

SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

Baseball: Central at Silverton, 4:30 p.m. Crescent Valley at Dallas, 4:30 p.m. Perrydale at Western Menonite, 4:30 p.m. Saint Martin's at Western Oregon (DH), 1:30 p.m.

Softball: Central at South Albany, 4:30 p.m. Siletz Valley at Perrydale, 4:30 p.m.

Track and field: Corvallis, Lebanon, South Albany at Central, 3:30 p.m. Woodburn, Crescent Valley, Silverton at Dallas, 3:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

Baseball: Santiam at Perrydale, 4:30 p.m.

Boys tennis: Corvallis at Central, 4 p.m. Dallas at Lebanon, 4 p.m.

Girls tennis: Central at Corvallis, 4 p.m. Lebanon at Dallas, 4 p.m.

Softball: Santiam at Perrydale, 4:30 p.m.

Track and field: Perrydale at Willamina, TBA. Western Oregon at Mt. San Antonio College Relays, all day.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

Baseball: Central at Silverton, 4:30 p.m. Dallas at Crescent Valley, 4:30 p.m.

Softball: Dallas at Central, 4 p.m. Western Oregon at Northwest Nazarene (DH), 1 p.m.

Track and field: Central at Oregon Relays (Hayward Field, Eugene), noon. Falls City at Up and Comers Invite, 4 p.m. Western Oregon at Mt. San Antonio College Relays, all day. Western Oregon at Bryan Clay Invitational, all day.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Baseball: Western Oregon at Saint Martin's (DH), 1 p.m.

Softball: Western Oregon at Northwest Nazarene (DH), 11 a.m.

Track and field: Central at Oregon Relays (Hayward Field, Eugene), 9 a.m. Western Oregon at Mt. San Antonio College Relays, Oregon Relays, Long Beach State Invitational and Pacific Open, all day.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Baseball: Western Oregon at Saint Martin's (DH), noon.

MONDAY, APRIL 18

Boys golf: Dallas at Mallard Creek (Lebanon), 10 a.m.

Girls golf: Dallas at Cross Creek, 11 a.m.

Boys tennis: Woodburn at Central, 4 p.m. Dallas at Silverton, 4 p.m.

Girls tennis: Central at Woodburn, 4 p.m. Silverton at Dallas, 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

Baseball: Crescent Valley at Central, 4:30 p.m. Silverton at Dallas, 4:30 p.m.

Softball: Central at Crescent Valley, 4:30 p.m. Dallas at South Albany, 4:30 p.m. Northwest Christian at Western Oregon (DH), 2 p.m.

Track and field: Perrydale at PacWest/Tri-River meet (at Salem Academy), 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

Baseball: Central at Crescent Valley, 4:30 p.m. Dallas at Silverton, 4:30 p.m.

Boys tennis: Central at South Albany, 4 p.m. Woodburn at Dallas, 4 p.m.

Girls tennis: South Albany at Central, 4 p.m. Dallas at Woodburn, 4 p.m.

Softball: Lebanon at Central, 4:30 p.m. Corvallis at Dallas, 4:30 p.m. Santiam at Perrydale, 4:30 p.m.

Schedules Subject to Change

QUICK HITS

Business teaches Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu

DALLAS — Daniel Priebe Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, 508 SE Mill St. No. 6, Dallas, is now open.

The business offers classes for kids and adults during the late afternoon/early evenings Monday through Friday and Saturday mornings. All ages and are welcome to attend a trial class.

For more information: www.dp-bjj.com.

Look for a story on Daniel Priebe in next week's *Itemizer-ObsERVER*.

CENTRAL TRACK AND FIELD

Breaking out

Samuel Cole's impact on the Panthers extends far beyond his talent



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-ObsERVER

Central senior thrower Samuel Cole prepares for the discus throw during the Panthers' meet on April 13 at Central High School.

By Lukas Eggen

The Itemizer-ObsERVER

INDEPENDENCE — Throughout his life, Samuel Cole has accomplished a lot in the track and field world.

