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Steve Prefontaine.....	S t a t e:	State Champion in 1969 (mile, 2 mile) and 1968 (2 mile)
Marshfield	E l i t e:	Competed in the 1972 Olympic Games (5k), where he placed 4th *He once held American records in the 2k, 3k, 2 Mile, 3 Mile, 5k, 6 Mile and 10k
Pete Julian.....	S t a t e:	2nd in 1989 (3k)
Ashland	E l i t e:	Competed in three Olympic Trials - 1996 (5k, 10k), 2000 (10k) and 2004 (marathon)
Max King.....	S t a t e:	He never qualified for State TF
Crater	E l i t e:	Competed in three Olympic Trials - 2008 (3k Steeplechase), 2012 (30k, marathon), and 2016 (marathon)
John Lucas.....	S t a t e:	5th in 1999 (3k)
Eagle Point	E l i t e:	Competed in the 2007 and 2012 Olympic Trials (marathon for both)
Leonard Hill.....	S t a t e:	State Champion in 1970 (2 mile) and 1969 (2 mile)
Phoenix	E l i t e:	Competed in the 1980 and 1984 Olympic Trials (marathon for both)
Galen Rupp.....	S t a t e:	State Champion in 2004 (3k, 1500m) and 2003 (3k)
Central Catholic	E l i t e:	Competed in three Olympic Games - 2016 (10k, marathon), 2012 (5k) and 2008 (10k) He won a Silver Medal in 2012 (10k) and Bronze Medal in 2016 (marathon)
Dan Browne.....	S t a t e:	2nd in 1993 (3k, 1500m); 5th in 1992 (3k)
West Linn	E l i t e:	Competed in the 2004 Olympic Games (10k, marathon) and 2008 Olympic Trials (10k)
Ian Dobson.....	S t a t e:	2nd in 2000 (3k, 1500m) and 1999 (1500m); 4th in 1999 (3k)
Klamath Union	E l i t e:	Competed in the 2008 Olympic Games and 2012 Olympic Trials (5k for both)
Bill Dellinger.....	S t a t e:	<i>TF Records are not available from his senior year</i>
Springfield	E l i t e:	Competed in the 1956, 1960 and 1964 Olympic Games (All in the 5k). Won Bronze in '64 *Once held six American records and two world records
Dyrol Burleson.....	S t a t e:	State Champion in 1958 (mile, 880y); 2nd (mile) in 1957
Cottage Grove	E l i t e:	Competed in the 1960 and 1964 Olympic Games (1500m in both) *Once held four American records
Ralph Hill.....	S t a t e:	<i>TF Records are not available from this era</i>
Henley	E l i t e:	Competed in the 1932 Olympic Games (5k). He earned a Silver Medal *Once held the American record in the Mile and 5k
Daniel Winn.....	S t a t e:	State Champion in 2010 (3k, 1500m)
Cleveland	E l i t e:	Competed in the 2016 Olympic Trials (1500m)

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Matthew Maton.....	S t a t e:	State Champion in 2014 (3k, 1500m) and 2013 (3k, 1500m); 5th (3k) in 2012
Summit	E l i t e:	Competed in the 2016 Olympic Trials (1500m)
James Harris.....	S t a t e:	4th (1500m) and 5th (3k) in 1989
Beaverton	E l i t e:	Competed in the 1996 Olympic Trials (1500m), and in World C.Country Championships
Kenny Moore.....	S t a t e:	He did not place at TF State. His highest finish at Xc State was 27th in 1961
North Eugene	E l i t e:	Competed in the 1968 and 1972 Olympics (marathon for both), and O.Trials (5k) in 1964 *Once held the American record in the marathon
Jon Anderson.....	S t a t e:	<i>Jon did not qualify to compete at State TF (he started running fall of his Senior year)</i>
Sheldon	E l i t e:	Competed in the 1972 Olympics (10k) and 1977 World Cross Country Championships
Damian Baldovino.....	S t a t e:	He did not place at TF State. Highest finish at XC State was 23rd in 1984
Phoenix / Medford	E l i t e:	Was aiming for Olympic Trials. He is one of the nation's top Masters distance runners
Jim Grelle.....	S t a t e:	<i>There was no Cross Country state meet when Jim was in high school</i>
Lincoln	E l i t e:	Competed in the 1960 Olympics (mile), and 1960 Olympic Trials *Once held two American records (mile, 2 mile).
