



Sydney Brockway of Grant Union lands in the sand after triple jumping Friday at the OSAA Track and Field State Championships. Brockway came in sixth with a jump of 32 feet, 4.25 inches.

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Rude brought in 21 points, earning second in javelin with a throw of 115-03, third in shot put (36-11.50), third in pole vault (9-03.00) and eighth in discus (100-10).

"It's always fun to go to state," she said. "I look forward to coming back next year. I'm very proud of our team, and we're going to beat (East Linn) next year."

Hutchison earned 20 points with her events, which also included second place in long jump at 16-06.25.

Sydney Brockway placed third in long jump at 16-03.00, setting a personal record, and was sixth in triple jump (32-04.25) for a total of 11 points.

Cates earned two points, also competing in the 400 for 12th place.

Not to be left out, Grant Union also had one male competitor at state, Nick Springer, who placed seventh in high jump at 5-08.00.

Smith said she was pleased with this year's outcome at state.

Last year's team of seven girls scored 86.5 points for the win, she said, and this year, five girls scored 82 for second.

"They averaged more points per athlete than last year's team," she said.

She added, two of last year's athletes graduated and another moved.

"I didn't know if we would be able to repeat our state championship because we lost three athletes from last year's team, but we had athletes step up and fill our holes," she said. "I couldn't be prouder of this year's team. They did a great job."



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Grant Union Prospector javelin throwers Kaylee Wright, left, (first place) and Jozie Rude (second place) stand on the podium at the OSAA 2A Track and Field State Championships at University of Oregon's Hayward Field in Eugene.



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Grant Union's Jozie Rude competes earlier this season in shot put. She placed third at state.



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Grant Union Prospector Kaylee Wright won first place at the OSAA Track and Field State Championships in javelin last week. The photo shows her competing at a track meet in John Day earlier in the season.



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Dayville sophomore Kristina Humphreys, right, stands on the podium Friday at University of Oregon's Hayward Field in Eugene, placing second in javelin with a throw of 117-09.

DAYVILLE

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Dayville head coach Peter Bogardus said the weather at state was sunny, but there was a headwind for javelin.

Looking ahead to next year, Humphreys said she hopes to add shot put to her events at state.

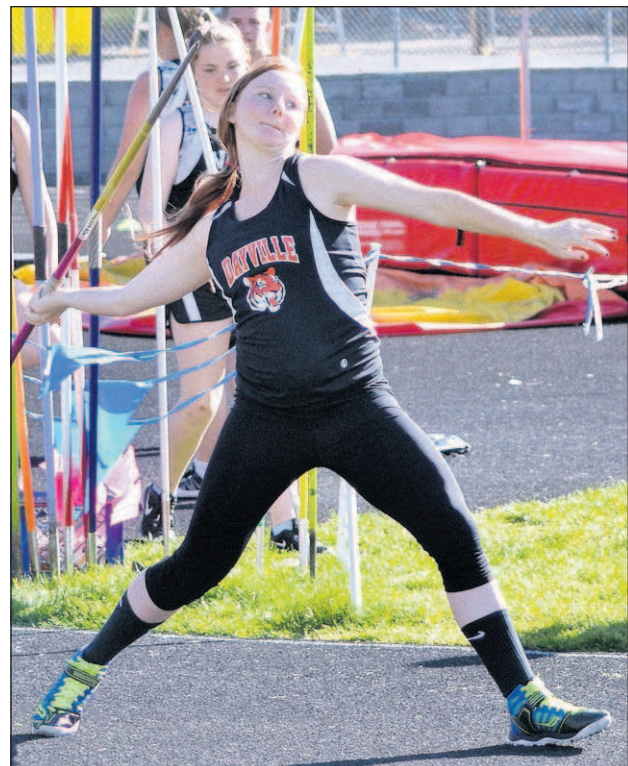
She competed in shot put just twice before qualifying for the 1A-Special District 4 meet, where she placed fourth.

"Next year, I hope to

make it in shot put," she said. Dayville had only two on this season's track team, Humphreys and sophomore Gabe Walker, the sole member of the boys team.

Bogardus said there are no eighth-grade track and field athletes to move up to varsity, but he's hopeful.

"Every year, people move into the district, and I look forward to seeing who will join," he said. "Gabe is also determined to qualify for state next year, and with his constant improvements this year, I have high expectations."



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Dayville javelin thrower Kristina Humphreys competes earlier in the season at a Grant Union track meet in John Day. She placed second in javelin at the state competition last week.



JOZIE RUDE
School: Grant Union
Grade: 11
Parents: Tim and Aimee Rude
Sport: Track and Field
Events: Shot Put, Discus, Javelin and Pole Vault

What I like best about my sport: "I like that track is an individual sport, but it's also a team sport, and this is my other family outside of my family."

Coach's Comment: "She broke the school's shot put record (38-08.00). Jozie has tackled some tough events to compete in, as the time the events occur conflict.

She has done a good job of switching from one event to the next during the important meets."

(At the OSAA Track and Field State Championships, Jozie was second in javelin, third in shot put and pole vault and eighth in discus.)

-Coach Sonna Smith

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