



Joseph senior Tyler Homan clears a hurdle on his way to becoming the 1A 300 meter hurdles state champion at the 1A state track meet in Monmouth on Saturday. Homan completed the event in 41.06 seconds.



Ellyse Tingelstad of Joseph High School rounds turn one of the girls 1A 1,500 at the 2019 OSAA 2A-1A Track and Field State Championships at Western Oregon University in Monmouth on Saturday.



Sabrina Albee of Joseph High School leads off the girls 1A 4x100 meter relay at the 2019 OSAA 2A-1A Track and Field State Championships at Western Oregon University in Monmouth on Saturday.

# Eagles track returns with precious medals from state

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The Eagles thinclads traveled to the state 1A championships in Monmouth to see what treasures lay on the west side of the state and returned weighted down with a bag of precious medals as the boys squad seized a second-place team award while the girls placed third.

The boys, led by senior, Tyler Homan, and freshman, Henry Coughlan, scored 48 points for the silver, just behind Dufur's 53 points. Homan won the gold in the 300 meter hurdles with a 41.06 time while again breaking his own school record in the event. Coughlan placed second in the 3,000 meters while breaking the school record by 10 seconds, and also placed fifth in the 1,500 meters with times of 9:07.05 and 4:16.58 respectively.

Other stalwarts included TJ Grote placing second in the pole vault at 12-06 while



Haley Miller of Joseph High School clears the bar during the girls 1A pole vault at the 2019 OSAA 2A-1A Track and Field State Championships at Western Oregon University in Monmouth on Saturday.

Kade Kilgore and Carsen Littlepage placed fifth and

sixth in the same event at 11-06. Juston Rogers and

Bayden Menton placed third and fifth in the 800 meters

race with respective times of 2:02.82 and 2:05.52.

The girls took the bronze at 46.5 points behind St. Paul's 54 points and Adrian's 57 tally. Ella Coughlan and Ellyse Tingelstad took turns at the gold and silver medal trough. Coughlan took the gold in the 800 meters with a time 2:22.08 and the silver in the 3000 meters at 11:00.25. Coughlan broke the school record in the 800 meters.

Tingelstad mined the gold in the 1,500 meters and 3,000 meters 4:57.33 and 10:49.96 respectively.

The 3,000 meter win for Tingelstad made it five consecutive state wins in the event between sisters Isabelle and Ellyse Tingelstad. Both girls also did their duties on the 4x400 relay silver medal team that included Sabrina Albee and Haley Miller at a 4:18.52 time.

"It's the fastest 4x400 relay I've had for several years," coach John Roberts said.

Coach John Roberts said he wasn't even expecting a trophy, so the rest was all gravy for the team. He thought the girls would score in the 46-point range and got a half-point in the pole vault from Haley Miller.

"I knew we'd be up close (to a trophy) if we kept our 46 points and the other points were spread out," Roberts said. "The boys side was really a surprise."

"I didn't expect us to be second," Roberts said of the boys' performance. "We had some of the younger boys step up in the runs and the hurdles and the pole vaulters." He particularly noted the pole vault performance of wildcard, Littlepage, who vaulted 18 inches higher than his previous best and Menton's performance in the 800 meters.

"I'm real happy with the team this year," Roberts said. "We had four school records fall, too."

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Wallowa Valley/Elgin combined team off to playoffs

The Wallowa County/Elgin combined baseball team is headed to state after a 1-1 outing in District play at Irrigon High School on Friday, May 17.

WV/E started out the day strong with an 18-5 romp

versus Vale, where everyone brought their offensive A-game.

Coy Aschenbrenner started the game on the mound, pitching 4 2/3 innings before Gage McKay came on in relief. Aschenbrenner racked up five strikeouts, six walks while spreading out five hits over his mound duration. Aschenbrenner also pitched his way out of a bases-loaded jam with one out in the first inning.

Offensively, senior Gus Ramsden had the stick with a

4 for 4 plate outing including a double. Hard-hitting Christopher Nobles went 2 for 3 while Flynn Nave and David Salim each knocked a pair of hits in four trips with Salim contributing a double. Malachi Roberts donated a double and three RBIs to the cause.

"It was wild and good to see," coach JR Collier said. "We came out smacking the ball. I don't know how to replicate it."

WV/E went right to work immediately after the first game in a 10-3 loss to

league leader Irrigon, whom WV/E had previously split a doubleheader. Collier said the game was much closer than it looks, and only crucial errors late in the game allowed the lop-sided score.

### Suto shines as golf teams go from district to state

The Wallowa/Joseph combined golf team and the Enterprise High School

golf teams competed well at district and state with the Enterprise team making the cut for state, while golf superstar Tori Suto was the lone Wallowa/Joseph qualifier.

Suto, one of the best girls golfers in eastern Oregon, handily won for the second consecutive time at Districts on the Pendleton Country Club links, shooting scores of 78 and 77 on May 6-7, respectively, for the first place nod.

"The course was a lot

tougher than last year, and we're pretty happy with the way things turned out," Coach Marvin Gibbs said.

Suto traveled to state in Creswell the next week, competing against girls from 4A schools. She shot twin 78s over her two rounds, enough to place in a tie for fourth place overall.

"I'm proud of her," Coach Gibbs said. "She had a goal to make it to the top four, and she did that. You have to be real good to even make it into the top 10."

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