Kory Tarpenning.....	S t a t e:	2nd (pole vault) in 1980
Sheldon	E l i t e:	Competed in the 1988 and 1992 Olympics (pole vault for both)
Bryan Berryhill.....	S t a t e:	State Champion (400m, 800m) in 1995 and 1996
Crater	E l i t e:	National Champion in the mile. Competed in the 2004 Olympic Trials
Dan O'Brien.....	S t a t e:	State Champion (100m, long jump, both hurdles) in 1984
Henley	E l i t e:	Competed in the 1996 Olympics. Won Gold in 1996 *Once held the world record in the decathlon
Tim Bright.....	S t a t e:	2nd (pole vault) in 1978
Phoenix	E l i t e:	Competed in three Olympics in 1984 (decathlon), 1988 (vault) and 1992 (vault)
Dick Fosbury.....	S t a t e:	2nd (high jump) in 1965
Medford	E l i t e:	Competed in the 1968 Olympics (high jump). Won the gold medal *He invented the "Fosbury Flop" technique all high jumpers use today!
Art Skipper.....	S t a t e:	State Champion (javelin) in 1987 and 1988
Sandy	E l i t e:	Competed in the 1988 and 1992 Olympics (javelin for both). *Once had the national Javelin record
Daniel Kelly.....	S t a t e:	State Champion (javelin) in 1987 and 1988
Columbia Prep	E l i t e:	Competed in the 1908 Olympics (long jump). He won the Silver medal *As a high school athlete, he broke the World Record
Tim Vollmer.....	S t a t e:	State Champion (discus) in 1964
Benson	E l i t e:	Competed in the 1972 Olympics (discus)
Bob Likins.....	S t a t e:	<i>Results from the 1936-1939 State meet are not available</i>
Grant	E l i t e:	Competed in the 1948 Olympics (javelin)
Dave Edstrom.....	S t a t e:	State Champion (120y Hurdles, 180y Hurdles, high jump) in 1956
Sherwood	E l i t e:	Competed in the 1960 Olympics (decathlon)
Brian Crouser.....	S t a t e:	State Champion (Javelin, Shot Put, Discus) in 1981
Gresham	E l i t e:	Competed in the 1988 and 1992 Olympics (Javelin in both)

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Sam Crouser.....	S t a t e:	State Champion in (Javelin, Shot Put, Discus) in 2010, and (Javelin) in 2009
Gresham	E l i t e:	Competed in the 2016 Olympics, and 2012 Olympic Trials *Once set the national high school record in the javelin
Ryan Crouser.....	S t a t e:	State Champion (shot put, discus) in 2009 and 2011
Barlow	E l i t e:	Competed in the 2016 Olympics (shot put). Won the Gold medal
Ryan Bailey.....	S t a t e:	State Champion (100m, 200m) in 2007
McKay	E l i t e:	Competed in the 2012 Olympics (100m)
Cyrus Hostetler.....	S t a t e:	3rd (javelin) in 2005
Newberg	E l i t e:	Competed in the 2012 Olympics (Javelin)
Ashton Eaton.....	S t a t e:	State Champion (400m, long jump) in 2006
Mountain View	E l i t e:	Competed in the 2012 and 2016 Olympics (decathlon). Won two Gold medals
Mac Wilkins.....	S t a t e:	State Champion (discus) in 1969
Beaverton	E l i t e:	Competed in the 1976, 1984 and 1988 Olympics (discus). Won a Gold medal in 1976 *He broke the world record four times in his professional career
Forrest Smithson.....	S t a t e:	<i>There was no State Championships when he was in high school</i>
Portland-area schooling	E l i t e:	Competed in the 1908 Olympics (110m Hurdles). He won the Gold medal
Alfred Gilbert.....	S t a t e:	<i>There was no State Championships when he was in high school</i>
Tualatin Academy	E l i t e:	Competed in the 1908 Olympmics (pole vault). He tied for the Gold medal *he invented the pole vault box, and set two world records
Herbert Kerrigan.....	S t a t e:	Won the Pacific northwest high jump championships in 1894 and 1896
Portland-area schooling	E l i t e:	Competed in the 1906 Intercalated Games in Greece (high jump)
Dave Johnson.....	S t a t e:	<i>He did not compete at the State Championships</i>
Crescent Valley	E l i t e:	Competed in the 1988 and 1992 Olympics (decathlon)
Andrew Hermann.....	S t a t e:	Completed in cross country and track
Lincoln	E l i t e:	Competed in the 1996 and 2000 (50k race/walk) Olympics
Tom Pappas.....	S t a t e:	_____
Glendale	E l i t e:	Competed in the 2000, 2004 and 2008 Olympics (all in the decathlon)
Arthur Tuck.....	S t a t e:	Competed in the 1919 State meet, singlehandedly winning the meet for his high school.
