

WEDNESDAY
May 9, 2018



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**SPORTS
SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday,
May 9**

Grant Union softball @ Union/Cove (nonleague) in Union at 5 p.m.

Friday, May 11

Grant Union track and field @ 2A-6 Wapiti League Districts in Union at 11 a.m.

Prairie City, Long Creek, Monument/Dayville track and field @ 1A-4 District Championship in Baker City at 10 a.m.

Grant Union softball vs. Enterprise/Joseph/Wallowa (2) at 1 p.m., 3:30 p.m.

Baseball district playoffs, TBA

**Saturday,
May 12**

Grant Union softball @ Echo/Stanfield (nonleague) at 11 a.m.

Sunday-Tuesday, May 13-15

OSAA State Golf Championships at Quail Valley in Banks, TBA

Grant Union moves on to district playoffs

Pros sweep Union 3-0

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

“It was a hot day.” Grant Union head baseball coach Dusty Williams wasn’t referring to the 80-plus degree weather but the Prospector bats, as the team swept the Union Bobcats in John Day Saturday 12-6 and 10-2.

Their first win over the Bobcats this week was May 1 in Union, 13-2.

With the wins, Grant Union will compete in the 2A/1A Special District 6 playoffs on Friday. The game may be played in John Day Friday afternoon, or in Culver.

Grant Union topped off Saturday’s game two with 4 runs in the sixth inning, including a 2-run homer from Warner Robertson, who also pitched the game.

In the inning, Grant Union had two outs when Cole Deiter fired things up, batting in a runner.

Wade Reimers then singled, and Robertson hit the homer.

“The biggest thing about these guys is they don’t ever want that third out,” Williams said. “I don’t know how many times this last three-game series we’ve had several innings where we scored 5 runs with two outs.

“Once they get going — hitting’s contagious — nobody wants to be the last out of an inning, so they just get going, and they’ve just been hitting the ball really well.”

In game one, Grant Union and Union, led by head coach Jon Reynolds, were tied 1-1 heading into the bottom of the third.

The Prospectors had two outs as the ball flew straight into the opponent’s glove. Then Grant Union warmed things up.

Reimers reached first on an error, followed by a double from Robertson, sending Reimers home.

Robertson advanced to third on a Union error. Then Ty McDaniel sin-



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter
Grant Union Prospector Jacob Vaughan slides home in game one Saturday against Union.



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter
Grant Union's Logan McCluskey slides in safe at second in the game against Union.

gled to score Robertson.

Next up to bat was Jacob Vaughan who doubled, followed by a big hit from Roen Langum, sending McDaniel and Vaughan home.

Robertson’s homer was his second for the week. He also hit it out of the park on the road in Union May 1.

“He’s shortening himself up really good and moving himself up in the number three spot,” Williams said.

Zack Deiter pitched two and a third innings in game one, with Logan McCluskey relieving him in the inning and pitching the fourth and part of the fifth.

Peyton Neault and Russell Hodge also had a turn on the mound in the final innings.

A couple weeks ago, it looked as if Grant Union would need to win all their games to make it to the district playoffs — and they dropped one of three games to Weston-McEwen. The scene changed when Elgin gave up a game to Weston-McEwen.

“That helped us out a bunch. It’s funny how things turn,” Williams said.

Grant Union’s next game depends on how things play out between Pilot Rock and Elgin past press time on Tuesday.

“If Elgin wins both games, it would knock us to the third spot,” Williams said. “If they split, we’ll be in the second-place spot. Whether

we’re second or third, we’re going to district for sure.”

If Grant Union takes the second spot, they will face Heppner, which swept Dufur 2-0 on May 5.

Williams said his team will host the game in the afternoon Friday, May 11, the time to be determined. If Grant Union takes third, they will travel to Culver.

If the Prospectors win this week’s game, they will continue with another district playoff contest next week.

Williams said that game was originally set for Tuesday, May 15, and said he’d like to see it remain scheduled for that day. The date, time and location will be updated online at myeaglenews.com when information becomes available.

