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Grant Union's Brianna Zweygardt is safe, sliding to second in Friday's game two against Elgin/Imbler.

Lady Pros soar past Ravens for sweep

Grant Union motivated for district playoffs

By Angel Carpenter
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Grant Union raked in 23-2 and 12-2 wins against Elgin Friday at the Prospector softball field in John Day.

Both games were won in five innings, with Prospector Mariah Moulton in the circle for game one and Cody Jo Madden pitching game two.

"It feels good to be back on top of things," said Grant Union left fielder Whitney McClellan.

Grant Union lost three league games last week, two to Vale, splitting wins with Burns. Friday's victories move the Prospectors closer to a shot at the district playoffs.

"In the first game, knowing Elgin was down, I think the girls came to play," said Grant Union head coach DeAnna Nash. "I



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Grant Union Prospector Cody Jo Madden pitches Friday's game two against the Elgin/Imbler Ravens for a 12-2 win in five innings. In back is second baseman Natalie Stearns, left, and right fielder Reagan Shelley.

liked their energy today."

Grant Union had their home crowd cheering in the bottom of the first inning.

Moulton kept the Ravens scoreless in the top of the inning, then Prospector Whitney McClellan, first at bat, scored on her first hit.

Grant Union, later in the inning, loaded the bases, bringing in a few more runs. Prospector Ravyn Walker slid to third, scoring Tressa Ranft and McClellan, and the first inning ended 8-0.

Elgin's pitcher scored a single-run homer in the second, but Moulton got the rest of the outs, including a strikeout.

In the bottom of the inning, McClellan had two RBI, scoring Natalie Stearns and Ranft, and the Prospectors led 12-1.

Hitting doubles in the bottom of the third were Kori Jo Girvin with one RBI, in her varsity debut, Walker with two RBI and Moulton with two RBI, to give Grant Union a 17-1 lead.

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Monument girls place second at Twilight meet

1A teams prep for districts Friday in Baker City

By Angel Carpenter
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Eight teams competed at Prairie City's High Desert Twilight Meet Thursday, May 4, all with an eye toward this Friday's District 4 Track Meet in Baker City.

The Monument girls placed second at the Twilight meet (101) behind Adrian (154). They were followed by Crane (63) and Prairie City (39). Long Creek and Jordan Valley tied for fifth (23).

The Long Creek boys finished third (55.5) behind Crane (166.5) and Adrian (134). Jordan Valley placed fourth (50) with Monument close behind (49).

Monument head coach Darrin Dailey said his team is continuing to work hard through various trials and illnesses.

Monument hurdler Miranda Cook shaved over half a second off her time in the 100 hurdles, finishing third with a time of 21.93, but while warming up for the 300 hurdles, she buckled a knee and is now out for the season.

Sophie Pettit ran the 100-meter dash (12.85) and the 300 hurdles (52.77) for first place and took second in the triple jump (31-04.75) for Monument. She was also on the first-place 4x100 relay team with Kyla Emerson, Vidrio Landin and Schafer.

Dinorha Vidrio Landin set two personal records for the Monument girls, finishing first in the long jump with a mark of



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Monument's Dinorha Vidrio Landin gets the hand off from Sophie Pettit in the 4x100 relay as they compete at Thursday's High Desert Twilight Meet in Prairie City.

14-06.50 and ninth in the 100 (15.19). Faythe Schafer also improved in two events with a third-place finish in the 200 (29.34) for a personal record and third in javelin (88-05.50) for a season record.

On the boys side for Monument, John Ramirez improved his 200 (23.80) for first place and his 100 (11.69) for third. Hayden Schafer won the javelin event with a personal record of 143-01.

Dayville head coach Peter Bogardus saw progress from his athletes, including Kristina Humphreys, who finished first in javelin (116-03.50) and competing in shot put and the first time competitively placed second with a mark of 29-05.00.

