



# Prospectors crush Mustangs

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The Grant Union Prospectors crushed the competition Friday night, claiming a 44-6 victory over the Heppner Mustangs in John Day.

Grant Union made a tremendous push at the start with a 24-0 lead in the first quarter. "We started the game well," said Prospector head coach Jason Miller. "Heppner had a lot of turnovers and made mistakes, and we capitalized on it."

He added, "We had one assignment break down, leading to a touchdown in deep pass,

but other than that we kept in front, made good tackles and played well."

The Prospectors started off on the right foot when Elijah Humbird made a two-point safety.

Grant Union receiver Duane Stokes scored two touchdowns early in the quarter with Cameron Hallgarth making the two-point conversion on the first.

The Heppner quarterback tossed the ball into the hands of Grant Union's Garrett Lenz to give the Prospectors another scoring opportunity.

Prospector quarterback

Wade Reimers connected with Zack Deiter for a big gain to the 15-yard line.

Duane Stokes and Cameron Hallgarth moved the ball closer.

Reimers scored a keeper touchdown with Kellen Shelley making the two-point conversion to make it 24-0.

Grant Union's defenders Humbird and Eli Carniglia made tackles to rein in Heppner to close the first quarter.

In the second, Grant Union's Zack Deiter broke tackles to claim his first touchdown of the night.

Prospector Taylor Hunt put

the brakes on Heppner when he made a fourth-down sack, and Grant Union took over on downs in their red zone.

Deiter scored six and Hallgarth made the two-point conversion.

With just a couple minutes left in the first half, Heppner picked a pass, and Mustang Payton Lehman caught a big touchdown pass to put six on the scoreboard.

Grant Union's Mason Gerry intercepted Heppner's throw, preventing the two-point conversion.

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Grant Union Prospector Wade Reimers takes a quarterback keeper up the field in Friday's game against Heppner.

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Down Under Sports athletes, from left, Kaylee Wright, Kristina Humphreys and Jozie Rude stand together as they prepare to travel to Australia to the track and field competition.

## Three Grant County student athletes take on global competition down under

Students enjoy athletic, cultural adventure

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Three Grant County athletes trotted the globe this summer, over 7,000 miles, for the competition of a lifetime at the Down Under Sports Track and Field Championships.

Grant Union junior Kaylee Wright and senior Jozie Rude and Dayville sophomore Kristina Humphreys journeyed to Griffith University in Queensland, Australia, July 7-9, competing for Team USA against athletes from Australia and New Zealand.

The trio came home with an abundance of memories, and ideas for approaching their sports at home.

When they weren't competing with hundreds of other student athletes, the girls enjoyed leisure time and making new friends.

Swimming in the ocean after practice was one of Rude's favorite activities on the trip.

"The ocean is a lot warmer than it is on the U.S. coast," she said. "It was winter over there, and we were able to go into the ocean."

Wright said she also enjoyed time at the beach, adding it rained the first day, then was a comfortable 90-95 degrees after that.

The Australians were competitive at the meet, she said.

"They were getting ready to go to the Bahamas for an even bigger track meet, so this was a practice meet for them," she said.

On the first day of competition for the 4x100, Wright learned who her teammates were that morning, and they earned second place after only a couple handoffs in practice.

Wright said there were about 600 Australians and New Zealanders and about

400 Americans from all the states.

She also competed in the 100-meter dash and finished fifth in the women's 16-17 division (500g) javelin throw with a mark of 38.83 meters (127-40 feet).

Rude participated in shot put, javelin and discus.

She finished fifth in the women's 18-19 division (600 g) javelin throw with a mark of 30.81 meters (101-08 feet).

She said her coaches shared helpful tips.

"Coach Griswold taught me to rotate more on my right foot when I plant (for discus and shot put)," she said. "And 'coach D' taught me that I need to be throwing at a 45 degree angle (for discus and shot put)."

She said the other teams had an advantage because they use lighter implements at a younger age, gradually working their way up in weight, in all the throwing events.

Jumping in with a new team, she said, was a valuable experience.

"When I go off to college, it will help," she said.

Humphreys, who competed in javelin, said she enjoyed getting out and meeting new people in the sport.

In leisure time, some of her favorite activities included visiting a wild kangaroo field and then a zoo, where she petted tame kangaroos and saw emus, wombats and koalas.

Wright said it was fun to shop and eat at different restaurants, but more importantly, she said, she learned to keep an open mind to what others have to say.

She said the Australians she met have year-round track and focus on healthy nutrition. Many are also working toward competing at college and training for the Olympics.

"I learned a lot from the Australian girls," Wright said. "Their level compared to our level is so much more in depth."

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## Tigers rally at the Prospector JV net

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The Monument/Dayville Tiger varsity team held out for a 3-2 win Wednesday over the Prospector Junior Varsity I team in a volleyball battle at the Grant Union court.

The Tigers pounced 25-10 in the first set of the evening.

Grant Union turned it around in the second, winning 31-29.

Monument/Dayville rallied 26-24 in the third set, lost 19-25 in the fourth and came back for a 15-9 win in the final.

"I'm completely thrilled," said Tiger head coach Kristi Emerson. "Their serves and hitting were good. It was a good night."

Tiger Faythe Schafer started the final set off with a 6-point serving run.

