

SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20
Softball: Gresham at Central, 4:30 p.m. Central Linn at Perrydale, 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 21
Track and Field: Class 2A, 1A State Championships, Hayward Field, Eugene, 10 a.m.

Boys Tennis: Central at OSAA Class 5A State Championship at West Hills Racquet and Fitness Club, Portland, 12:45 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 22
Baseball: Springfield at Dallas, 4:30 p.m. Central at Ashland, 4:30 p.m.

Softball: North Eugene at Dallas, 4:30 p.m. Ashland at Central, 4:30 p.m.

Track and Field: Class 5A State Championships, Hayward Field, Eugene, 9 a.m. Class 2A, 1A State Championships, Hayward Field, Eugene, 2:30 p.m.

Boys Tennis: Central at OSAA Class 5A State Championships at West Hills Racquet and Fitness Club, Portland, vs. TBA, TBA.

SATURDAY, MAY 23
Boys Tennis: Central at OSAA Class 5A State Championships at West Hills Racquet and Fitness Club, Portland, vs. TBA, TBA.

Track and Field: Class 5A State Championships, Hayward Field, Eugene, 9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27
Baseball: Class 5A State Playoffs, First Round, TBA.

Softball: Class 5A State Playoffs, First Round, TBA. Class 2A-1A State Playoffs, First Round, TBA.

Schedules Subject to Change

Online

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QUICK HITS

Tapasa signs letter of intent

INDEPENDENCE — Central senior Sai Tapasa signed a national letter of intent to play women's basketball at Idaho State University on Friday.

"I really enjoyed the campus," Tapasa said. "I met the coaches and a lot of the players. I felt comfortable there."



Tapasa

Tapasa returned to the court for the Panthers during the 2014-15 season.

She missed her junior year after tearing her ACL, MCL and PCL.

"My dad helped push me and told me if you work hard enough, you'll get there," Tapasa said. "That's what I did, I worked harder and it paid off."

Tapasa earned all-Mid-Willamette Conference honorable mention.

"I want to thank my coaches, my dad for being my role model and all my teammates who have pushed me," Tapasa said. "It's been a great experience to be a Panther."

CLASS 5A PREP TENNIS

Central doubles pair headed to state

Cable, Sanna place third at Mid-Willamette Conference tourney

By Lukas Eggen
The Itemizer-Observer

CORVALLIS — When junior Kevin Cable and senior Edoardo Sanna decided to join forces, the pair had one thing on their mind — Get to the state tennis tournament.

The pair accomplished its mission, finishing third in the Mid-Willamette Conference district tennis championships doubles bracket, punching its ticket to state.

"I couldn't believe it," Sanna said. "We've wanted to

State Tennis

Who: Central boys tennis.
What: Class 5A state tennis championships.
When: Thursday, 12:45 p.m.; Friday, TBA; Saturday, TBA.
Where: West Hills Racquet and Fitness Club, Portland.
What's at stake: The doubles pair of Kevin Cable and Edoardo Sanna play for a chance to win a state title.

make it from the beginning, I was so amazed that we did. It was a unique moment."

Cable and Sanna will face Noah Landstrom and Paul Krueger from La Salle Prep Thursday at 12:45 p.m. at

West Hills Racquet and Fitness Club in Portland.

While they will face stiff competition, Sanna and Cable are excited to see how far they can go.

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PATTI YOUNGREN/for the Itemizer-Observer
Central's Kevin Cable and Edoardo Sanna celebrate a point during the district tournament.

CLASS 5A PREP TRACK AND FIELD

Knauss, Peterson win titles

McBeth, Bansen earn wild card berths to state meet



CLASS 5A TRACK AND FIELD STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

When: Friday, 9 a.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m. Gates open at 8 a.m.

Where: Hayward Field, University of Oregon, Eugene.

Admission: Adults, \$10; students and children, \$5.

Central qualifiers: BOYS — Thomas Peterson, sr., 100 meters (seeded third) and 200 (seeded seventh); Kaj Bansen, sr., high jump (seeded 23rd).

GIRLS — Taylor Knauss, sr., long jump (seeded seventh); Abby McBeth, soph., 1,500 (seeded sixth).

By Lukas Eggen

The Itemizer-Observer

MONMOUTH — Central senior Taylor Knauss was sure of one thing on Thursday afternoon. After competing in the finals of the girls long jump, she was ready to focus on her main event — the triple jump.

After scratching on her first two long jump attempts, Knauss just wanted to get a mark on record in her third and final attempt.

"I thought I'd do OK in the long jump and be in the middle of the pack," Knauss said. "I didn't have any hope after I scratched my first two attempts. I thought oh well, let's just bring it and see what happens."

Few could have imagined what happened next.

Prior to the Mid-Willamette Conference track and field championships, Knauss' best leap was 15 feet, 4¾ inches.

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Peterson



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer
Central senior Taylor Knauss won the girls long jump at the Mid-Willamette Conference track and field championships on Wednesday.

District champ



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer

Dallas sophomore Aaron White, right, won the boys triple jump at the Mid-Willamette Conference track and field championships on Thursday. Read about his performance on Page 12A.

CLASS 2A PREP TRACK AND FIELD

Pirates' duo set for state

Price, Clark place second at district meet

By Lukas Eggen

The Itemizer-Observer

MT. ANGEL — Perrydale junior Sarah Clark couldn't help but feel a little down before the Tri-River Conference track and field championships on Thursday and Friday. Clark, who had been throwing since her sophomore year, had dedicated herself the most to the javelin.

But the emergence of Taylor Price, who set a



Clark

would beat me and I wouldn't make it to state," Clark said. "That put me down a little."

But Clark set a personal record, throwing 101 feet, 8



Price

inches, good enough to take second and punch her ticket to state.

Price finished eighth in the event.

Much to the relief of Clark, their friendship triumphed over any hard feelings that may have existed.

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