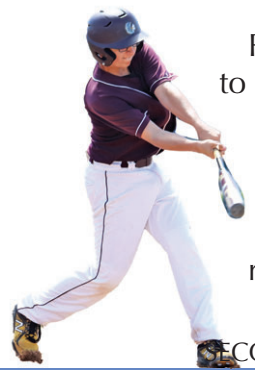


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Medford's Joe Sullivan pushes ahead of Drew Stephens from the University School of Milwaukee in the last 25 meters and places third in the Division 2 boys 1,600-meter run Friday at the WIAA state championships held at UW-La Crosse.

Angell nearly wins shot; Tallier sprints to 4th in the 100

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Bailey Angell went from the bottom to nearly winning the shot put competition, plus she earned her second career medal in the discus, while Gracie Tallier got her first medal in the 100-meter dash and nearly got a second in the 200-meter dash during a strong weekend for the Gilman Pirate standouts at the WIAA Division 3 state track and field championships at UW-La Crosse.

The duo compiled 18 team points with their placements, which all ranged between second and seventh place, good for a 14th-place tie with Shiocton and Fennimore in the final team standings. Return-

ing to state in the same events as a year ago, they combined to improve in three of the four with Angell still earning a discus medal despite dropping two places from her freshman season to sixth place.

Angell needed just one throw to put herself into championship contention in the shot put, a year after she tied Shayna Graf of River Ridge for last place in the 2021 state competition. Both sophomores returned and did much better this time around.

On her first throw Friday afternoon, Angell got a mark of 38 feet, 6.25 inches that put her in first place through the first round of flight two competition. She

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Sullivan has big finish; Richter and Machon get 6th and 7th

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Joe Sullivan couldn't have left Medford's athletic program on a much higher note, while sophomores Meredith Richter and Jaylin Machon showed glimpses of what they are capable of doing in the future during a successful weekend for the Raiders at the WIAA Division 2 state track and field championships at UW-La Crosse.

After winning sectional championships at Rice Lake in the boys 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs, Sullivan stated his case to be known as the top distance runner to come through Medford with third- and fourth-place finishes in those races and doing so in school-record times that smashed the old marks.

Sullivan leaves Medford with three WIAA medals in track and field, another

in cross country, numerous conference, regional and sectional awards as well as a solid basketball career. He plans to compete at the next level in cross country and track at UW-La Crosse.

"It's huge," he said of earning medals in both events. "It was definitely a big goal. I wanted to get the school records. I beat those both in the mile and two-mile. To get two medals is awesome. I knew I had a good chance at the two. I just had to run good and I was going to get it. That was awesome."

Richter ran free and easy in the "slow" heat of the girls 800-meter run on Saturday afternoon and blew away the rest of the group. She got a pleasant surprise after heat two when her personal-best time of 2:20.51 stood as the sixth-best out of 16 runners and put her on the last spot on

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Gilman's Bailey Angell spins through her last attempt in the WIAA Division 3 girls shot put competition Friday at the WIAA state championships. It was Angell's first throw that gave her second place in the competition. It went 38 feet, 6.25 inches.

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