

Hermiston's Palzinski, Romero post wins at soggy Kiwanis Invite

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After the sun welcomed athletes and fans to the Kiwanis Twilight Invitational on Friday, the rain began to fall on the meet at Kennison Field for the first time in recent memory.

Event sheets were soggy, as were the athletes, but the rain did not put a damper on the event.

Kamiakin ran away with the boys title with 233 points, while Hanford and Kamiakin fought to the bitter end for the girls team title.

The Braves, who had a 1.5-point lead over the Falcons heading into the 4x400 relay, came away with the title (160.5 points) because Hanford (156) did not field a mile relay team. Hermiston finished third with 107 points.

Jaxson Nichols of Kamiakin, who won the high jump and long jump, and was second in the triple jump, was the boys high-point athlete

of the meet.

For the girls, the honor was shared by Hanford teammates Amanda Fraga and Katelynn Gelatin.

Paige Palzinski had a productive day for the host Bulldogs, winning the shot put with a heave of 38 feet, placing fourth in the triple jump (31-5), fifth in the long jump (15-5) and seventh in the discus (98-4 3/4). She also ran the anchor leg on the winning throwers relay, but that event was nonscoring.

Junior Jazlyn Romero won the javelin with a toss of 136-7 1/2. She also was fourth in the discus (107-3 1/2), and ran on the throwers relay team.

"We had side wind, so I had to run at an angle," Romero said of the javelin event. "There was some good competition, but not like at the Pasco Invite."

The Hermiston girls 4x400 relay of Jayden Ray, Amanda Nygard, Sydney Seavert and Abigail Sharon crossed the finish line first in a time of 4:19.29.

The Bulldogs' 4x100 relay team of Sharon, MaKaylee Young, Kamryn Aldred and Ray finished third (51.77).

Young added a second-place finish in the long jump (16-4), while Ray was second in the 400 with a time of 1:03.37, and Aldred was sixth in the 200 (28.42).

Freddy Mendoza led the Hermiston boys with a third-place finish in the 800 with a time of 2:02.23.

Stanfield-Echo had one winner on the day — Devan Craig in the javelin, with a toss of 157-8.

Craig's winning throw, which also is a personal best, came on his second attempt in the prelims.

"I was a little timid at first," Craig said of throwing against boys from bigger schools. "I was a bit frightened. I scratched my first throw, but I knew I'd be able to get my steps right. Once I got my first throw in, I knew I'd be OK."

Rebecca Reynolds was fourth in the high jump for the Tigers with a PR of 4-10.



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Nicholas Breshears of Hermiston gets wet during the 3,000-meter steeplechase event during Friday's Kiwanis Twilight Invitational.

KIWANIS TWILIGHT INVITATIONAL
Boys team scores — Kamiakin 233, La Grande 86, Chiawana 84, Pendleton 58, Hanford 52, The Dalles 50, Moses Lake 42, Hermiston 34.5, Baker 32, Dufur 22.5, Nyssa 14, Powder Valley 11, Stanfield-Echo 10, Mac-Hi 1.

Top 3 each event
3000 steeplechase — 1, Payton Hill (Kam), 10:11.88. 2, Sam Alvarez (TD), 10:17.53. 3, Andrew Holladay (Kam), 10:34.37. 110H — 1, Parker Morgan (Kam), 14.72. 2, Lane Maher (Pend), 14.74. 3, Ethan Berkey (Kam), 15.09. 100 — 1, Derek Fischer (Kam), 11.24. 2, Cam Sanford (Pend), 11.35. 3, Syl Hunt (Kam), 11.37. 1600 — 1, Isaac Teeplees (Kam), 4:32.65. 2, Kale Cassidy (Baker), 4:33.11. 3, Cameron Gutierrez (Kam), 4:36.88. 4x100 relay — 1, Kamiakin (Syl Hunt, Neal Berkey, Parker Morgan, Derek Fischer), 43.13. 2, La Grande, 43.78. 3, Dufur, 44.58. 400 — 1, Cameron Gutierrez (Kam), 50.07. 2, Bennie Alferness (Chi), 51.60. 3, Sajun White (LG), 51.64. 300H — 1, Lane Maher (Pend), 39.58. 2, Parker Morgan (Kam), 40.44. 3, Ethan Berkey (Kam), 800 — 1, Austin Bachman (Chi), 1:59.67. 2, Isaac Teeplees (Kam), 1:59.98. 3, Freddy Mendoza (Herm), 2:02.23. 200 — 1, Cajun

