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Grant Union Prospecter Jozie Rude shows her high-point award won at Saturday's Pepsi Invitational.

Grant Union girls wind up for four wins on road

The 12-1 Grant Union softball team is on a six-game win streak. Ranked No. 5 among OSAA's 3A teams, the Prospectors went on a road rampage, crushing their competition in four games last week. Grant Union defeated Nyssa 20-1 and 24-2 on April 17. Prospectors Cody Jo Madden and Mariah Moulton split pitching duties in game one. Shaïne Madden hit two home runs.

Brianna Zwegardt pitched a full game two against Nyssa. "Lots of girls hit well," said Grant Union head coach Zach Williams. "We hit .500 as a team." Facing the Vikings on Friday, Grant Union claimed 16-3 and 12-0 wins in Vale. Cody Jo Madden and Moulton pitched game one, with Zwegardt going 3-3 at the plate. In game two, Macy Strong and Shaïne Madden each took the circle, and Taylor Allen hit a home run for Grant Union. "The girls are really playing well," Williams said. "They executed some defen-

SPORTS ROUNDUP

sive things we've been working really hard at." Next up, Grant Union hosts Burns (No. 32) in a league doubleheader at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Friday. The Prospectors host Enterprise the following Friday, before the district playoff set for May 18, the location to be determined. If Grant Union stays at the top of the league, the playoff may be held in John Day. Grant Union tops the league 4-0, followed by Vale 3-2 and Enterprise 2-2.

Three local teams take fast lane at Condon/Wheeler Invite

Taking on the 100- and 200-meter runs for 1A Prairie City, Abbey Pfefferkorn placed fourth and third, respectively, for the girls, and Tristan McMahan placed fifth and third in the events for the boys. Both set personal records in those events at Friday's Condon/Wheeler Invite.

McMahan also finished second in the triple jump, and Pfefferkorn placed third in the 4x100 with teammates Hailee Wall, Rilee Emmel and Emily Ennis.

"It was nice to see all the sprinters do so well," Prairie City head coach Nate Barber said of his athletes. "The weather cooperated, so that was nice."

The meet included 14 teams from Oregon and Washington, including 2A and 3A schools.

"It was good to see new competition," Barber said. "The girls were really strong."

The Prairie City girls had a fourth-place finish out of teams.

Prairie City is scheduled to compete at the Saint Alphonsus Invitational at 11 a.m. (MT) in Ontario on Saturday.

"We will have a good week of practice and work on getting stronger and faster,"



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Grant Union Prospecter Jozie Rude competes in shot put at Saturday's Pepsi Invitational. She placed first in shot put, first in discus, second in javelin and third in pole vault.

Barber said. The 1A Long Creek boys competing in Condon placed fourth out of 13 teams.

Several boys set personal records, including Luka Pesic placing fourth in the 100 and third in the long jump.

Rafael Gumerato set a personal record and placed third in the 200 and third in the 400.

Jaime Ballesteros also went the distance in the 400 for sixth and 300 hurdles for fourth, setting personal records.

James Kreamier leaped to second place in the long jump and set a personal record in the high jump with fourth place.

For the Long Creek girls, Dorothea Johnson competed for sixth in the long jump out of 13 athletes.

The 1A Monument/Dayville boys team added JT Hand to their roster at the Condon/Wheeler meet. He placed fourth in long jump out of 15 athletes.

Gabe Walker pushed the limits, placing eighth out of 21 in the 100, setting a personal record. He also placed third in the 300 hurdles.

Austin Walker, also new to the roster, set personal records in all of his events, the 100, shot put and javelin.

Grant Union track girls take the town in Union at Pepsi Invitational

The 2A Grant Union Prospecter track and field girls led a pack of 20 teams at the 12th Annual Pepsi Invitational in Union.

Prospector Jozie Rude scored the most points for the girls with 34, placing first in discus with a season record, second in javelin with a season record, first in shot put and third in pole vault. Also setting personal records were Sierra Cates in the 200 and Alcie Moore in the 400.

"Our 4x100 relay dropped their time and is still seeded first in state for 2A," said Grant Union head coach Sonna Smith. "This was a great meet for both teams. We were able to see everyone in our district, along with some great competition 1A through 4A."

She added, "We have two more meets and then district, so we're starting to fine tune events for all athletes."

On the boys side, Duane Stokes set a personal record in the triple jump with a mark of 40.05. Drew Lusco set a personal record and placed sixth in shot put.

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HOT SHOT
OF THE WEEK

MARK THOMAS

School: Monument
Grade: 9
Parents: Chuck & Maria Thomas
Sport: Track and Field
Events: 3000, 1500, 800

What I like best about my sport: "I really like the intensity and the competition. I like to support my friends as they support me."

Coach's Comment: "No matter what the adversity, he pushes through and does a good job. I'm excited to see what he can do at districts."
-Coach Jeff Schafer

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, April 27
Grant Union softball vs. Burns (2) at 1 p.m., 3 p.m.
Grant Union baseball @ Weston-McEwen in Athena (2) at 1 p.m., 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 28
Grant Union, Long Creek track and field @ Don Walker meet in Nyssa at 1 p.m. (MT)
Prairie City track and field @ St. Alphonsus Invitational in Ontario at 11 a.m. (MT)
Monument/Dayville track and field @ Sherman Invitational in Moro at 11 a.m.

Tuesday, May 1
Grant Union baseball @ Union at 4 p.m.

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Grant County Commissioner candidate.

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