

WALLOWA VALLEY BASEBALL

Fent's home run caps late rally, pushes Eagles past Burns

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BAKER CITY — One big inning helped push the Wallowa Valley baseball team into the 3A state playoffs.

Cody Fent's walk-off two-run home run capped a 10-run sixth inning that turned a tight battle against Burns into a 20-9, six-inning win Saturday, May 15, in a district playoff game at Baker City.

The back-and-forth slugfest that saw both teams lead and the Eagles

go into the bottom of the sixth clinging to a 10-9 edge before the game quickly spiraled out of the Hillanders' control — and into Wallowa Valley's favor. Fent hit a one-out RBI single for an 11-9 lead, and was bunted to second for the second out.

Then the floodgates opened, as the Eagles scored nine straight runs without registering a third out.

Trace Evans, who had three hits and earned the win on the mound in relief, doubled to drive in Fent

and stretch the lead to three. Four straight walks — with an intentional walk to Flynn Nave, a passed ball to score Evans and a bases-loaded walk to score Chase Homan — extended the margin to 14-9. Lane Rouse followed with a three-run double and later scored on an error, Maclane Melville singled before Fent belted a home run to send the Eagles on.

Fent's big inning capped a 2-for-5 day, one of several big offensive efforts in the 16-hit

Eagle onslaught.

Evans went 3-for-5 and scored three times, and also tossed 2½ innings in relief, striking out two batters, walking one, and allowing five runs on three hits. Homan was 3-for-4 and scored four times, and Zeb Ramsden tripled and scored three times. Nave, who was 3-for-3 with three doubles, three runs and two intentional walks, pitched the first 3½ innings, allowing four runs on four hits and striking out three batters. Rouse added three hits,

including a double, and scored twice.

With the win, the Eagles (11-2 overall) advanced to a quarterfinal game Tuesday against Warrenton. A win by Wallowa Valley would send it to a four-team final tournament Saturday.

On Wednesday, May 12, the Eagles hung close to 4A Baker on the road before falling 3-0.

Wallowa Valley, which had just two hits, one from Homan and one from Nave.

Eagles, Outlaws put up strong efforts in final meet before state

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JOSEPH — Justin Rogers and Kale Ferguson both picked up wins as the Joseph boys track and field team placed fourth at its home Jo-Hi Invite Saturday, May 15.

Ferguson took the top spot in the discus with a throw of 121 feet, 4 inches, a personal best. He also was third in the 200-meter run in 24.99 seconds, and third in the javelin with a throw of 135-feet-9.

Rogers, meanwhile, won the 800 in 2:04.25, was third in the high jump at 5-feet-4, and took third in the 4x400 relay with Bayden Menton, Ian Goodrich and Reece Nelson in 3:47.16.

Individually, Menton was fourth in the 800 in 2:09.69, and fourth in the 1,500 in 4:23.15. Keelan McBurney was fourth in the javelin (127-feet-8), sixth in the shot put (33-feet-7), and seventh in the discus (82-feet-11), notching personal bests in all three events. Ian Goodrich was sixth in the 800 (2:11.63) and seventh in the 1,500 (4:30.97) and Kane Johnson was seventh in the 400 (1:02.78).

On the girls side, Iona McDonald placed second in the 3,000 (13:11.48) and third in the 1,500 (5:48.59). Lottie McDonald was third in the 300 hurdles (54.57), fourth in the 400 (1:05.30) and fourth in the long jump (12-feet-8½). And Ariana Samples was fourth in the discus (60-feet-11), fourth in the javelin (58-feet-3) and sixth in the shot put (21-feet-8). The trio powered Joseph to sixth place in the meet.

The Eagles next compete at the 1A state meet Saturday, May 22, at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande.

Outlaws gear up for state with strong district effort

UNION — On Friday, May 14, Jericho Peters and Zac Knapp won two races to lead the efforts of the Enterprise Outlaw boys at the 2A Wapiti League Championships in Union.

Peters won the 100 in 11.45 seconds, and the 200 in 23.40, while Knapp took first in the 1,500 in 4:14.29, and the 3,000 in 9:23.80. Roan Flynn also won the 300 hurdles, finishing in a time of 45.67 seconds.

The Outlaws also had a pair of second-place finishes, with the 4x400 relay team of Gideon Gray, Knapp, Peters and Lute Ramsden finishing in second in 3:42.43, and Ramsden individually placing second in the 400 in 53.29. Ramsden also took third in the 200 in 24.17, while Brenden Moore was third in the



Ellen Morris Bishop/For the Wallowa County Chieftain
Justin Rogers, center, and Bayden Menton, left, run in the boys 800-meter race Saturday, May 15, 2021, at the Jo-Hi Invite in Joseph. Rogers won the race, while Menton placed fourth.