White (LG), 23.16. 2, Derek Fischer (Kam), 23.23. 3, Reed Twidwell (TD), 23.40. 3200 — 1, Fax Weide (Kam), 9:48.62. 2, Grayson Wilcott (Kam), 9:52.61. 3, Bennett Welch (LG), 9:57.71. 4x200 relay — 1, Kamiakin (Syl Hunt, Tyler Gourley, Ethan Berkey, Derek Fischer), 1:35.90. 2, Moses Lake, 1:39.73. 3, La Grande, 1:39.82. 4x400 relay — 1, Kamiakin (Woodley Downward, Parker Morgan, Neal Berkey, Cameron Gutierrez), 3:30.31. 2, La Grande, 3:36.41. 3, The Dalles, 3:38.40. PV — 1, Neal Berkey (Kam), 14-0. 2, Brayden Freitag (Kam), 14-0. 3, Cameron Breier (Chi), 12-6. LJ — 1, Jaxson Nichols (Kam), 21-4 1/2. 2, Nickolas Tsiatsos (LG), 21-4 1/2. 3, Dion Lee (Chi), 21-2 1/4. Discus — 1, Ryan McCartney (Kam), 138-0. 2, Konner Oberman (Han), 136-7 1/4. 3, Chase Bradshaw (Herm), 123-8 1/4. Shot put — 1, Hunter Williams (Chi), 45-6. 2, Carson Evans (ML), 44-1 1/2. 3, Trenton Pearson (Chi), 43-5. Javelin — 1, Devan Craig (S-E), 157-8. 2, Moses Garza (ML), 157-2 3/4. 3, Sam Jennings (Pend), 150-9 1/4. HJ — 1, Jaxson Nichols (Kam), 6-5. 2, Woodley Downard (Kam), 6-0. 3, Justin Conklin (TD), 6-0. TJ — 1, Dion Lee (Chi), 45-7 1/2. 2, Jaxson Nichols (Kam), 42-7. 3, Zaanan Bane (Pend), 41-0.

Girls team scores — Kamiakin 160.5, Hanford 156, Hermiston 107, The Dalles 51.5, Chiawana 46.5, Moses Lake 46, Nyssa 44, Baker 42, Pendleton 30.5, La Grande 27, Dufur 11, Stanfield-Echo 5, Mac-Hi 1.
Top 3 each event
2000 steeplechase — 1, Alexa Neff (Chi), 7:57.42. 2, Megan Wright (Han), 8:00.10. 3, Carlie Gregg (ML), 8:03.79. 100H — 1, Kari Heath (ML), 16.41. 2, Madisyn Hartley (Nys), 16.75. 3, Grace Meek (Kam), 16.83. 100 — 1, Katherine Petsch (Kam), 12.68. 2, Camryn Dezember (Han), 13.17. 3, Britney Donnas (Kam), 13.26. 1600 — 1, Marisa Memmott (Kam), 5:30.97. 2, Emma Baeth (Baker), 5:37.12. 3, Jacki Martini (LG), 5:37.71. 4x100 relay — 1, Kamiakin (Kaili Knapp, Britney Donnas, Katherine Petsch, Rachel Harper), 49.40. 2, Hanford, 50.34. 3, Hermiston, 51.77. 400 — 1, Amanda Fraga (Han), 1:00.15. 2, Jayden Ray (Herm), 1:03.37. 3, Elizabeth Tapia (TD), 1:03.64. 300H — 1, Britney Donnas (Kam), 47.06. 2, Elisabeth House (Pend), 50.00. 3, Megan Wright (Han), 50.54. 800 — 1, Hannah Paulsen (Kam), 2:26.01. 2, Emma Mullins (TD), 2:28.27. 3, Emma Baeth (Baker), 2:28.29. 200 — 1, Katherine Petsch (Kam), 25.90. 2, Camryn Dezember (Han), 26.55. 3,

Amanda Fraga (Han), 26.84. 3200 — 1, McKenzi Teeplees (Kam), 11:46.27. 2, Carli Jones (Kam), 12:18.40. 3, Emily Johnson (TD), 12:36.73. 4x200 relay — 1, Kamiakin (Rachel Harper, Britney Donnas, Kaili Knapp, Katherine Petsch), 1:47.25. 2, Hanford, 1:56.97. 3, Moses Lake, 1:57.62. 4x400 relay — 1, Hermiston (Jayden Ray, Amanda Nygard, Sydney Seavert, Abigail Sharon), 4:19.29. 2, The Dalles, 4:20.61.

3, La Grande, 4:25.09. HJ — 1, Kierstin White (Dufur), 4-11. 2, Britain Hartley (Nys), 4-10. 3, Sianna Iverson (Chi), 4-10. LJ — 1, Madisyn Hartley (Nys), 17-2 1/4. 2, MaKaylee Young (Herm), 16-4. 3, Amanda Fraga (Han), 15-6 3/4. Shot put — 1, Paige Palzinski (Herm), 38-0. 2, Katelynn Gelatin (Han), 35-9 1/2. 3, Juanita McBride (Han), 34-5. Discus — 1, Katelynn Gelatin (Han), 118-5 1/4. 2, Lacy

Johnson (ML), 108-5 1/2. 3, Suzanne Gelatin (Han), 108-0. PV — 1, Abigail Winstead (Kam), 11-0. 2, Rachel Harper (Kam), 10-6. 3, Graison Oberman (Han), 9-6. TJ — 1, Brooke Thorne (Chi), 32-7. 2, Lindsey Marske (Han), 31-9. 3, Lacey Moser (ML), 31-7 1/4. Javelin — 1, Jazlyn Romero (Herm), 136-7 1/2. 2, Samantha Moore (Nys), 120-0 1/2. 3, Salee Westermeyer (Kam), 117-9 1/2.

