



Grant Union track and field girls win Wapiti title

Seven Grant Union athletes advance to state

By Angel Carpenter
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UNION — Grant Union's track and field head coach Sonna Smith had long-held hopes realized when her girls team won the league championship at Friday's 2A-6 Wapiti League Districts in Union.

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coached, I have had girls teams place second at state, third at state twice and a couple of fourth, fifth and sixths, but I have never had a girls league championship," she said. "We have never had the numbers."

Four team members won seven district titles in their individual events.

These include senior Andrew Copenhaver, pole vault; sophomore Kori Pentzer, triple

jump, long jump and 300-meter hurdles; sophomore Jozie Rude, pole vault and shot put; and freshman Kaylee Wright, javelin.

Besides those four, three others will advance to state, including sophomore Duane Stokes, triple jump; Samantha Brock, 100-meter hurdles; Kenzie Wilson, triple jump; Chelsie Kodesh, discus; and Sydney Brockway, long jump.

Rude will also compete in javelin, and Wright will compete in the 100-meter dash.

"Our girls are setting very good to make a run on state championship," Smith said. "We also have two girls who will be in the running for (Moda) Athlete of the Meet — Jozie and Kori — both qualified in three events."

Qualifying athletes will compete at the Thursday-Saturday May 19-21 OSAA Track and Field State Championships at the University of Oregon's Hayward Field in Eugene.



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The Grant Union girls track and field team gathers after winning the Wapiti District title at Friday's meet in Union. Clockwise, from left: Danielle Girvin, Sydnee Brockway, Chelsie Kodesh, Samantha Brock, Kenzie Wilson, Kaylee Wright, Shyannah Carr, Annie Wall, Reitta Willie, Kori Pentzer, Jozie Rude and Trinity Hutchison.

Lady Pros sink Pirates twice in doubleheader

Madden gets the shut out in Game One

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JOHN DAY — The chance for postseason play looked good for the Grant Union softball team last Friday, after sweeping Riverside/Arlington 10-0 and 15-5. However, those

hopes were dashed.

Echo/Stanfield lost a doubleheader to Enterprise/Wallowa/Joseph, causing Grant Union to be bumped down to fifth in the Eastern Oregon League.

Prospector Cody Jo Madden had a successful day in the circle, pitching a shutout Game One, and relieving Mariah Moulton in the second inning of Game Two to finish out the day.

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Prospectors edged out of playoffs by Rockets

GU splits wins on Monday to end season

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JOHN DAY — The Grant Union Prospectors are tucking their baseball gear away for the season after splitting wins on Mon-

day with Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii.

The Rockets' 8-6 win of Game One nudged the Prospectors out of postseason play, but Grant Union followed up with a 10-3 win.

Grant Union kept Pilot Rock scoreless through three innings in the first game, but couldn't stop the Rocket rally in fourth.

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Grant Union catcher Ty McDaniel tags a Rocket runner on the foot for an out at home plate in Game One on Monday.

GU golfers take swing at district championship

Coach hopes to field two teams next year

By Angel Carpenter
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PENDLETON — The Grant Union golf team's season came to a close at the Pendleton Country Club at the May 8-10 1A/2A/3A

District Golf Championship.

The Prospectors competed on the par 72 course with 12 other schools, including 51 boys and 44 girls.

The Vale boys won the event with a two-day score of 756, followed by Hepner with 780, Burns 786 and Nixyaawii 796.

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1A TRACK ATHLETES GO THE DISTANCE



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Runners compete in the 200-meter dash at Friday's district competition in Ontario, including Long Creek runners Near Bunnag, left, and Aaron Yeung, center, and Prairie City's Wyatt Williams, right.

Teams prepare for state, rain or shine

By Angel Carpenter
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ONTARIO — Grant County's 1A track and field teams competed at Friday's Special District 4 Championship in Ontario.

The Monument girls won third at the event, and the Prairie City and Long Creek boys tied for fifth out of 11 teams. Dayville also competed.

Monument

Sophie Pettit and Kyla Emerson on the Monument girls team will advance to state competition.

Pettit qualified in three events, including the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.67 (first seed), 200 in 26.70 (first seed) and long jump with a mark of 15-04.25 (eighth seed). She also placed third in the triple jump with a mark of 32-02.50.

Emerson reached a personal record and second place in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 18.33 (10th seed), and was third in the 300 hurdles with a time of 53.31 (eighth seed).

"We don't have much time to prepare, and the weather isn't cooperating either," said Monument head coach Darrin Dailey. "We're taking Monday off and expect to do some warm ups tomorrow to stay loose for the state competition. We will be reviewing the details of each athlete's events and also going over what to expect at a state level competition for these first timers. Coaches have limited access to athletes during their events, and the entrants are on their own



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Sporting medals are Prairie City athletes, left to right, Amaya Zweygardt, Teri Cobb, Haley Pfefferkorn and Megan Camarena.

when they enter the field."

Several team members reached personal records in their events, some falling just short of qualifying for state.

Prairie City

Joe Weymouth, the head coach for Prairie City's team, said he was pleased with the results from the district meet.

"The meet went well as Garrett Hitz and Amaya Zweygardt both earned their way to the state track meet," Weymouth said.

Hitz had a first-place finish in javelin

with a personal record of 163-08. He also placed second in pole vault, reaching 12-06.00, and was second in the 300 hurdles with a personal record of 41.25 and third in the 110 hurdles with a qualifying time of 15.82.

He'll compete in all four events at state. Zweygardt broke the school record she previously set, earning second place in pole vault with a mark of 8-6.00.

"Our girls competed in the 4x400 relay for the first time and place third," Weymouth said.

Haley Pfefferkorn also placed third in the 1,500, running the event for the first time, and several teammates exceeded their previous records in their events.

Dayville

Kristina Humphreys will compete at state after winning first place in javelin with a mark of 120-09.

She also placed fourth in discus.

Gabe Walker earned a personal record in long jump, and Austin Walker had a personal record in both the discus and shot put.

Long Creek

Although there were no Long Creek athletes qualifying for state, Kirill Borisov had a good showing with fourth place in the 100-meter dash, the 200 and the 4x100, running with teammates Philipp Dessau, Aaron Yeung and Adam Rajabiev.

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