Redmond	E l i t e:	Competed in the 1920 Olympics (Javelin)
Elijah Greer.....	S t a t e:	State Champion in 2009 (800m, 1500m), 2008 (800m) and 2007 (1500m)
Lake Oswego	E l i t e:	Competed in the 2012 Olympic Trials (800m) *Set the high school national junior-class record in the 800m
Cole Watson.....	S t a t e:	State Champion in 2010 (1500m,3k), 2009 (400m, 800m, 1500m) and 2008 (800m)
Rogue River	E l i t e:	Competed in the 2017 World Mountain Championships in Italy, a 32k (19.9 mile) race with 7874 feet (2400m, or 2.4 mile) of elevation gain.
Brian Crouser.....	S t a t e:	State Champion in 1980 and 1981 (all three throws)
Gresham	E l i t e:	Competed in the 1988 and 1992 Olympics
Peter Pritchett.....	S t a t e:	State Champion in 1986 (3k) and 1987 (3k)
Benson	E l i t e:	Competed in the 1996 Olympic Trials (3k Steeplechase)

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Claire Michel.....	S t a t e:	State Champion (3k) in 2006 and 2005; 5th (3k) in 2007
Clackamas	E l i t e:	Competed in the 2016 Olympic Games (triathlon) representing Belgium
Paige Kouba.....	S t a t e:	State Champion (800m) in 2012, 3rd (3k) in 2012
South Eugene	E l i t e:	Competed in the 2016 Olympic Trials (steeplechase)
Marci Klimek.....	S t a t e:	4th (3k) in 2006
Phoenix	E l i t e:	Competed in the 2013 (half marathon) and 2015 (10 mile) US Championships
Caroline Walker.....	S t a t e:	State Champion (mile) in 1970
Grant	E l i t e:	She competed in the 1972 and 1973 International Cross Country Championships *Once held the world record in the 5k and 10k
Maria Mutola.....	S t a t e:	Although she trained with her team, the league ruled her ineligible to compete in 1991
Springfield	E l i t e:	She is only the fourth athlete in history to compete in six Olympic Games - 1988 (800m), 1992 (800m,1500m), 1996 (800m), 2000 (800m), 2004 (800m) and 2008 (800m). She won the Gold Medal in 2000 (800m) and Silver Medal in 1996 (800m), representing Mozambique.
Joni Huntley.....	S t a t e:	State Champion (high jump) in 1972-1974. She was the first girl to clear 6' in the nation!
Sheridan	E l i t e:	Competed in the 1984 Olympics (high jump). Won the bronze medal.
Haley Crouser.....	S t a t e:	State Champion (shot put, javelin) in 2013, (100m hurdles, javelin, Shot put) in 2012
Gresham	E l i t e:	Competed in the Olympic Trials (javelin) in 2016
Margaret Bailes.....	S t a t e:	State Champion (100y, 220y) in 1968
Churchill	E l i t e:	Competed in the 1968 Olympic (4x100m). She won the Gold medal
Paula Berry.....	S t a t e:	State Champion (javelin) in 1984-1987
Dayville	E l i t e:	Competed in the 1992 Olympics (javelin), and in the 1996 Olympic Trials
McKayla Fricker.....	S t a t e:	4th (800m, high jump) in 2010, 6th (800m) in 2009
Canby	E l i t e:	Competed in the 2016 Olympic Trials (800m)
Rachel Yurkovich.....	S t a t e:	State Champion in 2005 and 2004 (Javelin for both), 2nd in 2003
Newberg	E l i t e:	Competed in the 2012 Olympic Games (Javelin) and 2009 World Championships *She set the high school national record in the Javelin