

SOFTBALL

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Vale scored one run in the second inning, three in the fourth and one in the fifth to put the Vikings ahead 5-3.

Zweygardt scored a one-run homer in the fifth for Grant Union.

Vale came back with two

runs in the sixth. Then Prospector Tressa Ranft's score off McClellan's single in the bottom of the inning made it 7-5, Grant Union trailing.

Grant Union made the outs in the seventh, and a comeback looked possible.

Zweygardt, Wright and Smith loaded the bases, and while Zweygardt made it home, the other runners were

left on base, Vale squeaking out the win.

"We grew up a lot from the first game to the second," said Grant Union head coach DeAnna Nash. "It's hard for them to realize that right now."

She noted that Vale always presents a mental hurdle, but the experience of the first game helped in the second.

"Just a couple of balls bouncing in a different direction would have made it a different game," she said. "Whether you win or lose, you come away with some lessons. I believe what we learned today will carry over for us. They'll bounce back."

Earlier in the week, the team enjoyed two wins over

the Nyssa Bulldogs in John Day to start league play in 3A Special District 2.

The Lady Pros came out with a 21-11 win in game one, followed by a 12-0 shutout in the second, against the Bulldogs April 18.

Grant Union will face the 2A/1A defending state champions Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii Rockets in Pilot Rock at 4:30

p.m. Thursday for a nonleague single game.

The following day, Grant Union is back to league action taking on the Burns Hilanders for a doubleheader at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on the road.

"Burns is always tough because they are our closest rival, so we'll have to prepare for a couple road games with them," Nash said.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 27

Grant Union softball @ Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii in Pilot Rock (1), 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 28

Grant Union softball @ Burns (2), 1 p.m., 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 29

Prairie City track and field @ Don Walker Invitational in Nyssa, 1 p.m.

Grant Union baseball @ Union/Cove in Union (2), 11 a.m., 1 p.m.

Grant Union track and field @ Meet of Champions in Salem, 11 a.m.

Monument track and field @ Nike Sherman Invitational in Moro, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, May 2
Grant Union baseball @

Burns (1), 3:30 p.m.

Grant Union track and field hosts Small Schools Meet (GU, Dayville, Long Creek, Prairie City) in John Day, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 4

Prairie City hosts High Desert League Twilight Meet (PC, Dayville, Long Creek, Monument) in Prairie City, 4 p.m.

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and personal record in the triple jump.

Smith said jump coach John Houk talked both girls into adding the event.

"John is consistently able to get boys and girls where they need to go," Smith said.

Grant Union distance runner Tanner Elliott placed first in the 800 (2:13.46) and 1500 (4:44.51), setting personal records in both.

For the Monument girls,

Faythe Schafer delivered a personal record time in the 400 (1:06.68), earning first place. Dinorha Vidrio Landin also set three personal records with second place in the 800 (3:07.29), fourth in long jump (14-04.00) and third in triple jump (29-09.50).

For the Monument boys team, John Ramirez was first in the 100 (11.85), first in the 200 (24.02) and fifth in long jump (17-05.00); Hayden Schafer was third in shot put and discus; and Jess Hoodenpyl was second in the 3000.

For Prairie City boys,

Jake McHatton set personal records in all three of his events, shot put, discus and javelin. Devin Packard exceeded his previous records in javelin and the 100.

Rilee Emmel had a personal record in the 100 for the Prairie City girls.

Dayville's Gabe Walker delivered a personal records in the 110 hurdles, with second in a time of 20.26, and the 200.

"We had great help again," Smith said. "The meet went off great, and the people who stepped in and helped made it happen."

ROUNDUP

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In the 200-meter dash, competing with 18 other sprinters, he shaved 1.38 seconds off his previous time for 11th place.

In the 400, he finished with 1:02.19, almost four seconds faster for 13th place, and in the 1500 he was 13th with a time of 5:13.02, racing 12.88 second faster.

Hoodenpyl also ran the 3000, finishing 11th.

Monument will next compete Saturday at the Nike Sherman Invitational in Moro with events starting at 11 a.m.

Grant Union girls place third at Heppner golf invite

Grant Union head golf coach Ron Lundbom said competing at the Heppner Invitational on Friday in Heppner is "a true testament to why Heppner plays a good short game."

