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bounced off the dugout, it sort of disappeared in our scrum and nobody really knew what to do. We immediately went and greeted our hero and got on the bus in such a jovial state I don't think we sat down the whole ride home. But here's

the clincher: That omen our coach mentioned? He was right.  
If you look at the bus ride as a metaphor for the game, it makes way too much sense to be a coincidence. We took off at the same time, they pulled away, we sort of came back, they pulled away further at the end, and then we somehow won.

It was a game and a memory I'll never forget, and when I'm with some of those guys, the conversation organically moves that direction. It was so rawly emotional and inescapably amazing that we still talk about it like it just happened. I can still see the throw to third and the look on the shortstop's face when it went high.

I can still see our guy popping up at third, trying to find the ball and just running home because why the heck not?  
The point of this column isn't just to ramble about what I've seen, however. I want to know what you've seen. I want to know what sports experiences you've had that are similar to this story

I just told: a moment you'll never forget and a feeling you'll never lose. Send me an email or post something on our Facebook page telling a story!  
I'm not quite sure yet where we'll go with this project, but I want to hear your experiences. Were you on the winning football team? Write about it and tell us. Were you

a fan of that Hermiston basketball team that played La Salle in Corvallis a few weeks ago? Tell us your experience. I'm hoping to get some different perspectives and see things from a different angle.  
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BASEBALL

The Umatilla baseball team lost a non-league game to Irrigon 12-1 on Tuesday in Irrigon.

TRACK

The Hermiston Bulldogs track and field team split a dual meet at The Dalles on Tuesday with the boys earning 96 points to The Dalles' 46, while The Dalles' girls won 73.66-66.66.  
Trey Neal, Melanie Solorio, Aubrey Lincoln and Mad-dy Juul each won multiple events for the Bulldogs.  
Sheridan Zumwalt won the 100-meter spring by seven hundredths of a second, Corey Adams won the 200-meter spring by nearly half a second and Chris Behrendt won the 400-meter spring by nearly a second.  
The Dalles placed two runners in the top three of the 800-meter run, but Hermiston dominated the 1500-meter run with Josiah Niederwerfer and Angel Castellanos finishing first and second. Niederw-

erfer's time was four minutes, 31.75 seconds, and Castellanos came in a distance second in 4:31.04.  
Freshman Tyler Rohman took the 110-meter high hurdles in 17:77, two tenths of a second faster than teammate Luis Media. The 4x100-meter relay team of Adams, Behrendt, Zumwalt and Ethan Snow took the event by two seconds over teammates Peter Earl, Joey Gutierrez, Jonathan Hinkle and Rohman.  
Behrendt, Snow, Gutierrez and Alexis Mercado owned the 4x400, running away from The Dalles by five seconds.  
Trey Neal won the shot put with a toss of 38 feet, 10.50 inches, more than a foot longer than second-place Riley Bardes of The Dalles. Neal also won the discus with a throw of 132-00, about four feet longer than second-place Bardes.  
The Dalles took the javelin, high jump and triple jump, but Hermiston's Will Sharkey (12-00.00) took the pole vault but nearly four feet, and Zumwalt won the long jump by an inch (19.11-00).  
For the girls, Audrey Lincoln continued her solid year with a victory in

the 200-meter sprint, winning in a time of 26.10, nearly three seconds faster than the runner-up. Lincoln also took the 400-meter sprint in 1:01.49, almost eight seconds faster than the second place finisher. Freshman Melanie Solorio joined Neal, Lincoln and Juul as the only multiple

event winners by taking the 800-meter (2:43.98) and 1500-meter (5:29.44) runs. She won the 1500-meter by more than 30 seconds.  
Freshman Lesley Risueno won the 300-meter hurdles in 57.32, the only time under a minute. The 4x100 team of Lincoln, Sidney Moore, Risueno and Keyla Gonzala-

lez-Garay won in 52.75, just two hundredths of a second faster than Aileen Luna-Lopez, Taylor Sugg, Ivorie Taylor and Payton Wojtecki.  
Hermiston placed the top three shot put throws, with Noa Ena winning with a toss of 35-01.25. Jazmin Gutierrez came in second with a throw of 33-10.00, and Mad-

dy Juul came in third with a 32-03.00 toss.  
Juul also took the javelin, as well, with a toss of 94-07, nearly 30 feet better than the runner-up.  
Hermiston's next meet is Saturday at the Willamette Falls Invitational in Oregon City, Oregon. Events begin at 10 a.m.

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