

SPORTS

Cardenas sets 3A state track record Thursday

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A repeat state 3,000-meter championship seemed an inevitability for Fabian Cardenas, but doing it in a fast time was a different story.

One peek around the starting line of Thursday's state championship race at Hayward Field told the Umatilla distance ace that if he were to reach his goal of breaking the 20-year old Class 3A state meet record, it would be done on his own.

The opening quarter mile did nothing to change that opinion.

"I was hoping another guy would take it out, but no one did," said Cardenas, who nearly eclipsed James Longoria of Nyssa's state meet record in last year's win. "I was kind of looking back to see what they were doing. They were taking it easy and waiting for me to take it over."

Cardenas obliged. The junior powered around the track for the fastest seven-and-a-half laps in meet history stopping the clock in 8 minutes, 41.23 seconds, five seconds faster than Longoria's time. The mark was also five seconds swifter than any previous 3,000-meter race Cardenas had run.

"It was cool, especially because I did it by myself," he said of the blazing time.

The opening move dropped the majority of the field. Luca Ostertag-Hill of Catilin Gabel hung on his heels until the final mile before Cardenas turned on the afterburners for one last record-breaking push. Ostertag-Hill took second, 29 seconds behind Cardenas.

The last 100 meters were a race between Cardenas and the clock.

"That final 100 meters I was looking at the clock the whole time and I was like 'Oh snap, I can get it'. I just



EO MEDIA GROUP PHOTO BY KATHY ANEY
Fabian Cardenas, of Umatilla, celebrates after setting a 3A meet record in the 3,000-meter run Thursday at the OSAA track and field state championships at Hayward Field.

gave it everything I had those last 100 meters," he said.

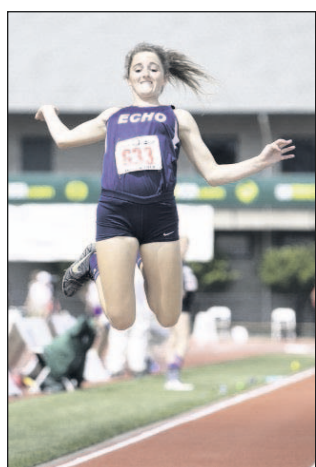
The win is the third state championship for Cardenas. He won last year's 3,000 meters in surprising fashion and followed it up with a one-sided cross country championship in the fall.

"It's a big honor to our school," Cardenas said. "We don't get a lot of state champions from our school. It's just nice to change the tradition."

Kelsey Ranger of Echo was less certain of her standing in the Class 1A long jump Thursday. Considered the favorite due to the best seed mark, the junior struggled with her

steps all afternoon.

She landed a clean jump on her second effort to take the competition lead, but the mark of 16-1 1/4 was six inches off her personal best and was not improved upon on the subsequent



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Kelsey Ranger, of Echo, won the 3A girls long jump Thursday at the OSAA track and field state championships at Hayward Field.

four leaps.

"I did not think that I (won state)," said Ranger, who juggled javelin throws with her jumps and was kept out of the loop of her positioning throughout. "My last two jumps were scratches. I was mad. I was like 'I'm so done with this'. Then I got a really good surprise."

Defending state champion Treiquella Osborne of Monument tied Ranger on her fifth jump, but Ranger won based upon second best distance.

Ranger finished fifth in the girls javelin, and teammate Elizabeth McCarty finished second with a throw of 124-7, seven inches off of winner Whitney Lindsey of Camas Valley. McCarty was also fifth in the discus.

Hermiston golfers finish fourth at state

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Another steady day on the links brought the Hermiston Bulldogs in at fourth place when final-round action concluded at the Class 5A OSAA boys golf championships Tuesday.

It's the first time in more than four decades that a Hermiston boys team placed at the state tournament.

Up two spots from last season's finish, the Bulldogs jumped Woodburn by six strokes with a final team score of 661. Their 331 in the final round was third best on the day, but not enough to pass Crescent Valley in third with a total of 653.

Summit held off defending champion Bend to take the team title with a 620 score.

The highest-placing local in the individual field wasn't a Bulldog, though, and Pendleton junior Reilly Hegarty tied for 13th with a two-round total of 80-82-162. He was the only Buckaroo to finish in the top 20, though, and Pendleton slipped to seventh in team scoring with a 676.

Hermiston's top individual placer was senior Paden LaCoursiere, although he was followed closely by senior teammates Zac Adams and Keegan Crafton.

LaCoursiere shot an 82 on Tuesday and finished with a 163 total to tie for 15th, and Adams and Crafton each shot 165 to tie for 18th.

Crescent Valley junior Kevin Geniza shot even par for the tournament to take the individual title with a score of 70-74-144.

