

# Enterprise girls in the hunt for cross-country state title

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Enterprise High School's combined cross country and middle school teams weren't about to let Joseph volleyball or EHS football outshine them, so they kicked up a little dust themselves.

In separate meets, the middle school boys took top honors in state competition while the EHS girls went home with district gold for the second consecutive year.

The Outlaws ladies had fire on their heels as they ran at the District 5 championships in Pendleton on Oct. 27.

The ladies took five of the top 12 spots on the course, led by Kyla Hooks' fourth-place finish and Ellyse Tingelstad's fifth place.

Eliza Irish, Ashley Wilson and Ella Coughlan took spots 10, 11 and 12, respectively. Wilson and Coughlan recorded personal bests at the meet as well.

However, it was Karli Bedard's season-record time in the 30th slot that won it for the Outlaws, who were tied with Union at 37 points. At that point, the meet is decided by the fastest time of the sixth-place runners of the two teams, which was Bedard's.

"It was a fantastic weekend for Wallowa County sports," Coach Dan Moody said. "I couldn't put it any other way. It was tremendous for all the schools."

Referring to Bedard's finish in sixth-place, Moody described the team's emotional state.

"Thinking you're probably second in district and all of a sudden you end up first — that's pretty special," Moody said. "The kids were bummed out a little bit, and all of a sudden, they got a reprieve and were district champions."

He also noted it helped Bedard, who has been battling injuries all season.



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**True grit -- Outlaws cross-country runner Ellyse Tingelstad shows the determination it took for her to earn a fifth-place finish at the 3A/2A/1A-SD5 District 5 Championships in Pendleton on Friday. The girls varsity squad tied with Union for the top honors at the meet.**

"It was pretty special for her," he said.

The Outlaws men's team placed sixth in a field of 11, but Moody found several bright spots.

"There were some good times there," he said. "It really hurt us, missing Cole Gomes, or we would have had a higher finish."

James Madsen finished in the 13th spot with a personal record while Will Caldwell and Brycen Locke placed 24th and 26th, respectively.

"They all ran well. It was a great day," Moody said.

The boys' middle school team took first place at the state tournament in Monmouth on Oct. 29. Moody heralded their performance.

"Six of them either ran or tied their personal bests," Moody said. "They ran extremely well to win it."



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**Enterprise cross-country coach Dan Moody celebrates the junior high boys victory at the state cross-country championships in Monmouth on Sunday, Oct. 29.**

Enterprise claimed four of the top 12 spots, led by Bayden Menton, who finished

in third with a time of 10:12.07, a personal best. The reliable Zac Knapp finished in sixth slot while Taylor Fox and Henry Coughlan finished 11th and 12th, respectively.

"It was a great effort by the kids," Moody said. "They knew what they had to do, and they did it. That's what makes it so special."

The lady Outlaws will compete at the state championships at Lane Community College in Eugene on Nov. 4.



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**Ace! Eagles volleyball player Emma Site serves an ace during the first round of state playoffs at home against Perrydale. Hite led the team to victory in four sets.**

## Joseph volleyball advances in playoffs

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The Eagles cruised to a homefield four-set victory over Perrydale in the first round of the state 1A volleyball playoffs Oct. 28. Set scores were 25-21, 25-15, 20-25 and 25-15.

The Eagles started out on fire in the first two sets nearly sinking the Pirates' galley in the process. However, the ladies temporarily lost their bearings in the third set, succumbing 25-20 in a set that featured long exchanges with the ladies frequently coming up on the short end.

The fourth set saw the rejuvenated Eagles sliding into the groove, easily sinking the Pirates' ship to the bottom and sending them on a long journey home as well.

With the exception of the third match, the Eagles played

stunning coordinated teamwork over the height-challenged Pirates.

The Joseph squad was keyed by the efforts of sophomore Emma Hite who blazed the way with her run-and-gun serving. Hite amassed 16 kills, seven assists, three aces and two blocks.

Other high-flying Eagles included Sabrina Albee's eight kills, 16 assists and two aces. Alexis Sykora had her usual stellar game, dishing out seven kills along with two blocks and two aces.

Camille Crenshaw added three kills and two aces while Tori Suto delivered 14 digs toward the Eagles effort.

Emma Hite said the victory showcased the team's cohesion.

"Our energy was there, and we just kind of came together tonight," she said. "It was good."

Even the third-set lapse didn't faze Hite.

"We dug ourselves a hole, and it was kind of hard to get out, but I wasn't worried," she said. "Serving was a key factor, and we served well."

Coach Jill Hite applauded her team's extreme focus and positive energy. She said the Eagles knew Perrydale was good because they had lost to them early in the season.

"Our game plan was to play aggressive volleyball and that is exactly what the girls did," she said. Each girl, both on the court or the bench, had something to add. It was definitely a team effort," she said.

The victory propelled the Eagles into the state quarterfinals in Redmond. The ladies will face No. 1-ranked North Douglas Friday, Nov. 3, at 1:15 p.m.

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