



Ranchers Invite draws county track teams

Camarena tops field in 200, Hitz takes two firsts

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

CRANE – It was perfect weather for a track meet last Friday, as competitors met at the Ranchers Invitational held at Crane High School.

The day brought out the best in Prairie City athletes – the boys fin-

ished fourth out of 14 teams, the girls seventh out of 13 teams.

“I had four athletes make improvements in their events,” said head coach Joe Weymouth.

Among those making strides was Ethan Camarena, who ran the 200-meter for first place and the 400 for second.

“If Ethan continues to improve,

he will be very competitive at district this year, with a chance at state,” Weymouth said.

Others gaining personal records were Nathan Maloy in the 200, Megan Camarena in shot put and discus, and Garrett Hitz in the 300 hurdles and pole vault.

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Prairie City's Garrett Hitz vaulted to first place at the Ranchers Invitational in Crane last Friday with a mark of 12-06.00. Hitz is currently No. 1 in pole vault for Oregon 1A school athletes listed at athletic.net.

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Lady Pros top Cougars in Game Two

Teams split wins in Echo doubleheader

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ECHO – The Grant Union softball team lost its foothold with Echo/Stanford in Game One last Friday, but came back with a vengeance in Game Two.

The Lady Pros, led by head coach DeAnna Nash, had an early advantage in Game One, but fell 8-9. They rallied in the second game of the day, defeating Echo 8-2.

In the first game, Grant Union had five runs in the first inning for a strong start.

At the bottom of the inning, Echo came up with two runs and Grant Union fired back with two more in the second and third.

Echo made steady gains, and at the end of the sixth, Grant Union trailed 7-8.

In the seventh, Prospector Mariah Moulton had a walk to first base and later made it home to tie the score on Raley Namitz's single.

Unfortunately, Grant Union ended their half of the inning unable to capitalize on loaded bases, and Echo scored another run to win the game.

Sydney Stearns was at the mound, pitching nine hits, eight walks and four errors; Babe Nash had four RBIs on a hit and a sacrifice; Sydney Stearns was 2 for 2; and Mariah Moulton was 2 for 3 and a walk.

Game Two produced a better outcome for Grant Union.

The Lady Pros scored two
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GU team takes 2nd at home invite



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter

Grant Union's Duane Stokes takes aim as Esteban Ramirez of Vale holds the flag at last Friday's Grant Union Invitational at the John Day Golf Course.

Nathan Gehley, Duane Stokes tie as medalists

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JOHN DAY – Prospectors Nathan Gehley and Duane Stokes medaled at Friday's Grant Union Invitational, each carding 91, and the Grant Union boys team totaled 397 for second place behind Vale, 391.

Four teams joined in for the event held at the John Day Golf Club, with 40 boys and girls competing.

Following Vale and Grant Union, Enterprise had 413, Burns 416, and Wallowa 458.

McKay Justice of Vale was close behind Grant Union's top two boys with a 92. Brycen Locke of Enterprise shot 93, and Alex Falley of Burns, 94.



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The Grant Union team had a second-place finish at their home invitational Saturday. There are four golfers on the team this year: Chance Barrietua, left, Nathan Gehley, Duane Stokes and Matt Broemeling.

The Burns girls took first place as a team, with a score of 516, followed by Enterprise with 530.

Medaling for the girls was Catherine Clemons of Burns, with 87, and Carson Sajonia of Enterprise had 98.

“What a great day to play golf,” said head coach Ron Lundbom. “We

had our best team score of the season, and two boys had a personal best. We seem to be improving every week.”

His team will be tested this Friday on the road to the Hermiston Invitational at the Big River Golf Course, which has a “bigger field and tougher course,” he said.

Two GU girls take to courts – in a Flash

Prospector girls look to future success

By Angel Carpenter
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BOISE – Two Grant Union Prospector girls basketball players are enjoying an “extended season.”

Heather Mosley and Kori Pentzer have been spending their Fridays and Saturdays in Boise to attend club ball practices as part of the Idaho Flash Academy basketball teams.

They play on separate teams for high school age girls, joining players from Kuna, Pocatello, and other areas in the Treasure Valley. An additional team is for junior high girls.

They tried out for and joined the program to gain experience, playing at a higher level, and both girls are hopeful the effort will open up opportunities in the future.

“I heard about playing on a club team for college scholarships, and that's the whole goal of it – it's national-level tournaments, so we're getting really good competition and growing a lot as players,” said Pentzer.

During the week, Pentzer and Mosley practice together and on their own.

“We do a lot of ball handling and shooting drills,” Mosley said. “Also, strength and conditioning and agility drills.”

Pentzer said she is sharp-shooting in the mornings before school, and after school she attends track practice, where she also is making waves.

Among 2A Oregon girl athletes, she is first in long jump and second in triple jump, and also doing well in



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Grant Union's Heather Mosley lays up a shot last season.



Kori Pentzer focuses in on the basket last season.

hurdling events. When she can, Pentzer attends track and field meets during the week, and plans to compete in the district and state meets.

“I come from an athletic family – I just love competition,” she said. “Basketball is my favorite sport, and my passion.”

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2015 COUNTY SPORTS SCHEDULE

Baseball

Saturday, April 25
Tuesday, April 28

Grant Union @ Crook County
Grant Union vs. Irrigon

Prineville
John Day 1 p.m.
1 p.m./4 p.m.

Softball

Saturday, April 25
Tuesday, April 28

Grant Union @ Umatilla
Grant Union vs. Irrigon

Umatilla
John Day 1 p.m./3 p.m.
2 p.m./4 p.m.

Track

Saturday, April 25

GU, PC, LC @ Pepsi Invitational

Union 11 a.m.

Golf

Friday, April 24

GU @ Hermiston Invite Big River Golf Course, Hermiston

10 a.m.



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