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freshman and a sophomore. Rohrman was the only one that had been on the relay team throughout the season, and only Daniel Faaeteete had raced at Hayward Field before.

The team put together a time of 44.55 for a 10th place finish. It wasn't the start Rohrman had hoped for, but he wasn't disappointed either.

In fact, he didn't have much time to think about that race as he was due up for the 110-meter hurdles.

"I just take it one race at a time," Rohrman said. "I just think about my first race then when I run that race, I'm a 110 hurdler then I'm a 300 hurdler then I'm a 4x4 runner. I just kind of go through the mental states and go along with it. It's a totally different world."

The compartmentalization helped in the end. Rohrman ran a blistering 14.09 seconds in the 110-meter hurdles for first place and a new state meet record.

He followed it up with a second place finish in the 300-meter hurdles (39.22) and ran the first leg of the 4x400-meter relay where the Bulldogs finished ninth (3:30.94).

"Everybody sees the highs of this year," Rohrman said. "I knew this year was going to be a good year. It's unreal."

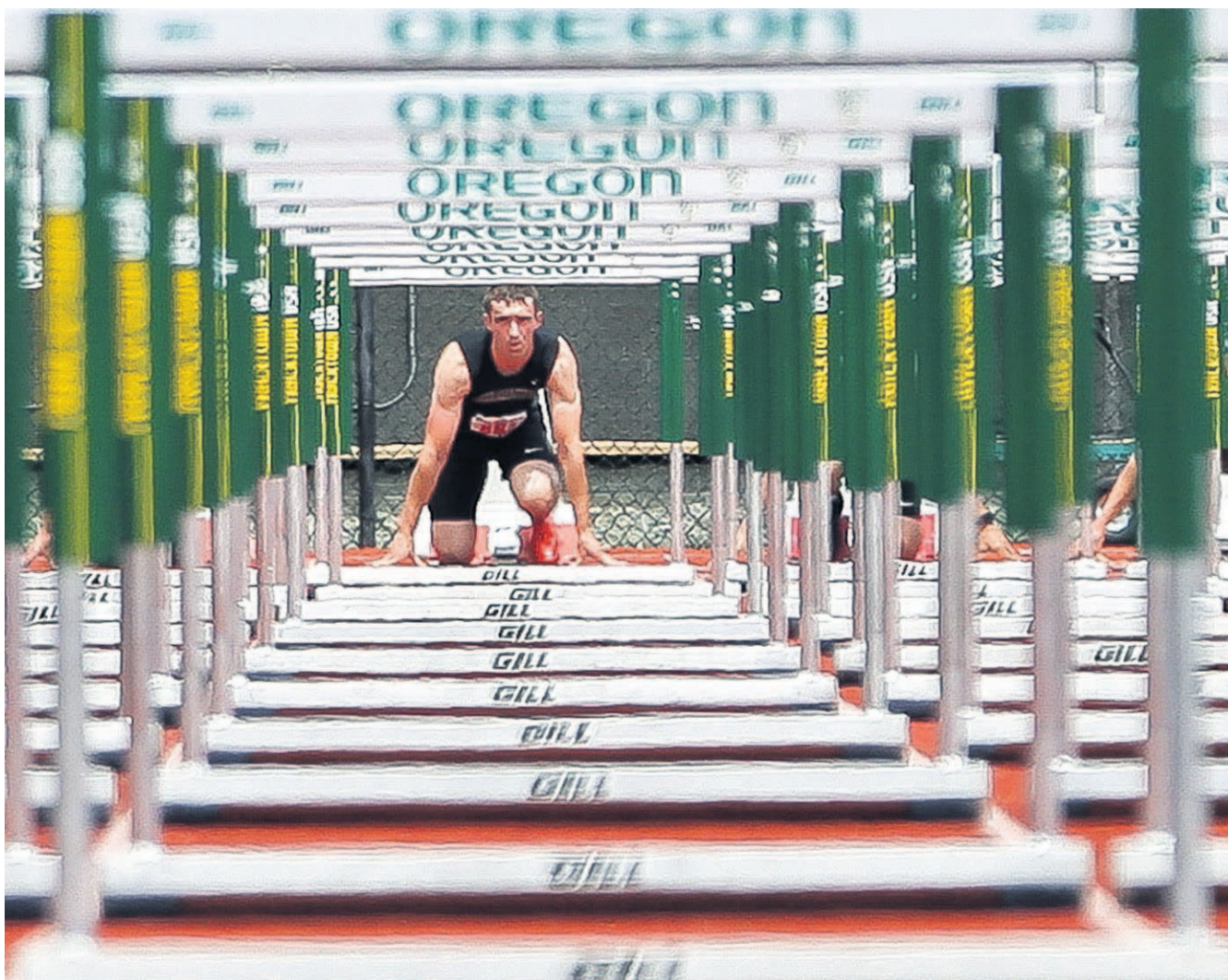
Girls take third

Rohrman wasn't the only Bulldog to take home some hardware. The Hermiston girls track and field team finished third overall with 50 points to cap off two successful days.

"I was looking at the schedule today and I was like, 'We have a girl or multiple girls in every single race except one that was on the track today,'" head coach Emilee Strot said. "It was so impressive, we've never had that happen before."

The 4x100-meter relay was facing a fast squad from Bend in the second heat of the timed finals. The Bulldogs finished just a couple of seconds behind Lava Bears and took second place in 49.05. Scout Reagan rounded out the top five in 12.49 in the girls 100-meter dash. Elsa Torres finished in sixth place in the 400-meter dash after clocking 1:00.13.

Madison Wilson finished second in the girls 100-meter hurdles. She was stride-for-stride with this year's state champion, Quin Fraley of Summit, and was edged out of the title by just seven one-hundredths of a second. She returned for the 300-meter hurdles, where



Hermiston's Tyler Rohrman gets ready to race a preliminary heat of the 5A 110-meter high hurdles during the OSAA State Track and Field championships Friday at Hayward Field in Eugene. Rohrman took home the state championship Saturday.