Skip the line, apply early for controlled hunts

BY OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

SALEM — Don't wait until the last minute to apply for controlled hunts this year, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife advises.

There is always a rush the last few days before the May 15 deadline — last year, 83,630 of 471,262 total applications were submitted on the last day. ODFW expects even higher call volumes and traffic this year on the last few days before the deadline, as customers get accustomed to the agency's new electronic licensing system.

You can skip the line and apply online on the new system at MyODFW.com. Anyone who has applied for controlled hunts in the past and has preference points needs to use the "Verify/Look Up your Account" button to retrieve and verify their account first if they haven't already. Hunters and anglers who have purchased an annual license in the past three years, or have Pioneer or Disability status, also need to look up their account as they already have a profile in the new system.

"It's important to use Verify/Look Up Your Account, or you'll end up creating a duplicate account and won't see your preference points, a problem some customers have encountered," said Linda Lytle, ODFW license services manager. "We have added additional warnings in the system which should keep hunters from accidentally creating a duplicate account."

Complete the steps to verify your online account, including pro-



Photo contributed by Jeremy Henderson

Jeremy Henderson, of Springfield, with an elk taken in the Walla Walla unit on his 2018 Premium Hunt tag.

viding a current email address, and then it's easy to apply for a controlled hunt. Go to Purchase from the Catalog / Big Game Hunting / Controlled Hunts to choose your hunt series and/or Premium Hunt. Then Proceed to Checkout to complete hunt selection. New this year, there are no longer limitations on party sizes for controlled hunts.

Be sure to double check your hunt numbers in the 2019 Big Game Regulations. Any changes to hunts or regulations are highlighted in yellow <http://www.eregulations.com/oregon/big-game-hunting/>

There are a few other changes to 2019 Big Game Regulations hunters should be aware of posted at MyODFW.com. These include tag reductions for hunt 152B-Starkey deer, additional tags for several NE Oregon elk hunts, and an error in the regulations for the season date

of hunt 256X (correct season dates for the Wenaha spike elk are Oct. 23-27).

Another benefit to accessing your online account is that you can change your hunt choices for free through your online account until June 1. Even customers who purchase at a license sale agent can set up their online account, again by using the Verify/Look up your Account feature and competing online account setup.

For more questions about the new electronic licensing system or if you have problems verifying your account, visit the ELS FAQ or contact ODFW by phone (503) 947-6101, email (odfw.websales@state.or.us) or social media (@MyODFW on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram).

Apply at a license sale agent
Hunters can also apply for con-

trolled hunts at a license sales agent. Most agents who used the old system are continuing to sell licenses on the new system, but call ahead first if you don't see your preferred vendor on this list: <https://myodfw.com/articles/where-find-odfw-license-agents/vendors>

The vendor will ask hunters who haven't verified their accounts on the new licensing system yet to provide some information such as their Hunter/Angler ID# (now known as ODFW ID#), or name and date of birth, to verify customers in the new system.

"Vendors can experience long lines the few days before the deadline, and some have even been known to turn away customers who come too late on May 15," said Lytle. "Please consider applying early this year to avoid the last minute rush at license sale agents."

"At a minimum, please verify your account online ASAP if you haven't yet so it's easy to apply online later in the spring," she added.

As of April 12, about 45,000 customers of the 160,000 who applied for a controlled hunt last year still need to verify their account online or at a license sale agent.

Oregon has limited-entry, aka controlled hunts, for many big game species in parts of Oregon, including all pronghorn antelope, bighorn sheep and Rocky Mountain goat hunts, eastern Oregon rifle deer hunts, and many eastern Oregon rifle elk hunts. The state's Premium Hunts — which offer a four-month season for antelope, deer or elk for the cost of a regular tag — also require application by May 15.

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and hit the ball solid," Greenough said.

Jenne struck out two and walked two in picking up the win.

"She can bring it for her size," Kennewick coach Patty Malloy-Flora said of her pitcher.

"(Hermiston) got a few runs there and that got my heart going. They are a good hitting team, especially the top of their lineup."

Hermiston struggled in the second game, committing five errors and getting just three hits off Jenne, who struck out four and walked two.

The Lions put single runs on the board in the first three innings, then scored three in the fourth to secure the win.

Stefani, Studer and Eliza Rodriguez all had hits for the Bulldogs, who will host Pasco on Friday.

Warren hit a solo home run for the Lions and drove in two runs.



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