

# Home run barrage helps Outlaws earn split

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ENTERPRISE — A power surge in the second game of Saturday's doubleheader helped the Wallowa Valley softball team end its home slate with a split.

Aimee Meyers, Liz Rowley and Cooper Nave all homered as the Outlaws rolled over Echo/Stanford 10-0 in the nightcap on Saturday, May 1, after the Cougars grabbed the opener 6-5. The win sent the Wallowa Valley seniors off as winners in what is currently slated to be their final home game of the season.

Rylin Kirkland homered in the opening game of the doubleheader, and both Meyers and Nave drove in two runs. It wasn't enough offense, though, to keep Echo/Stanford from taking the win, despite the fact the Outlaws had 11 hits — including three from Rowley.

Rowley struck out 10 batters in 6½ innings in the loss, allowing six runs on four hits with six walks.

The second game was a completely different story.

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**Wallowa Valley's Aimee Meyers connects for a home run during a doubleheader with the Echo/Stanford Cougars on Saturday, May 1, 2021.**

left the yard provided a big lift for the Outlaws. Nave, Meyers, Claire Farwell and Rowley each drove in a pair of runs in the win.

On Tuesday, April 27, Wallowa Valley split a road twinbill against Grant Union, dropping the opener

8-3, but winning the second game, 12-10.

Wallowa Valley finished with seven hits in the opener, with Kirkland leading the way with two hits. Farwell, Grace Collins and Sophie Moeller all scored runs, and Rowley had the team's lone

RBI. Rowley pitched 5½ innings, allowing eight runs on seven hits, walking four and striking out six.

In the second game, Rowley homered and drove in three runs, Collins also had three RBIs, and the Outlaws held on to win in a shootout.

Moeller and Macy Marr had two hits each. Moeller also scored twice, and Kirkland scored two runs and had two RBIs.

Meyers allowed five earned runs on nine hits in five innings, walking three and striking out three.

On Friday, April 23, the Outlaws dropped two games in a doubleheader against the Pendleton JV, 14-2 and 11-8.

Wallowa Valley had just three hits in the opener. Emma Bateman had the team's lone RBI.

The offense woke up in the nightcap with double hits. Karly Baremore drove in three runs and Nave had a pair of RBIs, each hitting run-scoring doubles. Moeller scored a pair of runs.

Wallowa Valley (4-5 overall) visits Heppner/Ione for a doubleheader Tuesday, May 4, and heads to Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii on Friday.

# Track: Joseph boys take fifth in Central Idaho Invitational

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was fourth in the javelin (117-feet-2), Bayden Menton was fourth in the 1,500 (4:21.08) and Ian Goodrich was fifth in the 400 (56.93).

On the girls side, Lottie McDonald was fourth in the 400 (1:09.61) and eighth in the 200 (30.91), and Iona McDonald was sixth in the 400 (1:11.61).

On Friday, Knapp, Flynn and Peters all earned wins for the Enterprise boys to lead the team at the Elgin/Imbler meet in Elgin.

Knapp led a 1-2 finish in the 800, winning in 2:05.7, with Moore in second at 2:21.8. Flynn won the 300 hurdles in a time of 48.9, and teamed with Moore, Weston Wolfe and Knapp to take second in the 4x400 relay in 3:51.1. Peters, meanwhile, won the long jump (17-feet-11¼) and was second in the 200 (24.2). Moore was second in the 3,000 (10:37.0), and Gray was second in the javelin (113-feet-6) and third in the high jump (5-feet-3).

Gallagher was second in the high jump, also at 5-feet-3. Flynn was fifth in the long jump at 15-feet-9. And the Outlaws piled up several seventh-place finishes: from Tanner Kesecker in the shot put (27-feet-2¼), discus (70-feet-11) and the javelin (87-feet-2), and from Ransom Peters in 200 (25.9) and the long jump (13-feet-4¼).

On the girls side, Lottie McDonald was second in the 300 hurdles (54.12), third in the long jump (13-feet-10½) and eighth in the 100 hurdles (21.62). Iona McDonald was fourth in the 300 hurdles (57.69) and in the javelin (49-feet-5). And Ariana Samples was fifth in the javelin (47-feet-7).

The Outlaws competed at the Mac-Hi 3-way Tuesday, May 4, and Joseph travels to the Grant Union Invitational on Friday, May 7.

fifth in the high jump, each clearing 4-feet-4. Komiskey also was third in the 100 (15.0), Wigen was eighth in the 100 (15.5) and McEntire was fourth in the 200 (32.1).

On Saturday, Joseph's Henry Coughlan competed at the Phillips-Klimek Distance Twilight in Phoenix against some of the top distance runners in the state from each classification, and came away in sixth in the 3,000 in a time of 8:53.75. The time was a personal best in the race by 13 seconds, according to data from athletic.net.

The rest of the Eagles competed at the Central Idaho Invitational in Lapwai, where the Joseph boys took fifth and the girls finished ninth.

Justin Rogers earned two victories for the Eagles in the 200 (24.31 seconds) and in the 400 (53.74). Nelson won the high jump at another meet, clearing the bar at 6 feet even, and was third in the long jump at 16-feet-11. Ferguson led a 1-2 finish in the javelin, winning with a throw of 121-feet-2, while McBurney was second at 103 feet even. Kane Johnson followed in fifth at 90-feet-4. In the 800, Menton was second at 2:04.77, Goodrich was sixth in 2:08.16, and Ferguson added seventh-place finishes in the 100 (12.37) and the discus (105-feet-7).

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# Wallowa Valley baseball scores three more wins

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ENTERPRISE — Chalk up three more wins for the Wallowa Valley baseball team.

The Eagles secured a blowout road win Tuesday, April 27, at Union/Cove by a score of 15-5, then swept Grant Union in a doubleheader Saturday, May 1, 14-4 and 6-3.

In Tuesday's win over the Bobcats, Wallowa Valley scored the first 11 runs to take a commanding lead by the middle of the third inning, then coasted to an easy win, which the Eagles finished in six frames.

Flynn Nave went 3-for-5 with a double and a run. Trace Evans had a pair of hits and scored four times, and Zeb Ramsden and David Salim both had two hits and



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**Wallowa Valley pitcher Flynn Nave slides into third just before the tag. He was ruled out on the steal attempt in the first game of a doubleheader at Enterprise's Jensen Fields on May 1, 2021.**

scored twice. Salim earned the win on the mound, tossing 4½ innings, striking out five batters, walking two, and allowing four runs on six hits.

In Saturday's opener, the Eagles took over the lead for good with four runs in in the

third to go ahead 6-3, then iced the game with seven runs in the final two innings, including five in the sixth for a walkoff win.

Maclane Melville had a 3-for-4 day and scored twice. Evans had three more runs and went 2-for-3, and

Ramsden, Nave and Lane Rouse each went 2-for-3 with two runs. Nave also tossed six innings, and gave up four runs on five hits with two walks and eight strikeouts.

In the second game, Wallowa Valley scored a run in the third to break a 3-3 tie, and added runs in the fifth and sixth to gain some breathing room and secure the win.

Rouse had a strong effort, going 3-for-3 and scoring two runs. Nave added two doubles and scored a run. Evans earned the win, allowing three runs on five hits with a walk and seven strikeouts in 4½ innings.

Wallowa Valley (6-1 overall) hosted Weston-McEwen in a doubleheader Tuesday, May 4, then faces McLoughlin in a home twinbill either Friday or Saturday.

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**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**

**TRACE EVANS**

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