

Baseball, fastpitch and track begin seasons

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Morton/White Pass opened their new season with a home meet in Randle and the girls won the four-team meet with the boys getting third.

"I think everyone did well," Coach Scott Draper said. "Even though there were only six girls competing they scored 54 points to win the meet."

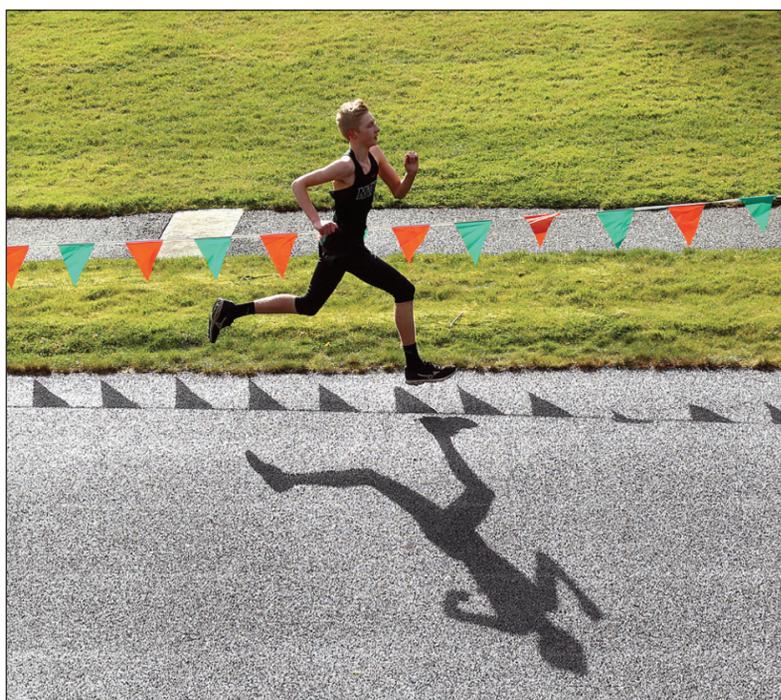
Senior Katie Salguero won a pair of events for the girls taking the shot with a toss of 30½ feet and the discus with a throw of 72-2. Sophomores Ayricka Hughes and Chloe Kelly also won events for the Timberwolves (54 points) who outpaced Napavine (52), Onalaska (25) and Winlock (20). Hughes won the 3200 (14:43) and Kelly took the 400 (1:13.6). Hughes also placed second in the javelin (69-10) and fourth in the 400 (1:22), and Kelly was third in the 100 (14.98).

Haylee Harris, Miranda Sparks and Mackenzie Lindh each placed in the top five three times. Harris was third in the discus (60-11), fourth in the shot (18-0) and fifth in the javelin (60-3), and Sparks placed second in the high jump (4-4), third in the long jump (11-8¼), and fifth in the 100 (15.87). Lindh finished second in the pole vault (5-0), fourth in the high jump (3-10), and fifth in the long jump (10-1¾).

The Morton/White Pass boys were third (33 pts) with Onalaska getting first (100) and Winlock (45) second. Senior Alex Brown won both the 1600 (5:13) and 3200 (11:59) with junior Garret Clevenger winning the 400 (1:00). Asher Sympson placed second in both the 400 (1:00.6) and 800 (2:28), and Max Lowe ran second in the 200 (27.06) and third in the 100 (13:06).

"Alex has brought his leadership and competitiveness to the team," Draper said. "It has been a long time since Garret has run this event and he had his wisdom teeth removed earlier this week. He really didn't run at all at practice this week but showed his toughness by running at the meet. Asher looked very strong in his events this week and we will definitely see improvement in the weeks to come. I really like the energy and excitement Max brings to his events."

The T-Wolves will be



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Morton/White Pass senior Alex Brown runs the 3200 during the fading light in Randle during their season opening meet on Thursday afternoon.

in Onalaska for a six-team meet tomorrow afternoon (3:30 p.m.) with Mossyrock, Rainier, Pe Ell, Toutle Lake and the host Loggers.

"I am excited to see what they can do this week in Onalaska," Draper said. "I think we will see improvement quickly in this short season. They work hard in practice and are very competitive. We might not have big numbers like years past, but this is a strong group of young men and women that are dedicated to the sport."

Mossyrock baseball
Mossyrock played their first two baseball games in the 1B ranks and beat Lake Quinault and Oakville in the last week.

Hosting Lake Quinault on Tuesday, the Vikings won 10-1. Aiden Weist, Jake Comer (win), Gunner Mulligan, and Easton Kolb all took turns on the mound and combined to strike out 13 batters over seven innings and allowed just one run.

"I was proud of our pitchers, and of the way they came out ready to play," Coach Darren Kolb said. "We had 11 hits (at the plate) but we are still a little rusty."

Weist hit safely three times in four at bats with a double and a pair of runs batted in. Tryn Thompson (two doubles, two RBIs)

and Matteo Mendoza (RBI) were both 2 for 4, with Keegan Kolb (double, RBI), Jake Comer (RBI) and Easton Kolb all getting one hit.

"Zackary Munoz had some nice catches in the outfield," Kolb said. "He really covers ground well."

In Oakville on Thursday afternoon the Vikings won easily 21-2.

