

Sports & Recreation

Sub-districts next for LBHS track teams

By Don Nelson

The Liberty Bell High School track teams wrapped up their regular season last week by hosting seven other high schools in the Liberty Bell Invitational at Mountain Lion stadium on a radiant summer afternoon. Earlier in the week, the teams were on the road for the Bridgeport Invitational.

The girls' and boys' squads continued to improve on seasonal and personal best marks as they pointed for the sub-district meet in Manson on Wednesday (May 8). The district meet is in Quincy on May 17.

Here's an overview of last week's results:

At Bridgeport, April 30

More than a dozen schools competed. The Liberty Bell girls took third place in team scoring, while the boys finished eighth. Highlights for the girls included junior Ali Palm's PR in the 100-meter dash for fourth place, senior Sally Thornton-White's win (by 5 seconds) in the 400M, sophomore Lena Nelson's victory in the 800M, and senior Icel Sukovaty's second-place finish in the 1,600M coupled with her

first-place finish in the 3,200M. Sophomore Sammy Curtis broke the 15-foot barrier by an inch to take first place in the long jump. The girls' 4x100M and 4x200M relay teams both took first place.

For the boys, senior Emerson Worrell continued his dazzling season in the 800M with a win and a personal record time. Senior Brayden White likewise kept his winning streak alive in the 300M hurdles, and registered a PR for third place in the high jump behind his second-place teammate, sophomore Bodie Paul.

At Liberty Bell, May 3

There was no team scoring at the Liberty Bell Invitational, but the home track girls and boys would have been shown well. Curtis bolted to second place in the 100M, Thornton-White ran a PR for second place in the 400M, sophomore Keeley Brooks blazed to a PR in easily winning the 800M, ahead of senior Ava Mott in second and freshman Maisy Shaw in third. Sukovaty won the 1,600M and Nelson took second place.

The Lady Lions swept the relays — 4x100M, 4x200M and 4x400M — winning the final

relay by nearly 20 seconds. Freshman Caitlyn Cooley was third in the shot put, Palm took fifth in the discus, Mott was second in the long jump, and Palm added another PR for second place in the triple jump.

For the boys, Worrell was unchallenged in winning the 800M by nine seconds, and added a fourth-place finish in

the 1,600M. White again took the 300M hurdles, and was part of the 4x400M relay team (along with Worrell, senior Tanner White and junior Magnus Treise) that took second place. Tanner White took fifth in the javelin, just ahead of Treise, who claimed second in the high jump and finished his day in the field with a PR and win in the triple jump.



Photos by Don Nelson

Left: Liberty Bell freshman Caitlyn Cooley threw a personal best in the discus to take sixth place at the Liberty Bell Invitational. She also took third in the shot put. Above, senior Tanner White also registered a personal best in the javelin, good for fifth place.

Happy to be there



Photo by Steve Mitchell

Justin Laughery of Bremerton celebrated as he neared the finish line for the half-marathon portion of the Sunflower Trail Marathon, Half-marathon and Relay last weekend. Nearly 600 runners were signed up to compete in the various events.

Mountain Lions heading into baseball District 5/6 tourney on winning streak

By Don Nelson

The Liberty Bell High School baseball team won its final seven CW-2B league games to vault into third place behind Brewster and Tonasket, securing a No. 3 seeding in District 5/6 tournament play starting Saturday (May 11).

The Mountain Lions won three league games last week wrapped around a non-league loss to Chelan. Here's a wrap-up.

• On April 30, Liberty Bell lost at home to 1A Chelan, 5-0. The Mountain Lions limited Chelan to six hits but could only manage three. The Goats' Connor Wilson pitched a complete game, striking out 13, and drove

in two runs.

• On May 2, Liberty Bell traveled to Tonasket and did itself a favor in league standings by beating the Tigers, 3-1. Each team had four hits in the pitchers' duel. The Mountain Lions' Peter Aspholm pitched a complete game and struck out 12. Jed McMillan drove in two of Liberty Bell's runs.

• On May 3, Liberty Bell hosted Bridgeport and won 13-1. Bridgeport managed only two hits and committed five errors, which explains in part how Liberty Bell was able to score 13 runs on nine hits. Aspholm had three hits and three RBIs, while Sam Neitlich had two hits and also drove

in three runs.

• On May 6, the Mountain Lions completed their regular season with a 26-5 win at Bridgeport, scoring all their runs in the first two innings. Liberty Bell pitchers gave up only three hits. Quinn Wengerd and Dusty Patterson each drove in four runs. Patterson had three hits, while David Kominak and Eli Neitlich each had two hits.

Last week's games left Liberty Bell with a 10-4 record in league play behind Brewster and Tonasket, and a 10-9 record overall.

The Mountain Lions face the District 5 No. 4 seed in the first round of district playoffs, and must win to advance.



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Liberty Bell's David Kominak pitched against the visiting Chelan High School Goats in a game on April 30. Chelan held the Mountain Lions to three hits in the 5-0 win. Liberty Bell finished its regular season with three victories and advances to the District 5/6 playoffs this weekend.

Liberty Bell tennis teams move on to post-season play in 1B/2B tourney this week

By Don Nelson

The Liberty Bell High School girls' tennis team finished its regular season in a second-place tie with Lake Roosevelt after beating Pateros 5-0 but losing to league champion Tonasket 2-3 in play last week. The Lady Lions finished with a 7-3 record in league matches, 7-5 overall.

Meanwhile, the boys' team lost 0-5 to both Pateros and Tonasket — also the boys' league champion — to finish in fourth place with a 5-5 record (5-7 overall).

Pateros, April 30

Girls' singles: Ruthann Matteson won 6-0, 6-2; Shelby Vintin won 6-0, 6-2; Chloe Temple won 6-0, 6-1. Doubles: Larkin Lucy

and Ellie Blank won by forfeit; Kristy Vieth and Amber Surface won 8-0.

Boys' singles: Nicholas Fitzmaurice lost 6-7, 6-3, 3-7; Zane Grubb lost 0-8; Konnor Doran lost 1-8. Doubles: Tyler White and Isaac Blodgett lost 6-0, 4-6, 5-7; Cameron Taylor and Ezekiel Kirk lost, 4-8.

Tonasket, May 2

Girls' singles: Ruthann Matteson won 6-1, 6-2; Shelby Vintin lost 1-6, 2-6; Chloe Temple won 6-1, 6-2. Doubles: Kristy Vieth and Amber Surface lost 0-6, 0-6; Liberty Bell lost by forfeit in the second doubles match.

Boys' singles: Nicholas Fitzmaurice lost 0-6, 0-6; Zane Grubb lost 0-6, 0-6; Konnor Doran lost 1-6, 1-6. Doubles:

Isaac Blodgett and Tyler White lost 2-6, 3-6; Ezekiel Kirk and Cameron Taylor lost 0-6, 1-6.

Ruthann Matteson, who represented Liberty Bell in the state tournament last year, was undefeated in singles play during the season.

The 1B/2B tournament was this week in Omak. Look for complete results in next week's paper. The 1A/2B/1B tournament will be in Omak on May 15 and May 18.

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Left: Shelby Vintin won her singles match, 6-0, 6-2, against Pateros on Liberty Bell's home court last week. Right: Isaac Blodgett and his partner Tyler White lost their doubles match against Pateros, 6-0, 4-6, 5-7.