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Enterprise's Ailaen McEntire, center, runs her leg of the district title-winning girls 4x100 relay Friday, May 14, 2021, at the 2A Wapiti League Championships in Union.

3,000 in 10:27.15 and the 4x100 relay team of Ransom Peters, Jericho Peters, Gray and Ramsden took third in 47.41 seconds.

Ransom Peters was also fourth in the 100 (12.05) and seventh in the 200 (25.15). Moore placed fifth in the 1,500 (4:50.41) and Weston Wolfe was fifth in the 3,000 (10:43.43) and sixth in the 1,500 (4:52.44). Gray finished fifth in the javelin (128-feet-0), Flynn was sixth in the long jump (16-feet-10) and Luke Clinchy placed eighth in the 110 hurdles (23.26).

For the girls, the 4x100 team

of Althea Komiskey, Maddie Nordtvedt, Ailaen McEntire and Savannah Vaughn won the district title in a time of 55.77 seconds. And in the javelin, Sierra Holcomb grabbed first with a distance of 100-feet-1.

The Outlaws grabbed four second-place finishes — two from Kyla Hook in the 1,500 (5:40.84) and the 3,000 (12:27.08), one from Vaughn in the 100 (13.71), and from Asiya Salim in the javelin (92-feet-3).

In third was Vaughn in the 200 (28.53) and the 4x400 relay team of Nordtvedt, Hook, Mad-

die Wigen and Vaughn was also third in 4:36.96.

Individually, Nordtvedt was fifth in the 100 (14.16) and sixth in the 200 (30.28). Salim was seventh in the shot put (24-feet-9½) and eighth in the discus (65-feet-3). In the high jump, Wigen and Komiskey placed seventh and eighth, both clearing 4-feet-2. And in the long jump, Arian Latta was seventh at 10-feet-1¼, and Hailey Jenkins was eighth at 9-feet-5½.

The Outlaws compete Saturday at the 2A state championships in Union.

PREP SPORTS ROUNDUP

Season concludes for softball, golf

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BAKER CITY — The Wallowa Valley softball team saw its postseason hopes dashed Saturday, May 15, after a close 3-2 loss to Burns in a district playoff game in Baker City.

Outlaws' starting pitcher Aimee Meyers was strong all day, allowing just four hits and three runs, though two were unearned. She struck out three in seven innings of work.

Wallowa Valley also had just four hits — one of which was a solo home run by Cooper Nave. The Outlaws also got two hits from Rylin Kirkland and Liz Rowley drove in a run. But the usually high-scoring offense of the Outlaws was held to its lowest run total of the season.

On Tuesday, May 12, Wallowa Valley split with traditional 2A/1A powerhouse Union/Cove, dropping the opening game 8-6, but breaking the bats to win the second game, 11-7.

Cooper Nave had two hits, including a home run, and drove in a pair of runs to help lead the offense. Alex Rowley also had two RBIs, and Liz Rowley and Sophie Moeller both had two hits and scored twice, including a triple from Moeller. Meyers allowed six runs on seven hits and struck out four batters in four innings.

In the second game, Moeller and Kirkland both had three RBIs, and the Outlaws had 14 hits to win a shootout. Kirkland had two hits and Moeller scored twice.

Liz Rowley and Claire Farwell both had three hits and scored three times, Nave had two more hits and Sydney Hopkins had two RBIs.

Meyers allowed seven runs, but just three earned, on nine hits in seven innings for the win, striking out three batters and walking two.

The season ends for Wallowa Valley with a final record of 9-5.

Enterprise finishes in third place

JOHN DAY — Jacob Amaro placed second overall to lead the Enterprise boys golf team to a third-place finish in its final tournament of the season, the Grant Union Invitational, Friday, May 14, in John Day.

Amaro shot an 89, one stroke behind Grant Union's Devon Stokes, who carded an 88. Dylan Jennings also broke 100, shooting a 97 to take fifth overall.

Caleb Sheahan followed with a 132, one stroke ahead of teammate Parker Siebe, who had a 133.

As a team, Enterprise shot 451 to finish behind Grant Union (378) and Heppner (407).

Wallowa/Joseph, which also wrapped its season Friday, came in right behind the Outlaws at 459, was led by Owen Gorham, who shot a 103. Frank Westerman followed with a 108 and Willie Gibbs carded a 116. Jesse Larison's 132 rounded out the scoring player for Wallowa/Joseph. Owen Mallory added a 137, and Jace Fisher had a 147.

On the girls side, Jordyn Stonebrink led the way for Enterprise with a score of 128. Lannie Stonebrink followed with a round of 137, Codi Cunningham shot a 143 and Greta Carlsen carded a 144. As a team, the Outlaw girls finished with a score of 552.

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