

Moody finishes fourth at state

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Spilyay Tymoo

By last week, Charlene Moody was hoping for one last big throw to end her high school career as a shot put thrower.

Moody, who graduates from Madras High School June 3, earned fourth place at the OSAA-US Bank Class 3A Track and Field Championships at Hayward Field at the University of Oregon in Eugene, last Friday.

Moody, who won the Class 3A shot put title as a junior in 2004, threw for 38 feet, 6 1/2 inches Friday, less than two feet behind the state-winning mark of 40-1 1/4 by Katherine Tripp of Sutherlin.

Moody also finished fourth in the discus, an event in which she was a surprise state-qualifier, reaching the state meet on her last chance at the Tri-Valley League meet in Gladstone May 14.

Watching as Madras teammate and friend Sierra Ferguson won the state title in that event, Moody threw the discus 116-6.

"I tried to give it my all," she said after the weekend. "I tried to throw harder. I can't do anything about it now."

The unpredictable late-May weather in Eugene that yielded off-and-on rain bothered Moody, she said.

"The rain was not as bad as last year, but it rained hard and then it stopped," she said. "It felt like the weather was teasing me or something."

She said she was initially slipping inside the shot put ring while wearing her spe-



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cial throwing shoes. She changed into her street shoes and competed in those, which made footing a little better, she said.

Moody said she didn't remember when her best throw of the day in the shot put came, either in the three preliminary throws or the three throws in the finals, "because I was mad."

Moody, whose state-title-winning throw was 38-1 1/4 last year, had thrown better than that in meets twice this season. One of them was a dandy, at 41-1, in a league meet at home April 14. That had been the best throw in Class 3A statewide until that was eclipsed by Danielle Holmes of Rogue River, by three inches, at the Skyline Conference meet May 14.

But because Moody's big throw had happened more than a month prior, she was concerned about the state meet last weekend.

"It's kind of scary because now I have to show everybody my stuff and try to be on top

even though it hasn't been like that for a couple of meets," she said.

In her fourth and final year of high school track and field, Moody had been consistent throwing the 8-pound metal ball, registering throws of 37 feet or better in all but two meets this year. One of those sub-37 throws, though, came at the Tri-Valley League meet, at 36-9 1/2, a mark that was good enough for her to win the conference championship.

"There's a lot of pressure, but I've improved a lot because my personal record is 41-1, and that put me No. 1 in the state, but now I got beat," she said last week. "I think I could have done better. I'm proud I won (the conference title), but I wish I could have thrown a little farther."

Moody, who lives in Simnasho, said before last weekend she would have been happy if she could have a throw as good as or better than her per-

sonal best at the state meet.

She had been encouraged, though, that she had made 40-foot marks in practice earlier in the week before the state meet.

Moody said throwing coaches Lori Stock and Evan Brown have this season worked to make sure she uses her upper body most efficiently this season.

"We've been working a lot with my arms," she said. "Last year, it was all legs, and this year it's all arms. So between now and Friday, I'll have to learn to use both of them."

In addition, she said the coaches have told her to "get to the toe bar, use my legs, don't open up (her body) and throw it up, instead of too low."

Moody said her best throw this season, her best throw ever, came almost by accident. It happened in Madras, on the White Buffalos' home field, in low-key league meet against Valley Catholic on a sunny Thursday afternoon.

"It was really sunny. It was nice and warm. I was home so I felt better," Moody said. "I wasn't even paying attention. I just threw it. When I think about it, then I do worse. When I don't, I do better."

Though shot put is her specialty and her favorite event, Moody worked in all three throwing events and qualified for the state meet in the discus with Ferguson, the new Class 3A champion, this season.

Moody admits she doesn't really like discus, an event new to her this year, "but I do it anyway."

At the Tri-Valley meet in Gladstone, Ferguson, who finished second in the state by an inch last year, had easily qualified for state with a meet-record

134-7.

In one of the peculiarities of track and field, Moody barely mustered a throw good enough to make into the discus finals but found a way to release a personal best in that event on her last possible throw.