Dayville's Gabe Walker shaved time off his two sprinting events and also set a

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GRANT COUNTY SPORTS ROUNDUP

Three Grant County teams compete at Baker Invite

Stiff competition between 28 schools at Friday's Baker Invite only brought out the best in Grant Union, Monument and Prairie City track athletes.

That was especially true for the 2A Grant Union girls team, which placed second with 87.5 points. Grant Union head coach Sonna Smith said she was pleased with the effort from the girls team.

"We beat all of the 4A, 2A, and 1A teams," she said. "The only 3A team to beat us was Nyssa (102 points)."

Helping with the girls' success were the 4x100-meter relay team, which bettered its time and placed first, and Reitta Wyllie who finished second in the discus event with a throw of 111-10, setting a personal record.

"We are right on track to defend our league title from last year," Smith said.

Monument's track and field team attended three competitions last week, ending with the Baker Invite.

"Our focus, of course, is now on districts, and all these meets are leading up to next Friday," said Monument head coach Darrin Dailey.

For the Monument boys, Hayden Schafer, up against 64 competitors in the preliminaries, placed eighth in javelin finals (131-09) with just two 1A athletes ahead of him. He set a personal record in shot put (39-08), placing 11th in the preliminaries.

On the girls side for Monument, Sophie Pettit beat 46 competitors for first in the 100-meter dash and was fourth out of 42 in the 200. She was the top 1A athlete in the 200 race. She was also the top 1A athlete in the long jump, where she placed sixth in the finals.

"As we're winding down the season, the unity and support that our team exhibits continues to fill me with gladness and pride that I get to work with such excellent athletes," Dailey said.

For the Prairie City girls, Haley Pfefferkorn set a personal record in the javelin preliminaries.

"She has been spending extra time after practice throwing the javelin," said Prairie City head coach Nate Barber. "She has really pushed herself and these are the results."

He added, "Friday is districts so it is nice to see that their results are improving and we are starting to peak."

Results from Grant County athletes will be posted at MyEagleNews.com.

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Athletes go the distance at John Day track meet

Long Creek athletes break school records

By Angel Carpenter
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Grant Union was host to four teams at the Tuesday, May 2, GU Small Schools Meet at Three Flags Field in John Day.

The Grant Union boys and girls teams won the event with Vale's boys and girls placing second, Long Creek teams third and Prairie City and Dayville fourth and fifth, respectively.

Grant Union head coach Sonna Smith said she was pleased with how the day went, including the time keeping, and she was glad to have Vale join in for the first time. She said the smaller event allowed her to place athletes in events they hadn't tried before to help decide their district events.

Highlights from the Grant Union girls team include Reitta Wyllie setting a personal record in shot put with a throw of 32-01.50 for first place, and she earned second in discus; Erika Dickens setting a personal record in the 800-meter run, placing second with a time of 3:13.46; and Ellie Justice placing first in the 300 hurdles with a time of 1:03.25, setting a personal record.

Among the personal record setters for the Grant Union boys were Donovan Smith, finishing first in the 100 with a time of 13.07 and fourth in the 200 at 27.01; Braden Spencer, who finished the 100 in second place with 13.48; Tanner Elliott who earned first in the 400 at 56.25; and Gage Brandon with a time of 20.43 in the 110 hurdles for



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Dayville javelin thrower Kristina Humphreys competes at the May 2 Grant Union Small Schools Meet.

second place.

Dayville's Kristina Humphreys placed first in javelin with a throw of 129-00, and Dayville's Gabe Walker placed first in the 110-meter hurdles and third in the 200-meter dash.

Prairie City's Taci Perre-noud set a personal record in the 100-meter dash, placing second with a time of 13.94. For the Prairie City boys team, Devin Packard set personal records in javelin where he placed first with a mark of 147-09 and discus, throwing 112-00.75. He also placed fourth in the shot put.

Long Creek head coach Linda Studtmann said she was happy with the sunny weather — the first meet their team had attended with warmer temperatures. She was pleased with her athletes' performances.

"Every week we have somebody setting personal records," she said.

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