



17 sports highlights from 2017

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Many Grant County athletes soared above the competition, providing thrills for their fans during 2017. There were plenty of exciting moments along the way, and here are 17 highlights from throughout the year, presented in chronological order.



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1. Prairie City Panther Devin Packard (20) scores over the reach of Echo player Morgan Mecham, Panther teammates Dorrان Wilson (3) and Wyatt Williams in the action.

1. Prairie City boys rise to second round at state basketball playoff

The Prairie City Panthers, led by head coach Jonathan Gill, beat Echo at the Prairie City court in the round one state playoff, then fell 55-33 to No. 3-ranked Hosanna Christian in Klamath Falls Feb. 24 in the second round.

2. Grant Union wrestler Clay Johnson earns 2nd at state

Grant Union Prospector senior wrestler Clay Johnson (138) had a second-place finish at state, and Drew Lusco (220) wrestled for fourth place. Toby Boatwright and Dillon Maley also competed at the state championships Feb. 24-25. The Grant Union wrestling team, led by head coach Andy Lusco, claimed the Wapiti District championship title.

3. Grant Union Lady Pros compete at state basketball championships

After beating Pilot Rock in the state playoffs, the Grant Union Prospector girls basketball team, led last season by head coach Mark Mosley, fell to Kennedy in the quarterfinals at the championships in Pendleton. Grant Union had a 45-29 loss March 3 to East Linn Christian in the first-round consolation match.



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

4. Grant Union girls golf team places third at home tourney

The Grant Union golf team placed third at their home tournament on April 14 at the John Day Golf Club. For individuals, Grant Union's Tiana Allen earned third place for the girls, and she went on to place 13th at the May 8-9 district tournament in Pendleton. Grant Union's Duane Stokes placed third for the boys, and he went on to place 15th at the district tournament. The team was led by head coach Ron Lundbom.

5. Prospector girls track team soars to 2nd at state

Led by head coach Sonna Smith, the Grant Union Prospectors girls track team, including Kaylee Wright, Trinity Hutchison, Jozie Rude, Sydney Brockway and Sierra Cates, finished second at the OSAA State Track and Field

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4. Grant Union's Tiana Allen putts the ball at an invitational tournament in John Day, surrounded by, from left, Saralyn Dalton of Nyssa, Sophie Grant of Heppner, Addison Phillips of Vale and Gaby Gibbons of Burns.



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5. Trinity Hutchison, of Grant Union, triple jumps at the OSAA State Track & Field Championships at Hayward Field in Eugene. Hutchison won the event with a jump of 34 feet, 10 inches.