3, Syl Hunt (Kam), 11.37. 1600 — 1, Isaac Teeples (Kam), 4:32.65. 2, Kale Casidy (Baker), 4:33.11. 3, Cameron Gutierrez (Kam), 4:36.88. 4x100 relay — 1, Kamiakin (Syl Hunt, Neal Berkey, Parker Morgan, Derek Fischer), 43.13. 2, La Grande, 43.78. 3, Dufur, 44.58. 400 — 1, Cameron Gutierrez (Kam), 50.07. 2, Bennie Alferness (Chi), 51.60. 3, Sajun White (LG), 51.64. 300H — 1, Lane Maher (Pend), 39.58. 2, Parker Morgan (Kam), 40.44. 3, Ethan Berkey (Kam), 800 — 1, Austin Bachman (Chi), 1:59.67. 2, Isaac Teeples (Kam), 1:59.98. 3, Freddy Mendoza (Herm), 2:02.23. 200 — 1, Cajun White (LG), 23.16. 2, Derek Fischer (Kam), 23.23. 3, Reed Twidwell (TD), 23.40. 3200 — 1, Fax Weide (Kam), 9:48.62. 2, Grayson Wilcott (Kam), 9:52.61. 3, Bennett Welch (LG), 9:57.71. 4x200 relay — 1, Kamiakin (Syl Hunt, Tyler Gourley, Ethan Berkey, Derek Fischer), 1:35.90. 2, Moses Lake, 1:39.73. 3, La Grande, 1:39.82. 4x400 relay — 1, Kamiakin (Woodley Downward, Parker Morgan, Neal Berkey, Cameron Gutierrez), 3:30.31. 2, La Grande, 3:36.41. 3, The Dalles, 3:38.40. PV — 1, Neal Berkey (Kam), 14-0. 2, Brayden Freitag (Kam), 14-0. 3, Cameron Breier (Chi), 12-6. LJ — 1, Jaxson Nichols (Kam), 21-4 1/2. 2, Nickolas Tsiatsos (LG), 21-4 1/2. 3, Dion Lee (Chi), 21-2 1/4. Discus —

1, Ryan McCartney (Kam), 138-0. 2, Konner Oberman (Han), 136-7 1/4. 3, Chase Bradshaw (Herm), 123-8 1/4. Shot put — 1, Hunter Williams (Chi), 45-6. 2, Carson Evans (ML), 44-1 1/2. 3, Trenton Pearson (Chi), 43-5. Javelin — 1, Devan Craig (S-E), 157-8. 2, Moses Garza (ML), 157-2 3/4. 3, Sam Jennings (Pend), 150-9 1/4. HJ — 1, Jaxson Nichols (Kam), 6-5. 2, Woodley Downard (Kam), 6-0. 3, Justin Conklin (TD), 6-0. TJ — 1, Dion Lee (Chi), 45-7 1/2. 2, Jaxson Nichols (Kam), 42-7. 3, Zaanan Bane (Pend), 41-0.
Girls team scores — Kamiakin 160.5, Hanford 156, Hermiston 107, The Dalles 51.5, Chiawana 46.5, Moses Lake 46, Nyssa 44, Baker 42, Pendleton 30.5, La Grande 27, Dufur 11, Stanfield-Echo 5, Mac-Hi 1.
Top 3 each event
2000 steeplechase — 1, Alexa Neff (Chi), 7:57.42. 2, Megan Wright (Han), 8:00.10. 3, Carlie Gregg (ML), 8:03.79. 100H — 1, Kari Heath (ML), 16.41. 2, Madisyn Hartley

