

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Grant Union track at Meet of Champs

Grant Union 2A track and field athlete Kaylee Wright launched to first place in javelin at Friday's Meet of Champions in Salem.

She landed the throw with a mark of 127-06 ahead of 19 competitors, several from 3A and 4A class schools.

Wright also placed well in her other events, placing fourth in the high jump, fifth in the 100 and fourth in the 4x100-meter relay with her teammates Sydney Brockway, Sierra Cates and Trinity Hutchison. In those events, Wright — and her teammates for the 4x100 — placed first among the 2A teams.

Twelve Grant Union athletes competed at the event held at Willamette University — four boys and eight girls.

"Meet of Champions was a good look at what we could see at state," said head coach Sonna Smith. "The athletes overall had a great meet. We were dealing with gusting winds, so I was very pleased at our times and distances."

Smith said Duane Stokes had an outstanding day in triple jump, where he set a season record, and Brockway was steady with her hurdle time, despite the winds.

Brockway also set a season record in triple jump, and Hutchison set season records in triple jump and long jump. Jozie Rude set a season record in shot put.

Other Grant Union athletes competing were Jordan Hall, Drew Lusco, Mason Gerry and Cameron Hallgarth for the boys, and Abby Lusco and Alcie Moore for the girls.

**Boys results**  
110m hurdles: 22, Jordan Hall, 19.43  
Discus: 15, Drew Lusco, 101-03.50  
Javelin: 17, Mason Gerry, 133-10; 18, Cameron Hallgarth, 132-02  
Triple jump: 6, Duane Stokes, 40-00.75, PR; 11, Jordan Hall, 38-09.50

**Girls results**  
100 meters: 5, Kaylee Wright, 13.44  
400 meters: 22, Alcie Moore, 1:09.60  
100m hurdles: 5, Sydney Brockway, 17.28  
4x100 relay: 4, Sydney Brockway, Sierra Cates, Trinity Hutchison, Kaylee Wright, 52.76  
Shot put: 2, Jozie Rude, 38-06, SR  
Discus: 12, Jozie Rude, 98-02; 16, Abby Lusco, 91-06  
Javelin: 1, Kaylee Wright, 127-06; 5, Jozie Rude, 117-00  
High jump: 4, Kaylee Wright, 5-01

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, April 18**

Grant Union golf @ Burns Invitational at Valley Golf Club at 11 a.m.

**Friday, April 20**

Grant Union golf teams hosts invitational at John Day Golf Club at 11 a.m.

Prairie City, Long Creek, Monument/Dayville @ Condon/Wheeler Invitational in Condon at 11 a.m.

Grant Union softball @ Vale (2) at 1 p.m., 3:30 p.m. (MT)

**Saturday, April 21**  
Grant Union track and

field @ Pepsi Invitational in Union at 11 a.m.

Grant Union baseball @ Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii/Ukiah (2) at 11 a.m., 1 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 24**  
Grant Union baseball vs. Weston-McEwen at 4 p.m.

### Prairie City boys place third at Burns Lions Invite

Prairie City and Grant Union athletes exceeded their speeds and marks in several events at the Burns Lions Arlie Oster Memorial Invitational in Burns.

Prairie City's Levi Burke raised the bar in the high jump, improving his mark by 4 inches for first place in the event.

And he'll "only jump higher," head coach Nate Barber said. "He is getting better technique each week."

"It is fun as a coach to see these athletes improve," Barber said. "Track is a sport that their individual hard work is evident in the improvement from each competition. We'll keep working and improving."

He said Samantha Workman is also improving her marks in the long jump and triple jump as well as the pole vault.

"She stays for extra practice, and it is evident with her heights," he said.

Barber said Tristan McMahan, Brandon Horrell and Jonathan Lawrence are also showing improvement.

"Tristan has always been fast, but he is getting stronger," Barber said. "Jonathan has improved his 1,500 time each week, and he was able to break into 4-minute times. He has been pushing himself at practice. Brandon Horrell also got under 1 minute in the 400."

He added, "I am very thankful for Coach Hitz, his wife and community members that take

a history of constantly improving, and I am excited to see how far they can go this season."

