

CLASSIC from B1
lan Romani with 21.69 meters (71.16 feet).
Men's 200m
Noah Lyles did not have the run at the Olympics he had hoped for but he convinced himself to come to Eugene and try to end his season on a high note before looking ahead to next year's World Championships.
Andre de Grasse, who was in the men's 100m field, did not compete in the 200m, but the silver medalist from this past Olympics Kenneth Bednarek was setting his sights on finishing first ahead of Lyles. In his time as a professional Lyles had only lost two 200m races in his career. Lyles returned to his winning form as he set the fastest time in the world this year and a meet record with a time of 19.52 pulling away from Bednarek during the final meters.
"As we came out I looked

up and saw everybody and thought we didn't even get this at the Olympic trials. It was exciting to see, I don't think you understand how lifeless it was at Tokyo with no crowd there; like it would be dead silent," Lyles said. "Then to come here and see so many people who love track it was amazing to see."
Women's 800m
Athing Mu, who won the gold medal in Tokyo, mentioned on Friday that her race on Saturday would be her last for a while as she wanted to take a break from running.
Similar to the women's 100m field, the women's 800m featured the top three finishers from Tokyo. Mu came out razor-focused, with her eyes set on creating a lasting impression before her break. She did that when she broke the American record for the 800m during Saturday's race.
Looking at the field she

raced against, it was competitive and it was astonishing when she finished with a 1.55.04 with a lengthy lead on second place.
"The coolest thing about being here at Hayward this is my third time here starting off with NCAA season than going into the Olympic trials and now the Diamond league," Mu said. "The Hayward magic as they call it has grown every time I've been here and this is the greatest field of people ever and just to experience it was really nice so I'm just happy I got that chance to do it."
Even though Mu is unsure of her return, she has really established herself as a force to be reckoned with in the women's 800m.
Men's 100m
Tokyo's Gold medalist for the Men's 100m was not present for this race, but the second, third, and fourth place finishers were ready to run in Eugene.

Fred Kerley of the United States and Andre de Grasse of Canada, who finished second and third, were ready to square off for the first time since the Olympics.
As the race unfolded, de Grasse was able to overtake the field and earn himself a win with a time of 9.74.
"It felt good to finally compete in front of fans," said de Grasse. "Tokyo was so tough to not have any fans there so it was good to come back here and race in front of fans. That got my adrenaline going so I knew it was going to be a good race. So, I went out there and had some fun and I was happy I was able to run a good time."
Women's 100m
The energy in the press conference on Friday as the three Jamaican women came to the stage along with the return of Sha'Carri Richardson felt noticeably different than the other athletes prior.

The podium at Tokyo was a sweep for team Jamaica as Elane Thompson-Herah, Shelly-Ann Fraser-Price and Shericka Jackson finished as the top three.
Thompson-Herah is one of two people to win both the 100m and 200m in back-to-back Olympics the other being fellow Jamaican Usain Bolt.
She set an Olympic record with her time of 10.61 and set her sights on being able to finish atop the podium again.
Sha'Carri Richardson found herself in between all three of the medalists from Tokyo and only lost one race all year leading up to this weekend.
"The world might think this is Richardson versus the Tokyo podium," mentioned an NBC broadcast just before the race got underway.
No one expected Richardson to finish last of the nine women in the field, while

the trio of Jamaican women stole the show again.
As could be expected for those following track, the same three who finished in Tokyo repeated the exact same finish at the Prefontaine Classic.
Elane Thompson-Herah flirted with Florence Griffith Joyner's (FloJo) world record time of 10.49 and finished her race with a time of 10.54. That ranks her second all-time and now owning the Diamond League record and Jamaican national record.
After the events had concluded, a few athletes decided this would be their last competition for a while, but the Diamond League competition will continue with plenty of stars persisting to chase more records. The next events will take place in Lausanne, Switzerland on Aug. 26, then a very quick turnaround coming Aug. 28 in Paris, France.

FOOTBALL from B1
the Cottage Grove area. The season was held last spring.
Unfortunately for the Eagles, they didn't have enough players to support a full team. They were forced to combine squads with their close rival the North Douglas Warriors.
"It was actually fun," senior Trent Williams said jokingly. "I got to play with some of my friends which was cool."
The Eagles played the six-game season in hopes that they'd return to normalcy in the fall. The expectation was to have a full season of football, but as of recently, this has changed.
Practices were approved to begin Aug. 16, but since this date, not many kids have shown up. Usually eight on eight, now, with just a little over a week before their first game, Yoncalla is playing a six-on-six

schedule with the dwindling number of show-ups.
"There's so many things going on you know," head coach Matt Bragg said. "COVID and work are keeping kids out of football but I just want the kids to be able to play. If that means going to six men then we will."
Still, despite all the craziness, no games are guaranteed for Yoncalla. They recently reached out to their rivals North Douglas yet again to combine squads for the six-on-six season. The schools did not come to terms regarding the collaboration, but Bragg is still hopeful that he can get a full six-on-six team out.
"School still doesn't start for these guys until next week, so we are hoping to get a few more tryouts then," Bragg said. "Once that happens, we should be set."
Even if it's with half as many people on the field, it's better than nothing.

