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Monument sophomore



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LEFT: Monument’s Sophie Pettit, left, fights for a first-place finish in the 100-meter dash, earlier in the season at a Grant Union meet. Pettit earned four first-place finishes at the 1A district track meet. MIDDLE: Dayville javelin thrower Kristina Humphreys competes earlier in the season at a Grant Union meet. Humphreys placed first in javelin at the district meet. RIGHT: Monument’s Kyla Emerson races to first place in the 100-meter hurdles earlier in the season at a Prairie City meet. Emerson earned two titles at the district track meet.

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Pettit said the weather presented a challenge, which made her and her teammates work harder.

“It was tough, but with state being on the line, that gives you the motivation to push through it,” Pettit said. “I’m really excited to take a relay team to state, and I’m just excited for the competition in general.”

For Monument head coach Darrin Dailey, seeing his girls win the 4x100 was the highlight of the day.

“It was my happiest moment of the season thus far,” he said Saturday. “We’ve been working hard for weeks on polishing up our relay and proving to ourselves that we could be district and even state contenders, and

yesterday they did exactly what we came to do — and the best part is there’s still more we can do to improve before Friday, so I’m expecting great things. Win or lose, to earn a spot in the state championships is the highest honor.”

Dailey said, in the relay, they lost the lead in the first hand off, but quickly came back in the second leg with a “flawless, practiced execution” and kept the lead, despite an attempt by Adrian at the end.

Dailey said his heart sank when he saw red flags go up at the end of the race. “Then I saw my girls hugging and jumping after consulting with the zone judge, and I knew we had earned our spot at Hayward,” he said.

Emerson also had a first-place finish in the 100 hurdles, setting a personal re-

cord with a time of 17.38.

“Right now, she is almost a whole second faster than she was at this time last year,” Dailey said. “That’s very encouraging for state.”

Emerson also qualified for state in the 300 hurdles, placing second at 52.56.

For the boys, John Ramirez sprinted to second in the 200 at 24.51 for a trip to Hayward. He also placed third in the 100.

Hayden Schafer was edged out of a spot at state, placing third in javelin. Dailey said Schafer didn’t throw as far as expected, but given the weather, few people did.

Freshman Aubrey Bowlus didn’t qualify for state, but she set a personal record in shot put with a throw of 28-07.50. Dailey said Bowlus’ throw crushed the school record by nearly 2 feet.

“She was the only ninth-grader to make finals, where her throws took seventh,” he said. “She is going to be a powerhouse in the shot in the years to come.”

Jess Hoodenpyl also set a personal record in the 3,000,

shaving over 8 seconds off his time with 11:50.01.

Prairie City track and field athletes bested by weather

The weather put a damper on Prairie City track and field athletes.

“It really hurt the throwers,” said Prairie City head coach Nate Barber.

A bright spot for the team was the girls 4x100 team, including Haley Pfefferkorn, Taci Perrenoud, Rilee Emmel and Emily Ennis, placing third with a time of 58.17.

Barber said even though they don’t have state qualifiers this year, the future for the team looks good.

“Emily Ennis was the fastest freshman in the conference in the 100 and 200, and Rilee Emmel is the third fastest freshman in the same events,” he said, adding, “Jake McHatton is also the top freshman in shot put and discus.”

McHatton qualified for the finals in both events.

Megan Camarena finished fifth in shot put.

“Next year will be her year,” Barber said.

“We have some good junior high athletes that will help us as freshmen next year, so I think we will be an improved team next year, though we will miss Taci (Perrenoud) and Devin (Packard),” Barber said.

Dayville javelin thrower finishes with flying colors

Dayville athlete Kristina Humphreys will advance to the Track and Field State Championships in Eugene Thursday after her first-place finish in the javelin throw at the district meet.

She beat the competition by 9 feet, 1 inch with a throw of 114-09.

“Gabe Walker also did well,” said Dayville head coach Peter Bogardus, adding Walker has completed the season with at least one personal record in every meet.

Walker placed sixth in

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, May 19

Grant Union softball at OSAA 3A district play-offs vs. TBA in Vale at 1 p.m. MDT (12 p.m. PDT). The winner faces Vale in Vale later that day.

Thursday-Friday, May 18-19

OSAA 1A Track and Field State Championships (Monument, Dayville) @ University of Oregon in Eugene, TBA

OSAA 2A Track and Field State Championships (Grant Union) @ University of Oregon in Eugene, TBA

the 300 hurdles and was .02 seconds from placing in the 100-meter dash.

Long Creek coach sees team improvement over season

“Cold and rainy” was the best way to describe the district meet, said Long Creek head coach Linda Studtmann.

Two Long Creek athletes made it to the award podium, including Emile Stainier for his third-place finish in the boys 200-meter dash and Nathan Galmiche who earned fifth in the triple jump.

“We definitely saw improvement throughout the season,” Studtmann said. “They learned the basics of their events and were moving beyond that to improving and fine tuning. I think they all enjoyed themselves and the whole track and field experience.”

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School: Monument
Grade: 12
Parents: Jeff and Shawnah Schafer
Sport: Track and Field
Events: Javelin, Shot Put, Discus

What I like best about my sport: “I like how my coaches push me to achieve a better goal every track meet, and I like how my teammates are always there supporting me and have my back. We work well as a team, supporting one another.”

Coach’s Comment: “In the weeks leading up to districts, Hayden has become a real team leader by example for all the athletes and has continued to improve his previous personal distance records in the javelin and shot put.” -Coach Darrin Dailey

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Grant Union’s Taylor Hunt slides safely to third in Saturday’s game one against Weston-McEwen. Hunt was courtesy runner for Ty McDaniel in both games.

BASEBALL

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Copenhaver said, “It was a lot of fun, for my last games, to get the wins, and it was nice finishing league 6-0.”

Williams said they’ll lose the two seniors, but will have a lot of returning players next year. Two players expected to return are Deiter and center fielder Cauy Weaver.

The coach said, because the team will not advance to the playoffs, Deiter may not receive the recognition he’s due, but said he felt he was deserving.

“He’s one of the best pitchers in the league,” Williams said, “He’s been a great kid for us, and he’s kept us in a lot of games.”

Williams said he’s happy with the strides Weaver has made this year.

“He’s improved a lot this season,” the coach said. “I’m really looking forward to having him back next year.”

Williams added the team overall showed marked improvement over the season.

“We really cleaned up our defense with fewer errors and hit the ball well. All the long hours of practice and drills paid off,” he said. “I think we’re on track to getting Grant Union baseball back where it needs to be.”

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