The Heppner boys and girls golf teams won the day, the Grant Union girls team placing third. A total of 48 players competed on the par 60 course.

"It was a great day to play golf in Heppner," Lundbom said. "The course was a good test of the kids' short game. Lots of long par 3's and small greens make this a challenge for the best of players."

The Heppner boys team won with a score of 292, followed by Enterprise with 331.

Individually, Logan Grieb

of Heppner won with 68, followed by Kellen Grant of Heppner with 70 and Duane Stokes of Grant Union and Dan Bretschke of Heppner with 72. Also scoring for the Grant Union boys were Kellen Shelley 84 and Curtis Petty 141.

For the girls, the Heppner team won with a score of 318, followed by La Grande with 383 and Grant Union with 412.

Individually, Trinity MacCarthy of La Grande won with 71, followed by Sophie Grant of Heppner and Tori Suto of Wallowa with 72 and Nicole Propheter of Heppner with 84.

Scoring for the Grant Union girls were Kaytlyn Wells, 95; Tiana Allen, 98; Makenna Cullley, 103; Fallen Bolman, 116; Emily Springer, 127; and Andrea Comer, 133.

"With just two weeks left in the season, I think we are moving in the right direction and are looking forward to out-match this week in Enterprise," Lundbom said.

The Grant Union golf team and John Day Golf Club teamed up Sunday for a golf scramble with proceeds benefiting the golf team. Each of the eight teams competing included one Grant Union player. Winners in the gross, net and KP all donated their winnings back to the high school team. There was also a hamburger feed and silent auction.

"This is our only funding for the season, and I couldn't be happier with the success," Lundbom said. "We had support from many local businesses and some from out of the county. I would like to thank everyone involved with supporting GU golf."

Grant Union falls to Sherman County in baseball doubleheader

Game one was a close one for the Grant Union Prospectors Saturday as they faced Sherman County on the road in Moro. Sherman County took the sweep, winning 5-4 and 15-1.

Although the Prospectors suffered losses, Grant Union head coach Dusty Williams said his team played competitively.

Prospector Zack Deiter pitched six innings of game one with Warner Robertson on the mound for the seventh. Williams started five freshmen in game one.

He said although they had 14 players left on base, his team played well.

"One hit here or there would have broke it open," he said.

Grant Union suffered a 14-point loss in game two, giving up 12 runs in one inning.

"We ran into trouble with the pitch-count rule," he said, adding they rotated pitchers, anticipating this week's games.

With the OSAA pitch-count rule, coaches are required to track the number of throws for each pitcher. For 1-25 pitches, zero rest days are required; 26-45 pitches, one rest day; 46-60 pitches, two rest days; 61-85 pitches, 3 rest days, 86+ pitches, 4 rest days.

Grant Union is now at the point where the playoffs are not in the cards, but Williams said he's able to give his team a lot of playing time.

The Grant Union boys also came away with two losses, 1-0 and 6-5, in Elgin April 18. In game one of the doubleheader, the Prospectors and Huskies both remained scoreless until the bottom of the seventh inning.

Grant Union (3-13 overall, 0-10 league, No. 32) was scheduled to host Heppner/Ione (1-15, 0-10, No. 33) Tuesday, past press time, and they face Union/Cove (0-8, 0-6, No. 29) Saturday on the road at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in Union.

Williams said they'll have "a lot" of junior varsity players in the games.

"It would be nice to get a lot of wins this week," he said, adding they hope to "get sweeps to finish the season on a positive note."

Grant Union will face Burns on the road Tuesday for nonleague action.

When they face Weston/McEwen (5-8, 3-5, No. 18) Saturday, May 13, Williams said he's hoping for an upset.

"It might be a big game against Weston-McEwen," he said.

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OF THE WEEK



BILLY COPENHAVER
School: Grant Union
Grade: 12
Parents: Bill & Cammi Copenhaver
Sport: Baseball
Position: Pitcher/third baseman



What I like best about my sport: "I like how there are multiple aspects of the game. I like how there is no time limit, no way to delay a game. The team can't just run out the clock to win a game — you always have a chance to win."



Coach's Comment: "Billy has shown great leadership throughout the season, and I think all the kids should look up to him as a leader."
- Coach Dusty Williams

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