#### Boys results

100 meters: 2, Luka Pestic, 12.56, PR, Long Creek; 4, Rafael Gumerato, 12.66, Long Creek; 5, Kim Donggyu, 12.83, PR, Long Creek; 13, Gabriel Walker-Hopkins, 13.09, Monument/Dayville  
200 meters: 1, Rafael Gumerato, 25.59, PR, Long Creek; 8, Donovan Schafer, 26.79, PR, Monument/Dayville  
400 meters: 3, Jaime Ballesteros, 1:00.36, PR, Long Creek  
800 meters: 1, Mark Thomas, 2:16.41, Monument/Dayville; 6, Chuen Sooksomchitra, 3:11.23, Long Creek  
1,500 meters: 1, Mark Thomas, 4:43.61, Monument/Dayville  
300m hurdles (36 inch): 3, Gabriel Walker-Hopkins, 48.66, PR, Monument/Dayville; 4, Jaime Ballesteros, 51.26, Long Creek  
4x100 relay: 1, Jaimie Ballesteros, Luka Pestic, Kim Donggyu, Rafael Gumerato, 50.34, Long Creek  
Shot put: 5, Donovan Schafer, 31-10, Monument/Dayville  
Discus: 3, Donovan Schafer, 102-04, Monument/Dayville  
Javelin: 2, Luka Pestic, 133-01, PR, Long Creek; 5, Kim Donggyu, 106-00, PR, Long Creek  
High jump: 4, Rafael Gumerato, 4-10, Long Creek  
Long jump: 10, Chuen Sooksomchitra, 13-09, PR, Long Creek  
Triple jump: 3, Donovan Schafer, 33-08, PR, Monument/Dayville; 6, Gabriel Walker-Hopkins, 30-11, Monument/Dayville

#### Girls results

100 meters: 1, Faythe Schafer, 14.03, PR, Monument/Dayville  
200 meters: 2, Faythe Schafer, 30.87, Monument/Dayville  
400 meters: 2, Lucchese Douglas, 1:11.97, PR, Long Creek  
300m hurdles (30 inch): 3, Joe Mun, 1:22.24, PR, Long Creek  
4x100 relay: 3, Lucchese Douglas, Joe Mun, Ximena Millan, Dorotha Johnson, 1:08.41, Long Creek  
Shot put: 2, Aubrey Bowlus, 28-11.50, PR, Monument/Dayville; 6, Lucchese Douglas, 26-02, PR, Long Creek  
Discus: 2, Faythe Schafer, 82-01, Monument/Dayville; 3, Aubrey Bowlus, 75-02, PR, Monument/Dayville; 4, Lucchese Douglas, 67-07, Long Creek; 11, Ximena Millan, 48-05, PR, Long Creek  
Javelin: 3, Ximena Millan, 62-10, PR, Long Creek  
Long jump: 7, Dorotha Johnson, 11-10.50, Long Creek

their time to help with extra coaching with the athletes."

Twelve of Grant Union's top athletes were gone for the Meet of Champions in Salem, but several competing at the Burns event exceeded their previous records.

"There were a number of athletes that set PRs," said assistant coach Brandon Smith, who oversees distance runners and those in the long relay. "Overall, it was a positive meet. Given how hard we've been working them, to see a little improvement is good. It means they're right on track for where we need them to be for district."

Grant Union hosted the Small Schools Meet on Tuesday, past press time, where Prairie City, Long Creek and Monument/Dayville also competed, with 10 teams in all participating. Prairie City competes at the Condon/Wheeler Invite at 11 a.m. on Friday at Condon High School. Grant Union travels to Union for the Pepsi Invitational at 11 a.m. Friday.

#### Boys results

100 meters: 3, Tristan McMahan, 12.57, Prairie City; 7, Taylor Hunt, 12.80, Grant Union; 9, Donovan Smith, 13.06, Grant Union; 13, Jonathan Haskins, 13.52, Prairie City; 15, Lane Williams, 13.89, Prairie City  
200 meters: 6, Tristan McMahan, 25.82, Prairie City; 9, Jonathan Haskins, 27.18, PR, Prairie City; 11, Donovan Smith, 27.28, Grant Union; 12, Brandon Horrell, 27.70, PR, Prairie City  
400 meters: 9, Brandon Horrell, 59.89, PR, Prairie City; 12, Frank Douglass, 1:06.80, Grant Union  
800 meters: 5, Tanner Elliott, 2:27.12, SR, Grant Union; 8, Frank Douglass, 2:51.09, Grant Union  
1,500 meters: 4, Jonathan Lawrence, 4:58.61, PR, Prairie City; 8, Jacob Smith, 5:10.31, PR, Grant Union; 10, Daven Mauseth, 5:47.93, Grant Union; 11, Jesse Randless, 6:00.02, PR, Grant Union  
110m hurdles: 4, Gage Brandon, 20.93, Grant Union  
300m hurdles: 4, Gage Brandon, 53.52, Grant Union  
4x100 relay: 2, Jonathan Haskins, Levi Burke, Brandon Horrell, Tristan McMahan, 49.09, Prairie City  
4x400 relay: 4, Quaid Brandon, Ben Henry, Donovan Smith, Jacob Smith, 4:20.40, Grant Union  
Shot put: 5, Jake McHatton, 33-07.50, Prairie City; 9, Lane Williams, 26-06.50, Prairie City  
Discus: 1, Jake McHatton, 97-04, Prairie City  
Javelin: 13, Jake McHatton, 80-01, Prairie City  
High jump: 1, Levi Burke, 6-02, PR, Prairie City  
Pole vault: 2, Braden Spencer, 10-00, PR, Grant Union  
Long jump: 3, Levi Burke, 16-09.50, Prairie City; 4, Taylor Hunt, 15-06.75, Grant Union; 5, Lane Williams, 14-01, PR, Prairie City; 6, Jonathan Lawrence, 13-11, PR, Prairie City  
Triple jump: 1, Levi Burke, 36-09.50, PR, Prairie City; 2, Tristan McMahan, 36-01, PR, Prairie City

