

## Girls soccer

# Werth's breakout game lifts Panthers

### Freshman scores twice in key conference win over Edgewood

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Wednesday belonged to Addison Werth.

The freshman forward turned in a two-goal, one-assist performance during the Oregon girls soccer team's 8-0 Badger West win over Madison Edgewood on Wednesday, May 4, at Reddan Soccer Park in Verona.

"Addy had a coming-out party tonight, that's for sure," Oregon head coach Bobby Nichols said. "She played really well. She is slowly coming on, she's been really nervous as a freshman. Today must have been her day. She definitely made an impression on all of us for sure."

Oregon's 11-game shutout streak to start the season was ended by Nicolet, but the Panthers still picked up a 4-1 nonconference win over Nicolet on Friday, May 6, in Milwaukee. Nicolet came in ranked No. 6 in Division 2.

Sophomore Delaney Hoelker and junior Aubree Caya both scored goals in

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## Softball

# Oregon takes control of Badger West race

### Panthers move to 9-2 in conference standings

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Hailey Berman put together a big day at the plate during the Oregon softball team's 12-2 Badger West win over Monroe on Friday, May 6, at Oregon High School.

Oregon got another Badger West win with a 4-1 victory over Portage on Monday, May 9, at Oregon High School.

The win moved Oregon to 12-4 overall and 9-2 in the Badger West. The Panthers are battling Mount Horeb (10-3) for the conference title.

The Panthers followed their win against Monroe by splitting a pair of nonconference games on Saturday, May 7, at Franklin High School.

Oregon beat Franklin 11-6 and lost to Hortonville 5-0.

### Oregon 4, Portage 1

The Panthers got some early run support and never looked back. Oregon scored three runs in the bottom of the first and added another run in the second.

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## Boys track and field

# For the record

### Yordanos Zelinski is enjoying a record-book senior season

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Yordanos Zelinski has a note in his room to remind him what his ultimate goal is.

To become Oregon's greatest athlete of all time.

He's making quite the case this spring.

The senior has set three school records this season for the Oregon boys track and field team. He set the trio of school records in a span of 17 days in the month of April — the 1,600-meter run (4 minutes, 14.65 seconds) on April 12, the 3,200 (9:20.56) on April 26 and the 800 (1:51.09) on April 29.

"I have a note written in my bedroom saying that I'm going to be the best athlete that Oregon has ever had before I leave," Zelinski said. "I feel like I'm making that happen."

After a seventh-place finish in the 800 at the Division 1 state meet last season, Zelinski said he and his coach altered his workouts to mimic more of a college-level training style.

"I knew I could get those (school records)," Zelinski said. "I just needed to do the proper training."

Zelinski — who also competed for the cross country team this fall and set the 5K school record by over 20 seconds (15:35.3) — also is gunning for the 400 record. The 3,200, 1,600 and 800 are all distance events, but the 400 is considered a sprint event. Still, Zelinski knows he's more than capable of setting a fourth school record this year.

"It's going to be a little bit harder for me to get I think because that's basically all speed and I've been training for 800 and the mile," Zelinski said. "I can definitely get it."

Zelinski nearly set the school record in the 400 during the Stoughton Invitational on Friday, May 6. He clocked in with a time of 49.96. The school record is set at 49.64.

Besides the drive to become Oregon's greatest athlete of all time, Zelinski said he also has been motivated by his family.

Zelinski spent his childhood in Ethiopia. He was adopted from an orphanage when he was 11-years old by Kathleen and John Zelinski — who lived in Oregon.

"I don't want my parents to pay for my college because they have done so much for me," Zelinski said. "It would be a way to say thank you for everything they've done for me."

Zelinski said he's planning on running in college — but is currently undecided — and wants to eventually become a pro athlete and run for team USA.

"I want to see how far I can take it," he said.

Zelinski said after the track season is over he's going to try out for the U19 and U20 USA team.

"I'm not going to be done once the high school season is over," he said. "It will just be another chapter."

## Records

800: (1:51.09)

1,600: (4:14.65)

3,200: (9:20.56)



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Oregon's Yordanos Zelinski races in the 400 dash during the Stoughton Invitational on Friday, May 6, at McFarland High School.

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