



PREP ROUNDUP

Track teams compete in tourney

By Steve Tool

Wallowa County Chieftain

This week brought the annual Jo-Hi Invite track meet at Joseph. Although blustery and cool, the sun was bright as Enterprise, Elgin and Weston-McEwen competed with the Eagles for the top spot. Elgin captured the men's title, scoring 182 points to 179 for Enterprise and 144 for Joseph. Enterprise took the top ladies spot, scoring 239.5 to Joseph's second-place 183.5 points.

Softball

The Cubs didn't have a league game last week, but played the La Grande JV team, declawing the hapless Tigers by scores of 14-2 and 19-4 at Enterprise April 28. Each game only went five innings because of the 10-run mercy rule.

Enterprise scored 11 first-inning runs in the first contest. Darby Gassett, Madison Plew and Ashley Exon led the massacre, pounding Tigers pitching with nine RBIs between them.

Gassett contributed five RBIs, homering once, doubling once and lacing a pair of singles in the onslaught. Gassett went 4 for 4 at the plate with Plew going 2 for 3 and Exon 1 for 3. Becca Bateman, Shelby Moncrief, Gwen Jenson and Josie Scott had two hits each. The team had 15 hits.

Rylee Goller and Lexie Gassett pitched two and three innings, respectively, giving up only four hits and striking out two. Tiger hitters were helpless against Gassett, who didn't give up a single hit. Neither pitcher gave up a walk. The Cubs left the field with three total errors.

The second game, the Tigers belted a two-run homer in the opening inning, but that was the last ray of daylight they saw, as again, the Cubs beat the stripes off the Tigers, bombing their pitching for 14 hits in four innings.

Lexie Gassett led the RBI parade with four, including a double and two base hits. Plew followed close behind with three RBIs and two doubles, while Exon had two RBIs.

The Goller/Gassett tandem again teamed up on the Tigers with Goller striking out three while giving up only one hit and no runs in her two innings on the mound. Again, the Cubs committed three errors.

The wins left the Cubs with a 4-2 league record and 10-7 overall.



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Joseph Charter School senior Cayden DeLury is quick out of the blocks on the opening leg of the 4x100 relay at the Jo-Hi Invite held last Saturday at Bill McCadden Field in Joseph. DeLury's relay team won the event with a 48.68 time.

The team's next contest is a non-league doubleheader at Pendleton May 4 and a home game against Umatilla on May 5 at 1 p.m.

Baseball

Stanfield, the top-ranked team in the state easily shot down the Wallowa Valley Eagles at Enterprise Friday by 12-0 and 6-1 scores. The first game saw the Stanfield pitcher just one walk short of throwing a rare perfect game.

The next game saw the Eagles fare slightly better, with Chris Bathke leading off with a double and scoring the Eagles lone run in the first inning. Clayne Miller also contributed a hit to the Eagles cause. The Eagles also didn't allow a Stanfield runner to reach base the last three innings of the game.

"They're (Stanfield) ranked number one for a reason," Eagles assistant coach Geoff Hayward said.

The losses left the Eagles with a 3-5 league record and 6-7 overall. The next battle is a league doubleheader at Riverside on May 5, followed by a doubleheader at Burns the following Tuesday.

TOP 4 PLACES IN EVENTS

Joseph Girls: 100m. 4th Alexa Sykora, 13.96; 200m 4th Johnelle Suto, 29.90; 800m 4th Ellyse Tingelstad, 2:43.06; 1500m 1st Isabelle Tingelstad, 5:04.33, 4th Ellyse Tingelstad, 5:37.48; 4x100m relay 2nd Johnelle Suto, Ella Coughlan, Camille Crenshaw, Alexis Sykora, 55.78; 4x400m relay 2nd Johnelle Suto, Camille Crenshaw, Ella Coughlan, Isabelle Tingelstad, 4:45.65; Shot put 3rd Renee Seal, 21-06.5; Discus 2nd Natalie Gorham, 78-03; Javelin 1st Ally Cooney, 107-04, 2nd Courtney Bailey, 79-04, 3rd Anna Ytander, 70-09, 4th, Cailey Murray, 62-06; High jump 2nd Ally Cooney, 5-01, 4th Alexis Sykora, 4-06; Pole vault 2nd Maddie Bailey, 7-00, 3rd Ellyse Tingelstad, 5-06; Long jump 3rd Ally Cooney, 14-04; Triple jump 1st Ally Cooney, 31-05, 4th Maddie Bailey, 24-06.

Joseph boys: 100m 4th Kade Kilgore, 13.29; 200m 2nd Aaron Borgerding, 25.87; 400m 1st Cayden DeLury, 54.01, 3rd Guylen Snyder, 1:01.74; 800m 4th Tucker VanWinkle, 2:33.90; 1500m 2nd Justice McQuown, 5:04.19; 300m hurdles 1st

Cayden DeLury 43.44; 4x100m relay 1st Cayden DeLury, Caevan Murray, Jake Christman, Aaron Borgerding, 48.68; 4x400 relay 1st Aaron Borgerding, Caevan Murray, Jake Christman, Cayden DeLury, 3:52.28; 3rd Aji Priatmojo, Justice McQuown, Tucker VanWinkle, Guylen Snyder, 4:22.96; Shot put 4th Ben Lopez, 38-03.25; Discus 2nd Ben Lopez, 107-05; Pole vault 3rd Kade Kilgore, 9-00, 4th TJ Grote, Steven Beckman, 8-00; Triple jump 3rd TJ Grote, 34-02.

