

SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24
Baseball: Class 5A State Playoffs, First Round: No. 11 Dallas at No. 6 Hood River Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Softball: Class 5A State Playoffs, First Round: No. 16 Parkrose at No. 1 Dallas, 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 25
Track and field: Western Oregon at NCAA Outdoor National Championships, TBA.
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FRIDAY, MAY 26
Baseball: OSAA 5A State Playoffs, Quarterfinals: TBA.
Softball: OSAA 5A State Playoffs, Quarterfinals: TBA.

SATURDAY, MAY 27
Track and field: Western Oregon at NCAA Outdoor National Championships, TBA.

TUESDAY, MAY 30
Baseball: OSAA 5A State Playoffs, Semifinals: TBA.
Softball: OSAA 5A State Playoffs, Semifinals: TBA.

Schedules Subject to Change

QUICK HITS

Polk County kids excel at state

EUGENE — Polk County student-athletes attending Santiam Christian placed in multiple events at the OSAA Track and Field State Championships on Thursday and Friday.

Rebeka Preston won a state title in the 3A girls triple jump with a mark of 37 feet, 6 inches. The mark is a new school record. She was also part of the 4 x 100 relay team that placed third and the 4 x 400 relay team that finished fourth.

Ainsley Beam took third in the girls 3,000-meter run with a time of 14 minutes, 3.25 seconds and Amanda Preston was part of the girls 4 x 400 relay team.

Zach Watson finished third in the boys 800 in 2:02.29, a new school record. August Thornton took eighth in the 3,000 (9:27.85) and ninth in the 1,500 (4:18.27).

Cross Creek men's club results

DALLAS — Cross Creek's men's club results for May 16:

Low gross/net
 Gross: 1 (tie), Rocky Kygar and Jim Schroeder, 39; 3, Wayne Weathers, 40.
 Net: 1, Eldon Rivers, 35; 2 (tie), Lee Gamaney, Bill Karjala and Bob Hughes, 37; 4, Bob Bennett, 38.

Cross Creek women's club results

DALLAS — Cross Creek's men's club results for May 22:

Low net
 1, Laurilee Hatcher, -4; 2 (tie), Karen Goodwin and Vicky Heffner, -3; 4 Cheryl Gesner, -2; 5 (tie), Sherrill Hurt, MJ Ferrin and Juanita Temple, -1.

STAT SHEET

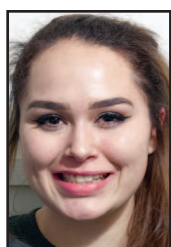
0 The number of times a softball team from Dallas has gone undefeated in league play prior to this spring, according to athletic director Tim Larson. Dallas' softball team finished 18-0 in league play and is ranked No. 1 in the state.

20 The number of games in a row Dallas' softball team has won entering the state playoffs. The Dragons' last loss came against Grants Pass, a 6A school, on March 28. Dallas lost that game 14-3.

PREP SOFTBALL

Top-ranked Dragons to host Parkrose

By Lukas Eggen
 The Itemizer-Observer



Simmons

DALLAS — Dallas' softball team made history, but the celebration will have to wait.

After finishing league play with a perfect 18-0 record for the first time in school history, the top-ranked Dragons host No. 16 Parkrose Wednesday (today) at 4:30 p.m. in the first round of the state playoffs.

"At this point in the season, we are just fine tuning all aspects of the game," coach Brandi Simmons said. "This team comes out and works hard every day and it is paying off. I couldn't be more proud

Class 5A State First Round

What: No. 16 Parkrose at No. 1 Dallas.
When: Wednesday, 4:30 p.m.
Where: Dallas High School.
Admission: Adults, \$6; students, \$4.
What's at stake: The winner advances to the second round on Friday against the winner of Lebanon vs. Eagle Point.

little at this point.

"I don't know many details about Parkrose, but I do know that anything can happen in the playoffs, so it will be important for us to do what we have all season, which is play our game," Jackson said. "We need to have quality at-bats, play solid defense and have consistency on the (pitcher's) mound."

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of these girls."

Parkrose finished 7-18 overall and 5-12 in North-

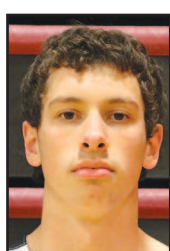
west Oregon Conference play — but Jackson knows regular season records mean

PREP TRACK AND FIELD

Champion at last

By Lukas Eggen
 The Itemizer-Observer

EUGENE — About an hour before the girls 400-meter final at the OSAA Track and Field State Championships on Saturday, Central junior Bethanie Altamirano felt like she was carrying the weight of the world.



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"I cried because I was scared," she said. "I was scared I wasn't going to win. I was scared of not beating the school record. I was scared of losing."

It was the kind of pressure that could derail even the most talented athlete. With her race quickly approaching, Altamirano wasn't going to let that happen.

"I took a walk and thought of how I was going to run the race," Altamirano said. "I thought about starting faster and remembered who I was running for."

By the time she stepped onto the track for the 400, she looked calm and determined.

"(Coach Eli) Cirino told me not to lose the girls at the start," she said. "In other races, I used to think I have time to catch them. At state, you can't make that up."

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Central sophomore Sophia Henke placed third in the girls high jump at the state track and field meet on Saturday.



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Central junior Bethanie Altamirano, right, edges out Summit's Sarah Reeves for first place in the finals of the girls 400-meter run on Saturday.

PREP TRACK AND FIELD

Pirates perform well at state

By Lukas Eggen
 The Itemizer-Observer

EUGENE — When Perrydale senior Jacob Pope was a freshman, he wanted to play baseball, but track and field coach Brian Evans made a deal with him.

"He told me I'm just getting this program going, can you come out for your first year," Pope said.

Initially the plan was to spend one year doing track before returning to baseball. But

Evans introduced him to the javelin, and those plans instantly changed.

"The minute I threw it, it was a lot of fun," Pope said. "I knew this is what I'm doing."

Four years later and all the hard work and training paid off. Pope took eighth in the javelin at the 1A track and field state championships on Friday.

"It was really special," Pope said. "I've always wanted to be out on this field. It's memorable and I'll cherish this memory."

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Perrydale's Jacob Pope prepares to throw on Friday.



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Perrydale thrower Abigail Bibler finished 10th in the shot put on Friday.