



# Athletes stay on track at GU Invite

15 schools compete at 3 Flags Field

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JOHN DAY – Tracksters from 15 schools converged last Friday for the Grant Union Invitational at Three Flags Field.

It was the third large track and field event held at the new eight-lane track, completed last summer.

Winning the meet were the Union girls team with 134 points and the Union boys with 94 points. The Imbler and Condon/Wheeler girls tied for second with 78, and the Burns boys finished second with 92.25, followed by Crane with 91.75.

Five Grant County teams attended the meet.

### Grant Union

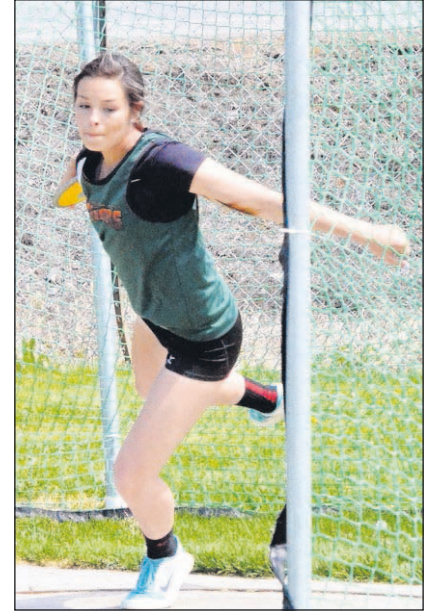
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Grant Union's Nick Springer flies over the high jump bar for third place at 5-08.00.



Monument's Treiquella Osborne spins in the discus event, placing first with a throw of 102-04 at the May 1 Grant Union Invitational.

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# Grant Union Pros put ball away in Joseph

## Pros eager to increase win streak

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JOSEPH – The Grant Union Prospectors worked their bats last Friday, taking two wins in league-opening games on the road against Joseph/Enterprise.

Grant Union won the first game 14-8 and the second, 8-1.

The Prospectors' bats were on fire in Game One, as the team had 12 hits.

Their offense got to a start in the second inning with one run, then caught fire in the third with seven players reaching home plate.

Grant Union kept the Eagles scoreless for the first three innings.

Joseph/Enterprise tried to rally, scoring five runs in the fourth, but the Prospectors continued their forward push to take the 14-8 win.

“The team played well,” said head coach Brian Delaney. “We only had two errors, and it was a much improved performance from what we've had in the past couple of weeks – it was definitely something to build off of.”

Garrett McConnell pitched a strong second game, with Justin Gravley taking the mound in the last two innings.

“Both Garrett and Justin threw well,” Delaney said. “They threw strikes when they needed them and kept batters off balance.”

The Eagles had one run off two hits, while Grant Union had 11 hits in the game and one error.

Coach Delaney said he was impressed with his team's “two-strike approach.”

“They batted well and were able to put the ball into play and score runners,” he said. “It always seemed like we had two strikes against the hitter or two outs, and we would clutch up and put the ball away.”

Another highlight for Delaney was freshman Ty McDaniel filling in for senior catcher Tyler Manitsas, who was out with an injury.

“Ty ended up catching five games in three days,” Delaney said.



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Grant Union pitcher Brady Burch goes for strike No. 3 in the April 28 game against Irrigon.

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### SEASON UPDATE

## GU track team aims for personal best

Athletes work to improve for strong finish

### 2015 GU SENIORS

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JOHN DAY – The Grant Union track team has had some hurdles, including injuries, to overcome this season, but head coach Sonna Smith says things are coming together.

“Hopefully, we'll be able to put forward our strongest team at district,” she said.

A string of personal bests at last week's home meet bodes well, she said.

It's “a good indicator of athletes peaking at the right time,” she said. “Hopefully, as we finish our peak workouts, our athletes will continue to have improved performances.”

Smith who trains sprinters and distance runners, has a helping hand from assistant coaches: Ken Boethin, hurdles; Angie Lusco, shot put and discus; Kelsy Wright, high jump; John Houk, long jump and triple jump; and Buzz Gilmore, pole vault.

This year's roster of 25 includes 16 boys and nine girls.

The team is young, Smith said, but also includes eight seniors: Kelsy Long, Amy Lallatin, Marta Faulkner, Michael Ashmead, Mitch Moulton, Paul Roark, Lorenzo Gambini and Daniel Soto.

“I think we have a strong team this year,” said Long.

She's a pole vaulter and hurdler and has been involved in track for seven years.



Daniel Soto



Lorenzo Gambini



Michael Ashmead



Paul Roark



Mitch Moulton



Amy Lallatin



Kelsy Long



Marta Faulkner

She added the freshmen are “amazing” this season.

Lallatin, also a pole vaulter with seven years in track, said of the sport, “It's not easy, but it's worth it.”

Ashmead, who participates in sprints, relay races and long jump, said he appreciates how supportive his

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# Lady Prospectors defeat Knights, fall to Vikings

## Grant Union travels to face Riverside May 8

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JOHN DAY – The Grant Union Lady Prospectors enjoyed success but also suffered defeat as they hosted two teams last week.

They toppled the Irrigon Knights 16-5 and 7-4 on April 28, in non-league play.

The Lady Pros had a tougher time against the Vale Vikings last Friday, losing 2-8 and 4-13.

Against Irrigon, the Lady Pros' bats were blazing.

“Mariah Moulton, Mariah Meyerholz, Janelle King, Jordden Cameron and Bree Crider were key, with multiple hits in the first game,” said head coach DeAnna Nash.

At the mound, Sydney Stearns and Cody Jo Madden had five walks and eight strikeouts.

Grant Union batters stood out in the sixth inning. King doubled with an RBI, followed by Cameron who

also doubled. Madden also made it to second, plating Cameron and Rheanna Cartner.

Crider doubled with an RBI and Meyerholz doubled, bringing Crider home. After Stearns' walk to first, Babe Nash nearly hit it out of the park on a triple, scoring two runners.

In Game Two, Moulton, Meyerholz, Stearns and Babe Nash each had multiple hits.

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Grant Union's Jocelynn Smith safely reaches third base in the April 28 game against Irrigon.

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## 2015 COUNTY SPORTS SCHEDULE

### Baseball

Friday, May 8	Grant Union vs. Union/Cove	John Day	12 noon
Tuesday, May 12	Grant Union vs. Wallowa	John Day	12 noon

### Softball

Friday, May 8	Grant Union @ Riverside	Riverside	12:30 p.m.
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### Track

Friday, May 8	Grant Union, Monument, Long Creek @ Baker Invitational	Baker	12 noon
Friday, May 8	Prairie City, Dayville @ High Desert League Meet	Crane	TBA

### Golf

