



Lady Pros, Cubs split wins at home

Grant Union Prospector Taylor McCluskey waits for the pitch in the game against Enterprise last Friday.

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GU rallies to top Enterprise team in Game 2

By Angel Carpenter
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JOHN DAY – The Grant Union Lady Prospectors split games with Enterprise in a league doubleheader at home at the Seventh Street Complex last Friday.

The Cubs squeaked by to take Game One, but Grant Union made a comeback to win Game Two.

Enterprise, which combines with Joseph and Wallowa, pulled ahead in the fourth inning of Game One, 8-4.

Grant Union's Natalie Stearns took the mound at that point, as relief pitcher for Sydney Stearns.

The Lady Pros rallied to tie the game, 8-8, but gave up one run in the seventh and lost 8-9.

"The second game we rebound-

ed and played better and won, 8-5," said head coach DeAnna Nash. "Sydney pitched the entire game."

Grant Union (5-6 overall) hosted Union/Cove (7-1) on Tuesday, past press time, for a nonleague game.

This Friday, the Lady Pros face league opponents Echo/Stamfield (6-4) for a doubleheader in Echo, starting at 1 p.m.

Grant Union will host Irrigon (10-1) for a doubleheader at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 21.



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Grant Union golfers Nathan Gehley, left, Chance Barrietua, center, and Matt Broemeling practice at the driving range at the John Day Golf club. Duane Stokes, not pictured, is also a member of this season's team.

SEASON OUTLOOK

GU gains confidence with each swing

By Angel Carpenter
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JOHN DAY – Grant Union's golf team is looking chipper this season.

Although the school is fielding just four varsity boys, head coach Ron Lundbom said the team is off to a good start with experienced golfers.

"Our biggest strength is they are all three-year returners," he said.

The roster includes freshmen Duane Stokes, juniors Nathan Gehley and Chance Barrietua, and senior Matt Broemeling.

Lundbom noted Stokes is his second golfer on the team to go through his junior golf camp program, held in June.

"Duane is a decent golfer and knows how to swing," the coach said, adding that Broemeling and Gehley both practiced golf in the off season.

He said this is the first year each team member could already drive the ball past the 100-yard marker, without having to work up to it in drills.

Another strong point: "We're coming off of going to state last year, so these guys have experience," he said.

So far, the team has attended three invitationals. Grant Union will host its own tournament at 10 a.m. Friday at the John Day Golf Club.

Lundbom said his team is

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Matt Broemeling

Grant Union competes at Wildhorse

PENDLETON – The Grant Union golf team placed fourth out of six teams last Friday at Pendleton's Wildhorse Resort and Casino Golf Course at the 1A/2A Invitational.

Prospector Nathan Gehley placed fifth.

The event drew 110 golfers, boys and girls.

Nixyaawii, which has Wildhorse as its home course, placed first with 341, followed by Heppner, second, 365; Enterprise, third, 399; Grant Union, fourth, 403; Wallowa, fifth, 410; and Echo, sixth, 428.

Low medalist was Logan Grieb of Heppner with 79, followed by Tiya-Po Farrow, Nixyaawii, 80; Riley Lanford, Nixyaawii, 85; Ira Ashley, Nixyaawii, 85; and Grant Union's Gehley, 86.

Coach Ron Lundbom said the Wildhorse greens have a harder surface – likely due to winter – than what his golfers are used to at the John Day Golf Club.

"Coming off our greens to Wildhorse was difficult," Lundbom said, adding his team improved on putting and chipping.



TRACK TEAMS PUT BEST FOOT FORWARD

Local meet draws athletes from 10 schools

By Angel Carpenter
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JOHN DAY – The Small Schools Invitational at Grant Union's Three Flags Field, chilly from start to finish, was a good way to ignite local track and field teams.

"It was a great warm-up for the season," said Grant Union head coach Sonna Smith.

Ten teams participated in the varsity and junior high meet.

"It was exciting to be able to host junior high at our inaugural meet on our new track," Smith said, referring to the school's new 8-lane track. "It did take a little longer, but our goal is to allow everyone the chance to compete."

The Burns varsity boys and girls teams took top honors in the meet.

Grant Union girls came in second, followed by Mitchell-Spray, Crane and Monument.

On the boys' side, Crane took second, followed by Mitchell-Spray, Grant Union and Prairie City.

Smith said there were some glitches with the timing, and said she expects those to be ironed out in time for the Small Schools Meet at 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 21.

Grant Union

Grant Union's Jozie Rude had a good day at the meet, placing first in shot put with 34-10.00 and javelin with

a 110-08. She also finished second in the 400 and pole vault.

Chelsie Kodesh was close behind in javelin with a 107-00, and Samantha Brock took third.

In triple jump and long jump events, Kori Pentzer had first, Brock second and McKenzie Wilson third for Grant Union.

Brock was second in the 100 hurdles ahead of Pentzer who took third.

For the boys, the 4x400 relay team of Josh Carpenter, Andrew Copenhaver, Paul Roark and Daniel Carpenter took second.

Michael Ashmead finished second in long jump.

Andrew Copenhaver was third in pole vault in front of Paul Roark.

Daniel Carpenter earned third in the 3,000-meter run.

Grant Union, Prairie City and Dayville also competed at the Burns Lions Invitational in Burns last Saturday.

Prairie City

Prairie City head coach Joe Weymouth said although the April 7 meet was freezing, his athletes still made strides.

"The meet was difficult for most as it was tough to stay warmed up in the blowing, cold wind most of the day," he said. "We still had a few PRs (personal records) from Garrett Hitz in the pole vault and Megan Camarena and Teri Cobb in the shot put."

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Above: Grant Union's Chelsie Kodesh throws javelin for second place at the small schools meet. Top photo: Runners in the boys 1500-meter race are off to a quick start, including Alvaro Lopez of Long Creek (center, red) who finished third and Grant Union runners Trejan Speth (left, red and black) and Sam Bentz (foreground).



Grant Union's Kori Pentzer leaps into first place in the long jump at the small schools track meet at Three Flags Field.



Prairie City runner Ethan Camarena sprints to third place in the 100-meter dash at the small schools meet.



2015 COUNTY SPORTS SCHEDULE

Baseball

Tuesday, April 21 Grant Union vs. Irrigon John Day 2 p.m./4 p.m.

Softball

Friday, April 17 Grant Union @ Echo/Stamfield Echo 1 p.m./3 p.m.
Tuesday, April 21 Grant Union vs. Irrigon John Day 2 p.m./4 p.m.

Track

Friday, April 17 GU, Day, PC @ Ranchers Invitational Crane 11 a.m.
Friday, April 17 Long Creek @ River's Edge Meet Umatilla 11 a.m.
Tuesday, April 21 Mon, Day, PC @ Grant Union Small Schools Meet John Day 3 p.m.

Golf

Friday, April 17 Grant Union Invitational John Day 10 a.m.