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Left: Hermiston's Scout Reagan looks at the timer's clock Saturday as she crosses the finish line, with a time of 12.49 seconds, for fifth place in the 5A girls 100-meter dash. Right: Hermiston's Elsa Torres and Grace Toney, of Bend, run shoulder to shoulder toward the finish line of the 5A girls 4x400 relay Saturday. Toney edged out Torres as the Bulldogs got sixth place.



she placed fifth (46.70).

In Amanda Nygard's first appearance at state, the freshman rounded out the top eight in the girls 800-meter run (2:23.86). Isaac Sanchez ran in the boys 800 meters before joining the Bulldogs' 4x400-meter relay team. Sanchez placed fourth with a time of 1:57.53.

The girls 4x400-meter relay team competed in one of the last events of the day. Thanks to the efforts of anchor, Torres, the Bulldogs finished in sixth place (4:07.70). Hermiston was falling behind at certain points in the race, but after making the last turn Torres kicked it up a gear to close the gap between the Bulldogs and fifth-place Bend.

Stephanie Miears helped the team round out the top three by competing in both the discus and shot put.



Hermiston's Stephanie Miears placed fourth in the girls discus and shot put.

In the discus throw, Miears was up against a tough field with top throws hailing from Summit, Sandy and Bend. She fared well amongst the competition and improved throughout her six attempts to record a new personal record (PR) of 124-1, which was good for fourth place.

Miears then turned around to compete in the shot put, where she was

the top seed with a mark of 41-05.00. However, she matched her discus finish and claimed fourth after throwing for 38-08.50.

On the boys side, Hermiston senior Joey Gutierrez earned one of two wild card spots in the javelin throw and in only his third appearance on the runway, earned seventh place with a throw of 158-08.

Hermiston's Jackson Morgan made it onto the podium in the high jump after a clearance of 6-02.00. Carson Wrathall was one of the last Bulldogs competing in field events. He finished ninth in the boys pole vault (13-00.25).

Field events

Hermiston's Jazlyn Romero was competing against Pendleton's Emanuela Casadei and Summit's

Haley Smith in the girls javelin throw.

It took Casadei all of one throw to secure her state title, leaving the rest of the throwers in amazement and also playing catch-up. Her mark of 145-04 was a two-foot improvement from her district championship throw.

