

## SCHEDULE

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 18**  
**Baseball:** Dallas at Clackamas, 5 p.m.  
**Softball:** Central at Newport, 4 p.m.

**THURSDAY, MAY 19**  
**Baseball:** Country Christian at Perrydale, 4:30 p.m.  
**Boys tennis:** Central, Dallas at OSAA Class 5A State Championships at Portland Tennis Center, noon.  
**Track and field:** Class 1A State Championships, Hayward Field, Eugene, 10 a.m.

**FRIDAY, MAY 20**  
**Baseball:** OSAA 5A state play-in round: Eagle Point at Central, 4:30 p.m.  
**Boys tennis:** Central, Dallas at OSAA Class 5A State Championships at Portland Tennis Center, 9 a.m.  
**Softball:** OSAA 5A state play-in round: Central at Crater, 4:30 p.m. North Eugene at Dallas, 4:30 p.m.  
**Track and field:** Class 5A State Championships, Hayward Field, Eugene, 9 a.m. Class 1A State Championships, Hayward Field, Eugene, 2:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, MAY 21**  
**Boys tennis:** Central, Dallas at OSAA Class 5A State Championships at Tualatin Hills Tennis Center, 9 a.m.  
**Track and field:** Class 5A State Championships, Hayward Field, Eugene, 9:30 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 25**  
**Baseball:** Class 5A State Playoffs, First Round, TBA.  
**Softball:** Class 5A State Playoffs, First Round, TBA.  
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**Schedules Subject to Change**

## QUICK HITS

### Santiam Christian sends three local kids to state

DAYTON — Santiam Christian's track and field team saw three Polk County athletes qualify for the OSAA Class 3A state championship meet on Thursday and Friday in Eugene.

Rebeka Preston placed first in the girls 400-meter run and was second in the 200. She was also part of the 4x400 relay team that placed first and the 4x100 relay squad that placed second at the West Valley district meet at Dayton on Friday and Saturday. August Thornton won the boys 1,500 and Zach Watson finished second in the 800.

### Hole in one at Cross Creek

DALLAS — Ben Long recorded a hole in one on May 2 at Cross Creek Golf Course. Long recorded the ace on hole 14, a 141-yard par 3. Long used a pitching wedge.

### Registration open for new event

DALLAS — Registration is open for the city of Dallas' triathlon field games on June 4 at 11 a.m. at Dallas City Park.

Cost is \$20 per team with two members per team. Games include bocce ball, cornhole and disc golf. All games will be explained. A free barbecue will kick off the day's festivities. Deadline to register is June 1. For more information: David Brautigam, 803-831-3559.

## PREP TRACK AND FIELD

# Running down a dream



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer

Central sophomore Jaxon Hutchinson, left, sprints toward the finish line in the final of the boys 200-meter run on Thursday afternoon.

## Panthers will send athletes in 12 events to state meet in Eugene



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Reba Hoffman, Bethanie Altamirano, Alex Alvarez and Elizabeth Chavez celebrate after winning the 4 x 100 relay.

### 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** — Jaxon Hutchinson, soph., 200-meter run (seeded 13th); Isaac Burgett, soph., 400 (seeded seventh); Samuel Cole, sr., shot put (seeded eighth); Josh Dickson, soph., 300 hurdles (seeded 11th); Kyle Miller, sr., javelin (seeded sixth); Peter Mason, jr., long jump (seeded 16th); Alec Barba, jr., high jump (seeded 18th); 4 x 100 relay (Casey Brown, Isaiah Abraham, Jaxon Hutchinson, Nick Burgett, seeded 10th); 4 x 400 relay (Isaac Burgett, soph.; Joshua Peterson, sr.; Juan Rivera, sr.; Nick Burgett, sr.; seeded seventh).

**GIRLS** — Bethanie Altamirano, soph., 400 (seeded fourth); Reba Hoffman, sr., triple jump (seeded eighth); 4 x 100 relay (Elizabeth Chavez, fr., Alex Alvarez, sr., Bethanie Altamirano, soph., Reba Hoffman, sr., seeded fourth).

**By Lukas Eggen**  
 The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — When Central sophomore Jaxon Hutchinson stepped onto the track prior to the boys 200-meter final on Thursday, he, like his competitors, hoped a trip to the state championship awaited at the finish.

Unlike his competitors, Hutchinson was racing for far more than a district title.

"Two years ago, when I was in eighth grade, I won the 200-meter race at districts and my dad was there for that," Hutchinson said. "A few months ago, my dad passed away. This race was really important for me. This race was for my dad and God upstairs. I wanted to make him proud."

What happened next was nothing short of spectacular.

Hutchinson outdueled Silverton's Austin Haskett to become district champion, finishing in 23.06 seconds — .07 seconds ahead of Haskett.

"That was amazing," Hutchinson said. "All day, I had been dreaming about what I was going to do if I won. I didn't think I actually would. It was a good moment."

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### PERRYDALE TRACK AND FIELD

## Perrydale headed to state in three events

**By Lukas Eggen**  
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PORTLAND — Rain on Saturday did little to dampen Perrydale's track and field squad at the Special District 1 Championship on Friday and Saturday.

The Pirates qualified athletes to state in three events.

Senior Taylor Price won

the 100-meter hurdles.

She was also was part of the 4x100 relay team, along with Anna McGill, Hannah Hallock and Kieley Griffin, that earned a wildcard berth at state.

Price also finished second in the 300 hurdles, but declined to run in it to focus on her other two events.

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### CLASS 1A TRACK AND FIELD STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**When:** Thursday, 10 a.m.; Friday, 2:30 p.m.

**Where:** Hayward Field, University of Oregon, Eugene.

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

**Perrydale qualifiers: GIRLS** — Taylor Price, sr., 100-meter hurdles (seeded second); Sarah Clark, sr., javelin (seeded sixth), shot put (seeded ninth), 300 hurdles (seeded 10th); 4 x 100 relay (Anna McGill, sr., Hannah Hallock, sr., Taylor Price, sr., Keiley Griffin, fr., Shylar Halverson (alternate), seeded sixth).

### DALLAS TENNIS

## Gniadecki takes second

*Gillette and Dudley earn trip to state tourney*

**By Lukas Eggen**  
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CORVALLIS — At the beginning of the season, Dallas' boys tennis team was on a mission: upset the traditional balance of power in the Mid-Willamette Conference.

At the district tournament last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the Dragons did just that.

Senior Thomas Gniadecki and the doubles pair of Joe Gillette and Josh Dudley clinched berths to state.

"I was happy," Gniadecki said. "This is what this season has been all about."

Gniadecki placed second in the singles bracket, while Gillette and Dudley took fourth in the doubles bracket.

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Dallas senior Thomas Gniadecki returns a shot against Corvallis' Sam Larson on Friday evening.

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