(Nys), 16.75. 3, Grace Meek (Kam), 16.83. 100 — 1, Katherine Petsch (Kam), 12.68. 2, Camryn Dezemmer (Han), 13.17. 3, Britney Donnas (Kam), 13.26. 1600 — 1, Marisa Memmott (Kam), 5:30.97. 2, Emma Baeth (Baker), 5:37.12. 3, Jacki Martini (LG), 5:37.71. 4x100 relay — 1, Kamiakin (Kaili Knapp, Britney Donnas, Katherine Petsch, Rachel Harper), 49.40. 2, Hanford, 50.34. 3, Hermiston, 51.77. 400 — 1, Amanda Fraga (Han), 1:00.15. 2, Jayden Ray (Herm), 1:03.37. 3, Elizabeth Tapia (TD), 1:03.64. 300H — 1, Britney Donnas (Kam), 47.06. 2, Elisabeth House (Pend), 50.00. 3, Megan Wright (Han), 50.54. 800 — 1, Hannah Paulsen (Kam), 2:26.01. 2, Emma Mullins (TD), 2:28.27. 3, Emma Baeth (Baker), 2:28.29. 200 — 1, Katherine Petsch (Kam), 25.90. 2, Camryn Dezemmer (Han), 26.55. 3, Amanda Fraga (Han), 26.84. 3200 — 1, McKenzi Teeples (Kam), 11:46.27. 2, Carli Jones (Kam), 12:18.40. 3, Emily Johnson (TD), 12:36.73. 4x200 relay — 1, Kamiakin (Rachel Harper, Brit-

ney Donnas, Kaili Knapp, Katherine Petsch), 1:47.25. 2, Hanford, 156.97. 3, Moses Lake, 1:57.62. 4x400 relay — 1, Hermiston (Jayden Ray, Amanda Nygard, Sydney Seavert, Abigail Sharon), 4:19.29. 2, The Dalles, 4:20.61. 3, La Grande, 4:25.09. HJ — 1, Kierstin White (Dufur), 4-11. 2, Britain Hartley (Nys), 4-10. 3, Sianna Iverson (Chi), 4-10. LJ — 1, Madisyn Hartley (Nys), 17-2 1/4. 2, MaKaylee Young (Herm), 16-4. 3, Amanda Fraga (Han), 15-6 3/4. Shot put — 1, Paige Palzinski (Herm), 38-0. 2, Katelynn Gelatin (Han), 35-9 1/2. 3, Juanita McBride (Han), 34-5. Discus — 1, Katelynn Gelatin (Han), 118-5 1/4. 2, Lucy Johnson (ML), 108-5 1/2. 3, Suzanne Gelatin (Han), 108-0. PV — 1, Abigail Winstead (Kam), 11-0. 2, Rachel Harper (Kam), 10-6. 3, Graison Oberman (Han), 9-6. TJ — 1, Brooke Thorne (Chi), 32-7. 2, Lindsey Marske (Han), 31-9. 3, Lacey Moser (ML), 31-7 1/4. Javelin — 1, Jazlyn Romero (Herm), 136-7 1/2. 2, Samantha Moore (Nys), 120-0 1/2. 3, Salee Westermeyer (Kam), 117-9 1/2.

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SOFTBALL

Hermiston takes two in a battle of the Bulldogs

Bulldogs keep Pasco softball winless in MCC action

By BRETT KANE
East Oregonian

All it took was seven innings for Hermiston's softball team to add two more Mid-Columbia Conference wins to their record.

On Friday, the Bulldogs enacted the WIAA's 15-run rule twice in a row, ending game one against the visiting Pasco Bulldogs 18-2 in four innings, and game two with a 15-0 shutout in three.

The wins follow Tuesday's doubleheader losses at Kennewick.

"It's exciting," coach Kate Greenough said of her team's back-to-back blowouts. "After Tuesday, it was nice to score some runs and hold down our defense."

Pasco opened the first game with an early 1-0 lead, but Hermiston was quick to respond, posting four runs at the bottom of the first to stay out front for good.

Bailee Noland, who would not be denied at the plate, hit a two-RBI single in the first inning, and followed that with a grand slam at her next at-bat. She hit a perfect 3 for 3 with three runs and seven RBIs scored.

Hermiston also took advantage of Pasco's defensive weaknesses, stealing 18 bases in the first game alone. And Pasco pitcher Brizeida Quiroz, who gave up 18 runs on 11 hits and nine walks, couldn't manage a strikeout.

"That really helped us," Noland said of Pasco's pitching. "Our team is used to seeing higher-speed pitching, and a lot of change-ups. We jumped on their straight-up fastballs today."

Noland hit an RBI-double in the bottom of the third to aid in a five-run streak. Ashley Cameron hit one of her own in the fourth to wrap the game up. The double solidified her perfect batting performance, where she hit 2 for 2 with three runs and three RBIs.

The Dawgs sent 12 batters to the plate in the second inning of game two, resulting in eight runs, half of which came before Pasco put an out on the board.

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Hermiston's Bailee Noland winds up for a pitch during Friday's game against Pasco at Rocky Heights Elementary School field.

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