2A/1A Special District 6

Sherman/Arlington/Condon: 9-0
Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii/Ukiah: 9-1
Grant Union/Prairie City: 7-5
Culver: 6-3
Elgin: 6-4
Heppner/Lone: 3-6
Weston-McEwen: 2-8
Dufur: 0-9

Grant Union season stats

Games/at bats/runs/hits/RBI/average

Wade Reimers: 18/56/19/25/10/.446

Jacob Vaughan: 22/68/22/23/13/.338

Ty McDaniel: 19/57/16/19/19/.333

Roan Langum: 18/51/10/17/14/.333

Warner Robertson: 23/68/18/21/22/.309

Zack Deiter: 23/75/25/18/5/.240

Logan McCluskey: 20/64/14/15/12/.234

Damion Young: 11/18/2/4/5/.222

Peyton Neault: 20/36/8/6/4/.167

Russell Hodge: 22/59/11/9/9/.153

Cole Deiter: 16/32/10/4/2/.125

Declan Zweygardt: 12/18/2/2/2/.111

Gabe McKinley: 5/6/1/0/0/0

Innings pitched/wins/losses/saves/strikeouts/runs/ERA

Zack Deiter: 53.33/6/3/0/7/1/26/2.23

Robertson: 50.33/5/0/46/43/3.48

McCluskey: 22.33/3/2/30/22/4.07

Young: 9.67/0/0/1/6/7/2.9

Neault: 11.67/0/0/2/8/4/2.4

Hodge: 6.33/0/1/2/8/6/4.42

Local teams prep for districts at Grant Union Invitational

2A and 1A district competitions set for Friday

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

Prospector Cameron Hallgarth outdid himself Friday, setting personal records in javelin, discus and shot put at the Grant Union Invitational in John Day.

He placed first in javelin, with a throw of 152-06.50, and fourth in his other two events.

“Everyone improved and got their ‘PRs,’” he said. “Hopefully, we can carry this on to districts and do our best.”

Prospector Drew Lusco competed in shot put, finishing first with a mark of 42-01, his personal best.

Grant Union’s Kaylee Wright placed first in her events, setting a season record in the 100 with a time of 12.99 and a personal record in javelin with a throw of 138-0.

“Today was successful,” Wright said. “There wasn’t a lot of competition (four teams competed), but we were able to make the best of it and hopefully carry that out to districts.”

Teammate Shanniyah Hall placed second in the 100 with a time of 14.04, setting a personal record.

Prospector Jozie Rude earned a first-place finish in discus, setting a season record with a throw of 111-0. She also placed first in shot put and second in javelin and pole vault.

“It was a good warm up for districts, a very relaxed and a successful meet,” Rude said.

The Grant Union girls placed first with 271 points, followed by Prairie City with 89, Long Creek 61 and Imbler 37.

The Grant Union boys placed first with 234 points, followed by Prairie City with 91, Long Creek with 83 and Imbler with 80.

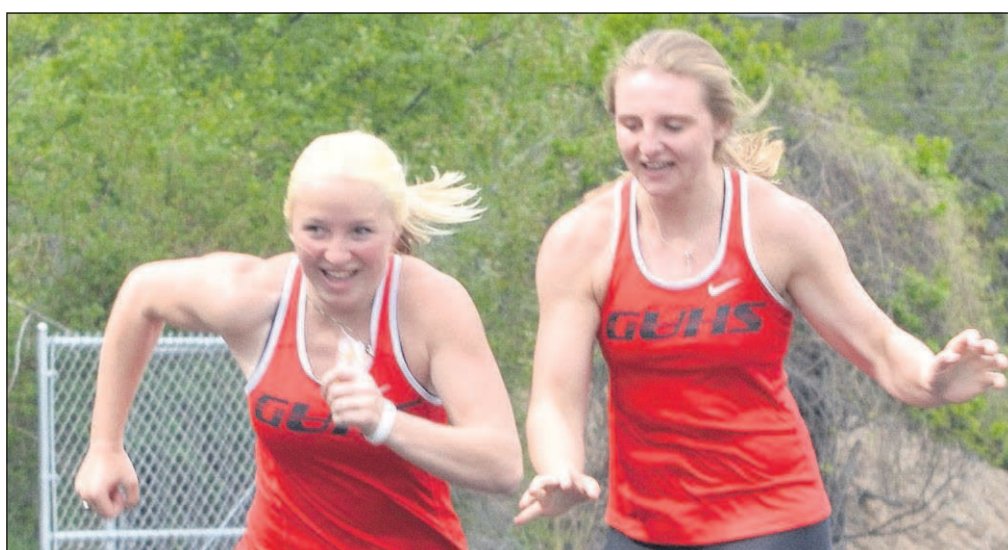
The Long Creek 4x100 boys team had an exciting run at the event, placing first out of five teams. Luka Pesic, who ran with Jaime Ballesteros, Mike Dongyuu and Rafael Gumerato said they’re working to beat the school record of 47.00, and although they did not quite reach that goal, they set a personal record with a time of 47.37.