But for Samuel's father James, who also serves as an assistant coach for Central's track and field team, perhaps the moment he's most proud of most had little to do with Samuel setting a new personal record.

"The measurement of success for me as dad and coach reached a peculiar pinnacle last week," James Cole said. "During the boys JV shot put competition, many throwers from Central, including Samuel, began to clap in unison for each Central teammate ... and then began to do the same for their competition from Dallas.

"The vast majority of the athletes set personal bests. Seeing Samuel encourage his young teammates — and rivals — in this manner was very

gratifying and is indicative of who he really is as a young man and leader here on campus."

It's Samuel's mix of talent, work ethic, and kindness that has allowed him to excel, even when his high school career was threatened.



It almost seemed predestined that Cole would turn to track and field as a child.

James Cole, competed in the hammer at the collegiate level and coaches throws for the Panthers.

Samuel's older sister, Sara Cole, a 2007 CHS graduate, holds the school records in the girls shot put, discus and javelin, and went on to compete for the University of Oregon and now serves as Central's javelin coach.

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LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-ObsERVER

Samuel Cole throws the shot put on April 13.

PERRYDALE SOFTBALL

Amador reaches new level

By Lukas Eggen

The Itemizer-ObsERVER

PERRYDALE — One glimpse into Perrydale senior Hannah Amador's family and it's of little surprise she has emerged as the Pirates' softball team's starting pitcher.

Pitching is something of a family tradition in the Amador family.

"I started playing softball when I was like 8 years old," Amador said. "My brothers originally got into baseball. They're pitchers, too. My cousins play as well. It's a family thing."

Amador joined her siblings in gravitating toward pitching.

"We can all relate to each other," Amador said. "We can tell each other stories

Play ball

- Perrydale's softball team fell to Kennedy 12-1 on Monday afternoon.
- The loss was the first time since the season-opener that the Pirates were held to fewer than nine runs. The Pirates fell to 5-2 overall.

about what happened during a game, and we all understand what we're going through."

When she arrived at Perrydale as a freshman, Amador looked forward to easing her way into varsity softball.

There was only one problem — Bryce Baucum, the Pirates' all-state pitcher from the year prior, graduated, leaving the Pirates with one option.

"It was difficult because I was the only one coming up

who knew how to pitch," Amador said. "I just had to relax, work with my pitching coach and it went fine."

The four-year varsity player spent the offseason working with a pitching coach.

"We worked on different pitches, like off speed, change-up, drop ball and screwball," Amador said.

The result has been a pitcher who can throw harder, longer and with better location than ever before.

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LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-ObsERVER

Perrydale senior pitcher Hannah Amador delivers a throw against Kennedy on Monday afternoon.

WESTERN OREGON BASEBALL

Miller off to a roaring good start



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-ObsERVER

Western Oregon pitcher Brady Miller delivers a throw against Concordia on Saturday.

By Lukas Eggen

The Itemizer-ObsERVER

MONMOUTH — In the time before Western Oregon pitcher Brady Miller takes the field, he's blasting tunes to get him pumped up.

His artist of choice? Katy Perry.

"The upbeat music gives me a laugh and gets me in a zone, weirdly enough," Miller said with a smile.

The power of Perry has certainly helped Miller during the 2016 campaign.

The sophomore helped the Wolves defeat Concordia 11-1 on Saturday in the first of a four-game series. Miller threw six strikeouts in eight innings, giving up just three hits, the latest sign that Miller has evolved from freshman phenom to bona fide ace.

It didn't take long for



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GNAC Freshman of the Year honors after 18 appearances, 41 strikeouts and a 1.72 ERA.

Despite his strong numbers, Miller saw critical areas that needed improvement below the surface.

"I struggled getting ahead of batters last year," Miller said. "I trust my defense more this year. Last year, I thought I had to do it myself. I put unnecessary stress on myself. I had to remember that it's a team game. There's nine guys out there, not just one."

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