Enterprise girls: 100m 2nd Hero Peters, 13.66; 200m 2nd Reagan Bedard, 29.67; 400m 1st Karli Bedard, 1:04.14, 3rd Irina Baldessari, 1:07.41; 800m 1st, Deedee Duncan, 2:34.02, 2nd Eliza Irish, 2:35.32, 3rd Ashley Wilson, 2:39.97; 1500m 2nd Deedee Duncan, 5:26.03, 3rd Eliza Irish, 5:26.17; 100m hurdles 1st Stacy Douglass, 17.30, 2nd Ashlyn Gray, 17.33, 3rd, Carsyn Miller, 19.78, 4th Sydney Stonebrink, 20.29; 300m hurdles 1st Karli Bedard, 51.02, 2nd Irina Baldessari, 54.72, 3rd Stacy Douglass, 56.50; 4x100 relay 1st Reagan Bedard, Riley Gray, Stacy Douglass, Hero Peters 56.50; 4x400

relay 1st Karly Bedard, Reagan Bedard, Riley Gray, Eliza Irish, 4:20.90; Shot put 2nd Tishrei Movich-Fields, 4th Nodya Papineau 20-06; High jump 1st Karli Bedard, 5-02, 3rd Stacy Douglass, 4-10; Long jump 2nd Riley Gray, 14-10.25, 4th Irina Baldessari, 12-07.50; Triple jump 2nd Tiffany George, 27-00, 3rd Reagan Bedard, 26-02.

Enterprise boys: 100m 1st Brandon Frolander, 12.15, 2nd, Foster Hobbs, 12.58; 200m 1st Foster Hobbs, 25.40, 3rd Brandon Frolander, 25.91; 800m 1st Jacob Strampe, 2:11.65; 4x100m relay 3rd Jake Coggins, Paul Stangel, Cole Gomes, Sam Schaafsma, 51.41, 4th Trent Bales, Brandon Frolander, Kobe Ketscher, Foster Hobbs, 57.88; 4x400m relay 4th Jacob Austin, Jacob Falk, Jadon Garland, Sebastian Hobbs, 4:27.95; Shot put 1st Blaze Lepper, 42-05.75; Discus 4th Blaze Lepper, 96-04; Javelin 1st Ethan Burns, 156-04, 2nd Grant Jones, 137-05; High jump 1st Joe Robb, Kobe Ketscher, 5-08, 3rd Dylan Marr, 5-06; Long jump 2nd Joe Robb, 17-01.75, 3rd Aaron Schaafsma, 16-01; Triple jump 2nd Joe Robb, 36-01.25, 4th

Mother Nature hates golf

Mother Nature can be quite a foe when you're trying to operate a golf course in spring in Wallowa County.

In April alone, she pelted snow and rain, blew cold winds and darkened the skies, anything to give golfers the blues. Yet, Alpine Meadow's Board of Directors, chaired by Josh Kissinger, along with Sherri Currie, clubhouse and cafe manager and Greens Supt. Greg Oveson and crew, have continued to move the ball forward in preparing the course for another season.

Meanwhile county golfers, anxious to get on the course, are tapping their fingers and praying for ol' Sol to shine its warmth.

A gungho retiree voiced his frustrations.

"My clubs have been scrubbed, polished and arranged properly in my golf bag for weeks. My shoes are shined and

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my cart's in shape with batteries charged. I'm just waiting for a decent day."

Included in the plans for the 2017 season is a 9-Hole Individual Match Play 5:45 p.m. Wednesdays through Sept. 6. It is open to men and women, members and nonmembers.

Ladies Day will continue on Tuesdays, golfing each week with a scheduled meeting and luncheon once a month. The first get-together is noon May 9.

For those of you who are thinking of becoming one of those "frustrated lovers of the game," the AMGC Board is offering

new member discounts for first-timers and/or those who have not been a regular member for the past two years for both single and family memberships.

Call the clubhouse for complete information or better yet, plan to attend the Alpine Meadows Annual Spring Fling 6 p.m. Saturday, May 13 at the clubhouse. Its purpose includes a membership drive and informational dinner. Plans include a mini tournament earlier in the day and a putting contest and KP on No. 1 hole. Activities begin at 4:30 p.m.

April Golf Trivia: Because of the daily bipolar weather, golf traffic was sporadic. Hopes were high for flocks of golfers, but as flocks go the geese won out. Let's hope for fewer foul-weather days in May.

Rochelle Danielson writes a weekly column during the golfing season.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

This week's athlete of the week is Joseph Charter School sophomore track athlete Natalie Gorham.

At last week's April 29 Jo-Hi Invite, Gorham, 15, placed second in the discus with a 78-foot toss. the previous week she heaved the discus for more than 84 feet. She is currently ranked fourth in her district.

Gorham is also a medal-winning FCCLA participant as well as Sentinel for her FFA chapter. She carries a 4.0 GPA and also participates in Volleyball and track.



Natalie Gorham

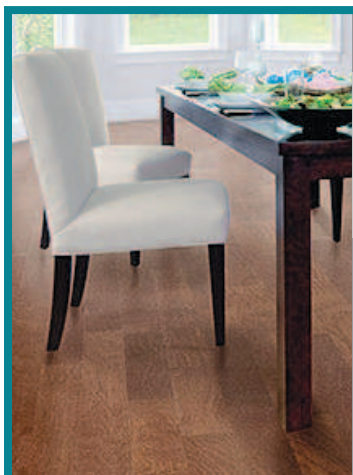
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