

Hermiston's Palzinski takes 9th in the shot put

Jazlyn Romero and Kaylee Young will compete Saturday

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Hermiston sophomore Paige Palzinski finished ninth in the shot put Friday at the 3A State Track and Field Championships at Mt. Tahoma High School in Tacoma, missing the podium by a half-inch.

Palzinski's top mark of 40 feet, 7½ inches came on her final throw in the finals. Her first throw of 39-8¼ in the prelims put her into the finals.

Kiana Lino of Shorecrest won the event with a throw of 44-10.

"I am so proud of her," Hermiston coach Emilee Strot said of Palzinski. "It was her best series ever; she has to be happy with that. It's unfortunate that she missed the podium, but there was good competition. There were really good marks and a lot of the girls were excited, which sparks the competition."

The Hermiston boys 4x100 relay team of Broc Remmer, Thomas Reagan, DJ Wilson and Garrett Walchli finished 11th in Friday's prelims and did not make the finals.

The Bulldogs turned in a time of 44.65 seconds and finished seventh in the first heat. Gig Harbor had the top time in the prelims at 42.52.

Walchli finished 14th in the 200 prelims with a time of 23.14 seconds. Dorien Simon of Lakes had the fastest qualifying time of 21.54.

"It's exciting," Strot said. "Every kid we have with us here has the possibility of coming back next year. I think they are thankful for the experience."

The Bulldogs are back in action Saturday. Jazlyn Romero throws the javelin at 10:30 a.m., while Kaylee Young long jumps at 2 p.m.

Romero has the top mark going into the competition.

"She has been soaking it all in," Strot said of Romero. "She watched Paige today. She's ready. She's not stressing out."



Photo courtesy of Michael Najera

Hermiston sophomore Paige Palzinski prepares to throw the shot put on Friday at the 3A state track meet in Tacoma. Palzinski finished ninth.

Bucks advance to 5A semifinals

Pendleton shuts out Crescent Valley in quarterfinals battle

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They may have taken four innings to bring the bats, but the Bucks are now on their way to the 5A semifinals.

On Friday's quarterfinals baseball contest at Crescent Valley, the Pendleton Buckaroos kept the Raiders off of home plate for a 6-0 shut out.

Cooper Roberts, who threw just one strikeout over a full game on the mound, never let a single run slip by him.

"Cooper threw a heck of a game," said Pendleton coach TJ Haguewood. "He just pounded the zone, kept guys off-balance, and let his defense work behind him. He worked ahead of the count. He was always in control."

Three innings went by without a run from either team.

"It was moving along quickly," Haugewood said. "It was good baseball. Their pitcher (Ethan Krupp) was doing a good job of mowing us down, and Cooper did the same to them."

The Bucks finally broke the game open in the top of the fourth. On a 1-0 count, Quinn Doherty singled on a line drive to right field, and advanced to second on Ryan Stahl's single on the following at-bat.

Tanner Sweek doubled on a full-count pitch to right field to score the two runners.

"That was huge," Haguewood said. "It finally broke the ice."

In the top of the fifth, Ty Beers doubled to right field and scored Curtis Simons, who was running for Justin Duso.

Sweek singled to lead off the next inning and took second base on a wild pitch. Kyle Field's single sent him to third, and he scored on an error during the next at-bat to put the Bucks ahead 4-0.

The Bucks put up two more runs in the top of the seventh, including an RBI single from Matthew Demianew.

Sweek went 2-for-3 at the plate and posted a run and two RBIs to lead Pendleton's offense. Stahl hit 3-for-4 with two

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Jennings fourth in javelin for Bucks

Pendleton's Lane Maher qualifies for finals in both hurdle events

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Pendleton freshman Sam Jennings made a big splash at the 5A State Track and Field Championships Friday, placing fourth in the javelin with a toss of 181 feet, 7 inches at Mt. Hood Community College.

Jennings' previous best this season was 162-7. The Pendleton school record is 186-10, set by Geoff Herd in 2009.

"Oh, my gosh," Pendleton coach Larry Brizendine said. "He threw 181 feet — that was crazy. He just let it fly."

Ty Hampton of North Bend won the event with a mark of 213-11, breaking the state record of 205-8, set by Garrett Snow of Eagle Point in 2012.

Edwin Linares picked up a silver medal in the triple jump, soaring 43-9½. He finished 10th at state last year in the event.

Sophomore Emma House finished eighth in the javelin with a toss of 107 feet, 2 inches, which came on her second throw in the finals.

"Emma was told she did not make the finals," Brizendine said. "She was sitting up in the stands when they called for her. She



Staff Photo by Kathy Aney, File

Sam Jennings of Pendleton heaves the javelin during the Kiwanis Twilight Invitational track meet April 19. Jennings placed fourth at the 5A Track and Field Championships Friday at Mt. Hood Community College with a throw of 181 feet, 7 inches.

went in without any warm-ups and finished eighth."

In the prelims, Lane Maher made the finals of both hurdle events.

In the 300 hurdles, he had the top time of 39.13 seconds. His top competitor, Dylan Murray of Willamette, was disqualified for a trail leg violation.

"Lane has a good shot tomorrow at taking home gold," Brizendine said. "He was cruising. He might break his own school record."

In the 110 hurdles, Murray had the top time of 14.43, while Maher crossed the finish line in 14.90. They were the only two to run the prelims in under 15 seconds.

Freshman Muriel Hoisington made the finals of the 400 meters, clocking a personal best 1:01.05 to finish seventh in the prelims.

Elisabeth House qualified for the finals of the 300 hurdles, turning in a time of 46.48 for the fourth-best time in the prelims. Cam Sanford (200), Aaron Luke (400) and Elisabeth House (100) did not make the finals in their respective events.

In addition to the track finals Saturday, Linares will compete in the long jump at 2:30 p.m., while the boys 4x100 relay team of Sanford, Luke, Blake Davis and Aiden Patterson will be on the track in the finals at 1:45 p.m.

The Pendleton girls 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams were given at-large berths to state and also will run Saturday. There were no prelims for the relays.

The Pendleton boys are sitting fifth in the team standings after the first day with 13 points. Silverton leads with 22.

"We are looking good," Brizendine said. "We are hoping for top four and a trophy."

Dawgs go 1-2 at state tournament

Hermiston rallies for 8-5 win over Holy Names

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Bailee Noland hit two home runs, including a key two-out, three-run blast in the top of the seventh inning, to help Hermiston to an 8-5 victory over Holy Names in the consolation bracket at the 3A state softball tournament at the Regional Athletic Complex in Lacey, Washington.

Hermiston's tournament run would end with the next game as Snohomish escaped with a 4-2 victory.

Hermiston finished its season with a 17-10 record.

The Bulldogs trailed Holy Names 4-0 heading into the the sixth inning, where Noland hit a solo shot and Hermiston hung three runs on the board for a 5-3 game.

Holy Names failed to score in the bottom half of the inning, putting the Bulldogs at the plate in the seventh.

With two out, and Kalei Smith on third, Ashley Cameron hit an RBI single to push Smith across the plate and bring

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