

Outstanding performances at rainy, snowy Pasco Invite

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Saturday's rainy, snowy and blustery weather wasn't conducive for a record-setting day at the Pasco Invitational track meet at Edgar Brown Stadium.

Still, there were plenty

of impressive performances, many of which were accomplished by Mid-Columbia athletes.

Richland senior Hannah Chang set a personal record of 15.21 seconds to win the girls 100 hurdles, while Walla Walla senior Dash Sirmon — a national-caliber athlete in his field of discipline — won the

boys javelin event with a throw of 200 feet, 3 inches.

And Kamiakin senior Grayson Wilcott, headed to Washington State University in the fall, won the boys 3200 meters in a time of 9 minutes and 15.95 seconds.

Those were all great performances, but here

are 11 other athletes who also really shines that day:

- Jackson Cluff, a senior at West Valley of Yakima, won the boys long jump event with a leap of 21 feet, 7.5 inches. He also placed second in the high jump, clearing 6 feet even.

- Lewiston senior Emily Collins was a double winner, finishing first in the

girls 200 meters (26.57 seconds) and the 400 meters (59.19 seconds).

- Tumwater senior Alyssa Duncan won the girls long jump with a leap of 17 feet, 6 inches. She also won the girls triple jump event with a mark of 36 feet, 1.5 inches.

- Hanford senior Katelynn Gelston — a discus champ two weeks ago at Arcadia, and who will compete at Oregon State University in the throws — was perhaps the most impressive athlete of the day.

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Gelston won the girls discus event with a throw of 139-7; won the girls javelin with a toss of 122-11; and finished third in the girls shot put at 39-7.50.

- Brighton Heywood, a sophomore from the Idaho high school called Rocky Mountain, pulled off a distance double by winning the girls 800 meters in 2:16.72, and the girls 1600 in 5:18.05.

- Hermiston senior Caden Hottman showed he'll be a force to reckon with at state in May by winning the boys shot put and discus events.

He had a 54 foot, 0.5 inch mark in the shot put; and he tossed 159-8 in the discus.

- Foster senior Lyric Lopez was a double winner, finishing first in the boys 200 meters in 22.04 seconds; and winning the boys 300 hurdles in 38.01 seconds.

- Tumwater junior Makhi Odoms placed first in the boys triple jump with a mark of 43 feet, 8.25 inches; and he was second in the long jump at 21-0.5.

- Southridge senior Jayden Smith won the girls high jump event with a leap of 5-2. She placed second in the triple jump, with a school record of 35-5.5.

- Kamiakin senior Isaac Teeples, who will run collegiately for Brigham Young University, had an impressive showing by winning the boys 800 meters and 1600.

His 1:53.79 time in the 800 is a PR, and is currently the state's best time in the event.

The 4:12.31 finish in the 1600 is a school record.

- Hermiston senior Bailey Young, who will compete at Eastern Washington University next year, finished first in the girls shot put with a PR of 43-3, and placed second in the discus with a PR of 112-6.

As a team, Richland won the girls team title with 66 points. Mead was

second with 41, and Rocky Mountain placed third with 38.

On the boys' side, Rocky Mountain rolled away with the team title at 92 points, while Walla Walla was second with 47.5, and Kamiakin third at 47.

AMERICANS WIN FINAL GAME

The Tri-City Americans finished the 2021-22 Western Hockey League regular season on a positive note Saturday night, beating Everett 4-1 in the Toyota Center.

That left the Ams with a 19-43-6-0 record for 44 points. Not enough to make the playoffs.

After the game, the team honored its four 20-year-olds — Connor Bouchard, Mitchell Brown, Sam Huo and Sasha Mutala — who are graduating from the league.

The team named goalie Tomas Suchanek as its MVP, while Huo was named Offensive Player of the Year, and Marc Lajoie the Defensive Player of the Year.

Lukas Dragicevic was the team's Rookie of the Year, while Parker Bell was named the Ams' Most Sportsmanlike Player.

Alex Serraglio was honored with the Todd Klassen Humanitarian of the Year award, while Nick Avakyan was Scholastic Player of the Year, and Bouchard the Hardest Working Player of the Year.

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- Jander Cline (Heritage-Vancouver) ended the Walla Walla Community College men's basketball team's season as its scoring leader, averaging 19.7 points. He also averaged 5.8 rebounds for the 11-16 Warriors.

Other standouts on the team included Jake Poulton (Idaho), who averaged 16.9 points and 4.1 assists; Josh Gillespie (Idaho), with 15.5 points and 5.9 rebounds; Spencer Wright (Bothell), who had 5.7 rebounds, 4.0 assists and 1.8 steals; and Niko Rob-

Congratulations to Katelynn Gelston Arcadia champion in the discus with a throw of 156'0". Breaking her own school record. This puts her currently sixth in the nation in discus



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Hanford High School senior Katelynn Gelston

ben (Hawaii) and Covy Kelly (Idaho), with 2.0 assists a game each.

- Freshman Madeline Gebers (Kennewick) led the 15-10 Spokane Community College women's basketball team in scoring this season, averaging 13.6 points.

She also averaged 3.5 rebounds, 1.6 steals, 1.5 assists, and 1.1 blocked shots for the Sasquatch, who made it to the NWAC tournament.

Gebers was named first-team all-East Region for her play.

- Kamiakin baseball standout Payton Graham already knows what his summer plans are.

The right-handed fireballer will be playing for the Yakima Valley Pippins of the West Coast League summer college baseball league.

Graham, will then enroll at Gonzaga University, where he will play baseball for the Bulldogs.

A standout football player for Kamiakin too,

Graham was named the Mid-Columbia Conference Player of the Year last spring in baseball. He was a first-team third baseman, and a second-team pitcher.

- Walla Walla's twin Hoe sisters — Faith and Lauren — are now seniors for the Weber State University softball team, which is 30-8 through games of April 16. The Wildcats are 8-0 in Big Sky Conference play, with three series left before the conference tournament.

Faith Hoe plays second base, and is the team's leading hitter with a .385 batting average and 27 runs batted in.

Lauren Hoe, meanwhile, is hitting .223, with four home runs and 19 RBIs. In addition, Lauren is the team's catcher and handles the pitching staff.

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