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Maddie Nordtvedt, left, and Jada Gray run sprints during practice Wednesday, March 16, 2022.



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Enterprise runner Levi Ortsvam runs ahead of a pair of teammates during practice Wednesday, March 16, 2022.

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well, but I think we need him more in the 400, and maybe in the sprints,” the coach said.

On the other side of the coin, Knapp is locked into where he’ll compete, and Moody said his senior has high aspirations this season.

“He would like to break all three school records in the distance, the 800 the (1,500) and the (3,000), definitely the 15 and the 3,” Moody said.

Weston Wolfe and Andrew Nordtvedt are the other two state runners on the squad this spring.

Another athlete who Moody needs to see in action is California transfer Cory Walker.

“He’s got some skills — gotta see where he is at,” the coach said.

In the field, Moody said “two or three” of his throwers have seen dividends from a winter spent lifting weights, and that the next few weeks will see if it pays off.

“The weight room did help some kids. It’s just an experiment right now for another 2-3 weeks, and then we’ll see,” he said.

On the girls side, youth is also a main component among the 18 female athletes, though Moody is already seeing improvement.

“I see several of our girls that were on our team last year (where) we’re ahead of last year,” he said. “That is promising. We’ll see where

that goes.”

While the girls team is powered by underclassmen, there is some experience on the track for the Outlaws, including with senior Lannie Stonebrink.

I know Lannie has been out before, she’s a senior, (and) has some good speed,” Moody said. “She’ll be involved in both relays.”

Maddie Wigen and Maddie Nordtvedt, both of whom were part of the 4x400 relay last year, also return, as do Ailena McEntire and Althea Komiskey. Jada Gray is also back on the track after two years away from the sport.

Among the youngsters who could make an impact is freshman Nevaeh James, who Moody said was a successful sprinter in middle school but who may move races this spring.

“We may be looking at her at hurdles instead of sprints,” he said.

The coach said it will be several weeks before most athletes are locked into which events they’ll take part in, and that much of the early practices key on fitness. By about mid-April is when Moody will start to narrow the scope of events.

“That meet in Cove (on April 23), we’ll probably start to put kids in (where they’ll compete),” he said. “We’ll start to put kids in and see if they step up.”

That meet in Cove is one of three for the Outlaws in Union County, while four will be in Umatilla County, including the District track meet May 13 in Athena.

The state meet is May 19-20 at the new Hayward Field in Eugene.



ABOVE: Enterprise head coach Dan Moody, right, works with a group of javelin throwers. LEFT: Enterprise's Ransom Peters runs during practice Wednesday, March 16, 2022. Ronald Bond/Wallowa County Chieftain

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Girls

On the girls side, Jordyn Stonebrink, who was often in the mix at the top of the team — returns.

“She’s got some ability to hit the ball far-

ther,” Crawford said. “She doesn’t look hesitant.”

Codi Cunningham also returns, and brings a set of skills to the course that Crawford is optimistic about.

“She’s got one of the most fundamental swings. She has a great swing with a ton of potential,” he said.

Talia Aase also decided

to return for the Outlaws.

“She was, at first, thinking she would not play, but I’m glad she decided to join,” Crawford said.

The coach said there is a ton of potential among the newcomers on the girls side. Jordan Jennings, Dylan’s sister and the only other Enterprise golfer to compete in Echo, where

she shot 59 in nine holes, is one who hits without any reservations.

“She has a really good swing,” Crawford said. “There’s no hesitation to hit the ball as hard as she can.”

Kimber Stein, Jordyn Ellis, Lydia Yost and Ella Bronson are all golfers Crawford said are inquir-

ing about how to improve.

“She has a lot of potential,” he said of Stein. “She’s really coachable, listening, asking questions.”

Ellis, he said, is “motivated (and) wants to get better,” while Yost is a golfer “that I see a ton of potential in,” and Bronson is “asking questions — she

wants to learn.”

The Outlaws’ closest tournaments this spring are the Milton-Freewater Invitational on April 1, the Buffalo Peak Golf Tournament on April 22, a girls only La Grande Invitational April 26 and the Wildhorse Tournament April 29. Their home Enterprise Invitational is May 6.

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