"They pulled themselves together when needed and



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Monument/Dayville Tiger Faythe Schafer (3) is in action, facing Grant Union's McKeeley Miller (4) across the net.

showed great teamwork," Emerson said.

Grant Union Junior Varsity I coach Rhonda McCumber said her team had some great moments offensively and defensively.

"They came out and played really hard against a varsity team," she said. "I'm really proud of how far they've

come so far this season."

The Grant Union junior varsity girls also played in the Sept. 2 Heppner Tournament, against several varsity teams, filling in for a team that was unable to attend.

"Some of these faces will be the future of Grant Union," McCumber said.

Grant Union competes at



Grant Union's Shaine Madden is in action Sept. 6 against Monument/Dayville at the Prospector court.

the Baker Invitational Tournament at 9 a.m. Friday.

Monument/Dayville travels to North Powder on Saturday for the North Powder Jamboree with action starting at 8 a.m.

## RODEO

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Sixteen-year-old Jacob Curry of Redmond won a payout of \$912 in bull riding. (See more results on Page 10.)

Besides the exciting rodeo events, cowhide rug races, part of Saturday evening's entertainment, brought on cheers from the crowd.

### Rodeo royalty

Among the cowhide racers was the 2017 Fair and Rodeo Court, Queen Jessica Carter and Princess Trinity Hutchison.

Although they didn't win the contest, they were all smiles as Carter, minutes later, presented Hutchison with roses as the 2018 Fair and Rodeo Queen.

Courtney Nichols, a Dayville High School junior, was named princess.

Carter, a 2017 Grant Union graduate, said she enjoyed her reign the past year.

"I feel very privileged to have had the opportunity to



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Jordan Minor of Hermiston competes in breakout at Saturday's NPRA Rodeo at the Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day.

represent Grant County around the state," she said. "I really enjoyed the home rodeo and appreciate everyone who came out to support us this year."

Hutchison, a Grant Union junior, said she enjoyed touring and representing rodeo.

"The home rodeo is always the funnest, in my opinion," she said. "It's always nice to look up in the grandstands and see a nice turnout. I'm very

grateful to be able to represent the county once more, this time as queen."

Carter and Hutchison made over 58 appearances during their 2017 reign. Nicole Israel of Dayville was their adviser.

Nichols said she's grown up around rodeo and has looked up to the royalty.

"I'm super excited to be a role model for the younger kids, and that's probably my



Fair Board Chairwoman Donna Palmer, left, watches as 2017 Fair and Rodeo Queen Jessica Carter passes the torch and the roses to the 2018 princess Courtney Nichols and queen Trinity Hutchison, right.

favorite part," she said.

Lil Miss NPRA Rowdy Israel, a Dayville sixth-grader, will make her final stop at the Sept. 15-16 NPRA Finals Rodeo in Prineville.

Rowdy made more than 60 appearances during her reign. Her adviser was Jean McPherson of Terrebonne.

Fair manager Mindy Winger said she appreciates the sponsors and the audience who supported the event.

"We're trying to keep this tradition alive, since we

are one of the longest running rodeos in Oregon," she said.

NPRA Rodeo/John Day results:

### Bareback

Kyle Bounds, Harrisburg, 84, \$504  
 Kevin Lusk, Bonney Lake, 73, \$302  
 Xavier Gilbert, 67, \$202

### Saddle Bronc

Luke McKay, Juntura, 82, \$461  
 Charlie Barker, Culver, 78, \$346  
 Jacob Phillips, Vista, 71, \$230

Nathan Joyce, Juntura, 69, \$115

### Bull riding

Jacob Curry, Redmond, 83, \$912  
 Novice saddle bronc  
 Jack Bentz, Burns, 51, \$58

### Tie-down roping

Michael Penderson, Hermiston, 8.4, \$634  
 Shane Erickson, Terrebonne, 8.7, \$475  
 Jordan Tye, Canby, 9.5, \$317  
 Cully Stafford, Prineville, 9.8, \$158

### Steer wrestling

Sean Santucci, Prineville, 5.7, \$490  
 Brady Brower, Caldwell, 5.8, \$306  
 Tucker Wright, Canyon City, 5.8, \$306  
 Zach Raley, Brush Prairie, 6.7, \$122

### Team roping

Phoenix Evemo, 6.6, \$691  
 Calgary Smith, 6.6, \$691  
 Quade Patzke, 6.7, \$518  
 Tanner Patzke, 6.7, \$518  
 Cully Stafford, 6.9, \$346  
 Shane Erickson, 6.9, \$346  
 Ryan Powell, 7.4, \$173  
 John Hagler, 7.4, \$173

### Breakaway

Jennifer Frohman, Yelm, 2.6, \$748.80  
 Alysha Barraza, Roseburg, 2.8, \$561.60  
 Danyelle Williams, Vale, 2.9, \$374.40  
 Hope Lutrell, Prineville, 3.1, \$93.60  
 Quincy Pendergrass, Adrian, 3.1, \$93.60

### Barrel Racing

Amanda Waller, Elgin, 17.64, \$730.80  
 Jade Crossley, Hermiston, 17.96, \$604.80  
 Katy Kafka, Burns, 18.08, \$478.80  
 Ria Kent, Marsing, 18.15, \$352.80  
 Stevie Rae Willis, Terrebonne, 18.19, \$226.80

Italy Sheehan, Shoshone, 18.21, \$63.00  
 Samantha Kerns, Haines, 18.21, \$63.00