

# Lady Pro bats alive in 2-0 sweep of TigerScots

Grant Union ends both games in five innings

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The Grant Union Prospector girls' bats stayed hot despite chilly weather in their doubleheader home sweep of Weston-McEwen TigerScots Friday, 19-3 and 25-5, ending both in five innings.

Prospector Whitney McClellan had her first and second home runs of the season, hitting a three-run homer in game one and a one-run homer in game two.

Tiler Voigt also had her first homer for Grant Union, and Brianna Zwegardt also hit a homer, though not her first.

"Everyone was really getting after it at the plate today," McClellan said. "We used Tuesday's loss to motivate us to come back better."

Grant Union had a low-scoring loss to Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii on April 10, falling 2-1 to the Rockets in John Day.

On Friday, Grant Union pitcher Cody Jo Madden held off the TigerScots in the first inning and pitched through the third with Zwegardt relieving in the fourth and closing out game one.



Grant Union Prospector pitcher Cody Jo Madden winds up against the Weston-McEwen TigerScots.

The Prospectors scored most of their runs early, with five in the bottom of the first.

They scored nine in the second after Hailie Wright and Zwegardt each doubled, and then Madi McKrola batted in her teammates with a single.

Grant Union loaded the bases back up and with Shaine Madden at the plate. Weston-McEwen called a timeout to switch pitchers from Jordyn Lambert to Skyler Walter.

Shaine Madden singled with one RBI, and Macy Strong hit a line drive to center, singling with two RBIs.

McClellan hit the ball over the center field fence, for

three runs. Mariah Moulton singled. Then Hailie Wright hit to the fence and an outfielder dropped the ball, and Moulton reached home. The Prospectors ended the inning up 14-1 and continued for the win.

By the end of the second inning of game two, Grant Union was up 19-1.

Zwegardt pitched the first three innings.

Moulton relieved in the fourth, striking out two TigerScots in the inning, and first baseman Strong caught the ball for the final out, the score 25-3.

Two TigerScots doubled in the final inning, and scored two more runs, before Moul-

ton ended on a positive note with a strikeout.

"It was a good game," Moulton said. "Some girls came around with their hitting, and everyone connected with the ball. It was a cold day, but everyone kept their energy up and had fun playing the game."

Grant Union head coach Zach Williams said his team still has some fundamentals to improve on, but he was pleased overall with his team's performance.

"They swung at good pitches and played good defense for the most part," he said.

Commenting on the April 10 loss to the 2A/1A Pi-



Grant Union Prospector Hailie Wright (22) reads the situation as she rounds second base in game one.

lot Rock, Williams said the Rockets are an "extremely well-coached team."

"Their pitcher was tough," Williams said. "She threw hard and kept the ball down early in the count and elevated when she got ahead. Our hitters got behind in too many counts to hit aggressively."

Grant Union outthit Pilot Rock 3-2, but Pilot Rock came up with two unearned runs.

Prospector Mariah Moulton scored on a single from Madi McKrola.

"I hate to lose, and the girls hate to lose, but that was the best competition we've had all season," Williams said. "I'd rather play that game

over and over than games that aren't competitive."

He added, "The girls came back to practice ready to go on Wednesday, and they're just working to get better."

The Prospectors faced the Nyssa Bulldogs for their first league game of the season in doubleheader action Tuesday, April 17, past press time.

Nyssa is ranked No. 24 among OSAA 3A teams with a 4-4 overall record. Grant Union is No. 5 and 11-1 on the season.

The Prospectors travel to Vale for a league doubleheader at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. (MT) Friday against the Vikings, currently ranked No. 11 and 4-7 on the season.

## BASKETBALL

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desserts at halftime, noting the proceeds help pay for their hotels and meals when they travel to competitions.

"I've been involved with Special Olympics for 12 years," he said. "I like it because you can meet new people and old friends."

Lallatin said she appreciated the support for the athletes with a large attendance.

"It was so fun when somebody would score," she said. "They're a better basketball team than they let on."

Next up for Special Olympics is track and field season and preparing for the State Summer Games.

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Law Enforcement team member Sam Palmer protects the ball as Special Olympics Unified team member David Hoeffner attempts to break it loose, with Charley Fronapel in the action.

Roll, and Lallatin said the event likely raised much more than that.

"I'm grateful for everybody for supporting the Special Olympics athletes,"

she said. For more information about Special Olympics, call Lallatin or Gill at Value Added at 541-575-0715, ext. 2.

## BASEBALL

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back, and we did a good job coming back and getting the win."

In the April 10 win, Grant Union outthit Elgin 12-3, and Deiter pitched a full game.

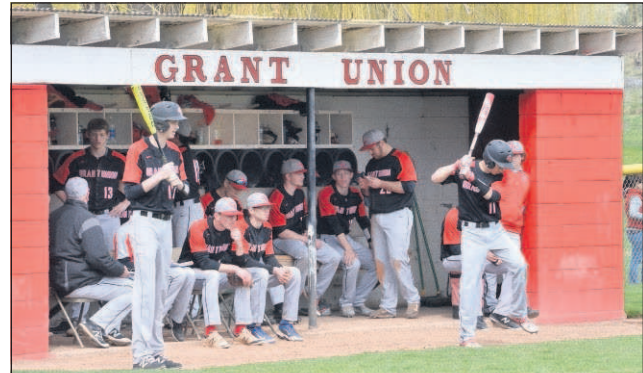
The game was called due to rain in the bottom of the seventh inning, so three Grant Union runs in the top of the seventh didn't count, the game ending with the sixth inning score.

"We just have to continue to work hard and focus in practice and get better every day," Williams said after that game.

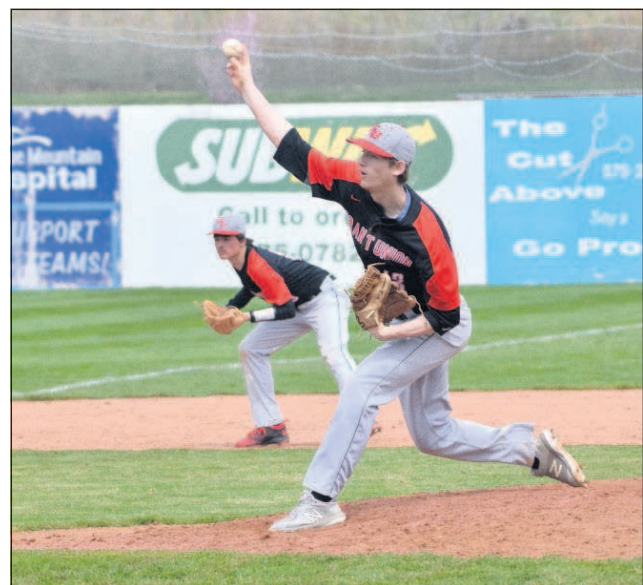
The Prospectors hosted the Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii/Ukiah Rockets on Tuesday in league action, past press time.

Grant Union is on the road to Pilot Rock for a doubleheader at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday.

The Prospectors are currently 7-7 on the season and ranked No. 17 among OSAA's 2A teams. The Rockets are 8-2 and ranked No. 9.



Two Prospectors warm up their bats between innings.



Grant Union Prospector Zack Deiter pitches Saturday.

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