"I made one throw to make it to finals. I scratched two of those (in preliminaries)," she said. "In finals I scratched my first throw, got like an 86 (foot-)something, and then my last throw, I was like, 'Oh my God, if I don't throw it, I'm not going to go to state for the discus,' because me and (Ferguson) has been 1 and 2 the whole year (in discus)."

"And I spun around and I threw it, and I was watching and said, 'Wow! It's going far!' That was pretty cool."

It rained just the Saturday afternoon Class 3A girls discus competition, Moody said, which made the ring sticky.

"Sierra was throwing in her street shoes," she said. "I threw in my street shoes because my shoes were sticking in the ring. It was hard to throw."

Moody's best throw came in the preliminary round, and it was good enough for her second top-four finish of the weekend.

Ferguson threw 141-1, which was six feet, one inch, better than Tripp of Sutherlin's best throw.

"I was happy for her," Moody said of Ferguson. "I told her, 'I want you to be champion, not just me.'"

"Now, we both are, so that's pretty cool."

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Pi-Ume-Sha tournament June 17-19

The first-ever Pi-Ume-Sha All-Indian Youth Basketball Tournament, featuring three divisions for players ages 13 and under, is scheduled for June 17-19 at the Warm Springs Community Center Gym.

The tournament includes three eight-team brackets, for teams with players nine and under; 11 and under; and 13 and under. Each team has a 10-player limit. The local team And 1 is the host team in all three brackets.

Awards are available for the top four placing teams in each division, along with all-tournament selections, most valuable players and sportsmanship awards.

There is a \$100 entry fee for each division, and all players must have tribal identifications when they check in. A team roster and a copy of birth certificates must be submitted by June 1.

Entry is available by money order only to Warm Springs Rodeo Association, P.O. Box 312, Warm Springs, OR 97761.

For more information, contact Percy Yazzie at (541) 553-5817 or (541) 980-9060.

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Endurance race June 25

The Annual Memorial Endurance Horse Race is Saturday, June 25, in memory of past Tribal Council members and committee members.

For the senior division the entry fee is \$100. First place prize is \$1,000 plus half the purse. Second place is 30 percent of the purse, and third place, 20 percent of the purse. There are other prizes also.

The senior division is for 16 years and older. Minors must have guardians signature to participate. Route is approximately 14 miles. Taking entry fees until 8 a.m. and post time is 8:15 a.m.

For the junior division the entry fee is \$50. First place is

\$300 plus half the purse. Second place, 30 percent of the purse, and third place, 20 percent of the purse. There are other prizes also.

The junior division is for 15 years and younger. Guardians permission and signature required. Route is 4 to 5 miles. Taking entry fee until 8:15 a.m. Post time is 8:30 a.m.

