



## TINY BUT MIGHTY

### Monument track team has high aspirations

Monument sophomore Sophie Pettit takes a practice leap at the long jump track with her senior teammates John Ramirez and Dinorha Vidrio Landin looking on during the March 22 practice.

By Angel Carpenter  
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The Monument track and field team has three competitions under its belt as the season starts, and head coach Darrin Dailey said he's pleased with the direction the team is headed.

"I'm excited about the year," he said. "There's definitely an increase in intensity."

Dailey said he's happy to see some of the "old-timers" branching out, trying new events, and he's hopeful the girls team will win a meet this season.

The 1A team may be small as far as numbers go, but the Tigers are also showing they're mighty.

Out of 11 athletes on this year's team, three of the returning six have previously competed at the state level, and one newcomer to the team is currently competing in the state-qualifying range.

Sophomore Sophie Pettit earned the championship in the 100- and

### Monument track and field schedule

Saturday, April 8: @ Ranchers Invitational in Crane, 10 a.m.  
Tuesday, April 18: @ Grant Union Small Schools Meet in John Day, 3:30 p.m.  
Friday, April 21: @ Viking Invitational in Vale, 3 p.m. (MST)  
Saturday, April 29: @ Nike Sherman Invitational in Moro, 11 a.m.  
Thursday, May 4: @ High Desert League Twilight Meet in Prairie City, 4 p.m.  
Friday, May 5: @ Baker Invite in Baker City, 10 a.m.  
Friday, May 12: @ District 4 District Track Meet in Baker City, TBD  
Thursday-Friday, May 18-19: @ OSAA 1A State Championships at University of Oregon in Eugene, TBD



Jess Hoodenpyl



Hayden Schafer

200-meter dashes and also placed fourth in the long jump last year at Eugene's Hayward Field.

She said she's working hard this year and broadening out to different events like the 100 hurdles.

"I like the sprinting events, and

it really puts my skills together because I like jumping," she said. "I'm looking forward to state and getting that medal."

She said her goal is to win the 100 and 200 and to reach the finals in the 100 hurdles and long jump.

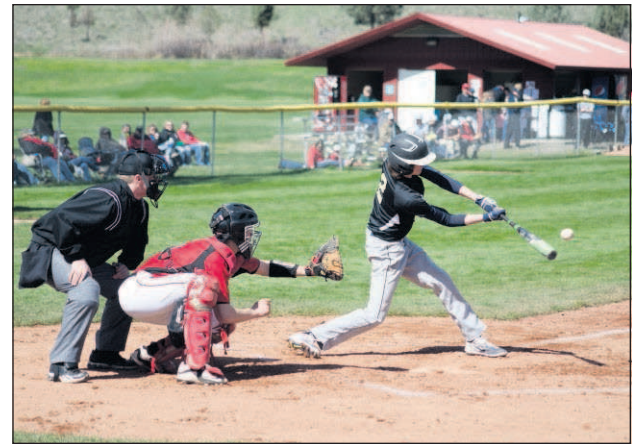
Kyla Emerson, a sophomore, also competed at state, finishing fifth in the 100-meter hurdles and eighth in the 300 hurdles.

Senior Dinorha Vidrio Landin placed 12th with teammates in the 4x400 at the 2015 state championships.

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Monument sophomore Faythe Schafer throws discus in the March 22 practice with teammates, from left back, Hayden Schafer, Aubrey Bowlus and Kyla Emerson waiting their turn and head coach Darrin Dailey looking on.



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Wallowa Eagle Tate Olsen gets a hit early in the game on Friday, March 31.

## Eagles swoop Prospectors

Errors and a shrinking roster issues for team

By Rylan Boggs  
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The Grant Union Prospector baseball team lost two games before winning one last week in John Day.

The team fell to the Joseph/Enterprise/Wallowa Eagles and the Oakland Oakers on Friday and followed up with a win over the Sheridan Spartans Saturday.

The Eagles took the lead early on and held it throughout the game with a final score of 12-7.

Grant Union loaded the bases multiple times only to have the Eagles catch a pop fly to end the inning.

Head coach Dusty Wil-

liams said he was surprised by the loss.

"We didn't play good defense, and we committed a lot of errors," Williams said. "We just weren't ready to go Friday."

The Prospectors have lost a large chunk of the team since the beginning of the season. Two players have quit, one is injured and three are currently suspended.

The limited roster is also an issue because each player can only play 26 games and there are 23 varsity games in a season. The coaches have to keep careful track of how many junior varsity games varsity players are in.

The team also didn't field some starters for the game against the Eagles due to missed practices.

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Wallowa pitcher Gus Ramsden takes a moment while a Grant Union hitter warms up.

## GRANT COUNTY SPORTS ROUNDUP

Grant Union softball sweeps four at round robin

The Grant Union Prospector softball team had its bats cracking during spring break, raking in four wins in two days at the Riverside/Irrigon Round Robin.

Head coach DeAnna Nash said she was pleased with the outcome, with each game won by at least 10 points.

"It was a tough challenge to play that many games in two days," Nash said. "I'm very happy with their efforts and their team unity."

Prospector Cody Jo Madden was successful in the circle for the first game on Tuesday, leading Grant Union to a 17-2 win over the Riverside Pirates.

Madden gave up four hits, and Grant Union had 17 hits in the game. Mariah Moulton, Hailie Wright

and Natalie Stearns each had three hits, and Ravyn Walker and Wright each had triples.

The Prospectors faced Knappa in their second game on Tuesday, again winning by a landslide, 13-2.

Madden pitching, gave up seven hits, and the Prospectors had 16 hits. Walker and Moulton each had three hits, and Moulton had a triple.

In their second day at the tournament, Madden and Moulton shared pitching duties for a 13-2 win over Irrigon. Madden was in for the first four innings, with Moulton taking the final three.

"This was a hard-fought team win," Nash said. "We gave up eight hits but never let them (Irrigon) have a big inning."

Grant Union had nine hits with Prospector Marissa Smith going 3-3. Whitney

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