"We started slowly but after a couple innings we warmed up and started hitting the ball well," Kolb said. "Every player got some playing time. The Oakville pitchers were young and did a great job."

Four Vikings collected two hits apiece: Keegan Kolb scored four runs, Gunner Mulligan hit a triple and drove in three runs, Easton Kolb had two RBIs, and Munoz hit a double and drove in three. Weist hit a single and also knocked in three.

Marshall Brockway picked up the mound victory striking out three. Weist fanned four batters, Mulligan three, Easton Kolb two, and Keegan Kolb one. Oakville managed just one hit in the six-inning game.

"We've played great defense two games in a row," Kolb said.

The Vikings (2-0 overall, 2-0 league) host Taholah tomorrow afternoon at 4 p.m.

Mossyrock fastpitch
The Vikings debuted their new fastpitch season in the 1B ranks and beat Oakville 27-0 in three innings.

Mossyrock compiled 14 hits in the shutout. Jolee Hadaller (three runs scored) and Trista Rockwood (four runs) both collected three hits, with Hailey Brooks (home run, four runs), Payton Torrey (two runs) and Delaney Marshall (run) all getting two. Gracie May West (four bases on balls, three runs) and Bailey Tafaeono (four runs) both hit safely one time.

Mossyrock's two pitchers did not allow a hit. West threw the first two innings and struck out three and Hadaller struck out two in the final inning.

The Vikings (1-0 overall) host Taholah tomorrow and Naselle on Friday both beginning at 4 p.m.

Mossyrock track
The Mossyrock track team made their season debut in Toutle Lake on Thursday and they placed fourth in both the boys' and girls' competitions.

"It was obvious we had only had eight practices before our first meet," Coach Casey Taylor said. "We were sloppy in our skills, but the effort and ability are there. I'm excited for this week's meet, and I'm confident the athletes will see some huge improvements. Besides Tevita (Stadjuhar) and Olyvia (Brownell), I was very impressed with Paige Houghtelling. She runs very strong and had some very good early season times."

Brownell won both the 800 (2:48) and 1600 (6:24) for the Mossyrock girls who were fourth (38 pts) behind Stevenson (106 pts), Wahkiakum (62) and Toutle Lake (57). Houghtelling placed third two times running 14.94 in the 100 and 31.74 in the 200. Emily Edgar also picked up a pair of thirds with a 25-1 toss in the shot and a 4-4 clearance in the high jump.

Caelyn Marshall placed fourth in the javelin (83-2)

each took their turns on the mound scattering four hits to Wahkiakum while striking out eight and walking eight. Dantinne picked up the save pitching the final inning striking out the side looking and stranding the tying run on third base.

In Toledo on Thursday, the Indians scored three in the first, seven more in the second and cruised to the 11-0 five-inning win. Toledo held the Timberwolves hitless while striking out eight.

Morton/White Pass (1-2 overall) fell 4-3 to Rainier on Monday (info next week) and will visit Napavine tomorrow and Kalama on Monday.

MWP fastpitch
The Morton/White Pass girls split their first two outings beating Wahkiakum and losing at Toledo last week.

On Monday afternoon in Cathlamet the T-Wolves won 22-3 in three innings. Senior Jaiden Linder struck out three batters in her 1½ innings with fellow senior Chloe Justice striking out four in 1½.

Emarey Hampton was a perfect 4 of 4 batting scoring three times with Linder (three runs) and Justice (four runs) each getting three hits. Madison Green and Kylie Davis plated three runs apiece and Shelby Karns added a triple.

In Toledo on Thursday, the Indians shut out Morton/White Pass 16-0.

The Wolves (1-2 overall, 1-2 league) lost at Rainier 12-2 on Monday (info next week). They host Napavine tomorrow (in Morton) and Kalama on Monday (in Randle) at 4 p.m.



Morton/White Pass senior Eathan Smathers during a fourth inning at bat in their win against Wahkiakum.



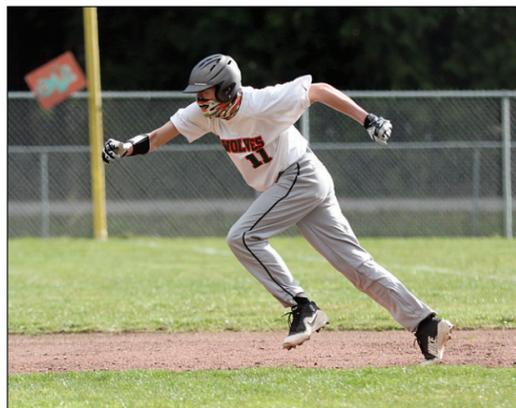
Former Morton/White Pass Timberwolves' basketball coach Tony Gillispie was able to travel to Indianapolis to watch former T-Wolves' player Zach Walton play in the NCAA Tournament for Drexel against Illinois two weeks ago. Gillispie was also able to watch Gonzaga play their opening tournament game. (courtesy photo)



Morton/White Pass freshman Brecken Pelletier dives back to first base against Wahkiakum.



Morton/White Pass sophomore Ayricka Hughes runs the final 50 meters of the 3200 in Randle on Thursday.



Timberwolves' sophomore Hunter Hazen takes off for second base during their win against Wahkiakum.

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