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GREAT WEATHER, COMPETITION



Nicholas Breshears, of Hermiston, leads a group of steeplechase runners over the waterjump Friday at the Kiwanis Invitational at Kennison Field.

Participants in the third heat of the 110-meter hurdles jump over their first hurdles Friday at the Kiwanis Invitational at Kennison Field.

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Lady Bulldogs nearly catch Kamiakin at Kiwanis Invite

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HERMISTON — Mother Nature has not been kind for local track and field athletes this spring.

Heavy rain showers wiped out a meet in Pendleton to begin the season, and a mixture of gray clouds, cold temperatures, light rains and high, steady winds have been a constant visitor for nearly every meet of the season.

However, on Friday afternoon, the weather was finally on the athletes' side.

Blue skies and sunshine covered Hermiston High's Kennison Field and temperatures sat in the low 70s for Hermiston's annual Kiwanis Twilight Invitational, which was a pleasant sight to the athletes competing.

"It was a big stress reliever," Pendleton's Edwin Linares said of the weather. "It makes me hope there are going to be more sunny days ahead and less rainy ones. I was getting tired of the rainy season, having to bring sweats every where."

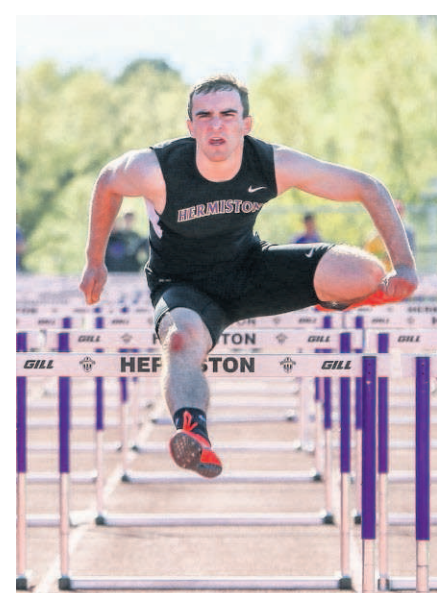
Ten schools — Hermiston, Pendleton, Kamiakin, Chiawana, Hanford, The Dalles, La Grande, Baker, Moses Lake, Mac-Hi — and hundreds of athletes littered the grounds of Kennison Field for the meet, which brought a lot of good competition.

It was another strong performance for the Hermiston Bulldogs' girls team, which battled for first place all day long before settling into second place with 144 points — just 20 points behind first-place Kamiakin.

The shining star for the Bulldogs was the rock-solid 4x100-meter relay team of Scout Reagan, Madison Wilson, MaKaylee Young and Elsa Torres.

The foursome finished in first with their best time of the season and finally broke the 50-second threshold with a 49.01. It's the third time in four meets that those four have finished in first place.

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Tyler Rohrman, of Hermiston, leads the final heat of the 110-meter hurdles Friday at the Kiwanis Invitational at Kennison Field.

Sorey, Currin fare well at Hermiston

Intermountain High School Rodeo Association hosted its annual event

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HERMISTON — The Intermountain High School Rodeo Association hosted its annual rodeo at the Farm-City Pro Rodeo arena in Hermiston, beginning Friday and lasting through Sunday afternoon.

Among the top of the leaderboard were a few local competitors including Heppner's Jacee Currin, who had the busiest and most successful weekend as she finished sixth or better in five different events. Currin began the weekend with a second-place finish Friday in girls cutting with 141 points, only three points behind Haines' Samantha Kerns with 144 points. Currin then finished first in breakaway roping (2.65 seconds), second in goat tying

(7.81 seconds), fourth in barrel racing (18.029 seconds), and sixth in pole bending (21.49 seconds).

Pendleton's Trent Sorey had a productive weekend for the Intermountain boys. He soared to a win in the tie-down roping with a time of 9.74 seconds — with nearly a two-second cushion on second place. Sorey also finished fourth in team roping as the header with heeling teammate Zane Taylor in 11.17 seconds.

Both Currin and Sorey were in the top 11 of all-around standings heading into the weekend, with Currin 11th in the girls standings and Sorey sixth in the boys. So both competitors' performances this weekend will surely give them a boost.

Also for Intermountain, Heppner's Jaiden Mahoney finished in second place in barrel racing with a time of 17.886 seconds. Her time was just one-tenth of a second behind Kerns for first place.



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Jaiden Mahoney, of Heppner, competes in barrel racing Saturday at the 2018 Intermountain High School Rodeo at the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center in Hermiston.

SCHEDULES

Local slate

PREP BASEBALL

Friday
Joseph at Stanfield (DH), 1 p.m.
Burns at Riverside (DH), 1 p.m.
Nyssa at Umatilla (DH), 1 p.m.
Irrigon at Vale (DH), 2 p.m.
Hermiston at Pendleton (DH), 3 p.m.

PREP SOFTBALL

Thursday
Umatilla at Weston-McEwen (DH), 3 p.m.
Friday
Riverside at Irrigon (DH), 1 p.m.
Hermiston at Pendleton (DH), 3 p.m.
Saturday
Tri-Cities Prep (WA) at Echo (DH), 12 p.m.

PRETRACK & FIELD

Friday
Riverside at Nyssa Invite, 1 p.m.
Hermiston at Gresham, 2 p.m.
Umatilla at Connell (WA) Invite, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday
Irrigon, Stanfield, Heppner, Helix, Condon/Wheeler at Sherman Invite, 11 a.m.

PREP GOLF

Friday
Heppner at Enterprise Invitational, 11 a.m.

PREP TENNIS

Wednesday
Hermiston (girls) vs. Hood River, 4 p.m.
Thursday
Riverside at Weston-McEwen, 4 p.m.
Umatilla at Lone, 4 p.m.
Friday
Hermiston (boys) at Capital (ID), TBD
Saturday
Hermiston (boys) at Capital (ID), TBD
Weston-McEwen, Mac-Hi, Umatilla, Stanfield, Helix, Lone at Tri-Cities Court Club, TBD

PREP LACROSSE

Friday
Wenatchee at Hermiston, 7 p.m.