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The race is close as Joseph Charter School's Henry Coughlan hits the final stretch at the La Grande Invitational track meet on April 13.



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Joseph Charter School's Ella Coughlan tops the podium at the La Grande Invitational track meet on Saturday, April 13.

Eagles track squad run, jump to daylight

Steve Tool
Wallowa County Chieftain

The Joseph track squad showed some merit at the La Grande Invitational track meet on Saturday, April 13. In a field of 14 teams, the boys team finished fourth with 54 points while the girls finished 10th with 24 points.

For the boys, superstar runner, Henry Coughlan, carried the torch, placing third in the 1500 meters with a time of 4:23.06 and second in the

3000 meters with a time of 9:39.29. Teammate Bayden Menton placed sixth in the 800 meters and fifth in the 1500 meters with times of 2:09.36 and 4:29.32 respectively. Ian Goodrich placed 10th in the 1500 with a time of 4:54.59.

Senior Tyler Homan placed second in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 43.59 while also participating in the fifth place 4x100 relay with teammates Justin Rogers, Carsen Littlepage and Trey Wandschneider with a time of 46.87.

The field element saw Jonah Staigle place fifth in the

discus with a toss of 95-06. Joseph furnished three top-ten finishers in the pole vault. TJ Grote finished third with a 11-06 vault while Kade Kilgore leaped 10-06 for fifth place and wrestling star Steven Beckman placed seventh at 7-00.

For the girls, Ella Coughlan placed first in the 800 meters with a time of 2:27.75 while sidekick Haley Miller placed fifth with a 2:42.07. Ellyse Tingelstad aced the 3000 meters with a time of 11:07.44.

Coach John Roberts was happy with the meet results

as several athletes bowed out early for prom. Roberts said Ella Coughlan's performance in the 800 was particularly pleasing as she's never run the race.

"She runs the 400 for me and I know she's fast," Roberts said. He said she had previously performed well when she ran a leg of the 4x800 relay, so he wasn't worried except when she exploded off the blocks. "I had to hold her back on the first lap," he said.

Ellyse Tingelstad came in for some coach kudos when she ran a dynamite 3000

meters, coming in 35 seconds ahead of the second place finisher and the fastest time in the state at the moment. Like Coughlan, Roberts had to hold Tingelstad back at the beginning.

Tyler Homan also earned some praise for his performance in the 300 hurdles. Bayden Menton also got some coach congrats for his performance as did teammate Henry Coughlan.

The Eagles next travel to compete in the Pepsi Invitational in Union on Saturday, April 20.

Few practices don't faze Outlaws thinclads

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Despite inclement weather hindering the outlaws' ability to practice, the squad made an impressive showing at the La Grande Invitational on Saturday, April 13. The girls placed third while the boys placed 10th in a field of 14 teams.

Senior Karli Bedard led the girls with a first-place performance in the high jump with a leap of 5-00, and a sixth place in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 19.19. Hero Peters also proved a tough opponent, placing third in the 100 meter dash with a time of 13.63 and third in the 200 meter dash with a time of 29.17. She was also a member of the first place 4x100 meter relay team.

Senior Shelby Moncrief placed third in the 100 meters with a 13.57 time and also ran on the winning 4x100 meter relay team, which also contained Charlotte McDonald and Savannah Vaughn. Relay time was 53.51. Sidney Stone-

brink placed eighth in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 19.60. Ashley Wilson placed sixth in the 1500 meters with a time of 5:33.30, and fourth in the 800 meters with a time of 2:39.51. McDonald also placed ninth in the 400 meters.

On the field side, Gianna Espinoza placed third in discus with a 87-01.50 toss and Stonebrink also placed ninth in the high jump going 4-04 over the bar.

On the boys' side, Garrett Thorne placed seventh in the 100 meters with an 11.93 time while always-reliable Zac Knapp cruised to a fourth place finish with a time of 47:25.58 in the 1500 meters. The 4x100 relay team took third with a time of 46.12 with members Shane Lund, Foster Hobbs, Jericho Peters and Thorne leading the way. On the field side, Joe Robb heaved the shot put 38-06.50 for a seventh place finish in his first time at the event. Johnny Sarbacher placed sixth in the discus with a 92-07 throw. Colby Harris placed

10th in the long jump with a 17-09.25 leap of faith and third in the triple jump with a 38-06 effort.

Coach Dan Moody was proud of his team's showing, especially with only two weeks of outdoor practice. Also, some participants went home early to prepare for prom night.

"We went out with about 45 kids and came home with about five of them," Moody said. "I was especially pleased by how good the girls looked. They were at the top in a lot of events."

The coach was also impressed with the boys' performance. The 4x100 relay team had a new substitute and still managed a third place finish.

"Overall, we've done pretty well in all the meets so far this year," Moody said. "It's going to take some time."

The squad next competes at the Pepsi Invitational in Union on Saturday, April 20, followed by the Weston McEwen Small Schools Invitational on Tuesday, April 23.



Joseph/Wallowa athlete Tori and her parents Dr. John and Billie Suto on the golf-star's commitment to the college of St. Mary's.

Wallowa/Joseph compete in Umatilla, Suto triumphs again

Steve Tool/Chieftain

Only the Wallowa/Joseph golf team got on the green during the last week. Coach Marvin Gibbs brought four golfers to the Big River tournament in Umatilla.

Golf prodigy, Tori Suto, did her usual bang-up job on the course shooting a 77

for the win in the girls bracket.

Three boys competed, with Michael Diggins shooting a 102. Golfers Frank Westerman and Willie Gibbs shot a 131 and 140 respectively.

"They're new," he said. "They're just getting started."

The team next travels to John Day on Friday, April 19 for a tournament.

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