For Yoncalla, it'll be their first time playing by themselves in nearly two years. To make matters more interesting, they are only returning three players from their brief spring season, as the team was very senior heavy during the time.
"It's a fresh new group this year," head coach Matt Bragg said. "Some of them haven't played since 2019 and some haven't played ever."
The transition to six on six isn't seamless however. Multiple rules and position roles are changed, which will have a major impact on the strategy of the game. Some of these changes include no quarterback rushes, a drastic decrease in the use of both of the lines and more.
For Yoncalla, the decrease in the use of both of the lines could hurt them more than they think. Bragg considered his offensive line to be the stron-

gest component of his team heading into the fall. This is largely due to Williams, who plays center and is one of the three returners from the spring. He is a first team all-league talent, and the Eagle with the most varsity experience.
With no skill players returning from the spring season, Bragg was depending on Williams and the rest of his offensive line to lead the rush attack to victory.
"I feel ready and excited," Williams said when asked about the responsibility of leading the run game before the shift to six on six. "With the new players we got we should have the ability to pound the ball for four yards a carry."
Now, with the new regulations and strategies, Williams has been trying out different positions, including quarterback.
"It's stressful having to learn the new rules and

having to come up with a new playbook," Bragg said.
The shift to the "ground-and-pound" offense won't be easy for Yoncalla, even if it is six on six. Yoncalla's offense has been predominantly built around the passing game in recent years, but with a severe lack of skill players, Yoncalla will have to re-discover their identity.
"The perception of teams that spread out and throw is that they are soft, which isn't true," Bragg said. "I want everyone to see how tough these boys are and how much they put in the work."
With an abundance of new regulations to learn, a new squad to break-in, and a playbook to re-vamp, Bragg and the Eagles have their work cut out for them.
"It's gonna be a learning experience for all those players," Williams said. "We gotta get them all back

into shape."
Even if it's just six-on-six tackle football, Bragg encourages the community to spectate. Above the Yoncalla field is a road that many people used to watch the games during last year when fans weren't allowed to visit. Whether it's here, or in the bleachers, the players want your support.
"It'd be nice to have people lining the field again and in the stands again," Bragg said. "It was upsetting for them last year, especially the seniors who had to say 'my mom and dad can't come,' or 'my friends can't come.' I know our younger guys are excited to hear the roar of the crowd again."
The Eagles will kick their season off in less than a month on Sept. 3 when they travel to Silver Lake, OR, to take on the North Lake Cowboys. Kick-off is set for 7 p.m.

RACE from B1
able to navigate around Turner to go into first place. As the field eventually caught up to traffic, Snawder wheel hopped a lapped car allowing Tyler Thompson to move past him for the top spot. Thompson, of Harrisburg, remained there the rest of the distance to win his sixth career ISCS series victory and a series-leading fourth Speedweek victory.
Tacoma, Washington's

Evan Margeson was second, followed by Camden Robustelli of Central Point and racing the T.J. and Stacy Winningham owned entry, in third. Eric Turner and Cottage Grove native Kinzer Cox were fourth and fifth. Justin Lemon, from Cottage Grove, won the consolation feature.
In Dwarf Car competition, Josh Rodgers of St. Helens paced the field early. He held down the desired spot for some time before Chris Kress passed him on lap nine. Kress,

from Roseburg, had to deal with some fast company and a couple of restarts.
Despite all the pressure, Kress went on to win the main event holding back all challengers. Roseburg's

Anthony Pope was second, with Josh Rodgers earning third. Adam Walker, from Mt. Angle, ended the race fourth with Boring chauffeur Dave Bruhn getting fifth. The B Main was to be

won by Fred Hay from Eagle Point.
Cottage Grove Speedway took last weekend off due to the Western Oregon Exposition.
The next set of events

will be Friday, Aug. 27, and Saturday, the Aug. 28, for the Herz Precision Parts Wingless Nationals.
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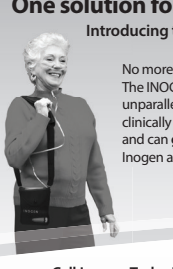
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