“It feels great,” Pesic said of the win. “We worked really hard for this. We just hope to beat our PR each track meet, and it finally came true.”

“They’re excited,” said Long Creek head coach Linda Studtmann. “They’ve been working on drills in practices to improve their speed and handoffs.”

Long Creek’s Dorotha Johnson increased her mark in the triple jump by over 4 feet for a personal record and fourth place.

Prairie City’s Tristan McMahan had a personal



Eagle photos/Angel Carpenter
Grant Union's Kaylee Wright anchors the 4x100 relay, receiving the handoff from Jozie Rude. The team placed first.



Prairie City Panther Megan Camarena sets a personal record in discus Friday at the Grant Union Invitational in John Day.

best in the triple jump, placing second with a mark of 37-5. He also placed second in the 200, fourth in the 100 and fifth in the 4x100 with his team, including Jonathan Haskins, Levi Burke and Brandon Horrell. Haley Pfefferkorn placed third in the javelin for the girls, and she was first among the 1A competitors. She said she’s optimistic about the upcoming district meet.

“I keep getting bumped between second and third, so hopefully, I can get first or second and make it to state,” she said.

Grant Union head coach Sonna Smith said the meet was a big success.

“We had many personal bests, and our athletes are fine-tuning for district right when we need them,” she said. “We can only take the top three in each event to district, and our home meet was a chance for athletes sitting in fourth and fifth place on the team to move up.”

She said both the girls and boys teams are performing well.

“We will be taking a strong girls team to dis-



Grant Union's Jacob Smith and Prairie City's Jonathan Lawrence competed in the 1,500-meter run. Smith placed first, setting a personal record, with Lawrence in second.



The Long Creek boys 4x100-meter relay team celebrates after winning the race and setting a personal record. From left: Luka Pesic, Mike Dongyuu, Rafael Gumerato and Jaime Ballesteros.

trict and hoping to make it three in a row as district champion,” she said, adding, “Enterprise girls are set to give us a stiff challenge at district.”

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Prairie City track team picks up the pace

By Angel Carpenter
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Local track and field athletes are making the most of the final days before their district meets next week.

Prairie City Panther Levi Burke showed his all-around athletic skill, placing first in the pole vault and second in javelin on Thursday, competing for the first time in those events. He also placed first in the high jump.

Prairie City hosted the High Desert League Meet, and the Panther boys and girls teams had second-place finishes, behind Adrian. Long Creek boys and Jordan Valley girls placed third. (*Local results below.*)

Eight Prairie City boys and seven Prairie City girls set personal records at the HDL.

“The nice thing about them setting personal records at this time of the season is that it means they’re peaking,” said Prairie City head coach Nate Barber.

Barber said Burke is doing well in his new events.

“It just shows the athleticism he has,” Barber said. “He can run and jump, and his hard work shows.”

The coach said Brandon Horrell, who was sick, overcame the challenge and had a personal record in the 400 by over half a second.

“Those who have heart are showing it,” Barber said. “They’re showing their consistency, and they’re setting personal records.”

Barber said these athletes, as well as Jake McHatton and Samantha Workman, are working hard and getting stronger, boosting the team.

He said Workman is continuing to set personal records in multiple events “week in and week out.”

“She takes time to ask for advice,” he said. “You can build a program around that.”

Local first-place finishers

Shot put: Jake McHatton, 34-03, Prairie City

Discus: Jake McHatton, 107-0, PR, Prairie City

Javelin: Luka Pesic, 132-03, Long Creek

High jump: Levi Burke, 5-10, Prairie City

Pole vault: Levi Burke, 9-00, PR, Prairie City

Long jump: James Kreamier, 18-04.00, PR, Long Creek

100m hurdles: Kyla Emerson, 19.00, Monument/Dayville

300m hurdles: Kyla Emerson, 53.43, Monument/Dayville

Pole vault: Samantha Workman, 7-06, PR, Prairie City