

TRACK AND FIELD

Knapp wins twice to lead Enterprise tracksters in first meet

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MILTON-FREEWATER — The Enterprise boys track and field team got three victories — two from Zac Knapp — as it started the season with a seventh-place finish at the Carnival of Speed on Friday, April 1. Knapp won the 1,500-meter run in a time of 4:08.46, and the 3,000 in 8:55.11. Both times were

personal bests for the senior, and he won by more than 8 and 53 seconds, respectively. Additionally, Levi Ortsam took home the top spot in the 400, winning in 53.29 seconds, nearly a second ahead of second place. In the same event, Andrew Nordtvedt was fifth in 55.68 seconds. Weston Wolfe rounded out the top-eight finishers for the Outlaw boys, taking

fifth in the 300 hurdles in a time of 45.50 seconds. Enterprise finished with 38 points. The EHS girls placed ninth with 29 points. Freshman Nevaeh James led the way with a second-place finish in the 100 in 13.81 seconds and a third-place showing in the 300 hurdles in 53.57 seconds. She was also part of the third-place 4x100 relay team, as

James, Maddie Nordtvedt, Althea Komiskey and Lannie Stonebrink took third in a time of 54.58 seconds. Individually, Nordtvedt took fourth in 28.78 seconds. And Maddie Wigen placed fourth in the high jump with a height of 4-feet-8. The Joseph boys had five top-four finishes on the way to a 10th place finish that saw them score 32.33 points. Kale Ferguson won the

discus throw for the second time on the young season with a top mark of 129-feet-7½. He added a fourth-place finish in the javelin throw at 142-feet-4. Reece Nelson tied for second in the high jump at 5-feet-10, and third in the long jump with a personal-best 19-feet-1½. Adding a fourth-place finish in the 1,500 was Bayden Menton with a time

of 4:20.28. The Joseph girls didn't have any athletes finish high enough to score, but did post two ninth-place finishes: Iona McDonald was ninth in the 300 hurdles in 57.67 seconds, and Basey Dawson was ninth in the long jump at 13-feet-4. Both teams return to action at the La Grande Invitational on April 8. The first event starts at 10 a.m.

SOFTBALL



Wallowa Valley's Maci Marr scrambles in for the run Friday, April 1, 2022, during a game in Enterprise against Pilot Rock.

Outlaws sweep Pilot Rock

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ENTERPRISE — It was the only time they will play at home until the end of the month. So Friday, April 1, the Wallowa Valley Outlaws made sure to put on a good show in their home opener, toppling visiting Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii in a doubleheader, 8-2 and 10-6. Liz Rowley limited the Rockets in the pitching circle during the opening game, scattering four hits and allowing just two runs over seven innings. She walked two and struck out 11. She also helped the offense, with three of the team's 14 hits, a team high. Five additional players — Rilyn Kirkland, Aimee Meyers, Brianna Rouse and Sydney Hopkins — had two hits each, with Meyers hitting a home run, driving in two runs and scoring twice. Cooper Nave also drove in a pair of runs. In the nightcap, Kirkland, Liz Rowley and Alex Rowley had three hits each and combined for five RBIs and six runs scored as Wallowa Valley completed the sweep. Each of the trio had a double in the win. Sophie Moeller added a pair of hits as all nine batters in the starting lineup had at least one hit. As a team, the Outlaws had 16 hits to give them 30 across the two games. Meyers, in her turn in the circle, tossed a full seven innings, allowing six runs — but just two earned — on seven hits and striking out five batters. Wallowa Valley (4-3 overall) visited Heppner/Ione for a nonleague doubleheader April 5, and begins Special District 2 play April 8 with a twinbill at Burns.



Wallowa Valley's Brianna Rouse scores during a game Friday, April 1, 2022, against Pilot Rock in Enterprise.



Wallowa Valley's Liz Rowley, right, rounds second base Friday, April 1, 2022, during a game against Pilot Rock in Enterprise.

BASEBALL

Wallowa Valley rallies twice to sweep Vikings

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VALE — The Wallowa Valley baseball team had to rally late twice Friday, April 1, in its Special District 5 opening doubleheader. It resulted in the team garnering a sweep of the host Vale Vikings. The Eagles took the lead for good in the fifth inning and added on in the seventh to win the opener 8-3, then rallied with four runs in the sixth to tie the score of Game 2, which they eventually won in eight innings, 10-8. In the opener, Wallowa Valley scored two early runs, but Vale inched ahead 3-2 after four innings. In the fifth, Jaxon Grover had an RBI single to tie the score, and Lane Rouse put the Eagles ahead for good with a run-scoring single later in the frame. Wallowa Valley broke the game open in the seventh with Rouse hitting a two-run home run, and Jackson Decker

collecting a two-run single for the final margin. Rouse finished with three hits, three RBIs and two runs scored to power the offense. He also pitched the last three innings to earn the win, walking two batters and striking out five. Maclane Melville and Decker each added two RBIs. In the nightcap, the Eagles scored four times in the sixth to even the score after trailing 8-4. Rouse homered for the second time on the day to cut the margin in half, and Tegan Evans and Decker both also scored to complete the rally. In the top of the eighth, Melville and Decker both scored as the Eagles completed the sweep. Drew Beachy locked down Vale in the last four innings for the win, not allowing a hit, walking three batters and striking out 10. Rouse finished with three more hits. Wallowa Valley (5-3 overall, 2-0 SD5) continues SD5 play April 8 at Burns.

GOLF

Dylan Jennings places second to pace Outlaws

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MILTON-FREEWATER — Dylan Jennings carded a round of 69 to place second and lead the Enterprise boys golf team to a fifth-place finish and a score of 344 Friday, April 1, at the Mac-Hi Invitational, which features a par-60 course. Jennings was one of four players to break 100 on the round. Caleb Sheahan, the Outlaws' No. 4 golfer, finished with a score of 89. Alex Albanez, the No. 2 golfer, was third in scoring with a 92. Nathan Lamb followed with a 94, and Parker Siebe rounded out the scoring at 101. On the girls side, Jordyn Stonebrink led a tight pack for Enterprise, finishing with a score of 105. Both Codi Cunningham and Jordan Jennings followed closely with a score of 106. Kimber Stein added a total of 115, and Ashlynn Greer wrapped

the scoring for the Outlaws at 121. As a team, EHS finished with a score of 442 to place third. "I'm excited with what I'm seeing," head coach Kyle Crawford said. "Dylan is off to an excellent start individually, and I have a ton of new and old players who are eager to keep improving." Owen Gorham shot an 85 and Chase Homan an 86 to lead Wallowa/Joseph at Mac-Hi. Head coach Marvin Gibbs said it was "great start to the year" for Gorham, and also said he was "very happy" with Homan's result in his first tournament. Teammate Jonas McKee shot a 110, a total Gibbs also was pleased with given it was McKee's first full round of golf. The teams return to the course April 7 and 8 at Heppner and then at Pendleton.

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