

Sports

Miller, Serafin, Plews, Patterson qualify for state track, field play

Four members of the Vernonia High School track and field team have qualified for the state tournament, May 19 and 20 at Western Oregon State University in Monmouth.

During District competition, May 12-13 at Portland Christian, Maryanne Miller set a new state qualifying record and clinched first place with a time of 2:16.32, in the 800 meter run. Miller also placed first in the 1500 meter event, with a time of 4:40.88

Stephen Serafin provided another first place finish for the Loggers, clearing the bar at 5'10" in the high jump.

Colin Plews and Eric Patterson finished second in their respective events. Plews captured second place in the long jump event with a 19' 10- 1/2" jump. Patterson's second place came with a javelin throw of 151 feet. Both the boys and girls' teams placed fifth out of nine teams.

Several members of the

team were seeded in the top 10 as of May 10:

- MEN:**
 400 meter dash: Josh Landers, 7th
 3000 meter dash: Shawn Robertson, 8th
 400 meter Relay: Colin Plews, 3rd; Erik Banzer, 10th
 1500 meter run: Robertson, 9th
 Javelin: Eric Patterson, 2nd; Luke

WGS track team beats big field

Washington Grade School's seventh grade boys' track team turned in an astonishing victory at a seven-school meet in Scappoose on May 13. Participating in ten of twelve events, from high jump to hurdles, the WGS team defeated the other six schools with a cumulative score of 44 points.

Even more astonishing is that they accomplished this feat with only five of their nine-member team participating.

Team members sharing in the WGS victory were Jim Benes, Travis Gwin, Dexter Harris, Eric Schmidlin and Josh Staggenborg.

Coach Clint Kelley is understandably proud of the team's efforts, and the accompanying trophy.

- CUMULATIVE SCORES:**
 WGS, 44
 Scappoose, 38
 St. Helens, 27
 Astoria, 22 (5 events)
 Rainier, 16 (5 events)
 Neahkahnie, 17
 Clatskanie, 6 (2 events)

- Ellis, 4th
 Discus: Patterson, 4th
 Triple jump: Steve Serafin, 7th
 High Jump: Serafin, 2nd
 Long jump: Plews, 1st; Serafin, 5th

- WOMEN:**
 400 meter run: Ashley Murray, 7th
 400 meter dash: Ani Militzer, 6th,
 100 meter hurdles: Kendra DeWitt,

- 2nd
 Shot put: Beth Green, 5th; Jessica Soderback, 10th
 Discus: Soderback, 8th; Iman, 10th
 Javelin: Lydia Isaacson, 6th
 3000 meter: Elisabeth Brookins, 5th
 Long jump: Murray, 10th
 1500 meter run: Maryanne Miller, 1st; Lacey Schilling, 6th; Brookins, 7th

VHS baseball finishes 3-16 season

As the weather decided to cooperate, Vernonia High School baseball team was able to complete a rescheduled double header at home against Catlin Gabel. The Loggers split the double bill, 12-13 and 8-6.

Vernonia lost the first game, in spite of producing 12 runs. Jon Luttrell was the Loggers' leading scorer, accounting for three runs. Everett Brown and David Koch each added two more, while solo scores were tallied by Justin Johnson, Jeremy Davis, Mitch Wood, John Walters and Matt Kelly.

In the second game, Luttrell again led the scoring, with two runs. Johnson, Davis, Kyle Cota, Kelly, Walters, and Koch

contributed scoring efforts to the 8-6 win.

Another double header, against Warrenton on May 5, resulted in a double loss, 15-1 and 11-1. Koch and Kohei Nagashio provided the Loggers' only runs for the day.

The first double-header of the month, against Knappa on May 2, also provided two losses, 6-2 and 11-2.

Koch and Nagashio scored in the first game; Curtis Golson and Kyle Cota each scored a run in the fifth inning of the second game.

The team's final game was played last night at Corbett, too late for deadline. Their overall record is 3-16

Softball season ends with losses

The Vernonia High School softball team ended their season with a twin bill and twin losses against Corbett at Delta Park on May 13. Final scores were 8-2 and 7-1.

Bonnie Buchan and Jennifer Grady scored the only runs in the first game.

During the second game, Jessica Allison's RBI scored Nicole Koch.

"The score of this game shows the team has improved," said coach Dana Hyde. "The last time we played Corbett, the score was 15-0."

Games on May 5 and May 6 resulted in three losses — to Portland Christian, 14-2, and Warrenton, 11-1 and 9-1.

Fawn Cecil pitched and scored the only run of the first game against Warrenton.

Uncertainty fueled a loss to Knappa on May 2.

"I don't think the girls were feeling too sure of themselves," said Hyde. "Knappa is our archrival, and this was a difficult loss at home, especially since we'd beaten Knappa on their home field."

"Overall, the season has been a success," Hyde con-

cluded, "when considering the gains the players made as individuals and as a team. When things got tough, they stayed positive through the end."

VHS boys finish in fifth at District meet

The Vernonia High School boys golf season ended with a fifth place finish at the district tournament at Santiam on May 8-9.

The other teams competing
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