

SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17
Baseball: Central at Blanchet Catholic, 5 p.m.
Softball: Dallas at Tualatin, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 18
Baseball: Santiam at Perrydale, 4:30 p.m.
Softball: Perrydale at Santiam, 3 p.m.
Track and field: Class 1A State Championships, Hayward Field, Eugene, 10 a.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 19
Baseball: OSAA 5A state play-in round: Marist Catholic at Central, 4:30 p.m. Ashland at Dallas, 5 p.m.
Softball: OSAA 5A state play-in round: Churchill at Central, TBA.

Track and field: Class 5A State Championships, Hayward Field, Eugene, 9 a.m. Class 1A State Championships, Hayward Field, Eugene, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 20
Track and field: Class 5A State Championships, Hayward Field, Eugene, 10:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24
Baseball: Class 5A State Playoffs, First Round, TBA.
Softball: Class 5A State Playoffs, First Round, TBA.

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QUICK HITS

WOU hires new athletic director

MONMOUTH — Western Oregon University announced the hiring of Curtis Campbell to as athletic director on Monday.

Campbell is the current director of athletics at NCAA Division II institution Tuskegee University in Alabama.

Campbell has 17 years of experience in intercollegiate athletics at the Division II and Division III levels and is a member of the D-II Management Council and D-II Planning and Finance Committee.

"I am extremely excited to join the staff at Western Oregon University," Campbell said. "... I would like to thank President Fuller and the search committee for this opportunity."

Campbell's first day will be July 1.

Scrap metal drive returns Saturday

DALLAS — Dallas' boys basketball program will hold its fifth annual scrap metal drive Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Email Trent Schwartz, trent.schwartz@dtd2.org or call 503-623-8336, ext. 2105, to arrange a pickup by Thursday. Name, address and brief description of the scrap and where to pick it up at the address is required.

Acceptable items include iron, cast iron, tin, cars, appliances, copper, brass, aluminum, stainless wire and copper wire.

Refrigerants, asbestos, petroleum by products, antifreeze and other harmful substances will not be accepted. For more information on what is acceptable: www.cherrycitymetals.com/recycling.

All proceeds will help pay for Dallas' boys basketball team, including equipment, tournament fees and jerseys.

Cross Creek men's club results

DALLAS — Cross Creek's men's club results for May 9:

Low gross/net
 Gross: 1 (tie), Eldon Rivers, Rocky Kygar, Jack Duncan, Bob Sprinkle and Don Seth, 30.

Net: 1, Wayne Braughman, 18; 2, Lynn Hurt, 21; 3, John Hopkins, 23; 4 (tie), Ken Ross, Darrel Smedstad and John Mangini, 24; 7 (tie) m Glen White, Vern Smith and Ken Dankenbring, 25.

PREP TRACK AND FIELD



Dallas sends 10 to state

LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-ObsERVER

Dallas seniors Stefani Tallon and Jenifer Webb begin to celebrate after the girls 100-meter hurdles on Saturday.

By Lukas Eggen
 The Itemizer-ObsERVER

LEBANON — Moments after finishing the boys 300-meter hurdles race at the Mid-Willamette Conference District Track and Field Championships on Saturday, Dallas senior Jacob Deming threw his hands in the air.

His first thought? "I didn't start off very well," Deming said. "I had to focus on my phases and fundamentals. My landing hadn't been very good. Thankfully, on the last one, I got the landing down."

Deming won the race at the Mid-Willamette Conference District Track and Field Championships on Saturday with a time of 39.63 seconds. The race was a perfect cap to a stellar showing at

Lebanon High School. Deming also took home district titles in the long jump (21 feet, 23¾ inches) and triple jump (44-5¼).

"It means a lot," Deming said. "It's an amazing feeling to win three events."

The hardest may have been the triple jump — with Deming leaping past teammates Aaron White and Evan Courtney.

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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, \$12; students and children, \$5.

Dallas qualifiers: BOYS — Jacob Deming, sr., 300-meter hurdles (seeded first), long jump (seeded seventh) and triple jump (seeded fourth); Trevor Cross, soph., 3,000 (seeded ninth); Jacob Collins, sr., pole vault (seeded sixth); Aaron White, sr., triple jump (seeded fifth).

GIRLS — Jenifer Webb, sr., 100 hurdles (seeded fifth); Stefani Tallon, sr., 100 hurdles (seeded eighth) and 300 hurdles (seeded 12th); Amelia Burgess, sr., discus (seeded sixth); Kayley Sayer, sr., long jump (seeded 12th); Hailey VanWell, fr., triple jump (seeded ninth).



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Dallas senior Jacob Deming placed first in the boys triple jump, long jump and 300-meter hurdles.

PREP TRACK AND FIELD

Panthers show guts at districts

By Lukas Eggen
 The Itemizer-ObsERVER

LEBANON — The 2016-17 athletic year has been a frustrating one for Central senior Isaiah Abraham. Injuries cost him most of the football season and basketball.

But he had a goal in mind — to step onto the track for the 4 x 100-meter relay along with teammates Sterling Hutchinson, Peter Mason and Issac Burgett at the Mid-Willamette Conference District Track and Field Championships on Saturday.

"I knew I could push through it," Abraham said. "I knew I was going to be out here whether it hurt or not."

His teammates knew he was hurting, but were supportive of him throughout the spring.

"We told him not to push it," Mason said. "Districts is the only meet that matters. If you're ready for that, then that's all we want."

Hutchinson got Central

off to a strong start, and Mason and Burgett only extended it.

"I knew Sterling was going to get us a lead," Mason said. "He's one of the best starters in the league. My goal is to keep that lead or add to it."

When Burgett handed the baton off to Abraham, the Panthers entered the home stretch in first.

Abraham left it all on the track, anchoring the relay team to a first-place finish — but it cost him a possible level two hamstring strain.

"It means a lot to be out there at least one more time with these guys," Abraham said. "This was the first time we raced together. I'm happy to be able to at least come out here and help us get to state."

Coach Eli Cirino said he's

unsure whether Abraham will be able to compete at state. But for at least one race, everything was as the relay team envisioned it would be.

"It cost us an injured teammate, but we made it to state," Hutchinson said. "That's good enough for me. I don't think anyone else wanted this more than us."

Sophomore Sophia Henke wanted to focus on the triple jump during the 2017 season.

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Henke



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Central's Isaiah Abraham takes off after receiving the baton from Issac Burgett.