5A Boys State Championships
Emerald Valley Golf Club, Creswell
Final Round, Par 72

Team Leaderboard

Summit	309-311-620
Bend	316-317-633
Crescent Valley	320-333-653
Hermiston	330-331-661
Woodburn	327-340-667
Eagle Point	339-335-674
Pendleton	332-344-676
Corvallis	335-342-677
Wilsonville	358-343-701
Lebanon	350-373-723

Player Leaderboard

Kevin Geniza, Crescent	70-74-144 E
Cole Chrisman, Summit	74-78-152 B
Marcus Frazier, Lebanon	73-80-153 +9
Jack Loberg, Summit	75-80-155 +11
Max McGee, Bend	77-78-155 +11
Josh Goins, Lebanon	77-79-156 +12
Cooper Donahue, Summit	80-76-156 +12
Ryan DeCastros, Bend	79-78-157 +13
Rhett Pedersen, Bend	81-77-158 +14
Michael Kuenzi, Silverton	82-76-158 +14
Max Higin, Summit	81-78-159 +15
Ben Wasserman, Summit	80-79-159 +15
A.J. Martinez, Woodburn	79-83-162 +18
Reilly Hegarty, Pendleton	80-82-162 +18
Julian Kuznetsov, Woodburn	80-83-163 +19
Jacob Miller, Corvallis	77-86-163 +19
Paden LaCoursiere, Hermiston	81-82-163 +19
Zac Adams, Hermiston	84-81-165 +21
Keegan Crafton, Hermiston	82-83-165 +21
Mason Krieger, Mtn View	89-76-165 +21
Alec Berrey, Crescent	84-81-165 +21

Hermiston Scores

Zac Adams	43-38-81 (165)
Paden LaCoursiere	44-38-82 (163)
Keegan Crafton	39-44-83 (165)
Anders Lind	42-43-85 (168)
Jared Thacker	45-45-90 (177)

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year to end.

"We're just more focused on getting ready for the games," he said. "We're not thinking about last year. It's just making sure we're hitting good so we're ready for whoever we play."

The Tigers have now won nine of 10 games and five straight. Since losing two in a row in April — one to Irrigon and one to the same Vale Vikings — the Tigers have gone 10-2, with the losses coming to Dufur and Clatskanie, the latter of which Stanfield could see in the playoffs.

Jenson said he would put his team up against anybody's at this point.

"We're solid. Hopefully we go far this year," he said. "That's what we wanted. We had goals: league champs — got that, district champs — got that. We're trying to go for final four. We're playing good right now."

Friday wasn't the best offensive day for Stanfield, but it was good enough.

Johnson said he wants to see more offensive production from his team.

"We gotta be able to push across maybe a few more here and there and execute some stuff, but I saw some good things," he said.

Monkus walked to lead off the first inning, and Bailey doubled with one out to drive him in for a quick 1-0 lead. Vale got its one run in the second when two singles and an error allowed the Vikings' one and only run to cross the plate.

Stanfield reclaimed its lead for good in the third inning when Flores singled sharply to center, and Grogan followed with a sharp single of his own to left, plating Flores from third.

The score remained 2-1 thanks to some clutch

pitching from Jenson. The Vikings got runners at first and second after an error and hit-by-pitch in the fourth, but Jenson coaxed a finely turned 1-6-3 double play to end the threat. He did similar wiggling in the sixth when an error and a walk put Vale in the same situation but with two outs. Jenson, though, forced a lazy fly ball to Monkus in center to keep the Vikings at bay.

Bailey's save, though, wasn't easy. He struck out the first batter he saw, then allowed a single and walked a batter to put runners on the first two pillows with one away. Then he buckled down. He again got an easy fly ball to center and struck out the final batter on a knuckleball to earn Stanfield the win and trophy.

Stanfield waits now until Wednesday to host its first-round game. The Tigers are currently slotted as the seventh-ranked team, but there is a chance they could move before the rankings freeze today. Possible first-round opponents are St. Mary's (18-9, ninth seed), Pleasant Hill (16-10, 10th) or Salem Academy (16-8, 11th).

"We just gotta stay sharp, stay healthy, keep the arms fresh and everything else," Johnson said of his team's preparation for state next week. "I like where we're at, though — good pitching, good defense. We've treated every game like a state game so it shouldn't be a huge difference with higher stakes and all that. We just gotta come out, be aggressive and play baseball."

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SHS	101	100
X-353		

Eddy, Weber and Rodriguez; K. Jenson, R. Bailey and D. Grogan.
2B: R. Bailey (SHS).

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Oct. 17, 2008
I still miss you so much and love you!
Juanita Bradshaw

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