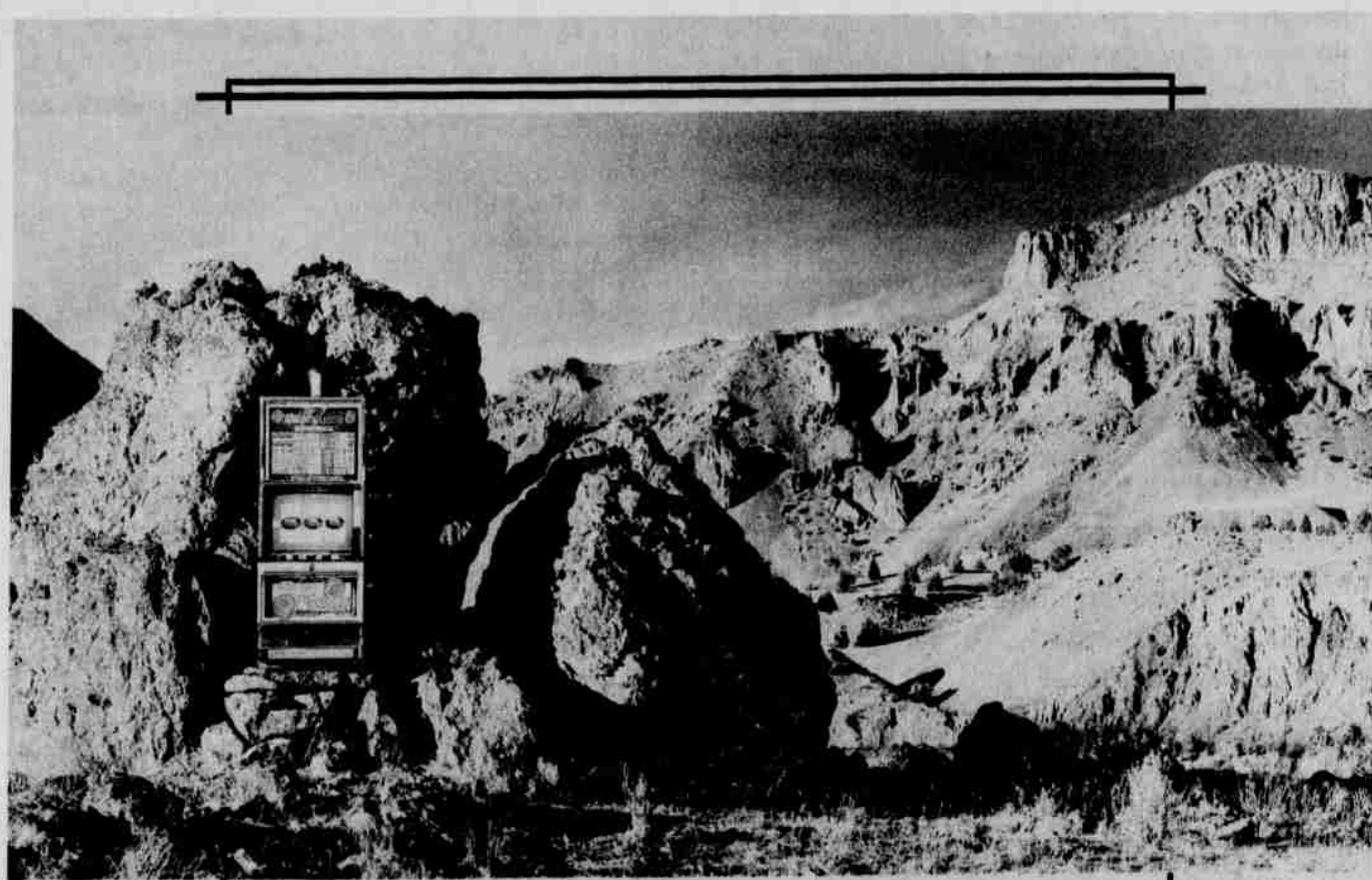
The start and finish line is near the Shaker Church on Shitike Creek Road. See signs posted for more information, or call the Tribal Council office at (541) 553-3257.

Drawing throughout the race, must be present to receive prize when number is called.

Raffle to benefit horse race

The Columbia River Rodeo Association is sponsoring a raffle, with proceeds to go for awards for winners of the wild horse race. The drawing is held July 4. Tickets are \$1 each. See the following for people for tickets: Terry Squiemphen, Gladys Squiemphen, LaDonna Squiemphen, Rita Squiemphen, Val Squiemphen, Monica Leonard, Priscilla Yazzie, Lyda Rhoan, Kitty Filbin or Dolly Badonie. Items to be raffled: Quarter-horse colt, 27-inch

color television, portable DVD player, Nike golf bag, \$100, six jars of huckleberry jam, Chemawa blanket, Mr. Rushmore mouse pad, spaghetti pot, barbeque, coffee maker, 10 gift certificates, beaded belt buckle, two beaded key chains, 18-inch booster cables, one kilo cut beads, two kids camp chairs, electric roaster, Pendleton vest, pick-up load of wood, hand-made hunting knife, case of oil, ribbon shirt, and other donated items.



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