



# Lady Pros crack down in Umatilla

Entire GU team contributes to good hitting day

By Angel Carpenter  
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UMATILLA – The Grant Union Lady Prospector bats were cracking last Saturday as they shut down the Umatilla Vikings.

“The games were positive overall,” said head coach DeAnna Nash.

Sydney Stearns pitched a near-shutout Game One, 21-2, get-

ting six strikeouts and giving up one walk and two hits.

Cody Jo Madden took the mound to throw a 23-0 shutout in the second game.

She had five strikeouts, gave up no walks and four hits.

“Our hitting stats were impressive overall,” Nash said.

The Prospectors had 22 hits in the first game and 27 hits in the second game, with many extra bases.

“It was a very positive road trip, and everyone contributed,” the coach said.

Nash expected this week’s game to be a test for the team.

Grant Union faced Irrigon, a team with only three losses on the season, in a nonleague doubleheader at home on Tuesday, past press time.

The Pros host Vale in a league doubleheader Friday, beginning at 1 p.m. It also will be senior recognition day.



Grant Union’s Janelle King slides in safely at third in a game earlier this season.

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# Garrett Hitz vaults to school record

## Track teams compete at Pepsi Invite

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UNION – Last Saturday was a monumental day for Prairie City track and field athlete Garrett Hitz.

Hitz, a junior, broke the school’s 40-year pole vault record at the Pepsi Invitational in Union, reaching a height of 12-7 1/2.

Andy Anderson, now the mayor of Mt. Vernon, previously held the record which he reached with a 12-6 mark in 1975.

Prairie City head coach Joe Weymouth said while this was a goal Hitz had set, the athlete has even higher achievements in mind.

“He’s not finished for the year,” Weymouth said. “He’s still working hard – that’s what he does.”

Weymouth said Hitz’ ultimate goal is to eventually beat the state 1A track record for pole vault, which is 14-1 1/2.

“He has a pretty good



Contributed photo/Nancy Hitz

Prairie City’s Megan Camarena hits the 27-foot mark in shot put at the Pepsi Invitational in Union.

shot,” Weymouth said, adding that Hitz also has another year in high school to improve.

Hitz is gearing up for an

international Down Under Sports track and field event in Australia in July.

Weymouth added that an-

other highlight from Union was senior Michel Hitz

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# Pros hope to shake off losses to 4A foes

Team looks forward to road game Friday

By Angel Carpenter  
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PRINEVILLE – The Grant Union baseball team hit a rough patch against two 4A teams last week, but the Pros are ready to move on.

The Prospectors lost a game to La Grande, 2-12, on April 21 and were shut out by Crook County last Friday, 0-12.

“We definitely didn’t play to our potential or our ability,” said head coach Brian



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Wade Reimers, left, catches La Grande’s flyball with teammates Brady Burch and Dillon Winters in action.

Delaney.

“We need to get back to playing the way we were with

team ball and moving runners,” he said. “Relaxing on defense and not panicking –

once we can do that, we’ll get over that mental barrier.”

Grant Union hosted 2A Irrigon in a nonleague doubleheader on Tuesday, past press time.

Irrigon began the week at third in Special District 6, and Grant Union was third in Special District 7, ahead of Joseph/Enterprise.

The Prospectors travel Friday to Joseph for a league doubleheader, starting at 1 p.m.

Delaney expected Irrigon to be good competition.

“It’ll be a good doubleheader for us going into Friday’s league game – to shake off the rust and get the bugs out,” he said.

## SEASON OUTLOOK

# Team spirit: Lady Pros’ chemistry is in the zone

Team stays competitive in 3A mix

By Angel Carpenter  
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JOHN DAY – The Lady Prospectors are on an upswing as they head into the home stretch of the softball season.

The team – which merges Prairie City and Dayville players into the Grant Union squad – sat third in league as of Monday, up from fifth place two weeks ago.

Head coach DeAnna Nash has 28 girls on her varsity and junior varsity teams. She’s joined by assistants Les DeHaven, Ashlee Brockway and Kennedy Nash – the latter two traveling with the junior varsity team.

“We don’t really separate out the varsity and JV,” coach Nash said. “Different kids suit up for both depending on who’s available. We have a good mix of girls – 28 kids, one team.”

The roster includes seven juniors, eight sophomores and eight freshmen.

Four seniors – Babe Nash, Mariah Meyerholz, Sydney Stearns and Jordden Cameron – provide leadership, which coach Nash says has been “the biggest thing this year.”

“It’s cool because we’ve had this group of seniors together for awhile now, and we have such a huge team this year,” Babe said. “We seem to have a good team chemistry this year.”

Meyerholz agreed. “There is a lot of potential for this year and the coming years – it’s a young

## 2015 PROSPECTOR SENIORS



Babe Nash

Sydney Stearns



Jordden Cameron

Mariah Meyerholz

team,” she said.

Stearns said she’s sad that her high school softball career is nearing the end, but added, “I’m glad that my last year is with this team.”

She added, “We’ve started off league well, and I’m excited to see what the season brings.”

Cameron, who played varsity softball the last three years, said she’s enjoyed it.

“We all get along really well,” she said. “We’re like a family, more than in any other sport – I’m excited to see where we go this season.”

New to the Prospector team are two players from other schools: sophomore Ravyn Walker from Dayville School and freshman Brianna Zweygardt from Prairie City School.

“Both are great kids, and they’ve been accepted by the team,” said coach Nash. “It’s been a good mix of kids, and they’ve melded well.”

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# 2015 COUNTY SPORTS SCHEDULE

## Baseball

Friday, May 1 Grant Union @ Enterprise/Joseph Joseph 1 p.m./3 p.m.

## Softball

Friday, May 1 Grant Union vs. Vale John Day 1 p.m./3 p.m.

## Track

Friday, May 1 PC, Day, Mon, LC @ Grant Union Track Meet John Day 10 a.m.

## Golf

Friday, May 1 Grant Union @ Buffalo Peaks Golf Course Union 10 a.m.



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