#### Girls results

100 meters: 3, Abbey Pfefferkom, 15.30, Prairie City; 5, Rilee Emmel, 15.80, Prairie City; 7, Bryanna Homan, 16.31, PR, Grant Union  
200 meters: 3, Shanniyah Hall, 30.02, Grant Union; 5, Rilee Emmel, 32.34, Prairie City; 6, Abbey Pfefferkom, 32.57, Prairie City  
400 meters: 6, Shanniyah Hall, 1:07.88, PR, Grant Union

800 meters: 3, Rylee Browning, 2:50.71, PR, Grant Union; 7, Sammi Buckhaults, 3:55.89, PR, Grant Union  
100m hurdles: 3, Hailee Wall, 21.32, PR, Prairie City  
4x100 relay: 2, Rilee Emmel, Hailee Wall, Haley Pfefferkom, Abbey Pfefferkom, 59.19, Prairie City  
4x400 relay: 2, 5:52.91, Grant Union  
Shot put: 2, Megan Camarena, 32-06, Prairie City; 6, Megan McManama, 24-07.75, Grant Union  
Discus: 3, Megan McManama, 79-08, PR, Grant Union; 4, Haley Pfefferkom, 76-04, PR, Prairie City; 5, Megan Camarena, 74-01, PR, Prairie City  
Javelin: 3, Haley Pfefferkom, 84-10, Prairie City  
Pole vault: 1, Samantha Workman, 7-00, PR, Prairie City  
Long jump: 6, Samantha Workman, 12-07, Prairie City; 8, Deja Amsden, 11-07.50, PR, Prairie City; 9, Hailee Wall, 11-02.75, Prairie City  
Triple jump: 3, Samantha Workman, 29-10.25, Prairie City; 6, Deja Amsden, 27-08, Prairie City

### Grant Union golf team hosts invitational

Grant Union Prospector golfer Duane Stokes tied with Kellen Grant of Heppner with 75 for the win for the boys at Thursday's Heppner Invitational, which was an individual competition.

"This is a fun tournament that all the teams look forward to," said Grant Union head coach Ron Lundbom, adding the golfers get along and there is a big barbecue afterward.

The enjoyable match had its challenges, though.

"The wind chill was in the mid- to high 30s, but they stuck it out — there was no quitting," Lundbom said.

Other boys' scores for Grant Union included Devon Stokes with 82 and Kellen Shelley 95.

For the girls, Sasha Kowen of Heppner won with a 76. For Grant Union, Kaytlyn Wells had 104, Makenna Culley 105, Maddy Way 106, Fallen Bolman 109, Emily Springer 118 and Athena Tipton 156.

Culley was closest to the pin on hole 4 and won some golf balls.

Grant Union competes at the Burns Invitational at 11 a.m. Wednesday for the first time in at least six years, Lundbom said.

Then the Prospectors host the Grant Union Invitational at 11 a.m. Friday with seven teams in all and about 60 golfers. A hamburger feed for the golfers will follow.

"The weather should be nice, and people are invited to come out," Lundbom said. "Everybody is looking forward to it."

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the corner's HOT SHOT OF THE WEEK

**SAMANTHA WORKMAN**  
School: Prairie City  
Grade: 9  
Parent: Sam Workman  
Sport: Track and Field  
Events: Pole Vault, Long Jump, Triple Jump  
What I like best about my sport: "I like the competitiveness and the amount of adrenaline while competing."  
Coach's Comment: "Samantha is honestly one of the toughest competitors on the team and is a high energy and positive teammate. She is a huge part of our team."  
- Coach Nate Barber  
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