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#### **TRACK & FIELD OLYMPIC TRIALS**

#### **Rvan Crouser sets** shot put record

The U.S. Olympic trials for track and field began Friday at Hayward Field in Eugene, and it didn't take long for the meet to see a big-time performance.

Ryan Crouser uncorked a throw of 76 feet, 81/4 inches in the men's shot put final on Friday night to set a new world record.

Crouser, the former Barlow High School star, entered as the favorite and said he had been chasing the world record for a long time. He had the best throw of the day in qualifying at 75 feet, 2½ inches. But it turns out he was just getting started.

In the evening final, he bettered that by setting the world record on his fourth throw, breaking Randy Barnes' 1990 mark of 75-101/4 by 10 inches.

All five of Crouser's legal throws in the final would have won the competition. His series went 74-21/4, 73-113/4, 74-7, 76-81/4, foul and 74-21/2.

Joe Kovacs and Payton Otterdahl will join Crouser on Team USA for the Tokyo Olympics. Kovacs finished second with a throw of  $73-3\frac{1}{2}$ , with Otterdahl third at 71-11.

In the only other final on Friday, Woody Kincaid of the Portland-based Bowerman Track Club used a ferocious kick on the final lap to win the men's 10,000 meters in 27 minutes, 53.62 seconds. BTC teammate Grant Fisher placed second in 27:54.29, while Joe Klecker placed third to earn the third and final Olympic berth in the event for Tokyo.

— The Oregonian

#### **INSIDE**



Amanda Loman/AP file Portland Thorns' Adrianna Franch during a match against Kansas City in Portland in April. The Thorns take on KC Sunday in Portland. Details, B3.

#### **COLLEGE BASEBALL**

#### **Ducks' Zavala earns** another honor

EUGENE — Aaron Zavala is a consensus first team All-American.

The Oregon right fielder was named a first team All-American by the American Baseball Coaches Association on Saturday, matching his previous such distinction from Baseball America and the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association to earn the con-

sensus designation. The Pac-12 Player of the Year, Zavala hit a team-high .392 with nine home runs, 38 RBIs, 64 runs scored and 11 steals and set school records for on-base percentage

(.525), runs and walks (50). Zavala also earned first team honors from Perfect Game, though it's not one of the four official All America teams. He was named a second team All-American by Collegiate Baseball Newspaper.

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#### **U.S. OLYMPIC TRACK AND FIELD TRIALS**

# Bend's Mehra will run for a spot in Tokyo

BULLETIN STAFF REPORT

EUGENE — Bend's Rebecca Mehra finished fifth in her semifinal heat of the women's 1,500 meters on Saturday night to qualify for the finals of the event on Monday at the U.S. Olympic Track & Field Trials at Hayward Field.

Mehra, 26, will run for a top-three finish on Monday in an attempt to qualify for the Tokyo Games, scheduled for later this summer. Mehra, who runs for the Littlewing Athletics team in Bend that is sponsored by

Oiselle, qualified for the finals automatically by virtue of her fifth-place finish in her heat. Qualifiers included the top

five in each of two heats of  $1\bar{2}$ and the next two fastest runners by time.



Mehra finished with the 12th fastest time, 4 minutes, 10.41 seconds.

Nikki Hiltz qualified with the fastest time (4:05.87), Cory McGee was second (4:05.96) and Sinclaire Johnson was third (4:06.04).

The women's 1,500 finals, which includes 12 runners, is set for

Monday at 5:05 p.m.

Mehra, who ran collegiately for Stanford and moved to Bend in 2018, is also entered in the 800, which is scheduled for Thursday.

On Sunday evening, Bend's Mel Lawrence, one of Mehra's teammates on Littlewing, is scheduled to run in the first round of the women's 3,000-meter steeplechase.

### **Prep swimming**

# DIFFERENT STROKES



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Swimmers from Summit, from top, Bend and Mountain View compete in the 200-meter freestyle relay during a meet at Juniper Swim and Fitness on Saturday.

# High school swimming this season is a mix of casual and competitive meets

BY BRIAN RATHBONE The Bulletin

erhaps it is the night before a swim meet that Ella Griswold likes the most about being on

the Bend High swim team.

The swimmers typically gather at a teammate's house and load up on carbs to prepare for the next day of racing.

. At these "pasta feeds" teammates like to share interesting facts about one another and play silly games to build team comradery.

In a shortened high school sports year, the plates of pasta were put on the shelf, but the swimming has continued.

"It has still been really fun," said Griswold, who

just finished her junior year and also runs track and cross-country for the Lava Bears. "Swimming is my favorite so I was really excited when we finally got word that there was going to be a season, even if it was only going to be for a couple of weeks."

The three Bend high schools have finished three of their four meets of the final high school season of the 2020-21 school year.

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# 'Can't miss him more': Shiffrin reflects on her late father

BY PAT GRAHAM

**Associated Press** 

Mikaela Shiffrin's tentative plans on Father's Day: Dinner with family. Perhaps a board game or a movie. Definitely some Jimmy Buffet or Paul Simon music.

Because that's the sort of celebration Jeff Shiffrin would've wanted.

Rarely a day goes by when some image, moment or song doesn't remind the American skiing great of her dad, who died on Feb. 2, 2020, after an accident at his home in Edwards, Colorado.

The two-time Olympic champion can still hear his calming words of advice (a simple "focus" was a biggie).

Or see him drumming on the steering wheel to whatever tune was on the radio. Or envision those family dinners followed by a lively board game.

"It's not like this day, Father's Day, is really any more emotional," Shiffrin said. "Because I can't miss him more than I already do on a daily

His legacy lives on through a fund set up in his honor. The Jeff Shiffrin Athlete Resiliency Fund raised more than \$3 million to help offset training and competition expenses through the pandemic. This season, the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Team and the Shiffrin family are hoping to raise

\$250,000 for a direct-to-ath-

lete fund. "He loved watching athletes overcome challenges and still be able to climb to the top of the podium or have success," said Trisha Worthington, the chief development officer for the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Team foundation.

The proud father was frequently somewhere on the hill taking pictures of his daughter. If not there, he was in the stands, holding back tears when she won, which was quite a bit.

Shiffrin has a picture of them at dinner together in Hawaii as her phone's screen-

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#### GOLF | U.S. OPEN

## At Torrey Pines, the eagle lands for Oosthuizen, Hughes

BY DOUG FERGUSON AP Golf Writer

SAN DIEGO — Mackenzie

Hughes and Louis Oosthuizen brought the memories of Tiger Woods roaring back to life Saturday in the U.S. Open at Torrey Pines.

Just like in 2008, when Woods made eagle putts across the green on Nos. 13 and 18, it left this U.S. Open up for grabs.

First it was Hughes, rolling in a 60-foot eagle putt from the back of the green to the front pin at No. 13 that got him into the mix.

Next came Oosthuizen with an eagle putt from 50 feet to a front pin on the 18th.

That led to them being tied for the lead with Russell Henley, who was hanging on for dear life at the end of a third round that set the stage for a Sunday filled with possibilities.

Rory McIlroy and Bryson DeChambeau were two shots behind.

McIlroy has gone seven years without a major, while DeChambeau can get the last laugh by joining Brooks Koepka with back-to-back U.S. Open titles.

A U.S. Open that for two days lacked excitement came to life in a big way.

Hughes, coming off four consecutive missed cuts, birdied the 18th for a 3-under 68. He was the first player to reach 5-under 208.

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