

**SCHEDULE**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27**  
**Baseball:** Class 5A state playoffs first round: Dallas at Hood River Valley, 5 p.m.  
**Softball:** Class 5A state playoffs first round: Central at Pendleton, 4:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, MAY 29**  
**Baseball:** Class 5A state playoffs quarterfinals, TBA.  
**Softball:** Class 5A state playoffs quarterfinals, TBA.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 2**  
**Baseball:** Class 5A state playoffs quarterfinals, TBA.  
**Softball:** Class 5A state playoff semifinals, TBA.

Schedules Subject to Change

**QUICK HITS**

**Signups open for basketball camp**

DALLAS — Registration is open for the Dragon Basketball Camp July 13-15.

Dallas girls coach Dave Brautigam and boys coach Trent Schwartz and the coaching staffs will instruct participants on a broad range of topics.

The camp will include focusing on ball handling, shooting, post and guard breakdown moves, defensive positioning and more.

The camp runs from 2 to 6 p.m. each day at the Dallas High School gym and is open for students entering grades four through 12.

The gym will be open at 12:30 p.m.

Cost is \$50 per person. Registration forms can be found online at [www.ci.dallas.or.us/index.aspx?NID=425](http://www.ci.dallas.or.us/index.aspx?NID=425).

For more information: David Brautigam, [david-brautigam@dallasor.gov](mailto:david-brautigam@dallasor.gov) or Trent Schwartz, [trent-schwartz@dsd2.org](mailto:trent-schwartz@dsd2.org).

**Sports physicals to be held June 17**

DALLAS — The Dallas Booster Club will hold a sports physicals clinic on June 17 at Oregon Family Health, located at 607 SE Jefferson in Dallas.

The clinic will be open from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$25 with proceeds supporting Dallas High athletics.

High school athletes must get a physical once every two years, while Pop Warner requires yearly physicals.

If you arrive prior to 5:30 p.m., start a line outside the door to the parking lot so as not to interrupt office hours.

**YMCA seeks sport camp volunteers**

POLK COUNTY — The Monmouth-Independence YMCA is searching for volunteer coaches for its summer sports camps.

Camps begin June 8 with choices of football, basketball and gymnastics for kindergartners through sixth-graders and football, soccer, tee ball and basketball camps for ages 3-4.

K-6 camps meet for one week, while micro camps run for one night a week for five weeks. Coaches will help teach and impact the community.

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**CLASS 5A PREP TRACK AND FIELD**

**Dragons advance to state playoffs**

*Sophomore Wallace scores winning run by stealing home*

By Lukas Eggen  
The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — Prior to the start of the postseason, Dallas baseball coach Scot McDonald said, despite all the preparation in the world, luck plays a part in the game.

"Sometimes you need the ball to bounce your way," McDonald said.

The Dragons got just that during a 9-8 win over Springfield in the Class 5A play-in round on Thursday.

With the game tied at 8

**Class 5A State First Round**

**What:** Dallas at Hood River Valley.  
**When:** Wednesday, 5 p.m.  
**Where:** Hood River Valley High School.  
**Admission:** Adults, \$6; students, \$4.  
**What's at stake:** The winner advances to the second round on Friday against the winner of Putnam vs. Churchill.

with two outs in the bottom of the sixth, Dallas had runners on first and third. Freshman Treve Earhart attempted to steal second.

"I knew the count was 0 and 2 and it was pretty tough," McDonald said.

"Seeing how they were reacting, they didn't seem like they'd be prepared for it."

Unfortunately, Springfield was prepared as Earhart got caught between the first and second basemen.

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LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer  
Dallas sophomore Zach Wallace (right) celebrates with Tucker Weaver after scoring against Springfield Thursday.

**CLASS 1A PREP TRACK AND FIELD**

**Yeager takes second, fourth**

*Falls City senior just misses state title in boys discus*



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer  
Falls City senior Tristan Yeager competes in the boys discus on Friday.

By Lukas Eggen  
The Itemizer-Observer

EUGENE — Falls City senior Tristan Yeager didn't enter the track and field season with state aspirations.

After reaching the podium in the boys discus and shot put at the Class 1A state meet, Yeager capped his high school career with an unforgettable experience.

"It was good," Yeager said. "I've never been here before. It was pretty exciting. Last year, I didn't make the podium for districts. This year, I made it (to the podium) a lot, so it was really cool."

Yeager placed second in the discus with a throw of 128 feet, 4 inches and fourth in the shot put with a mark of 40-4¾ on Thursday and Friday.

Yeager, who scratched on four of his six throws, still

came close to winning the state title in the discus, falling short by four inches. The winning throw came during the final round of the finals.

Despite competing against the state's best, Yeager didn't let himself get overwhelmed by the moment.

"I was nervous about a bunch of people watching you, but other than that, I (didn't have too many nerves)," Yeager said. "I didn't think about anything or only thought about the specific thing I wanted to work on."

Yeager entered the season with modest expectations, more excited about his friends joining the track and field team than his chances at making state.

But it didn't take long for those around him to see he was headed for big things this spring.

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**CLASS 5A PREP SOFTBALL**

**Central cruises to state playoffs**

*Huffman hits grand slam*

By Lukas Eggen  
The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — Headed into Central's softball team's play-in matchup against Ashland on Friday, Panthers coach Kendra George wanted just one thing: maximum effort.

Central answered the call, earning a 14-2 win.

"They came on the field ready to play," George said. "The girls had a lot of good energy and were consistent



Huffman

the entire time. They had a lot of fun while they were playing and were there to compete and play hard."

Rynne Huffman hit a triple in the second inning and a grand slam in the sixth to clinch the victory.

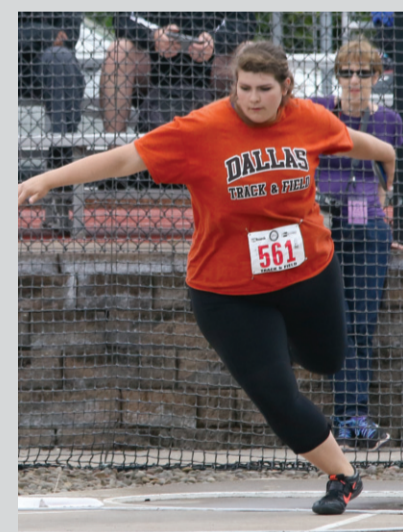
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**STATE TRACK AND FIELD COVERAGE**

• Central's Thomas Peterson ties for fifth in the 200-meter run to lead Panthers ... **Page 13A**

• Perrydale's Taylor Price finishes eighth in the 300-meter hurdles; Sarah Clark takes 10th in the javelin ... **Page 13A**

Dallas' Kyleen Benz places second in the discus and 11th in the shot put to lead Dragons ... **Page 13A**



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer  
Dallas junior Kyleen Benz placed second in the girls discus at the OSAA Class 5A state track and field meet Saturday at Hayward Field in Eugene. Benz also finished 11th in the shot put. Benz has qualified for state in each of her three seasons and finished second in an event each time.

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