"I was amazed by her first throw," Romero said. "I really was. I told myself I have to come back, and I have to come back and throw farther and I did but it wasn't as big as her throw."

Romero's best throw came on her sixth and final attempt. The Bulldog was coming off a huge PR in last week's district meet and, in her first appearance at Hayward Field, stepped up to the challenge.

A couple of times Romero dipped back into the 130s, but quick consults

with her coaching staff and a few mock throws to the side of the runway loosened up the first-timer.

"After every throw I come over to the fence and talk to coach (Emilee) Strot and coach (Jered) Munsterman and coach (David) Faaeteete," Romero said, "and coach Faaeteete said 'Have fun,' and that's what it's all about, and then coach Strot said, 'Last one, best one.' So, I went out there and did it."

Hermiston's Michelle Coombs still holds the state record in the javelin, set in 2008, at 155-11.

The reigning Columbia River Conference district champion in the boys discus and shot put took the field Friday as well. AJ Fernandez was up against some tough competition in the discus — the first of two events he competed in. Fernandez made it through his first three attempts with a new PR of 148-08, but by the time the preliminaries were complete the leader threw for a whopping 186-02.

Fernandez couldn't quite catch up but again improved on his personal best 151-02 to round out the top five. The top mark was thrown by Sandy's Dayne Gordien.

In shot put, Fernandez entered in a better position. His qualifying mark of 50-07.00 gave him the No. 7 seed out of a field of 12. In discus, he fell below the middle of the pack with a No. 5 seed.

This time around, Fernandez was just shy of his PR and his mark of 50-04.25 was good for fifth place. The throw, along with his mark in discus, was his second best of the season.

Final Team Standings

Class 5A
Girls
 1. Summit, 156 points; 2. Bend, 89; 3. Hermiston, 50; 4. Mountain View, 44; 5. Marist, 33; 6. Sandy, 33; 7. Crescent Valley, 32; 8. Hood River Valley, 28.5.

Boys
 1. Sandy, 86 points; 2. Marist, 62; 3. Summit, 58; 4. Hood River Valley, 44; 5. Crater, 42; 6. Ashland, 41; 7. Ridgeview, 37; 8. Hermiston, 35.

Hermiston placers
Girls
 Scout Reagan, junior: 5th, 100-meter (12.49 seconds); 8th, 200-meter (26.51 seconds)
 Elsa Torres, junior: 6th, 400-meter (1:00.13 seconds); 7th, 200-meter (26.27 seconds)
 Amanda Nygard, freshman: 8th, 800-meter (2:23.86 seconds)

Madison Wilson, junior: 2nd, 100-meter hurdles (14.98 seconds); 5th, 300-meter hurdles (46.7 seconds)
 Stephanie Miears, senior: 4th, shot put (38 feet, 8.5 inches); 4th, discus (124 feet, 1 inch)
 Jazlyn Romero, sophomore: 3rd, javelin (134 feet, 3 inches)

4x100-meter relay team: Scout Reagan, Elsa Torres, Madison Wilson, MaKaylee Young, 2nd (49.05 seconds)
 4x400-meter relay team: Scout Reagan, Elsa Torres, Madison Wilson, Amanda Nygard: 6th (4:07.7 seconds)

Boys
 Isaac Sanchez, senior: 4th, 800-meter (1:57.53 seconds)
 Tyler Rohrman, senior: 1st, 110-meter hurdles (14.09 seconds); 2nd, 300-meter hurdles (39.22 seconds)
 Jackson Morgan, senior: 7th, high jump (6 feet, 2 inches)
 Carson Wrathall, senior: 9th, pole vault (13 feet, 0.25 inches)

Antonio Fernandez, senior: 5th, shot put (50 feet, 4.25 inches); 5th, discus (151 feet, 2 inches)
 Joey Gutierrez, senior: 7th, javelin (158 feet, 8 inches)

4x100-meter relay team: Garrett Walchli, Deryk Anderson, Daniel Faaeteete, Tyler Rohrman, 10th (44.55 seconds)
 4x400-meter relay team: Tyler Rohrman, Freddy Mendoza, Guiomar Garay, Isaac Sanchez, 9th (3:30.94 seconds)

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